

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

# TRINITY TRUTH

SEPTEMBER 2015

## LET IT RAIN!

The weather forecasters have been saying this for weeks. The Pacific Ocean is unusually warm this year. This portends what is known as El Nino conditions: an increased chance for rain in the Southwestern United States. What good news for the populations of California and Arizona! We have been under drought conditions for several years; but it is possible that all this could be cleared up with one very wet and rainy season.

It also reminds me of many Old Testament stories. When God was

trying to get the attention of His people, He often caused the rain to cease for a time. Not until they looked longingly toward the heavens, and cried out for God's help, did He then open the clouds and cause rain to fall on the earth again.

Refreshed and reassured, the people were then focused on their spiritual lives for a time. And this is the operative phrase, "for a time". It seemed all too difficult for the people of the Old Testament to keep their spiritual focus. They could maintain faithfulness for only short

periods, before they again fell into the habit of ignoring their God.

I don't believe the current drought we have been experiencing is a direct judgment sent from God against us. But the lessons that were learned so long ago can still apply to us. Each and every time it rains, we ought to be remembering and thinking about the goodness and mercy of our God. He truly sends His blessings to us just like the rain. They fall from heaven on a needy but grateful people.

This lesson should never be lost on us. We live every



day by God's grace. If He were to, for one second, forget about us or fail to bless us; our lives would be undone. He, however, has never been faithless. He remains faithful to His promises and to His people. Each time we see evidence of that faithfulness, we ought to remember to pray in thanksgiving for all his goodness to us.

So, let the rains come, and let the blessings of God continue to come to a spiritually focused and thankful people.

In Christ's love,

*Pastor Tom*

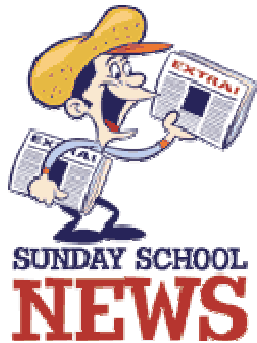
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## SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

**This month students continue to learn how *God is Our Rescuer* as they hear about the experiences of the Israelites and their time spent wondering in the desert.**

Classes are held each Sunday in September from about 10:15 AM to 11:15 AM. Students age 3- grade 6 are invited to join us and

friends are always welcome.

**Volunteers are still needed!** Our Sunday school is growing and **we are looking for volunteers to help with Sunday School**

**for this school year.**  
*We could really use one or two more teachers.*

Please contact Amy Heuer if you are willing to help out!



## CONFIRMATION CLASSES



**Confirmation classes for youth in grades 5-8 will begin on Monday, September 21.**

Classes will meet from 3:45-4:45PM.

Students in grades 5 and 6 meet with DFM

Amy Heuer to journey through the Bible and students in grades 7 and 8 meet with Pastor Tom to study basics of the Lutheran Christian faith in Luther's Small Catechism.

Please contact Amy Heuer if you would like your child to attend the class and/or if you have any questions.

## FOCUS 2015 HIGH SCHOOL GATHERING



Calling all High School Students- Please mark your calendars and make plans to attend this year's Focus gathering, *Truth*. We will learn about how Jesus is the Truth in our lives

and how His Truth guides our lives. There will also be lots of games and a service project. Focus will be held November 13-15 at Shepherd of the Desert in Scottsdale.

Lodging at the Country Inn and Suites in Scottsdale. Cost is \$80 for the weekend.

Contact Amy Heuer with questions and/or if you would like to attend.

## CHOIRS BEGIN REHEARSING SOON

**Rehearsals for the Hand Bell and Voices of Praise choirs begin on Wednesday, September 2.** Hand bells will rehearse at 6:00 PM and Voices of Praise will begin at 7:00 PM.

Adam Stich is our new

director and he is excited to begin this new choir season at Trinity. Adam is looking forward to doing a wide variety of music that will appeal to singers and ringers at all levels and interests. Please make plans to join one or both of these groups!



## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Love Operation Christmas Child? Interested in learning more about filling a shoebox or hearing about where the shoeboxes go? **Join us for the Scottsdale area Operation Christmas Child Kick Off Event at Scottsdale Bible**

**Church-Hayden Chapel (7901 E Shea Blvd) on Saturday, September 26, at 7:00 PM.** A highlight of the event will be hearing from Elvina, who received an OCC Shoebox gift when she was a child in the Ukraine. Hear about the power of a simple

gift in her life. Please contact Amy Heuer or Andrea Lawson if you are interested in attending.



## OCTOBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline to submit news items for the October edition of *The Trinity Truth* is Tuesday, September 15. Please bring written items to the church office or email them to [newsed@tlc.phxcoxmail.com](mailto:newsed@tlc.phxcoxmail.com).



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## CO-ED SOFTBALL TEAM



The Town of Fountain Hills Community Services is offering an Adult Fall Co-ed Softball League. **We would like to see if there is interest in forming a team from Trinity.**

The town of Fountain Hills supplies the fields, softballs, umpires, and 8-weeks

of play, including an end-of-the-season single-game-elimination tournament.

Player skill sets include the inexperienced to the softball veteran. Games will be played on Sunday evenings beginning October 18 and ending December 6. Games are played

between 5:00 and 9:00 PM. You must be at least 18 years old to play.

