



NEWSLETTER



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

June 2024

Joint Divine Worship Service Schedule for June

Sunday, June 2, 2024 — 5 p.m. at St. Paul's
 Sunday, June 9, 2024 — 5 p.m. at Trinity
 Sunday, June 16, 2024 — 5 p.m. at St. Paul's
 Sunday, June 23, 2024 — 5 p.m. at Trinity
 Sunday, June 30, 2024 — 5 p.m. at St. Paul's

Christian Education

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

Lutheran Women's Missionary League

Trinity Ruth Circle – No June meeting.
 Trinity Hope Circle – No June meeting.
 St. Paul's Dorcas Circle – No June meeting.

Serving the Lord's Church in JUNE

TRINITY

Elder Scott Meier
Ushers Ron Steffen
 Dan Meier
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Altar Barb Gilbertz

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Elder Mike Tuschen
Ushers Lennis Titze
 Howard Weischedel
Acolyte Blake Everson
Altar Sharon Boyd

Scripture Readings

June 2 Deuteronomy 5:12–15; 2 Cor. 4:5–12; Mark 2:23–28
 June 9 Genesis 3:8–15; 2 Corinthians 4:13–5:1; Mark 3:20–35
 June 16 Ezekiel 17:22–24; 2 Cor. 5:1–10; Mark 4:26–34
 June 23 Job 38:1–11; 2 Corinthians 6:1–13; Mark 4:35–41
 June 30 Lam. 3:22–33; 2 Cor. 8:1–9, 13–15; Mark 5:21–43

The **July 2024 newsletter** will be available on or after June 30, 2024. Articles are due Tuesday, June 25, 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!



Be Salt and Light in the World

Jesus says in Matthew 5, *You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet. You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.*

Jesus calls Christians to be salt and light in the world. Salt counteracts decay and light drives away darkness. Christians do not follow the corrupt ways and customs of the world. Rather, in word and deed, Christians counteract the corruption in the world. Christians should not be concerned about pleasing the world nor winning the praises of the world. Rather, Christians should only be concerned about pleasing Christ and following His Word. He alone is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. The unbelieving world follows the devil into all manner of sin, but Christians follow Christ. Jesus says, *If you were of the world, the world would love you as its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you* (John 15:19).

Pride month is nearly here and there is great pressure on Christians by various groups and institutions in our country to conform and support all sorts of sinful, perverse behavior. **The loving and right thing for Christians to do in the face of such evil is to be salt and light.** Christians must, in word and deed, rebuke all evil works, call those who practice them to repent, and boldly confess Christ. If we do not counteract the practices of the world, but conform to them, then we are no longer salt and light. If we conform to the world, then we deny Christ and join the world

in opposing Him. If we cease to be salt and light, then we are no longer good for anything and we will perish with the world.

Homosexuality, sex outside of marriage, adultery, and transgenderism all run directly against God's Word. Such practices do not love God and neighbor. God created mankind male and female. God instituted marriage in the beginning. *Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh* (Genesis 2:24). The life-long union of a man and woman is essential for a flourishing society as well as creating a safe and stable environment for children to grow up in. Society breaks down when the family breaks down. Marriage and the nature of man are under attack in our country. Christians must not tolerate it, but we must be salt and light for the sake of our fellow Christians that they may not falter under the great pressure of the world and also out of love for those who do support such evil practices in the hopes that they will repent and believe the Gospel which cleanses us of all sin. The Gospel offers and gives the absolution of all sin because Jesus atoned for all sin on the cross, which includes all the sins that pride month celebrates. The Lord says, *Have I any pleasure in the death of the wicked, declares the Lord God, and not rather that he should turn from his way and live?* (Ezekiel 18:23)

Let your faith shine forth brightly in word and deed and be of good courage as you do so, for the Lord of hosts is with you, He is always for you, and He reigns and rules over all things, working all things for your good and salvation. Herein I cannot emphasize enough how **important it is to be in church** as well. If your faith is going to endure and be fortified against the world, the flesh, and the devil, then

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MAIN STREET LIVING JUNE 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

June 2, 2024

10 a.m. "Some People Need Help" An amputee from a Veteran's hospital must learn that hurting others will not help him.

10:30 a.m. Rev. Samuel Thole, pastor at Peace Lutheran Church in Brookings, presents a message titled "Trusting Jesus' Obedience." This sermon is based on Mark 2:23–3:6.

June 9, 2024

KDLT (FOX) channel 46 - Note station change

10 a.m. "Jeremy" Deals with the relationship between a mother and a mentally challenged son who lives in a home.

10:30 a.m. Rev. Alex Slotter, pastor at Peace Lutheran Church in Rock Rapids, IA presents a message titled "God, Our Father." This sermon is based on Genesis 3:1–15.

June 16, 2024

10 a.m. "Flight Plan" A man has to deal with the death of a young boy with a terminal illness. Will it strengthen his faith or destroy it?

