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February Trinity Trumpet

Worship 8:00 & 9:30 am

Nursery provided 7:45–10:45 am

Pastor Christine Stoxen

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Day of Service Sunday, February 25th

One brief service at 8:00 am

before we leave the building and move to the many projects on and off-campus to serve our neighbors.

Sign up on the patio beginning January 28th.

THEN

Join us at Noon for the
Church Picnic

In front of Holy Trinity

All food and beverages
will be provided.



Council Update

	Actual	Budget
YTD Income	\$453,944	\$510,000
YTD Expense	\$481,503	\$510,000

2017 YTD Attendance 241

2016 YTD Attendance 267

The Council agenda, minutes and financials are posted on the mobile bulletin board on the patio for review.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It feels like we are just finishing up our Christmas celebration, and now we are heading into Lent. Ash Wednesday this year begins on February 14, Valentine's Day. I have said, "nothing says I love you like an ash cross on your forehead." And although I have said it with a tongue in cheek, there is really something to this.

Each Ash Wednesday we come forward to the altar and we receive a cross on our forehead, made from the ashes from the Palms from the previous Palm Sunday. And as the palms were waved and the people said, "Hosanna to God in the Highest" on that day, we will come forward and receive the cross on our forehead, and the words will be said, "from dust you have come and from dust you shall return." It is a somber day as we begin our journey with Jesus to the cross. But it is that journey, it is that walk, that reminds us that Jesus loves us so much, that he gave his life for us. It is an unconditional love, a love for you and for me that can never be changed. It is a love that says, I will give my life for you!

It is the season where we, as did the early church, focus on fasting, alms giving and prayer. I encourage you to take some time this Lenten Season and consider these three spiritual disciplines. Each Lent we are encouraged to give something up, or take something on, in order to grow closer to God. In line with these Spiritual Disciplines, here are some ways to carry them out.

If your diet allows, fast for a day each week during Lent, and just drink water. If your diet doesn't allow, give up your favorite food for Lent.

Try tithing, (Give 10% of your income) this Lenten Season (or for a Sunday).

Pray daily. Sit quietly for 10, 15, 20 minutes and listen for God to speak. Try to expand the time until you sit for 30 minutes. This will help you focus your day on what is important. Martin Luther said, "I have so much to do that I shall spend the first three hours in prayer."

Lent is a time to try something new, to focus on God, and your relationship. As we begin this Lenten Season, we are once again reminded about our relationship with Christ and our response to Christ's sacrificial act for us.

So as you think about Ash Wednesday this year, as you think about Valentine's Day, I hope that you will consider this love, along with the love for your partner, family and friends! It is the love that teaches us how to love unconditionally, with no strings attached.

Join us this Lenten Season, for Ash Wednesday, Holden Evening Prayer on Wednesday Nights into Holy Week and the Easter Celebration on April 1, April Fool's Day (a topic for the next newsletter!), as we journey with Jesus to the cross.

God's Peace,
Pastor Chris

Annual Meeting

Sunday, January 28th

At 10:45 am in the sanctuary

Agenda includes: adoption of 2018 budget; approve constitution changes; elect 5 council members.

You can pick up a 2017 annual report which includes the 2018 budget proposal in mid January.
Anyone interested in running for church council please contact Steve Loyer.



Lenten

S C H E D U L E

Ash Wednesday—February 14th

2:00 pm Worship

5:30 pm Soup Supper (Ash Wednesday Only)

7:00 pm Worship

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Book Study Thursdays at 6:30 pm

Starting February 15th

“He Chose the Nails” by Max Lucado

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Lenten Services

Wednesdays at 7:00 pm

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Maundy Thursday

2:00 pm Worship

7:00 pm Worship

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Good Friday

2:00 pm Worship

7:00 pm Worship

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Easter Sunday

6:00 am Sunrise service

7:00—7:45 Continental Breakfast

8:00 am Worship

9:30 am Worship

SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY

Souper Bowl Sunday—February 4th

Bring cans of soup to worship to help to feed our hungry neighbors in the community.

