



HOLY TRINITY
Lutheran Church

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March 2018 Trinity Trumpet

Worship 8:00 & 9:30 am

Nursery provided 7:45–10:45 am

Pastor Christine Stoxen

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Church Office

480-963-4127

www.htlutheran.com



Join Us For
Lenten Services
every Wednesday at 7:00 pm.



Sunday, March 25th at 4:30 pm

Preschool through 5th grade children and PARENTS
are invited to an Easter Egg Hunt
sponsored by our Jr High/Sr High Youth
Bring 1 dozen hardboiled eggs to color.

There will be crafts, snacks, and an egg hunt. For more information and to
RSVP, please contact Darcy—darcy@htlutheran.com or 480-963-4127.

Don't miss this EGG-stravaganza! Lots of fun, food, and fellowship!

Council Update

	Actual	Budget
YTD Income	\$37,998	\$34,975
YTD Expense	\$39,911	\$34,975

2018 YTD Attendance 278
2017 YTD Attendance 250

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

Holy Trinity 2018 Church Council

Ken Baker	Barbara Carl	Bobbie Fishburn
Wink Heath	Cheryl Jones	Mary Larsen
Bob Leitner	Al Loveland	Steve Loyer
Brian Mosqueda	John Snyder	Tony Stephens

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 and 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

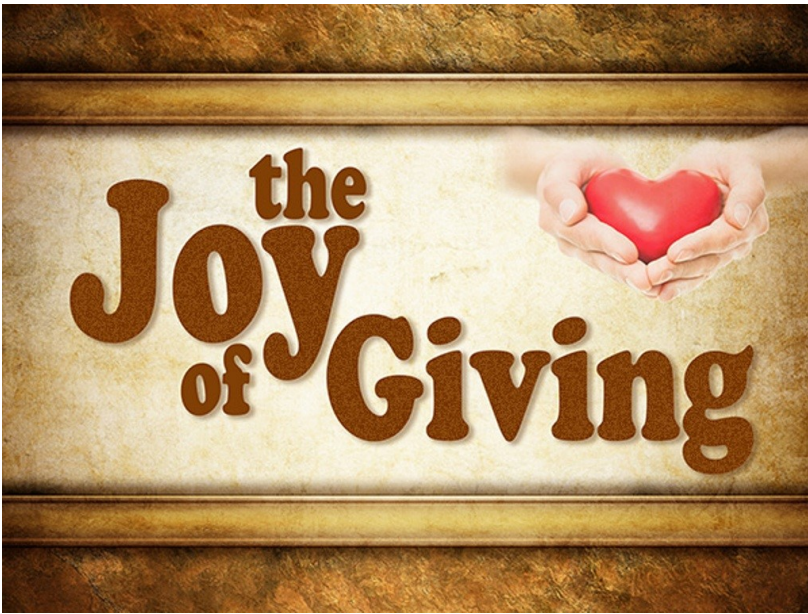
SACRIFICIAL JOY!

A monthly message from your Stewardship Ministry Team

St. Paul writes these words in his second of two letters to his people in Corinth: *“Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”*(v.9:7) In these words St. Paul shares with his fellow believers that there is an expectation that those who call themselves believers in the Christ of God will share of their bounty with the community so that the work of the church can continue.

Ever since Paul penned those words, religious and non-religious people alike give away vast amount of money every day, week, month and year. Many do it anonymously and many do it sacrificially in ways that they cannot possibly receive anything in return. As Mark Allen Powell in his book, *Giving to God*, states, *“they just give their money away, sometimes without even expecting any acknowledgment or appreciation for what they have done.”* He then poses these questions, *“Why? What could possible prompt seemingly sane people to give away their money?”*

Interesting questions which beg an answer. The answer is four-fold: 1) to give thanks, 2) to express love for God, 3) to make a difference, and 4) to experience joy. And many times, to accomplish this four-fold aspect of giving requires, and dare we use the word, SACRIFICE. Sacrifice shows itself in many forms. It may be in the form of getting up early on a Sunday morning to cook pancakes for homeless individuals when you would rather sleep in. It could be giving up a dinner out with family



and giving that money to a food bank. It could be donning work clothes and helping to rebuild a house destroyed by a hurricane. It could also mean choosing to give 10% of one's income so that the work of God's community of faith can be accomplished.

