



# *The Trinity Truth*

September 2011

Trinity Lutheran Church – LCMS

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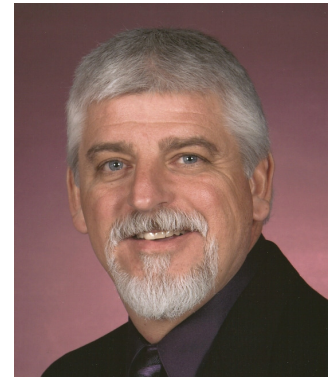
## **AN OPEN AND INVITING CHURCH**

From early on, God's plan for His people was always that they be an accepting, open, and inviting people to all. They were never to compromise the truth, dilute the faith, or cheapen the grace; but they were to offer God's love freely to everyone. Many of our recent Old Testament readings from Isaiah testify to this very fact.

Sad to say, but the record over the years of God's people being standoffish, difficult, or simply closed to the lives and needs of others has been appalling. Sometimes it has been intentional. People of a different color, culture, or background have been told that they are not welcomed in a particular portion of His kingdom. Roadblocks and stumbling blocks have been erected to keep the "undesirable" element out. This has truly grieved our God, and violated our very reason for existence as His Church.

There have been even more occasions of accidental offenses that have separated us from those whom the Lord would call. These occasions are accidental because they have not been planned or purposed to close the church off from others; but their effects are none the less the same. The Gospel is not shared, the needs of others are not addressed, and the fellowship of His people is not strengthened and it does not grow. It is our duty to identify and eradicate even these areas of accidental separation.

I am so happy to share with you the recent work of our Board of Trustees. On the West side of the Church, you will now find a new access point from the parking lot. In response to the needs of a growing number of people, the curb has been cut and a gentle slope added to make getting to the sidewalk and ramp easier. Soon, a new surface will be laid on the parking lot itself, and fresh paint ap-



plied to the parking lines to help identify special areas for increased accessibility. These are necessary and beneficial changes. They will help strengthen what has always been a priority here at Trinity. The openness, friendliness, and accepting heart of our congregation will now be matched by a much more accepting exterior.

Let us each endeavor to find those ways we can eliminate or overcome barriers that would keep us from being the open and inviting people God would have us be

*Pastor Tom*

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## Middle School Youth News

Monthly Youth activities resume in October. Please mark your calendar for the following dates.



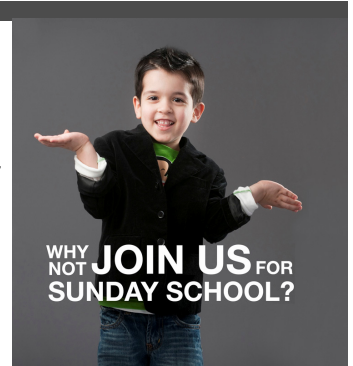
Our next activity will be the Feed My Starving Children Service Project on Saturday, October 8, from 2:00-4:00PM. All 5th-9th graders are invited to join us! More information is found on page 4 of this newsletter.



Confirmation classes will begin on Monday, October 3. We will meet from 3:30-4:30PM.

## Sunday School News

After enjoying a brief break during the month of August, Sunday School resumes for children of all ages on Sunday, September 11. We have great teachers who have volunteered to serve this year and they are excited to teach the kids more about Jesus!



Each Sunday morning at 10:20AM, students will meet in the choir room for an opening activity, song, and prayer!

The Pre-Kindergarten class will meet in the nursery room. They will be learning about various Old and New Testament Bible accounts. They will enjoy music, crafts, and visits from their friend, Lucas the Lamb.

The Middle Grades class for students in K-4<sup>th</sup> grade will meet in the classroom between the choir room and fellowship room. During the fall quarter they will be learning Old Testament Bible accounts beginning with Jacob and his family and ending with Moses and the 10 commandments.

The Youth Bible Study Class, for students in 5<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> grade will meet in the Conference Room. These students will also be studying the Old Testament Bible accounts of Jacob through Moses. In addition, this year students will also have a chance on the second Sunday of the month to discuss life topics—on September 11, we will begin a session on Friendship.

