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No God, No Peace
Know God, Know Peace

Maybe you've seen that refrain on a bumper sticker or elsewhere. I don't know who came up with it, but it captures a powerful truth.

Without God in our lives - not knowing Him - we remain without peace. What's worse, according to the Bible, we remain condemned by His law as a result of our disobedience to Him. Romans 6:23a explains, "The wages of sin is death..." That thought certainly gives no peace to anyone without trust in God. To put a fine point on all this, Hebrews 9:27 reveals what happens when one dies, "It is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment." Without God's approval, we would only be destined to the horror of never having peace under God's judgment in an eternal hell.

However, good news shines forth in the second part of the refrain: "Know God-Know Peace." Romans 6:23b reveals God's loving plan for

those who know (trust in) Him. "The free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." Christ bought that gift for everyone with His own life given in His crucifixion. By His powerful resurrection from the dead, He proved His victory over our sin and death and shows us His peace that passes all understanding. All who know (trust in) Him have that peace.

Romans 5:1-2 reveals the extent of God's peace to us through Jesus Christ. "Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through Him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God."

To know (trust in) God and His salvation through the death and resurrection of Jesus is to know eternal peace.

Pastor Smith

*From the
Pastor's
Desk*



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HELP!**

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For Health

Elaine Bishop,
Andy Schlange,
Sharyn Brackett,
Bill Grotenrath,
Roy Culley,
Trudi Intemann,
Luke Mohr
Diana Kenyon
**(Ramona Haugen's
Daughter)**

Cancer Treatments

Michele Ungaro
(sister of Renee Young),
Sequoia(5yr old grand-
daughter of winter visitors
Bill and Sandy Bell)

Recovery from Surgery

Rich Schroer
Janet Krause

Heart Problems

Amy Frese's Mom



TLC Bible Study Schedule

Tuesdays @ 7pm Bible Study on Zoom

Thursdays @ 7pm Bible Study on Zoom

Fridays @ 10am DOA (**D**aughters **O**f the **A**lmighty)

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

Altar Guild March 2023

March 5

Renee Young & Ramona Haugen
Annie Giles & Maggie Negron

March 12

Beverly Ducatte/Alice Musashi
Irene Wirtenberger

March 19

Renee Young
Beverly Ducatte

March 26

Ali Young
Monique Bishop

TLC Greeters Schedule March 2023

March 5

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

March 12

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

March 19

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March 26

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TLC Ushers Schedule March 2023

March 5

8:30am-Larry Burkett, Russ Campbell
11am-Bob Wirtenberger, Jim Ducatte

March 12

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March 19

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11am-Bob Wirtenberger, Jim Ducatte

March 26

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Please contact the church office if you cannot perform your duty on your assigned Sunday.

March Birthdays

2	Paula Carlsgaard
5	Michaela White
6	Peyton Osornio
8	Laura Dewell
11	Solveig Peck
28	Robert Bishop
31	*Don Morrow
	*Winter Visitor



Facing the Cross

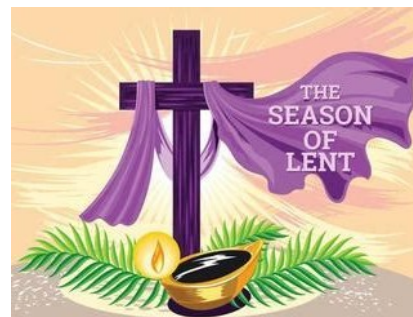
When the days drew near for Jesus to leave this earth, He “set His face” to Jerusalem to encounter the pain of the cross on our behalf (Luke 9:51). In the same way in this Lenten series, we set our faces on the cross of Christ that lies before us. As we face the cross during these Lenten days, we also face certain aspects in our lives which are not always in line with the cross. We come to terms with them in this series through the cross of Christ—who came to save us that we might see him face-to-face in heaven.



