

# The Desert Voice

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## Advent

*A Season of Hope  
& Expectation*

The Advent season is a time to remember God's promise to deliver us from this present age. Jesus Christ came into the world to save us from sin and death's ravages (Luke 19:10; 1 Timothy 1:15). His promise to return in glorious judgment encourages us to lift our heads confidently as we see that day approaching (Luke 21:28).

Jesus taught, "Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away" (Luke 21:33). The Holy Spirit speaking through St. John says, "And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever" (1 John 2:17). We realize and believe that Jesus remains true to His promise to save us by His grace through faith in order to deliver us to our eternal home with Him (Ephesians 2:8-9, John 14:1-3).

Meanwhile, this world is characterized by troubling times. "And there will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens

will be shaken" (Luke 21:25-26).

Such events do not negate the faithfulness of our God. Instead, Jesus instructs us, "Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near" (Luke 21:28). Jesus' first arrival among us at Christmas leading to His crucifixion and resurrection victory gives us the complete assurance that we are His children and that He will deliver us.

Jesus' promise to return in glory calls us to remain awake in faith. "But watch yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly like a trap. For it will come upon all who dwell on the face of the whole earth." (Luke 21:35).

Jesus calls us to rejoice and rely fully on His enduring Word. "But stay awake at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are going to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man" (Luke 21:36). Through His mighty Word and Sacraments of Baptism and Holy Communion, we are reassured of forgiveness, life and salvation. Although this present world is passing away, we trust in Christ's abiding Word. We need not fear or fret about our future.

*Pastor Smith*

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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 December Desert Voice will be assembled on **Thursday, December 23 @ 11:00 a.m.**

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 Thomason,  
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 Bill Grotenrath,  
 Dean Weerheim,  
 Roy & Sandy Culley,  
 Jane Campbell,  
 Trudi Intemann,  
 Dale  
 (Cousin of  
 Kris Chamberlain)



### Cancer Treatments

James Carlsgaard,  
 Mollie  
 (Friend of  
 Carol Castro)  
 Michele Ungaro  
 (sister of Renee  
 Young)

### Recovery of-Covid

Christine (Cousin of  
 Laura Thomson)

### Heart Problems

Amy Frese's Mom

### Healing

Russ Campbell



## TLC Bible Study Opportunities

Tuesdays @ 7pm Bible Study on Zoom

Thursdays @ 7pm Bible Study on Zoom

Fridays @ 11am DOA (Daughters Of the Almighty)

**Bible Study in person & Zoom in the Fellowship Center**  
2nd Saturday of the month @ 8am Men's Bible Breakfast  
**Fellowship Center**

If you would like to join any of these studies please contact  
 Pastor Smith @ 760 485-5171 or  
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## M.A.S.S. 2000 News November 2021

We have not had many reports regarding the financials. This has been my fault with no excuses.

There have been very reasonable contributions to MASS two months, and two months that have been way beyond the needed amount for us to continue having five students. I need to **THANK THE PEOPLE WHO GAVE SO GENEROUSLY.** There have been no meetings the past year due to the virus. Hopefully soon we can get back to full normal. The financial reports are posted on our board beside the lady's special room.

Kevin is very thankful for our support. He does remind us each and every month. He does not forget or take us for granted. He asks us to tell Larry of their sadness due to Loretta's passing. They are praying that our Lord's Grace and Peace may set upon Larry.

He also informed us that the Kastner's grandson, John, is a true wonder kid. Kevin has had several classes with him, and he does all things very well. Kevin says he's going to be a phenomenal pastor.

Kevin has completed some classes and was in the Desert during the 17<sup>th</sup> until the 25<sup>th</sup>. when they flew back to the seminary on Thanksgiving. Thanksgiving is the least cost the entire year. Yay for the Hemps!

This is all I have this time. Thank you to the entire congregation for the PRAYERS and the additional contributions, you folks are wonderful.

In His Service, *Russ Campbell*



## From the TLC VP

Greetings! I want to remind all of our upcoming voter's meeting to be held on Sunday, December 12, 2021, between our two worship services. Please make a special effort to attend. Among other items, our 2022 church budget will be presented. With everyone's involvement, the success of our church will continue to be bright.

