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Calendar

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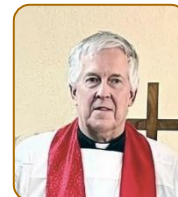
President Dan Guericke

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.

BE READY!



Dear Members of Trinity and St. Paul's,

We just celebrated Reformation Sunday when we heard how Martin Luther and the great reformers brought out truths from the Bible that we are saved by God's grace, and not by keeping the law, which of ourselves is impossible to do. We give all the glory to Jesus for our salvation!

On All Saints Day, which is November 1 every year, we remember all of the saints who have died and are now with God in Heaven. It reminds us of Jesus' death over sin, death, and the power of the devil. The worship service is white which is symbolic of purity and victory.

Revelation 7:9-17 shows the great celebration of all believers in Heaven. It shows that believers come from all over the world; all who repent of their sins and put all of their trust in Jesus alone for salvation as it says in 7:9, "a great multitude from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages." That passage shows Jesus on the throne being worshiped by the saints of all times, which reminds us to give all the glory and honor to Jesus who purchased us by His blood. There are many celebrations in this world after World Series or Super Bowl wins and other sports. But then these celebrations die down, fade away, and are forgotten. But the celebration of Revelation 7 in Heaven is eternal. This is a celebration that we cannot miss.

How do we make sure that we will be at that great eternal celebration? I John 5:12 says, "He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life." We have so many opportunities to hear God's Word in church, read God's Word at home, and as Peter wrote, to grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus. The one important thing in life is to be ready for that day that we live with God and the fellow saints forever in Heaven. Matthew 24:44 says, "Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."

Pastor McKillop



Christian Education

Adult Bible class at Trinity: Wednesdays, Nov. 4, 11, and 18 at 5:30 p.m.

We are studying the books of Colossians.

7th and 8th grade Catechism class at Trinity: Nov. 4, 11, and 18 at 6:30 p.m.

7th and 8th grade Catechism class at St. Paul's: Monday's at 7 p.m.

Sunday School at St. Paul's 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday School at Trinity: Nov. 4, 11, and 18 at 5:30 p.m.

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

Upcoming Special Services

- **Thanksgiving Eve** Joint Service: Wednesday, November 25, 2026, 6:30 p.m. at St. Paul's.
- **Advent** Joint Services – Wednesdays 6:30 p.m. Dec. 2 and 16 at Trinity. Dec. 9 at St. Paul's.
- **Christmas Eve Children's Service** Thursday, December 24, 2026, 5 p.m. at Trinity.
- **Christmas Day** Joint Service. Thursday, December 25, 2026, 10 p.m. at St. Paul's.
- **2027 Divine Worship Services** St. Paul's, 8:30 a.m. | Trinity, 10:30 a.m.

Serving the Lord during November 2026

Trinity

Elder David Bogenhagen
Ushers John Geyer
Ron Steffen
Acolyte Blake Bogenhagen
Altar Janice Thiry

St. Paul's

Elder Mike Tuschen
Ushers Nathan DeGeest
Rodney Weber
Acolyte Karter Weber
Altar Deb Haak
Greeters Nov. 1 Larry Gerlach
Nov. 8 Stephanie Everson & family
Nov. 15 Merlyn & Deb Haak
Nov. 22 Kieth & Cathy Albrecht
Nov. 29 Mike & Sandy Tuschen

Scripture Readings for Sundays in November

Nov. 1 All Saints' Day Revelation 7:9–17; 1 John 3:1–3; Matthew 5:1–12
Nov. 8 24th Sunday after Pentecost. Amos 5:18–24; 1 Thessalonians 4:13–18; Matthew 25:1–13
Nov. 15 25th Sunday after Pentecost Zephaniah 1:7–16; 1 Thessalonians 5:1–11; Matthew 25:14–30
Nov. 22 Last Sunday of Church Year Ezekiel 34:11–16, 20–24; 1 Cor. 15:20–28; Matthew 25:31–46
Nov. 29 First Sunday in Lent Isaiah 64:1–9; 1 Corinthians 1:3–9; Mark 11:1–10

Christmas Aid

Trinity Lutherans for Life, White Lake, would like to help families within our area this Christmas season by purchasing clothing, toys, diapers, or other items that may be needed. This project is being supported by a Thrivent Action Team.

