



The Desert Voice

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October 2026



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A Brief History of the Reformation

To understand the impact of the Reformation, it is important to know what life was like in Germany and throughout Europe in the early 16th century. The church at the time was more of a political institution than it was a spiritual force.

Things eventually came to a head when the sale of indulgences became more prevalent in Western Europe. Indulgences were certificates sold by the church that purportedly would reduce people's punishment from God for their sins. A scholarly, serious-minded monk named Martin Luther

recognized that indulgences ignored the biblical truth that forgiveness came only through Jesus.

Luther was so upset about this issue that on October 31, 1517, he posted 95 *Theses* (or points for debate) on the door of his home church in Wittenberg, Germany. Because of the printing press, this posting was printed and distributed throughout the Holy Roman Empire.

When hundreds of thousands of people read what Luther said, they, too, became outraged and turned to the word of Scripture for clarity. The Gospel message that we are saved grace through faith then spread far and wide. Over time, those who protested the actions of the Catholic church broke away and formed what became the Protestant churches, which now include many different denominations.

Reformation Day continues to mark a restart for Christians, even now. It is a time to renew our faith in Christ alone and restore our devotion to living in God's grace.



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Frank
(**husband of Sharlene Kay**),
Jim Scheuer
(**husband of Ellen Scheuer**),
Melissa Parsons
(**mother of Phyllis Hafliger's**
great grandson),
Loretta Eide,
Kate Memmen
(**hospice**)
Carolyn Sundberg,
Russ Lambeth

Cancer Treatments

Michelle Ungaro
(**sister of Renee Young**),
Andy
(**friend of Rocky and Renee**
Young)
Rev. Glenn Smith
(**Pastor Smith's Brother**)

For Healing

Dan Schmelzer,
Livvy Anderson
(**Kevin & Donna Anderson's**
granddaughter,



TLC Bible Study Schedule

Wednesdays @ 10am Grief Share (Sept. 9-Nov. 18)

Thursdays @ 6pm Women's Bible Study Fellowship Ctr.

Thursdays @ 7pm Bible Study on Zoom

Fridays @ 10am DOA (Daughters Of the Almighty)

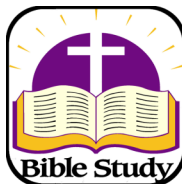
Living Way Bible Study (Sept.—May)

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

We invite you to join us each week for a Zoom, Bible study,
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



Whether your loss is recent or years past, you are welcome here. Come as you are, and let's walk this road together.

There is a workbook that is very helpful during this journey you can purchase at the meeting for \$25.

Join us **Wednesday mornings @ 10am**
in the TLC Fellowship Center.



SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Adult Bible Class
8:30am

Divine Worship
10:00 am

Jr. Confirmation Class &
Children's Sunday School
Young Adult/Adult Bible Study
@ 11:30 am

Zoom Bible Study

The Thursday evening Bible study in the book of Genesis continues on Zoom @ 7pm. If you are interested and haven't attended you can simply give your email address to Pastor Smith and he will send you the link to join.

All are welcome!



TLC Choir Begins!

Join the TLC Choir! All Welcome

Rehearsals are Wednesdays, in the Fellowship Center @ **6pm**. Please consider trying us out! We have fun and no experience is necessary. We all just love "making a joyful noise"!

So, come on out and see if this is for you!

New Bible Study!

Ok ladies, it's time for a new study. We begin, "The Heart of Jesus, Women in the Gospel of Luke"

All ladies are invited to join us Thursdays @ 6pm in the Fellowship Center for this new study! See you Thursday!



M.A.S.S. NEWS October 2026

Men Assisting Seminary Students

Leo Veatch

Leo and his wife Aliya are now at the seminary in St. Lewis and have started classes to propel him for becoming a LCMS Pastor.

Aliya is finishing her senior year of college through Concordia Saint Paul's online program. She is studying Psychology, to work in a Lutheran church's pre-school after graduation.

Leo was placed at Trinity Lutheran on Orchard Farm for field work He is to serve 8 hours per week. His duties include assisting with liturgy, attending visitations, leading bible studies, leading confirmation, and help where he can.

His classes are a formation lab, a Greek lab, a Hebrew lab, interpreting and communicating the Word intro to historical theology, intro to pastoral ministry, intro to systematic theology and his field work

Leo feels his classes are very interesting on the whole and he is well prepared by his time in the pre-seminary program.

