



March 2019 Trinity Trumpet

Worship 8:30 & 10:00 am

Nursery provided 8:15—11:15 am

HOLY TRINITY
Lutheran Church

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& 2 snacks
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**Adventure
Break
Camp**

HOLY TRINITY
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K-6 Will Learn About

How to Love
our Neighbors

You are Loved

How we are
Forgiven

Join us for a fun-filled week of **crafts, games,**
and a musical performance on the **22nd!**

March 18-22

ALL ARE WELCOME!

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Council Update

	Actual	Budget
YTD Income	\$31,983	\$38,083
YTD Expense	\$36,300	\$38,083

2019 YTD Attendance 238

2018 YTD Attendance 278

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

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

When was the last time you had a faith conversation with someone outside of Holy Trinity?

I ask this, because this was one of the things we were challenged to do in the workshop, “Churches Starting Churches,” at a conference in Las Vegas last month. The workshop leader suggested that we begin conversations with people in our community, in a nonjudgmental way, to get to know people and hear about their lives.

The conversation may begin as gently as: where do you work, tell me about your family, or what do you like to do in your free time? As you begin and continue the conversation, you begin to find out where people’s hurts and growing edges are! And once some of those are identified, you can begin to give some faithful responses in order to encourage some faith-filled conversation. “I will keep you in prayer.” “I know God will be with you through this.” “You know you are never alone.” These faith-filled responses to difficult situations can help spur on more conversation from those you are talking to. As Christians, we are not called to make members, we are called to make disciples and to share the good news. Sometimes a small conversation like one that begins with a “hello” can lead to a deeper conversation about faith.

A few years ago, I was with a friend at a restaurant on a break from a preaching conference. We headed down to this little restaurant that only had room at the bar. As we sat down, we whispered to one another, “don’t let anyone know we are pastors.” But as the conversation went on, they began to try to figure out what we did for a living. When they finally pulled it out of us that we were pastors, the gentleman next to me couldn’t wait to ask me a question. He told me his son had died at the age of 12 after a 5 year battle with cancer. His wife had checked out since she couldn’t handle it. As a result, he just wanted to know why. He was discerning his faith in the midst of the crisis.

As I left, I felt guilty that I had not offered him an opportunity to share with me his faith struggle earlier. I felt guilty that I wasn’t open to having the conversation, and that I just wanted to hide behind my diet coke and sandwich. I am glad the people sitting at the bar pushed me. How often do we not share who we are as children of God and are not willing to risk the conversation in order to engage others and share God’s grace? How often do we hide?

As Lutherans, we are pretty good about hiding. We like the statement from St. Francis “Preach the Gospel everywhere, and if necessary use words.” It IS good that we as Lutherans are active in our faith, and it is a testimony to our love for God. But sometimes, and maybe more than sometimes, we should be more verbal about our faith! Sharing where God is active in our life and in our neighbors.

Over the next few weeks, I challenge you to have a faith-filled conversation with a stranger and tell me how it goes! It takes practice! If the first one does not go as you would have hoped, try again! Not everyone you meet will be receptive. But begin by just listening to their story and gradually pointing out where God was active!

Blessings to you, as you continue to live out your faith in action AND in WORD!

Peace,

Pastor Chris

What is Shrove Tuesday?

Shrove Tuesday, the day immediately preceding Ash Wednesday (the first day of Lent), can be celebrated by eating pancakes. It is the last day of "fat eating" before the fasting period of Lent. The expression "Shrove Tuesday" comes from the word *shrive*, meaning "absolve". Shrove Tuesday is observed by many Christians, who make a special point of self-examination, of considering what wrongs they need to repent, and what amendments of life or areas of spiritual growth they especially need to ask God's help with. As this is the last day of the liturgical season historically known as Shrovetide, before the season of Lent, practices such as indulging in food that one gives up for the upcoming forty days, are associated with Shrove Tuesday celebrations. The term *Mardi Gras* is French for "Fat Tuesday", referring to the practice of the last night of eating richer, fatty foods before the ritual fasting of the Lenten season, which begins on Ash Wednesday.

Why do we burn Palms?

The ashes used on Ash Wednesday are made from the burning of palms blessed in the previous year's Palm Sunday celebration, when we carried Palms to recognize the Gospels' reference to Jesus's path being covered in palm fronds on the day he entered Jerusalem. These Palms are then used to make the ashes placed on the foreheads in the shape of the cross as we remember "that we are dust, and to dust we shall return."

Join us as we prepare for Lent

With a Pancake Supper and the
Burning of the Palms

March 5

6:00 – 7:15

Thank you to the Boy Scouts
who will be making the
Pancakes!



