



## October 2018 Trinity Trumpet

Worship 8:30 & 10:00 am

Nursery provided 8:15–10:15 am

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# Luther Fest Is Back!

## JOIN US OCTOBER 28TH



**WORSHIP AT**  
**8:30 & 10:00 AM**

**FOLLOWED BY**  
**MUSIC, FOOD & GAMES**  
**ON THE PATIO & CLC**

**FOOD AND DRINKS WILL BE PROVIDED.**

**SIGN UP ON THE PATIO TO HELP OR TO BRING YOUR  
FAVORITE DESSERT (GERMAN OR OTHERWISE)  
BEGINNING IN OCTOBER!**



## Council Update

	Actual	Budget
YTD Income	\$295,212	\$330,000
YTD Expense	\$327,317	\$330,000

2018 YTD Attendance	220
2017 YTD Attendance	240

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

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

September 25 – October 6, I will be traveling to Ethiopia and to Malawi. I have been planning this trip for almost two years, after returning from Romania.

Two years ago, I traveled to Romania, to learn about the culture and to build Habitat Houses. That was suppose to be the Largest Habitat week long build ever, celebrating 40 years of Habitat for Humanity and building 40 houses in one week. Because of some political strife and change in power, I spent a week building roof trusses because they could not get the building permits (even though all the foundations had been poured). A year later those Habitat Houses have been completed and the trusses have been used.



This year I am going to build Habitat Houses in Malawi. This time we are building homes made of brick. We will be building for two families. The first is a couple and their 8 children. The father had cancer of the leg and has had difficult supporting his family since then.

***The father said “I will be happy to own a habitat house, when it rains we usually find our things wet, especially food, beddings and school books for children, the house is also not spacious to accommodate my whole family, if given a chance to benefit from the project all these challenges will be history.”***

The second family we are building for is a widow, age 30, and her four children.

***“Life will be completely changed for us as we will have peace of mind not having to worry about where to keep our things when it is raining. We will greatly thank God for that.” Said the mother.***



In addition to building Habitat houses, I will have an opportunity to visit Ethiopia. This will include experiencing the festival of Meskel, the finding of the “true cross” on which Jesus was crucified and visiting the Lalibela Rock Churches.

I give thanks for the opportunity to use my vacation and continuing education time to have this once in a life time experience where I can serve my neighbor across the world and have a greater understanding of the expressions of the Christian Faith.

While I am gone, Pastor Bernie has graciously agreed to fill in for me, and we won't miss a beat here at Holy Trinity.

God's Peace, *Pastor Chris*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I am sending this letter on behalf of the council in the interest of keeping the congregation in the loop regarding our staffing at Holy Trinity: where we are today and where we would like to go.

I want to start by stating the obvious, that a few short years ago we had three staff members rostered by the ELCA to provide pastoral care at Holy Trinity. Now, with Darcy's departure, we are down to one. While our membership numbers are smaller than a few years ago, our pastoral care needs have not changed significantly. Pastor Chris is working very hard to ensure that the needs of the congregation are being met; however, the effort that is required for this is unsustainable for a single individual beyond the near term. To actively address this in the near term, Rachel Gomez-Acosta has agreed to assist with youth ministry through the end of year. Another possibility as both a near and long-term solution is to explore hiring a part-time visitation or seasonal pastor. I will talk more about this below.

In the medium term, we are considering hiring Luis Ochoa, who currently serves as a youth director for an ELCA congregation in Wasilla, Alaska. Luis is bilingual in Spanish and has experience working with a multi-cultural congregation in Los Angeles. Luis will also be entering Seminary online via the ELCA's Theological Education for Emerging Ministries (T.E.E.M.) program at the start of next year. Luis could potentially check many boxes for us here at Holy Trinity. First, he would serve as a replacement for Darcy as youth director. Second, he would help us serve the needs of our nearest neighbors who are more than fifty percent Latino. Finally, because of his status as a T.E.E.M. seminarian and with special permission from our Bishop, he could provide pastoral care to the congregation when needed, giving respite to Pastor Chris. An additional advantage for bringing Luis on is that we will be seeking funding from the Synod to pay the portion of his salary directed toward neighborhood outreach.

One of the concerns raised at the last congregational town hall was that by hiring someone to work on both youth and neighborhood outreach programming we will be reducing the hours spent on our current youth programs. This is a misconception that likely stems from the fact that Darcy's title was that of youth director. Darcy was involved in many other ministries at Holy Trinity and the synod apart from managing our youth program and, by her reckoning, spent about half of her time working on other assignments.

The council has come to see that even with hiring an additional full-time staff member, we might still be spreading our human resources a little thin in terms of the pastoral care needs of the congregation. Pastor Chris has noted that visitations and funerals have the greatest impact on her ability to plan her weekly activities. This is because the needs in these areas are unplanned and the time required can be quite variable. To assist Pastor Chris in this area, the council is considering the possibility of hiring a part-time visitation or seasonal pastor. This person would see to some of the visitation needs of the congregation, assist with funerals, and occasionally serve on Sunday morning's when Pastor Chris is out of town or on vacation.