Leo is expressing as well as he feels able to, his deep thankfulness to all of you. Our assistance is an incredible blessing to him and his wife. His financial burden will be relieved largely by our generosity.

As you look at his schedule one can see there is little time for a part-time job.

In Christ,

Russ Campbell



Men's Bible Breakfast

Hot Breakfast & Bible Study



Saturday, October 10
8:00 am - 9:30 am
TLC Fellowship Center

SUGGESTED 10\$ FREEWILL OFFERING
TO COVER THE COST OF THE BREAKFAST



"Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing."

1 Thess. 5:11

Circuit 17

RE-CONNECT

Circuit Forum



Rev. Luke Kastner
St John's, Hemet



Rev. Paul Miller
Good Shepherd, Yucca



Rev. Luis Lugo
Prince of Peace, Hemet



Rev. Dr. Sam Gomez
ENGAGE, Hemet

OCTOBER 2, 2026

WHY SHOULD I COME

- Get to know your Circuit Pastor's and their Wives
- Connect with others in your Circuit
- Initiate Circuit Youth Connection
- Join together in a Circuit Worship Service
- Host an Exhibit Table for your Ministry
- Enjoy Great Food and Fellowship

Registration Luncheon

1 :15 - 2:00 PM

2:00 - 3:00 PM

3:00 - 3:10

3:10 - 4:15 PM

4:20 - 5:15 PM

5:30

6 pm

WHAT TO EXPECT

**RSVP (Registration at door 11:30 am)
Noon - 1 pm**

Plenary Sessions

Election of Circuit Visitor
Circuit 17 Re-Visioned

Meet Your Circuit Pastors Panel
Meet Your Circuit Pastor Wives Panel

Break

Breakout Session A

Freedom: Rev. Lugo *From Communism to Freedom*

Breakout Session B

Living Through Grief: Rev. Smith

Reception

Worship Service with Communion

Connected Together in Christ: Rev. Kastner

Rev. Robert Smith
Trinity, Indio

Rev. Brian Barlow
Grace, Banning



Vicar Michael Orme
Our Saviors, Palm Springs

Rev. James Bowes
Peace Lutheran, Palm Desert



GRACE LUTHERAN
1000 W. WILSON ST, BANNING



October Birthdays

1	Sean Elliott
6	George Carlsgaard
10	Rocky Young
14	Aja Williamson
18	Cynthia Berke
18	Irene Wirtenberger
21	TJ Berger
27	Shirley Schlange
28	Sophia Elliott
28	Loren Krause
29	*Colleen Gulbranson
30	Scott Marmont
	*Winter Visitor

October Anniversary

4	David & Jeri Burgess
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Greeters October 2026

October 4 & 18

Ramon Haugen, Wanda Lahn
Donna Ellerbusch

October 11

Bob & Irene Wirtenberger

October 25

Debra Johnson



TLC Ushers Schedule October 2026

October 4 & 18

Russ Campbell & Jerry Ellerbusch

October 11

Jim Ducatte & Bob Wirtenberger

October 25

Paul League & Bob Wirtenberger



Altar Guild October 2026

October 4

Renee Young & Ramona Haugen
Annie Giles & Maggie Negron

October 11

Beverly Ducatte & Alice Musashi
Irene/ Bob Wirtenberger

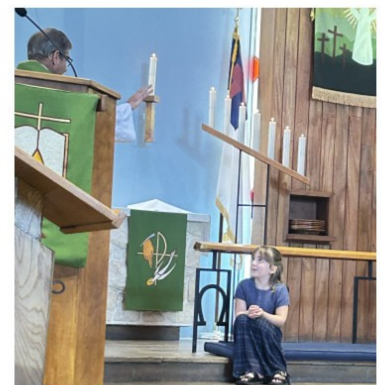
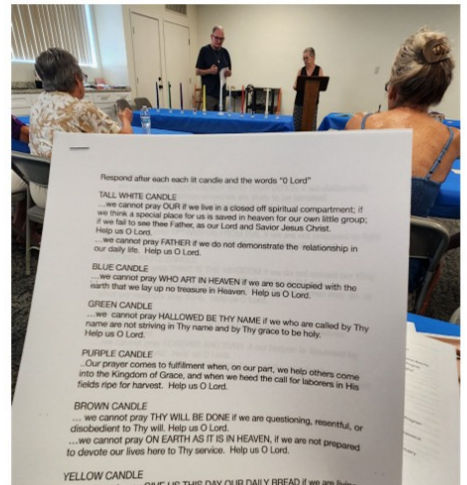
October 18