In regard to the roofing issues on both the Fellowship Center and over the church offices, as of November 19, 2021, \$20,000 has been committed to the project which represents 40% of our \$50,000 goal. If you are financially able to assist us in reaching our goal, please call me at (760) 464-5365 or email me at [Bjd23@aol.com](mailto:Bjd23@aol.com) to discuss.

*Jim Ducatte*




**Men & Young Men's  
Bible Breakfast**

**Saturday, December 11 @  
8:00am—9:30am**

**In the Trinity Fellowship Center**

**Free Will Offering**



## TLC Quilters

The TLC Quilters meet every Tuesday, unless other wise noted, in the TLC Fellowship Center @ 10:00 am.



All ladies welcome!  
Bring a sack lunch  
If you are interested  
please contact  
the church office:  
**760 347-3971**  
No experience necessary!

## The Quilters Apprentice By Jennifer Chiaverini

The Quilters Apprentice tells a timeless tale of family, friendship, and forgiveness as two women weave the disparate pieces of their lives into a bountiful and harmonious whole.

An interesting story revolving around quilting. You can check it out at our TLC Library Cart in the hallway near the church office

Your TLC Librarian,  
Marilyn Mohr



## Altar Guild December 2021

**Dec. 5**

**8:30am**

Wanda Lahn & Ramona Haugen

**11:00am**

Annie Giles & Maggie Negron

**Dec. 12**

**8:30am**

Julie Bruni

**11:00am**

Irene Wirtenberger

**Dec. 19**

**8:30am**

Renee Young

**11:00am**

Beverly Ducatte

**Dec. 26**

**8:30am**

Julie Bruni

**11:00am**

Monique Bishop

\*If you are unable to perform your duty please contact the altar chair:

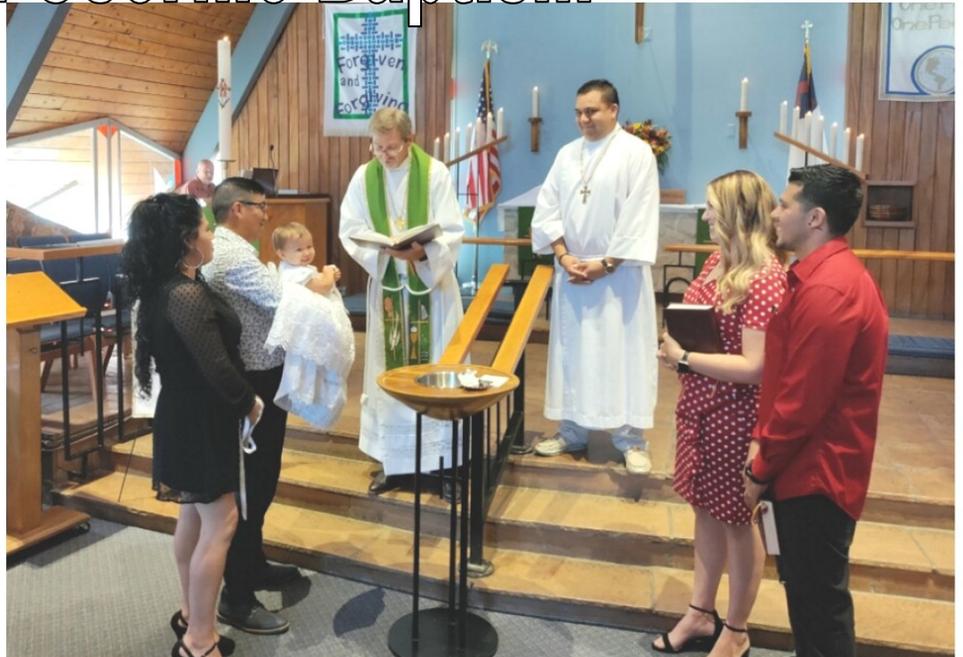
Beverly Ducatte.

Thank You!





# Evelyn Osornio Baptism



# CVRM Food Drive



# TLC Family Ministry



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



**Advent Series**  
**“Stirring Up Advent - Recipes for Relationships”**

**Calling All Christmas Carolers!!!**



Advent mid week services begin. This year’s Advent theme is, “Stirring Up Advent –Recipes for Relationships”.

We will gather, Sunday, **December 5 @ 3:00 pm.**, in the church parking lot and carpool to various locations to spread the Good News of the upcoming celebration of our dear Savior’s birth in song! We will end up at Pastor and Bobbi’s home in Desert Hot Springs for a light super and wonderful fellowship. Please sign up at the information table as you exit the church. Bobbi needs to know how much “grub” to prepare. And mark your calendars!

