



**HOLY TRINITY**  
Lutheran Church

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# *Fall 2021 Trinity Trumpet*

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

Nursery provided 8:15–11:15 am

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## Council Update

|             | Actual    | Budget    |
|-------------|-----------|-----------|
| YTD Income  | \$212,650 | \$225,000 |
| YTD Expense | \$207,561 | \$225,000 |

Dear children of God,

I have been hearing the commercial from Applebees recently with the song “Welcome Back...” for those a little younger, this was the theme from the sitcom *Welcome Back Kotter* where John Travolta got his start.

These few words have been running through my mind over the last few months as we have begun to welcome people back to in person activities. It seems each week there are more coming back to worship. Little by little the numbers are increasing. While this is great, I am also aware that there are some who are going to continue to worship through our online services for a variety of reasons. For some it is health, for some distance, for some work schedules. It is good to have this opportunity.

Worship and activities over the last few months have begun to look a little more “normal.” We have begun choir, bells, and contemporary services. Worship is ALMOST back to “normal.” We are still not sharing the peace or passing the offering plates and communion is not yet at the rail, but we are moving back little by little. The nursery is open, children’s sermons are happening again, and you will find hymnals back in the pew.

Beginning in August Sunday School will return, and in September, we are going to bring back refreshments on the patio. All are signs that we are moving back to what was.

While we come back together, we also are reminded that things are also different. There are some of the faithful who have joined the church triumphant and will be missed, but we also rejoice we have welcomed new members to our community who are actively involved in ministry. We have also been adding new ministries including: POWOW, Monday morning devotion on Zoom, Thursday evening Bible Studies in the Fall in person, and a hiking group.

Martin Luther said, “A church reformed is a church reforming.” The church is never stagnant, the church is always changing and growing and evolving because the Holy Spirit is always at work! It is moving and blowing within our midst.

I give thanks for each of you each day, because you are willing to embrace the movement of the Spirit. I give thanks that you celebrate God’s love and continue to find new ways to serve and reach out to our community.

Peace,  
*Pastor Chris*

**A MESSAGE FROM YOUR STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY TEAM**  
**ELECTRONIC GIVING – IT’S NOT THAT HARD!**

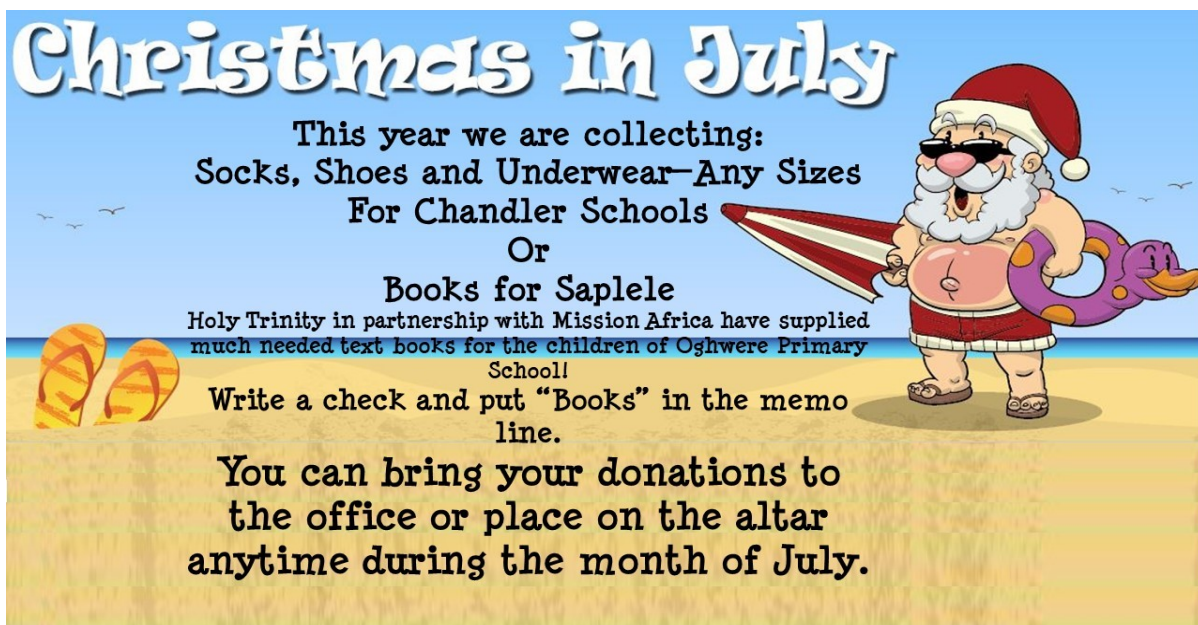
When the COVID-19 lockdowns hit us in March 2020, Holy Trinity was faced with a new normal. The leadership of our community of faith faced many unknowns and many questions about the future of our congregation. One of those areas of concern dealt with our financial survivability. How were individuals to make contributions without being present for Sunday worship during the ritual of “passing the plate”?

