

# The Trinity Truth

August 2018

## PULLING TOGETHER

Have you ever seen the boats sculling on Tempe Town Lake? They are a sight to behold as their crews all row in perfect synchronization. They are swift and beautiful. I have never had the chance to row on a boat like that; but if I did, I can only imagine the disaster that would follow. I wouldn't be in synch with the other rowers. The boat would jostle in the water. Chances would be good that eventually I would cause it to capsize. Maybe I shouldn't even try. However, there is a place where I and you can pull together.

As Amy gets ready to leave for Dallas, Texas, to serve Zion Lutheran Church and School there, I have been thinking more and more about those boats on Tempe Town Lake. Our little boat here in Fountain Hills known as Trinity is going to feel a few rocky moments. Some oars are going to need to be manned by new people. And we are going to have to learn the rhythm of rowing together. All this can be a daunting challenge, or a great opportunity.

Our gracious God has always promised that He would provide everything for His church that we

might do His work. That means that all the talent we need to keep our ministry going and growing is right here in each of us. It is important that we look at what oars now need to be taken up, and where each of us can join in together to help. The question for the moment isn't, "What would I like to do?"; but instead, "What needs to be done", and, "What can I do?". "How can we pull together?"

We rely on each other for so many spiritual things. Our life together as a congregation is enhanced as we worship together, fellowship together, and serve



together. Without each other we would be nothing. But together, God can accomplish so much through us. Imagine willing hands grabbing different oars, learning each other's rhythms, and setting sail. That is what God is now calling us to do here at Trinity.

I look forward to our adventure together, as we pull together to accomplish God's will.

*Pastor Tom*

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## Sunday School News



Sunday School will be on hiatus in the month of August. Classes will resume in September!

### 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!



### Prayer for Students

**Summer of Service Recap-** WOW! The youth of Trinity have had a busy

service-filled summer!

- We decorated 225 lunch bags and made 225 Bible verse “encourage-mint” cards so that 225 people in Phoenix would hear about the great love Jesus has for them!
- We made delicious treats which were enjoyed by our firefighters and got a tour of the Fountain Hills Fire Department.
- We decorated 12 Operation Christmas Child

**Shoeboxes that will be sent around the world to kids who will also hear about Jesus’ love.**

- We also made 40 fleece scarves that will be given to Grace Lutheran Church’s clothes closet, a place where the homeless can go to pick out clothes that they need!

*Thanks to all of the kids and parents who gave of their time to serve others!*

## Thank You!



Dear Trinity Lutheran Sunday School,  
On behalf of the Phoenix- Carl T. Hayden VAMC patients and staff, we would like to extend our appreciation to you for your donation of Thank You Notes for

Veterans. It is through the efforts of community partners like you that allow us to continue the quality care and services that we seek to provide our deserving Veterans. We look forward to the opportunity to work

with you again for future events. Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,  
*Michael Achey*  
Chief, Voluntary Service

## Trinity Family Game Night

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

***On Wednesday, August 8, 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, but you are also encouraged to bring your favorite board/ card game along to play as well!

Please contact Kim with any questions.



Fountain Hills Oktoberfest is approaching!

Please plan to join the Trinity group on Friday, September 28, at 5:00 PM.

Complete details coming soon.

## Mark Your Calendars

Women of Trinity- Check your calendars, and plan to join us for these events!

**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 the Fountain Hills

Oktoberfest.

**LWML Fall Celebration on October 20 beginning at 8:30 AM.** Breakfast and lunch will be served with an interesting program. All women of the church are invited to attend! More details to follow.



Any questions please call Debbie or Christine.

## September Newsletter Deadline

*The deadline to submit news items and calendar items for the September Trinity Truth is Tuesday, August 21. Please send written items to [newsed@tlc.phxcoxmail.com](mailto:newsed@tlc.phxcoxmail.com) or drop them by the church office.*





## Recent Happenings



**Above:** Attendees of Trinity Family Game Night enjoyed rousing games of *Mancala* and *Pass the Pigs!* ***Be sure to attend the next game night on Wednesday, August 8, beginning at 6:00 PM.***

**Below:** Most of the group from Trinity that served at Feed My Starving Children on June 30.



## 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 June 24- July 22 totaled 35 pounds.***

***Bringing our Summer total to 175 pounds!***

***Thank you for your generosity!***



## Extended Hands Donation



*In addition to nonperishable food donations, Trinity responded to a plea for donations from Extended Hands Food Bank as summer is a tough time for them to keep their shelves stocked with everything they need to help people in need of their services. Pastor Tom and Amy delivered a check for \$500 on behalf of the congregation.*



**Link to online Calendar:**

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

## Grace Lutheran Heat Respite Recap



*Grace Lutheran Respite Ministry is in need of men's jeans size 36 and smaller, t-shirts, personal care items, games, and books.*

An eleven member LWML team from Trinity Lutheran Church recently purchased supplies for 225 sack lunches that included ham and cheese sandwiches, potato salad, bananas, cookies and a soft drink. We also wish to thank all the kids in the Sunday School who created the funny decorative lunch bags. They brought several smiles and chuckles. Funds for this program were raised from a successful garage sale at the church. The team prepared the sandwiches at TLC and a group of five delivered and served the meals to the hungry that visited Grace Lutheran Church in Phoenix that day. There were enough sandwiches for second helpings for everyone. It was over 100 degrees outside and our gift

was most appreciated by all. We toured the facility and visited the beautiful church (The oldest Lutheran Church in Arizona) as well as their clothing room where all donations are sorted and made available to those who need them. Most items desired are men's jeans size 36 or smaller, t-shirts, personal care items, games and books.

Grace Lutheran Church opens their doors during the summer Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM to provide a cool place for rest and relaxation. Breakfast, lunch, and afternoon snacks are served, and cool water is always available. Volunteer groups provide most meals and the church fills in gaps from cash contributions when needed. It was a rewarding experience

to assist in this worthy effort.

"Grace Lutheran Heat Respite Program's mission is to provide a space for heat relief while building community through the sharing of community resources, meals, water, and ourselves in a place of being, belonging, and becoming."

*Submitted by  
Christine*



## Heat Respite Lunch

*Women of Trinity packed lunches for Grace Lutheran Heat Respite Program on June 27. Pictured below are the making of the lunches and people working at Grace's community outreach.*





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**Above:** Sunday School Children made treats for the Fountain Hills Fire Department and also got a tour of the facility.

**Below:** Sunday School Children made 40 fleece scarves for the homeless on Sunday, July 15



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## August 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*