



HOLY TRINITY
Lutheran Church

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Summer 2022 Trinity Trumpet

Worship 8:30 & 10:00 am

Nursery provided 8:15–11:15 am

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A Letter From Pastor Chris

Dear Family of God,

It seems like just yesterday we took out the Alleluias, ended our Lenten journey and began our Easter Celebration as we shouted...**ALLELUIA CHRIST IS RISEN**. What a glorious celebration to be back together in person for Easter in our Sanctuary with the butterflies flying, the ribbons waving, and the voices raised. When life gets difficult, I hold onto to those promises of Easter, that Christ has come, is Christ is coming and Christ will come again.

I hold on to these promises especially tightly when I watch the events that occurred on Tuesday, May 24. The shooting in an elementary school in Uvalde, Texas. As I write this, 19 children, two teachers and the shooter have died as a result. And all I have is questions.

How could an 18-year-old have so much hate in their heart?

Is there some law that could have stopped this from happening?

Where is God in all this?

Why didn't God stop it?

And I watch, what is way too much of the 24-hour news cycles, I look for an answer, any answer, why this happened, and why this won't happen here. That our children in Chandler/Gilbert/Mesa will be spared this kind of tragedy. Maybe it was something about Texas, or something about that school district. But I know this isn't the case. This is random violence and I know there can be no answers that will suffice for me when someone takes the life of a child. But still, I look for answers.

Which is why each time I have to come back to the Easter promise. That Christ came into this world that we might know God's love. That God holds those children in God's hands. That they are no longer experiencing any pain and that one day those children will be reunited with their parents.

That does not take away the pain of the parents.

That does not take away the pain of the community.

That does not take away your pain and your uncertainty of life.

So we try to find peace and consolation in God's loves, in hope for what will come, and try and find the peace that the world cannot give. And we hold on to the Easter promise that Christ has come, is coming, and will come again.

As we leave the season of Easter, and move into Pentecost, that God sent the Holy Spirit, the Advocate, the Comforter, to be with us in times like these so we know that we are not alone.

We are surrounded by the church, the community of faith which helps us meet each day with the light of Christ. May we shine Christ's light to those who are experiencing the darkness.

Alleluia Christ is risen.

God's Peace be with your All,

Pastor Chris

FIRST LUTHERAN

As many of you are aware, Holy Trinity over the last few years has been working closely with First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Mesa. We have been jointly sharing in confirmation and youth ministry. We have also been involved in their Latino ministry over the years. Al Loveland has been assisting First Lutheran in a visioning process. After a year of discussion and prayerful deliberation, at both congregations, we are entering into a new partnership with First. We will be what is called an "anchor church" for them. We will be providing Worship Leadership, Pastoral Care, Stewardship Programming, as well as continuing our joint youth programming. We will be working together in outreach activities such as God's Work /Our Hands Day of Service. I am looking forward to this partnership with First Lutheran. I think we will all grow from this as well. Our partnership will begin this fall and we will commit to this relationship for the next three years. At the end, we hope they will be financially stable enough to call their own pastor.

How can you be a part of this new partnership with First Lutheran?

1. I am looking for 10 people each week that will be willing to worship at First Lutheran. This will be an opportunity for them to get to know us, and for us to get to know them. In addition, it will add some critical mass to their congregation and will be more welcoming for those who come to visit. You do a great job welcoming our visitors and you can help welcome visitors to First. If you would consider worshipping at First one Sunday a month, that would be wonderful .
2. When you see our friends from First Lutheran on Zoom Bible Studies or on stewardship calls, please make a special effort to get to know them.
3. As you work in your area of ministry, find ways to involve them in the ministries as well!
4. Be open to going to First Lutheran to be a part of their ministry. Partnership is a two way street, we need to be willing to go there, if we want them to come here as well for events.

I hope that we will see this as an opportunity to learn from each other.