In hindsight this issue was a non-issue after all. Due to the foresight of many members who chose to contribute electronically, Holy Trinity not only survived financially but thrived during our nearly one year of COVID-19 isolation. Unlike many congregations in our synod and around the country who struggled during the pandemic, our community of faith was able to continue our ministry because, you its faithful members, became part of our electronic giving program. Did you know that over 30% of our congregation make contributions through various electronic giving programs available to them?

What about you? Are you part of the 30% who support the mission and ministry of Holy Trinity by giving electronically? If so, we thank you for your support. And if you are not part of the 30% would you consider joining your friends and fellow members of our community in doing so? It is not that hard and we can help you join the many members who have already joined the electronic giving club.

There are a number of ways you can do this. All you need to do is contact Judi Carle, ([judi@htlutheran.com](mailto:judi@htlutheran.com)) Holy Trinity’s office manager, who can help you get enrolled in our electronic giving program. You can also text your contributions by becoming part of our “Text to Give” program. Each Sunday, whether you worship in-person or virtually, a text to give number is displayed during the offering anthem as well as in the pew racks. Simply follow the directions on the screen or pew rack information to make your contribution.

God has called us to be a light to the nations and to care for our neighbors. Your generosity has made fulfilling that calling a reality. Your contributions helped us survive the COVID-19 pandemic. Thank you for your financial faithfulness and your willingness to share of the blessings you have been given by a loving God.



**Christmas in July**

**This year we are collecting:  
Socks, Shoes and Underwear—Any Sizes  
For Chandler Schools  
Or  
Books for Saplele**

Holy Trinity in partnership with Mission Africa have supplied much needed text books for the children of Oghwere Primary School!

Write a check and put “Books” in the memo line.

**You can bring your donations to the office or place on the altar anytime during the month of July.**

**A NEW BIBLE STUDY**  
***“HOW THE BIBLE CAME TO BE!”***

Have you ever wondered how the Holy Bible, the book upon which we as Lutherans base our faith, life, and beliefs upon came to be? Wonder no more. Pastor Bernie will be offering a short 4 session study in which he share information and answer questions on how the Holy Bible came to be. The course will study issues surrounding the compilation of the both the Old and New Testaments, the Apocrypha, and the process which determined the inclusion of the books we label “sacred scripture.”

Each session will be held in-person on the Holy Trinity campus beginning on **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9 at 6:30pm** and continuing each Thursday through **SEPTEMBER 30**. If you wish to be part of this new addition to the adult education program at Holy Trinity, please contact Pastor Bernie by emailing him at either, [bernie@htlutheran.com](mailto:bernie@htlutheran.com) or [bernardwcarl1@gmail.com](mailto:bernardwcarl1@gmail.com) to let him know that you will be joining the group.

**WEEKLY BIBLE STUDIES**

Each week Pastor Bernie offers two bible study sessions on **WEDNESDAY** mornings at 6:30am and 9:00am. These weekly sessions discuss the upcoming lessons that are shared at Sunday morning worship. Presently both sessions are held via Zoom, but beginning **on WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 the 9:00am session will be held in-person on the Holy Trinity campus.** (The 6:30am session will remain Zoom only).

