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“When Ahab saw Elijah, Ahab said to him, ‘Is it you, you troubler of Israel?’ And Elijah answered, ‘I have not troubled Israel, but you have, and your father’s house, because you have abandoned the commandments of the LORD and followed the Baals’” (1 Kings 18:17-18).

Elijah was blamed by Ahab for the misery resulting from a 3 year drought sent to show Ahab the Lord’s control of the universe. The drought was intended as a call to turn and trust in God’s forgiveness and salvation from sin and death.

Elijah delivered God’s Word to Ahab and his wife, Jezebel. They had rebelled against the Lord and led the nation in disastrous pagan worship. The whole culture became infatuated with the climate god, Baal and his companion fertility Asherah. These two deities were thought to give economic success and national defense. Religious sexual promiscuity and human sacrifices were offered them in expectation of national progress and a future hope. Without a doubt, King Ahab and the nation revolted against God’s desire to

provide a real and outstanding future with Him in glory.

When Elijah confronted Ahab after 3 years of punishing drought He accused Elijah of being the “troubler of Israel”. The original Hebrew “troubler” means “disturber of the status quo” and that which is “considered taboo.” So Ahab accused Elijah of promoting misinformation. His desire was to cancel Elijah.

Undaunted, Elijah persisted in calling Ahab and Israel back to the Lord. God’s authority over heaven and earth was shown in the destruction of the 450 prophets of Baal. Elijah effectively asserted the Lord’s salvation in order to bring eternal freedom from sin and death in his day.

Like Elijah, we are called to encourage others to trust in the Lord God who brings true freedom by faith in the life, death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. May His Word bring that freedom to many!

Pastor Smith 

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Son-in-law**)

Ashley Schenk
(**Ramona Haugen's
Granddaughter**)



Cancer Treatments

Michelle Ungaro
(**sister of Renee Young**),
Sequoia
(**6yr old granddaughter of Bill
and Sandy Bell**),
Diane Beebe
(**sister of Kris Chamberlain &
Carol Castro**)

Brain Aneurysm

Bill Tyler,
(**friend of the Youngs**)

Death

Howard Sundberg
(**Brother of Tom &
Carolyn Sundberg &
Maggie Negron**)

TLC Bible Study Schedule

Tuesdays @ 7pm Bible Study on Zoom

Thursdays @ 7pm Bible Study on Zoom

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

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

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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Kevin Hempe Ordination



Congratulations!





M.A.S.S. NEWS July/August 2024

Men Assisting Seminary Students

I am repeating some of the information in this letter. But I have added some information not yet provided.

I have given a letter to Pastor Kevin Hempe, informing him he received his last check from MASS, and thank him for all he and Yoli have gone through just to become a new leader of the Gospel. I know they will be a wonderful team in the coming years.

I did a quick check to see about how much money MASS had provided in the past years. We have provided just a little over \$240,000 since 2000. I think the congregation should be proud of what a small congregation can do. (remember the little train story?)

Now that Kevin has completed his four years we have chosen a new young man by the name of Benjamin Wagner. He just graduated from Christ College, which is part of Concordia University Irvine. This is the same college Pastor Smith graduated from. Benjamin would not have been able to afford the seminary at this time. When he found out we would support him his parents decided they would find the additional money needed to put him through the seminary. Trinity members should feel good knowing you are able to have a large impact on providing so many new members of Gods workers. God keeps working in wonderful ways.

MASS thanks all of you and we ask that you keep the students in your prayers.

In His Service,

Russ Campbell



TLC Zoom Bible Studies
Postponed July
Resumes in August



TLC Greeters Schedule July/August 2024 10am

June 7, 28 & August 4, 25
Bob & Irene Wirtenberger

July 14 & August 11
Wanda Lahn & Ramona Haugen

July 21 & August 18
Wanda Lahn & Donna Ellerbusch

TLC Ushers Schedule July/August. 2024 10am

July 7, 21 & August 4, 18
Russ Campbell & Jerry Ellerbusch

July 14, 28 & August 11, 25
Jim Ducatte & Bob Wirtenberger



DOA
Daughters Of the Almighty
Ladies' Bible Study
Postponed July & August



Adult Bible Class #1
(June-September)
8:30 am

Divine Worship
(June-September)
10:00 am

Adult Bible Class #2
&
Children's Sunday School
(June, August, September)
11:30 am

Check Out the TLC Library



Don't forget to check out our TLC Library recently relocated to the Fellowship Center. You can find books, DVSS and Jigsaw puzzles in the cubbies just outside the Quilters/Music classroom. PLUS, we have a bunch of FREE books—mainly Christmas crafts, but also a couple of drawing books. All of these freebies are on the cart directly across from the entry of the Fellowship Center.





