



The Desert Voice

Trinity Lutheran Church

LCMS

April 2024



Inside this Issue

Prayer List/ Bible Studies	2
LWML/Rummage Sale Photo Gallery	3
M.A.S.S. & Concordia Theological Seminary Call Service 2024	4
Church Clean Up, Men's Breakfast	5
Bible Studies & Vacation Bible School	6
Birthdays & Anniversaries, Those Who Serve	7
Palm Sunday & Easter Celebrations	8
Palm Sunday Photo Gallery	9
"Living For Jesus" Ladies' Night & Fun N Games	10
TLC Choir Photo Gallery	11
DOA, LWML, From the TLC Librarian	12
TLC Family Photo Gallery	13
TLC Calendar of Events	14
VBS	15
Quilt Raffle Winner	16

In this Easter season we take courage in the words of the Apostles' Creed: "I believe in the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting."

Our connection to Christ's death and resurrection is made clear in Romans 6:4-5: "We were buried therefore with Him by Baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with Him in a death like His, we shall certainly be united with Him in a resurrection like His." Now we anticipate the day of Christ's return when our bodies shall be raised in glory to live in His joyful presence forever. Focusing on our part with Christ's resurrection gives us confidence as we live and serve in this challenging world and time.

Easter's significance changes our whole reality. "Death has been swallowed up in victory...thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Corinthians 15:54, 57). Our confidence while through this world's chaos is elevated by Christ's assertion, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in Me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in Me shall never die" (John 11:25-26).

The faith of ancient believers also inspires confidence in us. As an example, Job, who suffered the loss of his possessions and health, boldly looked forward to the resurrection of his body fully restored. "For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last He will stand upon the earth. And after my skin has been thus destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God, whom I shall see for myself, and my eyes shall behold, and not another. My heart faints within me!" (Job 19:25-27). By faith we, like Job, know that death cannot tear us away from our joyful future in glory with our resurrected Christ. God's Word gives us a guarantee: "What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare His own Son but gave Him up for us all, how will He not also with Him graciously give us all things?" (Romans 8: 31-32) Thus with certitude we confess: "On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true" (Luther's Small Catechism).

May this Easter assurance inspire our celebration and confession of the ancient saying:

"Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!"

Pastor Smith

The Desert Voice

is published monthly
(except July/Aug
which are combined)

Trinity Lutheran Church
81500 Miles Avenue
Mail:44-100 Jefferson St
#D403-220
Indio, CA
92201
760-347-3971



ALL correspondence for
church & The Desert
Voice:

Trinity81500@verizon.net

Desert Voice on the Web!

WEBSITE ADDRESS:

[Www.Trinityindio.org](http://www.Trinityindio.org)



WWW.

Deadline for copy:

All articles are to be in the church office by the **15th** of the month. Editor reserves the right to edit for content and space. The February Desert Voice will be assembled on **Friday, April 26.**

PLEASE COME TO

HELP!

Editor: Bobbi Smith
Bobbi322@verizon.net
760 485-7770

Pastor: Robert E Smith
Revs455@verizon.net
760 485-5171

For Health

Elaine Bishop,
Andy Schlange,
Woody Kastner,
Trudi Intemann,
Luke Mohr,
Larry Burkett,
Terri Cuesta,
Diana Kenyon
**(Ramona Haugen's
Daughter)**

Kathy and Mark Bredesen,
**(Trudi Intemann's daughter &
Son-in-law)**

Heart Problems

Amy Frese's Mom

Brain Aneurysm

Bill Tyler,
(friend of the Youngs)

Cancer Treatments

Michelle Ungaro
(sister of Renee Young),
Sequoia
**(6yr old granddaughter of Bill
and Sandy Bell),**

Recovery from Surgery

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

Death

Bill Grotenrath



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.—June)

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.

Pastor Smith @ 760 485-5171

or

Email: Revs455@verizon.net



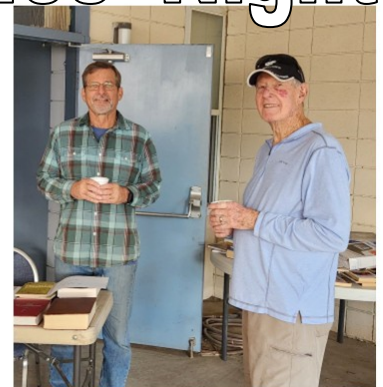
LWML



Rummage Sale



Ladies' Night



M.A.S.S. NEWS March 2024

Men Assisting Seminary Students

KEVIN HEMPE (almost a Pastor)

Kevin will graduate on April 24th of 2024. Kevin, who is from this congregation, told me he was going to be an A student but will graduate with a 3.4 GPA; I feel that is close enough to his prediction. Way to go Kevin!