Sharlene Kay/Cynthia Berke
Beverly Ducatte

October 25

Ali Young
Beverly Ducatte

*If your birthday or anniversary is missing, please
Contact the church office: 760 347-3971
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LWML Lutheran Women's Missionary League

Our opening luncheon meeting was a great success!! The meeting was well attended and Sandy and Roy Culley doing a neat presentation of the Lord's Prayer with different colored candles and commentary on the different parts of the prayer. Good lunch and fellowship. October we will be having Pastor Brian Barlow from Grace Lutheran Church in Banning as our speaker. He hasn't quite decided what he will be speaking on ~ evidently he's got several irons in the fire ~ so the topic is still to be determined. Sandy Baltzer has volunteered to provide the lunch so you KNOW it will be good. We would so love to have more of the Trinity ladies joining us for our luncheons. We try to have interesting speakers and of course the fellowship which is so important. Come join us so we can all get to know each other better and continue to do the Lord's work at Trinity.

In Christ,
Kris Chamberlain, LWML VP

Women's Bible Study

When:

Fridays @ 10am

Where:

TLC Fellowship Center

Led by:

Phyllis Hafliger

ALL LADIES INVITED!!!



What a great ladies' night out we had for our 1st of the season! We had some new faces joining us and 4 fun games of BINGO and 4 winners!

This month we will gather again for an evening of food, fun and fellowship! This is a great opportunity to connect with the lovely ladies of Trinity...and bring a friend!

Sign up at the information table on any Sunday and mark your calendars for Friday, **October 23 @ 5:30pm.**

Suggested \$10 Freewill Offering
At the door!

Check Out the TLC Library

What? TLC has a library? Yes! We have many genres to choose from; autobiographies, historical novels, Christian novels, religious topics and even puzzles!

But, where can I find it? Glad you asked. You can find these treasures in the east hall of the TLC Fellowship Center. Find what you are checking out and sign the note pad indicating the item and your name and the date of check out. There is a box on top of the book cases to return your item and sign it back in.

LWML Fall Rally
Sat. Oct. 3, 2025
hosted by
Grace Lutheran Church



Haragewen Kinde
Main Speaker
Ethiopian Missionary

Bible Study by Rev. Paul Miller
Registration @ 9:30am
\$10

Continental breakfast and lunch included
1000 W. Wilson St. Banning, CA

Something in the Water

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Water is mentioned throughout Genesis. Moses turned the Nile to blood. Later he divided the Red Sea. When the people complained of thirst, he struck a rock and water poured out. Of course, Moses was God's emissary. God provided the miracles.

Psalm 23 is an example of the comforting water relationship between people and God. *The Lord is my shepherd...He leads me beside still waters... It doesn't matter what our problems or sorrows, the Lord is beside us. Jeremiah 31:9..I will lead them beside streams of water on a level path where they shall not stumble...*

There are also times when water is a problem: Noah and the ark. Jonah and the whale. As Christians we know that there is "something in the water." The Holy Spirit

comes to us through Baptism. The Sacrament of Baptism was instituted by God as a spiritual act of cleansing, adopting, changing, recreating. The Sacrament of Baptism is the sacrament of salvation, making us Children of God.

