



**HOLY TRINITY**  
Lutheran Church

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## *December 2020 Trinity Trumpet*

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

Nursery provided 8:15–11:15 am

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*Join Us in Celebrating the Season!*

**Sunday, November 29th—1st Sunday of Advent**

8:30 & 10:00 am on the patio

**Wednesday, December 2nd—Prayer Around the Cross**

6:30 pm on the patio

**Sunday, December 6th—2nd Sunday of Advent**

8:30 & 10:00 am on the patio

**Wednesday, December 9th—Prayer Around the Cross**

6:30 pm on the patio

**Sunday, December 13th—3rd Sunday of Advent**

8:30 & 10:00 am on the patio

**Wednesday, December 16th—Prayer Around the Cross**

6:30 pm on the patio

**Saturday, December 19th—Prayer Vigil**

10:00 am—3:00 pm in the Sanctuary

**Sunday, December 20th—4th Sunday of Advent**

8:30 & 10:00 am on the patio

**Monday, December 21st—Blue Christmas Service**

Online only

**Christmas Eve Worship Schedule**

2pm: Traditional Service on the patio

5pm: Children's Service on the patio

7pm: Traditional Service on the patio

**Sunday, Dec. 27th—A Service of Christmas Lessons and Carols**

Online Only

## Council Update

	Actual	Budget
YTD Income	\$338,193	\$376,666
YTD Expense	\$344,583	\$376,666

2020 YTD Attendance	Ha Ha
2019 YTD Attendance	232

Dear People of God,

My friend sent me this picture of a Christmas Ornament the other day. He is a pastor in Florida, and like you and like me, 2020 was not what he expected. He is ready to put the whole year in the dumpster and burned it up!

While there are clearly things about 2020 I would like to put behind all of us, the pandemic, the loss of loved ones, the difficult economy, the physical separation from friends and family, the economic impact on the least of these, etc. I have also seen God's light shine through you! As a congregation you have pulled together to not only take care for our own members through phone calls, funeral meals, cards, and delivery of gifts to our homebound. We have been able to worship online thanks to Charles and Steve and other members who have used their gifts to get technology working well.



And you have made a difference in the lives of our community.

You have sponsored a well.

You have given over \$10,000 to the Navajo Nation (which included two classrooms)

You have given countless donations to IHELP

You are working on sponsoring a food drive for Matthew's Crossing

You have helped folks through our Needy Fund.

You have given funds through our Endowment to community groups.

You have continued to volunteer at Hidden Treasures Thrift Store.

You have truly been that light that we hear about in John 1:5

***A light shines in the darkness and the darkness did not overcome it.***

During the season of Advent we will remember the birth of Jesus and celebrate that light breaking into the world, but we will also prepare our hearts for when Jesus will come again, and God's kingdom will not be just breaking in, but will be fully known. Where there will be no pandemic, no hunger, no thirst, no one in need.

Thank you for being God's light to the world in the midst of a difficult 2020. When I look back on this year, I will remember how God's people at Holy Trinity shined God's light in the world and made a difference to so many.

Peace,

*Pastor Chris*

**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. You have stepped up to the plate during these COVID months and have hit home run after home run that has made a difference in the lives of our faith community, our Chandler community, and the worldwide community.

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 generously the joy and love of God in tangible ways, you have made a difference in the lives of many people. If you could hear their voices the two words you would hear them say to you is THANK YOU!

The members of the Stewardship Ministry Team, Team Leader Sue Gaumont, Barbara Carl, Mistie Stephens, Bernie Carl, Mark Engel, Mark Lynne 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!!**

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**\$300 Deduction Available**

You may not know that there is a special tax advantage this year to encourage giving of at least \$300 to charity. The CARES Act passed by Congress last March will allow those who do not itemize on their taxes to deduct up to \$300 on this year's taxes for gifts made to charitable organizations like Holy Trinity Church. The deduction is only for gifts of cash made in calendar year 2020.

Many of you have already given more than \$300 and for that we are grateful. For those considering an extra gift to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, we wanted to let you know our plans for what we will do if revenue ends up exceeding expenses.