Kevin is also a little disappointed that there are not more ways to say thank you. Kevin, you have continued to thank the congregation, with a sincere heart. We know you appreciate the monthly income we have provided. So, I think we are all good.

We look forward to your graduation on the 24th. We will be watching the feed from the seminary live as we congregate at our little church, Wednesday @ 4pm pst.

JACOB MANNING (almost a Vicar)

Jacob is our second-year student. So, at the April 23rd Vicarage and Deaconess Internship ceremonies Jacob will be assigned to the church for his third year of training known as vicarage. Jacob is taking all the courses needed to graduate, and learning there is a difference between understanding scripture and putting the information into a sermon that the congregation will be able to relate the text to today's living.

Jacob also is asking our congregation to pray for some of his fellow students who have family members who need our prayers, and for some students who have run into troubling health issues. One student whose father now has serious cancer is not doing well. His name is Gijsbertus. A Special prayer would be appreciated.

All in all our three students are doing well at this writing and we are sure they will continue to make us all proud.

Russ Campbell



Concordia Theological Seminary

2024 Call Service - Thursday, April 24 @ 4pm PST

We have the exciting opportunity to experience and take part in the Concordia Theological Seminary Ft. Wayne call service as we come together and watch the live stream in the TLC sanctuary, Wednesday, **April 24 @ 4pm**. Kevin Hempe our member who is completing his instruction at CTSFW will learn where he has been called to serve as pastor. We will project the live stream on a large screen and experience the anticipation and joy felt by those in attendance in the CTS chapel Wednesday night in real time. Plan now to join us!



Church Clean Up



Men's Bible Breakfast



Men's Monthly Bible Breakfast

2ND SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH

April 13

8 - 9:30 am * FELLOWSHIP CTR.

Invite a friend and come enjoy some hot coffee, breakfast, Bible Study and great fellowship!

Sign up at the information table
TODAY!

FREE WILL OFFERING



TLC Zoom Bible Studies Tuesdays & Thursdays @ 7pm

Zoom Bible studies continue this month on Tuesdays in the Book of Hebrews and Thursdays in 1 Kings @ 7pm. Please note that **April 16** and **18** there will be no class as Pastor and Bobbi will be out of town. If you would like to join either of these Zoom studies please send your email to Revs455@verizon.net and the link to the class will be provided the day of the class.

Vacation Bible School "Celebrate the Savior, Jesus Gives Us Joy"

"Wow! I remember the VBS when I made this", I said while picking up the cork rectangular wall hanging stuffed inside my 'hope chest'. It had purple crushed marbles glued together to form a grape cluster topped with a plastic leaf. On a paper pasted at the bottom was written "I am the vine, ye are the branches... John 15:5."

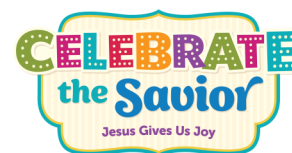
You probably have a similar memory of Vacation Bible School as a child. You may also think of some great times as a leader or helper in summertime VBS. The questions children asked and the encouragement you offered may also resonate with you.

This year **June 17-21**, from 8:45am through noon, Trinity Lutheran Church will welcome boys and girls 5 years through 5th grade to VBS. There is really no age limit on the upper end as teens and adults are encouraged to invite kids and to attend to lead and help children "**Celebrate the Savior**". We will celebrate that "Jesus Gives Us Joy" learning about: Wisemen Worship Jesus; Jesus Heals a Man Lowered through a Roof; Jesus Feeds Five Thousand; Jesus Died and Rises Again; and Jesus on the Road to Emmaus. We will learn through singing and puppet shows with a carnival atmosphere, Bible storytelling and science experiments, games and crafts and of course, snacks. We will focus on learning scripture verses to apply what we have learned to our hearts.

Come and help us – volunteer for a part to play. A sign-up sheet and poster of VBS information will be at the church entrance. Fill in your name and phone number.

