



# NEWSLETTER



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St. Paul's, Tuesdays, 9–11:30 a.m.  
Trinity, Wednesdays, 9–11:30 a.m.

### ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Mike Tuschen

**President** ..... Rodney Weber

**LWML President** ... Marlene Johnson

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**President** ..... Dean Suelflow

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Ruth Circle



St. Paul's Lutheran Church and Trinity Lutheran Church are members of the South Dakota District of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

# September 2024

## Divine Worship Service Schedule for September

Divine Services at Trinity 8:30 a.m.  
Divine Services at St. Paul's 10:30 a.m.

## Christian Education

**Bible Study** – TBD

**Confirmation Classes** — See page 6.

**St. Paul's Sunday School** — Resumes September 15, 2024, 9:30 a.m.

**Trinity Release-Time** — Wednesdays, 2:15 p.m.

## Lutheran Women's Missionary League

**Trinity Hope and Ruth Annual Joint Meeting** — Wednesday, September 4, 2024, 5:30 p.m. Gifts from the Heart will be new underwear for Orphan Grain Train; men, women, boy's, girl's; all sizes.

**St. Paul's Dorcas Circle** – Tuesday, September 10, 2 p.m.

## Serving the Lord's Church in SEPTEMBER

### TRINITY

**Elder** Scott Meier  
**Ushers** Ron Steffen  
Dan Meier  
**Acolyte** Karter Clark  
**Altar** Barb Gilbertz

### ST. PAUL'S

**Elder** Mike Tuschen  
**Ushers** Curt Guindon  
Merlyn Haak  
**Acolyte** Jenna Haak  
**Altar** Cathy Albrecht

### Greeters

1 – Marv  
8 – Peg  
15 – Lennis & Sandy  
22 – Mike & Sandy  
29 – Curt & Kathy

## Scripture Readings for Sundays in September

Sept 1 Deut. 4:1–2, 6–9; Ephesians 6:10–20; Mark 7:14–23  
Sept 8 Isaiah 35:4–7a; James 2:1–10, 14–18; Mark 7:31–37  
Sept 15 Isaiah 50:4–10; James 3:1–12; Mark 9:14–29  
Sept 22 Jeremiah 11:18–20; James 3:13–4:10; Mark 9:30–37  
Sept 29 Numbers 11:4–6, 10–16, 24–29; James 5:13–20; Mark 9:38–50

## South Dakota District News

Monthly editions of South Dakota District News, formerly published in the *Lutheran Witness* and mailed to congregational members, is now printed by the parish secretary and available for pickup at each congregation. It is also available on each congregation's website under the News tab.

**Office Hours** — See Contact section on the left.

The **October 2024 newsletter** will be available on or after September 29, 2024. Articles are due Tuesday, September 24, 2024.

Please send newsletter/bulletin items to Nancy Bogenhagen at [trinitywlsd@gmail.com](mailto:trinitywlsd@gmail.com). **Weekly bulletin deadline is Thursday noon.** Please email me if you prefer your newsletter emailed to you. Thank you!



## Why Do We Bow, Kneel, and Act Reverently in Church?

I did some reading on how so many Christians of the past were under terrible persecution for their faith. Many were imprisoned and some were put to death if they did not give up their Christian faith and accept the religion of the government or the corrupt church at the time. Martin Luther faced death at the hands of the church in his day. He had to go into hiding for several months at the Wartburg Castle. Lutherans in the 19<sup>th</sup> century had to leave Europe to come to America where they had freedom to worship God according to God's Word. Many died on that dangerous journey across the Atlantic Ocean. Freedom of religion has been very rare throughout the history of the church.

Today we as Lutherans living in America should be so thankful that no one from the government or other churches is demanding that we give up our faith or be imprisoned or put to death as most Christians of the past. We have freedom to have a church, and to attend church services where we can worship and praise God and grow in our faith and knowledge of the true God as revealed in the Bible. We are so blessed with this wonderful freedom of religion. **We should be thanking God for how good He has been to us to give us so many blessings, that Christians of the past could only dream of.** How terrible it is to see so many people today just throw away all these opportunities to worship God in church and to grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus. Think of our hymnal with different worship services and hymns that praise God and explain the Word of God so well. We should set aside all worldly distractions and make hearing the Word the most important thing in life. And what a

privilege it is for me as your vacancy pastor to be able to share God's Word with you in your church!

And think of the Reformers of Luther's day who brought out so many truths from the Word of God which helps us to understand who Jesus is, and what He has done for us.

Martin Luther wrote two wonderful prayers for Christians of all times. The first is the morning prayer of which he says, "In the morning when you get up, make the sign of the holy cross and say: *In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.* Then, kneeling or standing, repeat the Creed and the Lord's Prayer. If you choose, you may also say this little prayer: *I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.*" Then go joyfully to your work, singing a hymn, like that of the Ten Commandments, or whatever your devotion may suggest.

