



HOLY TRINITY
Lutheran Church

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March 2021 Trinity Trumpet

Worship 9:00 am

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Lent



Wednesday-Holden Evening Prayer—online at 5:00 pm

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April 1st

Maundy Thursday Worship on the patio at 5:00 pm

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April 2nd

Good Friday Worship on the patio 5:00 pm



April 4th

Easter Worship on the patio at 6:00 am & 9:00 am

Council Update

	Actual	Budget
YTD Income	\$74,250	\$75,000
YTD Expense	\$74,058	\$75,000

Congratulations to our 2021 Council: Bob Leitner, president; Mark Engel, vice president; Cheryl Jones, secretary; Tish Dirks, Bobbie Fishburn, Al Loveland; Steve Loyer; Mark Lynne; Brian Mosqueda; June Rohrbach; Tom Tennison, Nancy Weeks; Mike Wells.

Dear Children of God,

Over the last few weeks of Wednesday Lenten services, we have been talking about how Jesus steps on our toes, and how that challenges us to look at the world differently. We have heard how Jesus disrupted the order in the temple, called fisherman who were low in stature during that time, called a tax collector to discipleship and the list goes on.

I think of the ways Jesus steps on our toes, and challenges us to look beyond ourselves and makes us uncomfortable with the world and the situations we live in. And how it is easier for us to ignore reality in the world we live than stretch beyond our comfort zones.

I was talking with one of our members and she was talking about how well we as a congregation had moved to an online presence. I told her I never wanted to be a tel-evangelist and how hard it was for me to make that jump! Jesus clearly pushed me out of my comfort zone. Charles has learned more about video formats, YouTube and Facebook than he probably ever thought he would learn. Luis is learning about phone calling and reaching out in new ways, when he can't be in our neighborhood in person. And Judi, has put together more e-news together than she ever imagined! The staff has learned to cope and adjust and we have moved outside the norm to make this all work. And we have felt God stepping on our toes and pushing us.

The congregation has done the same! You are Zooming, YouTubing, and Facebooking in order to be a part of worship, Bible Studies, gatherings and meetings. And you all have pivoted in amazing ways. Some of you have moved to automatic giving, and the check book has been put in the drawer. You are having automatic draft, text to give, checks sent from your bank account automatically. And we have brought in new folks to our worship because of what we are doing. New members have joined the family since COVID!

This has allowed us to remain in contact. And as we all are beginning to get vaccinated, and we are looking forward to in person worship inside, in the coming months. But Jesus is still pushing us! How will we use this technology and the things we have learned in the future in order to further God's kingdom. That is the question that we are grappling with today as a council and throughout the congregational leadership! If you have ideas, we want to hear them!

God continues to step on our toes. God continues to push us outside our comfort zone! God continues to make God's love known.

Thanks be to God who is still on the loose! Nothing will hold God back! God's love will be made known!

Pastor Chris

A STORY OF GENEROSITY

A Message from your Stewardship Ministry Team

A long time ago there was a young boy who lived in Capernaum, a city along the north-west shore of the Sea of Galilee. No one knows this boy or his name. He was just one of 5000 nameless individuals who happened to be in the presence of Jesus one afternoon along the seashore. Yet even though we do not know his name, this young boy played a pivotal role in what occurred on that day. His generosity made it possible for Jesus to feed those gathered on the shore of the Sea of Galilee from his lunch box that contained five barley loaves and two tilapia. This simple meal, barely enough to feed himself and one other person, enabled Jesus to feed a multitude of individuals and still have food left over.

That young boy could have easily kept his lunch to himself and said, “if I give it away, I will have nothing left for me!” He could have hidden his bread and fish or simply said to those who asked him to share, “No! It’s mine and you can’t have it!”. But he did none of those things. He shared what he had probably realizing it was never enough to feed those 5000 people, but he gave what he had. And that made a difference in the people being fed with a simple meal of bread and fish or going home hungry.

This story illustrates what can happen when we practice generosity. Great things can happen when we choose to share what we have, even if we believe what we possess is too small or insignificant to make a difference. Your gifts to Holy Trinity, no matter the size, makes a difference in the lives of many. When you practice and live out your faith through a life of generosity amazing things can happen.

In the coming year you will hear more about how we can “Live Generously” and how so many of you are already expressing this in so many ways. You will be asked to share what you possess with God so that great miracles can happen. No gift is too small. No gift is too meager. God calls us as we enter a new year to share from our abundance and to “Live Generously”. Just think what Jesus did with five barley loaves and two tilapia all made possible by a young boy who generously shared his lunch.

