



# The Trinity Truth

July 2017



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## FOR FREEDOM'S SAKE

Every July we celebrate our nation's birthday, the birth of freedom for us and the world. Abraham Lincoln so said in his Gettysburg Address. In 1963 Martin Luther King Jr. uttered this now famous refrain from the steps of the Lincoln Memorial, "Let freedom ring". While it seems that freedom is a new concept for the world, we can trace some of its roots all the way back to the Reformation.

In Galatians 5:1 St. Paul writes: "It is for freedom that Christ has set us free."

Martin Luther was appalled by the slavery and burdens placed upon people by the church of his day. New commandments, rules and regulations

flowed out of Rome on a regular basis. With all these new requirements came the additional burden of guilt, because no one could keep them all. The people were being swamped by these new stipulations and the guilt and consequences of not keeping them. Added to this horrific set of circumstances, the church was doing nothing to offer forgiveness or peace to those with troubled minds and spirits. Luther saw this as a double injustice. The church was creating the problem and then refusing to help solve it.

The most significant point to the Reformation was to preach the full and

free forgiveness that belonged to us through Jesus Christ. Luther saw in this the beginning of true Christian freedom. Christ had set us free; but free from what and free for what?

In response to these questions, Martin Luther pointed to some long neglected truths that came from Holy Scripture. First, we are set free from the penalty of sin—we will not face judgment. Second, we are freed from guilt over sin because it has been forgiven and forgotten by God for Jesus' sake. And finally, we are freed from the controlling power of the Devil.

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Summer of Service

## Sunday School News

Sunday School Students continue their Summer of Service (S.O.S.) during the month of July. This month we will be serving veterans, our local emergency workers,

kids in Africa, and more!

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 Director of Family Ministry, Amy Heuer, with any questions.



*Friends in the Lord*

Proverbs 27:17 (NIV) says, "As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another." It's important to choose friends who help us be more like Jesus. How many words can you make from the word *friendship*?

F R I E N D S H I P

2-letter words: \_\_\_\_\_

3-letter words: \_\_\_\_\_

4-letter words: \_\_\_\_\_

5-letter words: \_\_\_\_\_

Words with 6 or more letters: \_\_\_\_\_

## August Newsletter Deadline



The deadline to submit news items for the August edition of The Trinity Truth is Tuesday, July 18. Please bring written

items into the church office or email them to: [newsed@tlc.phxcoxmail.com](mailto:newsed@tlc.phxcoxmail.com) .

## Pastor Tom's Article Continued

The grace that brings us forgiveness also empowers us to turn our lives around, no longer living for ourselves but now for God's glory. This is true freedom!

But Luther went even further. He reminded people that while we have been freed from sin and Satan, we have also been set free to proclaim the wonderful love of

God in Christ Jesus. The highest calling for every believer is to let freedom ring. Let freedom ring from our churches and pulpits. Let freedom ring in our conversations with one another and those outside the faith. Let freedom ring when we throw off the shackles of worldliness and live caring and generous lives for the benefit



of others. In the spirit of the Reformation-LET FREEDOM RING!

*Pastor Tom*

## Congregational Meeting

In February of this year, a sub-committee of the Trustees group was assembled to look into the possibility of giving Trinity's building a bit of a cosmetic make over . That sub-committee has done its research and presented its findings and

proposal to the church council. The church council approved the proposal and is calling a congregational meeting on Sunday, July 23, at 10:20 AM. The purpose of this meeting will be to present the proposal of updates to the



congregation for approval . Please plan to attend this meeting if at all possible.



## Baby Shower

This September, John and Brooke will be welcoming a baby into their family!

In celebration of this monumental occasion, all women and girls of Trinity are invited to join us

for a baby shower in honor of Brooke and her soon to be born baby.

**Join us on Saturday, July 22, beginning at 11:00 AM.**

There will be fun fellowship and lunch will be served.

Please contact Grace with any questions.

## Ice Cream Social



**The Inreach team cordially invites everyone to the annual Ice Cream Social on Sunday, July 9!**

A variety of ice creams with various toppings will be available for your enjoyment.

We hope you will join us!

## Summer Sunday Lunches



All are invited to join us for Summer Sunday Lunches at Desert Canyon Golf Club each Sunday in July at 11:30 AM. Once again all lunch items are \$5 (beverage not included in price). A menu will be

posted in the narthex for you to see the selections that are offered. This is a wonderful time for fellowship, food, and fun during the summer, so we hope to see you there!