First Evangelical is a host to a variety of ministries including a school and Lutheran Social Services. They have a beautiful campus and a passion to live out Christ's call for them in their community. Let us walk along side them during this time in order that we might live and grown together in service God and God's people.

I give thanks for this new relationship
Pastor Chris



POWWOW

(Produce on Wheels
Without Waste)

\$15.00 (cash only) for up to 70 lbs of produce!
Thank you to all who helped on April 30th from 4
am to 9 am. Our next distribution will be at Holy
Trinity Saturday, June 25th (6am – 9am)
Everyone is welcome!

Contact Mary Chavez or the Church Office if you would like to volunteer



SIGN UPDATE!

The sign is almost ready to be repaired! We are waiting for the brick to arrive that matches the building. Due to COVID we have had difficulty getting supplies. The footing for the sign was poured on June 6th. Thank you for your patience.



MEMBER SPOT LIGHT



Paul Gryniewicz - Hi, I am Paul Gryniewicz. I am originally from Cleveland Ohio. I arrived in Arizona 41 years ago by way of Minneapolis. I am a US Navy veteran, widowed and retired. I have 2 children, 4 grandchildren with a 5th expected in August and 4 great grandchildren. I spend most of my time doing photography and traveling. I collect cameras and currently have about 70 in my collection. The oldest dating back to circa 1898. I volunteer here at Holy Trinity. I am passionate about the future church, discipleship and immigration issues. I also volunteer as an Ambassador with Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services.



Jody & Martin Jossie - The Jossie's moved to Arizona from Wisconsin in the fall of 2020 to be closer to family. They now reside in Southern Gilbert just 10 minutes away from their only daughter. They're expecting their first grandbaby, a grandson, is due in June. Jody's parents who spend their winters in Tucson, also plan to move to Gilbert and join us here at Holy Trinity by 2023. Martin works from home during the day for a medical products company. He has been volunteering as an Usher at the 10am service. Jody is not currently working; but, has previous church office experience and has volunteered to help us update our database. She has also joined the handbell choir, vocal choir, Secret Sisters and the Monday morning Book Study (via Zoom).

Each news letter new members are randomly chooses to highlight in the spot light. If you would like to be in the spot light please submit your information to office@htlutheran.com.

Holy Trinity Celebrates Graduates!

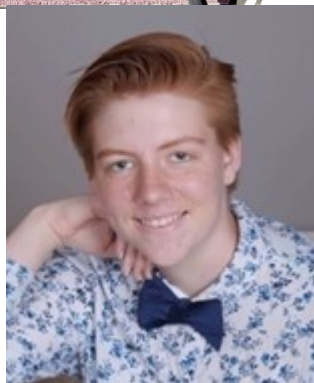
All our graduates were blessed and given Quillows (Quits that fold into pillows). The 2022 High School Graduates got theirs during worship on Sunday, May 15th. Our Vicar, Luis Ocho, graduated from Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary on May 21st and the congregation celebrated with him and presented him with his Quillow at a celebration luncheon after worship on Sunday, May 22nd.



Donnie Baranowski

Donnie is graduating from Chandler High and plans on attending Gilbert Community College.

Donnie enjoys gardening & landscaping, working on cars, swimming, woodworking, 3D printing, hiking and really likes spending time with his dog.



Emily Rasmussen

is graduating from Perry High School and is going to be attending Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Prescott.

She will either major in aviation, or cyber security.





Joey Loyer

Lifelong member of HTLC. God parents are Marc Mangieri and Jackie Riss Brown.

- Joey loves the idea of Halloween and constantly changes his mind about who he wants to dress up as.
- Favorite foods are: Italian, especially pizza, Mexican and chocolate.
- Favorite thing to do is watch YouTube Videos (ie, how things are made, tours of empty stores, box/toy openings) And shopping! He wants to buy everything! and going to Harkins Theaters to see a movie.
- Favorite actors are Tom Hanks coming in at #1, and then Dewayne Johnson and Jack Black. He has a memory that will rival an elephant, and when he truly laughs, it is contagious.