If you would like to participate, we encourage you to fill out the form on Trinity's website, trinitywhitelake.com/lutherans-for-life. Please return the form by Friday, **November 20, 2026** to: Trinity Lutheran Church, PO Box 6, White Lake, SD 57383. For additional information, feel free to contact us at trinitywhitelake@gmail.com.

Newsletter

The **December newsletter** will be available on/after November 29, 2026. Please submit news/articles to the parish secretary at trinitywlsd@gmail.com by Wednesday, November 25, 2026. If you would prefer an emailed digital newsletter instead of a printed copy, please contact Nancy at the same email address. *Thank you!*



MAIN STREET LIVING November 2026

All programs are interpreted and closed-captioned for the hearing impaired.
www.mainstreetliving.com

Broadcast on KDLT (NBC) channels 5.1 / 46.1

November 1, 2026

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. Daniel Provost, pastor at St. Andrew, Grace, & St. Peter Lutheran Churches in Niagara, Lakota, and Devils Lake in ND, presents a message titled "For All The Saints". The sermon is based on Revelation 7:2–17.

November 8, 2026

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

10:30 a.m. Rev. Gary Schulte, pastor at Zion Lutheran Church in Rapid City, presents a message titled "Indian Summer". The sermon is based on Amos 5:18–24.

November 15, 2026

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 beginnings.

10:30 a.m. Rev. Joshua Jones, pastor at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Rapid City, SD, presents a message titled "Knowing the Master". The sermon is based on Matthew 25:14–30.

November 22, 2026

10 a.m. "Twisting Road" Fourth commandment, human guilt and divine forgiveness.

10:30 a.m. Rev. Bryan Meadows, pastor at Zion Lutheran Church in Rapid City, SD, presents a message titled "Hope Mixed at the Edges". The sermon is based on Matthew 25:31–46.

November 29, 2026

10 a.m. "Red Boots for Christmas" A shoemaker learns the true meaning of Christmas.

10:30 a.m. Rev. Joshua Jones, pastor at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Rapid City, SD, presents a message titled "God Is God and I Am Not". The sermon is based on Isaiah 64:1–9.



November 2026

Lori Haak, SP	Nov. 1
Angela Hempel, TR	Nov. 2
Kurt Fink, SP	Nov. 3
<i>Dean & Susan Suelflow, TR</i>	<i>Nov. 7</i>
<i>Ron & Dona Steffen, TR</i>	<i>Nov. 7</i>
Larry Gerlach, SP	Nov. 8
Aalyah Contreras, TR	Nov. 8
Whitney Penney, TR	Nov. 11
Ryan Huff, SP	Nov. 13
Brittney Greene, SP	Nov. 13
Pam Hallman, TR	Nov. 14
Jeremy Haak, SP	Nov. 16
Denner Vandenhoeck, TR	Nov. 17
Ben Bogenhagen, TR	Nov. 20
Curt Guindon, SP	Nov. 24
Chris Heismeyer, SP	Nov. 25
Jeanette Fink, SP	Nov. 27



Happy Thanksgiving



Let us give thanks!



JOINT VOTERS MEETING

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Plankinton and Trinity Lutheran Church, White Lake
October 26, 2026

Unofficial Minutes from the Parish Secretary

A joint voters meeting between St. Paul's Lutheran, Plankinton, and Trinity Lutheran, White Lake, was held at Trinity Monday, October 26, 2026, at 7 p.m. Three members from St. Paul's, six members from Trinity, Rev. Don McKillop, and the parish secretary were present. Trinity President, Dan Guericke, called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Pastor McKillop opened with a reading from Philippians 2 and a prayer.

I. Pastor's Report. Pastor McKillop is leading Bible studies for the LWML groups at both congregations. He is very thankful for the Release-Time program at Trinity and the opportunity it presents for reaching students who might not otherwise receive spiritual training. A joint adult Bible study is being held at Trinity on Wednesday evenings; currently studying the book of Colossians. Catechism classes are being held at St. Paul's Monday evenings and at Trinity Wednesday evenings. Trinity will host the Mitchell Circuit Winkel December 15, 2026. Pastor makes visits to shut-ins once every two weeks, generally. He has restarted holding services at the Aurora Brule Care and Rehab twice a month, rather than just individual visits. He is helping the Mt. Calvary Huron congregation in their vacancy by holding a communion service the second Thursday of each month, as well as in-home communion visits to shut-ins in the Huron area. He will be preparing sermons in advance to be read by laymen at either of our congregations in the event of an emergency.