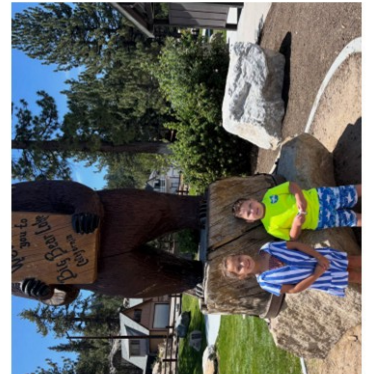
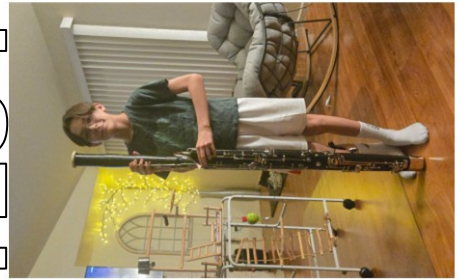
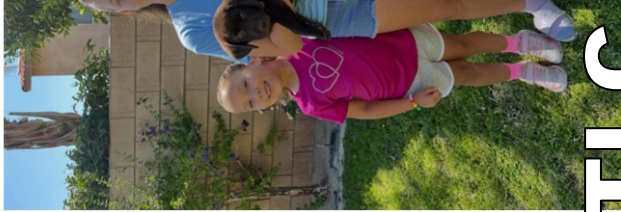
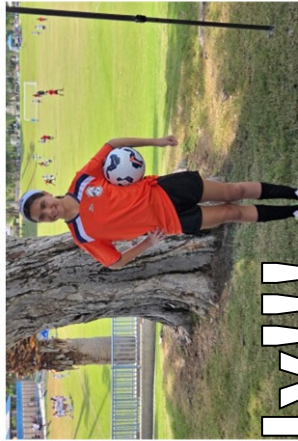
John was baptizing people in the Jordan. He said his baptism was of repentance, but another was coming, more powerful than him, who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.

Jesus came to John to be baptized as was required by the Law. At Jesus' baptism, as He was coming up out of the water, heaven opened up and He saw the Spirit of God, descending like a dove and lighting on Him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is My Son whom I love; With Him I am well pleased." Matthew 3:16-17. All four Gospels write about Jesus Baptism.

Matthew and Mark both contain Jesus' admonition that the Apostles were to go into the world "...baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit..." So, to Christians, there is "something in the water."

Phyllis Hafliger





TLC Family!!!

Sunday School & Jr. Confirmation

We have begun our new season of Sunday Christian education. The Sunday School time begins with music and a new bell song for all the children.

Following the opening the Jr. Confirmation students gather in the main meeting room with Pastor for their final year of instruction. The “littles” stay in the Sunday School room for Bible story time and crafts.

During this time the parents are encouraged to gather in the room across from the SS room for Bible study.

We are excited for another season in God’s Word!



Movie Night

Ever wonder about the man who our church got it’s name, “Luther”? This month churches around the world will be celebrating “The Reformation”.

Here at Trinity Lutheran Church we will be observing Reformation in the Divine Service, Sunday, October 25.

Another fun way to celebrate will be a movie night, **Friday, October 30 @ 6:30pm**, in the church sanctuary. Join us for the movie, “**Luther**” and free popcorn, and bring a friend!

Expressing Your Faith

Christian Stewardship is the expression of Christian faith, the evidence of how sincerely the Child of God believes the truth he embraces. A Christian steward is person who is entrusted with a life redeemed by Christ. To be a steward is to follow where Christ leads by the ability and strength He gives.

To live as a Christian steward is an expression of discipleship: the conscious firm decision, carried out consistently in action, to conduct oneself as a follower of Jesus Christ, regardless of the cost, for one’s entire life.

Here at Trinity you are invited to join in the various activities of the congregation: Men’s Bible Breakfast; Choir; Lutheran Women’s Missionary League (LWML); Trinity Lutheran Crafters; WINGS (Women in God’s Service).

With the exception of Choir, these meet only once a month. Try them out. You might enjoy it.

The Church Council





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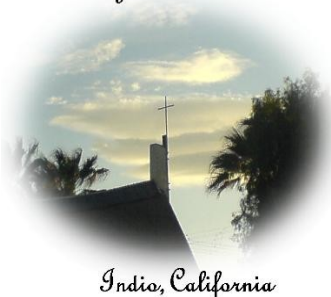


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Sunday Schedule

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8:30am

Divine Worship
10:00am

Sunday School
&
Jr. Confirmation
11:30am



From the President



Dear Friends,

I want to make you aware of our first workday of the new season which will be on **Friday, November 6** from 8:30am-10am. These workdays are a big help to the overall maintenance of our church, Fellowship center and surrounding property. All are welcome and encouraged to participate.

Our nominating and mission & ministry (budget) committees are now meeting to make recommendations for 2027. If you are asked to consider a leadership position in our church, please give the request prayerful consideration. Our church primarily operates through volunteerism so

everybody's participation is needed and greatly appreciated.

Thank you,
TLC President,

Jim Ducatte



1 Corinthians 12:12-31