



# *The Trinity Truth*

August 2012

Trinity Lutheran Church – LCMS

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## **The Worst Draught of All**

Since moving to Arizona, I've grown accustomed to very little rain. This is, after all, a desert. This year, however, has been strangely different. Not just in Arizona, but all across the country, the skies have been dried up. Little or no rain is falling anywhere. In many places crops have failed and animals are suffering. I seem to feel the oppressiveness of the summer heat all the more because there is no respite of rain to cool and wash the ground. These are desperate times.

At times like these we are reminded all the more sharply that we depend so much on God's grace and goodness. If He doesn't send the rain to water the earth and cause it to flourish, we all suffer. These are times that call us again in repentance to prayer. Not just prayer to relieve us of our misery, or alter our economic

fortunes; but prayer to again receive with humility and gratitude the Lord's blessing.

Jesus likened His word and His love to fountains of living water. In John chapter 4, Jesus speaks to a sinful Samaritan woman by the town's well. He promises that if she receives the gift He offers, living water will well up within her. And not just for her, this is a promise for everyone.

We have all experienced the dryness and misery of a spiritual draught. Our faith is weakened, and the promises of God seem so faint and impossible to hear. If only a few precious drops of divine love and compassion could be felt.

We look heavenward and cry out, hoping that our God will take compassion on us and send us His blessing. And He does! Spiritual draughts are broken by the prayers of a



repentant people. God delights in washing us anew with all His grace.

It will rain again, of that I am certain. We join with believers all across the country asking the Lord to bring us rain again, and soon. We remain thankful for the reminder that we not take our spiritual blessings for granted. We remain convinced of God's great goodness, and His ability and willingness to break all draughts, spiritual and physical.

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**Family Game Night will be Friday, August 17, from 6:00-8:00 PM. All ages are invited to play Mexican Train Dominoes.**

This game is easy to learn if you don't know how to play, so don't let that stop you from attending.

Snacks will be provided.



## Sunday School News

**This Summer, kids had fun with the theme *Serving with Joy!***

We learned about many different jobs and how we can serve God while we do those jobs.

***Just a reminder that there will be no Sunday School for children or youth during the month of August. Enjoy the break!***

***Classes will resume on Sunday, September 9, at 10:30 AM.***

*More details will be coming to your email inbox and bulletin very soon!*

## Back to School Prayer

**During the month of August, students in Fountain Hills as well as in many areas of the country return to school. Please keep them in your prayers.**

Dear Lord,

Bless the children and youth of this nation, and especially our congregation, who are returning to their school or college. Protect them as they learn in the classroom and participate in activities outside it. May they learn to follow in Your steps, just as You grew in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and man. Amen



## Prayer for Students

## Books of the Bible Find Winners!



### Bible Fun

*Congratulations to our Find the Books of the Bible winners! The first four people to show me their work were Joy Axelson, Jeanne Edgren, Jeannette Carl, and Dave Luppess! Honorable mention to Roger Riggert and Ty Crimin.*

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!

## Jesus Loves Me

Every one knows the words to the children's hymn, "Jesus Loves Me, This I Know." Its called a children's hymn because we specifically teach it to our children. Have you ever noticed though that when it is sung, it is adults who sing with the greatest volume and emotion, not children? It is a dearly loved hymn that shares with us the greatest comfort of our faith—the love of Jesus Here's a few more verses to span the years of time from childhood to adulthood. Sing them and see if they don't speak as wonderfully to your heart as the original hymn does.

*Jesus loves me, this I know, though  
my hair is white as snow, though my  
sight is growing dim, still He bids me  
trust in Him.*

*Yes Jesus loves me. Yes, Jesus loves  
me. Yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible  
tells me so.*

*Though my steps are oh, so slow with  
my hand in His I'll go on through life,  
let come what may, He'll be there to  
lead the way.*

*Yes Jesus loves me. Yes, Jesus loves  
me. Yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible  
tells me so.*

*When the nights are dark and long, in  
my heart He puts a song. Telling me  
in words so clear, "have no fear,  
for I am near."*

*Yes Jesus loves me. Yes, Jesus loves  
me. Yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible  
tells me so.*

*When my work on earth is done, and  
life's victories have been won. He will  
take me home above, then I'll  
understand His love.*

*Yes Jesus loves me. Yes, Jesus loves  
me. Yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible  
tells me so.*

## Summer Choir

Looking for singers to be part of our Summer Choir on Sunday, August 26. 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.

