

The Desert Voice

Trinity Lutheran Church

January 2018

Happy New Year! As another year passes, I'm struck by the words of (Psalm 31:15-16), "My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies and from my persecutors! Make your face shine on your servant; save me in your steadfast love!"

The Lord created time. "In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth" (Genesis 1:1). Time is under His control. Throughout history our Lord has directed time's advancement for His glory and our benefit.

Although we plan and schedule calendar events, we must recognize that our times are in His hands. James 4:13-15 teaches us, "Come now, you who say, 'Today or tomorrow we will go into such and such a town and spend a year there and trade and make a profit' – yet you do not know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes. Instead you ought to say, 'If the Lord wills, we will live and do this or that.'"

Even as Jesus teaches us to pray, "Give us this day our daily bread," He wants us to commit our years, days and hours to His care. He would like to relieve us of our superfluity of worry and stress and allow Him to prove His care and providence for us day by day.

As we trust God, He promises to guide us through all our

days. His saving love toward us is shines on us as Romans 8:1 makes clear. "There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus." He assures us that He will sustain us even through overwhelming odds. Romans 8:35-39 assures us God's salvation is real. "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? As it is written, 'For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.' No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 8:35-39).

May the Lord give us confidence in His grace and guidance in our time of life and service to others until His glorious return!

Pastor Smith



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MEN'S M.A.S.S. MEETING

January 9th, 6:00 pm



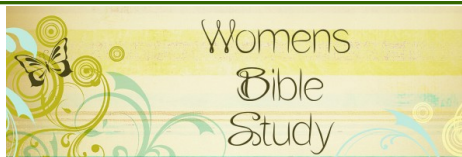
Men Assisting Seminary Students

M.A.S.S. meets on the second Tuesday, January 9th, at 6:00 pm, at Sloan's Restaurant in Indio, corner of Highway 111 and Clinton Streets.

This is the start of a new year—2018. Why not join the men's group, MASS? We are a dedicated group of men helping our younger cohorts continue through their Seminary years; doing the work of our Lord Jesus spreading the Word of God through helping them become ministers in the Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod. We support them with our prayers, encouragement, communication and dollars. It is such a worthy cause. Please see letter on page 9 from Pastor Robert Jones (a student we helped) You can also donate on Sunday mornings by placing a check in the offering plate noted for MASS. Anyone, any age, can help. God bless you and God bless our work for MASS here at Trinity.

This Month's Puzzle:

Can you answer this Question??
When the Magi found the baby Jesus, where was He? First one to call wins .Call RuthFarquhar760-574-3787.

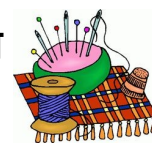


Women's Bible Study
Thursdays at 5pm !
Please join us ladies.



TLC QUILTERS IN

Trinity Quilters will meet in January on Jan. 3rd, 17th 24th & 31st unless you hear from Chairman Marilyn Mohr 760 -775-4301.



WINGS

WINGS (LADIES NIGHT OUT) will meet January 26th at 6:00 pm at ISLANDS RESTAURANT in the Target shopping center, Hwy 111 in Palm Desert. Please RSVP to Bobbi at 760-485-7770. All; ladies welcome!



Thank You!

Thank you from the staff for remembering us with your Christmas gifts. It was so much appreciated.

Pastor Bob, Bobbi, T.J. and Emily

God bless you all!

Happy New Year



TLC Sunday School & Youth Bible Fellowship



**TLC Sunday School
Sunday Mornings
@ 9:45am**

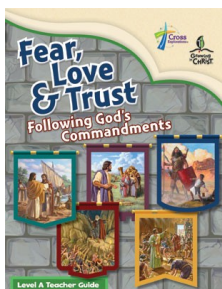
**TLC Youth Bible Fellowship
Sunday Mornings @ 9:45am**

Why doesn't God want me to have other gods? Don't all roads lead to heaven? Does God really expect me to keep all His commandments perfectly without one slip? As long as I do my best, I'll get into heaven, right?

TLC has been blessed with two very caring and capable people that have a heart for the youth. Tara Robinson and Ali Young will be leading the Youth Bible Fellowship in topical Bible studies, Sunday mornings at 9:45am.

This is a perfect time for the youth to connect to God's plan for them and to each other as they discover how much they are treasured and loved by their creator.

We ask you to keep the TLC youth and their leaders in your prayers as they begin this new year in the WORD!



Children discover answers to questions like these in *Fear, Love & Trust: Following God's Commandments*, topical Sunday School sessions. Old and New Testament Bible Stories intertwine a castle theme to help children learn about

God's rules for holy living and loving in the Ten Commandments.

Note the time change...15 minutes earlier.

