



HOLY TRINITY
Lutheran Church

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Winter 2021 Trinity Trumpet

Worship 8:30 & 10:00 am

Nursery provided 8:15—11:15 am

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Please Note!!!

**Starting this week, Sunday October 24th,
We will begin
8:30 am Service On the Patio
And
10:00 am Service in the Sanctuary**

We know it's early, but...



Christmas Schedule



Tuesday, November 30th

Women's Advent Dinner—5:30 pm

Wednesday, December 1st

Prayer Around the Cross – 6:30 pm
Melinda Gapen preaching

Wednesday, December 8th

Prayer Around the Cross – 6:30 pm
Jacqui Pagel preaching

Wednesday, December 15th

Prayer Around the Cross – 6:30 pm
Rich Sisco preaching

Sunday, December 12th

Multi-Generational Christmas Program—10:00 am

Friday, December 24th

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services

2:00 pm—In the Sanctuary with Chamber Music

5:00 pm Children's Service—On the patio with animals and Chamber Music

7:00 pm—In the Sanctuary with Chamber Music

Sunday, December 26th

A Service of Lessons and Carols—One service only at 10:00 am

The **light shines in** the darkness, and **the darkness** has not overcome it.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We are heading into the time of year where the days get shorter and the nights get longer. The shortest day of the year is just about two more months. I know that they are getting shorter, because I can get up later to go hike, and I still get to see the Sunrise! I also know because when I get home after meetings, I am walking a lot in the dark.

When we think of the darkness, sometimes we think about danger, because we cannot see as well. And for those who are grieving the loss of loved ones or jobs or situations...those nights can seem even longer.

When I was walking the Camino, there were days when we got up before the sun and began to walk. Sometimes the areas were not so well lit, and we had to pull out our phones as flashlights and walk very slowly. I wrote as a reflection on that day on The Holy Trinity Facebook page "Sometimes life can be dark and the path ahead is not clear, but focusing on one step ahead of the other, the light begins to break in and the sun rises and you are able to step forward with more confidence and the path is more clear."



We also begin the season where we use many candles in our worship services.

- We begin with All Saint's Day on November 7, where we light candles to remember our loved ones who have joined the Church Triumphant.
- We light candles during Advent as we have our Prayer Around the Cross Service on the Patio each Wednesday at 6:30 PM and our homilies will focus on the light.
- We light candles on our Advent Wreath.
- And finally, we light candles on Christmas Eve as we remember the Christ child who was the light in a lost world as we sing Silent Night.

You see, "The Light Shines in the Darkness and the Darkness did not overcome it." Let's us remember the light of Christ who continues to break into our world bringing hope and new life to a world who so desperately needs it.

May you see God's light shining in your life.

Pastor Chris

SERVANTS MAKE A DIFFERENCE
A Monthly Message from your Stewardship Ministry Team

The church uses many adjectives to describe God, words such as loving, caring, forgiving, saving, to name a few. However, the word “unpredictable” is a word that few would use to describe the character or actions of God. Yet, when one reads the Bible, such an adjective seems to fit some of the actions of God when it comes to choosing individuals to do God’s work in the world. Moses was a murderer; Jacob was a thief; David was an adulterer; Jeremiah was too young; Mary was a lowly peasant girl; Paul was a persecutor. These were people that no one would think that God would choose as his servants. Unpredictable choices from a God that defies logic and refuses to be placed in boxes that humankind designs.

Servants come in all shapes and sizes. Servants are called from all walks of life. Servants are chosen for the talents that God knows they possess and but are hidden from humankind. Holy Trinity has many servants. Holy Trinity has servants that possess talents that are known only to them and to God. Many of you who read this article possess those talents. God has given you those talents not to be hidden under a bushel but to shine brightly to illumine the world in which God has called you to serve.

God, the unpredictable, is calling you to let your talent shine and to be the servant that he knows you to be. Be the servant who makes a difference in the lives of people by the sharing of your time, your talents, and your material resources. Be the servant who loves their neighbor as they love themselves. Be the servant who bears one’s cross so that others may know the love of God.

Items Needed For Friends for Life Animal Rescue:

- **Adult Dry Cat Food**
- **Adult & Senior Dry Dog Food for Small Dogs**
- **Lysol Disinfecting Wipes**
- **Pet Shampoo**
- **13-Gallon Tall Kitchen Trash Bag**

****Please bring your items to church or drop them off in the office before October 31, 2021.**

Thanks so much!



ALL SAINT’S DAY NOVEMBER 7

Join us as we name and light candles for those who have joined the Church Triumphant from Holy Trinity, since last All Saint’s Day.