As we continue the Lenten journey to the cross and the tomb, we will be reminded of the SACRIFICE Christ made for us and for our salvation on that wooden cross. And if we consider such a gift as this, nothing we do in response can really be considered a sacrifice, but simply what we do to give thanks to God for his great love which will be make a difference in the world and bring us boundless JOY!



Easter Flowers

If you would like to remember a loved one by donating flowers to be displayed during worship on Easter, please complete the following information. Drop this form in the offering plate or mail it to the office along with \$10 per plant.

Your name _____

In honor/memory of (circle one) _____



Save the Date!
Holy Trinity Golf Tournament

May 5th, 2018

8:00 am Shotgun Start

More Info to Follow

There are life decisions that should be in place for all adults, whatever their age. It's important to make these decisions long before answers are required from your loved ones.

**PASTOR CHRIS AND THE ENDOWMENT FUND COMMITTEE ARE
 HOSTING AN
 END-OF-LIFE PLANNING SEMINAR
 SUNDAY, MARCH 18TH
 10:45 AM – 1:30 PM.**

Please join us for this potluck brunch and informational gathering. There will be guest speakers from the local community and childcare provided if needed. You can get more details and sign up at the patio table on March 4th and 11th, as well as sign up on the tear-out sheet in the bulletin or by calling the office. Thinking about and making decisions that best portray your wishes will relieve your loved ones of difficult decisions during difficult times.

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!

I-Help Needs Drivers

I-Help needs drivers with 1 1/2 ton or larger pick up trucks to pull the shower trailer one or more times per month.

Also, a driver is needed for the I-Help 20 passenger van on Thursday, Friday or Saturday nights, from about 5:30-6:30pm. Contact: Bob Miller at (480) 723-0236, or Martha Myers at Azcend at (480) 963-1423 ext 111, if you're interested in helping with either of these opportunities.



NEEDED

8:30a on the 1st & 3rd Thursdays

No Sewing Required!

Meets in Classroom A

Contact Ann Schieber for more info.



Holy Trinity Blood Drive March 25th

Donating blood saves lives. It may not be your neighbor or friend that needs blood today, but every 2 seconds someone in the United States does. Make life-saving a habit. Sign up on the patio in March to give blood on March 25th.



Thank You for a Great Souper Bowl Sunday

We collected 294 cans of soup and \$294.

We are part of 2608 groups which collected over 7.5 million dollars in cash and food items!

Hidden Treasures Thrift Store
610 N Alma School Ste 30
Chandler, AZ

480 857-8310

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A Blessed Easter to you from all the volunteers at Hidden Treasures.

Hidden Treasures will celebrate our 10th Anniversary the week of March 5-10th. Come celebrate with us. Each day you shop, you may choose an egg with a hidden discount. There will be balloons for children during the week.

During our 10 years, we have hired a manager, expanded to three stores, expanded our volunteer base, and expanded the money we have given to the community. We have worn out one truck and are in the process of searching for another. You have helped in our growth by your wonderful donations, and by your purchases at the store. Every effort counts.

Our volunteers have helped make the growth possible. They sort, price, steam, and fill the racks. Others use their gifts to arrange attractive displays. The estate sale team have become experts at packing and loading - even when it is 110 degrees. People in the back make sure items work before they are placed on the floor. As in the recent Gospel message 1 Corinthians 12:12-20; "There are many members but one body."

Department Spotlight: Electronic/sports/cleaning items and ... In the far corner of the store, you will find a 'searchers delight'. In this corner of the store, you might find golf clubs, vacuums, cleaning supplies, coolers, exercise equipment, irons and ironing boards, tools and random items for the house. It is definitely an area to check out- you never know what you will find.

THANK YOU FOR HELPING US TO REACH THIS MILESTONE!!

March 2018

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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4 Chandler CARE Food Box	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 Lenten Worship 7:45 pm Handbells	8 6:30 pm Book Study 7:30 pm AA	9 6:15 am Men's Breakfast 9:30 am A/Anon	10 9:00 am AA 10:00 am OA	
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Testimony

Bernie and I recently learned that our phones are a valuable tool for giving to God.

Souper Bowl of Caring was observed recently at Holy Trinity. We had planned either to buy soup to bring to worship, or to give a financial gift. But on that Sunday morning, as we were preparing to leave for church, we realized that we had forgotten to buy the soup, and we did not have sufficient cash on hand to make the intended financial gift (and no idea where the checkbook would be). Yikes.