## Service Project at Fountain Hills Middle School

As part of our continuing celebration of 25 years in Fountain Hills, we are continuing to give back to our community. So far this year we have done a special collection of cereal for Extended Hands and packed meals at Feed My Starving Children. **On Saturday, July**

**8, beginning at 7:00 AM, we will be doing some landscape clean up at Fountain Hills Middle School.** We will need some tree trimmers to remove low hanging branches and shovels to help dig out weeds. ***Many hands will make light work of this project, so please join us if you are***

***able.*** Water and snacks will be provided. We will also treat you to brunch after the work is done! Please sign up on the poster outside of the Director of Family Ministry office if you are able to help out! Contact Director of Family Ministry, Amy Heuer if you have any questions.



## 2nd Sunday Anniversary Celebration

**We're continuing Trinity's 25th Anniversary celebration on July 9.**

Pastor emeritus, Dave Poedel, will be sharing a message

with the "Lifting High the Cross" theme at the 9:00 AM worship service. Pastor Dave served as Trinity's vacancy pastor in 2004 and 2005. He most

recently served at Mount Calvary in Phoenix. We look forward to welcoming him back to Trinity for this special occasion!



## Extended Hands Food Bank

During the third quarter of 2017, we are collecting nonperishable ***proteins (canned tuna, chicken, beans, etc. ...)*** for

the Extended Hands Food Bank.

Please bring your donations of any nonperishable food to Trinity and place

them in the green receptacles by either of the main doors.

*Thank you in advance for your generosity!*





**Link to online Calendar:**

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



### Summer Sunday Fellowship Note

We are truly blessed with many delicious and creative contributions of delicacies that enrich our Sunday fellowship time. Little planning is needed as every Sunday a great selection of offerings come together. The kitchen crew thanks you for your support and would like to

ask a small favor of the generous contributors. In order to minimize overall time in the kitchen, **please bring your dishes to share "ready to serve" on serving plates/bowls.** As usual, our summer menu is a lighter fare void of casseroles, etc. With your help, the kitchen team can

now enjoy a complete church service (no prep work needed) and will also accomplish kitchen clean up much quicker and in time for Bible study for those who wish to attend.

*Thank you from the kitchen team!*

### Craft Workshop



### Craft Workshop at TLC August 12- 9:00-11:00 AM

**Attention All crafters: If you're a novice or a seasoned crafter-man, woman, or child- we need you!** We will be crafting items for the Christmas Boutique, there will be stations set up with some craft supplies and samples of craft ideas/showing the

ease or difficulty of each item . So bring your hands, scissors and ideas and come join us. If you have a craft that you have been working on for the boutique please bring and share. Any questions? Please contact Debbie . With the funds raised from this

event and the cookie walk, LWML would like to entertain a respite program for the 2018 summer. Part of the proceeds will be dedicated to that effort.



### LWML Mite Collection

**LWML mites will be collected on Sunday, July 9.**

*Please bring your mite boxes with you*

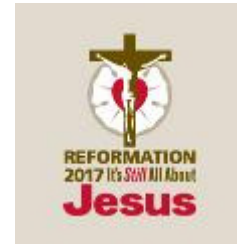
*to church on that day.*

## Reformation 500

The Reformation was not about anything new, but about returning to the unchanged and unchanging truth. So it still is today.

The celebration of the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation is not a time for novelty. It is time to return. Return to the truth.

Return to the basics. Return to the foundation.



## Yoga Offered at Trinity

Yoga- Let Your Light Shine- will be offered by Linda Rode at Trinity on Wednesdays July 12, 19, 26, and August 2, from 4:00-5:30 PM. Whether you're a seasoned yogi or new to yoga, you'll enjoy Linda Rode's unique approach to this ancient practice. Each week you will learn a variety of techniques and

poses which, when practiced with consistency, will foster improved comfort, stability and flexibility in both your body and mind and will help you live your best life for the rest of your life. Props such as blocks, blankets, or chairs are often used making the class more accessible

to the majority of students.

Participants must be able to get to and from the floor without assistance for this class.

This four week series costs \$40 per person. To register, please contact Linda Rode at 480-868-8023 or [linda@healthebalance.us](mailto:linda@healthebalance.us).



## Trinity Family Movie Night

All ages are invited to join the Trinity family for a "Throwback **Thursday**" movie night on July 13, beginning at 6:00 PM.

We will be watching an iconic (family friendly) movie from 1992. Pizza and popcorn will be provided. Please sign up on the poster outside the

Family Ministry office if you plan to attend.





## Summer Travels



Ed and Eunice sent us some pictures from Kansas this month.

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



## Recent Happenings

This month at Trinity members and friends packed meals at Feed My Starving Children in Mesa. Sunday School children made scarves for those with out homes, and blankets for our high school graduates as part of their Summer of Service.



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## July 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*