With excess funding, we will:

- Apply them to the Needy Fund for members of our community
- Fund our Mission Development Program

The pandemic has taught us that there is tremendous need right now—in our congregation, in the community, and around the world. Every gift and every giver strengthens our shared ministries to nurture faith, care for our community, and share God's Good News throughout the world. Thank you for giving.

To qualify for the CARES Act deduction and to allocate funds as designated above, gifts should be received at the church by December 31, 2020. Send check to 739 West Erie Street, Chandler, AZ or give online at [www.htlutheran.com](http://www.htlutheran.com).



# Habitat for Humanity

## Building our 25th House!

Holy Trinity is sponsoring and building our **25th house** as part of the Southeast Valley Lutheran Coalition with partners of Desert Cross, Mountain View and Esperanza Lutheran churches. Thank you 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. Check out [www.azdor.gov/About/FAQs/CharitableTaxCredit.aspx](http://www.azdor.gov/About/FAQs/CharitableTaxCredit.aspx) with any tax credit questions.

During November and December, we ask you to make your contribution to the house by **writing a check payable to “Habitat For Humanity – Central AZ”**, marking the memo line “Holy Trinity” and bringing/ mailing it to the church office manager.

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

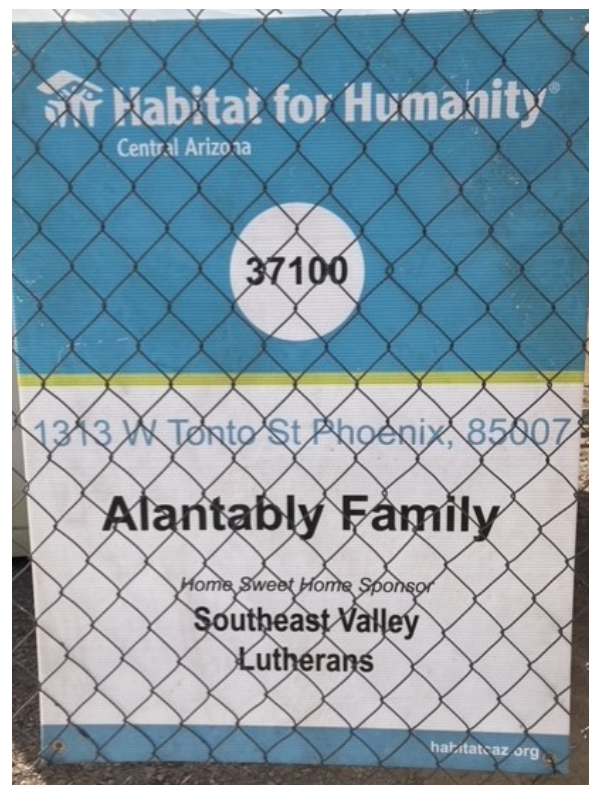
Yours in ministry, *Mary Larsen, Coalition Chair*, 602-400-7049 or [Chularsen@gmail.com](mailto:Chularsen@gmail.com)

### The Building Has Begun! They need your help.

This is a great activity for families with teenagers! (Volunteers must be 16 years old.) Volunteers **MUST** sign up in advance to be on site! You can do this electronically at the Habitat for Humanity Volunteer Hub <https://habitatcaz.volunteerhub.com/lp/orientation/>.

#### Build Dates:

- 12/5 Framing
- 12/12 Continue framing / Prep for trusses
- 12/19 Build Gable Modules/Prep for Trusses
- 1/9 Install Safety Rails/ Roof framing
- 1/16 Continue Roof framing
- 1/23 Complete framing
- 1/30 Begin shingling & drywall blocking
- 2/6 Begin drywall
- 2/13 Continue drywall
- 2/20 Continue drywall
- 2/27 Continue drywall
- 3/6 Complete drywall
- 3/13 Begin doors & trim
- 3/20 Complete doors & trim/ Prep for paint
- 3/27 Interior paint/Exterior paint prep
- 4/10 Exterior paint/Prep for landscaping
- 4/17 Landscaping/Install accessories
- 4/24 Touch up/Final Clean up
- 5/8 Dedication