March Anniversaries

16	Woody & Linda Kastner
20	Rocky & Renee Young
26	Robert & Monique Bishop
27	Jerry & Constance (Van Ye) Lentz

*If your birthday
or anniversary is missing,
Contact the church office: 760 347-3971
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❖
“Facing Temptation”

March 1 @ 3pm & 7pm

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“Facing our Fears”

March 8 @ 3pm & 7pm

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“Facing Worldliness”

March 15 @ 3pm & 7pm

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“Facing Another”

March 22 @ 3pm & 7pm

❖
“Facing Suffering”

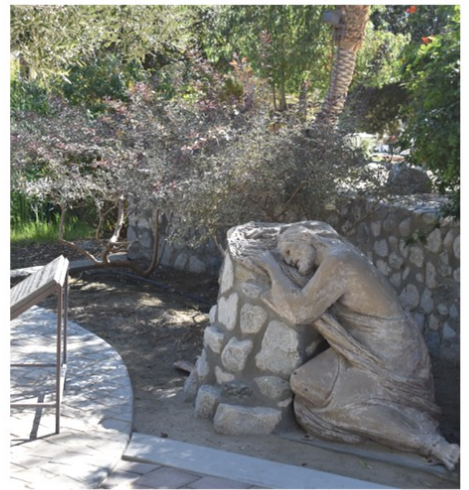
March 29 @ 3pm & 7pm

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“Facing Denial”

Maundy Thursday — April 6 @ 7pm

❖
“Facing Death”

Good Friday — April 7 @ 7pm



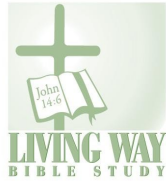
Shields Date Gardens



Daughters of the Almighty Bible

“Living Way Bible Study”

Ladies’ Bible Study
Fridays @ 10am



We have almost finished Jonah and will be moving on to Song of Solomon, also known as Song of Songs. Questions of historical or allegorical meaning (portraying the relationship between Christ as the Bridegroom and the Church as His Bride), are explored in this study.

All women are invited to join us for Bible study and fellowship, Fridays @ 10am.



Sunday School

Unit 5: *God Leads His Nation* continues this month. The children will meet some interesting characters in the Old Testament who play important roles in God’s plan for His chosen people, the Israelites. Some of the characters are Caleb, Joshua, and Rahab, a prostitute.

We are now meeting in the newly renovated Fellowship Center and are very excited! We welcome anyone that would like to take a peek and see our beautiful new space in the north-east classroom.

TLC Sunday School Director,

Bobbi Smith

Men’s Monthly Bible Breakfast Saturday, March 11 @ 8am

Calling all men! If you enjoy a hot cooked breakfast and feasting on God’s Word, this is for you! Join us for the monthly Men’s Bible Breakfast, Saturday, March 11 @ 8:00am in the Fellowship Center!

Please sign up at the information table as you exit the church. A freewill offering is collected at the door. See you bright and early, Saturday, March. 11 @ 8:00am and bring a friend!



Youth Winter Retreat

Bobbi Smith and Roberta Bishop joined Redeemer Lutheran – Huntington Beach for their youth retreat in Big Bear. Roberta fit right in with this wonderful group of youth! Fun, Fun, Fun!

L W M L
Lutheran Women's Missionary League

We had a very nice luncheon at Shield's Date Gardens in February. It's a lovely setting, food is good and the fellowship was awesome! Thanks to everyone who attended. You always make these gatherings great. So nice that we have such a strong group while other churches seem to have none. Our grant was to the Seminary Food Bank in Fort Wayne, IN and Yoli Hempe was the recipient of a \$125 Valentine's Day gift!!

Moving forward to March our next meeting will be Thursday, March 9 at 10:30am. Our speaker and grant will be the Braille Institute so should be a very interesting and informative meeting. Donna Anderson will be hosting the lunch.

Our ingathering project for March is items for the Refuge Pregnancy Center in Indio. They give out "Blessing Bags" to the girls who come in filled with some baby items. Also anyone who is interested in making Blessing Bags see me and I can show you a picture. Just very simple unlined bags. We still have our ongoing collecting of egg cartons and paper towel rolls for the Lutheran Braille workers and diapers and wipes for the Refuge Pregnancy Center. Thanks so much for your continued generosity!

Kris Chamberlain
LWML Vice President



Blessing Bags
For
The Mother's to Be

Listed below are the items we will be gathering for our March 9, LWML monthly meeting and luncheon. These items will be delivered to the Refuge Pregnancy Center in Indio where they will be added to "Blessing Bags". The bags are then given to the mothers to be that come in for help and information at the center. The gathering of the items will begin next Sunday and brought to the Thursday monthly meeting, March 9 @ 10:30am.