Pastor Bernie provides weekly study notes for class participants via email. If you are not presently involved in these weekly sessions but would like to join in the lively discussions during the class sessions please contact Pastor Bernie at either [bernie@htlutheran.com](mailto:bernie@htlutheran.com) or [bernardwcarl1@gmail.com](mailto:bernardwcarl1@gmail.com) with your email address so that he can add you to the list and can send you the Zoom logins and study notes.

These sessions have been well received by those 20 to 30 members who join each and every week from as far away as New Mexico, South Dakota, Colorado, and Montana. God has blessed them and will bless you as you study God’s holy word.

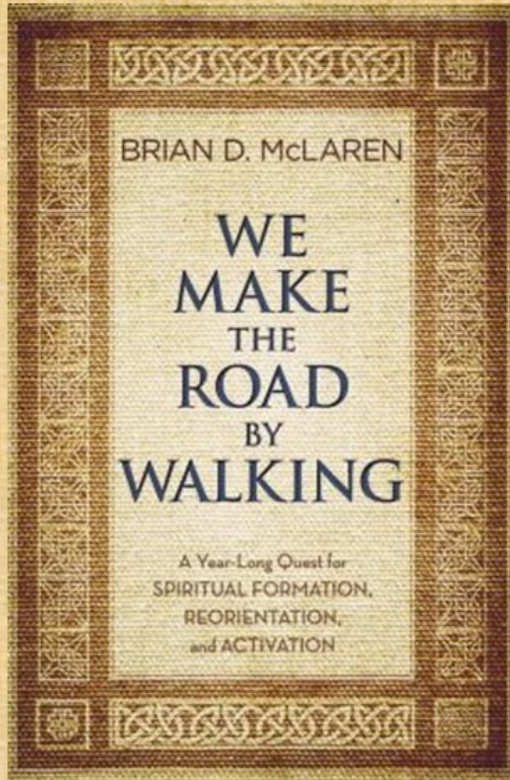


GriefShare is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life’s most difficult experiences. You don’t have to go through the grieving process alone.

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 12th from 6:30 to 8:30 pm.**





## Monday Mornings at 7:00 AM Beginning August 2

Join Pastor Chris for a weekly Book/Bible Study  
(It will be easy to jump in and out of as you need to.)

*"The book's fifty-two readings offer everything you need to explore what a difference an honest, living, growing faith can make in our world today. If you are seeking a fresh way to experience and practice your faith this book will inspire and activate you in your spiritual journey."*

**A Great way to start your week!**

**Click here to join the meeting on  
Zoom!**



# TheALEogy

Join us  
Monday Nights  
For dinner and/or  
beverages and  
conversation on current  
topics  
6:30 pm at  
Fibber McGees  
(Elliot & Dobson)



# POWWOW

(Produce on Wheels Without Waste)

\$12.00 (cash only) for up to 70 lbs of produce!

Pick up at Holy Trinity Saturday

July 24<sup>th</sup> & August 28<sup>th</sup> from 6 am to 9 am.

Everyone is welcome!

Call the office for more info or if you would like to help!

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our manager, or a day manager.

Department Highlight: Our furniture department has a variety of items. College students might find that perfect item for their apartment, or dishes and kitchen ware. Stop by and investigate.

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO TO SUPPORT HIDDEN TREASURES. WE WOULD NOT BE WHERE WE ARE WITHOUT YOU.

## Habitat Thanks You!



**Habitat**  
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Thank you for Holy Trinity's generous gift to Habitat and helping us support families who need a "hand up". Your partnership is especially important during these times of uncertainty

and allows us to continue serving Arizona's families.

Many thanks for your kindness and generosity. Holy Trinity makes the Good News Habitat generates daily possible! Together, we will continue to build homes, communities, and hope in the Valley of the Sun.

*Tina Burgoz*

Chief Development Officer



# MUSIC is BACK!

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- Children's Handbells Sundays at 11am starting September 12<sup>th</sup>
- Adult Handbells Wednesdays at 7:15pm starting in September
- Sanctuary Choir Tuesdays at 7pm (starting now!)
- Jazz Band Sundays at 6pm starting in September



We are bringing back refreshments after services starting in September and the freezer is empty

(because the staff ate all the cookies during COVID.)



