

# The Desert Voice

Trinity Lutheran Church

September 2017

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. What is the answer?

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 be-

tween 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.” (As told in Bits & Pieces, June 25, 1992). May we experience the full measure of God’s peace “that together we may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ” (Romans 15:6).

Pastor Smith



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

September 12, 6:00 pm



#### Men Assisting Seminary Students

M.A.S.S. meets on the second Tuesday, September 12th, at 6:00 pm, at Sloan's Restaurant in Indio, corner of

Highway 111 and Clinton Streets.

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.



**Our Women's Bible Study meets on Thursdays at 5pm ! Please join us ladies. Mary Helen Kelly, Instructor.**

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 wife of Lapidoth and what was she famous for?



### TLC QUILTERS IN

Trinity Quilters will meet in September on Sept. 6th, 20th & 27th unless you hear from Chairman Marilyn Mohr 760-775-4301.



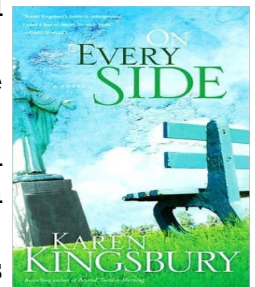
WINGS will be going to SOUP PLANTATION on Sept. 21st. We will meet at 6:30 pm .Address: 79 -705 Hwy 111 in La Quinta; COSTCO shopping Center. Healthy, delicious food! It's ladies night out-come join us. RSVP to Bobbi 485-7770.



### On Every Side Karen Kingsbury

A beloved hundred year old statue of Jesus Christ in a park becomes the center of national attention because some say it is in violation of "separation of church and state". Faith, a news writer is fighting for the statue and in doing so is making a stand against a man she knew in her youth.

The story becomes the focus of a bitter conflict, political intrigue, social injustice and personal conflict. An enjoyable book.



*Marilyn Mohr*



I want to thank everyone for their prayers, calls and cards during my recent health issues. My surgery went well and I am recovering remarkably well. The outlook is very positive and the radiation therapy will not be as long as first anticipated. I know that not only is God in control but surrounding me with His unlimited love. Thank you again for your loving and prayerful support.

*Sheila McCafferty*



## TLC Fall Vacation Bible School

Sundays, 9:45am—12pm

Sept. 24, October 1, 8, 15, & 22

Calling all TLC members!!! We are getting excited about a new opportunity for community outreach. In one month we will be holding our first ever Fall VBS Sunday mornings beginning at 9:45am and concluding at 12pm. We are in need of volunteers to make this a success! Even if you can help for only one Sunday that is great.

On Saturday, September 9, we will meet at 10am and canvas the surrounding neighborhoods with fliers inviting the children to join us for this exciting event. We need you to help distribute the fliers.

Please sign the volunteer sheet and leave your phone number so we can contact you with more information.

Our last VBS day will be Sunday, October 22 which we will be celebrating with a TLC Family Picnic. What a great way to introduce the surrounding neighborhood families to our wonderful TLC Family!



## TLC Youth Fellowship

Wow! I just have to say, WE ARE BLESSED! Yep, TLC is blessed with an awesome group of young people that have hearts for the Lord. Ten youth gathered for an evening of fun, food and fellowship at our annual lock-in. That's right, we shared a pizza dinner, a bunch of munchies and a night of laughs. Throughout the night we discussed the eclipse that was to take place the following Monday and how God is the Creator and Sustainer of all creation. Games were played in between Bible study and watching Christian comedians on the "Thou Shalt Laugh" DVD. Everyone eventually got a few winks of sleep—some more than others.

We were able to do some planning for the remainder of 2017 through the upcoming school year. District youth gatherings, TLC Sunday Fellowship lunches, VBS leadership and an upcoming sanctuary skit are a few of the events to look forward to. Thank you for your continued prayers for this outstanding group of youth!





