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July 2024

Joint Divine Worship Service Schedule for June

Sunday, July 7, 2024 — 5 p.m. at St. Paul's
Sunday, July 14, 2024 — 5 p.m. at Trinity
Sunday, July 21, 2024 — 5 p.m. at St. Paul's
Sunday, July 28, 2024 — 5 p.m. at Trinity

Christian Education

Joint Bible Study – Summer break
Joint Confirmation Class — Summer break.
St. Paul's Sunday School — Summer break.
Trinity Release-Time — Summer break.

Lutheran Women's Missionary League

Trinity Hope Circle – Tuesday, July 2, 2024, 2 p.m.
Trinity Ruth Circle – Wednesday, July 10, 2024, 6:30 p.m. Review the worksheets for Lesson #3 "Where Love Abides".
St. Paul's Dorcas Circle – No July meeting.

Serving the Lord's Church in JULY

TRINITY

Elder Dan Guericke
Ushers Dan Meier
Dean Suelflow
Acolyte Brant Bogenhagen
Altar Jane Guericke

ST. PAUL'S

Elder Justin Everson
Ushers Kieth Albrecht
Josh Kemp
Acolyte Jett Kemp
Altar Deb Haak

Scripture Readings for Sundays in July

July 7 Ezekiel 2:1–5; 2 Corinthians 12:1–10; Mark 6:1–13
July 14 Amos 7:7–15; Ephesians 1:3–14; Mark 6:14–29
July 21 Jeremiah 23:1–6; Ephesians 2:11–22; Mark 6:30–44
July 28 Genesis 9:8–17; Ephesians 3:14–21; Mark 6:45–56

The **August 2024 newsletter** will be available on or after July 28, 2024. Articles are due Tuesday, July 23, 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!

✝ FROM OUR PASTOR ✝

Should Women Be Required to Register for the Draft?



This is a matter that seems to be brought up every year in defense bills and it seems to gain support each year as well. Congress is currently looking at expanding the draft to women. Why is there a constant drive to include women in the draft? Below are some answers that are commonly given in support of this:

- Including women in the draft will further equality.
- If women are voting for the next Commander in Chief, foreign policy, laws, etc., then they must take responsibility for their votes, enforce them with arms, and be subject to the draft like the men are.
- It is not fair for the women to vote and send the men to war while they are exempt from it. They need to share the responsibilities for their vote.

The origin of this debate goes all the way back to the woman suffrage movement in the United States. The push for expanding the draft to women is one of the results of the woman suffrage movement. There were Christian women who opposed the woman suffrage movement for many reasons and one of those reasons was because it meant the possibility of women being subject to the draft. Mrs. Helen Johnson, who lived during that time, wrote, “To be a voting citizen, is to be a possible soldier citizen. There is no way of fulfilling the moral part of the duty, and leaving unfulfilled the physical, and it is cowardly to attempt it ... The Suffragists demand equal vote in sending their fathers, brothers, sons, husbands, and lovers to the military field of action, and propose to be absolutely exempt from an equal share in the

duty that that vote now lays upon male voters.” Mrs. Johnson went on to write that even the suffragists admitted that “women could not claim the vote while it was necessary to defend opinions by arms.” The suffragists believed that society had advanced enough that the use of arms would no longer be necessary and therefore women could vote without having to enforce their vote with arms. However, a quick glance at history proves their optimistic assertion to be false. World War I, II, Korea, Vietnam, etc. prove that the use of arms is always necessary to maintain peace and enforce laws. Not only that, but violent riots and protests within our own nation require the enforcement of the law by means of arms. The need for arms continues which is another reason for the push to include women into the draft today. The US is struggling with recruiting right now and is very concerned about war with China in the near future. Our leaders are often saying that it is not a question of if we go to war with China, but it is a question of when we go to war with China.