My phone! I picked up my phone, and sent our Souper Bowl of Caring gift to the church – BY TEXT! It took just a few seconds to do it. We had a receipt immediately. And by the time we walked into the church, we had already given our intended financial gift to this worthy cause.

Barbara Carl

Text to Give is just one of several convenient ways to make financial gifts to Holy Trinity. Information about *Text to Give* can be found in the pew racks, or on Holy Trinity's website.

A growing number of members are giving their offerings electronically by a system of *automatic withdrawals*. You can enroll in *automatic withdrawals* from Holy Trinity's website, or by calling the church office at (480) 963-4127. If you decide at a later time that you want to change the amount of your offerings, a simple phone call to the church office will be all that is necessary.

You also can give donations by *PayPal* through Holy Trinity's website, htlutheran.com. Information about giving by *Text to Give*, *automatic withdrawals*, and *PayPal* is available on Holy Trinity's website, htlutheran.com, under "Stewardship Ministries."

Endowment Fund Committee News

We are happy to announce the Endowment Fund Committee has been officially appointed by the Church Council and approved by the Congregation. At our Annual Congregational Meeting in January, Teri Smithers, Michele Heath, Steve Brabec, Dan Meyer and Richard Anderson were accepted with staggered terms of service. When each term is up, elections will be held at subsequent annual meetings to fill the positions. We are grateful to Tim Butler and Barbara Carl, integral former members of the Endowment Fund Committee, who put in so much time and effort to help get the Endowment Fund structured as it stands today. They will be sorely missed.

Remember our Spring distribution application deadline is April 1st. If you have a cause near and dear to your heart that embodies the mission outreach of Holy Trinity – our commitment to aid local, national, and global communities – please get your application in as soon as possible. The application can be found on our website (htlutheran.com) under the "Give" header. 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 of the application.

The End-of-Life Planning Seminar hosted by Pastor Chris and the Endowment Fund Committee will be held **on Sunday, March 18th from 10:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.** We encourage you to attend – whatever your age – to receive information on decisions that should be in place to help your loved ones navigate a time that will be most difficult. We will have guest speakers from the community as well as childcare, if needed. You can get more details and sign up at the patio table on March 4th and 11th, as well as sign up on the tear-out sheet in the bulletin or by calling the office.

Teri Smithers, Michele Heath, Steve Brabec, Dan Meyer, & Richard Anderson



Women's Ministries of
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Women of all ages, coming together to connect through fellowship, support and spiritual growth.

The Women of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

invite you to



Let's get Beau Tea ful!

2018 Women's Spring Tea

Saturday, March 17, 2018
2:00 pm

Sign Up: February 18, March 4 and 11

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!

February-March

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...
Feb. 25	No Youth Group—Day of Service	No Youth Group	No Youth Group
Mar. 4	Minute to Win It Games	Sub Sandwiches	Parents are encourage to attend
Mar. 11	REGULAR Conf. Class/Youth Night		NEED volunteers to provide a meal
Mar. 18	Service Project (FANS)	McDonald's	Bring \$\$\$ for food
Mar. 25	Easter Egg Hunt with little kids	Meal provided	Bring a doz hard boiled eggs to color
Apr. 1	No Youth Group—Happy Easter	No Youth Group	No Youth Group



2nd graders and their parents are invited to attend First Communion Instruction on Sunday, March 18th at 10:45a to 2:00p. We will meet at the church, have lunch, and class time and then go to As You Wish Pottery off of Germann & Gilbert to paint chalices. Please let Darcy know if you are interested in having your child attend this class. The kids will receive their First Communion on Sunday, March 25th at the 9:30 a.m. service. This is one of the milestones in their faith journey.

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



Please pray for: **Illness: Judy Jefferson; Patty Montgomery; Jackie Oehlerking's brother; Judy Baker's sister, Helen Giromini; John Stephens; Mary Fitzke; Marlene Marxman; ***Surgery:*** Pat Torgerson; Rod Lodmell; Donna Hermanns; Joan Frank's friend, Harry Slingland; Karen Ewart; Mary Fitzke; DeDe Buechler's brother-in-law, Nick Rasic; Harvey Knudson; ***Grief:*** Murielyn Racine & family following the death of her sons, Jack & Kevin;**

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