



NEWSLETTER



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 Mike Tuschen

President Rodney Weber

LWML President ... Marlene Johnson

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President Dean Suelflow

LWML Presidents Diana Kieffer
 Hope Circle
 Brianna Bogenhagen
 Ruth Circle



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

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Divine Worship Service Schedule for October

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

Christian Education

Bible Study – Trinity, Wednesdays, 5:30 p.m.
Confirmation Classes — St. Paul's, Tuesdays, 6 p.m.
 Trinity, Wednesdays, 4 p.m.

St. Paul's Sunday School — Sundays 9:30 a.m.
Trinity Release-Time — Wednesdays, 2:15 p.m.
Trinity Wednesday School — Wednesdays, 5:30 p.m.

Lutheran Women's Missionary League

Trinity Hope Circle – Tuesday, October 1, 2024, 2 p.m.
Trinity Ruth Circle – Wednesday, October 2, 2024, 6:30 p.m.
St. Paul's Dorcas Circle – Tuesday, October 9, 2 p.m.

Serving the Lord's Church in OCTOBER/NOVEMBER

TRINITY	ST. PAUL'S
Elder Dan Guericke/ <i>David B</i>	Elder Justin Everson/ <i>Curt G</i>
Ushers Dean Suelflow/ <i>Ron S</i> Ben Bogenhagen/ <i>Dan M</i>	Ushers Dan Gerlach/ <i>Justin E</i> Mike Tuschen/ <i>Rodney W</i>
Acolyte Brant Bogenhagen/ <i>BB</i>	Acolyte Addisyn Everson/ <i>Karter</i>
Altar Jane Guericke/ <i>Janice T</i>	Altar Marlene Johnson/ <i>Deb H</i>

Scripture Readings for Sundays in October

Oct 6 Genesis 2:18–25; Hebrews 2:1–13; Mark 10:2–16
 LWML 1 Samuel 3:1–10; Philippians 2:5–11; Luke 1:26–38
 Oct 13 Amos 5:6–7, 10–15; Hebrews 3:12–19; Mark 10:17–22
 Oct 20 Ecclesiastes 5:10–20; Hebrews 4:1–13; Mark 10: 23–31
 Oct 27 Revelation 14:6–7; Romans 3:19–28; John 8:31–36

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 **November 2024 newsletter** will be available on or after November 3, 2024. Articles are due Tuesday, October 29, 2024.

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



God's Immeasurable Love for Us

Have you ever sung through a hymn when a certain line in that hymn really caught your attention, but then the hymn continued so that you didn't have time to really think about that line at the time? So sometime later you went back to read it again and think of its meaning.

In the hymn "Rock of Ages," there is a line which says, "Rock of ages, cleft for me." We think of a big rock as something very solid and strong. A little cleft in the rock is a small crack in the side the rock. The author used that as an example of how when we are in Christ, we are safe in the storms of life. We have promises in God's Word telling us that God is always with His people, protecting us in times of danger. The Psalmist in Psalm 91 gives a beautiful promise as he says,

⁹*Because you have made the Lord your dwelling place—*

the Most High, who is my refuge—

¹⁰*no evil shall be allowed to befall you, no plague come near your tent.*

¹¹*For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways.*

¹²*On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.*

God's love for us is so great. But sometimes we don't see that love. There is a line in another hymn which says, "When darkness veils it's lovely face, ..." In other words, in dark times such as sickness, loss of loved ones, or other troubles, we don't always see God's love. We wonder why God allows certain things to happen to us. The next part of that line says, "I rest on His unchanging grace; In every high and stormy gale, My anchor holds within the veil." In other words, I

continue to trust in His promises no matter what storms, or troubles I am in. The rest of that verse says, "On Christ, the solid rock I stand; all other ground is sinking sand." When the things of the world, like sinking sand fail us, we have God with us. God is all-powerful and all-knowing and able to save us in times of trouble. After Job saw God's great power in creation, He said, *I know that You can do all things, and that no plan of Yours can be stopped* (Job 42:2).

After the Apostle Paul suffered horribly (2 Corinthians 11:22–33) for his faith in Jesus and his sharing the good news of the gospel with many people in many places, he wrote to the Philippians, *Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say, rejoice.*

It is so important to stay close to God through hearing God's Word in church and reading God's Word. The hymns we sing in church remind us of the eternal hope we have in Jesus. No matter what we go through, Jesus is with those who put their trust in Him.

To show the great love that God has for us, He sent Jesus to die for all of our sins. Jesus rose from the dead and gives the promise that whoever believes in Him and is faithful unto death will be raised to eternal life on the last day. In facing death, we remember that Jesus said, "Because I live, you also will live."

What a privilege it is to share this "Good News" with you as your vacancy pastor!

Pastor Don McKillop



MAIN STREET LIVING OCTOBER 2024

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

www.mainstreetliving.com

Broadcast on KDLT (NBC) channels 5.1 / 46.1

October 6, 2024

10 a.m. "Transition" A young boy reacts to the divorce of his parents and the new reality he now faces.