Teresa Oduor

2024 VBS Director



April Birthdays

3	Bill Marsaglia
3	Luke Mohr
9	Emily Bonette
11	Beverly Anderson
13	Blake Carlson
13	Ethan Frese
14	Matthew Johnson
17	Thomas Oduor
20	Grace Dewell
29	Nolan Ducatte
	*Winter Visitor



April Anniversaries

1	Paul & Karen Miller
3	Sean & Cynthia Elliott
14	John & Loretta Eide
20	Luke & Marilyn Mohr
20	Alex & Maggie Negron
22	Loren & Janet Krause

*If your birthday or anniversary is missing, or
Cannot perform your duty
on your assigned Sunday
Contact the church office: 760 347-3971
Or Trinity81500@verizon.net*

Altar Guild April 2024

April 7

Renee Young & Ramona Haugen
Annie Giles & Maggie Negron

April 14

Beverly Ducatte/Alice Musashi
Irene Wirtenberger

April 21

Sharlene Kay/Cynthia Berke
Beverly Ducatte

April 28

Ali Young
Beverly Ducatte

TLC Greeters Schedule April 2024

April 7

8:30am-Wanda Lahn & Ramona Haugen
11am-Bob & Irene Wirtenberger

April 14

8:30am-Donna Ellerbusch & Ramona Haugen
11am-Bob & Irene Wirtenberger

April 21

8:30am-Ramona Haugen &
Donna Ellerbusch
11am-Karen Johnson

April 28

8:30am-Ramona Haugen &
Wanda Lahn
11am-Karen Johnson

TLC Ushers Schedule April 2024

April 7, 14, 21, 28 * 8:30am

Russ Campbell & Jerry Ellerbusch

April 7, 14, 21, 28 * 11:00am

Jim Ducatte & Bob Wirtenberger

Palm Sunday “Hosanna, Blessed is He”



Palm Sunday was a wonderful day at Trinity! The children joined the adult choir processing in to the anthem of the day, “Bring Palm Branches”. They did a fabulous job and even learned it by heart!

We celebrated with our newest confirmand, George Wingerter as he confirmed his commitment to his Christian faith in front of the congregation. At the conclusion of the service, George was presented with an ESV Self Study Bible. A cake reception was held in the Fellowship Center in honor of George.

Aiden Giles, one of our Sunday School students played the offertory, “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna” on the piano along with TJ our organist playing softly in the background to enhance the performance. It was beautiful! We look forward to hearing more from Aiden our newly budding musician!

Palm Sunday is always an amazing beginning of the Holy Week festivities and services leading up to Easter Sunday. God has truly blessed our TLC Family with so many talented children of the Risen King!!



Easter Sunday Resurrection Celebration!



EASTER!!! WoW! What a marvelous morning of worship, praise, holy communion, egg hunt and brunch! What more could you ask for? The TLC family as always made the celebration of our risen Lord a day of building memories. The TLC choir may be a small group but they are big in the talents God has granted them. This isn't to say, of course, we wouldn't welcome more to join!!!

Following the 8:30am Divine service the Lord blessed us with good weather as the children gathered for the annual Easter Egg Hunt. Six large silver & gold eggs were found and redeemed for the prize chocolate crosses. This has been a tradition here at Trinity for over 30 years and is always a hit! Thank you George and Kacie for hiding the eggs. Easter crafts celebrating the empty tomb were available in the Sunday school room for all ages.

The annual Easter brunch was held in the newly renovated fellowship center again this year and the food was delicious. Everyone out did themselves providing for this highly anticipated celebration. We are so thankful for the many willing servants that make these special occasions fun for all!

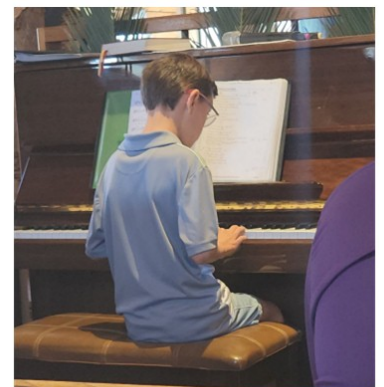
He is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!



Palm Sunday



Confirmation



Living for Jesus
Phyllis Hafliger

Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God, this is your spiritual act of worship. Do not conform any longer to the pattern of the world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then, you will be able to test and approve what God's Will is...His good, pleasing and perfect Will.

Rom.12:1-2

Many of us lead dual lives-worldly and religious. We are one person on Sunday and another person Monday through Saturday. The question is would your friends and family recognize you on Sunday? Would the child you were recognize you? Would God recognize you?

