



# The Desert Voice

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These days, wherever one looks, fighting and discord are abundant. We often experience our own battles with others leading us further into heartache and despair.

Romans 15:5-6 provides insight concerning the plight of our disunity with God and one another. It also shows us what He has done through Jesus Christ to resolve this conflict.

God practices “endurance and encouragement” (v. 5) toward us. He sees our problem of rebellion against Him which leads to our horrible condition of death and condemnation under His law. He loves and forgives us “in accord with Jesus Christ.” Luke 19:10 notes, “The Son of Man (Jesus) came to seek and to save the lost.”

Romans 15:5 encourages “May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus.” In other words, as we have peace with God, so we are to share that peace with others. Jesus teaches us to pray for this. “Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.” He wants us to experience God’s forgiveness more deeply by actually

sharing in the empowering act of forgiving those who have wronged us. This can only happen as Christ is allowed to come between us and bind us together.

Years ago, a large statue of Christ was erected high in the Andes on the border between Argentina and Chile. Called “Christ of the Andes,” the statue symbolizes a pledge between the two countries that as long as the statue stands, there will be peace between Chile and Argentina.

Shortly after the statue was erected, the Chileans began to protest that they had been slighted—the statue had its back turned to Chile. Just when tempers were at their highest in Chile, a Chilean newspaperman saved the day. In an editorial that not only satisfied the people but made them laugh, he simply said, “The people of Argentina need more watching over than the Chileans.”

Our gracious Lord Jesus is watching over us. May we experience the full measure of His peace “that together we may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ” (Romans 15:6).

In Our Risen Lord,

*Pastor Smith*

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## For Health

Elaine Bishop,  
Paula Carlsgaard,  
Andy Schlange,  
Sharyn Brackett,  
Annemarie Sonntag,  
Bill Grotenrath,  
Roy Culley,  
Trudi Intemann,  
Luke Mohr  
Kris Chamberlain  
Diana Kenyon  
(**Ramona Haugen's**  
**Daughter**)  
Kathi Bredesen,  
(**daughter of Trudi Inte-**  
**mann**),

## Cancer

Michele Ungaro  
(**sister of Renee Young**),  
Larry Padilla  
(**friend of the Cristianos**)  
Sequoia  
(**6yr old grand-daughter of**  
**winter visitors Bill and Sandy**  
**Bell**)

## Heart Problems

Amy Frese's Mom

## Healing

Phyllis Haflinger,  
Surgery & Rehabilitation



## TLC Bible Study Schedule

Tuesdays & Thursdays @ 7pm Bible Study on Zoom

Fridays @ 10am DOA (**Daughters Of the Almighty**)  
(**Sept.—May**)

2nd Saturday of the month @ 8am Men's Bible Breakfast  
**Fellowship Center (Sept.—May)**

We invite you to join us each week for two studies that are  
offered via Zoom, Tuesdays and Thursdays @ 7pm.

A link is sent to your email with the clickable link and pass  
code which enables you to enter the Zoom class

**Please contact Pastor Smith if you are interested in joining  
an online Bible study.**



Pastor Smith @ 760 485-5171 or  
Email: [Revs455@verizon.net](mailto:Revs455@verizon.net)

## Zoom Bible Studies

Beginning this month, Pastor will resume his regular schedule of weekly zoom Bible studies. On Tuesdays he will be finishing up James and Thursday he will continue with 1 and 2 Samuel. Both studies are held at 7pm. If you would like to join all you need to do is submit your email and an email with the link to the zoom study will be sent to you.

## Daughter's of the Almighty Women's Bible Study

We have had a long needed break from our regular weekly activities but it is now time for new beginnings. All ladies are invited to the Friday women's Bible study in the church library @ 10am. We gather for 1 hour in God's Word and Christian fellowship. What a great way to begin the weekend. Come and join us, you won't be disappointed!

## Quilters Request

Our TLC quilters continue to meet every Tuesday @ 10 am in the Fellowship Center. They are an important ministry here at Trinity with quilts going far and wide. Quilts for Maui is the most recent outreach opportunity. Thank you to everyone who donated to the postage needed for the Maui quilts shipping.

Two more items they have recently requested are bed sheets that can be used as the backings for the quilts and all colors of standard spools of thread. You can bring these items to church any Sunday.

Thank you for all your prayers and support!

## TLC Choir

Yep! It's that time again. Choir practices will again be held Wednesdays for 1 hour in the Fellowship Center @ 6pm beginning, September 6. Old and new members are welcome. We generally sing in the Sunday morning services 2 times a month and on special occasions. Before you know it, the Advent and Christmas seasons will be upon us. See you Wednesdays!

