

# The Desert Voice

## Trinity Lutheran Church

Have you recently heard yourself saying, “Things have really changed. Nothing like this has ever happened before”? We often believe that our experiences and struggles are historically unique.

However, God’s Word reports, “Whatever has happened before will happen again. Whatever has been done before will be done again. There is nothing new under the sun” (Ecclesiastes 1:9).

Does that mean we are hopelessly doomed to repeat the outrageous mistakes and dreadfulness of the past? Put another way; is life one big unfortunate accident?

Our merciful God has not left us stranded in a game of fate. Rather, He comes to us in a truly new and liberating way. He says, “Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old. Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert” (Isaiah 43:18-19).

What is that new thing? The Lord explains, “I am He who blots out your transgressions for My own sake, and I will not remember your sins” (Isaiah 43:25).

Through the sacrificial death and resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, we have been lifted out of the miserable cycle of destructive sin and terminal death. We are wonderfully forgiven and strengthened for our life’s journey as we celebrate His victory for us and the peace it brings.

To this new reality we say ecstatically, “Wow! Things have really changed. Nothing like this has ever happened before.”

Pastor Smith



## September 2019



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**MEN'S M.A.S.S. MEETING in  
September 10, 2019, 6:00 pm**



**WELCOME BACK  
Men Assisting  
Seminary Students!**

M.A.S.S. meets on the second Tuesday of the month, September 10th, 6:00 pm.

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. You can also help 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. Please keep supporting MASS and helping these worthy young students become ministers of God. More MASS news on page 6 of this newsletter.

**QUILTERS MEETINGS IN SEPTEMBER**  
Quilters meet on September 4th, 18th and 25th at 11:15 am. Please join us for a fun time quilting. No experience needed.



Chairman Marilyn Mohr 760 -775-4301

**This Month's Puzzle:**  
Can you answer this Question?  
Where in the Bible does it suggest that men should wash dishes-2 Kings:21.



A prize for the first person who calls Ruth Farquhar 760-574-3787 with the correct answer.


**Stay In! Stay Cool and enjoy one of our DVD's from our church library cart!**

*.Marilyn Mohr, Librarian*



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**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY**  
Our Women's Bible Study meets on Thursdays at 5pm led by Mary Helen Kelly. Come join us!



WINGS (Women in God's Service)



**ROC'S FIRE HOUSE** in Palm Desert on Cook Street. Are you ready for a good time? Well then please join us on Sept. 20th at 6:00 pm. Ladies enjoy a night out without the family.



Stewardship is one of those subjects no one wants to discuss. But does it get an unfair judgment? What does the Bible say about stewardship and our gifts to, and from, God? Join us for a Bible study on Wednesday, September 4th at 6:30 to find out what God really has to say about our talents, time, and treasures.





# TLC Youth Bible Fellowship & Sunday School News



SUNDAY SCHOOL  
Make the Connection

## Sunday School & TLC Youth Bible Fellowship

Sundays @ 9:45 am



# Higher Things

DARE TO BE LUTHERAN

With a new season comes our new theme, **“Even the Wind and Waves Obey Him”**. Beginning this month we take our children on a journey through God's awesome world. Exploring the natural and powerful elements God created - clouds, fire, water, earthquakes, whirlwinds, and more.

We will see how God uses those elements to show us who He is and to bring about His plan of salvation for all humankind.

The Middle and High School Youth Bible Fellowship continues to grow in their walk with the Lord with the faithful leadership of 3 teachers, Kevin Hemp, Tara Lancaster and Ali Young.

Please keep your TLC Sunday morning children and youth ministries in your prayers!

What an exciting time was had by all who attended the 2019 Higher Things “Concordia” Conference. Pastor and Bobbi accompanied 3 TLC youth to this conference centered on the Church and Unity. They participated in an opening Divine Service with Holy Communion and daily liturgical worship services learning new hymnody and the meaning of why we do what we do as Lutherans in the corporate worship. Each day they chose various break out sessions with dynamic speakers and enjoyed the free time activities such as; Escape Rooms, mini golf and yes, even the talent show. Logan wowed the crowd with his amazing skills on the Rubrics' cube! What an awesome experience! Thank you again, TLC, for helping to make this happen with your prayers and monetary support! God is Good!



## TLC Youth Fellowship Night

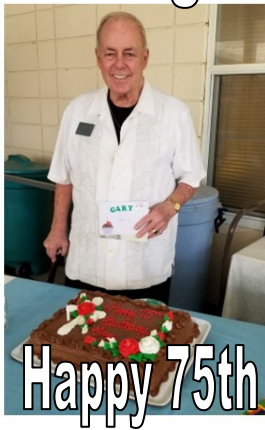
Friday, September 6 @ 6:00 pm

Kicking off the new season here at Trinity, the Youth will resume their monthly Fellowship nights consisting of Food, Fellowship and Faith based Bible study. All youth, grades 6-12 are invited to join in this monthly event and invite their friends. This month we meet for the traditional pizza dinner. Please bring \$5 per youth. See you Friday night!





