



The Trinity Truth

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THE REFORMATION AND EDUCATION

Prior to the Reformation, the Bible was only available in the Latin language. That meant that only learned and scholarly individuals could read and understand it. The Roman Catholic Church of Luther's day even forbade, under penalty of law, the translation of the Scriptures into any other languages. Further complicating matters, the printing press had just recently been invented, so all copies of Scripture to that point had to be hand copied. This made them very rare and expensive. Because Martin Luther focused so decisively on Scripture for the content and guidance of the

Christian faith, he determined to provide a new translation of the Bible. Great scholarly advances had just been made in identifying the original Greek and Hebrew manuscripts that made up the Bible. Luther determined to make the Word of God available to the masses of the German people. He translated them into the language spoken by the ordinary people of his day. In so doing, Luther actually codified the German language for the first time in history. Because the printing press was now available, Luther's German translation of the Holy Scriptures would be affordable and accessible to ordinary citizens.

This was remarkable! An unforeseen benefit of Luther's work in making the Scriptures available to people was to place a new emphasis on education. Literacy, the ability to read and understand printed works, became a priority in the German lands. Schools for everyone, not just a privileged few, became a national commitment. Even to this day we recognize the quality of education that comes from Germany.

As more and more people became educated so that they could read and discuss the Scriptures together

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Sunday School News

Sunday School Students begin their Summer of Service (S.O.S.) on June 4 and will continue each week through the month of July.

Parents and other adults are welcome

to help us carry out various service projects each week!

S.O.S. meets from 10:20-11:15 AM.

Children ages 3 and older are welcome to join the fun!

Please contact the Director of Family Ministry with any questions.



Graduation Recognition

On Sunday, June 18, we will recognize our high school graduates, Hannah and Cooper during the 9:00 AM worship service.

As part of this, we will be gifting Hannah and Cooper

with devotional books. **Please take a minute when you are at church and sign a page of the books with a greeting, prayer, or blessing.** *Please sign even if you don't know Hannah or*

Cooper very well-- this is an opportunity to show our love for and support of them as fellow members in God's family.



Summer Camp

Camp Aloma is Arizona's LCMS camp that offers Christian summer camp experiences for students going into grades 1-12.

This year's theme is Stand Firm, based

on Ephesians 6:10-18. Check out www.campaloma.com for more information or see the brochure on the bulletin board outside of the Director of Family

Ministry office. If your child decides to go to Camp Aloma, let DFM Amy Heuer know, as Trinity has scholarship funds available for this camp.

Pastor Tom's Article Continued

or alone, other things began to change. An educated population caused Germany to become a more productive and innovative society. Standards of living and quality of life improved dramatically. German educators, scientists, and philosophers impacted the rest of the world, especially the ancestors of our church body.

When the German

Lutherans emigrated to the United States in the mid 1800's, they brought with them this commitment to education.

Establishing their churches in this new country, they also established schools for the training of their children.

Today, the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod operates the second largest private school system in our nation. Its mission

is the same as it has always been, to give our children the tools and resources necessary to be able to read and understand God's Word for the living out of their lives of faith.

All this has happened because Martin Luther wanted to get the Word of God into the hands of His people. What a profound blessing!

Pastor Tom

Craft Boutique and Cookie Walk Planning

Attention All Crafters: Knitters, Seamstresses, Crocheters, Pottery and Ceramic Artists, Jewelry Makers, Woodworkers, etc., etc.

The LWML is having a Craft Boutique and Cookie Walk. On

December 9, 2017 from 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM.

We are looking for crafters/ artists who will make three to four copies of each of your crafting specialties as well as individuals to make several

dozen of your favorite Christmas cookies and bars.

Please contact Debbie Olson at:

DAOMAK@gmail.com

with any questions.



July Trinity Truth Deadline

The deadline to submit news items for the July edition of The Trinity Truth is Tuesday, June 20. Please bring written items into the church office or email them to: newsed@tlc.phxcoxmail.com.





Thank You from Bill and Family

The family of Bill would like to thank all of you for your kind thoughts, prayers, and the shower of birthday cards sent his way. He was absolutely

thrilled and it really made his 90th birthday special. What a wonderful family of believers you are! God bless you all.



Picnic Thank You

We would like to thank all who attended Trinity's 25th Anniversary Picnic! You all helped make the event wonderful with the delicious

dishes and friendly dispositions you brought to share with others.

Thank you to the 25th Anniversary planning team for organizing a great

event and to Jim and Gwen, and Wally and Bonnie for being an awesome grill and kitchen team!



