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## *September 2018 Trinity Trumpet*

**Worship 8:30 & 10:00 am**

Nursery provided 8:15–11:15 am

Pastor Christine Stoxen

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# In Our Community

## SEPTEMBER 9

### Sign up at the Table on the Patio

Come for a full morning of service (after the 8:30 AM Service)  
Or stay for an hour of service on campus (after the 10:00 AM Service)

## **LUNCH WILL BE SERVED at 11:45!**

Dear Members of Holy Trinity,

It is hard to believe I have been at Holy Trinity over a year. I remember when I began interviewing almost two years ago now, I read the congregational Profile. The Profile talked about how this congregation wanted to engage more in the surrounding community. This, the call committee told me, came out of the transitional document that was formulated from comments from the members of this congregation. This idea, I have found out since, did not just come out of the transition team, but was a decision that was made in the late 1990's when this congregation decided not to move, but to stay "In the City for Good." Since then I have seen this phrase in the history of Holy Trinity, heard it from the call committee, council, members, and now again at the town hall meeting.

In order to look more closely into this congregational hope, Rev. Miguel Gomez-Acosta came to the church council in January this year. He is the Director of Evangelical Mission (DEM) for the ELCA. He provided us with statistics about our neighborhood community bordering Dobson, McQueen, Ray, and Pecos. What we learned was:

40,839 people live in our area  
11,622 (28.5%) are age 0-17  
21,839 (53.5%) are age 18-54  
7,378 (18%) are age 55 and above  
The median age is 32  
6,523 (16%) are Sunday school age (5-14)  
52% of the population is Latino

Rev. Gomez-Acosta returned to the church council in February and recommended that we hire a bilingual mission developer who could work more closely in the local community and develop relationships with those in our immediate neighborhood. The synod also offered to provide some funding for this position, in order that they might explore the opportunities in this neighborhood. He later came back with a few possible names. Since then, we have been in conversation with one of the individuals we believe could be a good match for this congregation in reaching out into our community, especially to the children in the area. We have invited this individual to visit Holy Trinity the week of September 4. He will be in worship with us on September 9, so that all will have an opportunity to meet him. Following his visit we will have a town hall meeting to discuss this further.

During this time, I also had an opportunity to sit down with Pastor Lee and ask him about his experience here and the growth of the church. He said evangelism was easy then. We were the only church around with a youth program—there were not a lot of choices 37 years ago, so people just came. That dynamic has changed. Holy Trinity is now one of many, many churches and choices people have, and people don't need to drive as far to find a church that meets their needs.

A few weeks ago, we had a town hall meeting and I heard a desire to grow our children and youth program. In the statistics we looked at, we know that we have a lot of children in our community. You don't have to look far outside the doors of the office to find children playing on our playground and riding skateboards and bikes. Our church is a welcoming area to our community.

Knowing all of this, what does this mean for our congregation? Does it mean that we should continue to try to evangelize to those who are further away in Chandler and hope that they come to Holy Trinity? Or do we try a new tactic and work on bringing in our neighborhood youth and eventually their families?

So what are our opportunities for outreach?

1. If we can engage our community around the church, we just may have more children involved in Sunday School and church programs. The children in our community feel comfortable in this space, but how do we show them the love of Christ through our actions? How do we welcome them in this space? In recent months, I have offered the children who are running around the church bottles of water. I wanted them to know that they are welcome here and this is a safe space for them to be.
2. Our Little Library is part of that effort as well. In addition, we are also looking at a school break program beginning in the Spring to provide safe and nurturing child care to the elementary school children in our area. These are ways we are inviting our neighbors to be a part of our church community.
3. Another thing I think about is how we make the adults feel welcome. How can we make this a place where they feel at home where we can walk together as part of God's community? In the office and in other places we have talked about a number of ways to do this:
  - Wouldn't it be fun if we had a cooking class where tamales and Lefsa were made? We could learn from each other.
  - What about an English as a second language and a Spanish as a second language class where we could practice our English and Spanish on one another? We both could laugh about our mistakes.

What does it mean to be "In the City for Good?" Does it mean that we won't be changed? Of course not. Anytime something meaningful has happened in my life, I have been changed. Some of those changes were easy, some were not so easy, and some were even painful—but all changed and stretched me for the good. It helped me to more deeply understand God's purpose for me and for my life, whether it was raising my children, moving to another part of the country, or the death of a loved one. From each experience I grew.

