



HOLY TRINITY
Lutheran Church

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December 2019 Trinity Trumpet

Worship 8:30 & 10:00 am

Nursery provided 8:15—11:15 am

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Sunday, December 1st—Service of Advent Lessons and Carols

5:00 pm at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

Tuesday, December 3rd—Women's Advent Dinner

"Christmas is Home" Doors open at 5:30 program begins at 6:15

Wednesday, December 4th—Prayer Around the Cross

Soup Supper & Service Project at 6:00pm, Worship at 6:45pm

Saturday, December 7th—Caring Ministry Luncheon

"Coping With the Holidays" at 12:00 pm

Wednesday, December 11th—Prayer Around the Cross

Soup Supper & Service Project at 6:00pm, Worship at 6:45pm

Sunday, Dec. 15th—Intergenerational Christmas Program

During the 10:00am service

Sunday, December 15th—Hymn Sing

5:00pm at Fibber Magees

Wednesday, December 18th—Prayer Around the Cross

Soup Supper & Service Project at 6:00pm, Worship at 6:45pm

Sunday, Dec. 22nd—Blue Christmas Service

A service of healing and hope at 2pm

Christmas Eve Worship Schedule

2pm: Traditional Service

5pm: Children's Service

7pm: Traditional Service

Sunday, Dec. 29th—A Service of Christmas Lessons and Carols

Council Update

	Actual	Budget
YTD Income	\$350,735	\$380,833
YTD Expense	\$367,785	\$380,833

2019 YTD Attendance 210

2018 YTD Attendance 224

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

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

It is hard to believe that the Holidays are here again! For some, this is “the most wonderful time of the year!” As my grandson Oliver (almost 4) is starting to appreciate some of the traditions of the holidays, big dinners, shopping for family, decorations everywhere and of course Santa Claus, I have been enjoying seeing Christmas again through his eyes and appreciating the excitement of the holidays and the season. We look forward to Christmas Concerts and carols, the Chandler Christmas Parade the Tumbleweed Christmas Tree in the town square, and of course Silent Night and candle lighting on Christmas Eve.

For some I am also reminded, that this can be a very painful time for some. For those who have experienced loss over the last year, due to the death of a loved one, loss of a job, declining health, a divorce or some other event the holidays can exasperate the loss. Everyone deals with loss in a different way and there is no right or wrong way to handle the handle the holidays.

After the death of my husband, I didn’t even want to experience Christmas, I could have just passed by and jumped to January, but as a pastor, it was a job requirement I participate in the festivities. A number of people suggested some things that turned out to be very helpful. I switched up the holidays. Instead of just immediate family at the house, I invited friends to lighten up the mood. I didn’t go to every party I was invited to, instead I chose those ones I felt most at home at and didn’t feel guilty about not staying a long time if I wasn’t feeling up to it. I didn’t put out every decoration in my boxes, just the ones that kept good memories.

Most of all, I remembered that the reason we were celebrating Christmas, was because of what God had done. God sent God’s son to us, as a baby in a manger to show how much God loved us! And God wanted us to know, that through this baby Jesus, that nothing could ever change that. So whether I was having a good day, or a sad day that holiday season, I knew that I was loved unconditionally by God.

Whether you are looking forward to and are enjoying the holiday festivities, or you are one that is wishing it was already January, I hope you feel the love of God, that holds you in God’s arms especially in this holiday season.

God’s Peace,

Pastor Chris

GRATITUDE: NOT JUST A MOOD BUT A LIFESTYLE

A Monthly Message from your Stewardship Team

A question to ponder: ***Why do I give my time, my talent, and my money to Holy Trinity?*** Or to phrase it another way: ***What motivates me to be share my time, my talent, and my money with Holy Trinity?***

Mark Allan Powell, professor of Biblical studies at Trinity Lutheran Seminary in Columbus in his book, Giving to God shares a number of motivating factors that drive an individual's motivation for giving:

To gain recognition	To give thanks
To obtain power or influence	To express gratitude
To appease God	To express love for God
To fulfill an obligation	

As you read these motives for giving, which ones motivate your giving? Is your giving to the work of Holy Trinity based on God's love and a need to express gratitude or something else? If it is anything but giving thanks to God for his love and blessings, then maybe we are giving for the wrong reasons.

During the past year, we as your stewardship team, have witnessed many acts of gratitude motivated not by personal recognition or to fulfill an obligation but motivated by the desire to change lives and make a difference in the lives of members, friends, and neighbors. And for that you deserve our thanks, our appreciation, and our gratitude.

It is our hope that as we end this year you will continue to share your resources and make a difference in the lives of many. And maybe as you consider how God has blessed you and your family, you may be motivated to share an extra gift of one week's offering to Holy Trinity as a sign of your love and gratitude to a God who has blessed you and who has loved you unconditionally.



**DECORATING
FOR ADVENT
and pizza lunch!**

**SUNDAY,
NOVEMBER 24
11:15 AM**

All Are Welcome!