**While we never know what a new day will bring, we know that God is always with us and will take care of us.** (Proverbs 3:5-6)

Pastor Don McKillop



## MAIN STREET LIVING SEPTEMBER 2024

All programs are interpreted and closed-captioned for the hearing impaired. For more information visit:

[www.mainstreetliving.com](http://www.mainstreetliving.com)

**Broadcast on KDLT (NBC) channels 5.1 / 46.1**

### September 1, 2024

**10 a.m. "Like Father Like Son"** A father's example leads to his son making questionable choices at school.

**10:30 a.m. Rev. Jeffrey Williams**, pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church in Slayton, MN, presents a message titled "Whatever's Written in Your Heart." This sermon is based on Mark 7:14-23.

### September 8, 2024

**10 a.m. "Families Come First"** A man contends with the demands of his career, promotion, and his vocation as a father.

**10:30 a.m. Rev. Richard Milbrandt**, pastor at Zion Lutheran Church in Ocheyedon, IA, presents a message titled "Jesus Does All Things Well." This sermon is based on Mark 7:31-37.

### September 15, 2024

**10 a.m. "Conspiracy of Silence"** A husband and wife come to grips with a terminal illness.

**10:30 a.m. Rev. Jacob Smith**, pastor at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Aberdeen, SD, presents a message for the 18th Sunday after Pentecost.

### September 22, 2024

**10 a.m. "Big Account"** An advertising agency art director learns the impact of his work on his family and others.

**10:30 a.m. Rev. Ryan Drevlow**, pastor at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Aberdeen, SD, presents a message for the 19th Sunday after Pentecost.

### September 29, 2024

**10 a.m. "The Deadly Pen"** A businessman struggles with the guilt of another man's death.

**10:30 a.m. Rev. Tom Mueller**, pastor at Emanuel and Zion Lutheran Churches in Sisseton and Waubay, SD presents a message for the 20th Sunday after Pentecost.



## SEPTEMBER 2024

Raeleigh Haiar, SP .....	Sept. 2
Jessica Baumiller, SP .....	Sept. 4
Bev Miller, TR .....	Sept. 4
Rachel Thompson, TR .....	Sept. 6
Will Tobin, SP .....	Sept. 6
Halley Haak, SP .....	Sept. 8
Karen Pfitzer, TR .....	Sept. 9
Malcom Janis, TR .....	Sept. 9
Kyle Everson, TR .....	Sept. 12
Jayna Doering, TR .....	Sept. 13
Dawn Fredericksen, TR .....	Sept. 14
Kaedon Dalldorf, TR .....	Sept. 15
<i>Jay &amp; Terri Thompson, TR .....</i>	<i>Sept. 16</i>
Dan Meier, TR .....	Sept. 17
Kendra Will, SP .....	Sept. 17
Michelle Contreras, TR .....	Sept. 19
Marcella Thompson (98), TR .....	Sept. 20
David Markhardt, TR .....	Sept. 20
Marv Jira, SP .....	Sept. 20
Ann Harless, SP .....	Sept. 22
<i>Tucker &amp; Brittney Greene, SP .....</i>	<i>Sept. 22</i>
Erik Thomas, SP .....	Sept. 23
Addisyn Everson, SP .....	Sept. 24
Isabelle Albrecht, SP .....	Sept. 27
<i>Jeremy &amp; Lori Haak, SP .....</i>	<i>Sept. 30</i>
<i>David &amp; Nancy Bogenhagen, TR .</i>	<i>Sept. 30</i>



## WORD FROM THE CENTER – FRIDAY DIGEST

August 30, 2024

### PASTOR, WHO ARE YOU VOTING FOR?

by Kevin Roop

One of my junior catechumens asked that last week. Politics, and political advertising, are wall-to-wall and around-the-clock here in Iowa these days. By “these days,” I mean most of the 10 years since I was called to Iowa. ...The answer to that question is never short. Instead, I point our members to two basic Scriptures about the relationship of the Christian to government and politics.

First, Romans 13:1: *Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God.*

Next, to Acts 5:29, where Peter and the other apostles say: *We must obey God rather than men.* ...

We also have great liberty to speak to elected officials and to hold them accountable for what is allowed on their watch. Those who bear the name of Christ must pray for these officials, encourage them in their vocation, and lovingly communicate the beautiful worldview the Lord holds out in Scripture (and not necessarily with a direct reference to the Bible).

With the murder of the unborn and the perversion of marriage heralded as normal and preferable, now is no time for the church in America to be silent. We dare not sit this one out.

