



The Trinity Truth

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The Dog Days of Summer

It is hot! It is humid, (by Arizona standards)! It isn't getting better soon!
How will we ever survive? I can't wait until the Fall!

Words to this effect punctuate our conversations lately. It is the
doldrums of summer, made even more intense by the desert around us.
.It is easy to give in and think that nothing of significance or importance
is going to happen. We can be tempted to let down and just try to

muddle through.

Praise be to the Lord, however, that He doesn't let down for the summer. In fact, He remains busy and active in the lives of His people. Each week, despite the temperature outside, He greets us at His house for worship. Each day, no matter how daunting the thermometer may seem, He stands ready to hear and answer our prayers. Each moment, without another thought, He watches over us and provides for all our needs and wants. Yes, even in this summer heat God is always there for us, which is why I am excited by this summer here at Trinity.

Despite the temptation to be sluggish and quiet for a few months, we have been active and busy. Our search committee continues its work of combing through the list of candidates we have received, (over 50 to date), for the new Director of Family Ministry. Soon, they will be bringing a slate of candidates to the congregation for approval. The Facilities Use subcommittee has been busy too. They are ready to present to the congregation plans for creating both a new office to house this ministry, and a quiet room off the sanctuary for parents and infants who need it during a service. The Outreach Committee has scheduled another Information Class for new members, and has at least eight people ready to attend. Our Inreach group continues to provide some of the best refreshments for our after service fellowship, as well as much needed visits and care for members and friends who are facing difficulties. The Trustees and their workers are making needed changes to accommodate our restructuring, and keeping our facility in good repair for all our activities. Finally, our Church Council has an exciting ministry challenge ready to present to us at a special Voter's meeting on the 16th of this month. Now, that is a lot of activity!

I knowingly have left out many other individuals and groups that continue to keep up an ongoing and vibrant ministry throughout these summer days. My purpose is not to list everyone; but to highlight those special events you need to know about now. As the Lord remains so busy and active in our lives, we remain busy and active in His kingdom. So much for the "dog days of summer".

Isn't it exciting to be part of such energetic congregation? And all this by God's grace!

Pastor Tom

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...from the Head Elder

One of the responsibilities of being Head Elder is writing a newsletter article once a month, bringing the congregation up to date on what's happening in our area of responsibility. I am happy to report Steve Krause and the Family Ministry Committee are busy at work searching for candidates to fill that important position. I can report Pastor Daly has finished his second week of study towards his Doctor's Degree and I understand he is a star student. As a matter of fact I saw his first report card and it was a 4.0. I don't know if his mother Betty had to sign it and send it back or not but it looked really good. It's been a little quiet this past month. As a matter of fact., because so many of the Elders were out of town, we didn't hold a monthly meeting in July, which is a fairly normal thing for a lot of the boards at least one summer month.

On July 18th I celebrated my birthday. It was a nice day because of the many cards and phone calls I received wishing me well. I am truly thankful for the wonderful family I have both in the Midwest and here at Trinity Lutheran Church. On Sunday the 19th Nancy and I spent most of the day at Banner Gateway Hospital visiting her Dad who thankfully is recovering. I sat in the waiting by myself for a long time and got to thinking by the grace of God I was able to celebrate my birth but some day my earthly life will end and I will be, as everyone else will be, facing death. How great is it to know we have Savior who loved us so much he gave his own son on the cross so we can live eternally in Heaven, and how important it is for us while we are still enjoying our birthdays to get the word of God's forgiveness out to our families, friends, and all those who don't believe.

Please try to attend at least one of our Bible Studies, pray for our Pastor, our Family Ministry Committee, and our entire congregation as we go our different ways, that we try to let people know what a wonderful Savior we have.

Dave Luppés
Head Elder

Did you know....

*that our church newsletter, **The Trinity Truth**,
is posted each month on the church web site?*

Visit tlcfhaz.org and check it out.

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either by reading it online or by having it sent to your e-mail
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SPECIAL VOTERS' MEETING

A special voters' meeting has been called by the church council for August 16 after the fellowship time. Two items will be brought before the voters for their approval.

- Refinance the current mortgage with LCEF
 - With the current interest rates available, refinancing the current mortgage at this time is good stewardship.
- Approval of expending about \$21,000, non-budgeted, as follows:
 - An amount not to exceed \$10,000 for the remodeling necessary to provide adequate office space, conference room, and cry room.
 - An amount of \$10,000 to go to support mission work overseas.
 - An amount of \$500 to go to each of the two LCMS seminaries.

We are fiscally sound at Trinity at this time and are strengthened by the spiritual guidance and resources that God provides to us. It is from within this position that the Chairperson of the Board of Administration contacted LCEF to determine if it would be of benefit to Trinity to refinance the mortgage at this time. We have received very favorable information from LCEF. Our constitution puts the voters' assembly as the responsible group in charge of making this type of decision. Additional details will be provided for the meeting.

With the approval of a Family Ministry staff position, adequate office space is needed for the person. With a fairly minor amount of interior remodeling, the Facility Study Group and the Church Council agree that this can be accomplished. Since the cost of this remodeling work was not included within the approved budget, the Church Council will be soliciting funds through a brief fund-raiser. In addition to doing the fund raiser for the advancement of ministry at Trinity, the Church Council agree that we should raise funds to support the advancement of ministry at an overseas location. The third item of the fund raising is to raise funds to support the students that are in training to become pastors. Here also, additional details will be provided for the meeting.