Stuff the CX-5 Challenge Thank You

Thanks to all who brought cereal and monetary donations to the church picnic to stuff the CX-5! We collected 119

boxes and were able to buy 30 more boxes **for a total of 149 boxes of cereal for the Extended Hands Food Bank!**

How awesome it is to be able to work together to make a difference in the lives of others!



Feed My Starving Children

All Trinity members and friends are invited to join in a food packing event at Feed My Starving Children in Mesa on Saturday, June 10, from 9:00 -11:00 AM. A carpool will leave Trinity at 8:15 AM.

Please sign up on the bulletin board outside of the Director of Family Ministry office, click this link (<http://volunteer.fmsc.org/Register/Group/JoinGroup.aspx?gid=1150018>)

or talk to the Director of Family Ministry if you would like to attend.

Parents must accompany children 5th grade or younger.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study

The Tuesday morning Bible Class will begin a study of the Augsburg Confession. This is the confession of faith made by the German princes before Holy Roman Emperor Charles V in the city of Augsburg. It is the core confession of

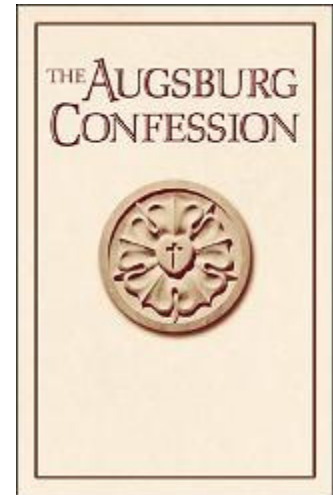
the Lutheran Church around the world. It continues to this day to be the definition of what it means to be Lutheran. Please join us as we celebrate our history and reaffirm our faith.

This study begins Tuesday, June 6.

Class meets from 10:00-11:30 AM.

This class is open to any one high school age and above.

We hope you will join us!



Women's Bible Study

The Women's Bible Study group continues its topic "Present Over Perfect," this month. **Meetings will be Thursday evenings, June 8 and June 29, beginning at**

7:00 PM.

Its not too late to join this class, we've only had one session and you can borrow the DVD to catch up. We would love to have you join us! Please contact the Director of Family

Ministry if you would like to join the study and/ or purchase a study guide for \$5.



Collecting Old Jeans

For one of their Summer of Service (SOS) projects, the Sunday School children will be using old jeans. **If you have a pair that you no longer**

wear and they do not have holes all over the place, please consider bringing them with you to church for the kids to be recycled for this

project. Watch your bulletin announcements for the date of this project and plan to help the kids!





Summer Travels Bulletin Board

Don't forget to send us your Summer Travels Updates!

This Trinity Truth Newsletter and Trinity Messenger emails help us keep in touch with you. We ask that those of you who have returned home,

those of you who leave AZ for the warm months, or if you are just on vacation to take a picture or buy a postcard and send it to us to let us know what you are up to. We will post it for the rest of the family to see!

Our address is: P.O. Box 17270, Fountain Hills, AZ 85269

Or email:

newsed@tlc.phxcoxmail.com



Extended Hands Food Bank

During the second quarter of 2017 we are collecting cereal and other nonperishable breakfast foods for the Extended Hands Food Bank.

Please place all donations in the green receptacles located by both of the main entrance doors of Trinity.

Thank you in advance for your generosity!



Link to online Calendar:

<http://www.mychurchevents.com/calendar/calendar.aspx?ci=G1J4L6M7K5K5O9L6I3>



We're continuing Trinity's 25th Anniversary celebration on the second Sunday of June. Pastor emeritus, Rick Swanson, will be sharing a message with the "Lifting High the Cross" theme.

Recent Happenings



On Sunday, May 7, the family of Trinity celebrated Gavin's Confirmation day! (pictured above) Congratulations, Gavin and God's continued guidance be yours as you continue to grow and mature in your Christian faith.

Other pictures on this page and the next are from the 25th Anniversary Church Picnic and Stuff the CX-5 Challenge.



Summer Travels



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June Worship Schedule

9:00 AM Worship

Followed by Fellowship

10:20 AM Christian Education for all ages

Holy Communion is celebrated at all Sunday morning worship services.

Bible Studies

Sunday morning at 9:20 AM with Pastor Tom

Tuesday morning at 10:00 AM with Pastor Tom

Thursday (twice a month) at 7:00 PM Women's Bible Study

Please call (480)837-0130 to confirm times and places