## Ladies' Night Out

Calling all ladies! Need a night out? We have the perfect event for you. Once a month we gather for good food, fun and fellowship. Dinner is provided with a suggested freewill offering of \$10 taken at the door. Sign up at the information table on Sunday mornings. Come and bring a friend!

**What:** Ladies' Night Dinner & Fellowship

**When:** Friday, September 15 @ 6:00 pm

**Where:** TLC Fellowship Center

## Men's Bible Breakfast

Men, do you like a hot cooked breakfast? Do you like starting your day in God's Word? Well, you are in luck! We have both for you here at Trinity every 2nd Saturday of the month starting with breakfast @ 8:00am and finishing up in God's Word led by Pastor Smith. Sign up today and we will see you bright and early, **Sept. 9** in the Fellowship Center!

## Altar Guild September 2023

### September 3

Renee Young & Ramona Haugen  
Annie Giles & Maggie Negron

### September 10

Beverly Ducatte/Alice Musashi  
Irene Wirtenberger

### September 17

Sharlene Kay & Cynthia Berke  
Beverly Ducatte

### September 24

Ali Young  
Donna Ellerbusch

## TLC Greeters Schedule September 2023

### September 3

8:30am-Ramona Haugen, Wanda Lahn  
11am-Bob & Irene Wirtenberger

### September 10

8:30am-Ramona Haugen, Wanda Lahn  
11am-Karen Johnson

### September 17

8:30am-Wanda Lahn  
11am-Bob & Irene Wirtenberger

### September 24

8:30am-Ramona Haugen, Wanda Lahn  
11am-Karen Johnson



## TLC Ushers Schedule September 2023

### September 3

8:30am-Larry Burkett, Russ Campbell  
11am-Bob Wirtenberger, Jim Ducatte

### September 10

8:30am-Larry Burkett, Russ Campbell  
11am-Bob Wirtenberger, Jim Ducatte

### September 17

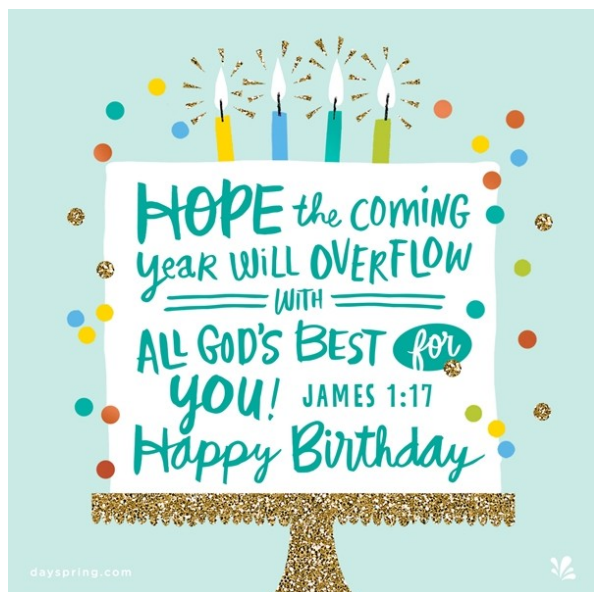
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### September 24

8:30am-Larry Burkett, Russ Campbell  
11am-Bob Wirtenberger, Jim Ducatte

*Please contact the church office if you cannot perform your duty on your assigned Sunday.*

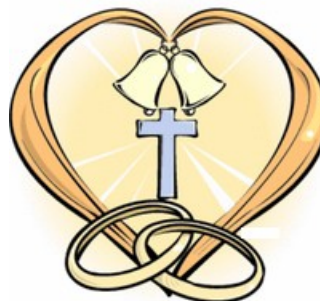




## September Birthdays

2	Bill Grotenrath
2	Karen Miller
6	Wanda Lahn
7	*Bob Wilkinson
15	Connie Marmont
16	Nathan Johnson
17	Karen Johnson
19	Russ Campbell
19	Jeremy Dewell
21	Andy Schlange
	*Winter Visitor

*If your birthday or anniversary is missing, Contact the church office: 760 347-3971  
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It is with great joy  
we announce the marriage of  
Mr. & Mrs. Harvey and Helen Antonsen  
April 15, 2023

Helen and her late husband, Bill were long time winter  
visitors who journeyed to the Coachella Valley from  
Surrey, BC Canada.

## TLC Sunday School Resumes!

Summer vacations are over and we are excited to get back to our regular schedule of Sunday events. Sunday School resumes, Sunday, **Sept. 3** with the continuation of the life of King David. The children will meet Solomon the "Wise King" who happens to be the father of David, the 1st Sunday back.