Alex Dunning

“I will be attending the University of Arizona in the fall and intend on studying psychology, social work or any kind of cognitive science”

Alex major hobbies include music, and graphic design.

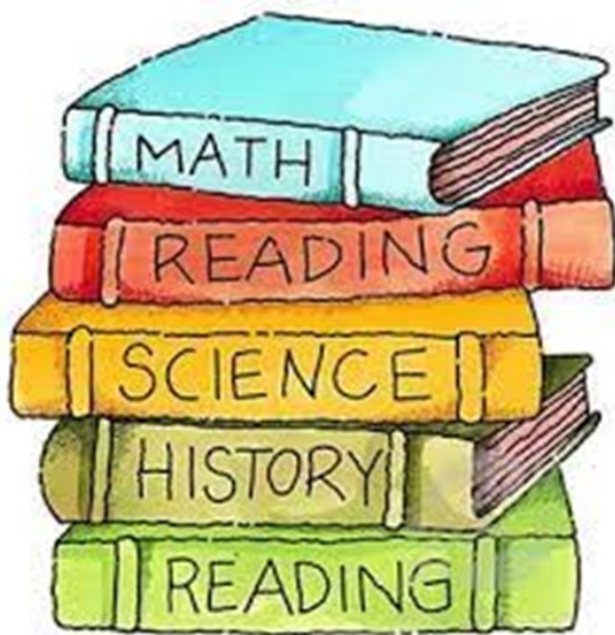
Logan Wells

Logan has a passion for video game technology but also has high hopes of creating his own video game.

In the fall he will be attending MCC.



Quillows created for this years high school
graduating class of 2022



**BOOKS FOR
THE SAPELE
SCHOOL**

\$25.00 buys a set of books
for the year.

See Cheryl Jones on the
Patio for more information



Dorothy "Dot" Ludwig
3-2-1921 to 5-1-2022
(101 years)

Dot was born in West Virginia. She grew up there and in Ohio. She became a hairdresser and had her own shop where she employed 5 women.

She started drawing when she was in elementary school and as the years went by, she started to paint in oils and acrylics.

Some of Dot's paintings were hanging on the wall in the Sanctuary on Sunday, May 15th. As you can see by her paintings, she had a great eye for color and creating scenes and still life.

Dot did not just paint. She was an amazing seamstress. She made her husband's suits and shirts as well as some beautiful clothes for herself.

She also made several different kinds of delicious chocolate candies which she gave to her friends and relatives. We all looked forward to Christmas just for the candy. It was delicious!

She didn't just make candy. She was a great cook, and her family and friends enjoyed many great meals with her

Dot painted, cooked, and made candy well into her nineties.



Council Update

	Actual	Budget
YTD Income	\$211,126	\$185,000
YTD Expense	\$177,231	\$214,096

New Bathroom Build for AZcend thank to many generous donations



Hot News From the Front Office.

We are currently exploring moving to a new Database System. What this means to you? In the future contribution and giving will be more streamlined. Updating information will be much easier along with calendar functions and a whole host of innovative functions. We will be rolling this out through out the next year as new capabilities are fully tested. We will be sure that we will be keeping you informed though e-news and instructional classes. Not to worry however, the front office will always be available to take care of your needs. Special thank you to Jody Jossie for her help in the selection and conversion process

STEWARDSHIP IS MORE THAN MONEY!

A Message from the Stewardship Team

There is an old adage that says, “Stewardship is everything I do after I say: ‘I Believe’”. To quote Martin Luther, “this is most certainly true.” All we do as people of God in our relationship to God, his people, and his church is stewardship. When you or someone on your behalf said “I believe” on the day of your baptism, God gave you the gifts of faith, love, life, forgiveness, and strength, and asks you to respond in faithfulness to Him and in service to others. Stewardship is that response. Stewardship is how we care for God’s creation. Stewardship is how we care for others. Stewardship is how we use the talents that God has given us to serve our neighbors, our community, and our world. And Yes, stewardship is how we make a difference when we share our financial resources.

