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For 40 days after Jesus rose from the grave, He proved His victory to over 500 witnesses (1 Corinthians 15:6). It was a time of celebration. Then He ascended to the right hand of God the Father, showing the full extent of His rule and reign for the benefit of His Church for eternity. His victory is very significant for us today.

Ephesians 4:7-8 explains that "grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it says, 'When He ascended on high He led a host of captives, and He gave gifts to men.'" We are on the receiving end of Christ's victory today. In ancient times, a victorious military leader would parade through the city and up to the palace having won freedom and security for its citizens. Along the way, he would toss money and captured items as gifts into the throngs of cheering admirers. The scene was victorious and joyful.

Jesus' ascension pictures that kind of reality as it announces the unlimited scope of His victory and authority over sin, death and the devil for us. Ephesians 4:10 informs us that "He who descended is the One who also ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things." When Jesus rose from the grave, He even went triumphantly into hell to show the devil and all hell His complete

conquest over them and all they represent.

Jesus also distributed gifts to His Church as did the conquerors of old. These gifts extend Christ's victory by spreading His Kingdom of grace throughout the world. Ephesians 4:11-12 explains: "And He gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ."

The Holy Spirit continues to work among us through those gifts. He brings us the joy of Christ's forgiveness through the Bible, Baptism and Holy Communion. Through those gifts, He lifts and equips us to bring that same forgiveness to others in Jesus' name.

Jesus ascended on high to advocate for us in heaven. 1 John 2:1-2 explains: "My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world." Let us rejoice and celebrate the victory of Jesus our King. He has risen and ascended in victory for us.

Pastor Smith 

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HELP!**

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For Health

Andy Schlange,
Annemarie Sonntag
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*),
Diane Beebe
(*sister of Kris Chamberlain &
Carol Castro*)

Recovery from Surgery

Ashley Schenk
(*Ramona Haugen's
Granddaughter*)

Death

Elaine Bishop



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

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33 Years And Counting.....

Pastor Smith and Family



April 1991 - Present

Yep, you heard that right! Pastor Smith has been our shepherd here at Trinity for 33 years. In 1991 the calendar year was exactly like this year with Easter falling on March 31. Pastor and Bobbi's last Sunday in Rosemead, CA was Easter, March 31. The following Sunday, April 7, 1991, Pastor was installed here at Trinity Lutheran Church, Indio, CA.

When Pastor and Bobbi arrived in Indio to begin a new adventure not only as pastor and wife but also proud parents. They brought with them 3 small children. Their youngest, Paul was 3 months old followed by the middle, Robby 2 years old and the big sister, Sammie Kay, 4 years old.

The ladies of the LWML wanted to commemorate this special milestone with a gift and decided on the purchase of a new alb (robe). At the April LWML luncheon meeting they

presented the beautiful alb and a delicious ice cream cake. The gift and presentation was a complete surprise to Pastor and he was truly grateful for the show of love and support.

So, here's to 33 years and counting!!!!





M.A.S.S. NEWS May 2024

Men Assisting Seminary Students

On Wednesday the 24 fourth several members of Trinity Lutheran watched the call placement of our member Kevin Hempe. Kevin will be sole pastor of Our Savior’s Lutheran Church, Pacifica, CA. Bobbi had the equipment set up in the sanctuary. Bobbi also provided a bulletin of the service. We were able to sing along with the people at Ft. Wayne. It was well worth being in our sanctuary to be able to be part of the ceremony. Kevin will graduate, May 17, 2024.

I sent information to our other two students they need to inform us of their moves for the checks to arrive. Jacob Manning will be going to his vicarage for the next 12 months in Jacksonville Beach, FL and I assume Jonah Clausen will come home for the summer.

This is all of the new news.

Russ Campbell



Men’s Monthly Bible Breakfast

2ND SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH

May 11

8 - 9:30 am * FELLOWSHIP CTR.

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

FUN N GAMES

10 - 11:30 am May 15

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

Sign up today!
Bring a friend!



Distribution of Calls



TLC watching the CTSFW Call Service

**Daughters of the Almighty
Living Way
Bible Study**

We wrap up the Great Miracles of the New Testament and move on to the Great Miracles of the Old Testament this month. This study examines some of the remarkable moments of our Lord's intervention in the natural course of history and human events. Join us in the Fellowship Center each **Friday morning @ 10am** as we gather around God's Word and enjoy fellowship with one another. And bring a friend!

**TLC Zoom Bible Studies
Tuesdays & Thursdays @ 7pm**

Zoom Bible studies continue this month on Tuesdays in the Book of 1 John and Thursdays in 1 Kings @ 7pm. 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.