Together we need to decide what it means to be "In the City for Good." Being part of the community is going to stretch who we are, and we will be changed. Change isn't always easy, but if we allow it we will grow closer to God, closer to each other, and closer to God's purpose for us.

I don't know exactly how God is calling us to change. I am not sure exactly who God is calling us to be. What I do know is that Christ has called us to this place to be God's beacon of light in Chandler, and if we allow the Spirit to move us, we will no doubt grow and be changed!

God's Peace,

*Pastor Chris*

## Council Update

	Actual	Budget
2018 YTD Income	\$255,806	\$288,750
2018 YTD Expense	\$283,846	\$288,750
2018 YTD Attendance	227	
2017 YTD Attendance	254	

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

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

As members of the community of faith who surround and encourage us, you are invited and welcome to attend this celebration.

### **Eucharist**

With the installation of  
the Reverend Deborah K. Hutterer  
as the sixth Bishop of the  
Grand Canyon Synod of the  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America  
Saturday, September 8, 2018

10:00 a.m.

Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church  
1500 W Maryland Ave, Phoenix, Arizona

All are invited to a light lunch following worship in the fellowship hall.

## **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](mailto: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.



# THANK YOU!

A huge thank you to all those who have designated their THRIVENT Choice Dollars to Holy Trinity or used their Action Teams.

Holy Trinity has used 41 Action Team cards through the end of June (that's over \$10,000 going towards the ministry at Holy Trinity) and we have had over \$1700 given to Holy Trinity as part of your Choice Dollars!

If you are a Thrivent Member, and don't know how to designate your funds, or don't know how to use your Action Team Cards for a service project, please contact any of the staff members and we can help you!



## Because of You...

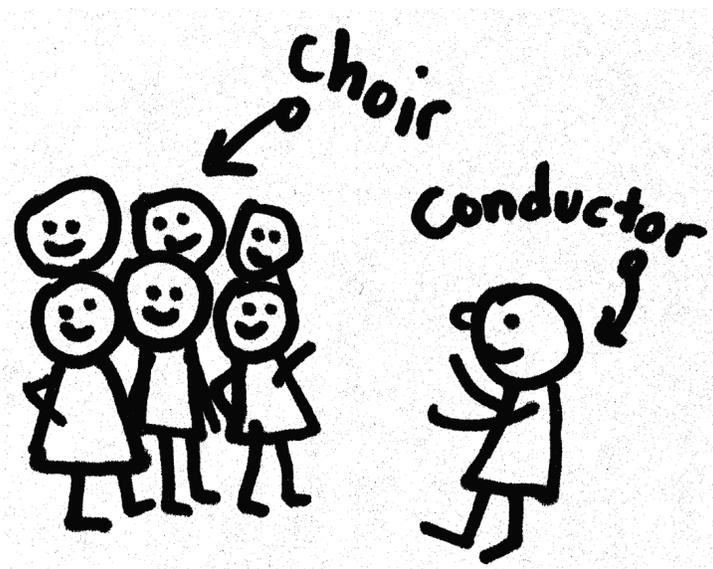
We got the word this week that AZCEND, one of the community's many hydration stations was beginning to run low on water during this very hot week. So, we loaded up 12 cases of water (approx 350 bottles) and delivered them today.

Chandler Kiwanis (who provides I-Help meals here at HT once a month) is also doing a water collection tomorrow and delivering more, so AZCEND has water on hand to give to clients and visitors who are hot and thirsty.

Just another example of how we pull together to serve our community in important ways.

Thanks so much to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church for supplying 45 children in the Chandler School District with school supply filled backpacks. That's almost two classrooms of students! What a wonderful way to show the community the caring hearts of our church!





You might notice in September that our choir has doubled in size...

That's because the Choirs of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church and Holy Trinity are joining forces to form our first ever **mass-choir!**

We're bringing **both** congregations two beautiful anthems—F. Melius Christiansen's *Lamb of God* and Ben Allaway's *My Soul is a River*.

**September 16 @ 9:00AM:** *Mass-Choir at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church*  
**September 24 @ 8:30AM & 10:00AM:** *Mass-Choir at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church*

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10  
10:00 AM  
Bashas on Riggs Road, Sun Lakes



With Pastor Chris

All Are Welcome!