God’s Word, however, opposes sending women to war and we Christians must follow God’s Word on the matter. This responsibility is laid on men who are the leaders of their families. St Paul writes in Ephesians 5, *Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave Himself up for her ... In the same way husbands should love their wives ...* God expects men to lead their families and with this headship comes the responsibility of laying down their lives. God

calls wives to submit to their husbands as the Church submits to Christ, but He doesn't call the women to lay down their lives for their husbands. God calls the men to lead and sacrifice. This also reflects the relationship between Christ and His Church. The Church did not die for Christ, but Christ died for us and we follow Him. Christians must oppose expanding the draft to women. It is evil and cowardly for a nation to send its women to die. That is the men's responsibility. Women may serve in many supportive roles in the military (such as medical, law, tech, etc.), but God's Word opposes sending women into

combat. We see this in ancient Israel's history as well. God sent the men to war and not the women. Joshua 4, *The men of the tribes of Reuben and Gad and of half the tribe of Manasseh, ready for battle, crossed ahead of the rest of the people, as Moses had told them to do. In the presence of the Lord about forty thousand men ready for war crossed over to the plain near Jericho.* May we be faithful to God's Word, follow it alone, and be salt and light in this fallen world.

In Christ,
Pastor Jenson

Orphan Grain Train Flood Relief

June 26, 2024

Norfolk warehouse in Nebraska is accepting disaster relief items for flood victims in Iowa, South Dakota, and Nebraska. Many families will soon be cleaning out the muck and repairing walls, floors and replacing appliances due to destructive waters.



We are accepting the following items at the Norfolk Warehouse, 606 W. Phillip Ave. Norfolk NE M-F 9 a.m.–4 p.m.:

- toiletries (shampoo, conditioner, bath soap, deodorant, sanitary pads, combs)
- towels
- diapers
- cleaning supplies (rubber gloves, disinfectants, cleaning rags, scrub brush, bleach, paper towels)
- large heavy garbage bags

If you prefer to give a monetary donation for Flood Relief you can donate online at www.ogt.org for Domestic Disaster Relief and write Flood Relief in the comment box. Or you can mail a check with Flood Relief in the memo to:

OGT
PO Box 1466
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Thank you for your support with disaster relief.

STAY IN TOUCH

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WORD FROM THE CENTER

³⁷And a great windstorm arose, and the waves were breaking into the boat, so that the boat was already filling. ³⁸But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion. And they woke him and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" ³⁹And he awoke and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, "Peace!

Be still!" And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. ⁴⁰He said to them, "Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?" ⁴¹And they were filled with great fear and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?" (Mark 4:37-41)

REAL PEACE AMIDST THE STORM!

God's peace to you amidst whatever "storm" you are facing today.

I think that's an appropriate greeting for Christians because of the many issues we are encountering in our lives. There are the typical troubles of health and well-being that all of us face, that's for sure. But there is also an especially vitriolic feeling in America toward anyone or anything that asserts God's moral limitations to our libertine attitudes of absolute freedom. We know how to protest, but we don't seem to know how to be virtuous anymore, right? And the attacks on those who even remotely hint at such moral truths are getting more and more noxious by the day. That's why this event in the life of Jesus and His disciples is one of my favorites. Here He is, God-in-the-flesh, an empathetic, merciful Savior for ALL. Yet He was willing to enter this sinful world so that He can save us eternally. He literally took upon Himself the eternal ramifications of our sin, our death, and the righteousness judgment that we deserved. So if you are looking for a Savior who can help in your time of need and who can calm the fears of His disciples, then and now, well, that's right up His alley.

There are so many things in this passage today that can bless us. First, the extent to which God in Christ is willing to go to save us is amazing. He leaves the power of the heavens to be born in a manger. He is willing to be vulnerable to a world that is in rebellion against its Creator. He is willing to serve to the point of exhaustion and to sacrifice, enduring even the painful humiliation of the cross. Why? Because He loves us with a magnificent love. Yet, we, like the disciples often cry out, "Jesus, Don't you care?" When He stopped the storm that day, they got a glimpse of

the power that He would unleash through His suffering, death, and resurrection for them and for all. You and I can grasp that reality as we read the Scriptures every day.