# Higher Things Youth Conference



Happy 75th Gary



Men's Breakfast

Karen Johnson, one of TLC's newest members was elected as the Palm Spring That is quite an accomplishment! Congratulations Karen! God's blessings to you as you begin this new adventure!



PSTA President



# TLC Family Ministry

“Your faithfulness continues through all generations” Psalm 119:90  
September 2019

**Jr. Confirmation Parent-Student  
Lunch Meeting  
Sunday, September 8 @ 12pm**



All parents and students interested in Jr. Confirmation are asked to come to the lunch meeting, Sunday, September 8 @ 12pm in the TLC Fellowship Center. We will discuss class scheduling and an overview of the curriculum. This is also a great time to ask any questions

of the pastor and what is expected of your student. Through confirmation classes at Trinity, students in G5-8 are given the opportunity to reaffirm the promises made at baptism and not only achieve a milestone in their faith life, but begin a more mature faith walk.

Make plans now to attend. Please rsvp to Bobbi Smith @ 760 485-7770 for lunch preparations.

**\*DOA\* Daughter’s of the Almighty  
Friday, September 6 & 20 @ 10:30am  
&  
DOA Dinner & Planning  
Sunday, September 15 @ 4pm**

Our regular DOA Bible studies have started up again Fridays @ 10:30am. We have a couple Fridays not scheduled so take a look at the calendar attached. A text is sent out each week to get a head count so if you’d like to be added to the text list please let Bobbi Smith know.



We will also gather for dinner at the Fellowship Center, Sunday, September 15 @ 4pm. We will “Door Dash” our dinner and discuss upcoming events. All TLC ladies are welcome! So mark your calendars



**What Lutherans Believe  
about...  
Tuesdays @ 7pm in October**



**Join the Choir...  
You’ll Be Glad  
You Did!**

**TLC Choir  
Begins in October**

YOU, yes, YOU! We need choir members!! This year we begin in October. Place of practices are to be determined. We will meet on Wednesdays beginning October 2 @ 7pm. More details next month! Remember, you have to be able to make a joyful noise!

**Men & Young Men’s  
Bible Breakfast  
Saturday, September 14 @  
8:00am—9:30am  
In the Trinity Fellowship Center  
Free Will Offering**



## **MASS NEWS FOR September 2019**

### **MASS NEWS LETTER SEPTEMBER 2019**

Ready or not September is upon us, and fall will be here in just a couple of months.

This year we had three candidates who requested our support for the next four years; we only had two openings to fill. The two that were chosen were Jonah Laws, and Nicholas Belcher. Both were honored as they were top students for the years they were at Concordia Irvine. Nicholas Belcher has spent several years in the service and has been a leader in every position he was assigned. His plan is when he completes his years at the seminary he will go back into the Air Force. He will serve the required years that he can retire from the service, and he will look for a church to serve until he decides to retire. At this time Jonah Laws will complete the seminary and take a position in the LCMS.

MASS has had a very nice financial summer as we have received more income than we dispersed. As you know this is important with MASS again assisting five (5) students. We had two men graduate this year and we will have one graduate next April 2020.

The two men who graduated this year were Kyle Weeks, and Bradley Willek. They both were assigned a church. Bradley Willek is a very happy man as he is in Las Vegas which he considers the West.

I again thank you all for your support of MASS, and the students are so appreciating of what we do especially with such a small church. Pastor Willek informed us that he just about has all of his debts wiped out, or gone, gone, gone. I guess he is happy, and likes us!!

Until next month may God be with you.

Russ





## September 2018 Birthdays

- 2 Bill Grotenrath
- 2 Karen Miller
- 4 Jane Campbell
- 5 Meredith Ulbricht
- 6 Wanda Lahn
- 11 Maddie Maler
- 14 Casey Taylor
- 19 Russ Campbell
- 21 Sieglinde Escandon
- 21 Andy Schlange



## September 2018 Anniversaries

- September 5 Gilbert & Marlys Waggoner
- September 9 Ron & Nancy Ahsmuhs
- September 25 Russ & Jane Campbell
- September 28 Don & Wanda Lahn




## October 2018 Birthdays

- 3 Margaret Miller
- 4 Francisco Sprague
- 5 Sherman Stearns
- 7 Arline Eberhardt
- 10 Rocky Young
- 13 Mark Harmon
- 13 Debbie Hofmann
- 14 Aja Young
- 18 Irene Wirtenberger
- 18 Adison Schuessler
- 19 Anna Anderson
- 25 Bea Bergum
- 25 Fern Hubrig
- 27 Shirley Schlange
- 27 Michael Thomason
- 27 Loren Krause
- 29 Ron Ahsmuhs
- 29 Elaine Bishop



## October 2018 Anniversaries

- October 29 Don & Lou Morrow





## LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE

**Meeting and Luncheon**  
**Date: September 11th, 2019 11:30 am**

**Adventures of LWML Convention Delegates**

**Theme of the Convention:**  
**“Praise the Lord with a Joyful Heart”**

**Hostesses and decorations:**  
**Mary Helen Kelly and Ruth Farquhar**

**Mites for Missions**

Supporting the sharing of the Gospel at home and around the world through financial grants for mission projects

Encouraging and equipping women to

- grow in God's Word
- serve God's people
- share God's Son

Lutheran Women's Missionary League—Canada  
[www.lutheranwomen.ca](http://www.lutheranwomen.ca)

The graphic features a blue and white globe on the left, a blue cross logo with 'LWML Canada' text below it, and a background of blue and green wavy lines.

