



**HOLY TRINITY**  
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# December 2018 Trinity Trumpet

**Worship 8:00 & 9:30 am**

Nursery provided 7:45–10:45 am

Pastor Christine Stoxen  
Pastor Bernie Carl  
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**Tuesday, November 27th—Women's Advent Party**  
“This Little Light of Mine” Doors open at 5:30 program begins at 6:15

**Wednesday, December 5th—Prayer Around the Cross**  
Soup Supper & Service Project at 5:45pm, Worship at 7pm

**Sunday, Dec. 9—Intergenerational Christmas Program at 10:00 am**

**Wednesday, December 12th—Prayer Around the Cross**  
Soup Supper & Service Project at 5:45pm, Worship at 7pm

**Sunday, Dec. 16—A Service of Advent Lessons and Songs**

**Wednesday, December 19th—Prayer Around the Cross**  
Soup Supper & Service Project at 5:45pm, Worship at 7pm

**Friday, Dec. 21—Navidad en España**  
A guitar and piano recital at 7PM

**Sunday, Dec. 23—Blue Christmas Service**  
A service of healing and hope at 2pm

**Sunday, Dec. 23—Christmas Caroling in the Neighborhood at 4pm**

## **Christmas Eve Worship Schedule**

2pm: Traditional Service (violin, cello, organ, piano)

5pm: Children's Service (with children's sermon)

7pm: Traditional Service (choir, handbells, brass)

**Sunday, Dec. 30—A Service of Christmas Lessons and Carols:**

## Council Update

	Actual	Budget
YTD Income	\$372,305	\$412,500
YTD Expense	\$393,927	\$412,500
2018 YTD Attendance	213	
2017 YTD Attendance	243	

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

## Annual Meeting

Save the date:  
Sunday  
January 27th  
11:15 a.m.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

No, it is not January, but Advent is the beginning of a new year in the church! And as I look forward to the new church year, I give thanks for the people of Holy Trinity. You have made some bold steps as we move into the future, listening to God's people, listening to God's call, and stepping out in faith.

Over the last year we have had cottage meetings, reviewed information collected from the LEAD Report, gathered the information you posted on the door at our 2017 Reformation service and looked at statistics in our community.

As a culmination of this, the congregation voted to hire a Community Outreach/Youth Ministry position. Not only did you approve it as a congregation, but you have financially supported it! As a result, none of the funds for this position will be coming out of the budget for the first three years. Luis Ochoa has accepted this position and he will start on January 16, 2019. We will be forming an outreach support committee, to continue in the visioning and to support Luis. If you are interested in being a part of this committee, please let Pastor Chris know. Please keep Luis and his family in your prayers as we prepare for his arrival and as they move here from Alaska! We look forward to him being with us.

In addition, we are finally making a long term hope for Holy Trinity come true. In March, we will have our first school break camp. Thank you to Patty Loyer for leading this team and for all those who have already stepped forward to assist in the planning and staffing of the camp. We hope this will be one of the ways that Luis will be able to make a connection in our community. Watch for ways that you can help plug in. We give thanks for the grants that we have received to make this first camp possible!

And finally as we jump into 2019, I give thanks that Pastor Bernie Carl is on staff for 15 hours a week at Holy Trinity. His title is Pastor of Caring Ministry. He will be preaching monthly, assisting with visitation, cover when I am away, and will be continuing with Bible Studies. This will ensure that members get the care that they need. I know the people of Holy Trinity will continue to be a blessing to our community.

There are a lot of new things happening as we begin a new year at Holy Trinity. God is truly doing a new thing. Continue to pray for the ministry of Holy Trinity as we step out in faith to make God's love known in this community and in the world. God's Peace,

*Pastor Chris*



## Blue Christmas Service

### Sunday, December 23 at 2:00 pm

For many people, the Christmas season is one of the hardest parts of the year. Not everyone is up and cheery for the Christmas holidays. Dealing with the death of a loved one, facing life after divorce or separation, coping with the loss of a job, living with cancer or some other dis-ease that puts a question mark over the future, and a number of other human situations make parties and joviality painful for many people in our congregations and communities. There is a growing attentiveness to the needs of people who are blue at Christmas. Increasing numbers of churches are creating sacred space for people living through dark times. Such services are reflective, accepting where we really are, and holding out healing and hope.