10:30 a.m. Rev. Ryan Loeslie, pastor at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Dimock, presents a message titled "The Kingdom's Growth." This sermon is based on Mark 4:26–34.

June 23, 2024

10 a.m. "Amazing Grace" A man who has come from a poor beginning to a rich and full life must learn not to forsake his Christian faith.

10:30 a.m. Rev. Brian Lemcke, pastor at Zion Lutheran Church in Delmont, presents a message titled "Questions to live (and suffer) By." This sermon is based on Job 38:1–11.

June 30, 2024

10:00 a.m. "The Selling Price" A father and son face the issue of ethics, and how it relates to God's law.

10:30 a.m. Rev. Kevin Koester, pastor at Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church in Huron, presents a message titled "Waiting Quietly." This sermon is based on Lamentations 3:22–33.



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Deb Haak, SP	June 2
Florence Meier (97), TR	June 2
<i>Curt & Kathy Guindon, SP</i>	<i>June 2</i>
Joshua Doering, TR	June 3
<i>Jerry & Sharon Boyd, SP</i>	<i>June 5</i>
Jill Rolfsmeier, TR	June 6
<i>Scott & Kim Meier, TR</i>	<i>June 6</i>
Madison Meier, TR	June 7
Victoria Lehman, SP	June 8
Natia DeGeest, SP	June 12
William Doering, TR	June 12
Christian Thomas, SP	June 14
Rodney Weber, SP	June 14
<i>Don & Erin Thomas, SP</i>	<i>June 17</i>
Sharon Weischedel, SP	June 20
Scott Meier, TR	June 20
Rowan Byrd, TR	June 20
Aurora Steichen, TR	June 20
<i>Chris & Kristin Heismeyer, SP</i>	<i>June 24</i>
Turner Rose, TR	June 27
<i>Jeff & Alice Johnson, TR</i>	<i>June 27</i>
Alex Barto, TR	June 29
<i>Dale & Vicki Gerlach, SP</i>	<i>June 30</i>
<i>Stan & Marlene Johnson, SP</i>	<i>June 30</i>



WORD FROM THE CENTER

God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life (John 3:16).

ETERNAL LIFE IS REAL LIFE!

There's a caricature out there about the Christian view of life. It goes like this, "Christians are so heavenly minded that they are of no earthly good." In other words, people accuse Christians of being so focused on eternal life that the issues of today become insignificant to them. Is that really true? Chuck Colson, a ruthless political operative whose later life was transformed by faith in Jesus Christ, realized that life changes when you realize that it is eternal. Exactly! His statement embraces the biblical call to repentance and the realization that true, meaningful, and abundant life is a gift from God which comes apart from any human being's works. When you realize that real life is beyond your control and, instead, trust in God's promise of eternal life in Jesus Christ, then even death itself is but a passageway into an unending life with Him. And that's when you begin to really live here and now as well. You might say that once you realize that your life is eternal, then living really begins in the present as well! And when you have eternal life in Christ, you enjoy an abundant life both now and forever.

In my 36 years of ministry, I've been privileged to serve in some pretty special places such as New York City, Los Angeles, Tampa, and now Washington, D.C. In every place I've served, there were people who were busy trying to make a difference, trying to live a meaningful life. If you'd ask many of them about church or going to church or the condition of their spiritual life, they'd tell you matter-of-factly that they were too busy trying to make a difference to have idle thoughts like those. To me, it seems that such thinking has it all backwards. You need to know who you are, where you are going, and why that all matters before figuring what you need to be doing today. Knowing the end of our lives, or, better, the eternal nature of our lives, makes all the difference for how we live each and every day. Otherwise we're like the people on an airplane

who heard their pilot come on the intercom and say, "Ladies and gentlemen, I have good news and bad news. The good news is that we're making excellent time. The bad news is that our navigational systems are malfunctioning, and we have no idea where we're going."

In Matthew 6:33, Jesus prioritizes the eternal destination of things by saying, "But seek first God's kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well." God's eternal kingdom brings a whole different perspective on how to live abundantly right now. The worries of today and tomorrow are best handled by seeing our eternal lives in Christ's hands, seeing the Father's love for us in the person and work of Jesus Christ, and then boldly engaging the challenges of each day within the eternal, enduring victory of His cross and resurrection. That's a great way to live today, as well as toward tomorrow! The truth of our eternal life in Christ, received by grace through faith, empowers and directs our walk purposefully each and every day in ways that truly love others, both now and forever.

Eternal life is real life. That truth calls you and me today to faith in Jesus who is "the way, the truth, and the life" (John 14:6). Life is precious. Life is sacred. As a result, God Himself wants you to know the power of living eternal life with Him by faith right now. How do I know that God wants that for you? Just read John 3:16 again and take it to heart each and every day!

PRAYER: Dear Lord Jesus, we clamor for so many things in this life. But we forget that life is not just here and now; it's everlasting. Give us wisdom to focus on the reality of eternal life. Then strengthen our faith to live with that awareness here and now in all we do each and every day.