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

During November and December, we will be asking you to make your contribution to the house 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



Beverages & Hymns

Sunday, December 15th

5:00 pm

at Fibber Magees

1989 W Elliot Rd, Chandler



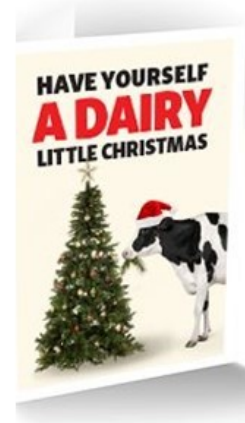
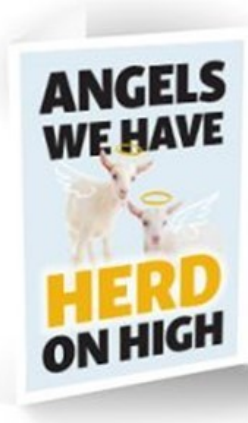
Blue Christmas Service

Sunday, December 22nd 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 disease 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.

This service will name the darkness and the sadness, yet acknowledge 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.

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.



December 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Chandler CARE Food Box 8:30 am Worship 10:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship	2 10:00 am Staff Meeting 5:30 pm OA 6:30 pm Handbells 7:00 pm Council Meeting 7:30 pm AA	3 5:30 pm OA 6:15 pm Women's Advent Dinner 7:00 pm CA	4 6:30 am Bible Study 9:00 am Bible Study 6:00 pm Scouts 6:00 pm Advent Soup Supper 6:45 Prayer Around the Cross 7:15 pm Spanish Class	5 6:00 pm Women's Planning Meeting 7:30 pm AA	6 6:15 am Men's Breakfast 9:30 am AlAnon	7 9:00 am AA 10:00 am OA 11:00 Secret Sisters 12:00 pm Caring Minis-try—Coping with the Holidays
8 8:30 am Worship 10:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship 12:00pm Youth Group	9 10:00 am Staff Meeting 5:30 pm OA 6:30 pm Handbells 6:30 pm TheALEogy 7:30 pm AA	10 10:00 am Martha Circle 5:30 pm OA 5:45 pm Worship & Music 7:00 pm CA 7:00 pm Choir	11 6:30 am Bible Study 9:00 am Bible Study 6:00 pm Scouts 6:00 pm Advent Soup Supper 6:45 Prayer Around the Cross 7:15 pm Spanish Class	12 6:00 pm Mission Development Meeting 7:30 pm AA	13 6:15 am Men's Breakfast 9:30 am AlAnon	14 9:00 am AA 10:00 am OA
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22 8:30 am Worship 10:00 Worship 12:00 pm Youth Group Christmas Party	23 10:00 am Staff Meeting 5:30 pm OA 6:30 pm Christ Centered Cancer Care 7:30 pm AA	24 2:00 pm Christmas Worship 5:00 pm Christmas Worship 7:00 pm Christmas Worship 5:30 pm OA 7:00 pm CA	25 Merry Christmas! Office Closed	26 Office Closed 7:30 pm AA	27 6:15 am Men's Breakfast 9:30 am AlAnon	28 9:00 am AA 10:00 am OA
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Celebrate Hope!

*A Service of
Advent Lessons and Carols*



THE ERIE STREET CHOIR
St. Matthew's & Holy Trinity

Sunday, December 1st
5:00 PM

St. Matthew's
Episcopal Church
901 W. Erie St.
Chandler, AZ 85225

*Enjoy an evening of prayerful music
followed by cookies and hot chocolate
on the patio!*

A collaboration between the musicians of
St. Matthew's Episcopal Church and
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

TheALEogy Calendar



December 9th

January 13th

January 20th

February 10th

February 24th

March 9th

March 23rd

April 27th

Join us at 6:30pm at
Fibber Magees

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

★ ADVENT

PRAYER AROUND THE CROSS

Angels of the Nativity



Wednesday Nights on the Patio | December 4, 11, & 18

Soup at 6 | Worship at 6:45



Hidden Treasures Thrift Store

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**Blessings to you and your Family.
We give thanks for all you do.**

Christmas at Hidden Treasures

We have an entire room filled with Christmas – PLUS Christmas sprinkled throughout the store

- x Books: Devotional books for adults and children, Fiction stories, puzzles and activity books. Also many Christmas CD's and DVD's
- x Clothing: Party clothes, tops in Christmas colors, Christmas sweaters and dresses. Visit the shoe shop for fun Christmas shoes
- x Decorations Galore!!! We have trees, lights, & ornaments. You will find many items for home decoration. Wrapping paper, bags, ribbon and cards. Many displays are by theme – Santas, angels, snowmen, and animals. In addition, we have dishes, cups and glasses to enhance your meals.
- x Gift items. Check throughout the store for new and special items.

Donations Needed: Jewelry and watches, Books – children's, fiction, mystery, westerns, science fiction & games and puzzles for all ages; magazines – especially home and garden; Furniture – dining tables and chairs, book cases, dressers and end tables; Crafts – thread, needles, zippers, yarn, crafts for children;



Angel Tree 2019

Join us in helping Chandler CARE
& AZCEND provide Christmas items for needy families
in our community.

