



# The Trinity Truth

September 2017



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## EDUCATION AND YOUTH

Each new September brings the beginning of a new school year. We celebrate our children and their continued growth in knowledge and skill as they attain adulthood. As we are also celebrating the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, we should remember that children played a very important role in the Reformation.

“Children should be seen and not heard” was the prevailing attitude in the Christian Church before Martin Luther. The language and actions of the worship service were incomprehensible to most people, let alone children. No provision was made for their instruction in the Bible or the

faith. In short, they were merely tolerated until they came of age and could be counted on to provide material support for the church. Martin Luther grew up in just such an environment.

Everything changed for him once he married Katarina von Bora. He became not only a devoted husband, but a doting father. He and Katie had six children, four of which lived to adulthood. His dearest daughter, Magdalena, passed from this earth when she was thirteen years old in Luther's arms. While stricken with sorrow, the Luther's still maintained a strong Christian faith in their despair and even thanked

God for taking their precious little girl home to heaven.

It was in his role as father that Luther began to see the church in a different light as it related to its children. The church should love its children, play with them, and teach them the Christian faith as the Lord Jesus had done before.

To this end Luther made several suggestions and offered his help. First, he counseled family devotions each day so that children could see and hear their parents pray and speak the faith. Second, he wrote simple prayers for morning and evening that children could

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## Sunday School News

Sunday School Students continue to learn about God's magnificent design as they look at the account of Creation in the first chapters of Genesis. They will continue to

learn about how sin entered the world and how God passes the promise of salvation to the first family.

**Class meets from 10:20-11:15 AM.**

Children ages 3 and older are welcome to join the fun!

Please contact the Director of Family Ministry, with any questions.



## Confirmation Class

### Youth Confirmation Classes

Confirmation classes for youth in grades 5-8 will begin on Monday, September 18. This year students in grades 5-6 will be studying the Old Testament. Students in grades 7-8 will begin studying

Luther's Small Catechism. Class meets on Mondays during the school year from 4:00-5:00 PM.

Please contact the Director of Family Ministry or Pastor if you have questions

or have a student you would like to attend these classes.



### Focus High School Gathering

Focus High School Youth Gathering will be held November 3-5, 2017 at Tonto Rim Christian Camp in Payson. Cost for the weekend is \$160 (all inclusive).

Complete information was emailed to families in mid-August. If you didn't receive it, have questions, or would like to attend, please contact the Director of Family

Ministry by Sunday, September 3.

## Pastor Tom's Article Continued

memorize and recite as their own prayers. Finally, he authored a catechism, or primer, on the basics of the Christian faith. Most all of us have received instruction in the six chief parts of Christian Doctrine from Luther's Small

Catechism. Noteworthy is the way Luther introduces each section of the catechism, "As the head of the family should teach them in a simple way to his household." Children were valued people in the Reformation. They

were the next generation worth fighting and dying for as the Christian faith was being shared. Most importantly, they were God's own beloved children and precious in His sight.

*Pastor Tom*

## Trinity Outing to Fountain Hills Oktoberfest

**Fun for the entire Trinity family--All are invited to join us at the Fountain Hills Oktoberfest on Friday, September 29, beginning at 5:00 PM 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 Amy with questions. Please



sign up on the poster in the narthex and pay Amy by Friday, September 22.

## October Trinity Truth Deadline

The deadline to submit news items for the October edition of The Trinity Truth is Tuesday, September 19. Please bring written items into the church office or email them to: [newsed@tlc.phxcoxmail.com](mailto:newsed@tlc.phxcoxmail.com).





## Trinity Foundations Class

We invite **everyone**, especially those considering becoming members or those who have recently become members of Trinity, to join us for the next **Trinity Foundations Class** which will be held

**Saturdays, September 9 and 16, from 9:00 AM-11:30 AM.** This class, led by Pastor Tom, will give you a brief overview/review of what we believe as Christians who are Lutheran as well as give you a bit more

insight into how Trinity works. We hope you will join us.

Please contact the Director of Family Ministry, if you have any questions or plan to attend.

