The Desert Voice

Trinity Lutheran Church



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committed eina а Christian is not an easy undertaking. The reality of living in this sinful world creates many challenges to the Christianity and for Christians in particular. We believers in Christ's salvation and lordship are clearly involved a daily faith struggle due to opposing hostilities in this fallen world including Satan's

forces "spiritual of evil" (Ephesians 6:12).

If that were not enough, our sinful nature often and easily gives into doubt and despair. We can identify with St.

Paul's lament: "I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate ... For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing." (Romans 7:15, 19). The scope of our frequent hypocrisy and lack of faith drives us to wonder with St. Paul, "Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver from this body me of death?" (Romans 7:24).

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Our struggle in this sinful world and against our sinful nature with its temptations is real. In short, being a devoted Christian is not easy. However, God's promise of deliverance is bigger than our failings. The question: "Who will deliver me?" is answered by, "Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!" (Romans 7:25). Christ has set us free from enslavement to



sin and death. Furthermore, He has defeated our arch enemy Satan and all evil forces.

As we live in that victory Psalm 30:10-12 expresses our plea for

mercy and thanksgiving: "Hear, O LORD, and be merciful to me! O LORD, be my helper! You have turned for me my mourning into dancing; you have loosed my sackcloth and clothed me with gladness, that my glory may sing your praise and not be silent. O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever!" Amen.

Pastor Smith



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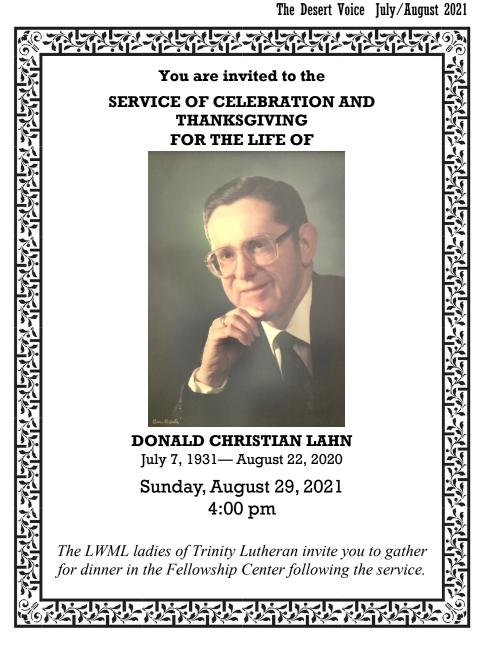
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Deadline for copy:

All articles are to be in the church office by the **15th** of the month. Editor reserves the right to edit for content and space. <u>The September</u> <u>Desert Voice will be assembled on Friday, August 27 at</u> <u>9:30 a.m.</u> **PLEASE COME TO HELP!** Editor: Pobbi Smith

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Sunday Morning Duty Elders July—August 8, 2021

	8:30am	11:00am
July 4	Robert Bishop	Raul Giles
July 11	Mike Bruni	Raul Giles
July 18	Mike Bruni	Woody Kastner
July 25	Mike Bruni	Woody Kastner
August 1	Raul Giles	Woody Kastner
August 8	Mike Bruni	Raul Giles





TLC Family Ministry 🚽

"Your faithfulness continues through all generations" Psalm 119:90

Men's Bible Breakfast Saturday, August 14@ 8am



No Men's Breakfast in July. We will resume in August. We have had consistent

participation and we are blessed to have men in our church that want to be in the Word with one another. Pastor Smith has been leading studies on various hymns and their scriptural/historical origin which have been well received. Look for the sign up sheet as we get closer to the date. Enjoy the break and see you in August!

TLC Sunday Morning Livestream

Facebook is no longer allowing non Facebook viewers to connect with our worship livestream. If you or someone is having trouble connecting during our 8:30am time you will need to wait until the service is complete. The link will appear as a video on our home page of our Trinityindio.org website. Sorry for the inconvenience. We are working on other options.

May the Lord continue to bless you abundantly.



TLC Family Game Night Friday, July 30 @ 6pm

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Come on in from the heat and enjoy a night of "Good ol' Fashioned" Fun! Pizza, pool, ping-pong and board games are on the "menu" for the night. Please sign up at the information table as you exit the church on Sunday mornings. You can also RSVP by contacting the church office: **Call**:760 347 -3971 or **Email**: Trinity81500@verizon.net. Hope to see you all at this fun TLC Family Event!



