

The Desert Voice

Trinity Lutheran Church

Dear Family & Friends of Trinity:

Independence Day 2017 approaches as I write to you. I'm reminded of the saying, "Freedom is not free." Recalling the price paid by many that others might enjoy God-given liberty, I would add, "nor is it cheap."

While we celebrate liberty and recognize its cost this Independence Day, we acknowledge an even greater and enduring freedom—found in a living relationship with our Savior Jesus Christ. He laid down His life on the cross for every sinner and rose again from the dead so that those who trust in Him would be everlastingly liberated from the tyranny of sin, death and the power of the devil.

The Apostle Peter acknowledges and celebrates such empowering liberty. "Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God" (1 Peter

Freedom from sin, death and the devil is a gift too precious to squander through neglect and dishonor. We have been freed to make a worldwide difference. We do this by bringing God's undeserved grace and forgiveness into the arena of our daily living.

Peter explains what that means. "Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor" (1 Peter 2:17)

We, as God's people, have a mission to demonstrate Christ's freedom victory in the way we speak and live. It is our joy through the freedom we have in Jesus Christ to carry forward to the world the same freedom that set us free. May that freedom set the world free from all the tyranny of sin, death and the power of the devil.

Pastor Smith

July-August 2017



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

July 11, 6:00 pm



Men Assisting Seminary Students

M.A.S.S. meets on the second Tuesday, July 11th, at 6:00 pm, at Sloan's Restaurant in Indio, corner of Highway 111 and Clinton Streets. We will not meet in the month of August.

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. One meeting and you will be hooked. It is such a worthy cause. 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.

TLC QUILTERS IN Trinity
Quilters will not meet in the months of July—August unless you hear from Chairman Marilyn Mohr 760 -775-4301.



Last month's puzzle answer— Joseph.

This month's puzzle:

Can you answer this Question??
A prize for the first person who **calls Ruth Farquhar** 760-574-3787 with the correct answer.

What was the name of the man who died from a nail being driven into his head?



Check out the 4th Chapter of Judges.

WINGS will be taking a vacation for the summer. See you all in the fall!.



Our Women's Bible Study only in July on Thursdays at 5pm!





TLC Vacation Bible School

Sundays, 9:30am - 10:45am
Sept. 24, October 1, 8, 15, & 22



Yep, change of plans. Due to lack of staffing, this year's Vacation Bible School has been moved to the fall and will be held during the regular Sunday school hour on 5 consecutive Sundays. An invitation to the community via door hangers will be distributed two weeks before the event. We will need volunteers for this important activity and hope the TLC members will be available to help.

Pastor will be using the VBS Adult studies during his Sunday morning Bible class and the children and youth will be enjoying the "Mighty Fortress" VBS activities together as well. Music, Bible stories, crafts and games are all on tap to help share the Good News of a loving God and living Savior. We will also have congregational activities during this 5 week event including pot-luck, movie night, etc. So put these dates on your calendar and make plans now to join the fun!



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TLC Sunday School Summer Schedule

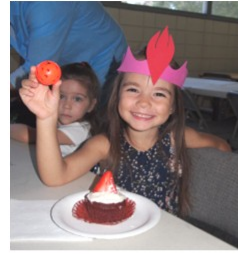


POSTPONED





TLC Sunday School



Pentecost 2017



MASS NEWS FOR JULY 2017

Now that we have 6 months gone our finances are in good shape. As most of you are aware that we have in one week a lump sum donation of \$1,000 from one of our members, and a few days later we received another donation of \$1,500. These are such wonderful gifts from the heart of our members. This is the first time in 17 years we received two large donations in the same month.

The ladies of the LWML sent the students cards just to let them know we are thinking of them and we do keep them in our prayers, which is most important. I had one student call me to thank us for the cards as it does lift one's spirits.

One student informed me that they had just paid off the wife's credit card debt of \$30,000, and were now going to work on his debt. Another student let me know they had paid off their car two years early, and were working toward not having any debt when they leave the seminary in a couple of years.

We have two students going out to their vicarage year. Kyle Weeks is going to Lansing MI, and Bradley Wellik is going to Mt. Calvary in Warner Robins, GA. His address will be 210 Jerusalem Church Road in Warner Robins, GA.

