

The Desert Voice

Trinity Lutheran Church LCMS November 2026



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Soon we will celebrate the annual day of national thanksgiving. Do you feel thankful this year?

We Christians are directed by God's Word to be thankful. "And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him" (Colossians 3:17). Every aspect of lives ought to display thankfulness.

How is this possible in a world of great challenges and difficulties? God's Word reminds us that we are made alive and empowered by God's grace and new life in Baptism. "If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God" (Colossians 3:1). In Christ we possess a life that supersedes the havoc of this life's struggle. We are considered "more than conquerors through Him (Christ) who loved us" (Romans 8:37).

Christ's victory directs us to more assertively rely on God's big plans for us. "Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God" (Colossians 3:2-3).

By faith we focus our minds on God's faithful love and care for us. We have been rescued from sin and death by the blood of Jesus on the cross. His resurrection proves that we have peace with God through Christ our Lord.

Christian thankfulness rests on the promises of God's grace and forgiveness. Colossians 3:15 declares, "And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful." Even in difficult circumstances we are able to rejoice in God's fathomless peace.

Our Christian thankfulness gives witness to the world that we are confident in God's eternal providence! As the Scripture encourages us, "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God" (Colossians 3:16).

May God's grace fill you with exceeding joy always and as we celebrate God's abundant blessings this Thanksgiving Day!

Pastor Robert Smith

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TLC Bible Study Schedule

Wednesdays @ 10am Grief Share *(Sept. 9-Nov. 26)*

Thursdays @ 6pm Women's Bible Study Fellowship Ctr.

Thursdays @ 7pm Bible Study on Zoom

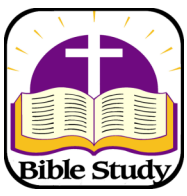
Fridays @ 10am DOA (**D**aughters **O**f the **A**lmighty)
Living Way Bible Study *(Sept..—May)*

2nd Saturday of the month @ 8am Men's Bible Breakfast
Fellowship Center *(Sept.—May)*

We invite you to join us each week for a Zoom, Bible study, 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.



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GRIEF SHARE®

Whether your loss is recent or years past, you are welcome here. Come as you are, and let's walk this road together.

There is a workbook that is very helpful during this journey you can purchase at the meeting for $25.Our final session for this round of Grief Share will be November 26.

Join us **Wednesday mornings @ 10am** in the TLC Fellowship Center.

Church COUNCIL

Tuesday
November 17
6:00 pm
Fellowship Center



Church Work Day



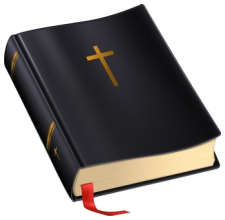
Friday
November 6
@ 8:30am

Hanging of the Greens



Jubilee Sunday
November 29
Following Lunch

Men's Bible Breakfast
Hot Breakfast & Bible Study



Saturday, November 14
8:00 am - 9:30 am
TLC Fellowship Center

SUGGESTED 10$ FREEWILL OFFERING
TO COVER THE COST OF THE BREAKFAST



"Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing."
1 Thess. 5:11

November Birthdays

4	Luretta Eide
4	*Richard Gulbranson
7	Jerry Ellerbusch
13	Peter Whalen
15	Brody Dewell
16	Pastor Smith
19	George Wingerter
24	Paul Zutz
27	Jim Ducatte
28	Roy Culley
30	Jerry Lentz
30	Evelyn Osornio
	*Winter Visitor



November Anniversary

2	Raul & Annie Giles
22	Jim & Beverly Ducatte



Something for God

Our relationship with God and the world is one of stewardship. We are to use everything entrusted to us in such a way that it benefits God's Kingdom. We are promised that if we do this we will be blessed here and in heaven!

Prayer

Give me a faithful heart,
likeness to Thee
That each departing day,
henceforth may see
Some work of love begun,
some deed of kindness done
Some wanderer sought and won,
something for Thee.
Amen.

Hymn 403 The Lutheran Hymnal

Women's Bible Study Opportunities

When:
Fridays @ 10am

Where:
TLC Fellowship Center

Led by:
Phyllis Hafliger

ALL LADIES INVITED!!!