II. Upcoming Schedule of Events. Mike Tuschen moved that Thanksgiving, Advent, Lent, Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday services be held at 6:30 p.m. Motion seconded and carried (MSC). Dan Gerlach moved that Christmas Day Service be held at 10 p.m.; MSC.

Thanksgiving Eve Joint Service

Wednesday, November 25, 2026, 6:30 p.m., at St. Paul's.

Advent Joint Services 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, December 2, 2026, at Trinity; December 9 at St. Paul's' December 16 at Trinity.

Christmas Eve Children's Service

Thursday, December 24, 2026, 5 p.m., at Trinity.

Christmas Day Joint Service

Friday, December 25, 2026, 10 p.m. at St. Paul's.

2027 Divine Worship Services .

St. Paul's, 8:30 a.m. | Trinity 10:30 a.m.

Lent — Holy Week — Easter

Ash Wednesday, February 10, 2027, 5 p.m. at St. Paul's | 6:30 p.m. at Trinity.

Wednesday, February 17, March 3, and March 17, 2027, 6:30 p.m. at St. Paul's.

Wednesday, February 24 and March 10, 2027, 6:30 p.m. at Trinity.

Maundy Thursday, March 25, 2027, 6:30 p.m. at St. Paul's, w/communion.

Good Friday, March 26, 2027, 6:30 p.m. at Trinity.

Easter Sunday, March 28, 2027, (regular service times) 8:30 am. at St. Paul's | 10:30 a.m. at Trinity.

III. Pastor's Agreement

Mike Tuschen moved to increase Pastor McKillop's annual salary from \$50,000 to \$55,000; MSC. Pastor is still on his catastrophic health care plan while he works with Ron Todd to get on Medicare. Once that plan comes together, Pastor is to visit with the parish leaders regarding any needed financial assistance for penalties/fees. Pastor is submitting mileage for reimbursement. We are paying the current IRS business rate (\$.76/mile). Parsonage needs are being addressed by St. Paul's members.

IV. Forward Planning

A discussion was held on further thoughts/actions following the August 27, 2026, informational meeting with LCMS South Dakota District President Rev. Randy Sturzenbecher and Mitchell Circuit Visitor Rev. Ryan Loeslie. A general consensus was reached of recognizing a possible need to join with another congregation in the future, with a preference of Chamberlain, Armour, or Mitchell. There was no interest in forming a three-point parish with congregations north of us (Wessington Springs, Wolsey, etc.) due to distance and normal traffic/activity flow. We will see how things develop in the future.

V. Other. A suggestion was made that Pastor ask before/after each service if there are prayer requests.

President Guericke declared the meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m. The Lord's Prayer was spoken by all.

Moments with Mary Jo

Transformed in Christ: 2027 National LWML Convention Theme



Mary Jo Stier
LWML District President

Fall is in the air and with that comes the beautiful change of the seasons. The leaves have started turning colors, falling to the ground and marking the end the warm and sunshine of the summer. We turn ourselves to the cooler temperatures of the fall and the time of year that we look at all the Lord has given us and give thanks for the beauty of the changing of seasons.

It is also the time of year, we take the opportunity to give thanks to the Lord for the gift of family and friends as Thanksgiving is right around the corner and before long, we will celebrate Christmas. As in all my articles over the past two years, I have talked about time and how fast it goes. Well as you can see, the pattern has continued.



As we are starting to make plans for the upcoming holidays with our family and friends, we need to start looking at summer. Now is the time to start making plans to attend the National Convention in Oklahoma City July 8 -11, 2027. The theme of the convention is **Transformed in Christ**, based on the scripture verse: *"Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect"* (Romans 12:2).

The South Dakota District is looking into the possibility of having a charter bus. There will be more details in the next edition of the HiLites.

We are also looking for members to submit banner ideas that will represent the district. If creativity is a gift the Lord has given you, I would encourage you to submit an idea. More details will be available soon. For now, go out and enjoy the beauty the Lord has provided.

