



HOLY TRINITY
Lutheran Church

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October 2019 Trinity Trumpet

Worship 8:30 & 10:00 am

Nursery provided 8:15–11:15 am

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IT'S LUTHERFEST TIME!

JOIN US OCTOBER 27TH



**WORSHIP AT
8:30 & 10:00 AM**

**FOLLOWED BY
MUSIC, FOOD & GAMES
ON THE PATIO & CLC**

FOOD AND DRINKS WILL BE PROVIDED.

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



Council Update

	Actual	Budget
YTD Income	\$283,118	\$304,667
YTD Expense	\$289,816	\$304,667

2019 YTD Attendance 210

2018 YTD Attendance 228

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

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

What are your devotional practices? How do you center yourself on God? Maybe you do so through daily devotion, Bible study, meditation, or yoga. Have you ever tried walking a labyrinth?

In May, June and July, Philip Eirdiem, and many, many volunteers created a labyrinth for Holy Trinity. They did an amazing job! We used it at camp this summer with our youth. It is just one more way to focus and center yourself.

A labyrinth looks like a maze, but there is only one way in and one way out. There is no right way to walk a labyrinth. You only have to enter and follow the path.

However, your walk can encompass a variety of attitudes. It may be joyous or somber. It might be thoughtful or prayerful. You may use it as a walking meditation. Adults are often serious in the labyrinth. Children most often run in and out as fast as they can in a playful manner. When you walk a labyrinth choose your attitude. From time to time choose a different attitude. Make it serious, prayerful, or playful. Walk alone or with a crowd. Most of all pay attention to your experience.

Some general guidelines for walking a labyrinth are:

1. **Focus:** Pause and wait at the entrance. Become quiet and centered. Give acknowledgment through a bow, nod, or other gesture and then enter.
2. **Experience:** Walk purposefully. Observe the process. When you reach the center, stay there and focus several moments. Leave when it seems appropriate. Be attentive on the way out.
3. **Exit:** Turn and face the entrance. Give an acknowledgement of ending, such as "Amen."
4. **Reflect:** After walking the labyrinth reflect back on your experience. Use journaling or drawing to capture your experience.

On October 2 from 6:00 to 7:30 PM, you are invited to come and walk the labyrinth. It usually takes about 40 minutes to walk but can take more or less depending on your own pace.

Whether you come and enjoy the labyrinth, or use some other way to focus on your walk with God, I encourage you to do so, in whatever way that feeds you.

If you would like more information about the labyrinth please come and talk to me, or look up more information on line, or just come and experience it!

God's Peace,

Pastor Chris



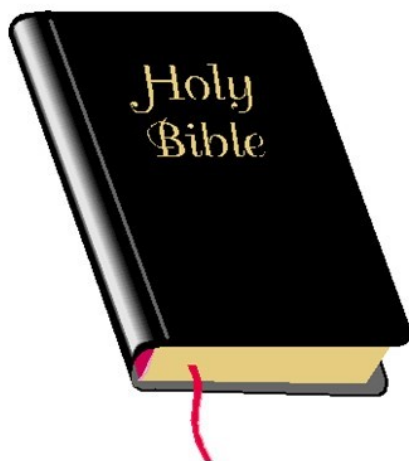
GIVING – AN ACT OF WORSHIP AND LOVE
A monthly message from your stewardship ministry team.

Each Sunday we engage in the practice of “passing the plate” and collecting money. Have you ever wondered why we go through this ritual? Is it simply to raise funds to meet budgetary expenses such as paying the pastor, or keeping the lights burning, or is it done for a deeper reason? If we think the point of the offering is simply to collect funds for church expenses than we probably derive no more satisfaction from this portion of the liturgy that we do from paying our electric bill. So why do it? Because the purpose of the Sunday morning offering is not to collect funds for covering the church’s operating expenses but provides each worshipper with the opportunity to express their love for God in the purest way imaginable, **by giving up something we value – our money!** We give to God as an act of worship, as an act of love.

At Holy Trinity members show their love to God by sharing their monetary resources in a number of ways. Many members utilize the envelope system that the congregation provides every member for their use. Each member receives a numbered box of envelopes that permit them to place their checks or cash contributions into the envelope and bring it to worship to place it in the plate when it is passed as part of the liturgy. The numbering system allows the congregation to track member contributions and remit to them a yearly accounting of their gifts for tax purposes. (All contributions to religious organizations are tax-deductible). Another avenue for giving is a practice called “**Simply Giving**”. “Simply Giving” permits members to contribute their offerings electronically through bank transfers. *(If you wish to begin this way of giving simply contact our office manager, Judi Carle and she will facilitate the process for you.)* Since a number of members use this system it may explain why some members pass the plate without physically making a contribution and not because they don’t love God.

And a final way Holy Trinity receives offerings is through the “TEXT for Giving” program. A guide tract is provided at the sanctuary entrance to help you understand the process, but here is how it is done: **1.** Send a text to **480-426-8375** with the amount you want to contribute. **2.** You will receive a text with a link to register. **3.** Enter your name and credit or debit card information. **4.** When complete you receive a text verification and a receipt via email. **5.** If you wish to text again simply text the amount and it will be processed automatically.