Psalms 100:2a says to serve the Lord with gladness. We were created to serve the Lord. Ephesians 2:8 tells we are saved by Grace, not by works, but in Ephesians 2:10 we read for we are God's workmanship created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

We are not to conform to the world of today and we are to do the work the Lord has prepared for us. Whatever you do, in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus...

Colossians 3:17

And, behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

Matt. 28:28



What a joy to know that He will be with us in all that we do, even the smallest and most routine tasks. If we do all things in the consciousness that He is with us, what a pleasure it is to know that it is His Will that we are doing.

When we are living for Jesus, every day becomes a holy day. And one day we will no longer be living for Jesus, but living with Jesus.

Prayer: God be in my head and in my understanding; be in my eyes and my looking; be in my mouth and my speaking; be in my heart and my thinking; be at my life's end and at my departing. Amen .

WINGS
(Women In God's Service)

NO LADIES' NIGHT OUT!

Will resume our regular schedule
next month

FUN N GAMES
10 -11:30 am April 17

All are invited to join some fun n games the 3rd Wednesday of April in the TLC Fellowship Center.

Sign up today!
Bring a friend!





TLC Choir Party

Daughters of the Almighty Living Way Bible Study

We have been going through the New Testament miracles and will be finishing up this course of study this month. Each Friday we discuss a new miracle so if you would like to join us you can jump in anytime.

This month we meet every Friday except, **April 19**. See you Fridays @ 10am in the Fellowship Center!

News from the TLC Librarian Phyllis Hafliger

Several new religious books have been donated to us and are on the library shelves now.

The Jesus You May Not Know by David Jeremiah. There is also a Study Guide. There are also three new books by Max Lucado.

Several new fiction books have also been donated. However, we are in the process of moving the Fiction Library to the Fellowship Center. It will probably be the middle of April before that is accomplished.

I am going to catalog the religious books by author so that you can find a particular book you might want.

If you have books that you are no longer reading, please consider donating them to Trinity. Books that we can not use are donated to the Riverside County Library System.

Phyllis Hafliger



LWML Lutheran Women's Missionary League

We had a very informative and interesting meeting in March. Cheryl Ehlers of the Garuna Foundation gave us a talk about the work they do in Southeast Asia building Christian schools in a country that is almost completely Buddhist. Their success has been truly phenomenal and is continuing to grow.



Please plan on joining us for our April meeting and luncheon. We will be having Guide Dogs of the Desert as our featured speaker and they have promised to bring a dog! Should be fun and very interesting to boot. Save the date: **Thursday April 11 at 10:30am** in the Fellowship Center. Lunch will be provided. And don't forget your mites.

We continue to collect diapers and wipes for the Refuge Pregnancy Center in Indio. Also, items for the Joy Bags that are given to shut-ins.....just little items that are useful or fun and can be wrapped and opened every day for 7 days.

We would love to see some new faces at our meetings. It is a great bunch of gals doing God's work!! We have a good time and some great fellowship.

Hope to see you all there!!

Kris Chamberlain
LWML Vice President

P.S. Sign up at the information table on Sunday for the luncheon!