Finally, the council believes that the congregation has a role to play in seeing that the work of the church is accomplished. We are attempting to have ministry teams serve a greater role in planning and executing the work of the congregation. I would encourage everyone to consider what gifts they might bring to this and help where they are able.

The council will keep the congregation informed on all our activities in these areas and seek out congregational input whenever possible. Thank you for your continued faithfulness.

Regards,

*Steve Loyer*

*Congregational Council President*

A huge thanks for all who volunteered at our  
**Sept 9 Day of Service**

(and to those who worked to organize it)! We sorted and paired about 600 sets of socks (men's, women's and children's), put together 300 personal care kits for Matthews Crossing, sang to many seniors at our local care centers, mucked out stalls and held and cuddled special farm animals, arranged flowers and delivered to those who are in hospitals or needed cheering, and did some organizing at



both Fans Across America and Hidden Treasures. We collected many used pill bottles (still coming in) for recycling. We ate sub sandwiches, shared stories and had a great morning!

We are all better when we come together and share efforts to improve our community! It was a really fun morning - we will do this again in the spring - watch for it!

"Thank you soooo much for today! What an amazing group! I simply loved everyone in your church group! Feeling grateful ❤️"  
Aimee



Dear Holy Trinity Members,  
On behalf of the staff and board of directors of Mission Africa, thank you for your generous \$1000 donation for our ongoing projects in Africa! We want you to know that your donation will directly help support our efforts in providing books and education to the families of the Okuovwori Village, Delta State, Nigeria. Please visit our website, [missionafrica.org](http://missionafrica.org) to view our exciting projects and successes!  
God Bless, *Victor Jakpor, Executive Director*

Howdy, y'all!

I want to say THANK YOU to one and all for my fabulous farewell party that was given in August. I appreciated all that was done for me, the children's parts, the singing of my favorite song, to the table decorations and food and the many cards and gifts and congratulatory/farewell wishes. I have worn my stoles a couple of times already and it hasn't even been a month. From the many gift cards and money that I received, I purchased a futon for my guest room and accessorized my apartment with other things. But more importantly I cherished our time together over the 14 years I was there. I continue to pray for you and the mission of the congregation.  
With thanksgiving, love and peace from Deacon Darcy Mittelstaedt.



# Town Hall Meeting

## Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup>

### After Both Services

We will be discussing the  
proposed Neighborhood  
Outreach Ministry.

**Your input is important!**

Submission deadline for the  
Fall distribution of available  
Endowment Fund monies is  
Monday, October 1<sup>st</sup>

Applications can be found online at [htlutheran.com](http://htlutheran.com) under the heading "Give" and are able to be printed out or submitted directly online. Please contact the Church office or an Endowment Fund Committee member if you have any questions.

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

# October 2018

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<b>7 CARE Food Box</b> 8:30 am Worship 8:30 Sunday School 9:45 am 3rd Grade Bible Instruction 10:00 am Worship 4:30 pm Youth Group	<b>8</b> 10:00 am Staff Meeting 5:30 pm OA 7:30 pm AA	<b>9</b> 9:00 am Martha Circle 5:30 pm OA 7:00 pm CA 7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir	<b>10</b> 6:30 am Bible Study 9:00 am Bible Study 6:00 pm Scouts 6:45 pm Handbells	<b>11</b> 8:30 am Quilters 6:00 pm Women's Planning Meeting 6:30 pm Bible Study 7:30 pm AA	<b>12</b> 6:15 am Men's Breakfast 9:30 am AlAnon	<b>13</b> 9:00 am AA 10:00 am OA 11:00 am Secret Sister Event	
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### Third Grade Bibles

On **Sunday, October 14**, our 3rd grade students will receive their First Bibles at the 10:00 am service.

Third grade students and their parents need to attend a Bible Exploration class on October 7th at 9:45 in the Youth Room.

Please call Judi in the office 480-9663-4127 or email [judi@htlutheran.com](mailto:judi@htlutheran.com) if you plan to attend.

## 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 4480-861-9820 or email her at [pattyloyer@cox.net](mailto:pattyloyer@cox.net).

## We Need Cookies!



***Can you to bring in a couple packages of cookies (store-bought or homemade) every month or two to fill the patio kitchen freezer. That way we will always have plenty for Sunday mornings! Thanks!***

## ENABLING JOY!!

### *A monthly message from your Stewardship Ministry Team*

Every Sunday at Holy Trinity, we hear words of God that he spoke to his people who lived thousands of years ago in a world very different from the world in which we live. Many Sundays the word that God shares with us through scripture readings and through the words of our resident prophet, Pastor Chris, are words that give us comfort as well as words that challenge us to action. On any given Sunday, the word we hear can uplift us or it can make us feel as if we have fallen short of what God expects. Such is the nature of God's word. It can at one and the same time bring joy as well as demand.