Giving, as an act of worship, is our way of expressing our gratitude, our love, and our devotion to a God who has blessed us beyond measure. Giving, as an act of worship, takes us beyond duty to delight.



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

CHRIST CENTERED CANCER CARE

Monday, October 28, 2019

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
6:30pm, Classroom A

Join our CCCC team as we share fellowship, support one another and explore how Christ walks alongside us in our journey!

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

Submission deadline for the
Fall distribution of available
Endowment Fund monies is
Thursday, October 10th

Applications can be found online at htlutheran.com under the heading “Give” or “Serve” and need to be printed and manually filled out. Please contact the Church office or an Endowment Fund Committee member if you have any questions.

Michele Heath Steve Brabec Richard Anderson Michelle Nord Joan Baker

Fall TheALEogy Calendar



September 23rd

October 14th

October 28th

November 18th

November 25th

December 9th

Join us at 6:30pm at
Fibber Magees

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

WANT TO LEARN

SPANish?

We are starting Spanish Classes at Holy Trinity!

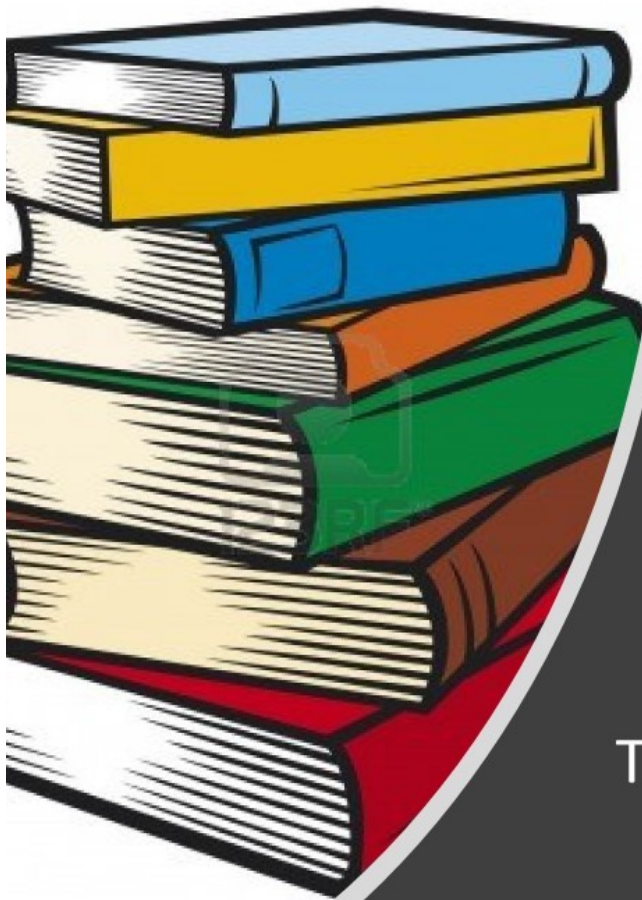
Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm

Beginning October 30th in the Youth Room

No cost, but donations will be accepted.

October 2019

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 5:30 pm OA 7:00 pm CA 7:00 pm Choir	2 6:30 am Bible Study 9:00 am Bible Study 6:00 pm Scouts 6:30 pm Handbells 6:30 pm Prayer Shawls	3 8:30 am Quilters 6:30 pm Book Study 7:30 pm AA	4 6:15 am Men's Breakfast 9:30 am A/Anon	5 9:00 am AA 10:00 am OA
6 Food Box 8:30 am Worship 10:00 Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am ABC Camp Volunteer Training 1:00 pm Blessing of the Animals 4:30 pm Youth Group	7 7:30 am ABC Camp 10:00 am Staff Meeting 5:30 pm OA 7:00 pm Council Meeting 7:30 pm AA	8 7:30 am ABC Camp 9:00 am Martha Circle 5:30 pm OA 7:00 pm CA 7:00 pm Choir	9 7:30 am ABC Camp 6:30 pm Handbells 6:30 pm Prayer Shawls	10 7:30 am ABC Camp 10:00 am Coffee & Conversation 6:30 pm Bible Study 7:30 pm AA	11 7:30 am ABC Camp 6:15 am Men's Breakfast 9:30 am A/Anon	12 9:00 am AA 10:00 am OA 11:00 am Secret Sisters	
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Children's book
are being
collected to
help with our
tutoring
program.

For Grade k - 6

Through the Month of
October

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Young Adults

WHAT: Cooking dinner for The Interfaith Homeless Emergency Lodging Program (I-HELP)

WHERE: Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

WHEN: Sunday, September 29th, 5 - 7:30 PM

Please email Emma Weiss at if you are planning on attending or if you cannot make it.





Hidden Treasures Thrift Store
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Hidden Treasures is filled with Halloween fun. You will be able to find many décor items, costumes, Halloween table linens, and fun Halloween clothing, The Book Nook also has books for children and adults, as well as Reformation Books.