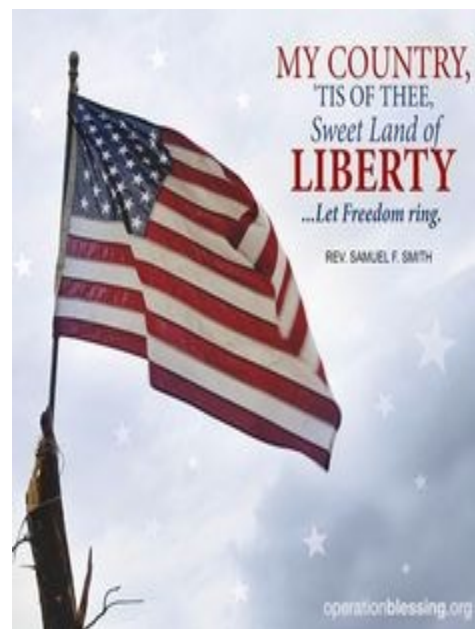
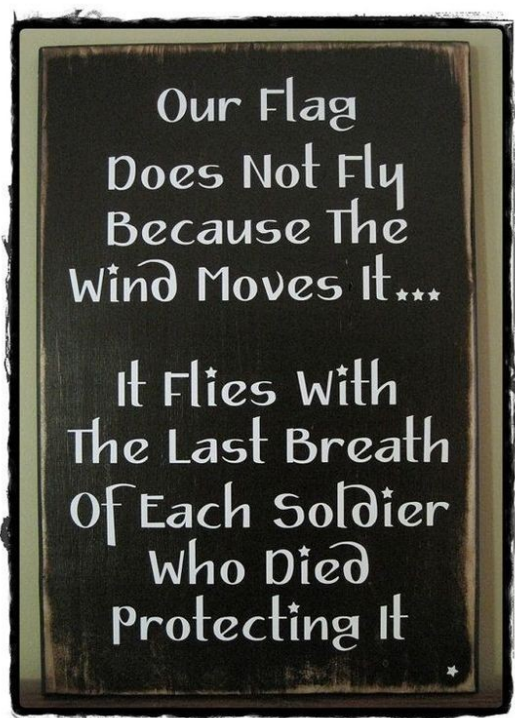
## What's So Special About A Name?



The “lazy days of summer” have flown by and Trinity’s LWML is ready to begin another exciting season. Our theme for this season is “**Jesus Name Above All Names**”, with lots of joy filled programs and activities planned.

Our first luncheon meeting will be Wednesday, September 13, at 11:30 A.M. It will be a salad buffet so please bring a salad of your choice to share. The program titled “What’s In Your Name?” will feature a report on the National LWML Convention by delegate, Mary Helen Kelly, and keeping with the theme, some “name” sharing with Elaine Bishop and myself! All are welcome to come and share in the fellowship. Mark the date now!

Sandy Culley  
LWML Vice-President







# TLC Youth Fellowship



# Lock-In 2017







### September 2017 Birthdays

- 2 Bill Grotenrath
- 2 Winona White
- 4 Jane Campbell
- 5 Meredith Ulbricht
- 6 Wanda Lahn
- 11 Maddie Maler
- 14 Casey Taylor
- 18 Bettye Yockey
- 19 Russ Campbell
- 21 Andy Schlange
- 22 Florence Weichman
- 25 Sieglinde Escandon
- 26 Cindy Hilger
- 28 Terry Lahn
- 29 Jim Lorimer



### OCTOBER 2017 Birthdays

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

### September 2017 Anniversaries

- September 5 Gib & Marlys Waggoner
- September 9 Ron & Nancy Ahsmuhs
- September 9 Mike & Margee Harai
- September 9 Jerry & Muriel Norris
- September 25 Russ & Jane Campbell
- September 28 Don & Wanda Lahn



### No October 2017 Anniversaries

# LWML

Lutheran Women's Missionary League  
Trinity Lutheran Church, Indio

September Luncheon Meeting

Wednesday, September 13, 2017  
11:30 A.M.

THEME: What's So Special About A Name?



“But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.” 1 Corinthians 6:11

PROGRAM: What's In Your Name?  
Convention Report by Mary Helen Kelly

Name Sharing – Elaine Bishop     Sandy Culley

MISSION GRANT: Lutheran Hour Float

SERVICE PROJECT: Pennies Count (Mite Box Activity)



HELLO  
my name is

Just a name..  
Right?

+++LUNCHEON: Salad Buffet  
All attendees asked to bring a salad to share  
(If you don't eat salad, other things are acceptable to bring)

“

Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might” (Eccl. 9:10).



God bids us to be faithful in the tasks He calls us to do. He calls us to be members of a family (husbands and wives; fathers and mothers; sons and daughters). He calls us to be members of society (those who govern and those who are governed). And He calls us to be members of His family, the Church (those who preach and teach and those who hear and learn). Each of these callings from God places a duty on us.

