

# The Desert Voice

Trinity Lutheran Church

July-August 2019

As Christians, we are clearly involved a daily struggle of faith. While we rejoice in the forgiveness Christ brings to us, we find ourselves assaulted by temptation, doubt and despair.

The Bible illustrates this struggle along with the victory that comes to those who follow and trust God's wisdom — Christ Jesus.

Ecclesiastes 9:14-18 is one such example:  
“There was a little city with few men in it, and a great king came against it and besieged it, building great siege works against it. But there was found in it a poor, wise man, and he by his wisdom delivered the city. Yet no one remembered that poor man. But I say that wisdom is better than might, though the poor man's wisdom is despised and his words are not heard. The words of the wise heard in quiet are better than the shouting of a ruler among fools. Wisdom is better than weapons of war, but one sinner destroys much good.”

God's wisdom, incarnate through our Lord Jesus Christ, delivers this world held hostage by sin, death and the devil. Christ's death and resurrection conquers

the great onslaught of wickedness and vice so evident in and around us.

Satan continues to make attempts to drown out Christ and obscure His mighty victory. Yet, the voice of “a poor wise man”, God's wisdom continues to conquer Satan's threat toward the Christian believer.

As we focus our faith and confession on God's clear Word, the Bible, we will continue to experience victory over sin, death and the devil. “Though devils all the world should fill, all eager to devour us, we tremble not, we fear no ill; they shall not overpower us. This world's prince may still scowl fierce as he will, he can harm us none. He's judged; the deed is done; one little word can fell him.” (“A Mighty Fortress,” Martin Luther)

“The words of the wise heard in quiet are better than the shouting of a ruler among fools” (Eccl. 9:17). Our struggle in Christ is not in vain.

Pastor Smith



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**MEN'S M.A.S.S. MEETING in  
JULY 9th, 2019 @ 6:00 pm**



**Men Assisting  
Seminary Students**

M.A.S.S. meets on the second Tuesday of the month, in July, (the 9th) at SLOAN'S Restaurant in In-

dio, but Not in August. We will not meet in the month of August. Vacation time!

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. 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. Please keep supporting MASS through the lean summer months.

*Russ Campbell, Chairman*



Independence Day is a federal holiday in the United States commemorating the Declaration of Independence of the United States on July 4, 1776. The Continental Congress declared that the thirteen American colonies were no longer subject to the monarch of Britain and were now united, free, and independent states. **God bless America!**

**TLC QUILTERS UPDATE**

50 quilts were given to the needy from July 2018 to June 2019.

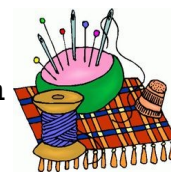
21 quilts sold for \$685.00.

Checks for \$100.00: were given to:

2/10/2019: Dakota Boys & Girls Ranch

6/24/2019: Salvation Army

6/12/2019 CVRM Mission.



A big THANK YOU to the many who support the

Quilters by donating and buying fabric, cutting squares, sewing, assembling and paying postage and showing up to work on the quilts and working at home so faithfully.

Last year, for Paradise, California fire victims; our quilts brought them a sense of great comfort as they had lost all their possessions, everything in the fire, and the comfort of a homemade quilt was immeasurable. (check the bulletin board across from our kitchen for photos). We just sent 2 large boxes of beautiful quilts to flood victims at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Missouri; The Rev Charlie Schultz in charge of distributing them. He was thrilled that we sent them! Trinity quilters..you are amazing! Trinity Quilters will meet starting in September on Sept. 4th, 18th & 25th Any questions call Chairman Marilyn Mohr 760 -775-4301. We can ALWAYS use help, hint, hint. Please join us.

**WINGS**

See you in September



**Our Women's Bible Study  
meets on Thursdays at  
5pm led by Mary Helen**



Can you answer this question:  
According to Revelation 16,  
what will affect those who  
have the mark of the beast?