Each Sunday the children will gather in the Fellowship Center for an opening with prayer, music and the day's Bible lesson. Some days we will have a craft and/or snack craft to enforce the day's theme.

The Sunday School openings will begin at **10am**. To ensure that the children have enough time to enjoy a treat or two during the "coffee/goodies" time before class we encourage the parents to arrive 15 minutes early.

As we begin our new season of classes we ask for your continued prayers for the teachers, children and their families!

*"The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge."* Proverbs 1:7

In Jesus Christ, our Redeemer and friend,

TLC Sunday School Staff



**M.A.S.S.**



Hi everyone, it looks like M.A.S.S. is still alive and well. Thursday night on the 17<sup>th</sup> of August the committee chose two new students, to replace the two new pastors.

One student is Jacob Manning who has completed his first year at the St. Louis Seminary. He will receive his first check for \$300 on the first of September.

Our second student is Jonah Clausen who will start his first year at the Ft. Wayne, Indiana Seminary. Both men are graduates of Pastor Smith's alma mater, Concordia Irvine.

We wish them God's Blessings on their trip to becoming LCMS Pastors.

In His service, Russ Campbell

## TLC Library

Have you checked out the TLC Church Library? We have a variety of items that we believe you would enjoy.

Do you like to do puzzles? The puzzle section has grown and we have quite the assortment.

We also have a good selection of DVDs, from family entertainment to documentaries.

Books, books and more books are still available also. Please come and check out a puzzle or a movie or a book, you won't be disappointed.

Oh, where is this magical place? You can find all of these treasures in our library located across from the church kitchen.





Luncheon honoring



Sem-student Kevin and Yoli





## L W M L

### Lutheran Women's Missionary League

Hello ladies of Trinity!

We are gearing up for our 2023-2024 LWML luncheons. Your board has been hard at work planning everything for our meetings and truly hope you will all join us this year. We are one of the few Lutheran churches in our area to still have a very active LWML and we can only thank everyone who gets involved to make a difference. This year we have some interesting speakers and several of them are ladies from our own church. September will be Teresa Oduor and her talk, "My Changing Life with My Unchanging God". Teresa has had an interesting life so come join us on Thursday, **Sept 14** at 10:30 am in the Fellowship Center to hear all about it.

We continue gathering items for the Refuge Pregnancy Center. The last we heard they had plenty of diapers but can still use onesies, wipes, etc. They are so appreciative of everything that is so generously donated. Also, we continue to collect egg cartons and paper towel rolls for Lutheran Braille Workers. They are used to package the Braille Bibles, devotions, etc. for shipment.

Hope to see you in September and all through our year!

Kristen Chamberlain,  
Vice President



As we prepare for a new season of activities we would like to invite all the women of Trinity to the annual Zone Rally. Saturday, October 7 we will gather with the other churches in our zone for a day of inspiration, Bible study, fellowship, food, singing and celebrating the season with friends. A continental breakfast and lunch will be provided with a registration fee of \$10 per participant. Registration deadline is September 24. You can RSVP to [Trinity81500@veizon.net](mailto:Trinity81500@veizon.net) or call Bobbi Smith @ 760 485-7770. Bring your registration fee with you the day of the event.

## Altar Guild

I am happy to welcome our newest altar guild members; Donna Ellerbusch, Sharlene Kay and Cynthia Berke. Thank you to our continuing members; Renee Young, Ali Young, Ramona Haugen, Alice Musashi, Irene Wirtenberger, Anne Giles, Maggie Negron and Bev Ducatte. I would like to recognize and thank past members, Monique Bishop and Wanda Lahn, for their service over the years.

Serving Christ,  
Bev Ducatte  
Altar Chair





## Create in Me

Sing a cappella

*Create in me a clean heart O God,  
And renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from Thy Presence,  
And take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of Thy Salvation,  
Uphold me with Thy Free Spirit.*

This portion of Psalm 51 vv. 10-12 is part of the liturgy we sometimes sing.

This prayer is a good way to start your day, week, or year. For that matter it is a good start to anything done with the Lord—prayer time, Bible study, meditation.

***Create in me a clean heart O God. Renew a right spirit within me.***

Psalm 51 is ascribed to David after he had committed adultery with Bathsheba. David needs to get right with God. David needs God to cleanse him. He recognizes that God is the only one who can do the cleansing so he asks God not to cast him away or take the Holy Spirit from him. If God does as David asks in his prayer, the joy of God's Salvation will return to gladden his, David's, troubled soul.