When:
Thursdays @ 6pm

Where:
TLC Fellowship Center

Led by:
Bobbi Smith

ALL LADIES INVITED!!!

November Acolytes

November 1
Alivia Giles

November 8
Matthew Johnson

November 15
Rebecca Bishop

November 22
Peyton Osornio

November 29
Kyle Onak

November Ushers Schedule

November 1 & 15
Russ Campbell & Jerry Ellerbusch

November 8 & 29
Jim Ducatte & Bob Wirtenberger

November 22
Paul League & Bob Wirtenberger





November Duty Elders

November 1
Raul Giles

November 8
Robert Bishop

November 15
Bill Marsaglia

November 22
Alex Negron



November 29
Raul Giles

November Greeters

November 1 & 15
Ramon Haugen & Donna Ellerbusch

November 8, 22 & 29
Bob & Irene Wirtenberger



If your birthday or anniversary is missing, please
Contact the church office: 760 347-3971
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Circuit 19











Reconnecting!



LWML
Lutheran Women's Missionary League

Our October luncheon was quite the success with Rev. Bryan Barlow from Grace Lutheran in Banning as our speaker. He spoke about his journey to the pulpit and quite the story it was. Lots of twists and turns! Also his joy in his wife and children. It was a very inspirational talk followed by a delicious lunch provided by Sandy Baltzer.

Our November speaker will be our own Bill Marsaglia speaking on Socialism in America. This should be very informative. The date is November 12 at 10:30 am followed by lunch provided by Jeri Burgess. We would LOVE to see some new faces at our meetings!! Please join us. You won't be disappointed. Great bunch of gals.

We will continue to be working on next year's Oct Rally which will be held at Trinity in the Fellowship Center. All the churches from our zone will be attending and is a nice event with a Bible study, a speaker, fellowship and of course lunch. Please plan on joining us. More info to come as the date gets closer.

In Christ,
Kris Chamberlain, LWML VP





November Altar Guild

November 1
Renee Young & Ramona Haugen
Annie Giles & Maggie Negron

November 8
Beverly Ducatte & Alice Musashi
Irene/Bob Wirtenberger

November 15
Sharlene Kay/Cynthia Berke
Jim/Beverly Ducatte

November 22
Ali Young
Irene/Bob Wirtenberger

November 25(Thanksgiving Eve)
Jim/Beverly Ducatte

November 29
Renee Young & Ramona Haugen
Jeri Burgess

LADIES' NIGHT OUT!

This month we will gather again for an evening of food, fun and fellowship! This is a great opportunity to connect with the lovely ladies of Trinity...and bring a friend!

Sign up at the information table on any Sunday and mark your calendars for Friday, **November 20** @ 5:30pm.

Suggested $10 Freewill Offering
At the door!







LWML















Zone Rally

Sunday School







Thanks

The Bible is full of admonitions to thank the Lord. We need to have an attitude of thankfulness in daily life. For one thing it makes life easier if we are not grouchy when we deal with others in our life. Does your life look dismal, unproductive? The main complaint about life right now is everything is too expensive-gasoline, housing, groceries.

Do not be anxious about anything; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. Philippians 4:6-8

It may not look like it but God has good plans for us that will come to us of we have patience. I always heard that the "bad stuff" was for our edification—to prepare us for whatever God has planned for us. Since He has known us from before we were born, He knows what is coming.

...we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. Romans 5:3b-5

Suffering here does not necessarily refer to pain, but can refer to unhappiness with life in general. God has good plans for us that will come as a result of, or in spite of, our "bad luck".

Instead, we should follow the admonition in 1 Chronicles 16:8-9. *Oh, give thanks unto the Lord; call upon His Name; make known His deeds among the peoples. Sing praises to Him; tell of His wonderful works!*

PRAYER

Cast all your cares on Him,
because He cares for you. 1 Peter 5:7

Loving Father, we need Your comfort and strength; help us to see the blessings You provide every day. Give us the strength to spend committed time in You Word. Help us seek others needing encouragement and bless us through serving others. Thank You for providing so many scripture passages of promises, love and strength. Help us turn to You when we feel overwhelmed. Thank You for Your unending love.