July Anniversaries

- 4 Dan & Beverly Anderson
- 9 Robert & Marie Porterfield
- 21 Joey & Elizabeth White
- 29 Scott & Connie Marmont

July Birthdays

- 3 Kate Memmen
- 7 Carol Castro
- 14 Stephen Nygren
- 15 Orene Blanton
- 16 Paul Miller
- 18 Raul Giles, Jr
- 18 Sharon Leath
- 18 Marilyn Mohr
- 19 Dave Aamoth
- 19 Sandy Culley
- 29 J.J. White
- *Winter Visitor

August Anniversaries

- 8 Jerry & Donna Ellerbusch
- 9 Andy & Shirley Schlange
- 22 Thomas & Teresa Oduor

**Altar Guild
July & August 2024
10am**

July 7 & August 4

- Renee Young & Ramona Haugen
- Annie Giles & Maggie Negrón

July 14 & August 11

- Beverly Ducatte/Alice Musashi
- Irene Wirtenberger

July 21 & August 18

- Sharlene Kay/Cynthia Berke
- Beverly Ducatte

July 28 & August 25

- Ali Young
- Beverly Ducatte

August Birthdays

- 2 Beate Marsaglia
- 5 Joanne Ibsen
- 6 Ali Young
- 11 *Char Christians
- 12 Carolyn Sundberg
- 18 Monique Bishop
- 24 Tom Sundberg
- 26 Kathy Denstitt
- *Winter Visitor

*If your birthday or anniversary is missing, please
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In the Shadow of His Wings Phyllis Hafliger

By what name do we call God? There are a number of names—Magnificent, All knowing, Alpha and Omega, etc. I doubt if many of us call God, “O’ Magnificent One.” No, we call Him Father. Our Father.

What is the main job of a Father? To love us and take care of us. How about our Heavenly Father? It’s His job to love us and take care of us. He does this in wonderful ways. We have our lives, the attributes of nature and friends all around us. But still, we have problems and sorrows in our minds, in our living, in our spiritual lives.

I am sure that we have all seen birds protect their young by hiding them under their wings. For that matter, all wild animals hide their young in safe places.

God, our Father, does that as well.

Psalm 36:7 says: *“Both high and low among men find refuge in the shadow of Your wings.”* This Psalm says that we all can hide in God’s shadow. In this verse, and the others as well, shadow is a Hebrew metaphor for protection against oppression - as shade protects from the oppressive heat of the desert sun. Kings were spoken of as a “shade” for those reliant on them. Similarly, the Lord is a protective “shade”.

Psalm 91 is a great testimony to the security of those who trust in God. In the first verse we read, *“He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty”*. In verse 4 *“He will cover you with His feathers and under His wings you will find refuge...”*

Psalm 57 is another prayer for deliverance from our enemies. *“Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy on me, for my soul takes refuge...I*

will take refuge in the shadow of Your wings until the disaster has passed”.

Psalm 61:4 *“I long to dwell in Your tent forever and take refuge in the shelter of Your wings”*. Maybe we don’t have “enemies” as David did, but there are times in our lives when we have a “disaster” to deal with. How wonderful that when life oppresses us we dwell in the tent and shelter of God.

Psalm 63:7 *“Because You are my help, I sing in the shadow of Your wings”*. We receive such comfort in the shadow of God’s wings, we can sing!

Psalm 17:8 says, *“Keep me as the apple of Your eye; hide me in the shadow of Your wings...”*

The book of Malachi is an admonition that “the Day of the Lord” is coming and the people need to repent, but for the righteous “the sun of righteousness will arise with healing in its wings”

In Luke 13:34 Jesus says, *“O, Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you kill the prophets and stone those sent to you; how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings...”*

We’ve read about being safe in the wings of God, but He also has another job for wings. In Exodus 19:4, God says to Moses, *“you yourselves have seen what I did to Egypt - how I carried you on eagles wings and brought you to myself.”*

In Isaiah 40:31 *“...and they will soar on wings like eagles, they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint”*.

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Baby Michaela is 1 Year Old!

The miracle baby we have been praying for since she entered the world earlier than planned has turned a year and doing wonderfully! Michaela has been cleared from the upper GI doctor and her progress is checked regularly. She weights over 14lbs and is 26" long and has some catching up to do. She is sitting up and saying Dada and Mama and trying to crawl. Congratulations to the proud grandparents and our dear members, Thomas and Teresa! God is Good!



LWML Lutheran Women's Missionary League

We had our final luncheon meeting for this 2023-2024 year. Bobbi shared a little on our District Convention and did the devotions. Short business meeting and we were off to La Casita for fellowship and lunch. Very small group but the fellowship is always good and we beat the lunch rush so we could actually visit. Hope to see more of you when we start up again in September. We sure miss our snowbirds!!