In these past months, you the disciples and stewards of Holy Trinity, have been faithful in the sharing of your time, your talents, and your financial resources – all of which have made a tremendous difference in the lives of many that our ministries have touched. Many have benefited from your willingness to back up your words, “I believe”, with actions that epitomizes what it means to be faithful stewards of all that God has given to us his people.

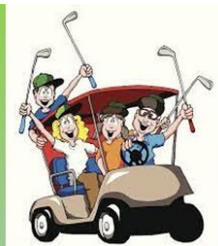
Thank you for stepping up to the plate and knocking it out of the park in your work for others – a work that has made a difference. Thank you for being good stewards of all that God has given you and for your faithfulness in sharing that bounty with others. May God continue to bless you with the power from on high that enables us to fulfill all that God asks us to do and faithful stewards in his world.

Christmas in July School Supply Drive for Concordia Charter School in Mesa

- Items Needed include
- -Primary Composition books
- (they have lines on the bottom half of the page and drawing space on the top half)
- -Dry erase markers & erasers
- -Sharpies/Perm markers
- -Copy paper (white and colored)
- -Kleenex
- -Sheet protectors
- -Index card

- Garden needs
- -Magnifying glasses
- -Plastic storage (shoe box size from dollar store)
- -Garden gloves (kids and adult size)





Thank you to all the players, volunteers and sponsors for supporting our Youth by Participating in the Holy Trinity Golf Tournament
The money raised will go toward supporting our youth activities.





The Hiking Crew of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Endowment Committee is pleased to announce that \$2,650.00 is awarded to Lutheran Disaster Response to aid those impacted by the crisis in Ukraine and \$750.00 is awarded to Grace in the City to help support providing meals to those who may otherwise not receive one



With your generous donations through the Lenten season a total of \$2848.25 was raised to support the ongoing humanitarian efforts for Ukraine through the Lutheran World Federation <https://www.lutheranworld.org/>

Hidden Treasures Thrift Store
610 S Alma School Suite 30
Chandler, AZ 85224
480 857-8310 Like us on Facebook
Web Page www.treasuresthrift.com



Summer Fun


THANK YOU!! You have made a difference this year. You have donated great merchandise to sell, you have shopped, and many have volunteered. **THANK YOU!!**

Volunteers are needed at Hidden Treasures

Can you give some time, this summer or are you looking for a regular volunteer "job"? Many volunteers work 4 hours a week. Please. Visit the store and discuss how you can make a difference. The more we can put clean merchandise on the floor the more we can sell and the **more we can give back to the community.**

Check out the Book Nook for "Beach Reading", books for assigned summer reading and workbooks on math and reading. We can keep the brain active!!

Department Highlight: Health/Beauty- Small department with a wide variety of items.

 You will find hairbrushes, a curling irons or hair dryers, or a scale. In this area, we keep shampoos, lotions, and nail polish. You can find small pouches, adult diapers or walkers and crutches. Stop by and explore!

Donations Need: Books- science fiction, mystery, fiction, children's books, and autobiographies, also games and puzzles; Magazines, cooking and home decorating are most popular. Jewelry, Pet supplies, Crafts- sewing notions, yarns, and needles, kids' crafts.



**Habitat
for Humanity®**

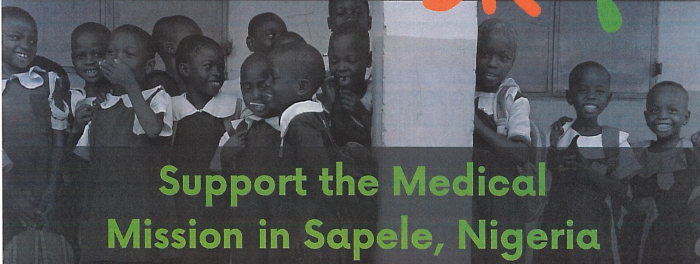
Habitat Thanks You!