First one to call Ruth Farquhar at  
760-574--3787 wins.





# TLC Youth Bible Fellowship & Sunday School



## TLC Sunday School

TLC Sunday School summer break begins July 1 and will end July 31. We will resume our regular Sunday morning schedule, Sunday, August 4.



# TLC Youth News & Bowling August 25 @ 1pm



You all should be very proud of your TLC youth. All our youth participated and volunteered in many of our events here at Trinity. They picked up a roller and helped paint the Fellowship Center, prepared the VBS rooms and volunteering the entire week of Vacation Bible School. They were always willing to help when asked. I can say that without your TLC Youth many of our activities wouldn't go as smoothly as they do. So when you see one of these wonderful youth make sure to thank them for all they do as members of the TLC Family!



We won't be meeting the month of July while all of us enjoy various summer to allow for family vacations and summer relaxation. School begins in August so we will be gathering for a fun day of bowling as we reconnect for the new season. We will meet at Fantasy Lanes, Sunday, August 25 @ 1pm. We would like to invite the TLC Families to this event. \$10 per person will cover the bowling and lunch. Make sure you RSVP to me so I know how many lanes to reserve.



Have a great summer and see you in August!





# Miraculous Mission



# VBS 2019





# TLC Family Ministry

“Your faithfulness continues through all generations” Psalm 119:90  
July/August 2019

## Men & Young Men’s Bible Breakfast



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Saturday, July 14th & August 10  
8:00am—9:30am

## TLC Family Movie Night “Breakthrough” Friday, August 16 @ 6:30pm



BREAKTHROUGH is based on the inspirational true story of one mother’s unfaltering love in the face of impossible odds. When Joyce Smith’s adopted son John falls through an icy Missouri lake, all hope seems lost. But as John lies lifeless, Joyce refuses to give up. Her steadfast belief inspires those around her to continue to pray for John’s recovery, even in the face of every case history and scientific prediction.

## Thank You!!!



A great big “THANK YOU”! Vacation Bible School was so exciting this year! It took everyone who pitched in as Team Leaders, Site Leaders, registrar team, financial donors and prayer warriors to make this event a success! Trinity is better known in the community due to all the willing servants!

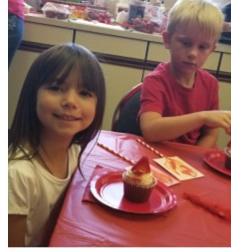
Please keep in your prayers the children that attended our VBS Miraculous Mission, that the Word of God that was proclaimed would take root.

*“Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.”*

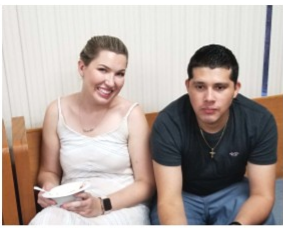
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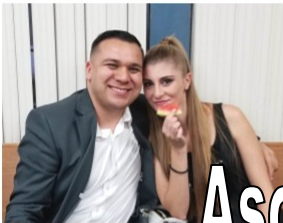
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# TLC Youth



# Ascension Day Celebration



## MASS NEWS FOR JULY 2019



Hello one and all. Last month was another great month for our students, and the start we have for June should also be helpful toward our goal for the students. We are still receiving lump sums from our members and friends of the congregation. We still need all of the monthly contribution's also, as no one way will keep us afloat.

We have been starting our work towards replacing Kyle Weeks, and Bradley Willek. We have three men who have great interest in being part of the congregation's MASS program. We need just a little more information from one man and then we will be able to choose two. Out of the three, two will be going to Ft. Wayne.

If anyone has a name of a person who is planning on going this year to one of the two seminaries please let us know it is not too late for us to consider them for this fall. In his name,

Russ Campbell

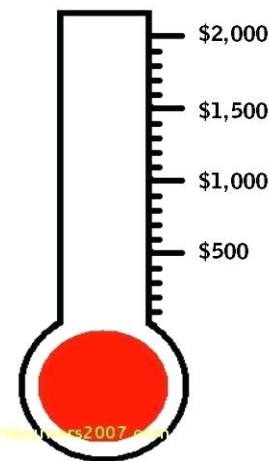
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### ICE MACHINE UPDATE: That's right.