I am working on our speakers for the 2024-2025 season and the roster has filled up fast!! Look forward to some interesting programs and some we haven't heard from before. It's amazing how enthusiastic these people are about spreading the gospel with all their varied ministries. Zoom has sure helped!! We will start the year in September with Bobbi giving us a presentation of the PSW District Convention. We will be getting our booklet together so anyone who wants one can see what's going on. We would LOVE to have you join us!! We really need some fresh faces. We will have some projects for our own outreach, devotions, speakers and lunch.

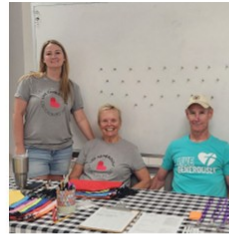
Kris Chamberlain, LWML VP

Have a great summer!





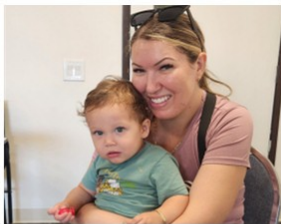
Vacation



Bible



School





Vacation Bible School

What a week we had! Our fearless Pastor's wife, Bobbi, led each morning with songs and preparation for the rest of the morning's program. "Sydney the Sloth" aka Jeri Burgess, brought a fun practical puppet show to the boys and girls.

We had a total of 13 children in attendance who were split into 2 groups for the day. Our faithful group leaders, Annie Giles and George Wingerter ushered the children to the various rotation sites where the Bible story and theme of the day were taught.

Bible story time was led by Teresa Oduor who used actors to help bring the stories alive. Stories began with the visit of the wisemen and ended with the "Road to Emmaus". All the lessons show the Joy Jesus gives us.

The Bible Exploration time was led by Beverly Ducatte where she used creative experiments to bring out the theme of the day.

The crafts time featured tangible crafts to take

home to remember the lesson of the day, led by Renee Young.

Games were led by Pastor Smith with fun games that reinfused the children with the take home point of the day.

Our snack lady, Monique kept the children nourished while reinforcing the days theme. Beginning with ice cream the 1st day and popcorn the last!

A great big, THANK YOU, goes out to everyone who graciously and enthusiastically came out to help during this exciting event! We had some new faces that stepped in where needed, the Wingerter Family, Sharon Leath, Kacie Onak, Roberta Bishop and Paul & Karen Miller at the registration table. You all helped to make our week of VBS and absolute "JOY". The Lord blessed us tremendously and we are very happy to have had this opportunity to reach out with the Joy of Jesus to our community!

Sunday School News



We have had an amazing past 10 months of true Bible stories of Jesus and God's people who walked the earth before Jesus arrival in Bethlehem. TLC has a wonderful group of children and faithful volunteer teachers each Sunday who show up with hearts for Jesus!

During this past season we implemented a new feature to help encourage the children to bring their Bibles with them to Sunday School. The children are rewarded with a sticker for the Bible chart any Sunday they bring their Bibles with them to Sunday School. For every 5 stickers the children are rewarded with pick-



ing something from the treasure box. They love it and they are learning how to look up Bible verses and to find the old and new testament books of the Bible.

With summer in full swing it is time for a break. Sunday School will be put on hold the month of July and will resume in August. We look forward to coming back with more true Bible stories, crafts, games and songs!

Happy Summer!












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Bible Reading Plan

Strength

Proverbs 3:5-6

Isaiah 40:29

Isaiah 40:31

Psalm 73:26

Psalm 46:1

Philippians 4:13

1 Peter 5:7

Psalm 31:24

Isaiah 41:10

Ephesians 6:10

Joshua 1:9

Psalm 31:24

Revelation 3:20

Matthew 11:28-30

Psalm 28:7

Psalm 23:2-3

Philippians 4:6-7

Psalm 94:19

Mark 11:24

Psalm 34:4

Psalm 55:22

John 14:27

Micah 7:7

Psalm 27:14

Psalm 9:10

Luke 1:37

Philippians 4:19

Ephesians 3:20

Nehemiah 8:10

"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."

John 16:33

Stamp



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



Indio, California

June - September

Bible Class #1

8:30 am

Worship

10:00 am

June, August, September

Sunday School & Bible Class #2

11:30am

In the days following World War 2, as the Iron Curtain and the Bamboo Curtain were endangering missionaries in those areas, the missionaries found comfort that they could rest under the Feather Curtain of God.



**LWML District Convention
2024 Delegates**



**Bobbi Smith, Karen Miller,
Phyllis Haflinger, Kris Chamberlain**