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

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Footsteps of Faith 5K



Support the Medical Mission in Sapele, Nigeria

Thank You FOR YOUR GENEROSITY AND SUPPORT

WE Achieved OUR GOAL OF

\$5000.00



“God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday



**Sept. 11
2022**

Martha’s Circle
Bible Study

June 14th and July 12
at 900 on Zoom
Meeting ID 894 8711 8773
Passcode 540612



WANTED: GCS Participation in Listening Sessions on Civic Engagement Social Statement. For more details, please go the link below and click on the News and Events tab – News Blog

<https://lamaz.org/>



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If your hearing aids have a t-coil you can hear the service as clearly as if you had headphones on! And if your hearing aid doesn't have a t-coil, we have 4 headsets that we can loan out.



MISSION TRIP TO LANTERN HILL OCTOBER 2-8

WHO: Adults and Middle School/Senior High Students accompanied by an adult.

WHERE: Lantern Hill is located outside of Ensenada, MX, 100 miles south of San Diego.

COST: \$400 (Includes supplies/food/housing)

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Contact Pastor Christine Stoxen, 803-608-1970, Chris@htlutheran.com

Meet Abby the CEO of Lantern Hill on August 7

At Holy Trinity after services at 11:00

DEPOSITS DUE ON AUGUST 15: \$200

Mail to Holy Trinity at 730 W Erie St. Chandler AZ, 85225

Memo: Lantern Hill Attn: Pastor Chris



Men On The Mountain
June 23 thru June 26

Contact Emil Gaumont
for more information





Navajo
Lutheran Mission

Thank You For Your Generosity

CHANDLER COUNCIL CANIDATE FORUM!

Come learn about the candidates running for
City Council

June 16th 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM at Holy Trinity
in the Sanctuary



HOW CAN I HELP REFUGEES AND MIGRANTS?

LEARN

HELP

AMPLIFY YOUR VOICE

ASK QUESTIONS

GET INVOLVED

Holy Trinity is looking at the possibility of starting a new outreach to welcome and/or Resettle Refugees/Migrants. Get in on the ground floor. Be a force for change. Love your neighbor. No experience necessary. All are welcome. For information or to become a force for positive change please contact Paul Gryniwicz, 480-282-1919 or azgryn@cox.net.

THANK YOU TO ALL THE VOLUNTEERS WHO HELP KEEP THE CAMPUS IN TOP SHAPE



Serving up Pancake Breakfast at Grace in the City



**On Sunday, February 27th, 2022
COUNCIL INSTALLATION**

Kolleen Couch, Staff Relations

Tish Dirks: Treasurer, Finance

Mark Engel: President, Staff Relations

Sue Gaumont: Vice President, Stewardship

Rachel Gomez-Acosta: Endowment

Michael King: Secretary and Staff Relations

Al Loveland: Finance

June Rohrbach: Caring Ministry

Lee Salwitz: Community Outreach

Tom Tennison: Grant Writing and Property

Nancy Weeks: Worship and Music

Kismet Weiss: Women's Ministry

**Easter Celebration
He is risen**





2022 Summer Confirmation Socials and Important Dates

Sunday July 10th, 2022 @ 7AM – For those going are going to Confirmation Camp we will meet at the church for our Sending blessing.

Sunday July 24th, 2022 – Backpack Blessing during second service. Also, we will be going to ESCAPE Chandler. TBD

Sunday July 31st , 2022, from 12:30pm - 2:30pm - Confirmation & High School Youth will meet at Gilbert Ice Arena for an ice skating social.

Sunday August 14th, 2022 – We will head over to Fat Cats in Gilbert for some bowling.

Sunday September 18th, 2022 – Confirmation orientation and potluck, required for parents and students.

Sunday October 16th, 2022 – First confirmation class.



