



The Trinity Truth

August 2017

The Priesthood

Have you ever wondered why some churches are served by priests, and others are served by pastors? Is there really any difference? Do these two words mean the same thing, or is there an important distinction between them?

Priest and pastor are not interchangeable titles. They mean two very different things. These differences were highlighted in the Reformation.

Up until the time of Martin Luther, the church was served by priests. They took their title and office from the Old Testament precedent of the Levites. Priests were those who were selected by God to function as intermediaries or go-betweens.

Normal people did not have immediate access to God. They were separated from Him by their sin. They needed someone who could bridge the gap of separation and bring their prayers and needs before their God. God, Himself, selected the Levites to perform this most important task. All Israel could come to God only through the ministrations of the priests.

But then Jesus came. His priesthood was not that of the Levites. He had a higher office, the Savior of the world. He was God's intermediary on behalf of sinful people. By His death and resurrection He brought God and mankind together. Now everyone despite their background or past

had the same access to God and His grace. In essence, Jesus fulfilled the office of priest and made it obsolete. Or did He?

Martin Luther discovered something unique in the way God began addressing His people after their salvation was accomplished by Jesus. In 1 Peter 2:9 God says, "But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation..." Why would God be calling all His people priests, is what Luther wondered. And then it hit him. When we come to faith we don't need an intermediary,

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Sunday School News

Sunday School Students' Summer of Service (S.O.S.) comes to an end on August 6. Beginning August 13, students will begin exploring God's creation of the world. Sessions meet each Sunday from **10:20-11:15 AM**.

Children in Pre-K-Grade 6 are welcome to join the fun!

We are seeking people who would like to be involved in Children's Ministries at Trinity: Prayer warriors, large group leaders,

small group shepherds, and children's binder fillers.

Please contact the Director of Family Ministry with any questions.

Backpack Blessing



Backpack Blessing will be held during the 9:00 AM service on Sunday, August 6.

Children are welcomed and encouraged to bring their backpacks with them to church that day. During the Children's Message time, students will

be invited forward to receive a special blessing and gift as they get ready to return to school.

High School Gathering-Save the Date



Attention current 9th-12th graders- It's time to start thinking about attending this year's Focus High School Gathering event being held November 3-5, at

Tonto Rim Christian Camp near Payson.

Cost for the weekend is \$160 (includes meals, lodging, and program options).

More information will be coming your

way in the very near future.

Please contact Director of Family Ministry, if you have any questions.

Pastor Tom's Article Continued

we have our own High Priest in Jesus. But there are others who do need a go-between. Those who do not yet know God by faith. They need someone to bridge the gap and bring Jesus to them and them to Jesus. By being part of the household of faith we become priests to our unsaved neighbors and friends. When the Holy Spirit works faith in their hearts they no longer need us as priests to them-they become priest to others too. This became known as: The Priesthood of All Believers.

It was a big scandal in the church. It deprived the religious elite of their power over the ordinary people of the church. But it was both Biblical and true. And so Lutherans stopped calling their congregational servants priests, and began using a more suitable title: Pastor. A pastor is a shepherd who watches over and cares for a flock. He has no special power or accessibility different from anyone else. He only has a greater responsibility to guard and provide for the sheep



entrusted to him.

By identifying the priesthood of all believers, Martin Luther empowered all God's people to be what He had called them to be--witnesses for the faith. The Reformation was not about gaining power over others; but unleashing the power of God's saving love into all the world.

Pastor Tom

September Trinity Truth Deadline

The deadline to submit news items for the September edition of The Trinity Truth is Tuesday, August 15. Please bring written items into the church office or email them to: newsed@tlc.phxcoxmail.com.





25,000 Meals For Feed My Starving Children

Later this fall, Trinity will join with other churches in our circuit to do a packing event for Feed My Starving Children. The anniversary committee would like to support this effort and has set a goal of raising enough money to sponsor 25,000

meals. Each meal costs less than \$0.25 to make, so a goal of \$6,000 has been set. Help us "fill the well" (that will be set up on the patio at church beginning August 6) with your donations.

Food Truck Fair - "Feed Yourself while Feeding Others"



In continuation of our 25th Anniversary, Trinity will be hosting a community Food Truck Fair on Saturday, September 16, in our parking lot from 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM!!

Lulu's Sorbett (handcrafted Italian Ice - Best of Scottsdale 2014 and 2015!!). All of our vendors will have a "special" menu to offer along with their traditional fare.

We will have games and other events on site.

The anniversary committee will need some help that day (ticket sales, beverages sales etc...) - please sign up on the bulletin board (later in August) outside of the Director of Family Ministry office if you can help.

What is a food truck??? A licensed gourmet restaurant on wheels! We will have ***Burger Amore*** (burgers and all the fixings), ***Queso Good*** (quesadillas, tacos, nachos) and

All proceeds from the food truck fair will be donated toward the "Feed My Starving Children" program.