This service will name the darkness and the sadness, yet acknowledging that that “Christ’s light shines in the darkness, and the darkness does not overcome it.” Even in the midst of these difficult times, Jesus, the Christ child, breaks into our world to bring us hope and healing.

#### WHO SHOULD COME?

Come, if you are experiencing a difficult time. Bring a friend who has experienced a difficult time this year and is struggling through this holiday season. Come and support those who are hurting and in need of the love of the community.

## Welcome New Staff!



**Part time Pastor of Caring Ministry—Rev. Bernie Carl**  
Pastor Bernie Carl was born and raised in West Virginia. He graduated from the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg in 1977. He retired from active ministry in 2013 after 35 years, the final 20 years serving St. Peter's Lutheran Church in

Uniontown, Pennsylvania. He moved to Chandler in 2013 with his wife, Barbara. They have one son, B. William Carl who resides in Kailua, Hawaii with his wife, Caroline and daughters, Delainey and Adelaide. Bernie enjoys an occasional game of golf as well as the sports scene provided by the Sun Devils, Coyotes, and Diamondbacks. He is not yet ready to cheer on the Cardinals as he is a huge Steelers fan.

**Outreach & Youth Ministry Director Luis Ochoa** (starting Jan 16.)



Luis was born in Guatemala and moved to Los Angeles, California when he was eight years old. He has been married to Bobbie Ochoa for eleven years and has two children, Eduardo, eight years old and daughter, Joleen, six. He enjoys the outdoors and likes to play and watch different sports. Being part of the ELCA has been key in his faith journey and he is very excited to share his faith and personal experiences at Holy Trinity.



## Help Us Decorate the Sanctuary for Christmas

Join the worship and music team on Friday, November 30th at 4:00 pm to decorate the sanctuary for the holidays ahead. RSVP to Andrea Snyder at 480-821-2901 or fill out the tear and share from the bulletin.

### **THANK YOU! THANK YOU FOR SHARING JOY**

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

THANK YOU! Two words. Eight letters. Simple words. Important words. Words we as the church should say more often. Thank you for your presence. Thank you for sharing your time. Thank you for sharing your talents. Thank you for sharing your financial resources. Thank you for sharing joy. None of what we have done at Holy Trinity in this past year would have been possible without your willingness to share of your talents, your time, and your treasures.

All of those who have been touched by the ministries of Holy Trinity have been changed in innumerable ways. Because of your willingness to share the joy and love of God in tangible ways you have made a difference in the lives of many people not only in Chandler but throughout the world. If you could hear their voices the two words you would hear is THANK YOU!

The members of the Stewardship Ministry Team, Sue Gaumont, Barbara Carl, Mistie Stephens, Bernie Carl, Kim Butler, and Pastor Chris join together with united voices and say to each of you who have shared joy, shared time, shared talent, and shared monetary resources two simple words that come from our hearts: **THANK YOU!!**



## Holy Trinity & Habitat for Humanity

As you know, Holy Trinity is sponsoring and building a house with our Coalition partners of Desert Cross, Mountain View and Esperanza Lutheran churches. Many of you are willing to work on Saturdays or provide lunch for the workers. Thanks for your continued support of this effort!

All the money to sponsor our Habitat house is raised by contributions from members and friends -- no Holy Trinity funds are used in this ministry. Habitat is a charitable organization; therefore, most contributions qualify as an Arizona income tax credit. The amounts of the credit this year are \$800 for married filing a joint return and \$400 for single tax payers. This tax credit is separate from and in addition to similar tax credits for your contributions to public schools and private school tuition organizations. Ask Mary Larsen if you have any Arizona tax credit questions or check out the Arizona State website at [www.azdor.gov/About/FAQs/CharitableTaxCredit.aspx](http://www.azdor.gov/About/FAQs/CharitableTaxCredit.aspx)

During November and December, we will be asking you to make your contribution to the house as soon as you can by **writing a check payable to “Habitat For Humanity – Central AZ”** but marking the memo line “Holy Trinity” and providing it to our church office manager, Judi Carle. It is really important to enclose your check in an envelope marked “Habitat for Humanity” and place the envelope in the offering plate or provide it to the church office so it does not go into the general Holy Trinity fund. This way, you will receive letter receipts from both Habitat and the Holy Trinity Habitat committee to use when filing your taxes.