## The-ALE-ogy

### Schedule for the fall

6:30 at Magee's

Wednesday's

- Sept. 12th,
- Oct. 10th
- Nov. 14th

# September 2018

Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat

30	8:30 am Worship 8:30 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 11:30 am Time & Talent Fair						1	9:00 am AA 10:00 am OA
2	Chandler CARE Food Box  8:30 am Worship 10:00 am Worship 4:30 pm Youth Group	3	4	5	6	7	8	
9	God's Work Our Hands In Our Community Day of Service  8:30 am Worship 10:00 am Worship 4:30 pm Youth Group	10	11	12	13	14	15	
16	8:30 am Worship 8:30 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 11:15 Women's Luncheon 4:30 pm Youth Group	17	18	19	20	21	22	
23	8:30 am Worship 8:30 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 4:30 pm Youth Group	24	25	26	27	28	29	

## **SERVANT JOY**

### ***A Monthly Message from your Stewardship Ministry Team***

The church uses many adjectives to describe God, words such as loving, caring, forgiving, saving, to name a few. However, the word “unpredictable” is a word that few would use to describe the character or actions of God. Yet, when one reads the Bible, such an adjective seems to fit some of the actions of God when it comes to choosing individuals to do God’s work in the world. Moses was a murderer; Jacob was thief; David was an adulterer; Jeremiah was too young; Mary was a lowly peasant girl; Paul was a persecutor. These were people that no one would think that God would choose as his servants. Unpredictable choices from a God that defies logic and refuses to be placed in boxes that humankind designs.

Servants come in all shapes and sizes. Servants are called from all walks of life. Servants are chosen for the talents that God knows they possess and but are hidden from humankind. Holy Trinity has many servants. Holy Trinity has servants that possess talents that are known only to them and to God. Many of you who read this article possess those talents. God has given you those talents not to be hidden under a bushel but to shine brightly to illumine the world in which God has called you to serve.

On **Sunday, September 30**, you will be asked to be part of the “**Café Time and Talent**”, an event that will allow you to learn about all the ways you can share your talents in the service of God, Holy Trinity, and the community in which you live. This event, sponsored by your Stewardship Ministry Team, says that stewardship is more than money, it also the willingness to share not just treasures, but time and talent as well.

God, the unpredictable, is calling you to let your talent shine and to be the servant that he knows you to be. A servant who manifests JOY and one who is not afraid to let it show.



Volunteers are needed to wash sheets for our Homeless Advocacy Team (HAT). The good news is they are all flat sheets! We won't put you through the frustration of trying to fold those impossible fitted sheets. Please contact Lee Salwitz at 480-242-3243 or the office at 480-963-4127 or [judi@htlutheran.com](mailto:judi@htlutheran.com) if you can help.



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# Faith Formation

FALL 2018

Sept.

9

Day of Service  
Youth Group

16

Sunday School  
1st Bible Class  
Youth Group

23

Sunday School  
1st Bibles Given  
Youth Group

30

Sunday School  
Time & Talent Cafe  
Youth Group

Oct.

7

Sunday School  
Youth Group

14

Sunday School  
Confirmation

21

Sunday School  
Youth Group

28

Sunday School  
Lutherfest  
Youth Group

Nov.

4

Sunday School  
Youth Group

11

Sunday School  
Pledge Sunday  
Confirmation

18

Sunday School  
Youth Group

25

Sunday School  
No Youth Group

Sunday School - preschool-2nd grade, meets 8:30 a.m.

Youth Group - Jr. & Sr. high, meets 4:30-6:00 p.m.

Confirmation - 6-8th grade, meets 2:30-6:30 p.m.

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# SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS FOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS!



SEPTEMBER 16 at 8:30 AM

## YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Remember those days as a young adult, perhaps fresh out of high school, perhaps a few years out of high school? Those are times of newfound freedoms and waters that can be hard to manage. Some go straight into college, some commit to the military and some find a different path to begin their newfound freedoms. As a church, we need to support them and remind them that God is present in everything and everyone and show them that. If you would like to help suggest, shape and mold how this committee can support our young adults, please contact Patty Loyer at 4480-861-