Please see the list of items below:

Nail clippers for babies

Pacifiers

Lip Balm

Travel size Hand Sanitizer

Travel size Kleenex

Travel size hand lotion

Baby Onesie

Ladies' Night Out
Friday, March 17@6pm

Let's get together for a good ol' fashioned St. Patty's Day Ladies' Night Out! We continue to gather in the Fellowship Center for an evening of games, food and fellowship. Make sure to wear **GREEN** and bring friend for the fun. We will be playing St. Patty's Day Bingo.

\$10 suggested freewill offering at the door.



Stewardship— Expressing Your Faith

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

Stewardship has to do with man's relationship to the wonderful world of things and possessions, time and the talents that God has given us.

As always in faith, we are called to match our words with deeds, living out our faith through real action in our lives. By speaking His Word and bearing witness to His mercy and salvation, we sow the Word of Christ among our neighbors in the world, through which God creates faith. By reaching out to others and supporting the mission of Christ, we put action to that message by sowing the riches of God's gifts to those in need.

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

Stewardship...

I will do more than...

Belong, I will participate.

Believe, I will practice.

Forgive, I will forget.

Teach, I will listen.

Be fair, I will be kind.

Dream, I will work.

Earn, I will enrich.

Give, I will serve.

Library News



We have received three new books:

Genesis-God, Creation and Destruction by Dennis Prager and *Rose Book of Bible Charts, Maps and Time Lines.*

So Help Me God by Mike Pence

Mr. Prager writes about Genesis in depth, discussing each item in detail. The book of charts, etc. is fun to look at. Every detail that might interest you is there, including information on most of the religions of the world and the Christian denominations as well.

Mr. Pence chronicles the events and people of his life that led him to where he is now.

Come by the library and look at the books, located across from the church kitchen.

Phyllis Hafliger

Weekly Zoom Bible Studies

Pastor Smith continues to lead 2 Bible studies via Zoom and they are both well attended. The studies are @ 7pm and can be joined by sending your email to Pastor and a link will be sent the day of the study. Tuesday's study is in the book of James and Thursday's study is 1&2 Samuel. **Revs455@verizon.net**

The Suffering Servant

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whosoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16

This is probably the most well known Bible verse. I do not watch sporting events anymore, so I do not know if it still happens, but in the past, there was usually a poster somewhere in the stadium with John 3:16 on it and the TV camera usually showed it several times. So, everyone knows the words, but do they-we-know what the verse actually means?

Four vignettes in Isaiah show us the Messiah in the Servant Songs. In Isaiah 42:1-7 we meet an unassuming person called the Servant of the Lord. God has endowed him with His Spirit. This servant will work quietly, bringing justice to the nations. He will work until he has accomplished his purpose.

Isaiah 49:16 the Servant notes that the Lord called him from his mother's womb, making his mouth like a sharp sword. *I will make you a light for the nation, that my salvation may reach the end of the earth.* Isaiah 49:6b

Jewish theologians assumed that the Servant was a prophet, maybe Jeremiah; or possibly a king. Since suffering and death weren't what the Jews wanted in a Messiah, they couldn't accept that Isaiah was writing about the Savior they were looking for.

Since the beginning of the Christian era, theologians have recognized that Isaiah is writing about the Messiah. The Ethiopian eunuch in Acts is reading Isaiah and asks Philip who is Isaiah writing about. Philip immediately identified Jesus as the Servant-Messiah.

In Isaiah 50:4-9 the Servant says that he awakens each day so that he can listen to God. He does not turn back from his task; he will not be deterred even when he suffers abuse.

Finally, in the fourth vignette, we get to the nitty-gritty of the Messianic message. The first three Servant Songs tell us of the responsibilities of the Messiah. Isaiah 52:13—53:12 describes the Suffering Servant. We have heard many of the verses in Lenten messages and readings over the years.

He was oppressed and He was afflicted, yet He opened not His mouth; like a lamb He was led to the slaughter,...He bore the sins of many and makes intercession for the transgressors. Isaiah 53:7, 12b

Thus, we understand John 3:16. God sent Jesus to be a sacrifice for our sins. Jesus work before his Crucifixion defined the lives we are to lead while we wait to join Jesus in heaven, but, everything was leading to the cross and ultimately the Resurrection. Praise God!