Confirmation Class Learning the African Drums

High School Youth Group Schedule

<u>Date & Time:</u>	<u>Activities:</u>
Sunday June 5th, 2022 Meet At HTLC 12PM-2PM	<u>Final Trip Meeting</u> <u>Q & A and Discuss Guidelines for trip</u>
Sunday June 12th, 2022 Meet At HTLC 6AM -9AM	<u>Service Project</u> <u>Pancake Breakfast for Grace in the City</u>
Sunday June 19th, 2022	<u>Father's Day</u> <u>No Youth Group</u>
Sunday June 26th, 2022 Location & Time TBA	<u>Pool Party</u> <u>TBA</u>
Sunday July 3rd, 2022	<u>Fourth of July Weekend</u> <u>No Youth Group</u>
Sunday July 10th, 2022 Meet at the church by 7AM	<u>Trip Sendoff Blessing</u>
Sunday July 10th to Friday 15th, 2022 We will be leaving right after first service	<u>Connections</u> <u>Mission Trip to California</u>
Sunday July 17th, 2022 7:30AM-2PM	<u>Stockholder Lunch & Presentation</u> <u>Following the Second Service</u>
Sunday July 24th, 2022	<u>No Youth Group</u> <u>Much needed rest after our Trip</u>
Sunday July 31st, 2022 12:30pm - 2:30pm Meet at Gilbert Ice Arena	<u>Ice skating</u> <u>Confirmation & High School Youth</u>

Adventure Break Camp Fall 2022!!

ABCamp is back this Fall!!!

Get ready for a fun exciting week of games, good food, music, arts & crafts and make new friends.

- **When:** October 3rd – 7th, 2022
- **Who:** Kindergarten – 6th Grade
- **Cost:** \$25 Per Person for the Week
- **Registration:** Opens August 1st, 2022



Kids Corner

Back to School Ice
Cream Social &
Backpack Blessing @
10AM

31 July 2022

Water Games from
11:30AM – 1PM

21 Aug. 2022

7 Aug. 2022

First Day of Sunday
School @10AM

11 Sep. 2022

Bowling 12PM – 2PM
(Location TBA)

The Great Easter Egg Hunt of 2022



Congratulations Confirmands!!!

Abby Lynn Geuther
Amanda Dunning
Kiley Rae Jacobson

Reverence Spiritual
Jesus believe Words
Love Family sacrament God
Peace Sarah Holy Faithfulness Ma
Prayer Church class Self Name
control Sing gospel happine
FIRMATION Saint
nds kindness Sponsor
Bishop Gonsler





If you would like to have your groups information in the fall newsletter,

Please submit to

office@htlutheran.com

By August 15th

We plan to go to press September 1st

Contact the office if you have any questions

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



Please pray for:

Illness: Roger Bonngard; Jackie Straw; Carolan Quenneville; Carolyn Gloe; Carol Barton; Roxie Geuther; Ann Scheiber; Morris Bartling; Suzanne Havlic; Raveling Family; Mark Lynne; Mico Vasquez friend of Kolleen Couch; Kylee Creech; Patty Loyer's stepmom; Kismet Weiss's friend, Julie; Helen Carroll sister of Carol Barton; Daniella Dumonde Friend of Mark Meadows; Roberta Bozarth mother of Cynthia Shaheen; Brooklyn Friend of Michael King; Mike Coy friend of Jody Jossie; Tyler Smith friend of Kelsey Jones; Leonard Fourcult friend of Tony Stephens; Cindy Bock friend of Carolyn Searls; Dori and her Daughter Beth friends of Sandra Fischer; Ann Friend of Sandra Fischer; Nikki Olsen daughter of Jan Kelly; Sean O'Flaherty son of Pauline Texter; Maureen, Sandra Fischer's cousin's sister. Joan Nossamon friend of Marilyn Zeller

Surgery:

Grief: Pat Torgerson; Father of Patty Loyer.