Nicholas Duerr will be back at the seminary for his final year, so we will have another graduate to add to our list.

I thank all of you for your prayers and assistance in working with the students; this makes my responsibilities much easier.

We will meet in July on the 11th and AUGUST WE HAVE NO MEETING.

In his service,

Russ Campbell





July 2017 Birthdays

- 2 Don Eberhardt
- 3 Kate Memmen
- 4 Sharyn Brackett
- 7 Cassidy Claborn
- 7 Don Lahn
- 14 Peggy Stearns
- 14 Laura Ann Maler
- 15 Katie Hunter
- 18 Marilyn Mohr
- 18 Lily Tobin
- 18 Sandy Culley
- 28 Gary Wiedle
- 29 Joey White, Jr. (JJ)
- 30 Dave Haugen



August 2017 Birthdays

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



happy birthday
lots of hugs for you!

July 2017 Anniversaries

- July 11, 1952 Robert & Donna Heinzeroth
- July 14 Dave & Bea Bergum
- July 21, 2001 Joey & Elizabeth White
- July 25 Laura & Michael Thomason
- July 25 Dennis & Lynn York



August 2017 Anniversaries

- August 3, 2012 Richard & Tara Robinson
- August 6, Larry & Mary Ann Miller
- August 7, 1965 Tom & Sue Spay
- August 9, 1958 Andy & Shirley Schlange
- August 14, 1954 Frank & Dorothy Fratto
- August 27, 2005 Sherman & Peggy Stearns

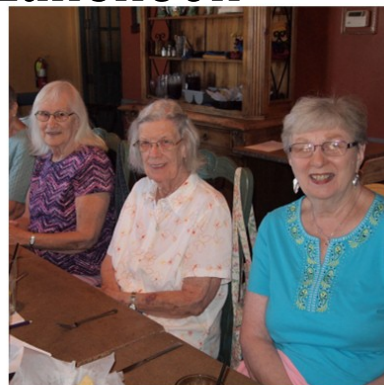
Happy Anniversary



New Member Sunday



LWML End of Season Luncheon





“I will bless you ..., so that you will be a blessing” (Gen. 12:2). The Lord blessed Abraham so that he would be a blessing. How did He bless Abraham? He promised that from His seed would come the savior of the nations. And Abraham believed that promise, trusted that the Lord would provide it just as He had promised. Thus, everything Abraham did was colored by that promise. He willingly gave of himself and his household in service to the Lord in view of that promise.

Our Father in heaven has richly blessed us. Not only has He given us everything that we need to support this body and life, but He has also provided, that promised seed in His Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ. He is the savior of the nations. He is the redeemer of the world. He is the one who has conquered sin, death, and the power of the devil by His death, resurrection, and ascension.

Just as we are richly blessed, we are also thereby freed to be a blessing. Since God has endowed us with His gifts, we are set to endow others. Thus, we give of the blessings we have received so that others may be blessed. We do this in our homes, our communities, and our churches. We press the blessings God has lavished upon us in service to those around us. We use our time, our talents, and our treasures to be a blessing even as they have been a blessing to us.

The Lord blesses us. And He enlists us to be a blessing to others. So, whenever you put that envelope in the collection plate, when you set out to serve at the local food pantry, when you sit down to help your kids with homework, think of this: The Lord has blessed you, so that you will be a blessing.

Your Stewardship Committee,

Cindy Hilger and committee members





Kylie Maxfield, granddaughter to Shirley & Andrew Schlange, graduated from Rancho Mirage High School on June 1st. She received a gold cord for maintaining a 4.0 grade average for all four years and will be attending CSU Humboldt in the fall. She will be majoring in Studio Art. We're proud of you, Kylie!

HENRY BONETTE, graduated from Palm Desert High School on June 6th. He received two cords for advanced college mathematics and science..Henry will be attending College of the Desert in the fall. Henry's grandmother is Emily Bonette ., your Secretary! Blessings to you Henry!






Casey Taylor graduated from FIDM, Fashion Institute, Design and Merchandising of Los Angeles, June 19th at the STAPLES Center.. A four year college program stint with no summers off. She received a Bachelor's Degree in Fashion Merchandising and Design. "Now, I need a job!" Love you, Casey! Her grandmother. You guessed it, is Emily Bonette again!.