We need your help to refill the freezer with home-baked or store-bought cookies. They can be brought to the office during the week or placed in the patio kitchen freezer on Sundays!

Thank you!!!!



# 5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY



**August 29th we will be collecting:**  
**Cereal**  
**Pasta**  
**Peanut Butter**

**Bring your donations anytime during August!**

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October 31st we will be collecting:  
**Socks & Underwear** for IHELP  
(the Interfaith Homeless Emergency  
Lodging Program).  
**Adult sizes, any styles.**



**Bring your donations anytime during October!**

## **Christ Centered Cancer Care Ministry**

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

**We will begin meeting again in September.**  
**Watch for an announcement of the date!**



# LUTHERFEST JOIN US OCTOBER 31ST

WORSHIP AT 8:30 & 10:00 AM



FOLLOWED BY  
MUSIC, FOOD & GAMES ON THE PATIO

FOOD AND DRINKS WILL BE PROVIDED.

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



*Young  
Adults  
(Age 18 - 30)*

*Saturday  
October 30<sup>th</sup>*

*6:00 pm at  
Pastor Chris' house  
Pumpkin Carving,  
Dinner & Smores!*

*Call the office for details.*

**Halloween  
Party**



# Ice Cream Social

Sunday, July 25th  
First Day of Sunday School— in person  
&  
Ice Cream Social  
Sunday School at 10:00 am  
Ice Cream Social at 11:00 am

## 2021 Fall Children & Youth Schedule



August 15th—Prayer/Worship Milestone –10am—Ages 2 to 5



September 12<sup>th</sup> —First Bibles—10am—Ages 1 to 5



September 12<sup>th</sup> —Children's Bell Choir—11am—3<sup>rd</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> Gr.



September 19<sup>th</sup>—Entering Confirmation Blessing—10am—6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade  
September 19<sup>th</sup>—First Confirmation Class—1pm-4:30pm—6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade

# 2021 Fall Children & Youth Schedule



September 19<sup>th</sup>—3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Bibles Class—11am—3rd Grade

September 26<sup>th</sup>—3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Bibles Presentation—10am— 3rd



October 4<sup>th</sup>- 8<sup>th</sup>—Fall Adventure Break Camp—8am-3pm—K- 5th



October 22<sup>nd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>—Confirmation Retreat—Fri. 5pm to Sun. 9am



October 24<sup>th</sup>—First Communion Class—11am— 1<sup>st</sup> -2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

October 31<sup>st</sup>—First Communion Sunday—10am—1<sup>st</sup> -2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

Join Us  
to watch the Arizona Cardinals  
play the Carolina Panthers

on 11/14/2021

at 2PM

Cost: \$45



Contact Luis Ochoa for more information  
or to purchase tickets. Only 30 tickets  
are available so get yours soon!!



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



**Please pray for:**

**Illness:** Pauline Texter's daughter, Amy; Carol Barton's grand-niece, Stella Carroll; Chris Wright; Antonia Rios; Orpha Price; Kelsey Jones's grandpa, Lou & uncle, Michael Jones; Cheryl Jones friend, Pat; Frances Kinder; Carolan Quenneville; Leroy Rohrbach; Don Wicke's brother, Dale; Ann Schieber's relative, Angie Schieber; Kismet Weiss's friend, Julie; Kolleen Couch's friends Mike Unruh & family; Mary Larsen's niece, Mindy Monteith and great niece, Ginny Mae; Anita Schebler's friends, Marty Smith & Kennedy; Marlene Marxman's granddaughter; Margie Probstfield; Sandra Fischer's friends, Maddie & Beth; Carolan Quenneville's sister-in-law, Phyllis Hosfelt & friend, Janet Reed; the Fishburn's friend, Gay Tucker; **Surgery:** Carol Barton; Mike Epping; Becky Leitner; Allan Buechler; the Buechler's friend, Michael Kong; **Grief:** Sharon & Thurman Gilbert and family following the death of Sharon's sister Carmen; Family & friends of Lois Miller following her death; **Other:** Sandra Fischer's friend, Gina; the Buechler's friend, Gladys Calvert;