Come light a candle for the Saints in your life.



THE GOSPEL OF LUKE BIBLE STUDY

Or

“Everything you wanted to know about Luke but were afraid to ask!”

The Gospel of Luke is known for more than being a story about the birth of Jesus and his confrontation with the religious leaders at age twelve. Did you know that only Luke contains the stories of the Good Samaritan, the Prodigal Son, the tax collector Zacchaeus? Have you wondered why that is the case? Well, wonder no more!

Beginning on **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28 at 6:30pm.** and continuing each Thursday through November 18, Pastor Bernie will answer some of your questions about the Gospel of Luke through this four-session study. Want to know who wrote the Gospel, when the gospel was written, who was Luke’s audience, what was Luke trying to say about Jesus, - then plan on being part of this short-term study which will meet both in-person and also via Zoom.

If you wish to be a part of this new adult education offering simply contact Pastor Bernie at bernie@htlutheran.com or bernardwcarl1@gmail.com and let him know whether you want to be part of the study and if you will joining in-person or on Zoom. It will be a class in which “everything you wanted to know about Luke but were afraid to ask” will be answered.



Lutherfest is Back!

October 31st after second service.

Sign up on the patio to help with set up, clean up, serve food, bring candy, or bring desserts!

Martha Circle is Back!

Martha Circle will return to in-person meetings on Tuesday, October 12th at 9:00 am in Rm A (next to the kitchen).



Meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month at 9:00 am. Circle members enjoy coffee, fellowship, and share in a Bible study. In addition, missions are supported each month. Martha Circle is open to all women of Holy Trinity – All are welcome!

LIGHT

IN THE *Darkness*



Holy Trinity 2021
Women's Advent Fellowship



Though I have fallen
I will rise,
Though I sit in darkness
the Lord will be my light.
Micah 7:8



*Join us for Fellowship, Music, Raffle
and Information about StreetlightUSA*

**Tickets \$5.00
Catered Dinner**

TUESDAY, NOV. 30 • 5:30 PM

Noisy Offering

October 31, 2021

Bring your loose change on Sunday, October 31st for our noisy offering. Money collected from our noisy offering will go to support Friends for Life Animal Rescue.



POWWOW

(Produce on Wheels Without Waste)



Pick-up at Holy Trinity on October 30th

Pick-up Times: 6:00am – 9:00am

Would you like to get involved and volunteer to help?

Volunteers Needed – 4:00am – 9:00am

Come Build with Pastor Chris



SEVL Habitat House #26

When: Dec 18 at 7:30 AM

**Where: 667 W 19th Street,
Tempe, AZ**



Angel Tree 2021

Join us in helping Chandler CARE
& AZCEND provide Christmas items for needy families
in our community.

This year we are collecting:
Food Items for Chandler CARE

Plain Pasta

Tuna

Peanut Butter

Canned Fruit

Or Donations for AZcend

To be used to purchase bus passes and other necessities for the Homeless Program. (Make checks payable to AZcend and note IHELP in the memo section.)

**Pick up Angels starting November 28th.
Drop off all items by December 13th.**

**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

IN
everything
GIVE
THANKS,

All our volunteers, Board Members and staff wish you a Happy Thanksgiving. We pray you will be at peace and have time with family and friends.

Volunteers Needed

YOU ARE NEEDED!! Hidden Treasures needs people to help in the store. Christmas items are beginning to be displayed, we need your help with displaying Christmas décor. All items are priced and ready to go. Holiday items are a big revenue item for the year. We also need to sort, price and add all other items to the sales floor. Unpacking boxes and bags in the backroom is a bit like Christmas – many surprises!! Consider giving some time to the store. You will meet great people and help move our mission forward.

Department Highlight: Holiday!! As holiday items appear, you will find a wide selection of fun items. You might find the perfect “Ugly Sweater” or a great Christmas tree. Our Christmas room will be filled with wreaths, cards, Christmas ornaments, lights and more lights, wrapping paper and wonderful decorations. AND our Christmas items will not be delayed by supply chain problems or back orders! Come early and often.

Donations Needed: Book Nook – mysteries, fiction, biography, religion (especially devotional books and prayer books), magazines, games and puzzles for all ages; Crafts – Crafts for kids, yarn, sewing notions, jewelry; pet items, Kitchen- pots and pans, serving dishes.



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Habitat for Humanity®

Building our 26th House!