10:30 a.m. Rev. Jeffrey Williams, pastor at Hope Lutheran Church in South Sioux City, NE, presents a message titled "Pay Closer Attention or You Will Drift Away." This sermon is based on Hebrews 2:1.

Oct 13, 2024

10 a.m. "Senior Citizen" A man struggles with purpose and a place in life after retirement.

10:30 a.m. Rev. Kevin Moore, pastor at Messiah and Redeemer Lutheran Churches in Redfield and Doland, SD presents a message titled "The Perfect Prospect." This sermon is based on Mark 10:17–22.

Oct 20, 2024

10 a.m. "The Gift" A daughter struggles with what to do with birthday gift money.

10:30 a.m. Rev. Scott Spiehs, pastor at St. John Lutheran Church in Wolsey, SD, presents a message titled "Treasure in Heaven." This sermon is based on Mark 10:23–31.

Oct 27, 2024

10 a.m. "The Sexton" A pastor and a sexton (church caretaker) with magical powers fight an eerie duel in a church.

10:30 a.m. Rev. Richard Snow, Nebraska District LCMS President in Seward, NE, presents a message titled "Free Indeed." This sermon is based on John 8:31–36.



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Cathy Albrecht, SP	Oct. 4
Olivia Hanten, TR	Oct. 6
<i>Nick & Jill Rolfsmeier, TR</i>	<i>Oct. 6</i>
Austin Hauge, TR	Oct. 7
Jane Guericke, TR	Oct. 10
Taelyn Clark, TR	Oct. 10
Drew Gerlach, SP	Oct. 11
Howard Weischedel, SP	Oct. 12
Jenny Gilbertz, TR	Oct. 12
Randa VandenHoek, TR	Oct. 12
Kayden Rose, TR	Oct. 16
James Will, SP	Oct. 17
Tyson Huff, SP	Oct. 20
Connie Knigge, TR	Oct. 20
Michelle Everson, TR	Oct. 20
<i>Wayne & Susan Tatro, TR</i>	<i>Oct. 20</i>
Terri Thompson, TR	Oct. 21
Dan Guericke, TR	Oct. 22
<i>Michael & Barbara Gilbertz, TR</i>	<i>Oct. 22</i>
Susan Tatro, TR	Oct. 26
Sharon Boyd, SP	Oct. 26
Donna Fink, SP	Oct. 26
Charlee Byrd, TR	Oct. 27
<i>Dan & Jane Guericke, TR</i>	<i>Oct. 27</i>
Kellie Harless, SP	Oct. 28
Terry Anthony, SP	Oct. 28
Tara Thomas, SP	Oct. 29
Shannon Tobin, SP	Oct. 29
Lorraine Mosemann, TR	Oct. 31
Wayne Tatro, TR	Oct. 31



Your Vote, Your Voice

Dr. Gregory Seltz, PhD
Executive Director, Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty

As we approach the crucial 2024 elections, I'm writing to you with a sense of urgency about the challenges facing our nation's core values.

The God-given rights enshrined in our Constitution — especially the freedom to live, work, and worship according to our Lutheran faith — are under increasing threat. We're witnessing a concerning trend toward a government that seeks control over virtually every aspect of people's lives, often at the expense of our religious liberties.

Yet, we remain hopeful, dear brothers and sisters. As I often say at the Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty, "Good politics can't save us (it can only preserve), but bad politics can destroy us." This is why our work is more crucial than ever.

Through your faithful partnership, the Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty has been a steadfast advocate, working to preserve the First Amendment protections that allow Christ's Church to flourish.

For nearly a decade, LCRL has worked diligently to preserve religious liberty for generations to come. We've stood firm against efforts to diminish the role of faith in the public square, regularly engaging with elected officials, legislative staff, and government agency representatives to educate them on the importance of religious liberty protections from a Lutheran perspective.

When you step into the voting booth, I encourage you to prayerfully consider which candidates will best uphold the God-given rights and liberties that we hold dear as Lutherans. Let your vote be a bold statement of your convictions, a testament to your unshakable commitment to the Kingdom of God.

The stakes in the upcoming elections are significant. The elected officials will play an important role in shaping the legal and cultural landscape for years to come. As people of faith, we are called to be engaged citizens, to be watchful, and to be witnesses who will stand up for our constitutionally protected rights.

United in Christ, let us continue to be salt and light in our communities, standing firm in our faith and advocating for the freedoms that allow us to live out our calling as followers of Christ. Let us assert the beautiful, moral wisdom of God in our relationships and in our culture and work toward a society where love, not politics, indeed conquers all.

Defend the freedoms we cherish.



The Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty, PO Box 790347, St. Louis, MO 63179

LCRLfreedom.org

You may make a gift online: lcms.org/givenow/lcrl



MITCHELL ZONE

Fall Rally

October 6, 2024

Zion Lutheran Church, Delmont, SD, beginning at 1 p.m.