God's word, whether it comes from the mouths of prophets like Amos, Isaiah, or Jeremiah or through the words of Jesus, is a word that will always challenge us to be all that we can be. It will be a word that will call us to action. It will be a word that will challenge us to use our resources, our time, our talents to make a better world. As the prophet Amos tells his people living in Israel to "seek good and not evil; to hate evil and love good", the same holds true for us living some 3,000 years after Amos spoke those words. We too are to "seek good and hate evil", to practice justice, and to take care of the poor. Even Jesus calls us to "pick up our cross and follow".

What both Amos and Jesus call us to do is not easy, but it is also not impossible. We have been blessed with resources in abundance. We have been given all that is necessary to be the people that God calls us to be. As members of Holy Trinity, we CAN make a difference because we have the gifts necessary to accept the challenge that Jesus lays at our feet. Our community of faith, that gathers every Sunday to hear words of comfort and words of challenge from our God, have been given blessings, talents, and resources that enable us to share God's word of joy with our community - be they sitting beside us at worship or sitting on their couch in their home on East Erie Drive.

God is calling us to use what he has given us - our time, our talents, and our treasures - so that others may know the joy we experience in our lives as children of God.



## KITCHEN KEEPERS NEEDED

Our kitchens are used for ministry! And they need a little loving care.

Sign up for a month and help us

- clean out the clutter on the counters
- empty the fridge
- Let Judi know what supplies we need

And make sure everything is in order.

Sign up on the patio.

A list of duties is there!





24218 S  
Oakwood Blvd  
Sun Lakes  
(public  
restaurant)

Thursday  
October 11  
10:00 AM

## COFFEE AND CONVERSATION



Hidden Treasures Thrift Store  
610 N Alma School Ste 30  
Chandler, AZ  
480 857-8310 Like us on Facebook

Halloween has arrived at Hidden Treasures.

You will find witches, pumpkins and skeletons. Looking for costumes, lawn décor or books and movies? We have many exciting items. Are you a Pinterest follower? Hidden Treasures has many items to help you make decorations or costumes.

Come - Explore

Thank you to our volunteers who helped through the summer - you made a difference. Thank you to our new volunteers, we are looking forward to working with you. Winter visitors - we are looking forward to seeing you this Fall. Hope you all had a good summer. Everyone makes a difference.

**!!!!!!! Thanks to our shoppers who made this a very good summer. !!!!!!!**

Looking for new items for your fall wardrobe? Want a good value? Tuesdays - all tops (men's women's and children's) are 50% off!! Thursdays - all men's clothes are 50% Men's pants are \$3.00, on sale they are \$1.50. Great deals. Women's long pants are \$1.00 every day.

Donations Needed: Kitchen-dishes, pots and pans, utensils; Books- mystery, fiction, westerns, science fiction, children's; Crafts- sewing notions, buttons, zippers, children's crafts, Pet supplies, greeting cards, also games & puzzles for all ages. Your donations are needed. Thank you.



When: Oct. 21st

Where: Holy Trinity Patio

Our annual fall bake sale is coming up soon. If you love to bake please bring home made items to the church before the start of the Oct. 21st 8:30 service or no later then the start of the second service. Please prepackage and make sure it's labeled with nuts if needed. You may also bring homemade salsa or Jellies and Jams.

## CHRIST CENTERED CANCER CARE

Monday, October 22, 2018

6:30pm, Classroom A

**Guest Speaker:** Cathy Payne MSN, ACNP- BC,  
Hematology/ Oncology

Nurse Practitioner, Ironwood Cancer and Research Centers

Join our CCCC team and **Cathy Payne** as she discusses advancements in the treatment of cancer and the role hope plays during therapy and post cancer.

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

The Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Council and Women's Ministries

INVITE EVERYONE TO A



*Welcome Back*  
**POTLUCK**

Sunday, Oct. 14 • 11:15 am  
in the CLC

*Come enjoy a potluck feast  
and great conversation!*

Sign up on the patio September 23rd and October 7th  
to bring your favorite dish to share



# The-ALE-ogy

*Food, beverages and  
discussion on theological topics*

Wednesday, October 10th  
at 6:30p

## Fibber Magees

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(slightly East of Dobson on Elliot)

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church  
739 West Erie Street  
Chandler, AZ 85225

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



**Please pray for: *Illness:*** Gerry & Harriet Johnson's son, David; The Schieber's friend, Dave Cash; Rex Myers; Annabelle Bossick; Mike Pfeilsticker; Marilyn Zeller's friends, Danielle & Connor Pugmire; Ann Schieber; Jo Wooten; Marilyn Zeller's friend, Virgil; Tim Vance; ***Surgery:*** Donna Anderson; Randy Allenstein; Inez Garano; ***Grief:*** Karen Hiskett & family following the death of her husband, Walt.

Reminder: The next newsletter deadline is October 10th by 9:00 am.



## BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS to commemorate St. Francis of Assisi

Bring your animals (great and small) for a blessing



OCTOBER 14  
5:30 PM

on the patio