- \*God’s **Covenant** with His people, a promise of a Savior.
- \*God’s **Grace** making a relationship with Him possible.
- \*God’s **Empowerment** of us through Christ to live a new life.

We will be once again be offering 2 service times, **3:00 pm & 7:00 pm.** The 3:00 pm service will also be live streamed for those unable to join us in person. Please make plans now to join us, **Dec. 1, 8 & 15.**

And may the Lord bless you in this Advent season.



-  **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service**  
Friday, Dec. 24 @ 7:00 pm
- Christmas Day Service**  
Saturday, Dec. 25 @ 10:00 am
- New Year’s Eve Communion Service**  
Friday, Dec. 31 @ 7:00 pm 





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WINGS



Ladies' Night Out



## LWML

### Lutheran Women's Missionary League

### Ladies Christmas Party

To all the ladies at Trinity, we'd LOVE to see **ALL** of you at our annual LWML Christmas Party. It will be Saturday, December 11 at 1:00 PM. Please bring cook-

ies to share with the gals and the leftovers will be packed up and taken to our shut-ins.

We will have a devotional program put on by Phyllis Haflinger, games and a lot of fun! Please bring a gift for your Secret Sister (if you participated last year).

Bring a White Elephant gift for the annual game of "White Elephant" gift exchange. "What is a white elephant", you say? The participants bring an item from their home they no longer want or store bought that would be fun to watch the reaction of the receiver when it is revealed during the game. The gift can be taken away by someone throughout the game. If you would like to participate, simply bring your "White Elephant" gift, wrapped and ready for some fun!

We will also be doing an ingathering for a little gift bag to be taken to the patients at a nursing home in Indio in January.

The items needed:

- \*Chapstick, \*hand lotion,**
- \*small pack of tissues, \*post-it notes,**
- \*pen or colored pens/pencils**
- \*small calendar.**

We will be gathering these items in December and then assembling the bags at our January luncheon, **Thursday, January 13**. Some of these people have no visitors and will really appreciate these little things.

**Kris Chamberlain**  
**Vice President LWML**



## WINGS

### Women in God's Service

Last month during the Ladies' Night out the ladies put together Advent Calendars for the Sunday School families. They all had a lot of fun creating the calendars. Each day of December the families will move Joseph, Mary and the donkey closer to Bethlehem where baby Jesus will be born.

This month with all of the Christmas events we will not be having our monthly "Ladies' Night Out". We will resume after the new year.

May the Lord be with you all during the Advent season and the celebrations of Jesus' birth!



If you would like to help adorn the church with Christmas Poinsettias this Christmas season you can fill out the form found in the bulletin each Sunday of December and return with your donation of **\$10** to the offering plate or hand to Carol Castor. Checks made to TLC LWML. You may take your poinsettia with you after the New Year's Eve Service.



## December Birthdays

- 2           \*Donna Anderson
- 6           Steven Bottom
- 8           Annemarie Sonntag
- 9           Annamarie Frese
- 9           Bea Main(100)
- 12          David Frese
- 12          Ellen Scheuer
- 26          Cynthia Elliott
- 27          Alex Negron
- 28          Roberta (Mesa) Bishop
- \* Winter Visitor



## December Anniversaries

- 23   George & Trudi Intemann
- 27   Pastor & Bobbi Smith



*If your birthday or anniversary  
is missing,  
Contact the church office:  
760 347-3971 or  
Trinity81500@verizon.net*

## What's the Big Deal About Christmas?

Christmas is a big deal. To Christians, it is a remembrance of the Birth of Jesus, our Savior. Even non-Christians observe Christmas. They just have a different viewpoint. Blacks have Kwanzaa. The Jews have a Hanukah Bush. Shopping is probably the main thing on everyone's mind. If you doubt me, try to find a parking space at the Mall; standing in long lines to pay for the gift you just have to have. The perfect gift for that special someone. Or yourself.

Christmas has become so commercialized that we get caught up in the hoopla. In these pre-Christmas weeks, the Devil, in the form of the glitz and glamour, is trying to get us to accept this commercialized Christmas with no Jesus at the center.