As members of a family, husbands are given the duty to die for their wives as Christ gave His life for His bride, the Church; while wives are given the duty to respect their husbands and submit themselves to them as the Church does to Christ. Fathers and mothers are to raise their children in the fear and admonition of the Lord, teaching them the Ten Commandments, the Creed, the Lord’s Prayer, and the Scriptures concerning Baptism, Confession, the Office of the Keys, and the Lord’s Supper. Children are to honor their parents throughout their lives, and even when their parents are no longer alive, serving and obeying them, loving and cherishing them, and speaking well of them.

As members of society, God calls those who govern to bear the sword, that is, to punish those who do evil—those who live contrary to God’s will—and to reward those who do good—those whose lives are lived in conformity with God’s will. Those who are governed are to obey their leaders as to the Lord Himself, for their leaders bear the sword of God’s temporal justice for a purpose.

As members of God’s own family, the Church, He calls those who preach and teach to do so in faithfulness to His holy Word. To preach and teach the Law of God to convict the hearts of hearers of their sin and to encourage, admonish, and exhort them to do good works in accordance with God’s will. They are to preach and teach the Gospel, the full forgiveness of their sins accomplished by Christ and received through faith, not by works. They are to administer the means of grace in accordance with the Gospel and the Word of God. They do all this for the young and old alike, for those who are near and far off. Those who hear and learn are to submit themselves to their preachers and teachers. They are to support them by their prayers and their gifts.

Each of these callings from God places a duty on us. They make a claim on our presence, our prayers, and on our time, talents, and treasures. So, “Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might” (Eccl 9:10). Pray for your family, for your government, and your church. Give of yourself by means of your time, your talents, and your treasures to your family, your government, and your Church. That is what it means to be faithful in the tasks that God has given us. That is what it means to do it with all your might.

Your Stewardship Committee,



Cindy Hilger and Committee members





## Those Who Serve in September 2017



<u>Duties</u> ↓	<u>Sept. 3,</u> 8:30 am Communion	<u>Sept. 10</u> 11:00 am Communion	<u>Sept. 17</u> 8:30 am Communion	<u>Sept. 24</u> 11:00 am Communion
<u>Duty Elder</u> 8:30am  11am	Gary Wiedle  Woody Kastner	Roy Culley  Woody Kastner	Roy Culley  Gary Wiedle	Roy Culley  Gary Wiedle
<u>Readers</u> 8:30am  11am	Gary Wiedle  Woody Kastner	Roy Culley  Woody Kastner	Roy Culley  Gary Wiedle	Roy Culley  Gary Wiedle
<u>Ushers</u> 8:30am  11am	Russ Campbell & Terry Lahn  Bob Wirtenberger & Richard Robinson	Denny York & Larry Piunti  Jim Ducatte & Andy Schlange	Terry Lahn & Denny York  Jim Ducatte & Bob Wirtenberger	Larry Piunti & Russ Campbell  Richard Robinson & Bob Wirtenberger
<u>Acolytes</u> 8:30 am  11:00 am				
<u>Greeters</u> 8:30am  11am	Larry & Mary Ann Miller  Lori Tobin & Laura Thomason	Don & Wanda Lahn ++Will need a chair+  Mark & Chris Langenwalter	Don & Wanda Lahn ++Will need a chair++  Bob & Irene Wirtenberger	Larry & Mary Ann Miller  Bob & Irene Wirtenberger
Flowers	Luke & Marilyn Mohr in memory of loved ones			Don & Wanda Lahn 60tyh wedding anniversary



# September 2017

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PSW District Pastors' Conference - La Quinta, CA

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Pacific Southwest District



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*Trinity Lutheran Church*



*Indio, California*

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

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



### LWML SILENT AUCTION



Wait a minute, you're saying, this is only summer!. Well, this is just a "heads-up" so we can prepare for our new **Silent Auction** this year. Our Auction will be more of a **Christmas Boutique Auction**. We will be accepting only new items that you wish to contribute. We also would like some home crafted goods; sewn, crocheted, knitted, paintings, woodcrafts, baked goods, home- made jams, jellies, salsas etc. You get the idea, put on your thinking cap; an old-fashioned church boutique with all proceeds benefiting Lutheran World Relief. We'll keep you updated on deadlines, dates and times as we get into the fall season but for now put your talents to work and help us have a fantastic **Silent Auction**.

