

# The Desert Voice

#### **Trinity Lutheran Church**



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#### LCMS

"May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus." (Romans 15:5)

As Christians, we are engaged in a colossal spiritual struggle between good and evil. This conflict is greater than any physical battle ever fought.

In this spiritual struggle the enmy is viciously seeking to wrese away our hope in God's Word. atan along with the sinful world mploys values contrary to the uth of God's Word to entice our nful desires. For example, reconding to Jesus' call to deny neself, take up one's cross and e following Him (Matthew 16:24), s sinners we often object, "Deny elf? We should be free to do hatever we want." Galatians 13 cautions, "You, my brothers, ere called to be free. But do not se your freedom to indulge the nful nature; rather, serve one nother in love." Our sinful culre, sinful self and Satan urge us decide for ourselves what's ght and forget about the truth of od's Word.

Jesus came to bring victory over evil and salvation from our sin, death and the devil. He promises victory over evil for all who believe in Him. On one occasion, when Simon Peter confessed Jesus as his Savior, Jesus promised His Kingdom would triumph over evil. "I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My Church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it" (Matthew

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16:18). It's as if Jesus said, "I'm calling you Peter (a rock) because you trust in Me (The Rock). But you will continue to see a massive struggle between good and evil. Satan will try with all his forces to defeat My Kingdom but will not succeed. His tyranny along with sin and death will be destroyed." Even now, Satan's alarming might and plotting against Christ's Kingdom, continues to seek the ruin of everyone not paying attention. The Holy Spirit through Peter warns. "Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world" (1 Peter 5:8-9).

This Godly warning and encouragement is intended to keep us awake and strengthen our trust in Christ's victory despite this present struggle against evil. Salvation is ours through Christ Jesus. "The God of all grace, who called you to His eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will Himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast. To Him be the power forever and ever. Amen" (1 Peter 5:10).

Thanks be to our God and Savior Jesus Christ who delivers us from sin, death and Satan's tyranny.

Pastor Smith A



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#### Deadline for copy:

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#### PLEASE COME TO HELP!

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For Health Andy Schlange, Annemarie Sonntag, Trudi Intemann, Luke & Marilyn Mohr, Larry Burkett, Terri Cuesta, Diana Kenyon (Ramona Haugen's Daughter), Ashley Schenk (Ramona Haugen's Granddaughter), Grete Wollock (Wanda Lahn's friend), The Desert Voice October 2024

<u>Cancer Treatments</u> Michelle Ungaro (sister of Renee Young), Sequoia (7yr old granddaughter of Bill and Sandy Bell), Kathy Bredesen (Trudi Intemann's daughter

Andy (friend of Rocky & Renee Young)

Loretta (friend of Kris Chamberlain)



## TLC Bible Study Schedule

Tuesdays @ 7pm Bible Study on Zoom

Thursdays @ 7pm Bible Study on Zoom

<u>Fridays</u> @ 10am DOA (**D**aughters **O**f the **A**lmighty) Living Way Bible Study (Oct.—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.



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We have received two letters from Ben. He is so thankful for the help we are providing. As he says, "I wouldn't have been able to embark on my journey to seminary without it."

Ben has come up against culture shock. Yet he does not understand the full depth of cultural differences. They are more homogenous in their thinking, so he is much more likely to withhold certain opinions. He feels this can cause social isolation. He is making friends and is involved in sports along with his schoolwork. He has seven classes: Greek, Hebrew, practical theology, systematic theology, personal formation exegesis, and historical theology. He is drowning in schoolwork. Now that should take care of much of his time. Ben is working as a lifeguard to help pay for school.

All said and done, he is doing ok. The above information is not to garner sympathy, but to let you know that he is busy with the Lord's work.

Please keep Ben in your prayers.

At the last board meeting for M.A.S.S. it was decided to increase all three of our students to receive an increase of \$100 each month. Now all three will receive \$400 until and if they graduate.



## Lutheran Theology of the Reformation

The Lutheran Reformation is still all about Jesus; that is, faithfully preaching and teaching the good news of Jesus Christ and standing for the teachings of God's Word as they have been confessed in all times and all places wherever the Gospel is purely taught according to a pure understanding of it and where the Sacraments are administered according to Christ's institution. With Martin Luther, we still say, "Here we stand, we cannot do otherwise. Amen." The Lutheran Reformation then, and today, is not about throwing away the past, but about retaining and preserving the very best of the Church's rich history and teachings, while filtering out whatever covers and contradicts

God's Word and denies the good news of salvation by grace alone, though faith alone, on account of Christ alone.

The Lutherans never wanted to rebel against the Roman Church. They were, however, held captive by the force of the clear truth of God's Word. Martin Luther refused to compromise that truth and was excommunicated by the Roman Catholic Church, precisely because of his defense of the pure Gospel and truths of God's Word.

