



August 2018 Trinity Trumpet

Worship 8:30 & 10:00 am

Nursery provided 8:15–11:15 am

HOLY TRINITY
Lutheran Church

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New Service Times

Starting

August 5th

8:30 am

and

10:00 am

Council Update

	Actual	Budget
2018 YTD Income	\$218,977	\$247,500
2018 YTD Expense	\$231,335	\$247,500
2018 YTD Attendance	246	
2017 YTD Attendance	257	

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

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Here is what I love about the Lutheran Church, we can look at things differently and still come together to worship, serve and grow knowing that we are all "Saved by Grace through Faith"

This summer, as we have taken a hiatus from our regular Bible Study, we have dived into some topics, that for some, may be a little controversial. We have tackled such topics as refugees, immigration, end of life decision, gun control, transgender and immigration. Some of the topics have been more controversial than others, and someone said to me, I didn't come to that discussion because I thought it was too controversial.

I give thanks to those who have attended these conversations, these Monday nights together. Those who have participated have done so with respect and openness to hearing the other side of the argument. I am not sure that any minds were changed, but people have walked away saying, "I learned something new" and "I understand the other side of the argument better". When we can come together to be open to one another, come to understand one another better, we are in a better place because of it. Many times, on Monday nights, we come and share our individual experiences with the topic we are discussing. Our firsthand experiences form many of our opinions and understandings on the topics we are talking about. This was especially helpful with gun control. Some owned guns, some grew up around guns, some had never touched a gun, some had experienced a death because of a gun. But understanding each other better and the experiences we had, helped us to better understand how our opinions were formed.

Through the end of August, we will continue our conversations. I encourage you to come, knowing that your experiences and understandings will enrich our conversation and our time together. We grow in community together when we understand each other better.

Peace,
Pastor Chris

Bishop's Installation



Deborah Hutterer was elected as the new bishop for the Grand Canyon Synod at the Synod Assembly in June. Her installation is scheduled for **Saturday, September 8**, at Shepherd of the Valley in Phoenix. Bishop Eaton will preside. All are welcome!

 **Christmas In**
July **Sunday,**
July 29th

Books for Sapele

Bring cash or checks payable to Holy Trinity with "Books" marked on the memo line. Our goal (in partnership with Mountain View Lutheran Church in Ahwatukee) is that each student in Sapele School has his/her own book for class.

and

Operation Back To School

You can donate any of the following items: new back packs, box of 24 crayons, washable markers, pink erasers, pencil box or pouch, ruler, wide-ruled spiral notebooks, wide-ruled paper, twin-pocket folders, glue sticks, no. 2 pencils, colored pencils, highlighters, college-ruled spiral notebooks, composition books, index cards, blue or black pens, flash drives.

**Bring your donations to church on July 29th or
drop them off at the office anytime in July.**

Thanks for your generosity!

SERMON SERIES
August 1 – September 2
LOVE!

There was a book written a few years ago called The Five Love Languages, by Gary Chapman. This book talks about how we express love to those in our lives. And we each have preferred ways we like to receive love and ways we express love.

The five ways the books talks about are:

- Giving (Ephesians 4:12-13)
- Striving (John 12:26)
- Proclaiming (Luke 3:4b-6)
- Serving (1 Corinthians 12:31)
- Touching (Ephesians 4:12-13)



Through the month of August, we are going to be looking at these languages of love and how they also are ways that we live out our baptism, sharing God's love!

Each week you will receive a reminder of the 5 languages of love and how it relates to our discipleship. Join us for this summer Worship series as we share in ministry and discipleship together.

PROPHETIC JOY

A Monthly Message from your Stewardship Ministry Team

During the mid-800's BC a man from Tishbe in the state of Israel was called by God to proclaim God's word to a nation amid turmoil. His name was Elijah. He is legendary in the history of Israelite prophets even though his exploits and his proclamations only fill three chapters in the book of 1 Kings. Elijah is famous for his confrontations and courage in the face of his opposition to his King Ahab and his Baal worshipping wife, Jezebel. In one confrontation he declares to King Ahab that "you have forsaken the commandments of the Lord and followed the Baals". Elijah was fearless and courageous in his God given mission to bring God's people back to belief in God and turn them away from following false Gods. He risked his life in speaking God's word to those who ruled his life.

There are a lot of similarities between Elijah's age and ours. We face struggles not of our own making, we struggle to make the word of God relevant to an age that at times seems to have forgotten God. This is the task, as hard as it may seem to fulfill, God has asked us to assume. Yet, it is not a task that we do alone. God is with us as we speak a word that some do not want to hear. The community of faith we call Holy Trinity is with us in our task. Like Elijah learned in his meeting with God, that he was not alone in his task, that there were many who kept the faith and had not abandoned God.

Over the past 50+ years, Holy Trinity, has been part of a Chandler community facing many changes but one that has withstood the test of time. We continue to be a bastion of hope and grace for our community. We continue to share the time-tested word that Jesus cares for all people and brings hope to a world that needs to hear it. Of course, for this to continue and for our community of faith to share a word of prophetic joy, your support in the sharing of your time, your talent, and your monetary resources is needed.

Elijah fulfilled his calling despite all obstacles. The question we face is we will fulfill our calling. Only you know the answer to that question.



The-ALE-ogy

Food, beverages and discussion on theological topics

Mondays at 6:30p

NEW LOCATION!