It's that time again! August has a 5th Sunday and that means that we combine the two worship services. On Jubilee Sunday we suspend Sunday School and move the Adult Bible Class to 8:30am. The Divine worship will be at 10am with Holy Communion. Directly following the service we will gather in the Fellowship Center for a picnic lunch. Mark your calendars and sign up now! Look for the sign up sheet at the information table outside of church on Sundays or **Call**:760 347-3971 or **Email**: Trinity81500@verizon.net.





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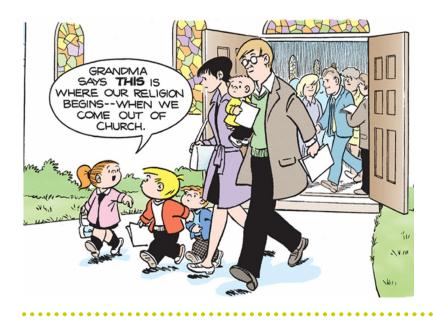
From the TLC V.P.

Dear Trinity Lutheran members and friends,

In an effort to keep you informed, on Sunday, July 11th, after the 8:30am service, we will be providing a mid-year report to our congregation. You will be provided with a Treasurer's Report through June 30, 2021 as well as reports from various committees. We will discuss the plan moving forward to replace our recently retired church secretary. We also look to receive feedback from our members in terms of direction for the next 6 months on other matters. The vision for the meeting is to keep everybody informed as to our progress mid-way through 2021. I hope that you will make a special effort to attend this important meeting.

I would like to personally thank LWML for the wonderful acknowledgement of Emily Bonette's contributions to our church over the past 23 years at their meeting on June 10th. The theme of the meeting was GONE FISHIN. One of the cute ideas on the buffet table was a watermelon carved into a fish that was filled with an assortment of fruits. We wish Emily the best in retirement and we hope that she catches a lot of fish.

Ducatte Vice-President



Trustees' Update

If you happened by the church during this past season it would not have been unusual to see our head trustee, David Frese, and his family working hard on various projects. Some of the more recent projects that were completed will benefit the Sunday morning worship and the security around the property. We have had trouble with our AC units being vandalized. A new spotlight camera is monitoring activity near the back entrance of the church building by the small back parking lot. The controls for the lighting in the overflow parking lot on Clinton have been relocated inside the enclosed patio ceasing any attempts of tampering. A new wifi extender has been mounted in the hallway near the women's bathroom which enables a much better connection for the Sunday morning live streaming and Zoom Bible studies. We recently were awarded the Esther 4:14 National Grant of \$1,500. This grant enables congregations to enhance their ability to reach out via technology. We are very appreciative to the LCMS for their support and look forward to using the grant to further the mission work of Trinity.

We are thankful to the Lord for these enhancements for the spreading of the Gospel here and beyond.

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July Birthdays

3	Kate Memmen
12	Marilyn Weerheim
14	Peggy Stearns
15	Orene Blanton
16	Paul Miller
18	Marilyn Mohr
18	Lily Tobin
19	Sandy Culley
28	Gary Wiedle
29	JJ. White

August Birthdays

4	Ali Young
15	Donna Kay Wherry
18	Monique Bishop
19	Jill Schuessler
20	Larry Miller
24	Tom Sundberg
26	Lori Tobin
31	Kylie Maxfield

If your birthday or anniversary is missing, Contact the church office: 760 347-3971 or Trinity81500@verizon.net



July Anniversaries

14	Dave & Bea Bergum
21	Joey & Elizabeth White
25	Michael & Laura Thomason

August Anniversaries

9	Andy & Shirley Schlange
14	Frank & Dorothy Fratto
27	Sherman & Peggy Stearns



For Recovery from surgery

Bob Wirtenberger

Cancer Treatments

For Health Donna Kay Wherry, Andy Schlange, Michael & Laura Thomason, Sharyn Brackett, Trudi Intemann, Nate Johnson, Bill Grotenrath, Gary Wiedle, Phyllis Hafliger, Dean Weerheim, Loretta Piunti Jane Campbell James Carlsgaard Mollie (*Friend of Carol Castro*) Michele Ungaro *(sister of Renee*

Young)

Heart Problems Amy Frese's Mom



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TLC Graduation Sunday

























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It has been such a blessing to have the privilege of bringing the love of Jesus to our TLC Families and their children. July is a time for vacations and we have decided that Sunday School will be postponed for the month of July and will start up in August. When we resume we would like to extend an invitation to anyone interested in our TLC Family ministry opportunities. Please prayerfully consider serving in some capacity. We look forward to coming back refreshed and ready to continue with praising our loving Savior and learning of His love for us all. *Your TLC Family Ministry Team!*



Pastor and Bobbi will be on vacation in the month of July. All in person and online Zoom Bible studies will be postponed until August.

