

# The Desert Voice

Trinity Lutheran Church

March 2011

Imagine that you are buried in debt. One day you go to your mailbox and everyone you owed money has sent you a notice with these words: “You’re debt has been paid. You are now debt free. Congratulations!” What would your reaction be? How would your life change? Wouldn’t it be great?

As we approach Good Friday and Easter, we consider what Jesus meant by the words, “It is finished.” This phrase literally comes from the marketplace. When a debt was paid these words would be written over the debt. “It is finished – It has been paid.”

We, as sinners, owe a debt to God that we cannot pay. All of our attempts to do so fail miserably. “All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one ...for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God” (Romans 3:12, 23). Our debt is so deep that it would leave us for dead. It can never be paid off by us.

God, out of His eternal love for us, took action and made the payment with His own life, death and resurrection in the person of Jesus Christ, our substitute to bring about a change of that awful reality.

Colossians 2:13-14 recounts our miserable condition and how

God eradicated our accursed debt. “You, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with

Him (Christ), having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This He set aside, nailing it to the cross.”

What a marvel! “It is finished! Your debt has been paid. Believe and thank the Lord who is compassionate.

*Pastor Smith*



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**MEN'S M.A.S.S. MEETING** March 8th ,  
2011 6:00 pm

### **M.A.S.S. VALENTINE'S PARTY A BIG SUCCESS!**

#### **THANK YOU, THANK YOU THANK YOU**

The other night, for our annual M.A.S.S. Valentine's Dinner, we had our largest turn out. We had 51 wonderful people attend.

I thank Emily Bonette for making sure the information was published each Sunday and providing the pencils. Ann Guild also assisted Emily in the office. Then Ann and Emily acted as hostess, which was a big help to me.

Pastor Smith gave the opening prayer, which was followed by a nice meal, and the brain teaser, which three people got all 16 correct. We did have one member who came up with one more answer than there were questions. We thank one member who provided the funds to pay for our single ladies dinner, and a member who provided the candy, and of course Muriel and Jerry Norris who so graciously again this year provided roses to all the ladies.

We had a very positive question and answer period, which I thank all who had questions, as this provides me with a better understanding of what I should be doing. I also thank all who presented me with additional ways to assist the Seminary students.

The amount of money contributed at the dinner was \$741. Two people informed me there is additional money that will be coming.

I, again, thank you all for making this a rewarding position and making it so much easier to accomplish this program for our students.

*Russ Campbell*

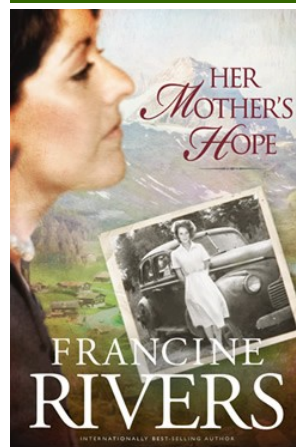


### **AN ANNOUNCEMENT from W.I.N.G.S. Friday, March 18 @ 6:30pm**

WINGS members have decided, in a vote at our last get together, that we will no longer have a free dinner for anyone who has a birthday in said month. Everyone will be paying for their own meal. Now that this has been said, please, those who have stayed away, **PLEASE COME BACK AND JOIN THE GROUP! WE MISS YOU and want to spend time together.** There are many jokes to tell and good stories to laugh about. We hope you will come to our next dinner get together. We have so many restaurants to conquer! All ladies are welcome. By the way in March we are going Mexican...La Casitas Mexican Restaurant on Hwy 111 in La Quinta (near to Kohl's) Let's meet at 6:30 pm. Call Emily to R.S.V.P. 347-3971. I'll be looking for you!

### **HER MOTHER'S HOPE**

**Another good book by Francine Rivers**



Marta Schneider is torn between her father's declaration that she'll never be more than a servant and her mother's encouragement to chase her dreams.

She has interesting experiences as her determination to survive places her in several countries and introduces her to many interesting people.

The story of Marta's journey through life is interesting, educational and thought provoking. Francine Rivers, a best selling author, does a fine job in telling this story.