(Preceding the rally, at 11 a.m., Zion's mission festival speaker, Rev. Michael Wolfram, Lutheran Family Services, will give a presentation. A noon meal is being offered for the congregation and LWML zone rally attendees.)

LWML Fall Rally Guest Speaker: Cathy VandeBraak, Lutheran Family Services - Adoption. Gifts from the Heart will be items for LFS. There will be a silent auction, with proceeds going toward mite offerings.

LWML SOUTH DAKOTA DISTRICT

Christian Life Workshop

October 12, 2024

St. John's Lutheran Church, 1009 Jackson Street, Yankton, SD

"Understanding Mass Media from a Christian Perspective"

Presenter: Rev. Dr. Jacob Bobby

Registration: 9:30 to 10 a.m.

Workshop: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Morning offering for mites.

Noon freewill donation to help cover lunch expenses.

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Office Hours:

St. Paul's, Tuesday's, 9–11:30 a.m.

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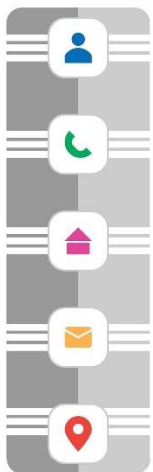
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TAKE A CARLOAD TO P.A.S.S. IT ON!

You'll want to attend the **P.A.S.S. It On!** workshop, either on November 2, 2024, in Rapid City or on November 3, 2024, in Sioux Falls. The topics will concern challenges we face as Christians and as citizens and families in these often dark times.

- Our responsibilities and opportunities as God's people who live in two realms (Church and State) will be addressed by Rev. Dr. Greg Seltz.
- Rev. Tom Eckstein, from Jamestown, ND, will address "A Biblical Response to LGBTQ"
- Dr. Brad Alles, Concordia University Wisconsin, will present on "Truth, Identity, and Purpose for Youth."

Proclaim.

Affirm.

Supply.

Serve.

Timely, wouldn't you say? Filled with the hope and light of the Gospel – absolutely necessary, wouldn't you agree?

Please attend, and bring a carload of folks with you. The workshops are free and so are the meals to be served.

--Rev. Dr. Scott Sailer
President

Ideas and Inspiration for Mission & Ministry
NAVIGATING THE INTERSECTIONS OF FAITH AND CULTURE

Plenary Address by
Rev. Dr. Greg Seltz,
Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty

November 2, 2024

Zion Lutheran Church, Rapid City, SD
9:45 a.m. – 3 p.m.

November 3, 2024

Sioux Falls Lutheran School, Sioux Falls, SD
2:15 p.m. – 6:45 p.m.

Breakout Sessions

Rev. Dr. Greg Seltz, Lutheran Center of Religious Liberty
Dr. Brad Alles, Concordia University Wisconsin "Truth, Identity, and Purpose for Youth"
Rev. Tom Eckstein, A Biblical Response to LGBTQ






Saturday lunch & Sunday evening meal provided. NO COST!

For more information and to register visit: <https://sddlcms.org/event/p-a-s-s-it-on-2/>
For more information contact Rev. Paul Winckler, Assistant to the District President at paul.winckler@sddlcms.org or (605) 361-1514



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
 <p>October 6 — LWML Sunday Mitchell Zone Fall Rally 1 p.m. Zion Lutheran Church, Delmont, SD</p>		1	2 TR Release-Time 2:15 p.m. TR Bible Class Wed. School 5:30 p.m. TR Ruth Circle 6:30 p.m.	3	4	5
6 Twentieth Sunday Pentecost  Divine Services 8:30 a.m. Trinity 10:30 a.m. St. Paul's Sunday School 9:30 a.m. St. Paul's	7	8 SP Dorcas Circle 2 p.m. SP Catechism Class 6 p.m.	9 TR Release-Time 2:15 p.m. TR Bible Class Wed. School 5:30 p.m.	10	11	12 LWML SD Christian Life Workshop 9:30 a.m.–3 p.m. St. John's, Yankton
13 Twenty-first Sunday Pentecost  Divine Services 8:30 a.m. Trinity 10:30 a.m. St. Paul's Sunday School 9:30 a.m. St. Paul's	14	15 SP Catechism Class 6 p.m.	16 TR Release-Time 2:15 p.m. TR Bible Class Wed. School 5:30 p.m.	17	18	19 
20 Twenty-second Sunday Pentecost  Divine Services 8:30 a.m. Trinity 10:30 a.m. St. Paul's Sunday School 9:30 a.m. St. Paul's	21	22 SP Catechism Class 6 p.m.	23 TR Release-Time 2:15 p.m. TR Bible Class Wed. School 5:30 p.m.	24	25	26
27 Reformation (observed)  Divine Services 8:30 a.m. Trinity 10:30 a.m. St. Paul's Sunday School 9:30 a.m. St. Paul's	28	29 SP Catechism Class 6 p.m.	30 TR Release-Time 2:15 p.m. TR Bible Class Wed. School 5:30 p.m.	31	