Remember daily that Jesus wants you to trust Him, especially in the middle of the storms you face. He doesn't dismiss or disregard your fears. Yes, He may help you escape or overcome them. But if you must endure the storms of life, He's the One who can always see you through. He can even make such trials turn into an ultimate blessing to you and for others. Above all, He promises that nothing in this life will separate you from Him, from His love, and from His life and salvation (see Romans 8:35-39).

These last few years have been terrifying in many ways. Today there are many saying, "Look to me, put your faith in me, vote for me, and I'll get you through this." No, Christ is our peace amidst the storms of life, and we will put our faith in Him ALONE. In a world often hell bent on libertine, amoral living, vote to keep the government and its leaders in their proper place (see Romans 13:1-7). Then let us be, even more, people of Christ who are obedient to His Word and gracious to our neighbors on His terms alone. He's the source of real peace and blessing, even amidst the storms. After all, wind and waves are ultimately no bother to the one who is the Creator, Sustainer, and Redeemer of the world.

PRAYER: Dear Lord Jesus, I don't always know why you allow difficult things to happen in my life. But when they do, strengthen my faith to trust in Your purposes for my life in ways that also seek to bless others. AMEN. *Rev. Gregory Seltz*



MAIN STREET LIVING JULY 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

July 7, 2024

10 a.m. “No Laughing Matter” A woman must learn to deal with her past in order to help someone else in her present.

10:30 a.m. Rev. Bill Heermann, pastor Emeritus at Wagner, SD presents a message titled “Divine Fireworks.” This sermon is based on Mark 6:1–13.

July 14, 2024

10 a.m. “My Husband, My Sorrow” A man and woman must deal with whether they should consummate an adulterous affair.

10:30 a.m. Presenter is **Rev. Chris Amen**, pastor at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Pipestone, MN.

July 21, 2024

10 a.m. “The Cup” The dilemma a trucker must face when a good friend dies trying to protect him.

10:30 a.m. Rev. Ken Johnson, pastor at Zion and Our Savior Lutheran Churches in Avon and Springfield, SD presents a message titled “Porcupines, Sheep, and Geese.” This sermon is based on Ephesians 2:14–15.

July 28, 2024

10 a.m. “Stranger at the Door” Having given up a baby for adoption 22 years before, a man shows up on her steps saying he is looking for his mother.

10:30 a.m. To be announced.



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Stephanie Everson, SP	July 1
Evelyn Greene, SP	July 4
Liam Thomas, SP	July 5
Shawnda Thompson, TR	July 6
<i>Curt & Donna Fink, SP</i>	<i>July 6</i>
Deb Pope, TR	July 8
Maxine Warnke, SP	July 10
<i>Kieth & Cathy Albrecht, SP</i>	<i>July 10</i>
Jailey Baumiller, SP	July 13
Karen Meier, TR	July 14
Trey Dozark, TR	July 15
Paul Everson, TR	July 18
<i>Matt & Jayna Doering, TR</i>	<i>July 18</i>
Erin Thomas, SP	July 21
Jean Gerlach, SP	July 23
Deb Pickart, SP	July 24
Aaron Anthony, SP	July 25
Theresa Glissendorf, TR	July 25
<i>Terry & Brenda Anthony, SP</i>	<i>July 25</i>
Dick Markhardt, TR	July 26
Jeremy Johnson, SP	July 27
Daniel Greene, SP	July 27
Michael Hempel, TR	July 28
<i>Josh & Ferra Kemp, SP</i>	<i>July 28</i>
Cain Tobin, SP	July 29
Tyree Everson, TR	July 30
Myshelle Everson, TR	July 30
Charles Fink, SP	July 31

The 63rd Biennial Convention of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) South Dakota District was held June 7 and 8, 2024 at the Ramkota Convention Center, Aberdeen, SD. 240 attendees from across the state met under the theme "Inexpressible Joy † Matchless Savior" based on the Bible verse *Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy with that is inexpressible and filled with glory, obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls* (1 Peter 1:8–9). Local attendees were Alice Johnson, Diana Kieffer, and Nancy Bogenhagen.