**LWML ZONE RETREAT IN**  
**Banning on September 14, beginning at 8:00 am.**

**We need drivers! Please see Mary Helen Kelly**







## Those Who Serve in September 2019



<u>Duties</u> ↓	<u>September 1</u> 8:30 am Communion	<u>September 8</u> 11:00 am Communion	<u>September 15</u> 8:30 am Communion	<u>September 22</u> 11:00 am Communion	<u>September 29</u>
<u>Duty Elder</u> 8:30am  11am	Kevin Hemp  Gary Wiedle	Kevin Hemp  Woody Kastner	Kevin Hemp  Gary Wiedle	Gary Wiedle  Woody Kastner	Gary Wiedle  Woody Kastner
<u>Readers</u> 8:30am  11am	Kevin Hemp  Gary Wiedle	Kevin Hemp  Woody Kastner	Kevin Hemp Gary Wiedle	Gary Wiedle  Woody Kastner	Gary Wiedle  Woody Kastner
<u>Ushers</u> 8:30am  11am	Larry Burkett & Charles Richardson  Bob Wirtenberger & Andy Schlange	Larry Burkett & Larry Piunti  Bob Wirtenberger & Andy Schlange	Larry Piunti & Charles Richardson  Bob Wirtenber- ger & Raul Giles	Larry Burkett & Charles Richardson  Jim Ducatte & Raul Guiles	Larry Burkett & Charles Richard- son  Jim Ducatte & Bob Wirtenberger
<u>Acolytes</u> <u>8:30 am</u>  <u>11:00 am</u>	Emma & Elyssa Ashbaugh  Lily Tobin	Ethan & Anne- Marie Frese  Elder	Ethan & Anne- Marie Frese  Elder	Logan Ashbaugh  Lily Tobin	Emma & Erin Ashbaugh  Lily Tobin
<u>Greeters</u> 8:30am  11am	Yoli Hemp  Bob & Irene Wirtenberger	Yoli Hemp  Bob & Irene Wirtenberger	Yoli Hemp  Bob & Irene Wirtenberger	Yoli Hemp  Bob & Irene Wirtenberger	Yoli Hemp  Beverly Ducatte & Laura Thomason
Flowers	Pastor & Bobbi in honor o their mothers Janice Smith & Karen Miller		Sister Bertha, Ruth Farquhar's grandmother		Don & Wanda Lahn 62nd wedding anniversary

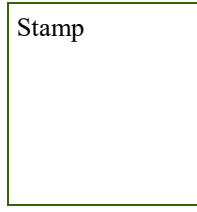
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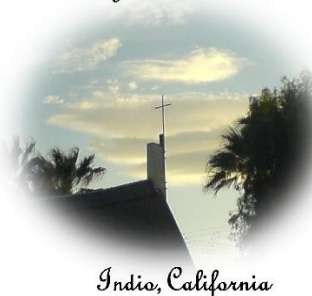


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Trinity Lutheran Church



Sunday Worship  
8:30am & 11am  
Sunday School  
9:45 am  
Bible Class  
10:00am



**Doris Spiker**, a long time member at Trinity, passed away last Sunday afternoon August 11th after being in hospice about a month. Doris was born on April 14, 1931. She was a member of Trinity for 57 years and was our church organist for many years. She also taught Sunday School and sang in the choir. Doris was a loving mother and grandmother. One of her joys was playing Scrabble with her daughter Beverly, and as she put it, "battling" to win both games. Doris was a woman of great faith, bringing many of her loved ones to know Jesus. Well done good and faithful servant! Memorial Service for Doris is next Saturday, August 31st at 10:00 am followed by an LWML luncheon.

**David Haugen** passed away August 12th, 2019, Monday morning at Eisenhower Medical Center at the age of 84. . We have been praying for a very long time concerning the cancer in his back.

He was born in Eau Claire, Wisconsin and graduated at Port Townsend High School, Washington in 1953. He joined US Air Force in 1954, serving 23 years, retiring as MSGT Maintenance Supervisor. His term of service took him to England, Germany, Taiwan and also Vietnam, where he was exposed to Agent Orange, which caused the cancer he suffered with for many years.

A Celebration of Life is planned for a later date. Please pray for his wife Ramona and their daughters and family. They have been faithful members here at Trinity for a very long time.