Fibber Magees

1989 W Elliot Rd # 19, Chandler, AZ 85224
(slightly East of Dobson on Elliot)

We Need Our College Student's Addresses!

We like to send our college students a little encouragement during their school year. If you have a son or daughter in college, please fill out their address on the tear and share, email it to judi@htlutheran.com or call the office and let us know. Thanks!!

WHAT ELCA LUTHERANS SAY ABOUT....
Wednesday Bible Study

Since the inception of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in 1988, the church has produced position papers, or Social Statements, on a variety of issues. Each of these statements were approved by a national assembly meeting in various venues during the past 30 years. The issues addressed many social concerns including, abortion, capital punishment, race, genetics, criminal justice, economic life, and sexuality. They can and were church dividing, but such issues should be discussed as many of us face these issues daily.

This will be the topic of the **WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDIES** which will be held beginning on **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12** and each Wednesday through the end of November. The study will be held at **6:30am at the IHOP Restaurant at Elliot and Alma School Road** and at **9:00am on the Holy Trinity campus.**

The sessions will be led by Pastor Bernie Carl. If you intend to be part of these gatherings, please let Pastor Bernie know you will attending so that he can order the statements from the resource office of the ELCA to be read before each session. You can contact Pastor Bernie at bernardwcarl1@gmail.com or the church office and let him know your intentions.

Thank you in advance for your willingness to learn how God wishes us to live and his world and how we deal with issues that both unite and divide us.

Endowment Fund Committee News

We have a light at the end of the tunnel! Or, more appropriately in the Phoenix area, we have a light at the end of the summer! That would be October. I know it's hard to image the relief of cooler temperatures as we swelter during the month of August, but the month that begins the process of saying hello to the beautiful weather of Fall and Winter is only two months away!

October also brings the Endowment Fund's biannual distribution of available monies. It is time to start thinking of and gathering application information for causes that fall within Holy Trinity's ongoing commitment to local, national, and global communities. You can find tips for applying and the application itself on Holy Trinity's website (htlutheran.com), scrolling down under the "Give" tab, or you can pick up an application from the office. **Application deadline for the Fall 2018 distribution is October 1st.**

The Endowment Fund exists because of gifts graciously given through wills, estate plans, or major gifts during a lifetime. It is important to note monies awarded from this fund are above and beyond what is supported by our congregational budget. Contributions to the Endowment Fund ensure God's work, through the hands and hearts of Holy Trinity, will continue to be done. If you are interested in donating to the Endowment Fund and/or are interested in including the Endowment Fund in your estate planning, please contact a committee member or the church office.

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

August 2018

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 6:30 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry	2 6:00 pm Women's Planning Meeting 7:30 pm AA	3 6:15 am Men's Breakfast 9:30 am AAAnon	4 9:00 am AA 10:00 am OA
5 Chandler CARE Food Box	6 10:00 am Staff Meeting 5:30 pm OA 6:30 pm The ALEogy 7:00 pm Council Meeting 7:30 pm AA	7 5:30 pm OA 7:00 pm CA	8 6:00 pm Cub Scouts 7:00 pm Handbells	9 7:30 pm AA	10 6:15 am Men's Breakfast 9:30 am AAAnon	11 9:00 am AA 10:00 am OA 11:00 am Secret Sisters	
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Kids are back in school, cool weather is still in the distant future, so you may be looking for shorts for school or school supplies. Our Book Nook has workbooks for reading and math practice, and a wide range of fiction and non-fiction.

Department Spotlight: Men's Department: Most men's shirts are \$4.00, pants are \$3.00. We have shorts and swim suits. In addition, you will find hats, belts, ties (most \$1.00) and socks (most \$.50). If you need a jacket or workout clothes, stop by and scan the racks.

Thank you to all our new volunteers and our summer-only volunteers. We can always use new faces. There are a variety of jobs to do and a variety of time slots to fill.

Donations Needed: Crafts-sewing notions, yarn, & children's crafts, Books- Fiction, Mystery, Westerns, Science fiction, & Children's books. We also need games and puzzles for all ages. Greeting Cards (except Holiday) are needed.



Celebrate
Together in Christ



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

The logo for 'Celebrate Together in Christ' features the word 'Celebrate' in a large, blue, cursive font. Below it, 'Together in Christ' is written in a smaller, black, serif font. To the left of the text are five stylized human figures in green, purple, red, and orange, holding hands. A black cross with a white outline is positioned above the word 'Celebrate'. The logo for 'Holy Trinity Lutheran Church' features a stylized cross made of four colored triangles (green, yellow, blue, red) and a green cross shape. Below the cross, the text 'Women's Ministries of HOLY TRINITY Lutheran Church' is written in a black, serif font. Below that, the words 'worship • grow • serve' are written in a smaller, black, sans-serif font. At the bottom, a tagline in a black, italicized, serif font reads 'Women of all ages, coming together to connect through fellowship, support and spiritual growth.'

Please Join Us!

Thursday, August 2nd at 6:00 pm
in the office conference room
as we begin to plan the 2018/2019
calendar of women's events!

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



Please pray for: Illness: Averleigh Marxman; the Brabec's niece, Katie; Walt & Karen Hiskett; Annabelle Bossick; Mike Pfeilsticker; the Buechler's friend, Dane; ; Jo Wooten; ***Surgery:*** Don Wicke's sister, Nola Musser; Jerry & Marty Lewis' son, Lynn; Rob Hehe; Jackie Straw;

Reminder: The next newsletter deadline is August 8th by 9:00 am.