As always, friends are welcome to join students. We hope to see everyone on the 11<sup>th</sup>!

## Prayer Chain

Joan is back in town and is able to receive and send out prayer requests. Please email Joan with any prayer requests you wish to have people on the prayer chain pray for. Please also contact her if you wish to become a part of the prayer chain: JWolfe1065@aol.com





## Sunday Luncheons Continue!

Everyone is invited to join us for a delicious lunch every Sunday at SunRidge Canyon Golf Club. We will meet each Sunday in September after Sunday Bible Class (about 11:30AM). Over the past couple of months,

the group size has ranged from 20-30 people. We are able to select items from the entire menu. A soft drink, tax and gratuity are also included at \$12 per person. This is a good time to fellowship with each

other, get better acquainted with those we don't know well, and welcome visitors and guests. So, at church next Sunday invite someone you would like to get to know better to join you for this wonderful meal!

## Trinity Fall Cruise

**Please plan to join us on Sunday, October 2, as Trinity Lutheran Family and Friends set sail on the Desert Belle on Saguaro Lake.**

**The boat leaves the Dock at 2:45PM.**

Carpool will leave Trinity at 2:00PM.

### Cost:

Under Age 14: Free

Age 14 and up: \$20



### Includes:

90 minute cruise on Saguaro Lake

Meal (Brat or Hot Dog on a crusty roll, Potato Salad, Sauerkraut and Desert)

One beverage ticket (additional drinks may be purchased on the boat)

Entertainment by die echten Wald-Baum

Invite your friends and neighbors!

Please contact Amy Heuer with any questions.

***Sign up to attend and make payment by September 20!***



## Feed My Starving Children Service Project

Feed My Starving Children is a non-profit Christian organization committed to feeding God's starving children hungry in body and spirit.

**We will be packing meals on Saturday, October 8, from 2:00PM-4:00PM at their Tempe location.** This event is open to everyone ages 5 and up (parental supervision is needed for children younger than grade 5). The car-pool will leave Trinity at 1:00PM on the 8th.

For more information about Feed My Starving children visit

[www.fmssc.org](http://www.fmssc.org) or pick up a flyer at church.

For questions about this event or to sign up to attend, please contact Amy Heuer.



## Operation Christmas Child Boxes

If you wanted to participate in the Operation Christmas Child service project, but did not get a chance to pack a shoe box with presents in July, there is still time for you to do so.

We have several wrapped shoe boxes that still need to be filled. If you would like to participate, please talk to Amy Heuer or Andrea Lawson.



## Extended Hands Food Bank

*During the month of September, we will collect canned meats and fish for the Extended Hands Food Bank in Fountain Hills.*

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

Thank you for your continued support of this project to help the hungry in Fountain Hills and surrounding communities.



**Canned-Meat Collection**

### Trinity Lutheran Leadership

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## **Lutheran Women's Missionary League Zone Rally**

The Ocotillo/Palo Verde Zone 27/30 of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League will be held on Saturday, October 8, 2011 at Christ Church Lutheran (3901 E. Indian School Rd, Phoenix). Registration begins at 9:00AM with opening devotions following at 9:30AM.

The theme will be, "A Miracle in the Desert for Homeless Children." The guest speaker will be Carol Whitworth from Sunshine Acres in Mesa.

Cost is \$10 per person.

There will also be an ingathering for Sunshine Acres of hygiene products or gift cards from WalMart; Walgreens, or CVS.

Ladies, please put this event on your calendars and plan to join us.



## **Thank You From Veterans Affairs**

Dear Trinity Congregation members,

Please accept our sincere appreciation for your most generous donation of assorted baby items for our expectant mothers here at the medical center. These items were given to our volunteers who assemble "new baby" baskets to be delivered to expectant mothers. These mothers-to-be really appreciate them as they make the transition to motherhood easier to cope with.

Be assured that through your efforts, our patients will truly benefit from the generosity you have shown. On behalf of the medical staff, we thank you and the entire congregation of Trinity Lutheran Church for your genuine interest and concern for our Nation's finest—our veterans.