Advent tells us about Jesus First Coming and prepares us for His Second Coming. We need to be vigilant against the Devil. We can not risk falling for the glitz and glamour, the excitement. Thus, losing Jesus.

I can remember, in the Fifties, when Christmas wasn't a Big Deal. It was a quiet celebration of the Birth of Jesus. We all went to church. Children were expected to have a part in the Christmas program or to recite a Bible verse. Oh, we exchanged gifts, something we made or clothing. Nothing extravagant. Gifts of love.

Some of us had a Nativity set. Mine was cardboard and is long gone. But, Baby Jesus was porcelain and you don't throw Baby Jesus away with the trash. He has lived in my jewelry box for over 75 years.

The Christmases of my youth were the Christmases of Philip Brooks "Oh Little Town of Bethlehem;" Joseph Mohr's "Silent Night."

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# DECEMBER

- 1. Eze. 40-41, 2 Peter 3
- 2. Eze. 42-44, 1 John 1
- 3. Eze. 45-46, 1 John 2
- 4. Eze. 47-48, 1 John 3
- 5. Dan, 1-2, 1 John 4
- 6. Dan. 3-4, 1 John 5
- 7. Dan. 5-7, 2 John 1
- 8. Dan, 8-10, 2 John 1
- 9. Dan. 11-12, Jude 1
- 10. Hos. 1-4, Rev. 1
- 11. Hos. 5-8, Rev. 2
- 12. Hos. 9-11, Rev. 3
- 13. Hos. 12-14, Rev. 4
- 14. Joel 1-3, Rev 5
- 15. Amos 1-3, Rev. 6
- 16. Amos 4-6, Rev. 7
- 17. Amos 7-9, Rev. 8
- 18. Obadiah 1, Rev. 9
- 19. Jonah 1-4, rev. 10
- 20. Micah 1-3, Rev. 11
- 21. Micah 4-5, Rev. 12
- 22. Micah 6-7, Rev. 13
- 23. Nahum 1-3, Rev. 14
- 24. Hab. 1-3, Rev. 15
- 25. Zeph. 1-3, Rev. 16
- 26. Hag. 1-2, Rev. 17
- 27. Zech. 1-4, Rev. 18
- 28. Zech. 5-8, Rev. 19
- 29. Zech. 9-12, Rev. 20
- 30. Zech. 13-14, Rev. 21
- 30. Mal. 1-4, Rev. 22

FOR I KNOW THE PLANS I HAVE FOR YOU,  
 DECLARES THE LORD, "PLANS TO PROSPER  
 YOU AND NOT TO HARM YOU, PLANS TO  
 GIVE YOU HOPE AND A FUTURE.

*Jeremiah 29:11*

READ THE BIBLE  
 IN A YEAR  
 PLAN

*15 minutes a day  
 to a more joyful you!*

# December 2021

Sunday      Monday      Tuesday      Wednesday      Thursday      Friday      Saturday

Nov 2021

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Jan 2022

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**1**  
3:00 PM & 7:00pm Advent Services (in person & live Stream)  
6:00 PM Choir Practice

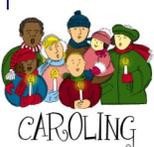
**2**  
7:00 PM Zoom Bible Study

**3**  
10:00 AM "Daughters of the Almighty" Zoom and in person Bible Study

**4**

**5**  
8:30 AM Worship(C) in person & Live Stream  
10:00 AM Adult Bible Class & SS (Zoom & in person)  
11:00 AM Worship (C)  
3:00 PM Caroling

**6**  
Pastor & Bobb's Day of Rest



**7**  
10:00 AM Quilters  
7:00 PM Zoom Bible Study

**8**  
3:00 PM & 7:00pm Advent Services (in person & live Stream)  
6:00 PM Choir Practice

**9**  
10:30 AM LWML Meeting & Fellowship Lunch  
7:00 PM Zoom Bible Study

**10**  
10:00 AM "Daughters of the Almighty" Zoom and in person Bible Study

**11**  
8:00 AM Men's Bible Breakfast  
1:00 PM LWML Christmas Party  
Ladies Christmas Party

**12**  
8:30 AM Worship (C) (in person & live stream)  
9:30 AM Annual Voters' Mtg  
10:00 AM Adult Bible Class & SS (Zoom & in person)  
11:00 AM Worship(C)