AMEN

Rev. Gregory Seltz

NEWS & Notes



Trinity Lutherans for Life of White Lake is hosting their **Annual Diaper Drive** through **Father's Day 2024**. Please consider donating diapers and/or wipes. For your convenience, collection totes will be at Ron's Market in White Lake and in Plankinton. Then encourage community members to pick up a donation for their family in August!

Members of Trinity Lutherans for Life are excited that the donations will go directly to help those in our area. The Diaper Distribution will be held Friday, August 2, 2024, from 5 to 7 p.m. Members of the community may come to Trinity Lutheran Church, White Lake, during these set times and pick up what size(s) they need for their child(ren).

Trinity LFL is striving to share the message that life should be supported at all stages. Each phase of life comes with its own challenges and expenses for parents and caregivers. The community diaper drive and distribution help show our love and support for the smallest community members and to celebrate life with our families.



The **LWML South Dakota District 2024 Convention** will be held June 7–8, 2024 at the Best Western Hotel and Convention Center, Aberdeen, SD under the theme "Inexpressible Joy † Matchless Savior" (1 Peter 1:8–9).

Bible study leader Donna Snow.
Keynote speaker Kay Kreklau.
LWML Representative Arlene Naasz.
Gifts of Love presenter Katy Gifford.

Visit sdlwml.org/district-conventions for details.

Ink Cartridge Recycling. Due to decreased benefits of recycling, Trinity will no longer be collecting used ink cartridges. Thank you for all who have contributed in the past!

INTERESTED IN A GREAT SERVICE PROJECT? LOVE SHARING YOUR FAITH WITH OTHERS? Consider volunteering at Blessed Emmanuel during the 2024 Sturgis Motorcycle Rally!

The many volunteers who have helped during previous years can attest to the wonderful fellowship we experience with our fellow LCMS members as well as the many visitors who attend breakfasts and suppers.

We serve about 2000 meals during the rally. That's 2000 opportunities to witness! And we are greatly rewarded when we receive letters, weeks and months after the rally has ended, telling us that after seeing the joyful volunteerism we have during rally, they have been motivated to volunteer more at their home church.

Slots are available for BREAKFAST 6 a.m.–12 p.m. daily from Saturday, August 3, 2024, through Saturday August 10, 2024.

- 6 a.m.–12 p.m. — breakfast prep and cooking (4 people)
- 7 a.m.–12 p.m. — serving (14 people)
- 12 p.m. until done — clean-up (2 people)
- www.signupgenius.com/go/Rally-2024

Slots are available for DINNER 4– 8:30 p.m. daily from Monday, August 5, 2024, through Friday, August 9, 2024.

- 4–8:30 p.m. — set-up/serve/clean-up (4 people)
- [www.signupgenius.com/go/RallySupper 2024](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/RallySupper2024)

Please call Blessed Emmanuel at 605-423-5870 if you would like more information.

it needs to be nourished constantly by God's Word. Not only that, but Christians need to support and encourage each other. The Christian life is a hard life and often a lonely life, therefore let us not neglect meeting together as is the habit of some (Heb 10), but let us gather faithfully around God's Word, so that we may love, support, and encourage one another as God would have us. Psalm 27, *The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall*

I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? When evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh, my adversaries and foes, it is they who stumble and fall. Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.

In Christ,
Pastor Jenson

Thank you, fathers, for reflecting and emulating the Heavenly Father's own love for every human life!

Ten of the most magnificent blessings fathers bring:

He provides.

He protects.

He instructs.

He inspires.

He includes.

He encourages.

He strengthens.

He cheers.

He repairs.

He remains.

These are nothing less than works and gifts of the Lord our God.

“The living, the living one, he thanks You, as I do this day; the father makes known to the children Your faithfulness” (Isaiah 38:19).

God bless fatherhood — and Happy Father's Day.

Lutheransforlife.org

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Recordings of Divine Services: Available on the **YouTube** channel, **Trinity White Lake**.



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2 Second Sunday after Pentecost Events at St. Paul's 5 p.m. Joint Divine Service	3	4	5	6	7 LWML South Dakota District 63rd Convention, Aberdeen, SD "Inexpressible Joy † Matchless Savior" sdlwml.org/district-conventions	8
9 Third Sunday after Pentecost Events at Trinity 5 p.m. Joint Divine Service	10	11	12	13	14	15
16 Fourth Sunday after Pentecost Happy Father's Day! Events at St. Paul's 5 p.m. Joint Divine Service	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 Fifth Sunday after Pentecost Events at Trinity 5 p.m. Joint Divine Service	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> Pastor out of the office. Pastor Loeslie (Immanuel, Dimock: 605-630-1896) is on call. </div>					29
30 Sixth Sunday after Pentecost Events at St. Paul's 5 p.m. Joint Divine Service	<i>Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls (1 Peter 1:8-9).</i>					