TLC Family



Easter



April 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday																																																																																											
	1 Pastor & Bobbi's Day of Rest	2 10:00 AM Quilters	3	4 Fellowship Ctr. Floor Cleaning - Rapid Dry	5	6																																																																																											
7 8:30 AM Worship(C) in person & Live Stream 10:00 AM Adult Bible Class 11:00 AM Worship (C)	8 Pastor & Bobbi's Day of Rest	9 10:00 AM Quilters 7:00 PM Zoom Bible Study 	10 6:00 PM Choir	11 10:30 AM LWML Luncheon & Mtg. 7:00 PM Zoom Bible Study 	12 10:00 AM Daughters of the Almighty - Bible Study 	13 8:00 AM Men's Bible Breakfast																																																																																											
14 8:30 AM Worship (C) (in person & live stream) 10:00 AM Adult Bible Class/ Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship(C)	15 Pastor & Bobbi's Day of Rest	16 10:00 AM Quilters	17  10:00 AM	18	19	20																																																																																											
21 8:30 AM Worship(C) in person & Live Stream 10:00 AM Adult Bible Class/ Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship (C)	22 Pastor & Bobbi's Day of Rest	23 10:00 AM Quilters 7:00 PM Zoom Bible Study 	24 3:00 PM Concordia Theological Seminary Call Service Showing @ TLC 6:00 PM Choir	25 10:00 AM LWML Board Mtg 7:00 PM Zoom Bible Study 	26 10:00 AM Daughters of the Almighty - Bible Study 	27																																																																																											
28 8:30 AM Worship (C) (in person & live stream) 10:00 AM Adult Bible Class/ Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship(C)	29 Pastor & Bobbi's Day of Rest	30 10:00 AM Quilters 7:00 PM Zoom Bible Study 	<table border="1" style="display: inline-table; margin-right: 20px;"> <caption>Mar 2024</caption> <tr><td>S</td><td>M</td><td>T</td><td>W</td><td>T</td><td>F</td><td>S</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td>1</td><td>2</td></tr> <tr><td>3</td><td>4</td><td>5</td><td>6</td><td>7</td><td>8</td><td>9</td></tr> <tr><td>10</td><td>11</td><td>12</td><td>13</td><td>14</td><td>15</td><td>16</td></tr> <tr><td>17</td><td>18</td><td>19</td><td>20</td><td>21</td><td>22</td><td>23</td></tr> <tr><td>24</td><td>25</td><td>26</td><td>27</td><td>28</td><td>29</td><td>30</td></tr> <tr><td>31</td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr> </table> <table border="1" style="display: inline-table;"> <caption>May 2024</caption> <tr><td>S</td><td>M</td><td>T</td><td>W</td><td>T</td><td>F</td><td>S</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td></td><td></td><td>1</td><td>2</td><td>3</td><td>4</td></tr> <tr><td>5</td><td>6</td><td>7</td><td>8</td><td>9</td><td>10</td><td>11</td></tr> <tr><td>12</td><td>13</td><td>14</td><td>15</td><td>16</td><td>17</td><td>18</td></tr> <tr><td>19</td><td>20</td><td>21</td><td>22</td><td>23</td><td>24</td><td>25</td></tr> <tr><td>26</td><td>27</td><td>28</td><td>29</td><td>30</td><td>31</td><td></td></tr> </table>				S	M	T	W	T	F	S						1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31							S	M	T	W	T	F	S				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	
S	M	T	W	T	F	S																																																																																											
					1	2																																																																																											
3	4	5	6	7	8	9																																																																																											
10	11	12	13	14	15	16																																																																																											
17	18	19	20	21	22	23																																																																																											
24	25	26	27	28	29	30																																																																																											
31																																																																																																	
S	M	T	W	T	F	S																																																																																											
			1	2	3	4																																																																																											
5	6	7	8	9	10	11																																																																																											
12	13	14	15	16	17	18																																																																																											
19	20	21	22	23	24	25																																																																																											
26	27	28	29	30	31																																																																																												

SAVE THE DATE! V.B.S.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
JUNE 17 - 21
8:45 AM - 12 PM
4 years - 5th grade

CELEBRATE
the Savior
Jesus Gives Us Joy

FREE

www.TrinityIndio.org
760-347-3971

VBS with Purpose!

CONGRATULATIONS!

*Congratulations to the Anderson Family
at the birth of a healthy baby girl!*



Baby Joy Anderson

9lb 2oz

Arrived: April 3, 2024

Proud parents: Scott & Jady Anderson

Proud Grandparents:

Kevin & Donna Anderson

(TLC Winter Visitors)





Trinity Lutheran Church
Lutheran Church Missouri Synod
Pacific Southwest District

Stamp



Robert E. Smith, Pastor
 Cell Phone: 760-485-5171
 Church Office Phone: 760-347-3971
 Mail: 44-100 Jefferson St #D403-220
 Indio, CA 92201

Trinity Lutheran Church



Indio, California

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

June - August
 8:30 am
 Bible Class
 10:00 am
 Worship



Bring Your Bible to Sunday School Raffle Winner!



Each week in Sunday School the children are encouraged to bring their Bibles to class. If they brought their Bible they then put their name in a raffle bucket for a chance to win a beautiful handmade quilt made by a very generous member of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Yucca Valley. This raffle was done at the conclusion of the 8:30am Palm Sunday service. Pastor Smith drew the winning ticket and the winner of the beautiful quilt was **Peyton Osornio**. She was so surprised and excited. Once she got her hands on it it never left her side! We were all very happy for her. The bucket of tickets was emptied and we will start over this month. It is still to be determined if we will have the next raffle at Christmas or once again, Palm Sunday. We hope to instill in the children a habit of keeping God's Word close to their hearts. Congratulations Peyton! We love you!