## Food Truck Fair at Trinity



Trinity's 25th Anniversary Celebration continues! We are hosting a community Food Truck Fair on **Saturday, September 16, in the parking lot from 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM!!**

We will have **Burgers Amore** (burgers and all the fixings), **Queso Good** (quesadillas, tacos, nachos) and **Lulu's Sorbetto** (handcrafted Italian Ice) providing food.

All of our vendors will have a "special" menu to offer along with their traditional fare.

Proceeds from the food truck fair will benefit Feed My Starving Children.

**We NEED your help!**

1. **Save the date and plan to attend!**
2. **Tell your neighbors and friends--this is for the community to enjoy!!**

3. **Sign up to help at the event.** We need help selling tickets and beverages, greeting people, and keeping an eye on the games. Please sign up on the poster outside of Amy's office if you are able to help.

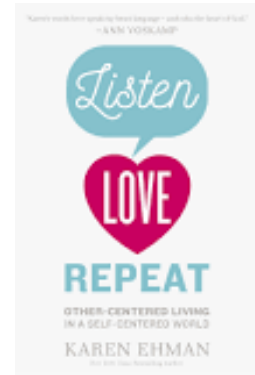
This will be a great opportunity to meet our Fountain Hills friends and neighbors!

## Women's Bible Study

**Join the Women's Bible Study group in their next study, *Listen, Love, Repeat- Other-Centered Living in a Self-Centered World!*** This group

meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month at 7:00 PM. **Listen, Love, Repeat begins on Tuesday, September 12. Study guides are**

**available at class for \$5.** Please contact Amy if you have any questions or would like to join this study!



## Current Adult Bible Study Opportunities

**All adults are welcome to join in these weekly Bible studies:**

**Sunday Morning** in the church sanctuary at 10:20 AM- The Prophet Malachi

**Tuesday Mornings** at 10:00 AM in the Conference Room- The Augsburg Confession

Both of these classes are led by Pastor Daly.



## Redecorating Update

At our most recent Voter's Meeting, the congregation approved by a 98% majority moving ahead with the renovations to the church sanctuary and building in celebration of our 25th Anniversary. This will be the first comprehensive update on our church's 17 year old décor. Included in the plan will be: new carpet and tile throughout, new

paint on the entire interior, stained glass film to replace the purple curtains in the lower windows of the sanctuary, new toilets for the ladies restroom, and a redesign of the office space to increase the area and beauty of the narthex. You will soon be receiving a letter from the Stewardship Committee detailing a Capitol Campaign

to help fund these improvements.

Our hope is to have all the work done and complete by the end of September. This may involve some slight inconveniences and dislocations; but great thought is being given to making this transition as seamless as possible. Just wait until you see what a difference this remodeling will make!







## 2nd Sunday Anniversary Celebration

We're continuing Trinity's 25th Anniversary celebration on the second Sunday of September (10th). Pastor Jeremy DaPena will be sharing a message with the "Lifting

High the Cross" theme during the 9:00 AM Worship Service.

Jeremy served at Trinity as Director of Christian Education- Youth Ministry from 2003-2005. Since then, Jeremy became

an ordained pastor and currently serves as Mountain View Campus Pastor at Shepherd of the Desert in Scottsdale. Please join us in welcoming Jeremy back to Trinity.

## Craft Workshop Recap and Next Workshop Date



Debbie recently coordinated a craft workshop and a craft boutique display at TLC. Wonderful creations were crafted (and are pictured on page 9) Wreaths, baskets, beaded jewelry, a shelled cross and handmade head bands were crafted by friends of the LWML. The group had fun learning

new crafts or making special crafts with expertise. **Suzanne has invited crafters to her home on Sunday, September 17, from 3:00 to 6:00 PM. All are invited and the theme will be around beading, or you may bring your own favorite material for a special craft. Please contact**

**Suzanne to let her know you are coming.**

*All creations and more will be available for purchase at the LWML craft boutique and cookie walk at TLC on December 9. This is a fundraiser for 2018 LWML charity projects.*

## 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!*





**Link to online Calendar:**

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

## LWML Mite Collection September 24

**LWML mites will be collected on Sunday, September 24.**

Please bring your filled mite boxes with you to church on that day.