Thanks for all your support for this wonderful ministry. Please contact me with any questions.

Yours in ministry, *Mary Larsen, Coalition Chair, 602-400-7049 or Chularsen@gmail.com*



## ELCA GOOD GIFTS

As members of the ELCA, we believe that God is calling us into the world – together. And with generous, loving hands, we can make a difference.

ELCA Good Gifts is your opportunity to provide critical support to the ministries and programs that mean the most to you and the people you love.

You can order gifts online at [ELCA.org/goodgifts](http://ELCA.org/goodgifts), by phone at 800-638-3522 or stop by the table on the patio and talk to Cheryl Jones!

Nothing says Merry Christmas like giving a pig, goat, chick or cow to your loved ones who have everything!

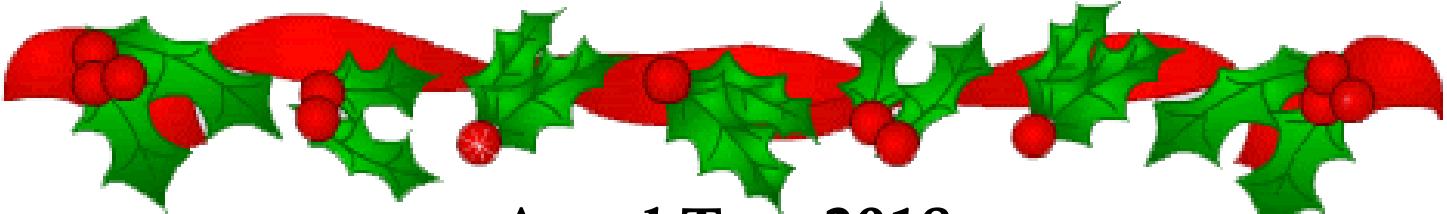


### Thank you to the Holy Trinity Women's Group and Cursillo Group—

for donating the new double ovens in the CLC kitchen, to Allan Buechler for installing them and to Carl Powell for hauling away the old ones. This was the last piece of old equipment in that kitchen.



Make sure to stop by the CLC kitchen and admire all of our shiny new appliances!



## Angel Tree 2018

Join us in helping Chandler CARE & AZCEND (formerly Chandler Christian Community Center) provide Christmas items for needy families in our community.  
**Back to Basics Christmas**

This year you will have two choices of gifts:

- 1) Food Items for Chandler CARE  
Plain Pasta, Tuna, Peanut Butter or Canned Fruit



- 2) Donations for AZcend  
To be used to purchase bus passes and other necessities for the Homeless Program. (Make checks payable to AZcend and note IHELP in the memo section.)



**Pick up Angels starting December 2nd.  
Drop off all items by December 16th.**

# December 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>30</b> 8:30 am Worship 8:30 Sunday School 10:00 Worship	<b>31</b> 10:00 am Staff Meeting 5:30 pm OA 7:30 pm AA					<b>1</b> 8:00 am Visioning Meeting 9:00 am AA 10:00 am OA
<b>2</b> Chandler CARE Food Box	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 6:30 am Bible Study 9:00 am Bible Study 4:00 pm Scouts 5:45 pm Soup Supper 7:00 pm Prayer Around the Cross	<b>6</b> 6:30 Handbells 7:00 Choir 7:30 pm AA	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
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<b>23</b> 8:30 am Worship 8:30 Sunday School 10:00 Worship	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Christmas Day	<b>26</b> Office closed	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
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The Volunteers at Hidden Treasure wish you and your family  
a wonderful Christmas and Blessings throughout the year.