TLC youth



TLC Youth Fellowship Friday, January 5 @ 6:30pm



Calling all youth! Come join the fun! We will gather at TLC for an evening of Food, Fun, and Fellowship. The doors are open to ALL youth! This will be an awesome time to plan the years activities, worship opportunities and district events. Each youth family is asked to bring their Bibles, \$5 for dinner and a snack to share. See you all Friday night and oh, bring your friends!



TLC Family Ministry

“Your faithfulness continues through all generations” Psalm 119:90

January 2018

Breakfast Study

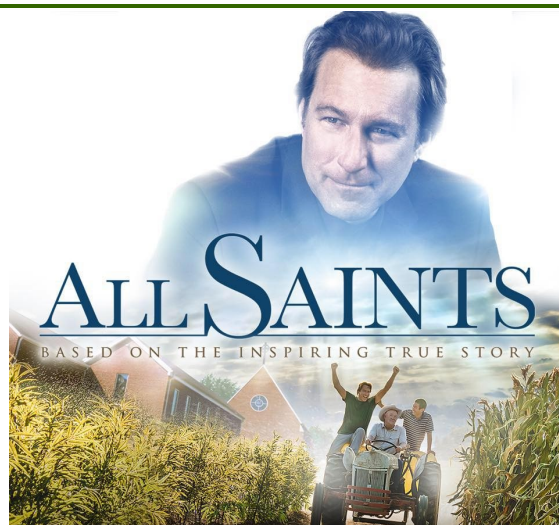


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Men & Young Men's Breakfast Bible Study

8:00am - 9:30am
2nd Saturday of Each Month

TLC Movie Night
Friday, January 12 @ 6:30pm

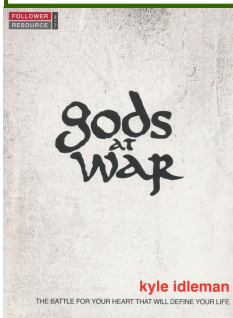


ALL SAINTS is based on the inspiring true story of salesman-turned-pastor Michael Spurlock (John Corbett), the tiny church he was ordered to shut down, and a group of refugees from Southeast Asia. Together, they risked everything to plant seeds for a future that might just save them all. **Rated PG**

This month we meet Saturday, January 12. Breakfast is served at 8:00am with the study following at 8:30am. It should come as no surprise that an adversary fit to be called the "god of this world" and the "power of darkness" is a force to be reckoned with. And so he is. In *The Great Deceiver* explore a being so diabolical he will stop at nothing to separate us from God.

Join us as we continue in study and fellowship.

NEW Adult Bible Fellowship Video Series—Thursdays @ 7:00pm Beginning Thursday, January 11, 2018



Kyle Idleman's riveting new study, "gods at War" properly notes that Christians and the church correctly emphasize the need to identify and eradicate sin. But what if we're actually missing the point? What if all sin has a common root? Is there a core issue that we are failing to address? Come and join us as seekers, new Christians and life-long Christians alike will all be moved to grow their relationship with Christ.

This study is open to everyone; young, old, male or female. Make plans now and mark your calendars for this 6 week study beginning, Thursday, January 11 at 7:00pm.



Lutheran Women's Missionary League



The first LWML meeting of the New Year will be our luncheon meeting, 11:30 A.M. on Wednesday, January 10. Speaker for this meeting will be Patsy Meister, President of the Sea and Desert Interpretive Association, speaking on the Salton Sea - "Yesterday - Today - Tomorrow" - a very important issue for all the valley. She is bringing the Vice-President of the association with her, who happens to be her husband, so we encourage not only all women but all men in the congregation to attend.

Luncheon will be provided and it would be appreciated if you would sign-up on the sheet outside the church so we know how many to plan for.

The Service Project for January is to provide current magazines for Mama's House - a local home for women in crisis pregnancies. If you wish to participate in this project, please bring a new, current magazine, apropos to young women expecting or recently given birth, to the meeting on the 10th.

Lutheran Women's Missionary League
Trinity Lutheran Church, Indio
January Luncheon Meeting
Wednesday, January 10, 2018 11:30 A.M.



THEME: "Yet for us there is but one God, The Father, from whom all things come and for whom we live, and there is but one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom we live." 1 Corinthians 8:6

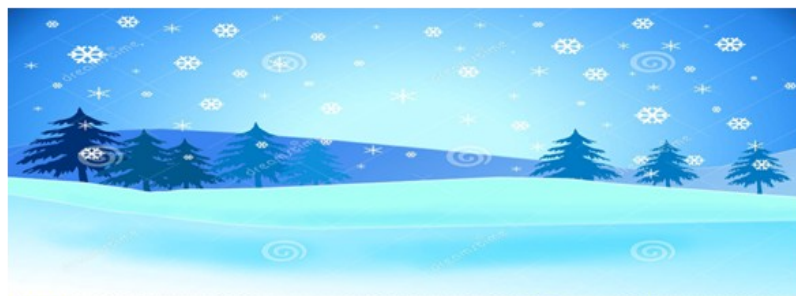
PROGRAM: The Salton Sea - Yesterday-Today- Tomorrow

SPEAKER: Patsy Meister - President of the Sea and Desert Interpretive Assoc.