(You can provide financial gifts as well.)

Wear Your Favorite Team Jersey/Shirt.

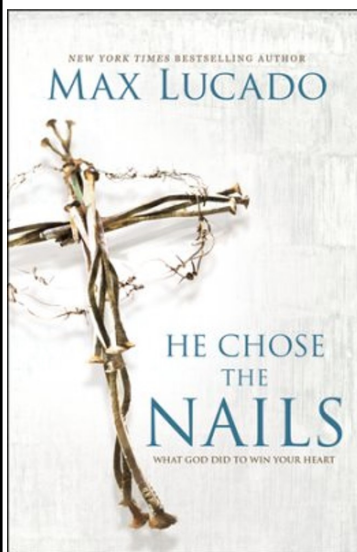
Hand Towels

HAT is in need of gently used hand towels for our homeless guests to use.



If you have any extra in your linen closet, please bring them to the office or leave them on the counter in the narthex.

Thanks!



Lenten Book Study

Thursdays- 6:30p

@HTLC

Feb. 15, 22, Mar. 1, 8, 15, 22

Mondays – 10:00a

@HTLC

Feb. 19, 26, Mar. 5, 12, 19, 26

Purchase a book - \$10
Contact Darcy for more info.

Endowment Fund Committee News

It's not too early to be thinking of a worthy cause in need of funds, filling out an application for those funds, and turning the application in to the Endowment Fund Committee for consideration in our Spring distribution process. The cause must embody the mission outreach of Holy Trinity – our commitment to aid local, national, and global communities. The application can be found on our website (htlutheran.com) under the "Ministries" headline. There are links to print the application from your computer to fill out manually, fill out and submit the application online, and tips on the preparation. Our Spring distribution application deadline is April 1st.

The Endowment Fund Committee is excited to be partnering with Pastor Chris for a special gathering on Sunday, March 18th to provide information on end-of-life decisions that should be in place whatever your age. We will have guest speakers and be providing childcare. Look for more information in next month's newsletter and a table on the patio in the weeks prior to the event. You will be able to sign up at the patio table, by using the tear off portion of upcoming weekly bulletins, or by calling the Church office.

We will be introducing and installing our new (and remaining) Endowment Fund Committee members during the Annual Meeting on January 28th. The Endowment Fund Committee looks forward to sharing an overview of what the Endowment Fund is all about and how grateful we are for those who have donated and are considering donating to continue the good works of the Lord – through Holy Trinity's hands - to those causes that better our local, national, and global communities.

Barbara Carl, Teri Smithers & Michele Heath

TITHING JOY!

A monthly message from your Stewardship Ministry team

Tithing, a word that strikes fear and trepidation into most church going people, for it brings up the other feared word in church circles, *money*. Yet, tithing is a biblical word. It is found in many places in both the Old and New Testaments, and refers to the practice of giving one tenth of one's income for the work of God. (Biblical references to tithing are found below). Tithing is a guide to be used by God's people in determining "how much" I should share with God and by giving through his community of faith. The tithe is something that every Christian should strive to reach.

Yet tithing can only be achieved once we realize and understand our relationship with God. Tithing is possible when we realize that everything we have, everything we are, everything we hope to be is a GIFT of God. God has blessed us with all that we have and all that he asks is that we give back 10% as a thanksgiving for his benefits. This leaves 90% of all that we have to use and enjoy. As a famous financial guru once said about tithing, "if you can't live off 90% of your income, then you are probably struggling to live off 100% anyway, and that means you have bigger financial problems you need to address."

During the season of Lent as we gather to ponder the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus it seems the appropriate time to take the tithing challenge and try tithing for the six Sundays in Lent. It seems like an awesome challenge but one that should be easy for people of faith, for people who trust God, for when we tithe we are trusting that God will provide all that we need. Tithing is more about trust and faith than it is about financial resources or ability. If we trust God and have faith in God, as many profess, then tithing will be easy and will bring joy to our lives as we see the results that such tithing brings.