*Marilyn Mohr, Trinity, Librarian*



# TLC Youth News



**Jr. DYG**  
**Saturday-Sunday, March 5-6**



Please pray for your TLC Jr. High youth as they join other youth groups as they "Reach Out" with Christ's love. This

year's theme is from John 20:21; "As the Father has sent me, so I am sending you." The youth will learn how Christ reached out to them in His death and resurrection. When the TLC Youth return from this exciting weekend they will then reach out to you, their TLC family!

**Youth Bible Study**  
**Sundays @ 10am**

Time to reconnect with God's Word! Sundays in the room across from the kitchen the TLC Jr and Sr High Youth meet to discuss what God's Word has to say to them today. Currently it is being led by Paul Smith who is ready and willing to serve each Sunday. A text will remind you each Saturday.



Bring a friend!

March 2011

- Youth Connection—Week to week  
By text message
  - Bible Study  
Sundays @ 10am
  - Jr. High DYG  
Sat.-Sun. March 5-6, 2011
- Rock & Worship Roadshow  
Thursday, March 10 4pm  
Ontario \$10.00

**Rock & Worship Roadshow**  
**Citizen's Bank Arena-Ontario, CA**



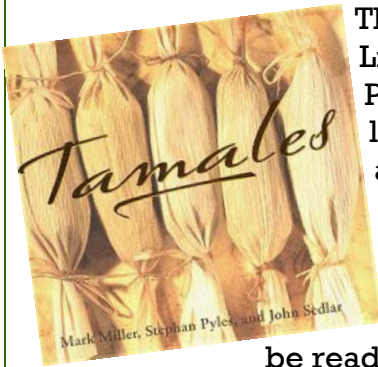
**THURSDAY, MARCH 10**  
**LEAVING TLC @ 4PM**



# TLC Family Ministry

**"Your faithfulness continues through all generations" Psalm 119:90**  
**March 2011**

## TLC Tamale Sale



TLC continues to support Centro Cristiano Fuente de Vida (Fountain of Life Christian Center Lutheran Church) Hispanic Ministry. Each month, Pastor Herrera, his wife and a few of his members lovingly prepare delicious tamales preordered by TLC members and friends. The choices are chicken, pork, chile with cheese and cheese only for \$12.00 a dozen. This is a great opportunity to support the on going ministry in both Hemet and Banning and enjoy some of the most delicious tamales you will ever taste. This month orders will be taken March 13 through the 20th, payment due at time of ordering. The tamales will be ready for pick up at TLC, Sunday, March 27!

## Shrove Tuesday, March 8, 2011

Come enjoy a Shrove Tuesday pancake feast on Tuesday, March 8, 6:00 p.m. Pancakes, sausages and other good things will be prepared to satisfy the hungriest appetite.

The origin of Shrove Tuesday comes from the idea of - the night before Lent begins - consuming everything in the household from which one planned to abstain during Lent. We serve pancakes to connect us to the customs of a time when flour, eggs, milk, butter and other food items were all on the Lenten abstinence list. These days we celebrate the evening before Ash Wednesday more as a foretaste of the feast to come at Easter.

So come and savor with us the beginnings of anticipation to be heightened during our Lenten time of preparation. .



## Ash Wednesday Worship

March 9, 2011

7:00 p.m.

What is your role in the suffering and death of Christ? Week by week, this question is addressed beginning with Adam and Eve and their role they played in Christ crucifixion. Join the TLC Family for a service of ashes and Holy Communion. A perfect way to begin the Lenten season remembering that we have a loving and forgiving Lord and Savior.

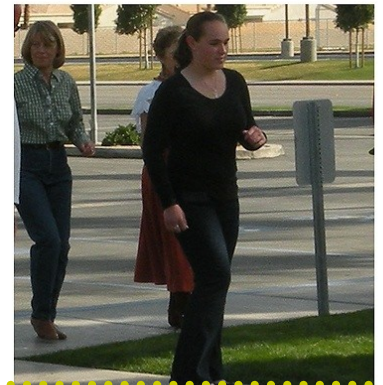




# TLC Family



# Country Bash



*happy birthday!!*  **March Birthdays**

- 1 Delmar "Bergie" Berghoefer
- 1 Zachary Garcia
- 2 Wally Kortman
- 5 Michaela White
- 7 Gert Sonntag
- 22 Peggy Engel
- 23 Paul Miller
- 27 Kaylee Garcia
- 31 Christina Negron