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## **Zoom Bible Studies**

Tuesday and Thursday Zoom Bible studies continue this month. The Tuesday study is in 1 John and Thursday is in 1 Kings. If you are interested in joining either of these studies you simply email Pastor Smith:, (Revs455@verizon.net) and he will send you the link to join. Each study begins at 7pm and goes for one hour.

## DOA Daughters Of the Almighty Ladies' Bible Study

It was decided after the September newsletter had already been finished that the DOA Bible study would not start up until October. So, this month is the month and we will have our first study of the season on the 2nd Friday of October. The Miracles of the Old Testament will be the course of study . All women are invited to join us in the Fellowship Center for "Daughters of the Almighty" Bible Study. Mark your calendars for Friday, October 11 @ 10am and bring a friend!

## **Sunday School News**

We have had a great start to our new season of Sunday School. We are finishing up our unit study, "Jesus Sends the Church". This month we begin a new unit study," God Restores His People". We move on to the Old Testament, beginning with Elijah and continuing through the prophecies of the coming Christ.

Also this month we will be working on a hymn to be performed by the children on Reformation Sunday. Bells, piano and vocals will be part of this special event.

The children continue with the "Bring Your Bible To SS" program. A sticker is added to a chart each time a student brings their Bible to SS. Prizes are awarded for every 5 stickers. Also, a raffle ticket is earned and placed into a bucket to be drawn on Palm Sunday for a beautiful handmade quilt.

Continue to keep our Sunday school children and teachers in your prayers!





## Men's Bible Breakfast Saturday, October 12 @ 8am



All men of TLC and friends are invited to a hot breakfast cooked by two of our faithful servants and a Bible Study led by Pastor Smith. Breakfast starts promptly at 8:00am followed by Bible study concluding at 9:30am. Sign up at the information table as you exit the sanctuary.

"Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing." 1 Thess. 5:11

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## **October Birthdays**

1		Sean Elliott
5		Sherman Sterns
6		George Carlsgaard
10		Rocky Young
18	A	Cynthia Berke
18	0 0 0 0 0	Irene Wirtenberger
27		Shirley Schlange
28	October	Sophia Elliott
28		Loren Krause
30		Scott Marmont
		<b>*Winter Visitor</b>

## **October Anniversary**

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\*Don & Lou Morrow \*Winter Visitor



Greeters October 2024

October 6 & 20 Bob & Irene Wirtenberger

#### October 13

Donna Ellerbusch & Ramona Haugen

## October 27

Karen Johnson

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## TLC Ushers Schedule October 2024

<u>October 6 & 20</u>

Russ Campbell & Jerry Ellerbusch

#### October 13

Bob Wirtenberger & Jim Ducatte

#### October 27

Bob Wirtenberger & Timothy Wingerter



## Altar Guild October 2024

#### October 6

Renee Young & Ramona Haugen Annie Giles & Maggie Negron

#### October 13

Beverly Ducatte & Alice Musashi Irene Wirtenberger

#### October 20

Sharlene Kay & Cynthia Berke Beverly Ducatte

#### October 27

Ali Young & Renee Young Beverly Ducatte & Sharon Leath

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



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## Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus Phyllis Hafliger

#### "Stand up, stand up for Jesus, Ye Soldiers of the cross."

When I was a kid I attended a Baptists church and youth group. We sang a lot at the meetings and our favorite song was, "Stand Up, Stand Up For Jesus". We sang with great gusto-we were Soldiers of the Cross!

Ephesians 6:10-17 tells us we need to put on the armor of God so that we can stand against the devil's schemes.

For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, ...the authorities, ...the powers of this dark world...therefore put on the full armor of god...so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground...

#### Ephesians 10:12-13

Our world today is probably no different than it was in Paul's day, but we are more aware of what is going on due to the media. Avoiding exposure and temptation is difficult. We need great strength to resist the pull. It is our nature to want to join the crowd.

Our song continues, "Lift high His royal banner, it must not suffer loss." I wonder, do we let others know we are Christians? Our friends know our beliefs, but can strangers see it? Do we look and act like Christians?

Stand forth in mighty conflict. In this His glorious day. Let all His faithful serve Him against unnumbered foes. It will be a long time before this country becomes a God-fearing country again. It will be up to us to start the process. Most people say they believe in a higher power. They just do not feel the need to go to church. People need to return to church. It is where we meet God. It is where we meet people who think like us, who sustain us when we doubt, who support is in sorrow.

#### "Stand in His strength alone. The arm of flesh will fail you, Ye dare not trust your own. Put on the Gospel armor, each piece put on with prayer."

We can not do it alone. God is there to help. He does not expect us to fight lone but He does expect us to fight.

...take up the shield of faith with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of evil one." Ephesians 6:16

"This day the din of battle. The next the victor's song...and the King of Glory shall reign eternally."

"Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus" LSB #660



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## LWML Lutheran Women's Missionary League

We had a good start to our 2024-2025 LWML year with 9 in attendance for our September meeting. Bobbi did a presentation on the District LWML Convention in Rosemead that several of us attended and ended up the meeting with pictures of their trip to see Donna and Kevin Anderson in South Dakota for their town's annual threshing festival. What a production that was!! I'm sure Pastor and Bobbi were kept very busy helping set up and tear down the displays.

For the month of October we will be doing something a little different. Instead of our 2nd Thursday of the month meeting we will be having it on Saturday, October 26 at 10:30am and the whole congregation is invited to hear our speaker. It is **Hope and Care Outreach** and they are based in Las Vegas. The speaker wanted to drive here to give her talk in person so we would really like a good turnout. That's a long drive!! There will be lunch served with a free will offering and lots of fellowship. Please put it on your calendars and plan on joining us. There will be more info coming along with a sign up sheet.

The other event happening in October is the Fall Rally in Hemet at Prince of Peace on Oct. 6 from 8:30am-2:00pm. Continental breakfast and lunch are included with the \$10 registration. Pastor Miller will be conducting the Bible Study. We will be carpooling so please let us know if you would like to go. There will be a sign up sheet for that also.

October is also Pastor Appreciation month. Ladies of Trinity please plan on joining us this year!! Such a good group of gals and doing great work in our community.

Kris Chamberlain, LWML VP



## **Opportunities to Serve**

Think about how you can enhance your faith by serving.

\*The church council \*Ushers/Greeters (Contact the Wirtenbergers) \*Goodies for Sunday mornings (Contact Donna Ellerbusch) Altar Guild (Contact Beverly Ducatte)

#### **WORKING TOGETHER**

All have a share in the beauty All have apart in the plan. What does it matter what duty Falls to the lot of each man? Someone has blended the plaster and someone has carried the stone, Neither the man nor the master has ever built alone. Making a roof from the weather, or building a house for a king, Only by working together Have people accomplished a thing.



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## Fun & Games! Wednesday, October. 16

We tried a new game last month, "Left - Right - Center". It seemed to be a hit so we will once again play it for our Fun n Games day this month. Come and see what it's all about, Wednesday, October 16 @ 10am in the Fellowship Center!

SEE YOU WEDNESDAY!



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January 21, 1940 - September 22, 2024

It is with a heavy heart we announce the passing of our dear member and brother in the Lord, John Eide. John and his wife Luretta became members of Trinity upon John 's retirement in 2005.

John will be laid to rest in Whittier, Ca at Rose Hills Memorial Park, October 4. We will have a memorial service here at Trinity, January 18 @ 10am with a luncheon directly following the service.

And I heard a voice from heaven saying, "Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on." "Blessed indeed," says the Spirit, "that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them!" Rev. 14:13 The Desert Voice October 2024

## **Enjoy Singing?**

#### Join the TLC Choir! All Welcome



No prior experience necessary, Just willing!



Rehearsals Wednesday @ 6pm In the Fellowship Center



We sing a couple Sundays a month and special services: Reformation Sunday, Oct. 27 Thanksgiving Eve, Wed. Nov. 27 Christmas Eve, Dec. 24 Ash Wednesday, Mar. 5 Palm Sunday, April 13 Maundy Thursday, April 17 Good Friday, April 18 Easter Sunday, April 20 Pentecost Sunday, June 5



Come to rehearsal and see if this is for you! (We begin 10/2 @ 6pm)







## Hope and Care Outreach Serving Liberia's Most Vulnerable Serving Liberia's Most Vulnerable Sat. October 26 Outreach HARE EVUP LOVE

But I have come to give you everything in abundance, more than you expect life in its fullness until you overflow! John 10: 10b

Please join us as we welcome Linda Kurtz from Hope and Care Outreach. Their Vision: **SHARE. EQUIP. LOVE.** 

We SHARE resources and the Gospel. We EQUIP the most vulnerable. We LOVE God and others!

We strive to help individuals, especially children, move toward self-sufficiency while using the gifts God has blessed them with.

All our Christ-centered initiatives are implemented with an understanding of the local context so that the services provided are effective, meaningful, and sustainable.

Please RSVP to Trinity81500@verizon.net or call Bobbi Smith @ 760 485-7770.

## Registration Deadline: October 20, 2024

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FREE WILL OFFERING Lunch Provided Location: Trinity Lutheran Church 81500 Miles Avenue Indio, CA 92201 Corner of Clinton St & Miles Avenue

**October LWML Program** 





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#### Sunday Schedule

January - May Divine Worship - 8:30am & 11am Sunday School & Bible Class - 10:00am



Jndio, California SS/Adult Bible Class #2

11:30am

June - August

Adult Bible Class #1 8:30am Divine Worship 10:00am <u>Sept. - December</u> Adult Bible Class #1 8:30am

