



The Trinity Truth

July 2012

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Freedom Worth Dying For

Each July 4th, we celebrate Independence Day. On that day, our forefathers signed, and then proclaimed the Declaration of Independence. In it were included some very unique and noble ideals. Greatest among them was the ideal that men had received a divine gift of freedom, granted by their Creator. No other human being, no other government, no other institution had the right to take that freedom away because it was God given. This principle was so precious and important, that these men thought it worth dying for.

Over two hundred years of history have proven them correct. There were moments of self-correction, moments of political peril, moments of external threat; but at each juncture this “freedom worth dying for” was vindicated by heroic valor and sacrifice. The great legacy of our nation is written in the blood and sacrifice of those who defended and proclaimed its freedom.

Even greater is the legacy this nation has of promoting freedom around the globe. It was not enough that we alone should

enjoy this God given gift. It was God’s gift to everyone. Again, sacrifice, valor, and even blood has been shed so that others might also enjoy the freedom that is heaven born and promised.

And this is only political. It is an earthly ideal that may or may not last. It is transient. Each of us surrenders our freedom when we leave this world. Surely, there must also be something more? There is...

In John 8:36 Jesus says, “So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed!”

Here is freedom that is eternal. It is heaven born, for the Savior came down from heaven to redeem us. It is worth proclaiming, for the Christian Church has had this as her central message for over two thousand years. It is worth sacrificing for, for Jesus gave His precious blood that true freedom might be ours. Added to the blood of our Savior, there are the countless martyrs who have courageously given their all for the sake of this freedom; not that it be theirs alone, but that it be realized throughout the entire world.

The freedom Jesus gives is a freedom from sin and death.

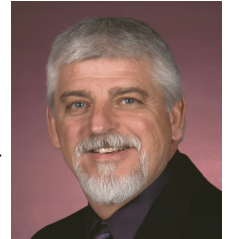
We are forgiven of all our faults and wrongs so that the one weapon Satan can use to bind us fast is destroyed. When we are free from sin, we are also free from its ultimate consequence, death. We, therefore, enjoy the glorious liberty of eternal life.

Was this freedom in Christ worth dying for? Jesus knew that to be true. Martyrs through the ages have added their own testimony. Is it worthy of being proclaimed? That is our Great Commission and calling. It is what we do as Christ’s church.

When we gather with the other citizens of this great nation to celebrate God’s gift of freedom to us, let us also remember the citizenship we share in the faith, and likewise celebrate the freedom that is ours in Christ Jesus.

Patriotically and Prophetically,

Pastor Tom



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Trinity Family**Bunco Night**

**Friday, July 20,
6:00-8:00 PM**

Join us for a fun night of fellowship. Don't worry if you have never played before, Bunco is a dice game that all ages can play and requires no previous knowledge or skill.

Snacks will be provided.

**Sunday School News**

**This Summer's theme is
*Serving with Joy!***

In July, students will continue to connect Bible characters and modern-day vocations (including soldiers, builders, teachers, and pastors). We will see how God's love leads us to serve others through our vocations.

**Summer Sunday School
for children of all ages
meets every Sunday in
July at 10:30 AM.**

Summer Choir

**Looking for singers to be part of our
Summer Choir on Sunday, July 29.**

This is a great opportunity for you to join in musical praise without a long-term commitment.

We will convene at 8:00 AM to rehearse and then sing at the 9:00 AM worship service.

Singers of all vocal ranges are needed. See or call Dianne Immenga if you have questions.



Books of the Bible Find— Prizes for the first 4 people to find all 16 books hidden in the paragraph below and bring in to Amy in the for a prize!

**Bible
Fun**

I once made a remark about the hidden books of the Bible. This lulu kept people looking so hard for facts, and for others it was a revelation. Some were in a jam especially since the names of the books were not capitalized, but the truth finally struck home to numbers of readers. To others it was a real job. We want it to be a most fascinating few moments for you. Yes there will be some really easy ones to spot. Others may require judges to help find them. I will quickly admit it usually takes a minister to find one of them and there will be loud lamentations when it is found. A little lady said she brews a cup of tea so she can concentrate better.

Can you compete really well in this test? Relax, for there really are the names of sixteen books of the Bible in these sentences. Happy hunting!

Newsletter Delivery Change



Beginning with the August edition of the Trinity Truth, we would like to begin emailing this newsletter to all

Trinity members and friends. We will use the email address you have given us.

This will save considerable time in printing and collating the newsletter, and make it easier for us to deliver it to you in a timely fashion.

If you do not have a computer or email address, please contact the church office so we can continue to place your newsletter in your mailbox at church.

Additional hard copies of the newsletter will always be available at the guest podium.

With Gratitude



Thank you, thank you, thank you to our Trinity family!

I cannot thank each and every one of

you enough for all of the prayers, cards, concern and support that my husband and myself received while I was recovering from my two surgeries.

Also a big thank you to the choir for keeping my chair open for me. It was very much appreciated.

God bless each and every one of you!

Jeannie Meier

Summer Luncheons

Everyone is invited to join us for delicious meals and fun fellowship each Sunday at SunRidge Canyon. Luncheons will begin about 11:30 AM (after Bible Study). Price for the meal and beverage is \$12 per person (this includes tax and tip).