Though we despair of the available candidates, grieve decisions of the courts and mourn the fruits of elections, we still act, remembering that God says: “the Most High rules the kingdom of men and gives it to whom he will and sets over it the lowliest of men” (Daniel 4:17).

The Rev. Kevin Roop is pastor of Peace Lutheran Church, Marcus, Iowa. This article was originally published in and is reprinted with the permission of *The Lutheran Witness* and can be found here: <https://witness.lcms.org/2016/pastor-who-are-you-voting-for/>.

### LCRL September Blurbs

- 📌 The Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty (LCRL) is a strong supporter of educational choices. One such choice is the schools of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod (LCMS). The LCRL supports the LCMS schools and their commitment to teaching the Bible. See <https://www.lcms.org/school-ministry> to learn more about Lutheran schools.
- 📌 On September 17, 1787, delegates to the Constitutional Convention held in Philadelphia signed the United States Constitution. To remember that day, we will celebrate Constitution Day on September 17, 2024. This day is also known as Citizenship Day. Learn how we are actually citizens of two kingdoms by listening to Dr. Seltz at <https://bit.ly/2kingdom>
- 📌 What do United States Representatives and Senators, state lawmakers, state superintendents of education, and authors have in common? They have all been guests on the Liberty Action Alert podcasts hosted by Dr. Gregory Seltz. See [www.LCRLFreedom.org](http://www.LCRLFreedom.org) to learn more or to sign up to these weekly podcasts.



St. Martin's Lutheran Church, White Lake, 1884–1954

St. John's Lutheran Church, Crystal Lake Township, White Lake, 1888–1952

**St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Plankinton, 1910–present**

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church and School, Gales Township, White Lake, 1914–1954

**Trinity Lutheran Church, White Lake, 1954–present**

### **And the Ministers Who Have Served Our Congregations**

In the late 1800s, most of the settlers who came to South Dakota were of European descent. Many of the pioneers were of German ancestry. They brought the teachings of Martin Luther with them in their Bibles and their hearts.

In 1883, a number of German Lutheran settlers in the White Lake-Plankinton area began the work of organizing a congregation. A pioneer from Gales Township, Fred Uecher, wrote to missionary Andrew Mueller at Marion Junction asking him if it would be possible to have services for the German speaking Lutherans in this area. Pastor Mueller replied immediately. He explored the area as thoroughly as possible and appealed to the Synodical Mission Board for aid. The mission Board complied with his request and almost immediately sent to this territory a young student by the name of Philip Laux. Under the guidance and supervision of Pastor Mueller, Mr. Laux worked hard and faithfully for one year.

In 1884 the Mission Board called the ministerial candidate A. H. Kuntz, as a resident pastor to the Plankinton-White Lake area. A rented home was found for him in the village of White Lake. Shortly after his arrival, St. Martin's Lutheran Church in White Lake was organized.

In the Plankinton area services were held in homes and in rural schoolhouses. Occasionally the Lutherans of Plankinton attended services in St. Martin's Lutheran Church in White Lake. In the early years, services were held in the County Court House in Plankinton. Halls and local churches were also rented at times to afford a suitable place for worship.

In 1888 St. John's Lutheran Church was started in Crystal Lake Township.

Around 1890 Pastor Heinrich Hanneman was called. Pastors Frank Albrecht and Fred Gade followed in 1899 and 1903. It was during Pastor Gade's ministry, in 1910, that the Plankinton congregation, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, was organized. A new building was begun in 1913.

In 1913 Rev. August Oberheu was called to serve the Plankinton-White Lake parish. He served until 1922.

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Gales Township, was organized in 1914.

Rev. Arthur C. Streufert served from 1922 to 1928. Rev. Belno R. Lange served both congregations from 1929 to 1932. In 1932, a pastor was called to serve the White Lake congregations only. Rev. T. H. Buehner served White Lake from 1932 to 1941. Rev. Lange continued serving Plankinton through 1942.

Rev. Steve Persa served from 1942 to 1954. At this time, it was decided to once again form a dual parish of Plankinton and White Lake.

In 1952, membership of St. John's at Crystal Lake was dissolved. Some of the members joined what became Trinity Lutheran at White Lake while those living in the southern part of the area joined St. Paul's at Stickney. The bell in front of Trinity is from St. John's, Crystal Lake.

Rev. Robert Kamprath served from 1954 to 1957. During his pastorage it was seen to be feasible to merge St. John's in Gales Township and St. Martin's Lutheran churches into one congregation, Trinity Lutheran Church. A new building was constructed. It's doors opened June 12, 1955.

Rev. G. O. Bohn served from 1957 to 1963. During this time, St. Paul's began construction on a new church building. A groundbreaking ceremony was held August 12, 1962.