Hidden Treasures is available to help your Christmas preparations in many ways.

**Décor:** The store has a huge selection of items for decoration. There are tables of Santas, tables of Angels and tables of Snowmen and more. You will find lights and tree ornaments.

**Books:** Devotions and meditations as you prepare your hearts for Christmas. You will find fictional Christmas stories for children and adults, fun activity books, DVD's and CD's. You can also search the cookbooks for ideas, as well as, book/magazines for crafts and decorating.

**Hostess Items:** Dishes, glasses for parties, many sizes and shapes of serving dishes, cookware for preparation, linens for your table.

**Gifts:** Around our store you will find fun and useful items. The Buy-It-Now/ Silent Auction area has many unique items for collectors of all kinds.,

**Clothing:** From Party Dresses to items for visiting Grandma's in Wisconsin, we have something for you. Sweaters, hats and mittens. Even a pair of ski pants. Christmas clothing is on display and ready for purchase. Come now, for the best selection

**Furniture:** Need extra dining chairs? Our single chairs are only \$20. We also have dining tables and port-a-cribs.

**Donations Needed:** Toys; Pet supplies; Games and Puzzles for all ages; Books - westerns, science fiction, fiction, children's, mystery; furniture - tables, couches, bookcases etc. We can't accept entertainment centers, mattresses, or TV's. We also need greeting cards with envelopes. Please save your tissue paper for us. We use it to gently wrap your purchases.

### Endowment Fund Committee News

The Endowment Fund Committee is pleased to share two more recipients from the Fall distribution of available monies. In addition to **Matthew's Crossing Food Bank** and **ELCA Church-wide Ministries** who were announced as recipients in November's newsletter, **Holy Trinity's Breaktime Adventure Camp** and **Life Water International** are being awarded funding. As you know, the Breaktime Adventure Camp will be held here at Holy Trinity during one week of Chandler Public Schools' spring break for up to 100 Title 1 eligible school-age children residing in our local zip codes of 85224 and 85225. Endowment Fund monies will be used to help purchase instructional materials. Life Water International's award will go towards helping provide a neighborhood in a village in Cambodia with clean water, sanitation, and the hope of the Gospel.

Last March Pastor Chris and the Endowment Fund Committee sponsored an End-of-Life Planning Seminar that was very well received by those in attendance. If you would like to attend this coming year's seminar, please mark your calendar for Sunday, February 24<sup>th</sup> and call the office to reserve your spot. We have a great line-up of speakers. . .more information to follow as we get closer to the date.

We are still looking for people to join us! If you are interested in serving on the Endowment Fund Committee, please contact a committee member or our Church Council liaison. It's a great committee to be part of – we give away money and only meet four times a year! We get to make a difference in our local, national, and global communities by utilizing the gifts graciously given to the Endowment Fund through wills, estate plans, or major gifts during a lifetime.

Wishing everyone a beautiful and blessed holiday season!

Teri Smithers, Michele Heath, Steve Brabec, & Richard Anderson; Ken Baker, Church Council Liaison



# Upcoming Youth Activities

"Turkey Skate"- Nov. 25 @ 12:45pm  
Meet at Ice Den Chandler, Bring up to 5  
non-perishable food items to get up to  
\$5 off admission (\$8 reg. price)

Youth Group- Dec. 2nd & 16th @ 4:30pm

Confirmation Christmas Party  
@ the Hehe's house

Sunday, Dec. 9th, 4:30-6:00pm  
\*let us know if you need a ride or  
can give a ride. All Jr. & Sr. high  
youth invited!

Contact Rachel at [rachelga@gmail.com](mailto:rachelga@gmail.com) for more information!



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Don't forget to designate your Choice Dollars  
at the end of the year!

## CHRIST CENTERED CANCER CARE

**Monday, November 26, 2018**

**6:30pm, Classroom A**

**Guest Speaker:** Pastor Chris Stoxen, MSW

Pastor, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Chandler, AZ

"Managing the Holidays and Expectations That Accompany  
Them"

Join our CCCC team and **Pastor Chris** as she discusses some of the expectations  
around the holidays and some useful hints to help us enjoy this period!