***Please contact Amy Heuer by September 15 if you are interested in being part of the team!***

## MOVIE NIGHT



All adults are welcome to join us for movie night on Saturday, September 19, at 5:30 PM. There will be a short discussion

following the movie. Popcorn and soda will be provided. Please contact Natalie Wallace if you have any questions.

## TRINITY OKTOBERFEST



**Fun for the entire Trinity family--All are invited to join us at the Fountain Hills Oktoberfest on Friday, September 25, beginning at 5:00PM at Fountain Park.**

Cost is \$5 per person (13 and older). This

gets you admission into the event and \$10 in food tickets. Children 12 and under are free, but you may want to take us up on our deal for food tickets for your kids...

Enjoy music by Die Echten Wald Baum, tasty German themed

food, as well as games and bounce houses for the kids.

Contact Christine Colley or Amy Heuer with questions. Please sign up on the poster in the narthex and pay Amy Heuer by Friday, September 18.

## BANNER HELP WANTED

Still looking for muscle! We can still use additional help with changing banners. Lois and Dianne will continue to direct the banner changes but they need help with putting

them up and taking them down. Usually the change involves just one or two banners. Not a large commitment of time required and we can work around your schedule. Contact Lois

Lucas or Dianne Immenga to volunteer.



## ACOLYTE HELP WANTED

**The Board of Elders is looking for adults to serve in worship services as acolytes.** The role of an acolyte is important as they assist the pastor and enhance the worship service to help glorify

God. At Trinity, the acolyte's job includes lighting the candles before the service begins, assisting with offering, collecting cups at communion, and extinguishing candles at the end of worship.

**Please contact Amy Heuer or Roger Riggert if you would like to serve in this capacity.**

Training will be provided and we will work with your schedule.



## EXTENDED HANDS FOOD BANK

During the third quarter of 2014, we are collecting **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!*





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**LINK TO ONLINE CALENDAR:**

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



## NEW WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY TOPIC



From Bible times to modern times women have struggled with their words. What to say. How to say it. What not to say. When it is best to remain silent. And what to do when you've said something you wish you could

now take back. Join us for this six session study that is far more than a "how not to gossip" study. Be challenged to dig deep into what the Bible says about the ways we use our words- both in person and online- and when we

should just keep our lips zipped. **Study begins Tuesday, September 8, at 7:00 PM. Study Guide is \$5.** Please contact Amy Heuer or sign up on the poster outside her office to order a study guide.

## LWML NEWS



All women of Trinity are invited to join in the **LWML meeting on Saturday, September 19, at 10:00 AM.** We will be discussing the upcoming Trinity Garage Sale and Christmas Tea. At the last meeting it was decided that funds from the Christmas Tea will benefit the Good Samaritan Fund

at the Extended Hands Food Bank. This fund helps Fountain Hills residents who are unable to pay rent, household bills, auto repair bills in emergency situations.

**Save the Date-** The Fall Celebration will be on Saturday, October 10, at Christ Church Lutheran in Phoenix.

Registration is \$10 (includes morning snacks and lunch). There will be an ingathering of Disposable diapers (newborn-5), baby wipes, baby and children's books.

## WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS TEA



**The Women's Christmas Tea will be held Saturday, December 12, beginning at 10:00 AM.** There will be a fun style show,

featuring some of our very own models from Trinity, delicious lunch and tea. **Tickets are on sale now.** Please contact Debbie Olson. Invite friends, but

please note, space is limited, so buy your tickets early!

## RECENT HAPPENINGS

*This past month ladies of the congregation met to do some planning (with help from organizer, Debbie Olson) for the upcoming garage sale and Christmas Tea.*

*High school students attended an overnight area LCMS youth lock-in.*





## GARAGE SALE DETAILS

*Trinity's Garage sale is just over one month away. Here is the information you need to know to help make this event a success!*

### Trinity Garage Sale

Saturday, October 17, 2015 from 8:00 AM-2:00 PM

- *Items can start to be dropped off at church Sunday, October 11<sup>th</sup> – Thursday, October 15<sup>th</sup>.*
- *No items will be received after 4:00 PM on the 15<sup>th</sup>*
- *Any items not sold that you would need back must be picked up no later than 2:30 on the 17<sup>th</sup>*
- *Items not sold or picked up will be donated to Goodwill*
- **Sign up to Volunteer on the LWML Bulletin Board at Church**



### Suggested Items To Donate

Children's Clothing in good condition	Books
DVDs	Electronics
Furniture	Games
Household Items	Pictures
Picture Frames	Seasonal Items
Glassware	Jewelry
Toys	No Adult Clothing Please

### Other Items Needed:

Volunteers for signage, marking, set up of tables and cashiering	Children's Hangers
Metal Hangers	Plastic Grocery bags
Newspaper for wrapping	Clothing racks (mark with name bottom left hand side of rack)

Questions? Please contact:

Debbie Olson	480-758-4939 or 507-269-4850 (mobile)	Grace Kahl	480-836-7277
Christine Colley	480-837-2825	Amy Heuer	480-251-4630

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## **SEPTEMBER SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE**

9:00 AM Worship

Followed by fellowship

10:15 AM Christian Education for all ages

Holy Communion is celebrated at all Sunday morning worship services.

## **BIBLE STUDIES**

Sunday Morning at 10:15 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

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