## Summer Luncheons



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Everyone is invited to join us for delicious meals and fun fellowship each Sunday during August at SunRidge Canyon. Luncheons will begin about 11:30 AM (after Bible Study). Price will be \$12 per person (this includes choice of any menu item, beverage, tax and tip).

## Trinity Lutheran Leadership

**Pastor**  
Pastor Tom Daly

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*Organist*

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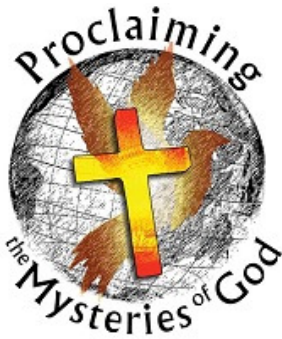
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## Recent Happenings

### Pacific Southwest District LCMS Convention “Proclaiming the Mysteries of God”



Pastor Tom and Al Axelson were Trinity's representatives at the LCMS Pacific Southwest District Convention June 27-29, in Irvine California. Following are some highlights from the convention.

President Larry Stoterau was re-elected as the District President and Pastor Vince Harman was elected Vice President for region 4 (Arizona) .

President Stoterau's report included a brief history of the district. In 1930 when the district was formed, there were no LCMS churches in AZ or southern NV. We have grown significantly since then to 310 churches and 183 schools. Our district is home to many cross-cultural and ethnic ministries. President Stoterau challenged us to “not close our eyes to the changing world around us but to rejoice in the challenges that this society brings to find new ways to teach the ‘mysteries of God’”

Synodical First Vice President, Herb Mueller, gave an explanation of the meaning behind our Synod's “Witness, Mercy, and Life Together” symbol which came from Ephesians 2:9-10.

Dr. Greg Seltz, speaker of the Lutheran Hour, reminded us that though this world is filled with technical advancements that bring us joy and amazement we are reminded that God's miracles are even more amazing and that we have the privilege to share God's amazing mysteries using these new technologies.



Synod President, Rev. Dr. Matthew Harrison, thanked the PSD for being mission minded and encouraged all churches to be out in their community sharing the saving message of Christ.

**Link to online Calendar:**

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

## Extended Hands Food Bank

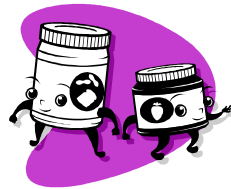
***Thanks to everyone who continues to bring food items for the Extended Hands Food Bank!***

Continuing through the months August and September, 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 cheese, red beans and rice, etc...).**



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



## Lutheran Women's Missionary League

Attention Ladies, Meetings will resume in the fall . More details will be in the September newsletter.



In the meantime, please keep collecting your coins for the Fall mite collection.

## An Update from the Van Dams

Joan Wolfe reports that on her recent vacation, she had occasion to have been treated to a delightful lunch with Larry & Jeanette Van Dam on the beautiful shores of Lake Geneva, WI. *Larry & Jeanette want all of us to know how much they miss us and if possible will try to make it back to Fountain Hills this Winter.* They both appear to be doing very well.



## Newsletter Deadline

**The deadline for the September edition of the Trinity Truth will be August 17.**

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





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A Family Friendly Church

## **August Sunday Morning Schedule**

Worship at 9:00 AM  
Followed by Fellowship Time  
Adult Bible Study begins at 10:30 AM

PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL DURING THE MONTH OF AUGUST.

### **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*  
*2nd and 4th Saturdays at 9:00 AM Men's Bible Study*  
*Please call (480) 837-0130 to confirm times and places.*