SERVICE PROJECT: Current magazines for Mama's House

MISSION GRANT: Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch

LUNCHEON HOSTESSES: Mary Helen Kelly, Elaine Bishop, Ruth Farquhar





Hanging of the Greens



Christmas Caroling



January 2018 Birthdays



- 4 Mary Helen Kelly
- 4 Paul Smith
- 5 Noralyn Lorimer
- 5 Ramona Haugen
- 10 Anne Negron
- 13 Maggie Negron
- 13 Samantha Schuessler
- 18 Jerry Norris
- 21 John Eide
- 22 Mary Ann Miller
- 29 Dorothy Fratto
- 29 Linda Kastner
- 30 Lynn York
- 30 Bob Wirtenberger



January Anniversaries

- January 14 Wally & Cheryle Kortman (50 years)
- January 31 Vern & Marlene Langenwalter (59 years)



February 2018 Birthdays

- 6 Ryan Lorimer
- 6 Charles Richardson
- 7 Kyle Onak
- 7 Zoe King
- 8 Bob Hilger
- 9 Elizabeth White
- 10 Sheila McCafferty
- 20 Aiden & Alivia (Negron) Giles
- 23 Andie Bonette
- 23 Walt Ulbricht
- 24 Beverly Ducatte
- 26 Emma Ashbaugh
- 26 Elyssa Ashbaugh
- 26 Erin Ashbaugh
- 27 Robert Heinzeroth
- 27 Earlene Reynolds



February Anniversaries

- February 17 Jim & Noralyn Lorimer
- February 18 Howard & Alice Musashi



Family and friends of Trinity Lutheran

It's a new year. It's a time when we take stock of the year past in order to improve the year to come. It's a time when we sit down to plan and implement what we want to accomplish and even change. Part of that is planning our stewardship for the coming year.

Often we find this difficult and daunting and even joyless. But it doesn't have to be. In fact, it is really quite simple and full of joy. So here are some tips to make that planning less stressful. You begin by answering these three questions: Who are you? To whom do I give? And how much?

So, who are you? The Table of Duties in the Small Catechism informs us. Are you a hearer of God's Word? Are you a citizen of society? Are you a member of a family? Stewardship covers these three estates: church, society, family. We don't particularly struggle to give to society or family. Our struggles, our difficulties and our questions arise in giving to the church.

So, what is our duty as members of the church with regard to giving? The Table of Duties, again, gives us a guide. If you are a hearer, a member of the church who receives instruction, St. Paul taught: "Anyone who receives instruction in the word must share all good things with his instructor" (Gal. 6:6). This means the local congregation is primary.

Your pastor is the one called to preach the Gospel to you and administer the Lord's blessed sacraments to you. Your congregation is the place where those things happen. Thus, when God calls us to give to the church, He has the local congregation in mind. For "the Lord has commanded that those who preach the gospel should receive their living from the gospel" (1 Cor. 9:14).

How much do we give to the local congregation? Our only instructions are these: to give regularly (1 Cor. 6:1-2), proportionally (1 Cor. 16:1-2; 2 Cor. 8:12), and generously (2 Cor. 8:20) of our first fruits (Gen. 4:4; Prov. 3:9; Lev. 27:30) with a spirit of eagerness (2 Cor. 9:2), earnestness (2 Cor. 8:7), cheerfulness (2 Cor. 9:7), and love (2 Cor. 8:23).

In other words, giving to the church is not to be an afterthought, given after everything else is spent. In this way, it is deliberate. We give regularly – weekly, bi-weekly, monthly, quarterly, or yearly – keeping in mind our own strengths, weaknesses, and limitations. We set it aside beforehand – before anything else is spent.

From those first fruits, we set aside a proportionate and generous amount. Ten percent was the standard for the Israelites. This was a command for the ancient Israelites. We can give as much as we want, but ask yourself: do we really want to be less generous than was commanded of the Israelites? Is the job of the New Testament Church bigger or smaller than the job given to Israel?

And how are we to give it? We give it with eagerness and earnestness. We give it cheerfully and with love, not out of compulsion. For through the preaching of the gospel and the administration of the sacraments, God has made us His children, forgiven us all our sins, given us grace upon grace, promised us life everlasting with Him in His kingdom, and filled us with His own Spirit, the Holy Spirit. This makes giving a joy, as Jesus said, "it is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35).