Volunteer opportunities are available at Hidden Treasures. Most people volunteer 4 hours a week, some a few days a week and a few volunteers once a month or for a Saturday Estate Sale. Your skills are needed. We have a job to fit your interests, skills and schedule.

Special Sales – Furniture will be 50% off on Wednesday for a few weeks, clothes are 50% off on Monday. Each month, we change the color tag sale. Check the board above women's tops or in furniture for the current sale color. These discounts apply to ALL items in the store with that color. In October, all yellow tags are 50% off. This includes furniture, clothing, suitcases, dishes etc.

Donations needed: Books- children's books, mysteries, fiction, romance, westerns, religion, books on the Southwest and science fiction; Magazine, puzzles and games for all ages, Crafts – thread and needles, zippers, crafts for children, and yarn. Kitchen – pots and pans, casserole pans.



HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
Music in the Neighborhood

2019 Fall Recital Series



Friday, September 20
at 7 pm
SoSco Duo

Sunday, October 20
at 3 pm
Alexander Tentser & Anna Gendler





Sunday, December 1
at 3 pm
The Erie Street Choir @ St. Matt's



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS to commemorate St. Francis of Assisi

Bring your animals (great and small) for a blessing



OCTOBER 6
1:00 PM
on the patio



We Need Cookies!



Can you to bring in a couple packages of cookies (store-bought or homemade) every month or two to fill the patio kitchen freezer. That way we will always have plenty for Sunday mornings! Thanks!



Women's Ministries of



Join Us!

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

Please join us on Oct 3rd at 6:00 in the Conference room of the church office. We will form teams and work out our theme, colors, decorations and timeline for both the "Advent" Dinner on Dec. 3rd and "Tea" Feb. 22nd.



Youth Ministry Youth Ministry

Youth Happenings for October 2019:

- 10/06- Devotional (Prayer)
- 10/07-10/11-Fall Adventure Break Camp
- 10/12-PhLy Ministry Events
- 10/13-Haunted House
- 10/20-Confirmation Sunday
- 10/20- No High School Youth Group
- 10/27- Lutherfest

Mission Development:

On August 18th – 23rd, 2019 the ELCA paid for two of my Mission Development team members and myself to attend a training in Baltimore, the training was broken in two parts:

Boundaries Training- In our boundaries training we learned about different things that affect our performance in the ministry. This included things such as personal health, time management, spiritual growth, church dynamics, behaviors among our peers and self-care. We were given tools to help us with various ways of communicating and coping with the changes in community and the life of the church.

Mission Developing- We focused on developing a 90-day plan, as well as attending workshops to discuss topics such as Mental Health, LGBTQIA, leadership and growth in the church. We heard from different churches who have a unique ministry that started with their existing churches. Overall the training was very informative and provided our mission development team with access to resources and information that will help our ministry here at HTLC.

Our 90-day plan includes some goals that we are already accomplishing, such as, weekly one-on-one meetings in the community, starting an afterschool tutoring program for homework and reading, and continuing our Adventure Break Camp in the fall. Other goals we plan on completing in the next three months include Spanish lessons for our congregation, cultural community events and more one-on-one conversations with schools, neighborhood, and other leaders from our community.

Thank You HTLC

On September 15th, my family and I were blessed by our church community. Thank you to everyone who helped plan such an awesome baby shower. We appreciated the food and decorations, and thank you for all the wonderful cards and gifts we received. Our new baby is so blessed to be part of this community they are not even born and *already* is loved by so many.

Luis & Bobbie Ochoa





Day of the Dead (Día de los Muertos)

Please join us

Saturday, November 2nd

5:30 to 8:00pm

For an authentic dinner, crafts and games.

Sign up on the patio starting in October.

"Day of the Dead" is celebrated in Mexico, Guatemala and other parts of Central and South America. Families gather to pray to the souls of dead relatives, asking them to return for just one night. People decorate altars in their homes and gravesites with

1st
communion

FIRST COMMUNION CLASS

OCTOBER 20TH AT 11:15 AM

FOR 2ND GRADERS AND ABOVE.

FIRST COMMUNION WILL BE RECEIVED ON NOVEMBER 3RD.

Coffee and
Conversation

STONE AND BARREL
Thursday, October 10th
10:00 AM

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
739 West Erie Street
Chandler, AZ 85225

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



Illness: DeDe Buechler; Richard Anderson; Donna Anderson; Carol Jacobson; John Dierks; Mary Larsen's relatives, Elinor Larsen & Carly Marquez; the Buechler's brother-in-law, Nick Rasic; Carolan Quenneville; Jim Morrell; Michael Fischer's friend, Brett Rayno & family; Pauline Texter's sister, Thelma; Liz Black; ***Surgery:*** Mary Larsen's friend, Charmaine Correia-Matley; Carolyn Gloe; Gary Frank; Paulina Ullmer; Becky Berenyi; Carolan Quenneville's friend, Mary Ann Ascitutto; ***Grief:*** Kristine Filz & family following the death of her husband Bob—Memorial service October 26th at 11:00 am; John Dierks & family following the death of his wife, Marlys; Dave Timmerman's friend, Sherry Fox & family following the death of her mother, Lena Fox;

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