 **March Birthdays**

- 3 Blake Carlson
- 3 Luke Mohr
- 7 Bill Clark
- 9 Emily Bonette
- 14 Doris Spiker
- 20 Ruth Farquhar
- 21 George Intemann
- 22 Bill Bonette
- 24 Christy Clark
- 26 Joan Mandel
- 28 Bob White
- 29 Nolan Ducatte
- 29 Laura Thomason



**March Anniversaries**



**April Anniversaries**

- March 8, 1994 Bill & Lisa Bonette
- March 20, 1994 Rocky & Renee' Young

- April 12, 1975 Mark & Elsa Smith
- April 15 John & Loretta Eide
- April 19 Eva & Chris Balmes
- April 19, 1975 Luke & Marilyn Mohr
- April 20, 1985 Alex & Maggie Negron





# PRIME TIME Farm Tour 2011



## Those Who Serve in March 2011

<u>Duties</u> ↓	<u>March 6</u> 8:30 am Communion	<u>March 13</u> 11:00am Communion	<u>March 20</u> 8:30 am Communion	<u>March 27</u> 11:00am Communion
8:30am Duty Elder 11am	Mike Harai  Frank Fratto	Mike Harai  Frank Fratto	Mike Harai  Frank Fratto	Mike Harai  Frank Fratto
8:30am Readers 11am	Tom Spay  Frank Fratto	Tom Spay  Frank Fratto	Terry Lahn  Frank Fratto	Terry Lahn  Frank Fratto
8:30am Ushers 11am	<u>Dave Haugen &amp; Terry Lahn</u>  Jim Ducatte & George Intemann	<u>Frank Brady &amp; Russ Campbell</u>  Paul Smith & Jim Ducatte	<u>Dave Haugen &amp; Kris Hunter</u>  Jim Ducatte & Paul Smith	<u>Russ Campbell &amp; Larry Piunti</u>  Jim Ducatte & George Intemann
8:30am Acolytes 11am	Elder  Kylie Maxfield	Elder  Grant Garcia	Katy Hunter  Matthew Hawkins	Elder  Kylie Maxfield
8:30am Greeters 11am	Dave & Ramona Haugen  Winona White	Dave & Ramona Haugen  Winona White	Dave & Ramona Haugen  Winona White	Dave & Ramona Haugen  Winona White
Flowers	<b>Wally Kortman's birthday by wife Cheryle</b>			

**WOMEN'S THURSDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY AT 5:00 PM LED BY MARY HELEN KELLY. COME JOIN US, WON'T YOU?**







*Lutheran Women's Missionary League  
Trinity Lutheran Church Indio*

*Your are invited to our*

*SPRING LUNCHEON*

*"WHAT'S IN YOUR PURSE?"*

*Psalm 34:1*

*Wednesday, March 9, 2011 - 11:30 a.m.*

*"REPEAT PERFORMANCE*

*by*

*The Trinity Players*

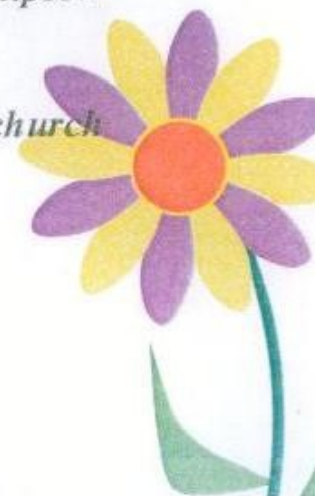
*Mission Service: Bring Baby Diapers*


*Mission Project: Birth Choice of the Desert*

*Luncheon Hostesses: Ann Guild and Corrine Simpson*

*Sign-up sheet at the LWML table in front of the church*

*COME AND BRING A FRIEND !*





Lutheran Women's Missionary League  
Palm Zone #19

## SPRING RETREAT

*Saturday, May 14, 2011  
at Luther Village, Oak Glen, CA*

### **"Living in the Joy of the Lord"**

*"A happy heart makes the face cheerful." Proverbs 15:13*

*Presented by the Women of Trinity, Indio*

*Fellowship*

*Singing*

### **Bible Study**

by

*The Rev. Paul Miller, Zone Counselor*

*Pastor of Christ Lutheran Church, Desert Hot Springs*

### **"An Ever-Living Faith"**

*"Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain  
of what we do not see." Hebrews 11:1, NIV*