RESPOND WITH GRATITUDE

A Monthly Message from your Stewardship Ministry Team

Webster's Dictionary defines gratitude as, ***“the quality of being thankful; readiness to show appreciation for and to return kindness.”*** Now, if one believes the internet, the word gratitude has been in general use in English since 1523. Needless to say, the word gratitude has been part of the life of human beings for a long, long time. Members of Holy Trinity have been practicing the art of gratitude for decades. Being thankful has made resources available which have enabled the gospel to be proclaimed in word and deed, children and adults to be educated in the word of God, pastoral care to be provided to the ill and infirmed, the homeless given comfort, and a physical plant where community groups can gather.

Yet, did you know that being grateful and practicing gratitude has personal benefits as well? Once again, if you believe what you read on the internet, studies have been done which detail the benefits of being generous and thankful. Did you know that practicing gratitude improves physical and psychological health, enhances empathy and reduces aggression, improves self-esteem, helps you sleep better, makes you more optimistic, increases your energy level, and helps your marriage?

Now whether practicing gratitude will bring these benefits to you or not, it may be worth responding with grateful and thankful hearts and see if such benefits may come your way. Take the risk. Show gratitude. You never know what may happen when you respond to God with a heart of gratitude.



YOUNG
ADULTS
18 - 29

March 3, 4:00 PM

Come help cook a
meal for our
homeless guests

ENDOWMENT FUND COMMITTEE NEWS

The **Spring distribution** of available Endowment Fund monies is right around the corner. Please be thinking of causes near and dear to your heart you would like considered for this distribution. Applications can be found online at htlutheran.com under the heading "Give" and need to be printed and filled out manually. There are tips for filling out the application on the website as well. Please contact an Endowment Fund Committee member or the Church office if you have any questions. **Submission deadline is April 1st.**

● After 15 years of faithful and passionate service, Teri Smithers has stepped down to explore new service opportunities. We will be forever grateful for the time and talent Teri has given the Endowment Fund program. Michelle Nord and Joan Baker were unanimously approved as committee members by the Congregation at the Annual Meeting. Thank you Michelle and Joan for accepting the call to serve on our team.

● It is through the generosity of our donors that the Endowment Fund Committee is able to grant biannual distributions. Monies awarded from this fund are above and beyond what is supported by our congregational budget. If you are interested in donating to the Endowment Fund and/or are interested in including the Endowment Fund in your estate planning, please contact a committee member or the Church office. Contributions to the Endowment Fund ensure God's work, through the hands and hearts of Holy Trinity, will continue to be done.

Michele Heath, Steve Brabec, Richard Anderson, Michelle Nord, Joan Baker



Holy Trinity Golf Tournament

March 30
8:00 AM

is the shotgun start
Sign up on the patio!

March 2019

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31	8:30 am Worship 8:30 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 4:30 pm Youth Group					1 6:15 am Men's Breakfast 9:30 am AlAnon	2 9:00 am AA 10:00 am OA
3	Chandler CARE Food Box 8:30 am Worship 8:30 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 4:30 pm Youth Group	4 10:00 am Staff Meeting 5:30 pm OA 7:00 pm Council Meeting 7:30 pm AA	5 5:30 pm OA 6:00 pm Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper 7:00 pm CA 7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir	6 Ash Wednesday 6:30 am Bible Study 9:00 am Bible Study 2:00 pm Lenten Worship 4:00 pm Scouts 5:45 Soup Supper 7:00 pm Lenten Worship 7:45 pm Handbells	7 8:30 am Quilters 6:00 pm Women's Planning Meeting 7:30 pm AA	8 6:15 am Men's Breakfast 9:30 am AlAnon	9 8:00 Council Visioning Meeting 9:00 am AA 10:00 am OA
10	8:30 am Worship 8:30 am Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Israel Trip Info Meeting 2:30 pm Confirmation 4:30 pm Youth Group	11 10:00 am Staff Meeting 5:30 pm OA 6:30 pm TheAL Eogy 7:30 pm AA	12 9:00 am Martha Circle 5:30 pm Worship & Music 5:30 pm OA 7:00 pm CA 7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir	13 6:30 am Bible Study 9:00 am Bible Study 4:00 pm Scouts 5:45 Soup Supper 7:00 pm Lenten Worship 7:45 pm Handbells	14 10:00 am Coffee & Conversation 7:30 pm AA	15 6:15 am Men's Breakfast 9:30 am AlAnon	16 9:00 am AA 10:00 am OA
17		18	19	20	21	22	23
Adventure Break Camp							
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ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES

March 6th
2:00 PM and 7:00 PM

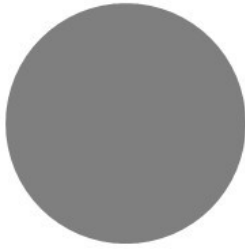
Soup Supper at 5:45



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Holden Evening Prayer Worship at 7:00 PM

March 13	Rev. Miguel Gomez-Acosta
March 20	Rev. Jacqui Pagel
March 27	Bishop Deborah Hutterer
April 3	Luis Ochoa
April 10	Rev. Rich Sisco



Interest Meeting
March 10, 11:00 AM

Trip to the
Holy Land

January 2020

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!