## Alantably Family



### Address:

Lot # 37100  
1313 W Tonto St  
Phoenix, AZ 85007



### Sponsorship:

*Home Sweet Home Sponsor*

**Southeast Valley  
Lutheran Coalition**

*Built in Partnership With*



### Meet the future Habitat homeowners:



Medhat and Fatima moved to Arizona from Cairo, Egypt in 2007 with their daughter, Maryam, and son, Mostafa. Their youngest son, Mohamed, was born here in 2009. They moved to be closer to family living in Arizona. Medhat works as a delivery driver and maintenance associate at a retail store. Fatima works as a sales associate at the same store. All three children have ambitious dreams of what they want to be when they grow up. Maryam, 17, wants to be a computer science engineer, Mostafa, 14, wants to be a computer programmer, and Mohamed, 11, wants to be a structural engineer.

The family enjoys cooking and watching TV together. They especially like watching soccer games and action movies. They currently live in government housing. The family does not feel secure in their current home and worry every year about qualifying to have their lease renewed.

Medhat and Fatima heard about Habitat Central Arizona through the Maricopa Housing Department. Medhat and Fatima are excited to become Habitat homeowners and see their hard work become an investment in their family's future.

**"Thank you for helping to make our dream come true, and for helping us achieve the security of homeownership."**

*- The Alantably Family*

Medhat, Fatima and children: Maryam, Mostafa, Mohamed



# December 2020

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4	5
				6:30 am Bible Study 9:00 am Bible Study 6:30 pm Prayer Around the Cross			
6	8:30 am Worship/patio 10:00 Worship/patio 4:00 pm Youth Group Zoom Shopping	7	8	9	10	11	12
				6:30 am Bible Study 9:00 am Bible Study 6:30 pm Prayer Around the Cross			
13	8:30 am Worship/patio 10:00 Worship/patio Youth Group Horse- back riding - Time TBA	14	15	16	17	18	19
		Final Drop off for 21 Days & Angel Tree items.		6:30 am Bible Study 9:00 am Bible Study 6:30 pm Prayer Around the Cross			10:00 am—3:00 pm Pray- er Vigil in the Sanctuary
20		21	22	23	24	25	26
		10:00 am Staff Meeting			2:00 pm Christmas Eve worship/patio 5:00 pm Christmas Eve worship/patio 7:00 pm Christmas Eve worship/patio	Merry Christmas!	
27	8:30 am Worship/patio 10:00 Worship/patio	28	29	30	31		
		Blue Christmas Service Online Only 10:00 am Staff Meeting			New Year's Eve		
A Service of Lessons & Carols—Online only							

# Thank You for Your Support of the Navajo Nation!

We thank you very much for investing in our Navajo students at Navajo Mission Preparatory School. The Mission staff are working very hard in delivering academic packets and meals to the students. The school plays a pivotal role in providing a quality Christian education. *NELM staff*

Below are a few pictures of supplies you helped to provide.







## **TWENTY-ONE DAYS TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE**

As people of faith, we live in a time of waiting – the time between Jesus first coming and his second. How do people of faith live and act in these in-between times? One way is to respond by doing those things that make a difference in the lives of others.

For twenty-one days from **Monday, November 23rd** to **Sunday, December 13th** you are asked to make a difference in lives touched by the ministry of **Matthew's Crossing Food Bank** by setting aside one food item a day (see the daily needs listed below) so that **Matthew's Crossing** can provide food for hungry people through their Christmas food distribution. You are then asked to bring your donations to Holy Trinity by **Sunday, December 13th** where they will be blessed to be a blessing to others.

God has called us as believers who wait patiently for his coming to share ourselves and our resources so that our neighbors in need may be fed with not only food but with the word of God. Thank you for your generosity.