It's that easy. And it is joyful. For in stewardship, our gracious and giving Lord invites us to take part in the work that He accomplishes here on earth, providing for the ongoing preaching of the gospel as well as those who are in need. Taking part in that makes all our work holy – work that is done in service to the Lord as priestly members of His kingdom.

Cindy Hilger, Stewardship Chairman & Your Stewardship Committee

MASS News!

Light of the Hills Lutheran Church

September 18, 2017

Mr. Russell Campbell
77697 Barons Circle
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Dear Russ,

Greetings in the name of our Lord! I was pleased to get your letter and very happy to hear that other people want to learn about MASS. I've started talking with my men's group about possibly doing something similar in the near future in order that we could also help in graduating future pastors without any debt. With that in mind, here are some of my thoughts about your group:

- 1) MASS's goal and support is a HUGE ministry to the church at large! Alison and I (along with our new baby, Esther), would be in a very different situation if we did not have your extra level of support which would have, inevitably, affected our family. More often than not, every District meeting I've attended has mentioned that debt is the number one deterrent for men to enter the ministry. Thank YOU!
- 2) I would have loved to have heard more about the men of MASS who were supporting me. Apart from you, Russ, I don't know who else was supporting me for those four years. It would have been nice to receive a letter with the support just to let me know how I could have been praying for the members of Trinity, and, more specifically, MASS.
- 3) In addition to updates from the men of MASS, it would be nice to receive an annual report of how many students MASS has helped. I would be interested in the numbers and it would be helpful if a pastor was trying to start something similar at their parish.

I've included a picture of our (growing) family and hope that you are all well.

In Christ Alone, through Faith Alone,



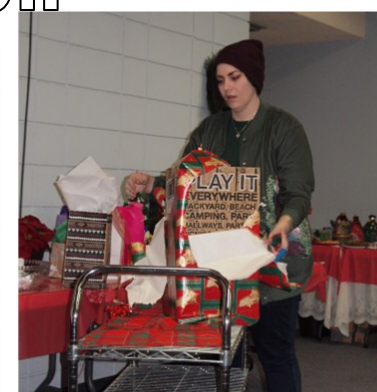
Pastor Robert Jones
Associate Pastor
Light of the Hills Lutheran Church



LWML Christmas



Party & Silent Auction





Those Who Serve in January 2018 January

<u>Duties</u> ↓	<u>Jan. 7</u> 8:30 am Communion	<u>Jan. 14</u> 11:00 am	<u>Jan. 21</u> 8:30 am Communion	<u>Jan. 28</u> 11:00 am Communion
<u>Duty Elder</u> 8:30am 11am	Gary Wiedle Woody Kastner	Gary Wiedle Gary Wiedle	Roy Culley Gary Wiedle	Gary Wiedle Woody Kastner
<u>Readers</u> 8:30am 11am	Gary Wiedle Woody Kastner	Gary Wiedle Gary Wiedle	Roy Culley Gary Wiedle	Gary Wiedle Woody Kastner
<u>Ushers</u> 8:30am 11am	Terry Lahn & Terry Lahn Bob Wirtenberger & Jim Ducatte	Charles Richardson & Larry Piunti Jim Ducatte & Andy Schlange	Charles Richardson & Terry Lahn Jim Ducatte & Bob Wirtenberger	Larry Piunti & Russ Campbell Bob Wirtenberger & Jim Ducatte
<u>Acolytes</u> 8:30 am <u>11:00 am</u>	Emma & Erin Ashbaugh Lily Tobin	Elder Elder	Logan & Elyssa Ashbaugh Lily Tobin	Elders Elders
<u>Greeters</u> 8:30am 11am	Bruce & Raejean Kuhnau Bob & Irene Wirtenberger	Bruce & Raejean Kuhnau Bob & Irene Wirtenberger	Bruce & Raejean Kuhnau Bob & Irene Wirtenberger	Bruce & Raejean Kuhnau Bob & Irene Wirtenberger
Flowers				





Christmas Program




Christmas Eve





January 2018

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Trinity Lutheran Church



Indio, California

Sunday Worship
8:30am & 11am
Sunday School/
Bible Class
9:45am

Holy Communion
8:30am—1st & 3rd Sundays
11am—2nd & 4th Sundays



To the Western mind, the faith and practice of Islam are often a profound mystery. In recent years, this religion—born 1,400 years ago on the Arabian Peninsula—has emerged as a prominent—yet misunderstood—belief system. Listen as Sam Shamoun, an Arab-Christian, unveils some of the mystique surrounding this religion first preached by Muhammad and today practiced by more than one billion people worldwide.

For a religion practiced by so many worldwide, Islam is understood by surprisingly few in Western society. Be one of those in the know when you join us for “The Challenge of Islam (Part 1 - What is Islam?)”, beginning, Sunday, January 14 @ 9:45 am, in the overflow room.