We pray in Jesus Name,
Amen!





New Member & Reformation Sunday







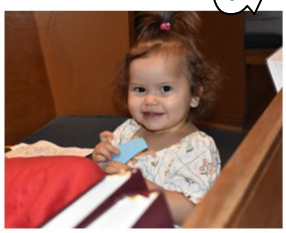
























Sunday School

Last month the children began a new bell song, "Come Thou Fount". They are doing an amazing job and really sound fabulous. They are excited to perform in the Divine service this month.

We will also begin preparations for the annual Christmas Eve service. The children will play an integral part in the telling of the "Greatest Story Every Told".

We continue to have a wonderful time during the Sunday School hour and the children really enjoy learning more and more about their loving Savior, Jesus!



Thanksgiving & Christmas Cards



The holidays are just around the corner. Thanksgiving and Christmas cards are available for purchase. Single cards are $1.00 or you can purchase by a box of 5 or 6 for $5.00.

Cards are located in the main Bible study room in the Fellowship Center on the counter by the window.

Annual Food Drive



It's that time again, the annual Food Drive! Pick up an empty bag and bring it back full. We will gather food each Sunday this month. All goods gathered will be donated to the F.I.S.H. (Friends In Service to Humanity), an east valley food distribution.

"Let each of you look not only to his own interests but also to the interests of others."

Philippians 2:4

Help the TLC Youth Get to the National Youth Gathering

Held every 3 years since 1980, the LCMS Youth Gathering provides thousands of youth and adults the opportunity to come together as a community of God's people to be encouraged in their walk with Jesus Christ and learn about the Christian faith and their Lutheran identity.

The Gathering is more than the five days of the event. The preparation process for the Gathering brings together young people and supportive adults to encourage each other in their baptismal identity. The Gathering provides young people a vision for the vastness of Christ's Church and equips them for vocational service as they continue their walk with Jesus.

More details will come about fundraising to help send our youth and chaperones to this exciting event!

PS. It will take about $2000 per attendee.





SUNDAY SCHOOL

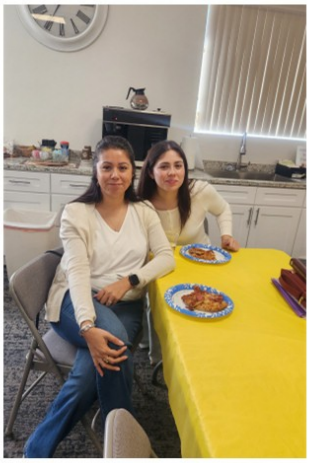






YOUTH MINISTRY













Advent & Crismon Tree

Advent is quickly approaching. One fun TLC Family event that comes around once a year is the "Hanging of the Greens". What is "Hanging of the Greens" you ask?

For Christmas, we enjoy decorating our homes with lights, wreaths, nativity scenes, a Christmas tree and other decorations which bring to life the wonderful message of the birth of the Savior. Our church family also enjoys making the sanctuary ready for the birth of Jesus.

Let's gather after the Jubilee Sunday Lunch, **November 29** in the sanctuary and together hang wreaths, garland and decorate the tree. Each year we adorn the front of our church with a Crismon Tree.

The word "Chrismon" comes from combining the words Christ and Monogram. Each of the symbols used to decorate the tree leads us to Christ Himself: The **Alpha and Omega** remind us that Jesus is the beginning and the end, the first and the last. The **anchor** reminds us that Jesus is our anchor, a sign of hope, sure and steadfast. The **Chi Rho** are the first two letters of the Greek name of Christ (**X and P**) The **circle** represents eternal life with no discernible beginning or end. The **triangle** is for the Trinity. The **butterfly** exemplifies Jesus' resurrection from the dead and the new life we have in Him. The **fish** is from the acrostic **IXTHUS**: Jesus Christ, God's Son, Savior. The **orb and cross** remind us of the world's need for Christ, and is an object held by an imperial ruler.

Plan now to join us for this exciting event!