If you need a mite box, they are available on the table in the narthex.



## Lutheran Social Services Speaker and Care Kits

There is still time to donate a completed Men's or Women's Personal Care Kit (or donate \$10 to fill one). Complete information can be found at the table display on the patio on Sunday mornings at Trinity! Help us reach our goal of complete a total of 50 care kits for Lutheran Social

Services to give out to those in need. Interested in learning more about Lutheran Social Services and what they are doing in the Phoenix area? Join us at church on Sunday, September 24. Deborah Hutterer, from LSS, will be at Trinity to collect the care kits and give a short

presentation immediately following the 9:00 AM worship service.

Please contact Kim if you have any questions about this project.



## Yoga offered at Trinity

**The next session of Let Your Light Shine Yoga begins on Wednesday, September 6, at 4:00 PM.**

Linda Rode continues to lead this class that fosters improved comfort,

stability, and flexibility in both your body and mind. Participants must be able to get to and from the floor without assistance for this class.

This four week series costs \$40 per person

(or \$15 per session). To register, please contact Linda Rode at: 480-868-8023 or linda@healthbalance.us.







## Cleaning Crew Help Needed

Each week, Trinity is cleaned floor to ceiling by a group of very dedicated volunteers. **At this time, they are in need of a couple more people to help them out!**

The crew regularly works early on Saturday mornings, but if you are willing to help out, you can work any time that fits your schedule. Please consider volunteering your

time to serve with this group!  
Contact Pete if you would like to help or have any questions.



## Voices of Praise Rehearsals Begin Soon

**Rehearsals for the Voices of Praise Choir begin on Wednesday, September 6, at 7:00 PM.**

**New singers are welcome!**

If you have a love for singing and sharing the love of God through song, we would love to have you join the group!

Please contact Director,

Jason, if you have questions or are interested in singing with the group.



## Help Lift High The Cross in Fountain Hills

In October, Trinity will hide 25 crosses (in celebration of 25 years) around Fountain Park (more details will be in next month's newsletter). **In September, we are looking for your help in collecting these 25 crosses. We are looking for 25 people (or groups from the**

**congregation) to donate a cross for this project.** These crosses can be crafted or purchased. A sample of ones already in possession are to the left of this article.

Your cross donation can be given to Debbie on Sunday mornings or

dropped by the church office during regular office hours. **Please bring in your donation by Sunday, September 24.**

*Contact Debbie or Christine if you have any questions.*

Thank you in advance for your help in this project!

## Recent Happenings



On the Left edge of the page: Girls and women of Trinity working on/ showing their craft creations made at the recent craft workshop.

Top Center and Right: Sunday School Kids learned about the 7 days of Creation and told the event by drawings on the sidewalk. Kids also returned to school with a Backpack Blessing.

Center and Right Center: Handing out bottled water and pet treats to walkers in Fountain Park.



## Summer Updates



### **From Peggy and Dan**

We are celebrating our 100th Anniversary at Redeemer Lutheran in Nebraska.

Last Sunday we dedicated our new stained glass called, "The Second Coming of our Lord," (pictured at left) behind the altar. We opened up the solid wall to install the beautiful new piece.

We are having a great summer here, but are looking forward to coming home to AZ.

Tomorrow we will be watching the total eclipse of the sun not far from here.

God bless you all at Trinity.

*Dan and Peggy*



### **From Gail and Kurt**

We had a family reunion at Gail's cousin's home in MI and celebrated Gail's mom's, 90th birthday.

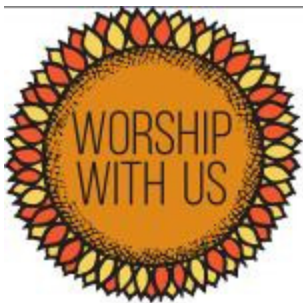
*Kurt and Gail*

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## September 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*