**Summer
Luncheons**

Sunday Fellowship

Summer luncheons are back so we will begin to serve a lighter fare during fellowship after service. We will enjoy the fresh fruits and veggies of the season along with your favorite cookies and pastries. Please continue to share your favorite summer recipes.



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Recent Happenings

The first ever Trinity Family Game Night was held in June. People enjoyed games of Dominos, Musical Chairs, Go Fish, and more!



Current Bible Studies

Sunday mornings from 10:30-11:15 AM led by Pastor Tom— New topic will begin in July. Come find out what the topic is on Sunday, July 8!

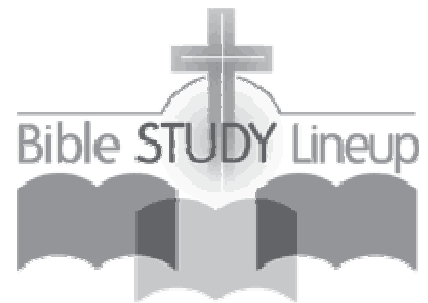
Tuesday mornings from 10:00-11:30 AM led by Pastor Tom— Each week members of the class choose one of the readings for the upcoming Sunday and dive in for a deeper discussion on the selected reading.

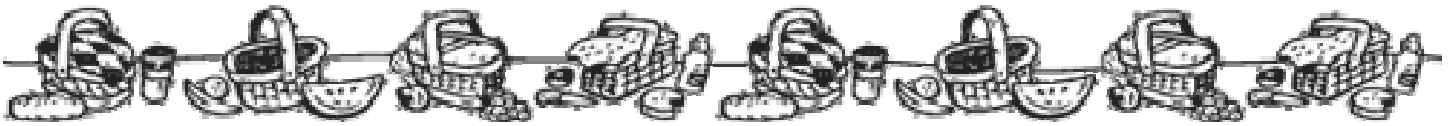
Thursday evenings from 7:00-8:00 PM led by Pastor Tom— This group is currently studying 1st and 2nd Peter.

Women's Bible Study led by Amy Heuer meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month from 7:00-8:00 PM. Currently the group is studying Max Lucado's book, *The Great House of God*.

Men's Bible Study led by Paul Beil meets on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month from 9:00-10:00 AM. The group is currently studying, "The Bible on Trial—Beyond a Reasonable Doubt."

Please feel free to join any of these studies at any time, please call the church office for more information and/or to confirm meeting places and times.





Link to online Calendar:

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

THIS MONTH USHERS

JULY	9:00 AM
01	BOB & JEANNE EDGREN
08	FRED HERDT FRED MILLER
15	GINA DUXBURY CHUCK KNUTSEN
22	FRED MILLER CHUCK ZIEGLER
29	PETE VISSER CHUCK ZIEGLER



DATE	<i>TOTAL</i>
MAY 27	120
JUNE 3	126
JUNE 10	109
JUNE 17	110

Extended Hands Food Bank

Thanks to everyone who continues to bring food items for the Extended Hands Food Bank!



cheese, red beans and rice, etc...).



During the 3rd Quarter of 2012, we will be showing

our support of the Extended Hands Food Bank in Fountain Hills with a collection of **non perishable foods that pair together** (i.e. peanut butter and jelly, macaroni and

Please bring in your donations and place them in the boxes located near both of Trinity's main entrances!

Feed My Starving Children—Service Project

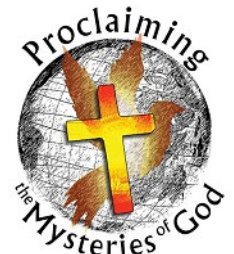
We still have a few spots open for our Feed My Starving Children Service



Project on Saturday, July 28. Carpool will leave church at 1:00 PM. At FMSC we will pack nutritious meals for the most malnourished children of the world. Our packing session is from 2:00-4:00 PM. This event is open to all ages. Children under age 10 need parental supervision. Please contact Amy Heuer with any questions or sign up on the sheet outside her office if you would like to participate.

LCMS Pacific Southwest District Convention

Pastor Tom and Al Axelson will be representing Trinity at the LCMS Pacific Southwest District Convention, "Proclaiming the Mysteries of God," in Irvine, California from June 27-29. This convention is an opportunity for all congregations of the district to join together in hearing God's Word, praising God, learning together, voting on critical issues, and electing officers for the next three years. Please keep them in your prayers for safe travels.



Look for a short recap of the convention in the August newsletter.

Newsletter Deadline



The deadline for the August edition of the Trinity Truth will be July 19.

Please send articles to be included to: newsed@tlc.phxcoxmail.com or drop them off at the church office.

Lutheran Women's Missionary League

The LWML group is taking a summer break from meetings, look for more information in the September newsletter about future meetings.





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A Family Friendly Church

July Sunday Morning Schedule

Worship at 9:00 AM
Followed by Fellowship Time
Christian Education for all ages begins at 10:30 AM

Bible Studies

Sunday Morning at 10:30 AM with Pastor Tom
Tuesday Morning at 10:00 AM with Pastor Tom
2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 7:00 PM Women's Bible Study
Thursday at 7:00 PM with Pastor Tom
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Please call (480) 837-0130 to confirm times and places.