

The Trinity Truth

July 2018

INDEPENDENCE V: DEPENDENCE

July is independence month. We celebrate our nation's birthday with fireworks, bands, picnics and the like. Independence is a national value. We don't want to be dependent on the government, on foreign oil, on the good intentions of others, and many such things. Independence has reached the state of being a virtue for us. But, should it be?

Our Christian faith reminds us of just how dependent we are. We are dependent upon God for our very being: He created us. We are dependent upon God for our salvation: He suffered and died in our place. We are dependent upon God for our

faith: He called us to be His own through the Gospel. We are dependent upon God for our daily necessities: He causes the rain to fall on the just and unjust alike. And, in creating His Church, God has made us dependent on one another. We are responsible to and for each other as we encourage one another in our faith journey through life.

As we look around at the many crisis we find in our nation and communities, so many of them seem to arise from our overwhelming drive and desire to be

independent. We have removed even talk of God and faith from our schools and the public square. We no longer value life over our own personal convenience. We are confused over what is truly right and wrong. We have lost our collective moral compass as each person does what seems right in their own eyes. We shift the burden of responsibility for our neighbors from ourselves to some unnamed bureaucracy. And the list goes on and on.

To keep the perspective that national independence is a good



gift from God; but so also is personal and faithful dependence, would go a long way toward setting things right again. Let us celebrate our freedom from political oppression by reigniting our love and connectedness to our God and one another.

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Sunday School News

Summer of Service continues this month!!

Each week we will be completing a different project to serve others!

July 1- making cards/ coloring pictures to send to the local VA hospital.

July 8- Operation Christmas Child

July 15- To be Determined

July 22- Scarves for homeless

July 29- No Summer of Service

Back to School Blessing- Please plan

to join us for worship on **Sunday, August 5, at 9:00 AM.** Bring your backpacks too- there will be a special blessing for all those beginning a new school year. The Inreach team is also planning a special brunch in your honor!

Upcoming Events



Please look at your calendars, save the date and plan to join us for these events!

Back pack Sunday on August 5. Back packs will be blessed and a kids themed brunch will be served.

LWML meeting on 8/18 10:00 AM to plan October Events such as meals and program for the fall rally hosted at

Trinity Lutheran Church and tent at Oktoberfest

September 28 - Oktoberfest Outing 5:00 PM

LWML Fall Rally on October 20 beginning at 8:30 AM. Breakfast and lunch will be served with an interesting program. More details to follow.

Any questions please call Debbie or Christine.



August Newsletter Deadline

The deadline to submit news items and calendar items for the August Trinity Truth is Tuesday, July 16. Please send written items to newsed@tlc.phxcoxmail.com or drop them by the church office.

Ice Cream Social

The Inreach team cordially invites everyone to the annual Ice Cream Social on Sunday, July 1!

A variety of ice creams with various toppings

will be available for your enjoyment.

We hope you will join us!



Trinity Game Night

Get out of the heat and join us for an evening of fun and fellowship.

On Wednesday, July 11, Invite your friends and neighbors to come to Trinity and play games from 6:00 -8:00 PM. Snacks will be provided. Some

games will be provided as well, but you are also encouraged to bring your favorite board/card game along to play as well!

Please contact Kim with any questions.



Extended Hands Food Bank

During the third quarter of 2018, we are encouraging donations of 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 black bin by the kitchen entrance.

Don't forget, the kids of Trinity are weighing donations

brought in each week! The donations from May 20- June 17 have totaled over 130 pounds!

Thank you for your generosity!



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Link to online Calendar:

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

Recent Happenings



Left: Roman and Grete send their greetings to the entire Trinity family from the high mountains of La Paz, Bolivia. Their travels also included a stop in Peru.



Above: In preparation for packing lunches for Grace Lutheran's Heat Respite Program, lunch bags were decorated with positive messages and jokes for one of the Summer of Service projects.



Pictured above are recent Jr. High Camp participants.



Above: On June 3, Trinity celebrated Chloe's graduation by gifting her with a hand tied blanket and devotional book .

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July Worship Schedule

Sunday Mornings

9:00 AM Worship

Followed by Fellowship

10:30 AM Christian Education for all ages

Holy Communion is celebrated at all Sunday morning worship services.

Bible Study Opportunities

Sunday morning at 10:30 AM with Pastor Tom

Tuesday morning at 10:00 AM with Pastor Tom

Women's Bible Study 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 7:00 PM

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