Biblical Passages on Tithing (partial list)

Genesis 14:20; Leviticus 27:30; Deuteronomy 14:22; Malachi 3:8-10; Matthew 23:23

"Café Lalibela: Ethiopian cuisine extraordinaire"

<http://www.cafelalibela.com/>

"Devoured Culinary Classic: Saturday's Medal Winners"

"Seftel: Top 10 cheap but tasty first-date restaurants"

"Injera Goes Gluten-Free at Cafe Lalibela"

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2018

12:00pm

849 W University Drive, Tempe, AZ 85281

(between Hardy and Roosevelt)

Contact: Christine Halvorson (cquinn_1@hotmail.com or 480-747-8315) if interested!

February 2018

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

4 Chandler CARE Food Box 8:00 am Worship 9:15 Sunday School 9:30 Worship 11:00 am Sr Hi Lunch 4:30 pm Youth Group	5 1:00 pm Staff Meeting 5:30 pm OA 7:00 pm Council Meeting 7:30 pm AA	6 5:30 pm OA 7:00 pm CA 7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir	7 6:30 am Bible Study 9:00 am Bible Study 4:00 pm Scouts 7:00 pm Handbells	1 8:30 am Quilters 6:00 pm Women's Planning Meeting 6:30 pm Bible Study 7:30 pm AA	2 6:15 am Men's Breakfast 9:30 am AIAhon	3 9:00 am AA 10:00 am OA
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CHRIST CENTERED CANCER CARE

Monday, February 26, 2018

6:30pm, Classroom A

Guest Speaker: Donna Anderson, RN (ret'd)

Join our CCCC team and Donna Anderson as she discusses how to prepare for doctor visits, how to get answers to your questions and how to make the most of your visit with a limited time period.

“For those whose lives have been touched by cancer through personal experience, caregiving, or helping family or friends”

Diakonia

Diakonia is a program of education, training and experiential learning for members of congregations in the Grand Canyon Synod. The courses are open to all interested in deepening their understanding and being better equipped for service in their congregations and beyond.

Courses are taught or facilitated by clergy, professors and other leaders in their areas of expertise. We use a distributed hybrid model for education, combining local classroom, distance and on-line courses, as well as a local internship mentor experiential learning program.

The 2 year Certificate leads to the office of Lay Diaconal Minister.

There are no prerequisites for those attending classes.

For more information visit www.diakoniaaz.org



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Happy Valentine's Day

THANK YOU for your contributions for our Truck. Your generosity has moved us a big step toward our goal. You make a difference. You can take advantage of the AZ Tax Credit until April 15th.

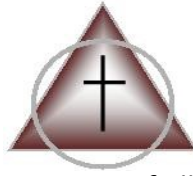
Color Tag Discounts: At the beginning of each month, we rotate the discount on color tags. These discounts apply to **ALL** items with the appropriate color tag. One color will be 25% off, one 50% off and another **75%** off. Yes, this applies to furniture. The colors and the discounts are listed throughout the store or ask a cashier. Items included; purses, linens, luggage, electronics, furniture, and crafts. ANY item with the appropriate colored cardboard tag.

Lent begins February 14th. Our Book Nook will have a variety of Lenten and Easter devotional books.

Department Spotlight: Furniture: We have two big areas for furniture. Next to the main store we have furniture often in "Groupings". In Suite 2, at the end of the shopping center, we have more furniture in a 'warehouse' setting. Same great value.

Volunteers are needed. You have a skill and we have a job for you. We will work with you to find the right schedule. In addition, you will meet wonderful people.

Donations needed: Women's: size 6 -10 tops, Books: mysteries & novels, and Crafts: sewing notions.



Women's Ministries of

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

Women of all ages, coming together to connect through fellowship, support and spiritual



Women's Ministry Bake Sale February 11th.

We hope you can help make homemade goodies for our sale.

Here are a few tips:

Pies or cakes sell just as they are.

Cookies, brownies, cupcakes, etc. are best in small-packages.

If you make jelly, jams or salsa, we would love to have them!