This year we are collecting:

Food Items for Chandler CARE

Plain Pasta



Tuna



Peanut Butter



Canned Fruit



Or 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.)



dreamstime.com

**Pick up Angels starting December 1st.
Drop off all items by December 16th.**

Caring Ministry invites
you to a Luncheon,
Saturday, December 7th
at 12:00 pm



We will discuss the challenges we
all face during the holidays.

Holy Trinity Endowment Fund Committee News

We are pleased to announce the recipients of the Fall 2019 distribution from the Holy Trinity Endowment Fund:

New Journey Lutheran Church in Fountain Hills, AZ for a program designed to feed school children in East Mesa.

Matthew's Crossing Food Bank for their Meals to Grow program providing week-end hunger relief for East Valley children.

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church for service project at Holden Village (ELCA).

Our fund continues to grow due to your kind generosity. This ensures that funds are available biannually to support projects consistent with the mission of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church.

The Endowment Fund Committee is excited to be hosting a seminar, "Life Happens 101," on Sunday, February 9th. Mark your calendars now! More information to come soon.

Wishing you a Joyous and Blessed Holiday Season!

DINNER CHURCH

everyone is welcome to the table

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EPIPHANY CELEBRATION

JANUARY 6

6:00 PM

@ Holy Trinity
in the CLC

Sign up on the
Patio beginning
in December



Give Flowers in 2020
Sign up on the patio!
(On the table with the envelopes.)



Join us Saturday
December 21st at
5:00 pm
to learn to make
homemade
tamales!

All supplies will be
furnished.

You MUST sign up
for this event on
the Tear 'n Share

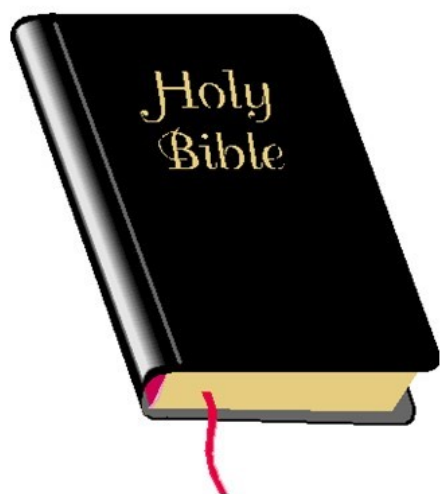
WANT TO LEARN

SPANish?



Spanish Classes at Holy Trinity!
Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm
in the Youth Room

No cost, but donations will be accepted.



Adult Sunday School 10 am – 11 am Room 10

For More information contact:
Mike Wells or Sue Wicke

Youth Sunday School Grades 6-12 10am -11 am Youth Room

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Trinity when
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Youth Ministry

12/01- Thanks Giving Weekend No youth group
12/08-Devotional (The Nativity Story)
12/15-Confirmation Christmas Party!
12/22-High School Christmas Party
12/24 to 12/29-Christmas Break No Youth Group

**Join us on December 15th at the 10:00
am service for an Intergenerational
Christmas Program.**



**Everyone plays a part in retelling the
Christmas story!**



Women's Ministries of

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



Christmas
is
HOME

Holy Trinity 2019 Women's Advent Dinner

TUESDAY

DECEMBER 3, 2019

**6:15 pm
in the CLC**

Sign up on the Patio: Nov. 3, 10, 17 & 24



We are looking for Family Christmas stories to add to our program. If you are interested please contact Deb Hosfield.

GIVE A RIDE. We need drivers to pick up non-driving women for the Advent Dinner. Please contact Deb Hosfield for more details.

Raffle items are being collected at the church office or on the patio.

Please join us in the office conference room on the first Thursday of every month for our planning meetings!

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THE TRINITY TRUMPET

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



Illness: Jo Melage; Ordean Mattson; Janice Hiller; Jackie Straw; Patty Loyer's relatives, Buddy Mobley & Lew Stanley and friend, Brooklyn Miller; Julaine Buchholz; Richard Anderson; Mary Larsen's relative, Carly Marquez; Harold Lindell; Jerry & Marty Lewis's friend, Cliff Coen; Kismet Weiss's friend, John; Carol Jacobson; Pauline Texter's sister, Thelma; Pete & Carol Barton's son, Eric; Murilyn Racine's daughter-in-law, Barbara Racine; Carolan Quenneville's friend, Char Summerfield; Mary Ann Lear; Greg Malachowski; ***Surgery:*** Bobbie Ochoa; DeDe Buechler; Mary Larsen; Lois Miller's friend, Tania Santillano; Carolan Quenneville; Deb Hosfield's friend, Lucas Cox; Randy Allenstein; Mark Weiss; Rita Karsten; Donna Anderson; ***Grief:*** John Foy & family following the death of his son, Jeffrey; The Rohrbach family following the death of their granddaughter, Kortnee Claymore; Tina Lindsay & family following the death of her sister, Phyllis Zulkowski; Family & friends of Jim Morrill following his death;

Congratulations to:

New grandparents, Carl and Betsy Powell and great grandparents, Roger and Nancy Bonngard on the birth of Oliver Antoni Bijak, born on October 21st to Jakub and Kristen Bijak.

Reminder: The next newsletter deadline is December 11th by 9:00 am.