# Faith Formation Launch

**Sunday, Aug 26**

**11 am-12:30 pm**

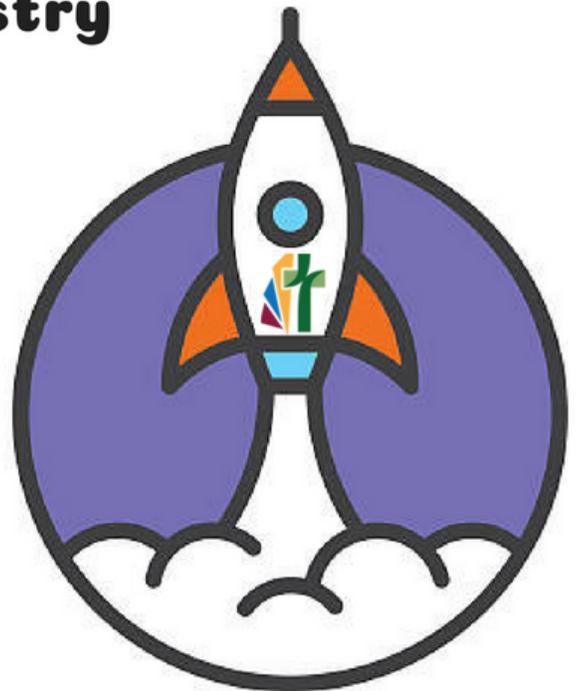
**Who:**

**\* Children & Youth Ministry  
Volunteers**

**\* Confirmation  
Students & Parents**

**\* Acolytes & Parents**

**Potluck lunch- bring your  
favorite side dish!**

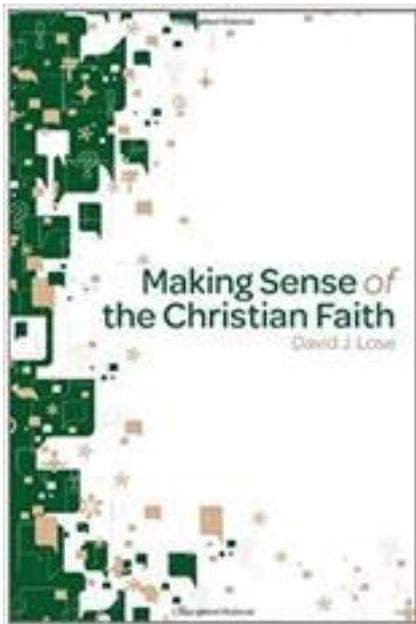


Welcome to another great year of ministry at Holy Trinity Lutheran! We appreciate your gifts of time and talent to support faith formation of all ages in our congregation. I hope you will be able to join us on Sunday, Aug. 26th for what Darcy and I called the Faith Formation "LAUNCH," which will take the place of one-on-one volunteer orientations this year. It will also help gather our acolyte & confirmation youth, parents, and the adults helping with ministry programs to dream a little about what this year will be. Here's a guide of our time together:

- 11:00 am      Gathering & Lunch (potluck style- bring a favorite side dish!)  
                         Ministry overview, Hopes & Dreams
- 11:30 pm      Break-out sessions:
- Confirmation orientation
  - Acolyte training
  - Volunteer training (Safety manual & handbook review)
- 12:30 pm      Blast-off!

I've asked Kismet to say a few quick words about the Christmas program and have a sign-up sheet there. If anyone else feels it would be helpful to do the same, please let me know so I can plan accordingly. This is a new idea (at least from the last few years), so I appreciate your flexibility as we learn together. Thanks!!

--  
*Rachel Gomez-Acosta*  
*Faith Formation Team & Interim Youth Director*  
*Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Chandler AZ*



Pastor Chris's

Fall Bible Study

Thursdays 6:30 PM

Sept 20 thru Nov 15

Pick up book at the patio table...

\$10.00



GriefShare is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences. You don't have to go through the grieving process alone.

You'll gain access to GriefShare resources to help you recover from your loss and look forward to rebuilding your life.

**A New Session Starts September 23rd.  
Stop by the patio table for more information.**



DivorceCare is a friendly, caring group led by people who understand what you are going through and want to help. You will learn how to heal from the deep hurt of divorce and discover hope for your future. DivorceCare groups meet weekly to help you face these challenges and move toward rebuilding your life.

DivorceCare for Kids group is a safe, fun place where your children can learn skills that will help them heal. DC4K groups blend, games, music, stories, videos and discussion to help kids process the divorce and move forward. Groups meet weekly & are designed for children ages 5-12.