*Making Joy Birthday Bags for the children  
of Calicinto Ranch*

*(see instruction/suggestion sheet)*

Continental Breakfast 8:15 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

Served by Good Shepherd LWML

Adjournment about 2:00 p.m.


Registration Fee \$20.00 - Register by April 30, 2011

**Sunday      Monday      Tuesday      Wednesday      Thursday      Friday      Saturday**

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<p><b>1</b></p> <p>4:00 PM Jr. Confirmation</p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p>9:30 AM TLDCD Chapel</p> <p>10:00 AM Bible Study</p> <p>6:30 PM Troubadours/7pm Choir</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>5:00 pm</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Women's Bible Study</i></p>	<p><b>4</b></p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>Jr DYG Long Beach</p> 
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<p><b>6</b></p> <p>8:30 AM Worship/C</p> <p>10:00 AM Bible Class</p> <p>11:00 AM Worship</p> <p>Jr DYG Long Beach</p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p>Pastor &amp; Bobbi's Day of Rest</p>	<p><b>8</b></p> <p>10:00 AM Elders' Mtg</p> <p>4:00 PM Jr. Confirmation</p> <p>6:00 PM Shrove Tuesday Pancake Breakfast</p> 	<p><b>9</b></p> <p>9:30 AM TLDCD Chapel</p> <p>10:00 AM Bible Study</p> <p>11:30 AM LWML Mtg</p> <p>7:00 PM Ash Wednesday</p> <p>8:00 PM TLC Choir</p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>5:00 pm</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Women's Bible Study</i></p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p>7:00 PM Home Bible Study</p> 	<p><b>12</b></p> <p>8:00 AM LWML Zone Brd</p> <p>Stephen's Ministry</p> 
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<p><b>27</b> CUI</p> <p>8:30 AM Worship</p> <p>10:00 AM Bible Class</p> <p>11:00 AM Worship/C</p> <p>2:00 PM Baby Shower for Kacie Kay</p> 	<p><b>28</b></p> <p>Pastor &amp; Bobbi's Day of Rest</p>	<p><b>29</b></p> <p>4:00 PM Jr. Confirmation</p> 	<p><b>30</b></p> <p>9:30 AM TLDCD Chapel</p> <p>10:00 AM Bible Study</p> <p>6:00 PM Supper/7pm Lenten Worship</p> <p>8:00 PM TLC Choir</p>	<p><b>31</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>5:00 pm</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Women's Bible Study</i></p>	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; text-align: center;"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="7">Apr 2011</th> </tr> <tr> <th>S</th> <th>M</th> <th>T</th> <th>W</th> <th>T</th> <th>F</th> <th>S</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>1</td> <td>2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3</td> <td>4</td> <td>5</td> <td>6</td> <td>7</td> <td>8</td> <td>9</td> </tr> <tr> <td>10</td> <td>11</td> <td>12</td> <td>13</td> <td>14</td> <td>15</td> <td>16</td> </tr> <tr> <td>17</td> <td>18</td> <td>19</td> <td>20</td> <td>21</td> <td>22</td> <td>23</td> </tr> <tr> <td>24</td> <td>25</td> <td>26</td> <td>27</td> <td>28</td> <td>29</td> <td>30</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Apr 2011							S	M	T	W	T	F	S						1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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*Trinity Lutheran Church*



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

*Indio, California*

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



Sammie and Andrew's  
baby is on the way!  
Let's get them prepared for the big day!  
You're invited to  
A baby shower  
2pm, Sunday, March 27th  
Trinity Lutheran Church



RSVP to TLC Office: 760 347-3971

Sammie is registered as Samantha Onak online at  
Target and Babies R Us



Most items are online only.  
Grandma Bobbi will be ordering online gifts  
for those wishing to purchase from the registry.