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

**Stone &  
Barrel**  
An IronOaks Taphouse

24218 S  
Oakwood Blvd  
Sun Lakes  
(public  
restaurant)

Thursday  
December 13th  
10:00 AM

**COFFEE AND  
CONVERSATION**



Lutheran  
Social Services  
of the Southwest

### Pajama Drive!

Lutheran Social Services is collecting adult pajamas for our "invisible" neighbors who are forgotten during the holidays. For homebound older adults, the holiday season can be a lonely time. LSS hopes to give all 860 older adults they serve a new pair of pajamas in addition to their loving home care.

To participate, please bring a pair of adult pajamas to church by Monday, November 26th or make your gift online at [www.lss-sw.org/donate/](http://www.lss-sw.org/donate/) by November 27th.



Support  
ASU  
Campus  
Ministry

Lefsa Sales  
December 16<sup>th</sup>  
After both  
services

## YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

*A ministry at Holy Trinity is growing and needs your help! If you know a young adult, aged 18-30, please contact the church office or Patty Loyer ([pattyloyer@cox.net](mailto:pattyloyer@cox.net)) with their current contact information. We would love to connect with them. If you would like to serve on this committee, we welcome you to do so! Have any questions? Just ask!*

# LETTERS FROM PAUL

**Bible Study  
With Pastor Chris  
Thursdays at 6:30 pm**

**Read the Undisputed Letters of Paul Chronologically!**

January 10    1 Thessalonians

January 17    Galatians

January 24 & 31    1 Corinthians

February 7 & 14    2 Corinthians

February 21    Philemon

February 28    Philippians

Romans will pick up in the fall!



Women's Ministries of

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

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



Holy Trinity 2018 Women's Advent Dinner

**Tuesday, November 27, 2018**  
6:15 pm  
in the CLC

**Come Shine with Us!**

**Raffle donations may be brought to the office.**



**Family Game hosted by Women's Ministry**  
**When:** January 12th 7:00 till 9:00 in the CLC  
**What to bring:** a snack to share.



**Bring your favorite games (board or cards) to share with the group. Water and Ice Tea will be provided.**



**Please save February 23rd for our Annual Tea. If you would like help plan or help the day of the Tea year please call the office or Deb Hosfield at 248-760-7841**

Our monthly meetings are held the first Thursday of every month at 6:00pm in the office conference room.

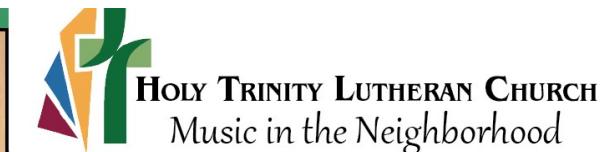
## ADVENT WORSHIP Prayer around the Cross

Wednesdays, December 5, 12, 19  
Come hear about the Angels, Joseph  
and the Innkeeper



New This Year!  
**Soup Suppers**  
during Advent  
before Prayer Around the Cross

Soup suppers begin at 5:45 pm  
December 5, 12 & 19  
Sign up to help on the patio!



# NAVIDAD EN ESPAÑA

Spanish & Seasonal Favorites for Guitars & Piano

**Friday, December 21<sup>st</sup> 2018**  
**7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary**

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



**Please pray for:** **Illness:** Jackie Straw; Paul Mosqueda; Ordean Mattson; Rex Myers; Jerry Christenson; DeDe Buechler's cousin, Maryann; Gayann Loring's son; Lois Miller's friend, Diane Tucker; Judy Baker; Mary Larsen's friend, Carol Warner; JoAnn Mattson; Marlene Marxman's relatives, David & Rachel Wear; Kim Samuel's aunt, Edie Limperes; Harvey Knudson; **Surgery:** Jo Mellage; **Grief:** Jeri Pfeilsticker & family following the death of her husband, Mike; (funeral Dec 1st at 2:00 pm.) Mary Larsen's friend, Kim VanWagenen; The family of the Loyer's friend, Pastor Clarence Eugene Budke;