This will be a great opportunity to meet our Fountain Hills friends and neighbors!

Save the date - tell your neighbors and friends this is for the community to enjoy!!

25th Anniversary Outreach Event

Please join us in reaching out to the community at the fountain this August. **We will be setting up a table along the fountain trail and handing out bottled water with our TLC logo and dog treats, inviting people to join us to**

worship and celebrate our 25th Anniversary. *We will greet people from 5:30-7:00 AM on Saturday August 12th, Sunday August 13th, Monday August 14th, Tuesday August 15th and Wednesday August 16th.* If you would like to

participate, please sign up on the bulletin board outside of Director of Family Ministry office or talk to Brooke.



2nd Sunday Anniversary Celebration

We're continuing Trinity's 25th Anniversary celebration on August 13.

Pastor emeritus, Jim Brockmann, will be

sharing a message with the "Lifting High the Cross" theme at the 9:00 AM worship service. We hope you will join us!

Invite a friend to join you in worship that day (or any Sunday)!



Middle School Service Project Recap

Thank you to Susan , Pastor Tom, Amy , Chuck, Derrick, Martin, Jan, Paul, Pete, Joe, and Todd for their help in clearing weeds and debris from around the entrance to the Middle School last month!

Thanks also to Thrivent Financial for granting an Action Team request for this project.





Link to online Calendar:

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



Craft Workshop Saturday, 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.



Thank You From Brooke

Thank You to all ladies who planned and participated in my baby shower! We are blessed to be surrounded by such

a large group of wonderful, Christian friends and are excited to raise our baby girl at TLC!

Thanks again,
Brooke

Summer Updates

Below Left: Ed and Eunice celebrated family birthdays in Steamboat Springs, Co.

Below Right: Verlyn and Judy enjoyed a visit to the Ark Encounter and Creation Museum.





New Yoga Session at Trinity- Starting Soon!

Yoga- Let Your Light Shine- will again be offered by Linda Rode at Trinity on Wednesdays August 9, 16, 23, and 30 from 4:00-5:30 PM.

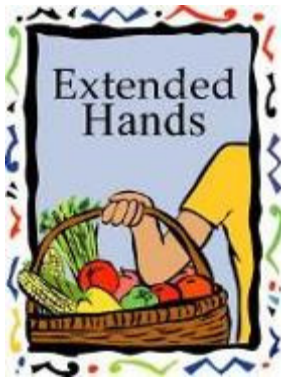
Whether you're a seasoned yogi or new to yoga, you'll enjoy Linda Rode's unique approach to this ancient practice. Each week you will

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@healthbalance.us.



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!



Redecorating of Trinity

At the special voters' meeting on Sunday, July 23, it was decided that the congregation wanted more time to deliberate before a final vote on the redecorating options at Trinity. In response to this decision, a packet of information was emailed out and put in mailboxes at church. **There will be an informational meeting on Sunday, August 6, at 10:20 AM and a meeting to vote on the proposal, Sunday, August 20, at 10:20 AM.**

Lutheran Social Services Collection and Speaker

Since 1970, Lutheran Social Services of the Southwest has responded to Arizona's ever changing needs by compassionately offering quality services and resources that contribute to a stronger and healthier Arizona for all people. Please take a few minutes to visit their website <http://www.lss-sw.org> to see more of what Lutheran Social Services of the Southwest is doing.

Keeping with our 25th Anniversary theme, we would like to present LSS-SW with 25 men's and 25 women's "Personal Care Kits" to be distributed to those in need. Following is a list of items to be included in each kit. A display with examples and ideas will be on the outside patio area beginning July 30th. If you would rather make a financial donation of \$10 for each personal care kit, please put the money in an envelope marked

"Personal Care Kit" and place in the receptacle on the table and we will go shopping for you. All donations must be received by September 17th.

Women's Personal Care Kit:

- Shampoo
- Hair Conditioner
- Comb/Brush
- Body Wash/ Soap
- Washcloth/ hand towel
- Shave Cream
- Disposable Razor(s)
- Deodorant
- Toothbrush
- Toothpaste

Men's Personal Care Kit:

- Shampoo
- Comb/Brush
- Body wash/soap
- Washcloth/hand towel
- Shave Cream
- After Shave
- Disposable Razor(s)
- Deodorant
- Toothbrush

- Toothpaste

If you have any further questions please feel free to contact Kim or Christine.

Deborah Hutterer, a representative of Lutheran Social Services of the Southwest will be at Trinity to collect the kits and give a short presentation on **Sunday September 24, 2017 immediately following the service.** She will share more about their mission and how we at Trinity Lutheran Church can support and assist in reaching God's people right here in Arizona.



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August 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

2nd & 4th Tuesday at 7:00 PM Women's Bible Study

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