### **DAILY ITEMS NEEDED**

<b><u>DATE</u></b>	<b><u>FOOD ITEM</u></b>
Nov. 23	Box of cornbread/biscuit mix
Nov. 24	Box of stuffing
Nov. 25	Canned cranberries
Nov. 26	Canned/package gravy (no glass jar)
Nov. 27	Canned sweet potatoes
Nov. 28	Boxed mashed potatoes
Nov. 29	Canned green beans
Nov. 30	Boxed brownie mix
Dec. 1	Canned corn
Dec. 2	Boxed macaroni and cheese
Dec. 3	Peanut butter
Dec. 4	Canned applesauce (no glass jars)
Dec. 5	Box of cereal
Dec. 6	Box/bag of pasta
Dec. 7	Canned spaghetti sauce (no glass jar)
Dec. 8	Canned fruit
Dec. 9	Dessert mix
Dec. 10	Canned tomato soup
Dec. 11	Canned mix vegetables
Dec. 12	Package of rice
Dec. 13	Package of oatmeal





## Angel Tree 2020

Join us in helping Chandler CARE & AZCEND to help provide for families in need in our community.

This year we are collecting:

### **Donations for Chandler CARE**

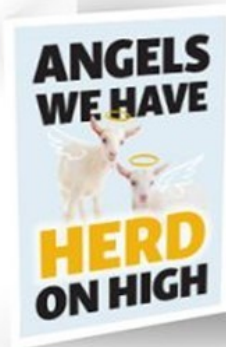
To provide Medical and Dental Care for students.  
(Make checks payable to Chandler CARE.)

Or

### **Donations for AZcend**

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

**Drop off checks by December 14th.**



Cards are available in the office for a donation of your choosing.

Or

Order online at [ELCA.org](http://ELCA.org)

# youth group

SCHEDULE

Sunday November 15th, 2020: Zoom-  
Devotional @ 4PM

Sunday November 22nd, 2020: Brunch at  
Church @ 1PM

Sunday November 29th, 2020: Zoom-  
Devotional @ 4PM

Sunday December 6th, 2020: Zoom  
Amazon Shopping (Service Project- Gifts  
for families in need) @ 4pm

Sunday December 13th, 2020: Horseback  
Riding TBA

Don't forget  
when you are  
Christmas  
Shopping  
online –

You can give to  
Holy Trinity  
when buying  
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- Go to [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com)
- Type in “Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Chandler”
- Bookmark that page so every time you shop on Amazon .5% of your purchase is donated to Holy Trinity.





Advent Prayer Around the Cross is important for me. It is a time of calm, a time of reflection, a time of prayer. Away from the distractions of the frenzied world of jingle bells and retail pressure, I can focus quietly on God's word through scripture. I come away from Advent worship services refreshed and renewed by God's promises for our future. *Barbara B. Carl*

# ADVENT

## Prayer Around The Cross

**Wednesdays at 6:30 pm on the Patio. December 2, 9 & 16**

### **Book Distribution Day in Sapele, Nigeria**

413 students at Owhere Primary School have received Math, English and Science text books this year!

Thank you for the continued support of Mission Africa!





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



***Please pray for: **Illness:*** Karen Ewart's brother-in-law, Tom Casey; Karen Ewart's niece, Debra Meiers; Jocelyn Mischen; Darcy Mittelstaedt; Jeri Pfeilsticker; John Stephens; Margie Probstfield; Judy Jefferson; Tony Stephen's friend, Nick Lacey; Sandra Fischer's friends, Maddie & Beth; Carolan Quenneville; Sandra Fischer's friends Art, Sharon & Jeremiah Simpson; Kolleen Couch's friend, Mully Brinson; Russ Mellage; Chip Piehl's aunt, Leona and cousin, Deb; the Buechler's friend, Gary VanErt; Bob Leitner's cousin, Tillman Sande; Sandra Fischer's friends, Barbara and Adrian; ***Surgery:*** Harry Jones; Joey Loyer; Sandra Fischer's friend, Mary; Carolan Quenneville's friend, LuAnn Brown; Steve Bushard; ***Grief:*** DeDe Buechler & family following the death of her son; Jeanne Moorhead's sister-in-law, Cydney Moorhead Molleur & family following the death of her husband, Loren; Shirley Lodmell & family following the death of her nephew, Don Miller; JoAnn Piehl & the Warren family following the death of their relative. ***Other:*** Bobbie Fishburn's grandson, Grant; Carolyn Searls friend, Gayle Trigo;**