**New Church
Mailing Address**

The postal place we have been using for the past 4 years is closing down . We are in the process of locating a new alternative to receive mail. We will update as soon as possible.



Thank You

Dear Pastor Smith & Trinity Congregation,

Thank you very much for your love and prayers and expressions of support and concern for Paula and me during Paula's illness, first discovered over a year ago; as well as for our daughter Lydia and me after Paula's heavenly-home-going in February. We are especially thankful to the ladies of Trinity's LWML for their vital part in the reception dinner following the much appreciated and meaningful "Service of Celebration and Thanksgiving" for Paula on March 2nd. We thank God for His love and care shown through each and all of you.

George (Carlsgaard) & Lydia



WINGS

(Women In God's Service)

LADIES' NIGHT OUT!

Friday, May 24 @ 6pm

All ladies are invited to join us for our monthly ladies' night in the church Fellowship Center.

Dinner Provided with a suggested \$10 Free Will Offering.

May Birthdays

4 Danielle(Dani) Osornio
 8 Kevin Hempe
 9 Joey White
 9 Renee Young
 15 Amy Frese
 16 Bobbi Smith
 20 Larry Burkett
 29 Debra Johnson
 30 Alfred Zutz

*Winter Visitor

May Anniversaries

4 Bob & Irene Wirtenberger
 5 David & Earlene (Reynolds) Biggerstaff
 27 JoAnn & Bob Wilkinson
 20 Luke & Marilyn Mohr
 31 *Donna & Kevin Anderson

*Winter Visitor

*If your birthday or anniversary is missing, please
 Contact the church office: 760 347-3971
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TLC Greeters Schedule May 2024

May 5

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

May 12

8:30am-Donna Ellerbusch & Wanda Lahn
 11am-Bob & Irene Wirtenberger

May 19

8:30am-Wanda Lahn & Donna Ellerbusch
 11am-Karen Johnson

May 26

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

Altar Guild May 2024

May 5

Renee Young & Ramona Haugen
 Annie Giles & Maggie Negron

May 12

Beverly Ducatte/Alice Musashi
 Irene Wirtenberger

May 19

Sharlene Kay/Cynthia Berke
 Beverly Ducatte

May 26

Ali Young
 Beverly Ducatte

TLC Ushers Schedule May 2024

May 5, 12, 19, 26 * 8:30am

Russ Campbell & Jerry Ellerbusch

May 5, 12, 19, 26 * 11:00am

Jim Ducatte & Bob Wirtenberger

Worship The Lord

Phyllis Hafliger

Shout with joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; Come before Him with joyful songs!

Psalm 100: 1

Shout with joy to God, all the earth! Sing the glory of His Name; Make His praise glorious! Psalm 66:1

Worship is defined as the absolute acknowledgement of that all that lies beyond us- the glory that fills the heaven and earth. It is the response that conscious beings make to their creator. To worship means to bow down to God.

Adoration is a word we do not use much anymore, but we should. It means worship, the veneration and homage that is rightly offered to God alone.

Worship is all the things mentioned above and more: going to church or any activity in our daily lives that is done in the Name of the Lord. Reading the Bible is a form of worship. Daily reading is even better. Serving on a board or committee, or just answering the call when you are needed is a form of worship if you dedicate yourself and the job to the Lord.

The Bible tells us that we are to worship God. *I am the Lord your God...you shall have no other gods before Me.*

Exodus 20:1, 3

It is possible to worship things other than God-money, belongings, having a "good" time, etc. We all know people who put

other things before God. Maybe that someone is us.

Where and how are we to worship? *I will give You thanks in the great assembly; among throngs of people. I will praise You.* Psalm 35:18

Let them praise his Name with dancing and make music to Him with tambourine and harp. Psalm 149:3

Clap your hands, all you nations; shout to God with cries of joy. Psalm 47:1

Yet a time is coming, has now come when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for they are the kind of worshippers that the Father seeks. God is a Spirit and His worshippers must worship in spirit and truth.

John 4:23-24.

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.

Romans 12:1

Psalm 150 describes how, where and why we are to worship the lord. In His sanctuary. In His mighty heavens. In the expanse that displays His power.