Please bring items by 8:30 so that both services can enjoy all the goodies. This sale helps off set the planned activities of Women's Ministries.



Sat. Feb. 17th

All WOMEN are invited...

11:00a-1:00p

POTLUCK in CLC

LAST NAME begins with:

A-I (bring an entrée); J-R (bring side dish); S-Z (bring dessert)

Bring 3 items (items are the SAME) with a \$5 limit per item
For example – if you like lotion, bring 3 lotions but they MUST be the SAME and not cost more than \$5 each

Sponsored by Women's Ministry & Secret Sisters



Tea Time

WOMEN'S MINISTRY'S TEA WILL BE HERE BEFORE YOU KNOW IT
SAVE THE DATE MARCH 17TH
DOOR'S OPEN AT 1:30

Join Us!

Join us for our monthly planning meeting the first Thursday of every month at 6:00 pm in the office conference room. We could use your talents and gifts planning our year to come!

January-February

Children, Youth & Family News



A New Year—A New Thing—If you have youth in 6th-12th grade, we are going to be meeting on a regular basis (weekly) on a Sunday late afternoon from 4:30p-6:00p. *However, the second Sunday will remain Confirmation from 2:30p-6:30p and Sr. High Youth Night from 6:00p-8:00p).*

On Sundays—we will meet from 4:30p-6:00p with a light dinner/snacks at 5:30p

Date	Theme/Activity	Food	What you need to know...
Jan. 21	“What’s Your Word?”	Pizza	Just show up
Jan. 28	“What’s Your Word?” cont’d...	BYO snacks	Bring a snack to share
Feb. 4	Super Bowl Sunday	BYO snacks	Need a family to HOST in their home...
Feb. 11	REGULAR Conf. Class/Youth Night	Becky H./Kim F.	
Feb. 18	Service Project (Serving homeless)	Meal provided	More info to come
Feb. 25	No Youth Group—Day of Service	No Youth Group	No Youth Group



Sunday school resumed on Jan. 7th and will continue through til Easter Sunday on April 1st. **There will be NO Sunday school on Easter.** Sunday school will resume on April 8 and go til May 20. This is for Preschool through 5th grade.

Looking for bulletin artists of all ages...

If you are interested, please let Darcy know.

It can be a photography, a drawing, a coloring page, etc.



Charles will begin a YOUTH (ages 9-13) Handbell Choir beginning on **Wednesday, Feb. 7th at 6p-6:45p** and will run through til Easter! If you have a youth interested, please let Charles know (charles@htlutheran.com) High School youth are encouraged to attend the Adult Handbell Choir Rehearsal on Wednesday nights from 7p-8:30p.

Charles will begin a YOUTH (ages 9-13) Choir beginning on **Tuesday, Feb. 6th at 6p-6:45p** and will run through til Easter! If you have a youth interested, please let Charles know (charles@htlutheran.com). High school youth are encouraged to attend the Adult Choir Rehearsal on Tuesday nights from 7p-8:30p.



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Among us ——*Those who have been in our prayers this past month.*



Please pray for: ***Illness:*** Ron & Cheryl Morgan's friend, Jameson Brumbaugh; Judy Jefferson's sister, Bev Friess and nephew, John Jameson; Gail Auka; DeDe Buechler's brother-in-law Nick Rasic; Harriet Johnson's friend, Janis Luoma; The Baker's niece, Barbara Bedard; Carolyn Gloe's brother, Duane Zautke; The Snyder's friend, Karron Cole; Jo Mellage; Tracy Lemons' friends, Tyson Bredsguard & Rachel Burnett; ***Surgery:*** Jackie Straw; Marlys Dierks; Teri Smithers; ***Grief:*** Carl Coats & family following the death of his wife, Barbara; Roger Bartels and family following the death of his sister, Maxine Bobier; Harriet Johnson & family following the death of her brother, Donald Paulson; Linae Stoner & family following the death of her mother, Leanna Myers; ***Other:*** The Baker's friends, Lucy & Bob;

Reminder: The next newsletter deadline is November 14th by 9:00 am.