The church's ice maker died. After 11 years of hard work; it gave up.

So as I've said, we need a new one. Cost is around \$2,100. We've started a **fund** for anyone who wants to contribute for a new one. By the third week ---we're up to \$560.00. Wow! That's Great! Only \$1,540.00 to go.

You don't have to give a lot of money, just a little. But an ice maker is used by everyone in the church and has been the handiest appliance we ever bought. So, if you're so inclined to help out, please see Emily in in the church office.760-347-3971.





# LWML End of Season Luncheon



# Daughters of the Almighty







### July 201 Birthdays

- 3 Kate Memmen
- 4 Sharyn Brackett
- 7 Don Lahn
- 12 Marilyn Weerheim
- 14 Peggy Stearns
- 14 Roseann Swanson
- 14 Laura Ann Maler
- 16 Paul Miller
- 18 Marilyn Mohr
- 18 Lily Tobin
- 18 Sandy Culley
- 28 Gary Wiedle
- 29 Joey, JJ White, Jr.
- 30 Dave Haugen



### August 2019 Birthdays

- 1 Sandy B. Taylor
- 4 Ali Young
- 10 Muriel Norris
- 15 Donna Kay Wherry
- 19 Jill Schuessler
- 20 Larry Miller
- 24 Tom Sundberg
- 26 Lori Tobin
- 28 Shad Schuessler
- 31 Kylie Maxfield

happy birthday  
lots of hugs for you!

### August 2019 Anniversaries

- August 6, Larry & Mary Ann Miller
- August 9, 1958 Andy & Shirley Schlange, (61 years)
- August 14, Frank & Dorothy Fratto (65 years)
- August 27, 2005 Sherman & Peggy Stearns

### July 2019 Anniversaries

- July 11, 1952 Robert & Donna Heinzeroth
- July 14 Dave & Bea Bergum
- July 21, 2001 Joey & Elizabeth White
- July 24, 1983 Mark & Cheryl Harmon
- July 25 Laura & Michael Thomason



Happy Anniversary

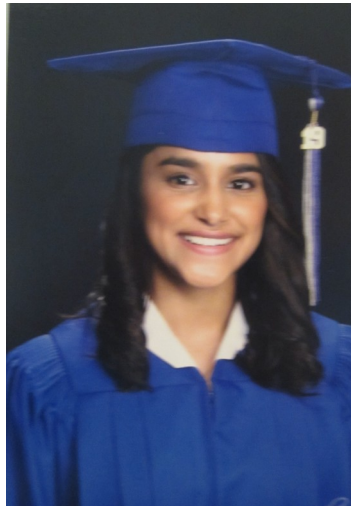


William B. Nhanala, great grandson of Mary Helen Kelly has graduated from high school in Canada where the family lives. He is captain of the rugby team and on the football team. The rugby team won the equivalent of our own CIF Championship. Way to go William! God's blessings to you.



Danielle Ducatte, a member of Trinity since birth and daughter of Jim and Beverly Ducatte, received her Bachelor of Arts Degree in Liberal Studies with a concentration in Psychology. She graduated cum laude with departmental honors. In the fall she will be in the Multiple Subject credential program at CSUSB where she will take courses and complete her student teaching to receive her teaching credentials. Once she receives her credentials she hopes to teach in an elementary school classroom. God bless you Dani!

Isabelle Elise Smith just graduated from Shadow Mountain High School. Isabelle will be attending College of the Desert in the fall. She is the great granddaughter of Ruth Farquhar. God bless you Isabelle!



