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# TRINITY TRUMPET

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH



## All Saints Sunday

We will light 22 candles around our baptismal font this year, one for each of those who were part of this congregation. And then we will all have a chance to light a candle for the saints in our lives who have gone before—parents, siblings, children, friends.

So what is it that makes us and our loved ones saints? Barbara Brown Taylor says “The one thing that truly makes a saint...is the love

of God...membership in the body of Christ, which is all of us, living and dead, remembered and forgotten, great souls and small, have in common.”

So on this Sunday we are reminded that we are all connected through the love of God, a gift freely given. Maybe that is why this is one of my favorite Sundays each year; it reminds me of our interconnectedness.

*-Pastor Chris*

On All Saints Sunday, celebrated this year on November 3, we remember all those saints who have gone before.

## Songs of Thanks and Hope

Last month we joined with St. Matthew’s Episcopal Church’s choir to install and welcome their new rector, Rev. Monica Whitaker. We were overjoyed to help our neighbor, music director Rachel Salemi, doubling the number of singers who made a joyful noise.

In the spirit of collaboration, our choir members are teaming up not once—but twice more this year.

Up first, we sing together as the

“Erie Street Choir” for the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Multifaith Gratitude Gathering. You can hear us and a dozen other faith groups present on Nov. 10 at 7pm at the American Leadership Academy in Gilbert.

Slated for Dec. 8 at 5pm, Advent Lessons and Carols returns this year with a twist: singers, ringers, readers, and reverends from First Lutheran and St. Mark’s Episcopal churches will join us. *-Charles*

### WHAT'S NEW?

**Gratitude Gathering**  
Sunday, Nov. 10 @ 7pm

**Tapping Into TheALEogy**  
Wednesday, Nov. 13 @ 6:30pm

**Staff Appreciation Day**  
Sunday, Nov. 24

**Hymns on Tap: Christmas**  
Monday, Dec. 2 @ 6:30pm

**Women’s Advent Dinner**  
Tuesday, Dec. 3 @ 5pm

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# Staff Appreciation Day: November 24

Dear Friends of Holy Trinity,

As we head into Advent, we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus. It is a special time of being grateful for everything that God has provided to us. It is also time to remember those who have shared their time with us, and to think about how we can show our gratitude for their efforts.

We are blessed to have a dedicated church team of seventeen individuals who worked hard this year to make Holy Trinity the wonderful community that it is. We'd like to show our gratitude for their efforts by taking up a collection beginning Sunday, November 24 through the first three Sundays of Advent. The total amount received will be divided

up among our staff and distributed before Christmas as a sign of appreciation for their hard work this year.

Please join us for cake on Sunday, November 24th as we recognize our team and this special time of thanksgiving. Members of the staff support committee (Mark Engel, Mike King and Sandi Lien) will be at a table on the patio between services with a basket. We shall be happy to answer any questions you might have. If you are inclined to do so, please consider making a contribution. You may also place a contribution in the offering plate, just be sure to mark it for "Staff Appreciation."

Thank you for considering how you can make Christmas just a little bit brighter for our staff.

**-Holy Trinity Staff Support Committee: Mark Engel, Mike King, and Sandi Lien**

## BY THE NUMBERS

Borderlands saw...

**22 volunteers** provide **34,300 lbs of produce** to our community.

Tapping into TheALEogy brought...

**24 Casa Grande friends** the conversation and faith of our beloved TheALEogy event.

Our choir members sing...

**3 times this year** in ecumenical collaboration with our neighbors.

## Volunteers needed!

Get involved at

[www.htlutheran.com/events](http://www.htlutheran.com/events)



► Deb Hosfield.

Armed with a list of area churches, Deb Hosfield and her husband, Steve, relocated in 2001 to Chandler from the Midwest.

"Holy Trinity was the first one [on the list] and I didn't even look for

anything else," Deb said. "The pastor talked to me right away. Nancy Bonngard introduced herself, and after that I think I found my church home."

Deb started her service journey working in the church office while the office admin was on vacation. "I don't like to just sit around," says Deb. "I'm a hands-on person."

She quickly found herself taking care of all sorts of things around campus, eventually getting involved with the Women's Ministry. Since

2006 she's served on the planning committee for the annual Women's Advent Dinner.

From helping with coffee hour to ushering, handling the recycling to cleaning the pastors' robes, you can find Deb on campus most days wearing a variety of hats.

And while at times the work resembles chores, Deb finds joy knowing she's helping where others can't, but that all can benefit from.

"If something has to be done, I just pitch in and do it," she says.

# HT Hero of the Month