As we look together toward building ministry at Trinity, let's join together and also build His church in other places.

Adult Information Class

Saturday, August 1 and
Saturday, August 15
9:00 am – Noon

If you are interested in becoming a member of TLC or if you would like to learn more about the Lutheran faith, this is the class for you.

Contact Pastor Tom at 837-0130
or Betty Blank at 816-1789

***Summer Sunday Luncheons
at Sunridge Canyon
will continue
through September***

***Join us at 11:45 am
at Sunridge Canyon Golf Club***

***Order from the menu.
\$12 includes menu choice,
beverage, tax and gratuity.***

Cash only – exact amount appreciated.

Director of Family Ministry – Search Committee Update

The process of gathering names has produced a list of 40 names! The next step will be to send the candidates a brief questionnaire for them to provide information on their skills and interest, current status, and interest in the position. The list will then be narrowed down, based on the responses, to individuals who will be contacted for a more in-depth phone interview.

If you are aware of anyone that you think may have the Spiritual gifts for the position, please forward their name to me or any member of the committee to be contacted. This may be a calling that has been placed on their hearts as well.

Your prayers have provided great support during this first phase of the search and are greatly appreciated! Please pray that God will reveal His will to the individuals God has ordained us to meet through this process in your prayers for wisdom and discernment.

Your servant in Christ,
Steve Krause

September Dine Out at Broadway Palms



**Don't forget to make your reservations for
Mid-Life! The Crisis Musical
Matinee performance on
Saturday, September 26
Lunch begins at 11:45 am
Show begins at 1:15 pm
Total of \$43 per person
includes buffet, show, tax, gratuity**

**Reservations and payment due to
Joan Wolfe by Sept. 6.**

Carpooling will be available

***Watch the Sunday bulletin
for additional information on
future Lunch Bunch and Dine Out dates.***



*My heartfelt thanks to all of
you for remembering me with
your cards, words of
encouragement, and especially
your prayers during my recent
setback. Your continued prayer
support would be greatly
appreciated. I love you all.*

Jeanette Carl



DEADLINE:

Newsletter Articles

Aug. 18 for the Sept. issue

***The August Calendar
should be accessed
on the first page
of the web site***

August



- 02 Sharon Koehlinger
Debbie Toth
- 03 Trisha Schuckman
Jochens
- 07 Edwin Feld
Haydn Kent
- 08 Nita Boyer
- 13 Carroll Myer
- 18 Diane Fisher
Lois Minich
- 20 Marion Jacobsen
Susan Krause
- 25 Joy Churchill
- 26 Katie Krause
- 27 Linda Zeigler
- 28 Alicia Blevins
Dottie Larson
- 30 Cooper Weisbach



- 02 Dave & Nancy Luppas
- 08 Gary & Kelli Pedersen
- 18 Carroll & Janice Meyer
- 24 Wally & Barbara
Clevenger
- 26 Steve & Susan Krause

Ushers & Greeters



USHERS

- Aug. 2 Fred Miller & Gina Duxbury
- Aug. 9 Darrell Kahl & Gina Duxbury
- Aug. 16 Rick & Debbie Toth
- Aug. 23 Fred Miller & Pete Visser
- Aug. 30 Bob & Jeannie Edgren

GREETERS

- Aug. 2 Mike & Lois Minnich
- Aug. 9 Paul & Connie Scheidt
- Aug. 16 Al & Joy Axelson
- Aug. 23 Bill Hook & Beverly Meadows
- Aug. 30 Pete & Jan Visser



ATTENDANCE

- June 28 – 103
- July 5 – 90
- July 12 – 98
- July 19 - 100

LWML Adopts Project



As announced in the July Newsletter, LWML (TLC's women) has adopted a monthly project for the next year. Beginning in September, we will collect items and donations for the VA Maternity Support Program. We'll begin with collecting storybooks in September which will be put in the Baby Baskets assembled for the pregnant moms.

In October we'll choose an item for the moms' baskets. Each month thereafter we'll alternate – one month something for the baby baskets, one month something for the moms' baskets.

In September, there will be a box in the Narthex for the collection of new storybooks. Excellent sources for purchase of these books are Target, Tuesday Morning, JoAnn fabrics, and bargain tables at other stores carrying books. Monetary donations are also welcome with checks made out to TLC and clearly marked "For VA Program". Items and monetary donations should be in by September 20.

Watch the newsletter and bulletin to learn what item we'll be collecting each month. For more information, contact Dianne Immenga.

Mite Box Collection



The next ingathering of Mite Boxes will be the weekend of September 19-20. Boxes may be brought to the LWML meeting at 10 AM on Saturday, Sept. 19, or they may be brought to church on Sunday, Sept. 20.

Cleaning Crew Help Welcomed!

Extra help is always welcomed by the cleaning crew, especially during the summer months when some of the crew is off to cooler climates.

If you would like to help with cleaning the church facilities on Saturday morning, please contact Pete Visser. The crew usually begins at 8 am, but they've been known to begin and finish earlier than that, so please check with Pete to double check the times.



Looking Ahead...



**Rehearsals begin
September 2, 6:00 pm**



September 2, 7:15 pm



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Return Service Requested



Bible Studies

Sunday morning at 10:15 am

Tuesday morning at 10:00 am
(on hiatus, resumes in fall)

2nd & 4th Tuesday, Women's Study,
7 pm at Starbucks in Safeway

Wednesday at Noon

Thursday evening at 7 pm

Please call (480) 837-1230
to confirm times and places.