The Ethnic Lunch is Back!



'BEST IRISH PUB'
Phoenix New Times
<http://fibbermageespub.com/>

Award winning pub and restaurant with traditional Irish food

SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 2019

11:30AM

1989 West Elliot Road
Chandler, AZ 85224
(Southeast Corner of Dobson and Elliott)
Free parking! Huge lot!

There's something for everyone... Traditional Irish cuisine and regular American food. For craft beer aficionados, there are some wonderful craft Irish and domestic beer!

RSVP by **March 17, 2019** cquinn_1@hotmail.com or 480-747-8315.



Join the newly
formed

Property
Committee

March 3
11:00 AM

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All Church

WORK DAY

March 23rd from 8:00 am
until Noon.

Sign up on the patio to help
clean up the campus
for Easter!

Share the Good News!

Please help us spread the word. Click "Share" on Holy Trinity's Facebook posts so more people get the opportunity to see everything we have to offer!

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Spring Break is coming!!

March will include warm weather and lots of outdoor activities. Before you take off, stop by for sandals and walking shoes, sun hats, shorts, short sleeve shirts and sun dresses. You might want to round off your shopping with books and puzzles to do in your free time.

If you are staying home and planning a party, Hidden Treasures can help with baking pans, dishes, glasses, linens and books with party ideas. Our décor department might have a special item to add sparkle to your home or patio. Easter décor items will be coming out soon.

Donations Needed: Book Nook – games and puzzles for all ages, Books - fiction, mystery, romance and westerns; Crafts – sewing notions, yarn, kid crafts.

Clothing – maternity and scrubs; greeting cards with envelopes;

Hidden Treasures Coupon
25% off your entire shopping trip
of regularly priced items. (Non-sale items)

Expires Saturday, March 30th

Newsletter edition



The-ALE-ogy

*Food, beverages and
discussion on theological topics*

**Monday, March 11th
at 6:30p**

Fibber Magees

1989 W Elliot Rd # 19, Chandler, AZ 85224
(slightly East of Dobson on Elliot)



Youth Ministry

LUTHERAN CAMPFORMATION



Lutheran Campformation 2019

Lutheran Campformation's Mission is Christian faith formation for youth entering 6th-12th grades in an outdoor setting.

Where: Camp Pinerock in Prescott

When: July 7th-12th

For registration information on Campformation please visit: www.lutherancampformation.com

Youth Activities for March:

03/03/19: Service Project (Help Decorate for Adventure Break Camp)

03/10/19: Confirmation

03/12/19: Movie Night (Movie TBD)

03/14/19: Lunch and Crafts 12PM to 2PM

03/17/19: Game Night (The Luck of the Irish)

03/18-22/19: Adventure Break Camp

03/24/19: Devotional (Topic "What if there's more to prayer than just God listening and answering?")

03/30/19: Golf Tournament -Youth Fundraiser (All Day Event)

03/31/19: No Youth Group

Special Invitation:

Kindergarden -5th Grade youth and their families are invited to an ice cream social and play games on March 24th after the second service. More information to come in the weeks ahead.



Ice Cream Social

thank
you!

My family and I are really excited to be here and are looking forward to new opportunities in Arizona. We are thankful for the hospitality and welcome we have received here at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. Thank you for all the gifts we have received. As we embark on this journey together, I encourage all of us to continue praying and being excited about our ministries here at HTLC.

Luis Ochoa, Youth & Outreach Ministry Director

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



Please pray for: **Illness:** Don Wicke's cousin, Vicki; The Curtis's daughter; the Bonngard's friend, Ken Mack; the Buechler's friend, Noyli; the Buechler's brother-in-law, Nick Rasic; Pete Wells; Jeff Hiller; Mary Larsen; Sue Korcecky; Julaine Buchholz; the Bartel's son; Arlen Erickson; Jim Morrill; Gracie Krehl; ***Surgery:*** Angela Mischen; Leroy Rohrbach; Terry Nord; Cheri Myers brother, Gary Lundeen; Joan Baker; ***Grief:*** The Rae family following Jack's death; Steve Brabec & family following the death of his mother, Ruth; The Staeheli family following Skip Staeheli's death; TL Norman & Family following the death of his wife, Carol; the Buechler's & family following the death of their relative, Francine Yoder;

Reminder: The next newsletter deadline is March 13th by 9:00 am.