

The Desert Voice

Trinity Lutheran Church

January 2010

As another year begins we recognize how blest we are in the progress of time because our God is guiding its progress.

The Lord created time for His pleasure and our benefit as declared in the words of creation: "In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth" (Genesis 1:1). Our time is therefore in His hands. Throughout time our Lord has continued to be in control of its advancement.

Even while we make plans – big or small - we realize that our times are in His hands. James 4:13-15 states what is ultimately obvious: "Come now, you who say, 'Today or tomorrow we will go into such and such a town and spend a year there and trade and make a profit' – yet you do not know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes. Instead you ought to say, 'If the Lord wills, we will live and do this or that.'"

Committing our years, days and hours to the Lord's care relieves us of a plethora of worry and stress. He has proven to us how much He ca-

res for us in providing for our daily needs.

Going beyond our daily needs, our Lord promises to guide us throughout all our days hear. "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 8:35-39).

May our Lord continue to give you the confidence of His guidance through all the years to come until He returns.

Pastor Smith



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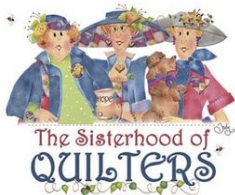
MEN'S M.A.S.S MEETING

Tuesday, Jan. 12, 2010 6:00 pm
Sloan's Restaurant INDIO, CA

HAPPY NEW YEAR MEN! 2010 is upon us! Are you ready for another year to jump out at you? Probably not. Well..... let's do it anyway and start out on the right foot by coming to M.A.S.S. (Men Assisting Seminary Students). This, you can do, for yourself and someone else. As you know we are supporting Seminary students at St. Louis Seminary in Missouri on their way to becoming Lutheran ministers in the LCMS a birth-right that is awesome to say the least. WINTER MEN VISITORS,. PLEASE REMEMBER TO COME. WE NEED YOU and WE'D LOVE TO HAVE YOU. Remember, our meeting is held on the 2nd Tuesday of every month at Sloan's Restaurant, corner of Highway 111 & Clinton Sts. in Indio. Time: 6:00 pm. We have a delicious dinner. Anyone who has eaten at Sloan's Restaurant can tell you that there food is excellent. It is great! There are devotions led by one of the men. This group is a blessing in every way. **Why not try to come; just once!** We are very proud of the work and money that M.A.S.S. has raised for this cause. But **THEY NEED YOU.** and it is **just one Tuesday a month. Let's make it a good year for our Seminary students.** If you can't make it on Tuesday, you can contribute by placing a check in the offering plate on Sunday morning. **Anyone** can give to M.A.S.S. God bless you.

QUILTERS WILL MEET ON

January 20th, 2010

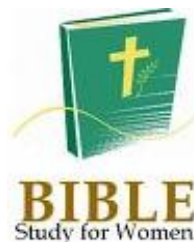


The Quilters will meet on Wednesday, January 20th right after Bible Class around 11:15 am. Our group welcomes new & winter people so please join us!

TLC Women's Bible Study

Thursdays @ 5pm

Come and find out "Who Are the Women of the Bible" and are they so important? We meet on Thursday evenings at 5pm. Led by Mary Helen Kelly. To learn more, take one hour out of your Thursday. and come meet with us at 5pm. We finish promptly at 6pm.



W.I.N.G.S. - "Women in God's Service"

W.I.N.G.S. will meet at Red Robin Restaurant on Hw 111 in La Quinta on January, 15th at 6:30 pm. Please call Emily to RSVP 347-3971. Come for some fun with other ladies of Trinity.

From the TLC Librarian

Hinds' Feet on High Places is one of Hannah Hurnard's best known and best loved books; a beautiful allegory dramatizing the yearning of God's children to be led to new heights of love, joy, and victory. Follow Much-Afraid on her spiritual journey through difficult places with her two companions, Sorrow and Suffering. Learn how Much-Afraid overcomes her tormenting fears as she passes through many dangers and mounts at last to the High Places. There she gains a new name and returns to her valley of service, transformed by her union with the loving Shepherd. Included in this new edition of ***Hinds' Feet on High Places*** are two special sections: Hannah Hurnard's own account of the circumstances that led her to write *Hinds'; Feet*, and a brief autobiography of the author's life.