A photograph of a person with long hair, seen from the side, looking out a large window. The window is divided into a grid of panes. Outside, there is a snowy landscape with trees and a building. The lighting is warm, suggesting late afternoon or early morning. On the windowsill, there is a small decorative object, possibly a figurine or a small plant in a pot.

Service of Lament:
one year of coronavirus

Sunday,
March 14, 2021
5:00 PM

Available on the Grand
Canyon Synod's Youtube
page or look for links on
Facebook.

A year of COVID: Where we've been and what might be in store



The Grand Canyon Synod is inviting you for an hour of conversation with Bishop Deborah Hutterer and Dr. Karen Kibler to review the year of Covid and where what might be in store for the coming months.

Tuesday, March 23, 2021 at 6 pm.

Call or email the office for the link to this online meeting.



Grand Canyon Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

Dear Faithful Stewards of the Grand Canyon Synod,

We got some good news last week. When Director of Finance Clint Wasser closed the books on our 2020-2021 fiscal year, he discovered congregational giving was 16% over promised gifts. This can only mean one thing—God does amazing things through you!

Faithful mission support from all of our congregations created this abundance. Thank you.

Because of you:

- We were able to launch Lutheran Advocacy Ministry of Arizona (LAMA), which is fully engaged in issues of hunger and providing support to older adults in their community.
- We offered additional support to even more seminary students.
- We honored all our commitments to our shared missions and ministries: Lutheran Social Services of Nevada, Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary, four campus ministries, just to give a few examples.
- We continued to share half of our received mission support with the Churchwide Office of the ELCA, which assists our national and global ministries. (Fun fact: a part of our churchwide support comes back to our synod through the ministry of our Director of Evangelical Mission, Pastor Miguel Gomez-Acosta.)

We went above and beyond in responding to a need of the Mexican Lutheran Church, our companion church. Last year, they requested help to repair the parsonage outside Mexico City. Damaged by multiple earthquakes, the pastor and his family were unable to live in the house. In partnership with the Northeast Ohio Synod and Churchwide, our synod contributed \$15,000 towards the repairs. Ministry can now continue in this location.

Because of you, all this and so much more was made manifest. Because of your faithfulness and generosity, new possibilities were created. Because of you, we are equipped to communicate Jesus and connect the people of the Grand Canyon Synod.

Thank you for your continued generosity in 2021-2022, so we can be church together, better together for the sake of the gospel.

Yours in Christ,

The Rev. Deborah K. Hutterer
Bishop

Rev. Miguel F. Gomez-Acosta
Director for Evangelical Mission

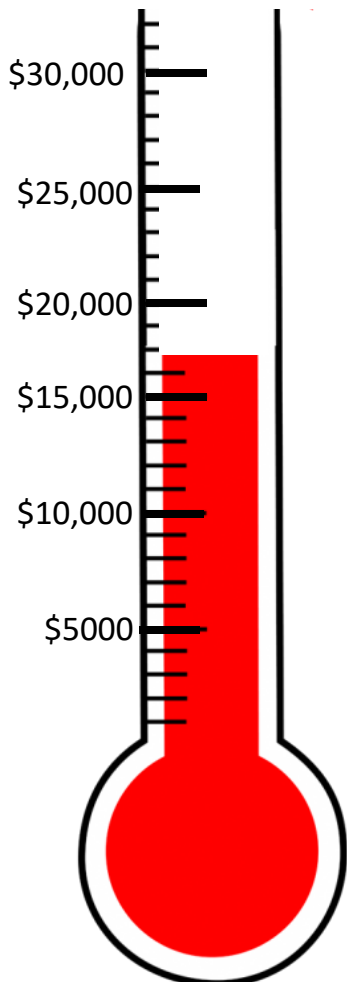


Thank you to the Grand Canyon Synod for the following grants:

\$12,500 for Mission Development (Luis)

\$3500 for a coordinator for our after school tutoring program

\$2800 for an audio/visual person to help with our online services



Property Matching Funds Challenge

Goal: \$30,000

Donations-to-date: \$17,945

Every little bit helps!!

The air conditioners have been installed in the sanctuary and the roof work is scheduled to begin the last week of March.



Are you a Thrivent Member?

Have you used your Action Team Benefit for this year?

If not, please contact Pastor Chris, Charles or Luis, and we can put that money to work right here at Holy Trinity!

Did you know...we received over \$10,000 for ministries of Holy Trinity last year through your Action Teams and Choice Dollars?

And easy way to support Holy Trinity, and it doesn't cost you a dollar!

Don't forget
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ordering online –

You can give to
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Join us on Zoom.us
Every Monday at 6:30 pm

Meeting #918-6508-4437

Password 008079

BYOB!