Abigail (Abby) Noelle Norris graduated from Azusa Pacific in December 2018 with a Bachelors of Science in Nursing and a minor in International Health, During school, Abby had the opportunity to study abroad in both South Africa and Panama, further developing her love for serving others cross-culturally. Her passions in nursing have always been directed toward the pediatric population and she hopes to specialize in this area of nursing. Abby completed her nursing boards in February 2019 and is now a licensed registered nurse. While awaiting a new graduate program Abby is taking time to travel and spend time with her family. Way to go Abby! She is the granddaughter of Muriel & Jerry Norris. We love you Abby!





## THE SNEEZE (that summoned God to Graduation)

A judge said that Medina Valley High School in Castroville, Texas could not use prayer in their Graduation ceremony for the class of 2011. (no Invocation or Benediction)

\*\* THE SNEEZE \*\*

They walked in tandem, each of the ninety-two students filing into the already crowded auditorium. With their rich maroon gowns flowing and the traditional caps, they looked almost as grown up as they felt.

Dads swallowed hard behind broad smiles, and Moms freely brushed away tears.

This class would NOT pray during the commencements, not by choice, but because of a recent court ruling prohibiting it.

The principal and several students were careful to stay within the guidelines allowed by the ruling. They gave inspirational and challenging speeches, but no one mentioned divine guidance and no one asked for blessings on the graduates or their families.

The speeches were nice, but they were routine until the final speech received a standing ovation.

Then, a solitary student walked proudly to the microphone. He stood still and silent for just a moment, and then, it happened

All 92 students, every single one of them, suddenly SNEEZED!

The student on stage simply looked at the audience and said, 'GOD BLESS YOU'. And he walked off the stage

The audience exploded into applause. This graduating class had found a unique way to invoke God's blessing on their future with or without the court's approval.)



(This is a true story; it happened at the University of Maryland.)





## Those Who Serve in July 2019




<u>Duties</u> ↓	<u>July 7,</u>  8:30 am Communion	<u>July 14</u>  11:00 am Communion	<u>July 21</u>  8:30 am Communion	<u>July 28</u>  11:00 am Communion
<u>Duty Elder</u> 8:30am  11am	Kevin Hemp  Gary Wiedle	Gary Wiedle  Woody Kastner	Kevin Hemp  Gary Wiedle	Kevin Hemp  Woody Kastner
<u>Readers</u> 8:30am  11am	Kevin Hemp  Gary Wiedle	Gary Wiedle  Woody Kastner	Kevin Hemp  Gary Wiedle	Kevin Hemp  Woody Kastner
<u>Ushers</u> 8:30am  11am	Russ Campbell & Larry Burkett  Bob Wirtenberger & Andy Schlange	Larry Piunti & Larry Burkett  Bob Wirtenberger & Andy Schlange	Russ Campbell; & Larry Piunti  Bob Wirtenberger & Raul Giles	Russ Campbell & Larry Burkett  Jim Ducatte & Raul Giles
<u>Acolytes</u> 8:30 am  11:00 am	Elder  Elder	Elder Elder	Elder  Elder	Elder  Elder
<u>Greeters</u> 8:30am  11am	Yoli Hemp  Bob & Irene Wirtenberger	Yoli Hemp  Bob & Irene Wirtenberger	Yoli Hemp  Bob & Irene Wirtenberger	Yoli Hemp  Laura Thomason & Beverly Ducatte
Flowers		In honor of Rev. Paul E Miller's 77th birthday by Pastor and Bobbi (Bobbi's Dad)		

hello  
**AUGUST**


**Those Who Serve in August 2019**



<u>Duties</u> ±	<u>August 4</u> 8:30 am Communion	<u>August 11</u> 11:00 am Communion	<u>August 18</u> 8:30 am Communion	<u>August 25</u> 11:00 am Communion
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# Bible Wordsearch