Marilyn Mohr, Church Librarian



TLC Youth News



Circuit 19 Jr. High Lock-In January 17-18, 2010



The TLC Youth will join 10 circuit churches for a Jr. High Lock-In, Sunday to Monday, January 17-18, 7pm—7am. The youth will be gathering in the fellowship center at St. John's Lutheran Church in

Hemet, Ca. Games, food and fellowship is the schedule for the night. Sleep is optional. The \$10 fee will be covered for TLC members. Friends are welcome. Please see Bobbi Smith for a registration form and further information.

Christmas Lock-In Pictures posted Online!

The annual Christmas Lock-In was great fun once again. Some youth stayed all night some did not. Some youth stayed up all night some did not. The youth played a new game called, "Quelf" where tasks were to be completed or a penalty was given. Posted online are the pictures from this fun event and a video of Pastor showing his willingness to be a bit silly. The video is posted on Facebook and soon to be posted on the TLC website:

www.trinityindio.org

During the evening the youth gathered near the Christmas tree for some "chat" time which



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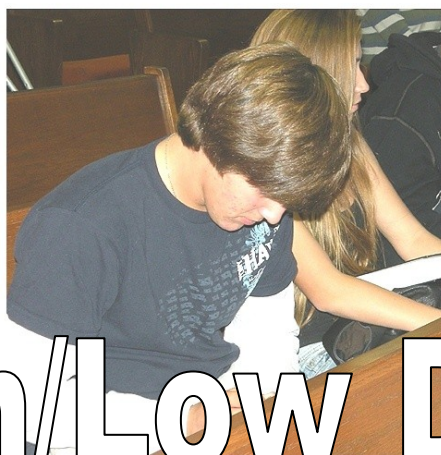
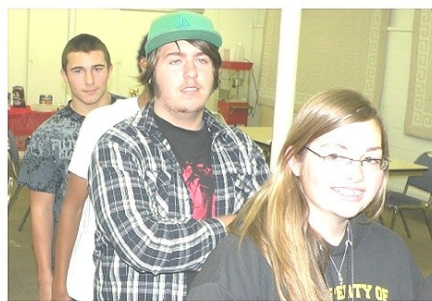
- Youth Connection— Thursdays@ 7pm
7, 14, 21, 28
- Monthly Activity— Jr. High LockIn
St. John's Lutheran Church Hemet
Sunday-Monday, 17-18 @ 7pm-7am
- Chancel Drama— Sunday, Jan. 24
8:30am & 11am Services
- Lock-In— Sunday 20 @ 7pm

gives the youth a chance to reconnect with each other and to share what's been going on in their busy lives. Trinity is blessed with a great group of youth that truly enjoy just "hanging out" with each other. All your prayers and encouragement is appreciated as they continue in their walk with their Lord and Savior. Thank You!!!

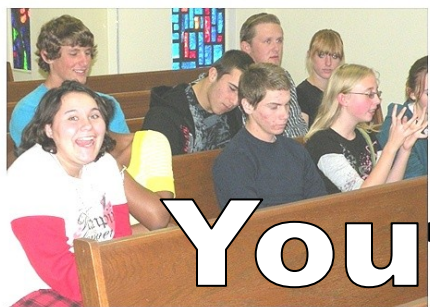
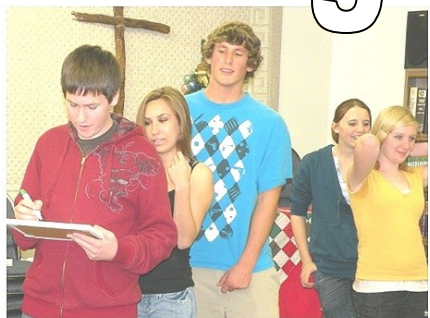
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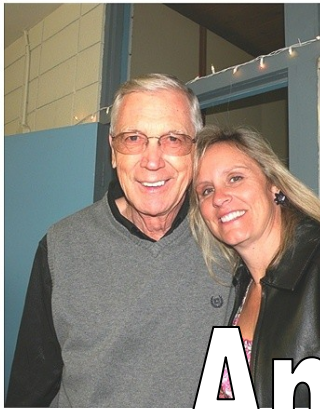
Coming in February is a TLC Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser. The annual winter trip is planned for February, 12-14 and each youth will be responsible for a portion of the expenses. The Spaghetti Dinner will be Sunday, February 7 in the enclosed patio from 5pm—6:30pm. A sign up sheet will be located on a card table each Sunday starting January 17, as you exit the church. A free will offering will be taken at the door the day of the dinner. Donations are welcome and should be made out to Trinity Lutheran Church with TLC Youth in the memo. Make plans now and bring a friend!