**Contact Allan Buechler at [allanhb2291@gmail.com](mailto:allanhb2291@gmail.com) if you or someone you know may be interested in DivorceCare or Divorce Care for Kids.**

## Endowment Fund Committee News

As we are inching closer to the biannual distribution of Endowment Fund monies, we encourage you to come forward with 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. 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. There is also an option for filling out the application and sending it online under the same heading. **Application deadline for the Fall 2018 distribution is October 1<sup>st</sup>.**

The Endowment Fund exists because of special gifts given by members of our Congregation. We are grateful for those who have made the Endowment Fund a priority in their giving and hope to spark others to consider doing so. Growing the Endowment Fund means growing the amount of money we can award to organizations and individuals making a difference in our own backyards, across the nation, and throughout the world.

2 Corinthians 9:6-15 speaks of God loving a cheerful giver – not being forced or giving if you don’t want to, but giving what you have decided in your heart to give. In a devotion written by Chase Cotten of International Disaster Emergency Service, three beautiful consequences of our giving are noted. God enriches the one who gives. Your generosity is multiplied. People see and know Jesus Christ. Giving to the Endowment Fund truly embodies these “beautiful consequences.” If you are interested in donating to the Endowment Fund in increments and/or are interested in including the Endowment Fund in your estate planning, please contact a committee member.

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



**Would you like to assist on Sunday Morning with  
worship?**

**Lead the prayers, the creed and assist with communion?**

Sign up on the tear and share and come to a training on  
August 28 at 6:00 PM

(if you can not make that time, but would like to serve in this way,  
please let Pastor Chris know.)

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Volunteers: Newly retired? Kids all in School? Want to give back to the community? Hidden Treasures has opportunities for you and you will make a difference! Many people work 4 hours a week. Call or come into the store for more information.

Department Highlight: Accessories. Hidden Treasures has a Large Variety of Scarves -yes, it will be cool enough to wear scarves again. We have Hats, of many styles, gloves, socks (most are \$.50) and belts. Many things to add style to your wardrobe.

We want to give a big THANK YOU to Laura Landstrom, our bookkeeper for several years. She said good-bye to us as she accepts more responsibilities with her current job. Laura, you made a difference. We welcome Tom Tension, as our new bookkeeper. He is already in place and balancing the books. In addition, he as joined Hidden Treasures as a volunteer for pick-ups.

Donations Needed: Books-fiction, mysteries, westerns, science fiction and children's books. Puzzles and games for all ages, Crafts-items for kid's crafts, sewing notions



## Can You Help?

The Welcome Booth is back and we need people to help greet our visitors.

Sign up at the welcome booth on the patio!



**GIRL SCOUTS**

Girl Scouts  
Mariah Scott  
[MsScott1186@gmail.com](mailto:MsScott1186@gmail.com)

**Scout Groups  
Are Starting Up!**

## FAMILY SCOUTING



Family Scouting (Cub Scouts)  
Deborah Eierdam  
602-206-6716  
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Women's Ministries of

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



HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Women's Ministry

# Brunch

All Women of All Ages are Invited to join us  
for a great time of fellowship and food!

**Sunday, September 16, 2018**  
**11:15 am**  
Community Life Center  
739 W. Erie St., Chandler, AZ 85225



Please RSVP by September 9th  
to Deb Hosfield at [debrahosfield@msn.com](mailto:debrahosfield@msn.com)  
or the church office 480-963-4127

*Please Join us on the 1st Thursday of each month in the conference room at 6:00pm. We need your help in planning women's event's and also our upcoming "Welcome Back" Pot Luck happening on Oct. 14th open to the whole Congregation.*

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



***Please pray for: **Illness:***** Tony Stephen's friend, Charlie Dempsey; Pete Garano; Shirley Walt Hiskett; Annabelle Bossick; Mike Pfeilsticker; Jo Mellage; DeDe Buechler; Jo Mellage's sister, Jackie Folger; Jo Wooten; DeDe Buechler's sister and brother-in-law, Nick & Rose Ann; ***Surgery:*** Ken Salwitz; Harriet Johnson; ***Grief:*** Tony Stephens and family following the death of his friend, Garry Lyons; Patti Moreno & family following the death of her brother-in-law Willie Young; Jean Mac Vittie & family following the death of her son, Wayne Whitney ;Bobbie Fishburn's family following the death of her nephew, Ed Flecker;

Reminder: The next newsletter deadline is September 12th by 9:00 am.