Sincerely,  
Michael D. Achey  
Chief  
Voluntary Services  
Department of Veterans Affairs



## **Thank You From Joan**

The words THANK YOU really aren't enough to express what I feel for each of you - my fellow Prayer Warriors. I am so grateful to all for your continued prayers - and to all that visited me in the hospital, Life Care Center, and since my return home. The cards, flowers, meals

and gifts were and will continue to be very precious to me. Don't think I would have come out doing so well without every one of you. I continue my therapy and all is well. Love & BLESSINGS to each and every one of you.

A sister in Christ - *Joan Wolfe*



## Sunday Morning Bible Study

Beginning in September on Sunday mornings in the Sanctuary, we will start a study of the Augsburg Confession. It was with this document that the German Princes in the sixteenth century answered the question of what they believed and why. The Augsburg Confession has been the defining principle guiding the Lutheran Church ever since.

Please join us as we explore more than just history; but the very foundation of what we believe, teach, and confess.



## Women's Bible Study

The Women's Bible Study group will begin a new study, "Adventurous Prayer," on Tuesday, September 13, at 7:00PM in the Fellowship Room.

Prayer is our path to the adventure of building a relationship with our Savior. So how do working women and housewives find the time and place to commit them-

selves to daily prayer? How do we know what to pray and how to pray it? How can a faithful woman find comfort in daily talks with God?

All women are invited to join in this study. We would be happy to have you join us on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month from 7:00-8:00PM.



## Wednesday Morning Bible Study

Each Wednesday from 11:00AM-12:00PM, participants look at the readings for the upcoming Sunday. One of the readings is chosen for a more in-depth discussion, lead by Pastor Tom.

## Thursday Evening Bible Study

This class meets every Thursday from 7:00-8:30PM. The class is currently finishing a study on Old Testament Bible Feasts. A new topic will be chosen soon and will begin in September. Watch bulletin announcements for more information about the topic.

## Trinity Booth at Fountain Hills Oktoberfest

**Trinity will be hosting a booth at the Fountain Hills Oktoberfest this year.** *The event takes place on September 30 and October 1, our booth will be open from 5-8PM.* We will be offering face painting and temporary tattoos for the children attending this event. We will also be handing out free lemonade and info about the church, along with some fun treats!

Volunteers are needed to help with face painting, applying temporary tattoos, and passing out information/talking with festival goers.

Sign up if you are able to help on the bulletin board outside of Amy's office. Please talk with Andrea Lawson or Amy Heuer if you have any questions.

## Choir Rehearsals resume on September 7

**We have an able choir,  
but we could really use a few more voices.  
Our altos and sopranos are especially lonely.**

**Come join us  
for a great musical experience  
and  
enjoyable fellowship.**

**We rehearse on Wednesdays at 7PM.**

**Please come!**

Questions? See Dianne Immenga  
Or call her at 480-836-1235

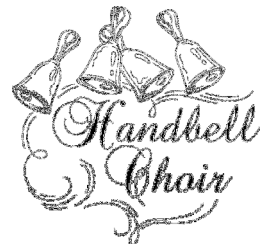


## Walking Partner Wanted

*Lillian Meuter loves to walk around the fountain in the mornings around 6 or 7.*

*She is looking for another person or persons to join her in her morning walks.*

*If you are interested, please talk to Lillian.*



*Bell Choir rehearsals will begin in the near future! We are looking for a few more people to join us! There is no need to read music, but you need to be able to count to four (Sometimes eight).*



*Please contact Kim Flower if you are interested in joining.*

Link to online calendar:

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





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A Family Friendly Church

## September Schedule

Join us for Worship each Sunday morning at 9:00AM.  
Worship is followed by fellowship, Sunday School, and Bible Study.  
Please note: there will be no Children's Sunday School on September 4.

### Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for the October edition of the Trinity Truth will be September 15. Please send articles to be included to:  
[newsed@tlc.phxcoxmail.com](mailto:newsed@tlc.phxcoxmail.com) or drop them off at the church office.



### Bible Studies

*Sunday Morning at 10:30AM with Pastor Tom*

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

Wednesday at 11:00AM with Pastor Tom

Thursday at 7:00PM with Pastor Tom

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