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## Apostles Chosen

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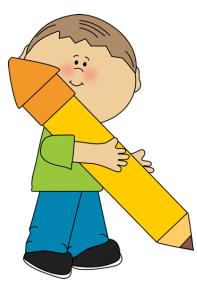
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## Jesus Christ, the Light of the World



*thick darkness is over the peoples, but the LORD rises upon you and his glory appears over you. Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.*  
Isaiah 60:1-3

*The Lord is my light and my salvation... Psalm 27:1*

*When Jesus spoke again to the people, He said, 'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.' John 8:12*

*For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face of Christ. 2 Corinthians 4:6*

The people living in Alaska or Scandinavia live in total darkness for a couple of months each year. Darkness is the absence of light, but in many places of the world, there is not real darkness even when the sun goes down. We have dimmed the sky with ambient light—light reflected upward from the many lights of our towns and cities. About 20 years ago, the nearby Palomar Observatory complained about all the lights in our area interfering with their views of the sky. When we lived in the Philippines, we experienced several typhoons which took out the electricity for miles around. In one such event, we were without electricity for 3 weeks. When the sun goes down in the tropics, it is instantly dark. This time, there was no light for 100 miles in all directions. (If you want to know how dark that is, go into a closet and shut the door. Until you turn the light on, the darkness is total.)

To defeat this darkness, I used a candle. I

learned a lot from that candle. When I was away from the candle the light was dim and far away. As I moved nearer to the light, it got brighter. When I carried the candle with me, the light surrounded me. It seemed even brighter than when I just beheld it. That's the way it is with Jesus. The closer we get to Jesus, through prayer, worship and Bible study, the brighter things get.

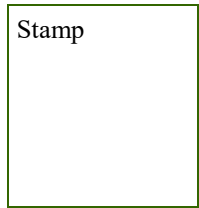
The lights of the world around us can lead us to destruction. There are marquees and signs around us offering exciting activities designed to lead us astray. We see things advertized on TV, movies, games, programs that are available at little to no charge. Life can be one big party if we let it. Pills and drugs to lift us up, put us down, help us to sleep, wake us up, or keep us going are available everywhere. Legal or not. The world calls out to us, selling ways to be perfect on the outside. It doesn't worry about what is inside, the ugliness, despair or pain. God sent Jesus so that we could be freed from this darkness. God sent Jesus to break the darkness, to break your darkness. God's Holy Spirit calls you to turn from this darkness and look to the light and live in the light of Jesus.

Unfortunately, there are people who live a life of darkness even when there isn't a power outage. Fear, ambition, selfishness, loneliness, or the constant search for "more" leads them on. The light of Christ is dimmed or blocked and they don't see it. There is a candle available but they don't use it.

To avoid being caught with no light, I always lit the candle before dark. And then, I learned another thing about the light of the candle. The light was hard to see mixed in with the daylight or if I was busy with other things. It was there, but I had to look for it. It is the same with the Light of Jesus. It is there. We just have to look to it.

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Sometimes, the darkness overcomes us when we aren't expecting it—the loss of a loved one or of a job, a serious illness. Maybe we just get overwhelmed by everyday things. As the darkness overwhelms us, Jesus' Light shines brighter. If we are far away in darkness, the Light draws us nearer and we can see the way more fully. Finally, when we are next to the Light, we can see the way to continue in the Light, going anywhere and doing anything. Because the Light of Jesus shines in us, we are to be the light to the world.

*"You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden...let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." Matthew 5:14, 16*

In what way have you shared His Light with someone lately? How might we share His Light with those in darkness? By inviting our friends and neighbors to worship with us. A lot of people pray before eating. Try praying publicly, even out loud, when you eat out. There are many ways we can be lights for Christ. Think

about them and pray about them. Take part in the various Bible Studies, volunteer for committees and boards and invite your friends to join you.

*You yourselves are our letter, written on our hearts, known and read by everyone. You show that you are a letter from Christ, the result of our ministry, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts.*

2 Corinthians 3:2-3

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