Successive full-time and vacancy ministers:

- 1963–1964 Rev. A. A. Krause and Rev. Stache, vacancy pastors  
1964–1967 Rev. Cecil L. Rhoades  
1967 Rev. W. F. Neumann, vacancy pastor  
1967–1970 Rev. Steven Nahrwold  
1970–1971 Rev. Elmer Medley, vacancy pastor  
1971–1976 Rev. John Stern  
1976–1978 Rev. Siemers and Rev. Robert E. Utecht, vacancy pastors  
1978–1982 Rev. Dan Elkins  
1982–1983 Rev. David Schwan and Rev. Robert E. Utecht, vacancy pastors  
1983–1986 Vicar/Rev. Larry Veland  
1986–1987 Rev. Robert E. Utecht, vacancy pastor  
1987–1989 Rev. William McDaniel  
1989–1990 Rev. Robert E. Utecht, vacancy pastor  
1990–1997 Rev. Harold Hintzman, Jr.  
1997–1998 Rev. Larry Geyer, vacancy pastor  
1998–2000 Rev. John Frahm III  
2000–2002 Rev. Harold Daum, Rev. Larry Geyer, and Rev. James Mueller, vacancy pastors  
2002–2017 Rev. Richard Milbrandt  
2017–2018 Rev. Don McKillop, vacancy pastor  
2018–2021 Rev. Bradley Lessman  
2021 Rev. Scott Sailer, Rev. Mark Mischnick, and Rev. Dale Sattgast, Pulpit supply Aug/Sept;  
Nov/Dec 2021  
Rev. Charles Adams, September–November 2021, vacancy pastor  
2022–2024 Rev. Jens Jenson, vacancy pastor  
Aug 2024– Rev. Don McKillop, vacancy pastor

This information was selected from various history books of the congregations and from their annual reports. If any information is incorrect, please contact the Parish Secretary at [trinitywlsd@gmail.com](mailto:trinitywlsd@gmail.com). Thank you.

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## PARISH NEWS

Trinity Lutherans For Life will be gathering a **free-will offering September 8, 2024**. This offering will go to the Southeastern LFL Chapter's **Ultrasound Fund** which supports the Alpha Center's limited ultrasound service. ([alphacenter.org/services/limited-ultrasounds/](http://alphacenter.org/services/limited-ultrasounds/)). This fund maintains the donations previously received for Bike for Life.

**7th and 8th grade students who will be taking Catechism classes** this year, please see Pastor McKillop to set up day and time for classes. The first Catechism class for St. Paul's will be Tuesday, September 10, 2024, at 6 p.m. The first Catechism class at Trinity will be Wednesday, September 11, 2024, at 4 p.m. **Parents and students** are asked to come to these first classes.






St. Paul's Sunday School will begin September 15, 2024, at 9:30 a.m. A **Welcome Pastor McKillop and Sunday School Kick-Off Potluck** will be hosted at St. Paul's Sunday, September 15, 2024, after their service. This is for both congregations.

**Mitchell Circuit Forum** will be Sunday, September 8, 2024, at Zion Lutheran Church in Mitchell. Supper begins at 6 p.m. The main order of business is to elect a circuit visitor. Contact Pastor, Dean, or Rodney for more information.



# September 2024



SUN		MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>1</b>  Fifteenth Sunday Pentecost <b>Divine Services</b> 8:30 a.m. Trinity 10:30 a.m. St. Paul's	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> TR Release-Time 2:15 p.m. TR LWML Joint Meeting 5:30 p.m.	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	
<b>8</b>  Sixteenth Sunday Pentecost <b>Divine Services</b> 8:30 a.m. Trinity 10:30 a.m. St. Paul's	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> SP Dorcas Circle 2 p.m. SP Catechism Class 6 p.m. *	<b>11</b> TR Release-Time 2:15 p.m. TR Catechism Class 4 p.m. *	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	
<b>15</b>  Seventieth Sunday Pentecost <b>Divine Services</b> 8:30 a.m. Trinity 10:30 a.m. St. Paul's <b>Sunday School</b> 9:30 a.m. St. Paul's	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> TR Release-Time 2:15 p.m.	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	
<b>22</b>  Eighteenth Sunday Pentecost <b>Divine Services</b> 8:30 a.m. Trinity 10:30 a.m. St. Paul's <b>Sunday School</b> 9:30 a.m. St. Paul's	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> TR Release-Time 2:15 p.m.	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	
<b>29</b>  Nineteenth Sunday Pentecost <b>Divine Services</b> 8:30 a.m. Trinity 10:30 a.m. St. Paul's <b>Sunday School</b> 9:30 a.m. St. Paul's	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	* Future Catechism Class dates/times to be determined. They will be posted on the website calendars and in the weekly bulletin.				