Phyllis Hafliger



DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that a part of LWML (Lutheran Women's Missionary League) is to encourage church attendees? The Sunshine and Joy Bags Committee send cards of encouragement to those who are sick and those who are grieving. There are also cards for birthdays and anniversaries, baptisms and confirmations and new births. The Joy Bags are prepared for Pastor to deliver on hospital visits with small, wrapped gifts to open daily for encouragement to those we love during their stay in care. To partially fund these activities, cards for various occasions are for sale at \$1.00 each in the Fellowship Hall. Please have a look

Teresa Oduor
Sunshine Coordinator

News from the TLC Librarian Phyllis Hafliger

The Palm Desert Riverside County Library will be closed for the months of May and June! Those of you who need a book to read can take advantage of the TLC library! It will move to the Fellowship Center in April. I will have the fiction books on the shelves by the first week in May. Non-fiction will take a few days longer.

Phyllis Hafliger



LWML Lutheran Women's Missionary League

We had such a great speaker at our April meeting!! Guide Dogs of the Desert came and brought one of their dogs in training. It was probably one of the best talks I have heard. I had no idea what all they did and all with contributions and no government interference. Very worthwhile organization. They would love to have people come and take a tour. Just contact them first. AND the lunch that Phyllis's granddaughters cooked up was very tasty.

In May we will be welcoming Pastor Ramon Contreras from Lutheran Border Concerns as our speaker. He will be coming from San Diego so it would be great if we could have a good turnout for him. As usual lunch will be provided so bring your appetites.

We continue to gather diapers and wipes for the Pregnancy Refuge Center in Indio and small items for our Joy Bags that are made up for shut-ins and people getting out of the hospital. Just little things that can be wrapped up so the person has a little thing to open every day for a week.

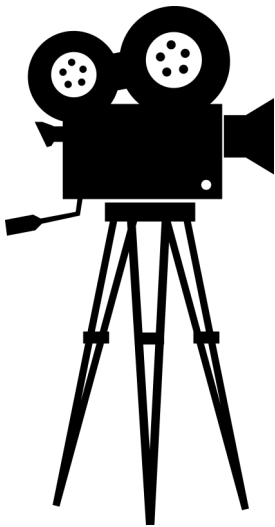
Hope to see you May 9 @ 10:30am

Kris Chamberlain
LWML Vice President

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

**TLC Movie Night,
Friday, May 31 @ 6:30pm
"The Blind"**

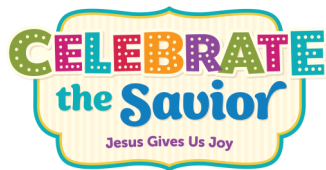
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Join us in the sanctuary as we present **"The Blind"**. Long before Duck Dynasty's Phil Robertson became a reality-TV star, he fell in love with Miss Kay and started a family, but his demons threatened to tear their lives apart. Set in the backwoods swamps of 1960s Louisiana, "The Blind" shares never-before-revealed moments in Phil's life as he seeks to conquer the shame of his past, ultimately finding redemption in an unlikely place. This stunning cinematic journey chronicles the love story that launched a dynasty, the turmoil that nearly brought it crashing down, and the hope that rose from the ashes to create a foundation for generations to come.

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Vacation Bible School

June 17-21 8:45am-12pm

What a privilege to help children Celebrate the Savior! I have had the honor to serve in many capacities over the years like: a team leader where I shepherded children from one class to another; leading in opening and closing each day including ventriloquism with my puppet: being the visiting missionary the children were raising money for; teaching crafts; leading in singing; helping with games and snacks; ordering and preparing materials; and, my favorite – teaching God’s Word! From preschoolers through to older children, from groups of 10 to groups of 300, the love of seeing the Bible come alive in the individual child through their eyes is my greatest joy! This year each part of the day will focus on an aspect of “Jesus Gives Us Joy”.

- Monday – Worshipping Jesus like the Wisemen.
- Tuesday – Jesus’ healing power for me like when men lowered their friend through the roof to be healed by the Healer Jesus.
- Wednesday – Jesus Cares for me like He did when He fed the 5,000 with 5 small loaves and 2 small fish.
- Thursday – Jesus died and rose again.
- Friday – Jesus’ love fills me with joy like the disciples were joyful after walking with Jesus on the Emmaus Road.

We urge you to sign up to be a part of this delightful week June 17-21 from 8:45am – noon.

Teresa Oduor - VBS director

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

CELEBRATE
the Savior
Jesus Gives Us Joy

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VBS with Purpose!



Chefs for the day



Shutin Visits



Guide Dogs of the Desert



Celebrating Pastor's 33yrs @ TLC













Ladies of LWML



May 2024



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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

TLC Ascension Day Service & Ice Cream Social



Thursday, May 9 @ 6:30pm
Ice Cream Social
will be directly following
the worship service.