To create is to make something from nothing. We can make, "create" things too, but only with gifts that God has provided. God is the only one who can say, "let it be" and it happens. We have seen the tricks that magicians can do and we are amused, but we know it is a trick. God on the other hand starts with nothing and then there is something.

When we sing or pray these words, we are asking God to take our moldy hideous heart and make it into a clean loving heart. God can do this. We cannot. We can say, "heart be

clean. I renounce all my evil ways, so be clean." No dice. Our heart is still moldy and ridden with filth. We still are not right with God, so we ask God to work a miracle in our heart and cleanse it, renew a right spirit within us. We recognize that when we have a clean heart, we will be right with God.

***Cast me not away from Thy presence and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.***

David recognizes that without God's presence and the Holy Spirit, he is nothing, but that *with* God he is equipped for life and his role in it. We are in the same boat. If we don't have God in our lives, we are nothing. As Christians we want to grow in our relationship with our Lord and we grow closer to Him by attending worship services, taking communion, reading the Bible often and being in prayer—praying for ourselves and others.

The words, "Holy Spirit", is mentioned only twice in the Old Testament, here and in Isaiah 63:10-11. There are many other mentions of the "Spirit of God," who affected His purposes in creation and redemption, equipped His servants, the prophets for their tasks, etc.

***Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation. Uphold me with Thy free Spirit.***

It is by **His Spirit** that God gives His people a *new heart and a new spirit* to live by His will.

David is asking God to give him the joy that was present when the angel told the shepherds that a Savior had been born that night in Bethlehem. We want that joy as well.

Phyllis Hafliger



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## From the TLC President

Greetings! I hope that you are having an enjoyable summer. It's hard to believe that the new church season is upon us once again.

In my mid-year report, I talked about our M.A.S.S program graduating 2 students from the seminary this past June. To replace them, I am pleased to report that 2 new students have been selected for our program. They are Jonah Clausen and Jacob Manning. Both are graduates from Concordia University Irvine. Jonah is a first year student at Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne and Jacob is a second year student at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis. If you would like to help us support future pastors for the ministry, you can contribute to our special restricted fund. Thank you to Russ Campbell for his continued oversight and dedication to our M.A.S.S. program.

In terms of the physical structure of our buildings, we recently sealed 12 exterior furnace vents in our FC that were no longer necessary and much dust and dirt was coming through them into the building. And, we recently had 2 of our stained glass windows repaired, one near the entrance of the church and the other to the right of the altar.

We continue to receive bids and organize the turf conversion program along Miles Avenue and Clinton Street. When all of the details are formulated, we'll bring the project before the congregation for consensus to proceed. We anticipate that this will be a fall/winter project.

Once again, we appreciate all who serve at Trinity. You are a blessing.

In Christ,  
Jim Ducatte

## Congratulations!

Nolan Ducatte, the son of Jim and Beverly Ducatte, has finished his LVN schooling and passed his state board exam. He is officially a registered Licensed Vocational Nurse!

Congratulations to the proud parents and to Nolan!! Way to go!







# September

## *My Identity in Christ*

- Day 1: Ecc. 2:10-11
- Day 2: Heb. 4:14-16
- Day 3: Col. 2:9-10
- Day 4: Gen. 1:27
- Day 5: Jer. 1:5
- Day 6: 1 Pet. 2:4-5
- Day 7: 1 Pet. 2:6-8
- Day 8: 1 Pet. 2:9-10
- Day 9: Gal. 3:26-29
- Day 10: 1 Cor. 6:19-20
- Day 11: 1 John 3:1-2
- Day 12: Col. 3:1-13
- Day 13: John 1:9-11
- Day 14: John 1:12-14
- Day 15: Rom. 6:1-2
- Day 16: Rom. 6:3-4
- Day 17: Rom. 6:5-7
- Day 18: Rom. 6:8-10
- Day 19: Rom. 6:11-12
- Day 20: Rom. 6:13-14
- Day 21: John 15:16
- Day 22: Jer. 1:5
- Day 23: Gal. 2:20
- Day 24: John 15:15
- Day 25: Eph. 2:1-2
- Day 26: Eph. 2:3-5
- Day 27: Eph. 2:6-7
- Day 28: Eph. 2:8-9
- Day 29: Eph. 2:10
- Day 30: Isaiah 64:8
- Day 31: 2 Cor. 5:17

Dear Lord,

Thank You for just being You! And thank You for helping me to always know that my identity comes from You and not from this world. Help me avoid the comparison trap that often happens in the digital world we now live in and help me to always know that my value and worth come from You and nothing else!. Amen.









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

June - August  
Bible Class  
8:30 am  
Worship  
10:00 am



*Last Month's*



*Answers*

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