Holy Trinity is sponsoring and building our **26th house** as part of the Southeast Valley Lutheran Coalition with partners of Desert Cross, Mountain View and Esperanza Lutheran churches. Thank you for your continued support of this effort!

All the money to sponsor our Habitat house is raised by contributions from members and friends -- no Holy Trinity funds are used in this ministry. Habitat is a charitable organization; therefore, most contributions qualify as an Arizona income tax credit. The amounts of the credit this year are \$800 for married filing a joint return and \$400 for single tax payers. This tax credit is separate from and in addition to similar tax credits for your contributions to public schools and private school tuition organizations. Check out www.azdor.gov/About/FAQs/CharitableTaxCredit.aspx with any tax credit questions.

During November and December, we ask you to make your contribution to the house by **writing a check payable to “Habitat For Humanity – Central AZ”**, marking the memo line “Holy Trinity” and bringing/ mailing it to the church office manager.

Thanks for all your support for this wonderful ministry. Please contact me with any questions. Yours in ministry, *Mary Larsen, Coalition Chair*, 602-400-7049 or Chularsen@gmail.com

Lutheran Social Services of the Southwest



We are currently collecting new

Queen Size Sheets

for Lutheran Social Services.

Drop them off at church before December 5th!



Youth Ministry Youth Ministry

2021 Fall Children & Youth Schedule



October 24th—First Communion Class—11am— 1st -2nd Grade
October 31st—First Communion Sunday—10am—1st -2nd Grade

December 12th—Christmas Program—10am—All Ages



Dec 12th—High School Christmas Wrapping Party—1pm



Confirmation Christmas Party—1pm—6th -8th Grade

*Young
Adults
(Age 18 - 30)*

*Saturday
October 30th*

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

Call the office for details.

Halloween Party

High School Youth Group

<u>Date & Time:</u>	<u>Activities:</u>
Sunday October 3rd, 2021 Meet At ASU 10:30-Noon	<u>Service Project</u> We will be preparing a meal for the ASU Lutheran Campus Ministry Students.
Saturday October 9th, 2021 @ Az Ice Gilbert	<u>Ice Skating</u> High School and Confirmation 12PM-2PM
Sunday October 17th, 2021	<u>Confirmation Class</u> No Youth Group
Sunday October 24th, 2021	<u>Devotional</u> LUGGAGE - Rob Bell – NOOMA What does it mean to forgive & be forgiven?
Sunday October 30th, 2021 TBA	<u>Halloween</u> Pumpkin Carving and Sack Lunch Surprise!
Sunday October 31st, 2021 Meet at the Church at 10AM	<u>Lutherfest</u> We will hill pass out candy and prizes during the games
Sunday November 7th, 2021 TBA	Scape room Continue.....
Saturday November 13th, 2021 At Holy Trinity 4PM -6PM	<u>Devotional</u> What does it mean to be THANKFUL? Potluck Thanksgiving Dinner
Sunday November 28th, 2021 At Holy Trinity Noon-3PM	<u>Games</u> Let's play some Games!!!
Sunday, December 12th, 2021 At Holy Trinity 1:00 pm	Christmas Wrapping Party



Don't forget to sign up to donate to Holy Trinity before you do your holiday shopping!!

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



Please pray for: **Illness:** Kismet Weiss's friend, Julie; Sue Wicke's friend, Leslie Hightower; Tina Lindsay's sister, Cordie Davis; Shelley Regoli's friend, Lynn Kraus; Michele Heath's dad, Alex Vargo; Kristine Nutt; Joanne Thiessen; Patty Loyer's dad and stepmom, Tom & Janis Wooten; Carol Barton's grand-niece, Stella Carroll; Chris Wright; Antonia Rios; Orpha Price; Cheryl Jones friend, Pat; Carolan Quenneville; Ann Schieber's relative, Angie Schieber; Kolleen Couch's friends Mike Unruh & family; Anita Schebler's friends, Marty Smith & Kennedy; Marlene Marxman's granddaughter; Sandra Fischer's friends, Maddie & Beth; Carolan Quenneville's sister-in-law, Phyllis Hosfelt & friend, Janet Reed; Carol Barton; **Surgery:** Pauline Texter's daughter, Amy; Becky Leitner; Frances Kinder; **Grief:** Family & friends of Jane Benton following her death; Marty Lewis & family following the death of her husband, Jerry; Tina Lindsay & family following the death of her nephew, Mike Chitwood; Jerry; Sandra Fischer's friend, Dave Miller following the loss of his mother; **Other:** The Buechler's friend, Gladys Calvert; Sandra Fischer's friend, Dakota;