Kay Kreklau, 17th president (2011–2015) of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League, was the Keynote Speaker. Greetings from LWML were given by Arlene Naasz, LWML Vice President of Organizational Resources. Katy Gifford, past LWML Nebraska South District President, from Wheaton, MN, shared information on LWML's Gifts of Love. Bible studies were led by author Donna Snow, LWML Texas District.

Convention Offerings: 2024–2026 Mission Grant Goal — \$4,332.89 and Mission Central — \$3,299.00. In addition, the Mission Walk raised \$1,080.31, Mite Bites raised \$77.03, and the Pastoral Counselors Mite Challenge raised \$3,537.77.

Those attending the convention participated in the following Servant Events: 151 diapers made out of T-Shirts and/or flannel material for the Orphan Grain Train, many Christian bookmarks and cards for Phil's Friends for cancer patients; 300 witness bracelets for M.O.S.T. (Mission Opportunities Short Term), and 200 mitten puppets for The Puppet Place at the South Dakota State Fair.

Gifts from the Heart: A multitude of gifts were brought for Journey Home and Safe Harbor, both of Aberdeen, SD.

Delegates selected 15 mission grants totaling \$65,000, to be funded during the 2024–2026 biennium:

1. "Main Street Living" Ministry Outreach TV Program SD — \$4,998
2. Shepherd's Canyon Retreat, RSO — \$5,000
3. Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch, Chapel Furnishings, Bismark, ND, RSO — \$3,000
4. Lighthouse Preschool, Aberdeen, SD — \$5,000
5. Critical Tools for Body and Soul, MOST Ministries — \$5,000
6. Proclaiming Christ to the Nations: Concordia Seminary Int'l Student Support — \$5,000
7. Mt. Calvary Learning Center, Security Upgrade, Huron, SD — \$5,000
8. Faith Lutheran Preschool, Pierre, SD — \$2,500
9. New Shepherds for South Sudan, LHF — \$5,000
10. Faith Lutheran Motor Coach Improvements, Pierre, SD — \$5,000
11. Servants of the Gospel Through Dots of Love, LBW, RSO — \$3,000
12. Faith Health and Wellbeing and Community Outreach, Sioux Falls, SD — \$4,600
13. Theological Libraries and Resources, Africa, LCMS Africa Region — \$5,000
14. Haitian Seminaries, Ministry in Mission, RSO — \$4,000
15. Proclaim the Gospel, Serve in Mercy, RSO, LCMS — \$2,902 (partial)

Officers elected to four-year terms were:

Mary Jo Stier, Onida, SD – President
Kristy Ring, Gregory, SD – Vice President of Christian Life
Cathy VandeBraak, Sioux Falls, SD – Vice President of Gospel Outreach
Vonda Sturzenbecher, Black Hawk, SD – Treasurer
Rev. Christopher McCarthy, Wall and Creighton, SD – Pastoral Counselor
Lori Hoffman, Canistota, SD – Nominating Committee, chairman
Jan Larson, Pierre, SD – Nominating Committee
Lurene Mogler Denke, Pierre, SD – Nominating Committee

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2 2 p.m. TR Hope Circle 	3	4 Independence Day 	5	6
7  Seventh Sunday after Pentecost Event at St. Paul's 5 p.m. Joint Divine Service Guest Pastor, Rev. Soyk	8	9	10 6:30 p.m. TR Ruth Circle 	11	12	13
14  Eighth Sunday after Pentecost Event at Trinity 5 p.m. Joint Divine Service Guest Pastor, Rev. Soyk	15	16	17	18	19	20
21  Ninth Sunday after Pentecost Event at St. Paul's 5 p.m. Joint Divine Service	22	23 <i>August newsletter articles due.</i>	24	25	26	27
28  Tenth Sunday after Pentecost Events at Trinity 5 p.m. Joint Divine Service 6 p.m. TR Qtrly Voters Meeting	29	30	<div style="border: 1px solid red; border-radius: 15px; padding: 10px; background-color: #f0f0f0;"> <p>Rev. Jenson Out of the Office July 7-19</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Rev. Loeslie On Call (605-630-1896)</p> </div>			