**13**  
Pastor & Bobb's Day of Rest

**14**  
10:00 AM Quilters  
7:00 PM Zoom Bible Study

**15**  
3:00 PM & 7:00pm Advent Services (in person & live Stream)  
6:00 PM Choir Practice  
Newsletter Deadline

**16**  
7:00 PM Zoom Bible Study

**17**  
10:00 AM "Daughters of the Almighty" Zoom and in person Bible Study

**18**

**19**  
8:30 AM Worship(C) in person & Live Stream  
9:30 AM SS Christmas Reception (Fellowship Center)  
11:00 AM SS Christmas Program



**20**  
Pastor & Bobb's Day of Rest

**21**  
10:00 AM Quilters  
7:00 PM Zoom Bible Study

**22**  
6:00 PM Choir Practice

**23**  
10:00 AM LWML Brd. Mtg.  
11:00 AM Newsletter Assembly

**24**  
7:00 PM Christmas Eve Candlelight Service



**25**  
10:00 AM Christmas Day Service



**26**  
8:30 AM Worship (C) (in person & live stream)  
10:00 AM Adult Bible Class & SS (Zoom & in person)  
11:00 AM Worship(C)

**27**  
Pastor & Bobb's Day of Rest

**28**  
10:00 AM Quilters

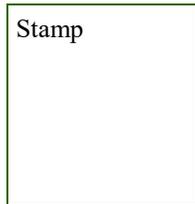
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**30**

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7:00 PM New Year's Eve Communion Service

Happy New Year





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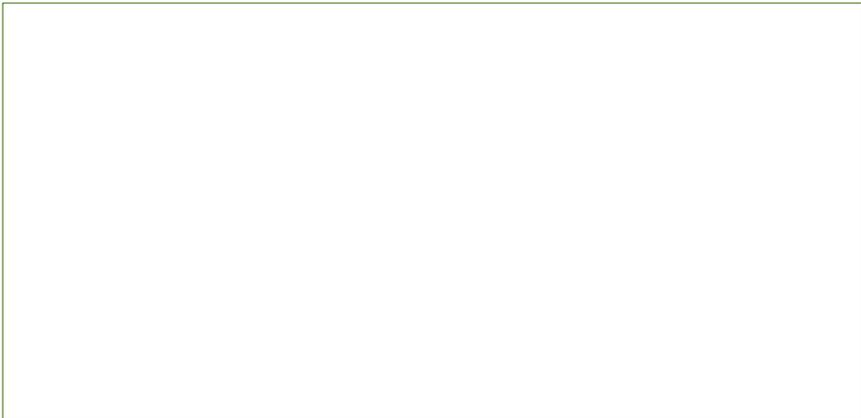
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Sunday Worship  
8:30am & 11am  
Sunday School  
10:00 am  
Bible Class  
10:00am  
5th Sundays  
8:30 am  
Bible Class  
10:00 am  
Worship

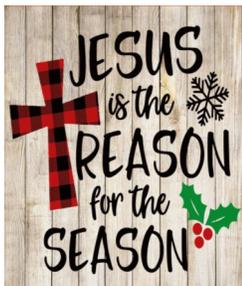


**What's the Big Deal About Christmas?**  
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God is the greatest gift-giver there ever was or will be. God knew we could not pay for our sin, so, He loves so much, He came to earth as a human so we could get to know Him and love him. He came as Jesus, to be our Savior.

In the centuries between Genesis and Jesus' Birth, God promised a Savior. God never breaks a promise. He had to fulfill them. But, why a baby? God could have introduced Jesus at any time He wanted as a 30 year old man. A man would not have experienced "life" as lived in Israel. Jesus, by coming as a baby, BECAME ONE OF US! He lived the life we all have lived. And that is the Big Deal about Christmas!

*Phyllis Hafliger*



**Sunday School Christmas Program**  
**Sunday, Dec. 19 @ 11am**

**"Come on Ring those bells....Jesus, it's Your birthday!"** That's right, we look forward to celebrating the birth of our King, Jesus! The TLC Sunday School children know the true meaning of Christmas and are excited to share the Good News with you in the 11:00 am worship service. You won't want to miss this exciting program.

The coffee hour will be sponsored by the Sunday School Families that morning. Come to the Fellowship Center at 9:30 am and enjoy some Christmas goodies before you head over to the sanctuary for the children's program.