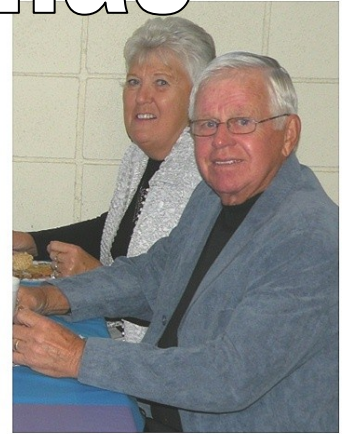
High/Low Desert



Youth Gathering



Annual Christmas



Reception





TLC Family Ministry

“Your faithfulness continues through all generations” Psalm 119:90
January 2010



Sunday, January 24, 2010

12pm - 3pm

Games and Prizes for all ages!

Fried Chicken Provided

TLC Members bring a side dish
and/or dessert

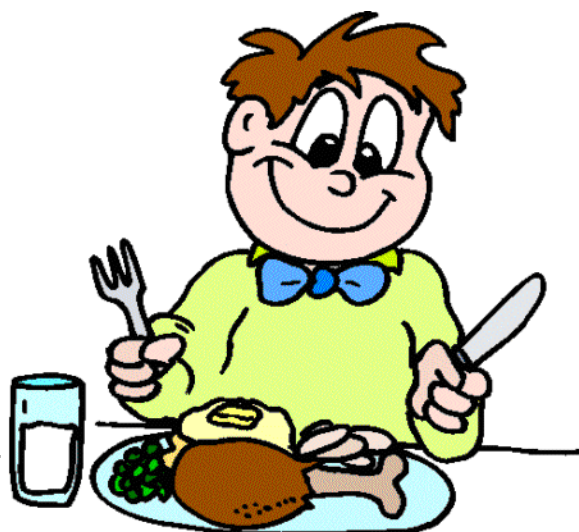
Dress for comfort and bring a
lawn chair if you wish.

All are invited and Bring your friends, neighbors and relatives.

Sign up NOW!

TLC Winter Visitor Dinner
Friday, January 29 @ 6:30pm

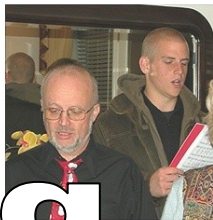
The TLC members would like to take the opportunity to say “Thank You” to the winter visitors that make their annual trek to our valley each season. Friday night, January 29 we will be holding a dinner to honor and to recognize our annual visitors. This is a great time to get to know each other here at Trinity with good food and fellowship. TLC members and winter visitors should sign up now and mark your calendars for this special event! All is provided free of charge so just let us know if you plan to attend.



Attention TLC members! Your help with side dishes, set up and clean up would be greatly appreciated. Contact the office for more information. 760 347-3971.