Phyllis Hafliger





Shrove Tuesday



Pancake Supper



The Cooks!





March

Women of the Bible

Week 1:

- Eve: Genesis 1-4
- Sarah: Genesis 12-23
- Hagar: Genesis 16, 21

Week 2:

- Rebekah: Genesis 24, 28
- Rachel & Leah: Genesis 29:35
- Hebrew Midwives: Exodus 1
- Mothers of Moses: Exodus 2

Week 3:

- Rahab: Joshua 2:1-21, 6:17-25; Matthew 1:5; Hebrews 11:31; James 2:25
- Deborah: Judges 4-5
- Hannah: 1 Samuel 1-2

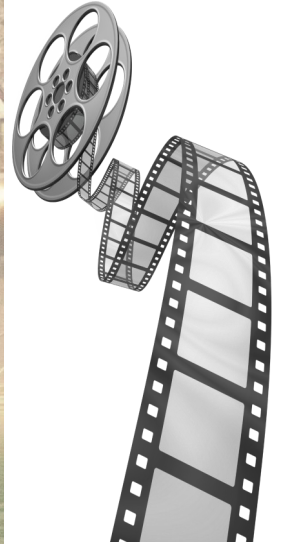
Week 4:

- Ruth: Ruth 1-4
- Esther: Esther 1-10
- Martha: Luke 10:38-42; John 11:1-12

Dear Lord,

Thank You, God, for the blessing of another month! This month, as we study the many amazing women in the Bible, help us to learn from their amazing faith, courage, and perseverance through the most trying of times. I pray your blessings over every woman who may see themselves in one of more of these women's' stories and that they remain bold in their faith no matter the obstacles they might be facing. Amen.

TLC Movie Night Friday, March 3rd




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**In the Church
6pm**



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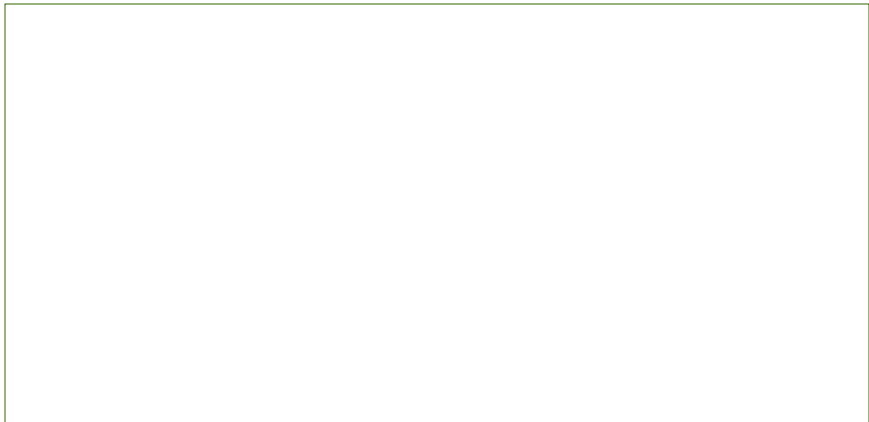
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Indio, California

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

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



New to our Sunday

We would like to introduce you to two new additions to our Sunday morning children's ministry. First, meet Teresa Oduor! Teresa and her husband, Thomas came to Trinity last year and didn't hesitate to get involved in many aspects of our TLC Family. Thomas has faithfully attended the Men's Bible Breakfast that is held the 2nd Saturday of every month and the Sunday morning adult Bible class.

Teresa promptly joined the choir and what a wonderful addition she is!!! She has also faithfully attended the LWML ladies' monthly meeting/luncheons, Ladies' Night Out events and the quilter's group. Teresa has agreed to join the Sunday morning Children's ministry team as a teacher. She has already led the Sunday School openings and will be joining the teaching rotation. We welcome Teresa with open arms!

The second addition to our Sunday children's ministry is **Lenari**. She is the creation of Teresa and a delightful addition loved by the

children that have met her.
 (SHHHH...don't tell her that she is only a puppet)

The TLC Family is Growing!!! Praise God!!!