2026 CHRISTIAN LIFE WORKSHOPS

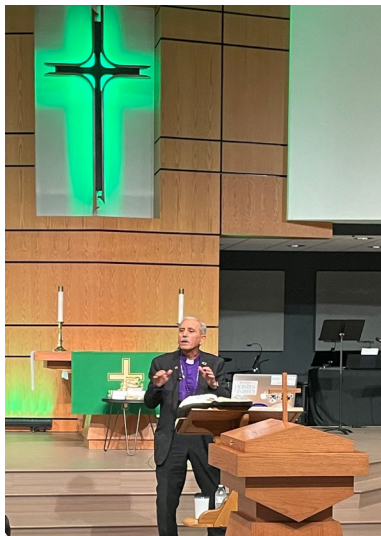
by Kristy Ring, VP Christian Life

A great kick off to the fall began on Saturday, Sept. 27 at Memorial, Sioux Falls. We were welcomed on a beautiful rainy day by Colleen Keiser and thoughtful group at Memorial. Nearly 70 women gathered and were blessed by hearing God's word through Pastor Doug Slavens leading us in opening devotions.

Pastor Slavens shared from Luke that we prefer to "sit for a moment in the darkness with the presence of the Lord than alone in the light." God gives us his light through Christ Jesus. In the light of the Lord, Pastor read to us the book of Ruth. There we learned from Pastor Nabil Nour that in many ways we are like Ruth. Pastor Nour guided our Bible study with a direct translation from original Hebrew text. Pastor Nour shared the rich life of Ruth and the

ways God cared for her as He still cares for us today.

One week later, we gathered again enjoying sunny autumn colors on the opposite side of the state at St. Paul, Spearfish, with Black Hills Zone President Elaine Hankel to thank for organizing. We opened by singing songs and hymns with beautiful musical accompaniment.



Rev. Nabil Nour (retired) shares about the life of Ruth.

Pastor Thomas Brown cleared our road of objections by leading us through a study on Apologetics – or, the reason for the hope we have within ourselves – based on 1 Peter 3:15. Approximately 42 women from South Dakota, Wyoming, Texas and Kansas learned how to make a defense for their Christian faith. Pastor Brown armed us with love and wisdom for sharing the truth of Christ's love with unbelievers.



Rev. Thomas Brown of St. Paul, Spearfish, leads a session on Apologetics.

Both Christian Life Workshops were well supported with shoppers from apparel to outreach supplies. Our store has been a great success. I feel great joy visiting with each shopper and sharing in the love of Christ as His love is then passed on to our neighbors through these meaningful treasures.

Thank you to all the women who warmly welcomed us to their congregations and to the Pastors who prepared and guided us in God's word. Your time and effort are greatly appreciated.

His Mercy Endures Forever

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

On His way to Jerusalem, where He would soon die and rise for the life of the world, Jesus was met by ten lepers. Standing at a distance, they did not cry the required, "Unclean! Unclean!" Instead, they called out, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us" (Luke 17:11-19). They sought mercy.

Jesus did not touch them. He simply spoke: "Go and show yourselves to the priests." As they went, they were cleansed. One of them turned back. No longer keeping his distance, he came right up to Jesus, fell on his face at His feet, and gave thanks. He worshiped. This man had been not only a leper but a Samaritan — a double outcast in the eyes of any Israelite. Yet no one is too downtrodden, too lowly or too far outside for Jesus' mercy.

Nine of the ten left and never returned. They were healed. They received what they wanted from Jesus and went on their way. They settled for less than all that Jesus would give of Himself for them. The Samaritan alone knew whom to trust — not only with his disease but with his death. He knew at whose feet his salvation rested.



Rev. Dr. Brian Mosemann
LWML District Counselor

When Jesus addressed him, He said, "Your faith has saved you."

Jesus had spoken a word of healing to all ten, and all ten were made well. Now, He spoke a word of salvation to the Samaritan.

The surprising thing is not that only one leper returned to give thanks. The surprising thing is that Jesus healed all ten knowing that only one would come back. All ten were cleansed, and the lack of gratitude from the nine did not cancel their healing. Jesus did not restore their leprosy. They went on their way without thanks to Jesus. One leper returned, gave thanks and worshiped. He was not only healed; he was saved. The other nine trusted Jesus for their healing. This man trusted Jesus with his life.

