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# TRINITY TIDINGS

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### TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

**A loving, Christian community, feeding God's people in mind, body, and spirit**

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#### WHERE TO NOW?

by Pr Jacqui

Look at what we have done! We have come this far and now we get to go further. We arrive when we are dead and look into the eyes of Jesus. Until then, we look into the eyes of the people we love and we know Jesus lives. Now, we look in the mirror and see Jesus inside of ourselves. Now, we go, do, be, and live, knowing God calls us to our best. Now, we get to hold the hands of the people next to us and know we are pulling together in this life. We get to wrap our arms around one another and go into tomorrow. We get to whisper a prayer for the person next to us and receive the peace that surpasses all understanding. God is still working at this church.

The people who worship at Trinity Lutheran Church have come too far to stop. These hot summer months have been filled with some chaos, but autumn will come, a cool breeze will blow. It may take until Thanksgiving, and when it does come we will all be thanking God we live in Arizona. It will take us time to regroup and get back on track of functioning at our best. We will get there and go even farther. We must have a renewed commitment to doing God's work with our hands. We must make being friendly and welcoming our biggest priority.

We must continue to come to worship and let all of our actions show that we love God with all our heart, mind, and soul.

Look at what we have done. As a synod, we elected a woman as our new Bishop for the very first time. Lutheran Social Services of the Southwest has increased their use of our property, assisting more families in this neighborhood and having a direct response to the unification of families separated at the border. You sent six youth and two adults to Houston, Texas to gather with 31,000 other Lutherans from around the United States. You sent five boys to Camp Aloma and four youth to Campfirmation in Prescott. All the while you have loved each other through the hurts and pains that are inevitable in life. You have continued to give your money so that the building can function, but most importantly, you have kept your faith.

This is a great church, a wonderful place to worship, filled with amazing people. Now is the time that we get to show it. We've got this and God has got us. Yes, it is hot outside, but we know there is relief in Jesus. We're still here and God is leading the way.