Call the office at 480-963-4127 if you
need help getting started on zoom.

Wednesday Morning Virtual Bible Study 6:30 and 9:00 am Via Zoom

6:30 am

Meeting Number 814 3787 5508

Password 008834

9:00 am

Meeting Number 886 7185 7139

Password 528526





March 28, 2021

1pm to 3pm

Lunch Menu:
Hot dogs, Chips and drinks

Join us on Palm Sunday from 1 to 3pm for social distanced fun & fellowship. Activities include cookie decorating, making Easter bookmarks, games & prizes and each family will get a chance at the Easter egg hunt sponsored by our confirmation and high school youth groups. If you would like to be part of the festivities, please sign up online, RSVP in the office or talk to Luis E Ochoa.



Spanish Classes
With Professor Mimi
Zoll

Starting Friday
February 26th

@5PM

6th-8th Grade students that would like
to learn Spanish or need more practice
join us on Zoom



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This has been a long year for all of us. We pray you are healthy and safe.

Hidden Treasures continues to be open Monday- Saturday 10 A.M.-2 P.M.

We are thankful for all our volunteers. They make a difference.

Book Nook: Lent has started and Easter is not far away. Check out the Book Nook for devotional Lenten and Easter books. We will also have fun Easter books for the younger set.

Clothing: As the temperatures warm, come in to visit our clothing department for fun and practical clothing.

Donations Needed:

Estate Sales: Hidden Treasures will not have an estate sale pick up until at least April. Our connection to the estate sales company has been very helpful to our store. To help keep the store full of items to sell, we are asking your help. The store will pick up furniture and other large items. The store is accepting donations every day the store is open.

Other donations needed: craft items including sewing notions, yarn and kids crafts, puzzles and games for all ages. Magazines, especially home and cooking. The kitchen department can use donations.

YOU always help whenever you can and you are appreciated.



Hike with Pastor Chris!

Saturday, March 20, 8:00 AM

Meet at Silly Mountain
(S. Silly Mountain Road,
Apache Junction (off of 60))



This is a moderate hike, about 2 miles.



Youth Ministry

Youth Ministry

Welcome Back!

The Nursery reopens on March 28th!

Sunday School for preschool thru 1st grade will be both in person AND on Zoom.

Kids

2nd – 5th grade

Zoom into Sunday
School classes!

Sunday mornings at 9:30

Zoom.us

Call Judi at 480-861-7859 for
the meeting number!

youth group

SCHEDULE

March 07th – Devotional & Games- 1PM-3PM

March 13th – Golf Tournament 6AM to Noon

March 14th – Picnic at the Park 1PM to 4PM

March 21st – Movie Night TBD

March 28th – Easter Family Event - Set up at noon/ event
1PM to 3PM



Confirmation Class

The 3rd Sunday of every month

1 to 4 pm

In the CLC or on Zoom

Contact Luis at luis@htlatherax.com for more details.

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



Please pray for:

Illness: Carolan Quenneville's friend, Jack Sommerfield; Pauline Texter's daughter, Amy; Melinda Tarver's friend, Vera Krampen; DeDe Buechler's relatives, Nick & RoseAnn Rasic; Linda Legreid; Mary Larsen's niece, Mindy Monteith and great niece, Ginny Mae; Anita Schebler's friend, Marty Smith; DeDe Buechler; Marlene Marxman's granddaughter; The Salwitz's friend, John Quinn; Mariano Raigo; Margie Probstfield; Sandra Fischer's friends, Maddie & Beth; Carolan Quenneville's friend, John Aguirre & sister-in-law, Phyllis Hosfelt; Tina Lindsay's niece, Jane Crawford; Shirley Lodmell's relative, Mitzi Starkey; Marlene Marxman's relative, Marti; Carolyn Searls; Jerry Johnson; Karen Ewart's nephew, Bob Meier; Karen Ewart's son, Dan; Tom Tennison's brother, Don; Tina Lindsay's sister, Cordie Davis; Sandra Fischer's friends, Maddie & Beth; Deb Hosfield's friend, Drinda;

Surgery: the Lewis's grandson, Michael; Diane Johnson; Joey Loyer; Carolyn Searls; Patty Loyer's mother, Jo Wooten;

Grief: Carolyn Price & family following the death of her brother, Robert Polivka; Steve Keinath & family following the death of his aunt, Carol; the family of the Piehl's friend, Greg Leech, following his death;

Other: Carolyn Searls friend, Gayle Trigo; Sandra Fischer's cousin, Steve; the daughter of Sandra Fischer's friend, Penny; Bobbie Fishburn's daughter, Beth;