The Sunday morning worship schedule of 8:30am & 11am will continue with Pastor Miller as guest pastor. Sunday morning Adult Bible class will also continue with Pastor Miller leading the catechetical study. We ask that the Lord blesses Pastor and Bobbi's time away and will bring them back safe and refreshed.







<u>Tuesdays</u> @ 7pm 1 Thessalonians Bible Study on Zoom <u>Thursdays</u> @ 7pm The Book of Romans Bible Study on Zoom <u>Fridays</u> @ 11am DOA (**D**aughters **O**f the **A**lmighty) Bible Study *On Zoom and in person in the Fellowship Center*

If you would like to join any of these studies please contact Pastor Smith @ 760 485-5171 or Email: Revs455@verizon.net



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To all the ladies at Trinity:

LWML luncheons are now over until September. We had many interesting and fun luncheons throughout the season.



We had a very successful Zone Rally on Saturday, June 5. Pastor Miller conducted an excellent Bible study and we were joined by some gals from Hemet, Banning and-Palm Desert . All of the la-

dies were so glad we hosted the rally after not having a rally in over a year.

Next season promises to be another exciting season. We have some great speakers scheduled and we always have a good time! Thursday, September 9th at 10:30 am will kickoff our 2021/2022 year. We will have a **"Welcome Back Tea & Baby Shower"**. In October, Cynthia Elliot, one of our newest Daughters Of the Almighty, will be welcoming a baby girl.

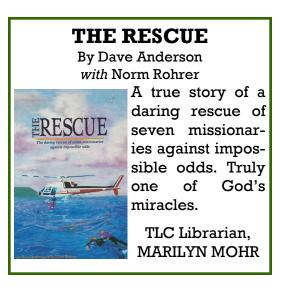
We will also have a guest speaker from **Shelter From the Storm**, the Coachella Valley's only comprehensive domestic victim assistance service and shelter provider. More information will be in the September newsletter. Our Group is growing. Please plan on joining us.





WINGS Ladies' Night Out

Wow! We made it thru another season of fun, fellowship and food. It is time for a short break. We will not be gathering the month of July giving the organizers some needed rest and relaxation. We start up our monthly nights out in August. This is such a great way to get to know your fellow TLC sisters in the Lord. Mark your calendars for **Friday, August 20** @ **6pm.** \$10 Suggested donation



Our Mighty "Mites" at Work! As of March 31, 2021

> National Mites Goal \$2,100,000.00

Amount Received \$ 2,204,724.55

Over budget \$104,724.55 God is Good!!! Tage 9



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- 1. Job 20-21, Acts 10: 24-48
- 2. Job 22-24, Acts 11
- 3. Job 25-27, Acts 12
- 4. Job 28-29, Acts 13: 1-25
- 5. Job 30-31, Acts 13: 26-52
- 6. Job 32-33, Acts 14
- 7. Job 34-35, Acts 15: 1-21
- 8. Job 36-37, Acts 15: 22-41
- 9. Job 38-40, Acts 16: 1-21
- 10. Job 41-42, Acts 16: 22-40
- 11. Psalm 1-3, Acts 17: 1-15
- 12. Psalm 4-6, Acts 17: 16-34
- 13. Psalm 7-9, Acts 18
- 14. Psalm 10-12, Acts 19: 1-20
- 15. Psalm 13-15, Acts 19: 21-41
- 16. Psalm 16-17, Acts 20: 1-16
- 17. Psalm 18-19, Acts 20: 17-38
- 18. Psalm 20-22, Acts 21: 1-17

TASTE AND SEE THAT THE LORD IS GOOD; BLESSED IS THE ONE WHO TAKES REFUGE IN HIM. Psalms 34:8 19. Psalm 23-25, Acts 21: 18-40

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20. Psalm 26-28, Acts 22

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- 21. Psalm 29-30, Acts 23: 1-15
- 22. Psalm 31-32, Acts 23: 16-35
- 23. Psalm 33-34, Acts 24
- 24. Psalms 35-36, Acts 25
- 25. Psalms 37-39, Acts 26
- 26. Psalms 40-42, Acts 27: 1-26
- 27. Psalm 43-45, Acts 27: 27-44
- 28. Psalm 46-48, Acts 28
- 29. Psalm 49-50, Romans 1
- 30. Psalm 51-53, Romans 2
 - 31. Psalm 54-56, Romans 3