It is good news that our lives depend on God's love for us rather than on our love for Him. After all, it is His steadfast love that endures forever, not ours. God does not love you because you are good. God loves you because He is good, and His mercy endures forever.

BLACK HILLS ZONE UPDATE

by Elaine M. Hankel, Black Hills Zone President

This has been a busy year for the Black Hills Zone as we hosted the LWML SD District Convention in Rapid City.

The year began with planning, assigning committee chairman and committee members. Our Spring Rally turned into a workday, making items for the convention.

Zoom meetings were held and in June the convention took place at the Ramkota. Everyone enjoyed a successful convention.

Our Fall retreat was combined with the Christian Life Workshop, which was held at St. Paul, Spearfish. The Rev. Dr. Thomas Brown presented a Bible Study on "Apologetics in Evangelism". He also serves as the zone counselor.

In addition, the members continue to make quilts and lap robes which are given to veterans, shut ins and the Orphan Grain Train.

Cookies are provided for shut-ins and food for veterans.

School supplies were gathered for teachers' wish lists.

The zone raised \$618 in a "No Bake" bake sale for CASA and collected \$500 for Meals on Wheels.

Zone members also collected baby items for the Black Hills Pregnancy Center and participated in a diaper collection for five new babies in the zone's congregations.

We made special quilts, table runners, scarves, etc. to sell with the proceeds donated for special mission projects.

The members continue to stay busy with projects that are focused on missions and care of individuals in the community.

Don't Forget Your YWR!

Have you thought about who might be your Zone's next Young Woman Representative (YWR)?

Whether you serve on a Zone board, are active in your local group or simply know a young woman who would enjoy a meaningful LWML experience, you can help encourage the next generation of Lutheran women!

YWRs will have the opportunity to attend the 42nd Biennial LWML Convention, taking place July 8–11, 2027, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma! This is a wonderful chance to experience a national LWML convention, meet women from across the country, grow in faith and discover more about how God is working through LWML.

YWR applications are due in December!

Now is the time to start looking, praying, encouraging, and inviting! If you know a young woman who might be interested in serving as a YWR, share this opportunity with her. Groups can begin the application process now and make sure everything is submitted by the December deadline.

Together, we can encourage the next generation of Lutheran women and give them an opportunity to experience LWML on a national level. You never know how one convention experience might inspire a lifetime of faith, service, and involvement!

Have someone in mind? Don't wait! Reach out, share the opportunity, and help us welcome the next generation of YWRs.

More Information & Applications

For more information about the YWR program and the application, visit the SD District LWML Young Women page: <https://www.sdlwml.org/young-women>

A fillable YWR application is also available through the LWML National site.

Questions? Contact Danaca Schettler, Committee on Young Women Chairman, who will be happy to help with questions about the YWR program or application process.

SDLWMLYWR@GMAIL.COM, 605.695.0220

NOVEMBER 2026

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
1 All Saints' Day  Divine Services 8:30 a.m. Trinity 10:30 a.m. St. Paul's Sunday School 9:30 a.m. St. Paul's	2 SP Catechism 7 p.m.	3	4 TR Release-Time 2:15 p.m. Joint Bible Class @TR 5:30 p.m. TR Ctchsm 6:30 p.m.	5	6	7
8 24th 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	9 SP Catechism 7 p.m.	10 SP Dorcas Circle 2 p.m. TR Ruth Circle 6:30 p.m.	11 TR Release-Time 2:15 p.m. Joint Bible Class @TR 5:30 p.m. TR Ctchsm 6:30 p.m.	12	13	14
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22 Last Sunday of Church Year  Divine Services 8:30 a.m. Trinity 10:30 a.m. St. Paul's Sunday School 9:30 a.m. St. Paul's	23 SP Catechism 7 p.m.	24	25 Joint Thanksgiving Eve Service @ SP 6:30 p.m.	26 Thanksgiving	27	28
29 First Sunday Advent  Divine Services 8:30 a.m. Trinity 10:30 a.m. St. Paul's Sunday School 9:30 a.m. St. Paul's	30 SP Catechism 7 p.m.	 <p><i>O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good!</i></p>				