Caroling



January Birthdays

- 4 Mary Helen Kelly
- 4 Paul Smith
- 5 Noralyn Lorimer
- 5 Ramona Haugen
- 10 Annie Negron
- 13 Kristen Balmes
- 13 Maggie Negron
- 13 Samantha Schuessler
- 16 Ann Guild
- 18 Jerry Norris
- 21 John Eide
- 22 Mary Ann Miller
- 23 Lisa Bonette
- 24 Richard Kelly
- 27 Mike Harai
- 29 Dorothy Fratto

February Birthdays

- 4 Dorothy Doyle
- 6 Ryan Lorimer
- 7 Donald Cours
- 7 Curtis Musashi
- 13 Christopher Balmes
- 13 Christian Balmes
- 14 Donna Ellerbusch
- 19 Chris Balmes
- 20 Lana Kroll
- 20 Gene Diepholz
- 22 Grete Meyer
- 24 Beverly Ducatte
- 28 Antonio Smith



January 2010 Anniversaries

- 1/14/67 Wally & Cheryle Kortman
- 1/27/45 Richard & Mary Helen Kelly
- 1/30/58 Vern & Marlene Langenwalter

February 2010 Anniversaries

- 2/11/88 Craig & Janelle Kortmeyer
- 2/17/68 Jim & Noralyn Lorimer
- 2/18/89 Howard & Alice Musashi





General Meeting



LWML MEETING

JANUARY 13, 2010

at
11:30am



"WRONG TURN"

Galatians 5: 4-7
James 1: 2-5

Indio Police Field Service

Sgt Larry Hammers and his German Shepherd



Mission Service:

Soft Teddy Bears for Children

&

Mission Project:

Concordia Arrowhead Camp

Luncheon Hostess:

Annemarie Sonntag

&

Co Hostess:

Margaret Miller





Hanging of the Greens



Those Who Serve in JANUARY 2010

<u>Duties</u> ↓	<u>3rd</u>	<u>10th</u>	<u>17th</u>	<u>24th</u>	<u>31st</u>
	8:30 Holy Communion	11am Holy Communion	8:30am Holy Communion	11am Holy Communion	
8:30am Duty Elder 11am	Edwin Meyer Frank Fratto	Ray Flaskamper Frank Fratto	Ray Flaskamper Frank Fratto	Ray Flaskamper Frank Fratto	Ray Flaskamper Frank Fratto
8:30am Readers 11am	Edwin Meyer Frank Fratto	Ray Flaskamper Frank Fratto	Ray Flaskamper Frank Fratto	Ray Flaskamper Frank Fratto	Ray Flaskamper Frank Fratto
8:30am Ushers 11am	Mike Harai & Terry Lahn Paul Smith & Travis Carlson	Frank Brady & Russ Campbell Nolan Ducatte & Travis Carlson	Larry Piunti & Mike Harai Jim Ducatte & Paul Smith	Russ Campbell & Larry Piunti Jim & Nolan Ducatte	Frank Brady & Terry Lahn Paul Smith & Travis Carlson
8:30am Acolytes 11am	Chris Balmes Blake Carlson	Katie Hunter Mathew Carlson	Christian Balmes Blake Carlson	Katie Hunter Ali Young	Christopher Balmes Blake Carlson
8:30am Greeters 11am	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA



ALTAR FLOWERS



Have you noticed the flowers on the altar on Sundays? One of our members, Mary Helen Kelly is kind enough to arrange the flowers, which are very beautiful. If you would like to honor a family member or have a special occasion with flowers, you can sign up on the new 2010 Flower Chart located on the wall as you enter church. Minimum cost of flowers: \$20.00 minimum or see Emily in the church office: 347-3971.





LWML Christmas Party





January 2010



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Indio, California

Sunday Worship
8:30am & 11am
Sunday School/
Bible Class
9:45am

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



From the LWML President

LWML's motto is "Serve The Lord with Gladness;" serving The Lord's Church beginning at home and reaching out with the Gospel to our community and the world. Trinity women are serving in many ways and each one is much appreciated. Joanna Teague has been serving scheduling Sunday worship greeters for the past two years. Thank you Joanna for your faithful service. Juanita Cours has accepted the responsibility to do this service beginning January 2010, . If you are interested in serving as a Sunday worship greeter call Juanita at 760-564-8407

From the TLC Staff



God directs our path in life. He provides for us very special friends whose love and understanding know no end. Thank you very much from the TLC Staff for your generous Christmas gifts given to us. The goodness and generosity you showed are wonderful reminders of the true meaning of God's love.

Pastor Smith, Bobbi, TJ & Emily