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1. Psalm 57-59, Romans 4

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- 2. Psalm 60-62, Romans 5
- 3. Psalm 63-65, Romans 6
- 4. Psalm 66-67, Romans 7
- 5. Psalm 68-69, Romans 8: 1-21
- 6. Psalm 70-71, Romans 8: 22-39
- 7. Psalm 72-73, Romans 9: 1- 15
- 8. Psalm 74- 76, Romans 9: 16-33
- 9. Psalm 77- 78, Romans 10
- 10. Psalm 79-80, Romans 11: 1-18
- 11. Psalm 81-83, Romans 11: 19-36
- 12. Psalm 84-86, Romans 12
- 13. Psalm 87-88, Romans 13
- 14. Psalm 89-90, Romans 14
- 15. Psalm 91-93, Romans 15: 1-13
- 16. Psalm 94-96, Romans 15: 14-33
- 17. Psalm 97-99, Romans 16
- 18. Psalms 100-102, Romans 1 Cor. 1

THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD, I LACK NOTHING. HE MAKES ME LIE DOWN IN GREEN PASTURES, HE LEADS ME BESIDE QUIET WATERS. Psalm 23: 1-2

- 19. Psalm 103-104, 1 Cor. 2
- 20. Psalm 105-106, 1 Cor. 3
- 21. Psalm 107-109, 1 Cor. 4
- 22. Psalm 110-112, 1 Cor. 5
- 23. Psalm 113-115, 1 Cor. 6
- 24. Psalm 116-118, 1 Cor. 7: 1-19
- 25. Psalm 119: 1-88, 1 Cor. 7: 20-40
- 26. Psalm 119: 89-176, 1 Cor. 8
- 27. Psalm 120-122, 1 Cor. 9
- 28. Psalm 123-125, 1 Cor. 10: 1-18
- 29. Psalm 126-128, 1 Cor. 10: 19-33
- 30. Psalm 129-131, 1 Cor. 11: 1-16
- 31. Psalm 132-134, 1 Cor. 11: 17-34





M.A.S.S. News June 2021

Some news from our own *Kevin Hemp*. Kevin has completed his first year quite successfully and will stay at the seminary for a bit longer. He will be studying Greek, sounds like he will have a short summer.

Jonah Laws one of our students will going to his vicarage at Redeemer Lutheran Church, Gresham, Oregon. He is looking forward to some of his duties, as while at school, covid-19 would not allow any of the students to make calls on any rest-homes. Now he will be able to as part of his duties at Redeemer Lutheran.

His second good news is he and Amelia will be having their first child in November. It is too early to know which sex the child is. They ask us to pray for their family. He preached his farewell sermon at Messiah Lutheran Church on Pentecost Day. The sermon has been posted on YouTube . I have put the link below. He says the sermon begins around 39 minutes in. The text was Ezekiel 37:1-14.

The last two months have seen all of you assisting our youth program with your prayers and contributions. **THANK YOU.**

I have been informed this newsletter is for the next two months so we say the end.

Russ and Mike

Click the sermon link below: https://youtu.be/OzI7GFZ7c_E?t=2363



It's a Topsy-Turvy World

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The phrase "topsy-turvy world" was used to describe the country in the 19290's and 30's. Another phrase used to describe the times was "the world upside down". I think both phrases describe the world we live in today. There are social and civil things goin on, sins we've never heard of or imagined, violence, meanness, things that frighten us. What can we do about it? Turn to God and His Word.

Psalm 36:7 says: Both high and low among men find refuge in the shadow of Your wings. In this verse and others as well, shadow is a Hebrew metaphor for protection against oppression—as shade protects against oppressive hear of the desert sun. Kings were spoken of as a "shade" for those reliant on them. Similarly, the Lord is a protective "shade".

Psalm 91 is a Psalm of great testimony to the security of those who trust in God. In the first verse we read, he who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. In verse 4, He will cover you with His feathers and under His wings you will find refuge.

Wings are mentioned several times in the Bible, always as saving us from trouble. Even Jesus uses the Word when he says, O Jerusalem. Jerusalem, you kill the prophets and stone those sent to you; how often I have longed to gather your children together as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings...

We need to take these words to heart. God is in charge. He will take care of us. As Wayne Newton used to sing, *HE'S GOT THE WHOLE WORLD IN HIS HANDS!*

Phyllis Hafliger



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Sunday Worship 8:30am & 11am Sunday School 9:45 am (*No SS in July*) Bible Class 10:00am

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