Those Who Serve in July 2017



<u>Duties</u> ⌄	<u>July 2,</u> 8:30 am Communion	<u>July 9</u> 11:00 am Communion	<u>July 16</u> 8:30 am Communion	<u>July 23</u> 11:00 am Communion	<u>July 30</u>
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<u>Ushers</u> 8:30am 11am	Russ Campbell & Terry Lahn Bob Wirtenberg & Jim Ducatte	Denny York & Larry Piunti Jim Ducatte & Andy Schlange	Terry Lahn & Denny York Jim Ducatte & Bob Wirtenberger	Larry Piunti & Russ Campbell Jim Ducatte & Bob Wirtenberger	Larry Piunti & Denny York Jim Ducatte & Bob Wirtenberger
<u>Acolytes</u> 8:30 am <u>11:00 am</u>	Elder Elder	Emma Ashbaugh & Samantha Schuessler Elder	Logan Ashbaugh Lily Tobin	Logan Ashbaugh Baron Chamberlain	Emma Ashbaugh & Samantha Schuessler Lily Tobin
<u>Greeters</u> 8:30am 11am	Donna Wester & Wanda Lahn Linda & Woody Kastner	Noralyn Lorimer & Sheila McCafferty Bob & Irene Wirtenberger	Donna Wester & Sheila McCafferty Linda & Woody Kastner	Wanda Lahn Bob & Irene Wirtenberger	Wanda Lahn Bob & Irene Wirtenberger
<u>Flowers</u>	Cindy & Bob Hilger				

hello
AUGUST

Those Who Serve in August 2017



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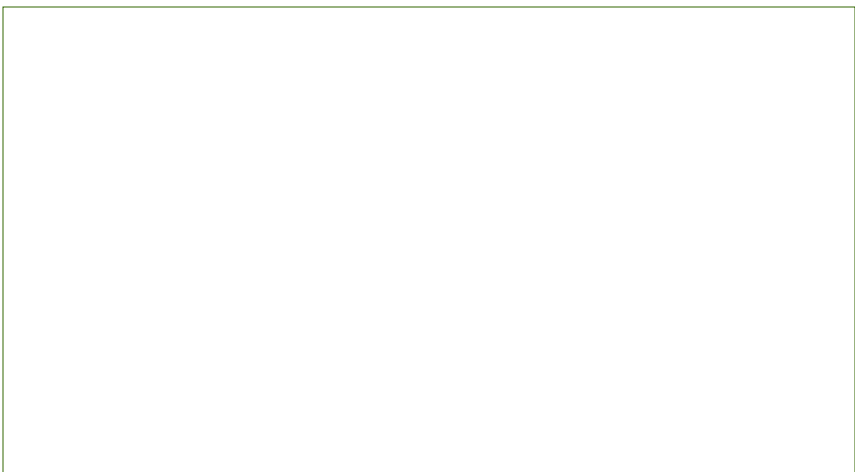
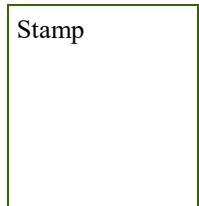
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Indio, California

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

Sunday Worship
8:30am & 11am
Sunday School/
Bible Class
10:00am



On **June 22, 1917**, a group of individuals came together to start a movement within the church. That initial success was the catalyst on a Gospel-sharing journey over the next 100 years through the organization known today as Lutheran Hour Ministries. Today, God is reaching tens of millions every week in more than 50 nations through LHM.

As the world has changed over the last 100 years, Our Lord has been guiding LHM to share His Good News through new methods That continuous evolution can be seen today in new ministries like THRED. New people are being reached online every day as God blesses this new vision.

To celebrate this visionary spirit that started 100 years ago and continues today, generous friends of Lutheran Hour Ministries are **matching all gifts made online for the next 100 hours**. Through 5pm CST on Monday, June 26th, your gift of any amount will be doubled! Contact LHM.org to donate. Any questions, please call the church office at 760-347-3971.

CHANGE THEIR WORLD. CHANGE YOURS. THIS CHANGES EVERYTHING. TO God be the glory,
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