Advent 2026



THE WORD WHO BREAKS THE SILENCE

"The Word Who Breaks the Silence", is a new Advent series centered on Jesus, the Word made flesh who breaks the silence of sin and darkness with forgiveness, life, and good news of great joy.

You are invited to journey through this Christ centered season on Wednesday evenings @ 4pm for Advent Services and Advent Soup Suppers @ 5pm: December 2 9, and 16. Choir will meet directly after the suppers.

Please consider signing up to provide soup for one of the suppers. The sign up sheet will be made available at the information table each Sunday starting mid-November.

November 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:30 AM Adult Bible Class 10:00 AM Worship(C) 11:30 AM SS/Jr. Confirmation	**2** Pastor & Bobbi's Day of Rest	**3**	**4** 10:00 AM Grief Share(FC)	**5** 7:00 PM Genesis Bible Study Zoom	**6** 8:30 AM Church Clean Up 10:00 AM DOA Women's Bible Study(FC) 	**7**
8 8:30 AM Adult Bible Class 10:00 AM Worship(C) 11:30 AM SS/Jr. Confirmation	**9** Pastor & Bobbi's Day of Rest	**10**	**11** 10:00 AM Grief Share(FC) 6:00 PM Choir Practice(FC) 	**12** 10:30 AM LWML Luncheon/Mtg 6:00 PM Ladies' Bible Study Fellowship Center(FC) 7:00 PM Genesis Bible Study Zoom	**13** 10:00 AM DOA Women's Bible Study(FC) 	**14** 8:00 AM Men's Bible Breakfast(FC) 
15 8:30 AM Adult Bible Class 10:00 AM Worship(C) 11:30 AM SS/Jr. Confirmation	**16** Pastor & Bobbi's Day of Rest	**17** 10:00 AM TLC Round Table(FC) 6:00 PM Church Council(FC)	**18** 10:00 AM Grief Share(FC) 6:00 PM Choir Practice(FC) 	**19** 9:00 AM TLC Crafters(FC) 6:00 PM Ladies' Bible Study Fellowship Center(FC) 7:00 PM Genesis Bible Study Zoom	**20** 10:00 AM DOA Women's Bible Study(FC) **5:30 PM Ladies' Night Out(FC)** 	**21**
22 8:30 AM Adult Bible Class 10:00 AM Worship(C) 11:30 AM SS/Jr. Confirmation	**23** Pastor & Bobbi's Day of Rest	**24**	**25** 10:00 AM Grief Share(FC) **7:00 PM Thanksgiving Eve Holy Communion Service**	**26** 	**27**	**28**
29 8:30 AM Adult Bible Class 10:00 AM Worship(C) 11:30 AM Lunch/Hanging of the Greens **Jubilee Sunday**	**30** Pastor & Bobbi's Day of Rest 					

Oct 2026

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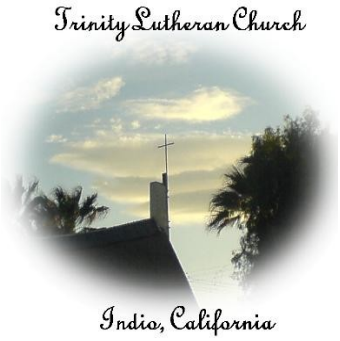
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Sunday Schedule

Adult Bible Class
8:30am

Divine Worship
10:00am

Sunday School
&
Jr. Confirmation
11:30am



BOOK REPORT "HEBREWS"



Hebrews

by Richard E. Lauersdorf

This is a study of the book of Hebrews. The author is unknown. Hebrews is written to the Hebrew Christians who are contemplating leaving the worship of Jesus Christ and returning to the old worship. The author points our all the ways that worshipping Jesus is far better. It is not easy reading, but worth it. The author cites verses in both the Old and the New Testament to support his findings.

I understood the Old Testament practices better as well as many of the notable people of God found there. I also understood many verses in the New Testament that are a little obscure.

The last 3 chapters explain Christ and His gift of faith and make worth studying the whole book worth it.

You can find the book in our library on the top shelf among the featured books located in the TLC Fellowship Center.

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