



# NEWSLETTER



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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. Thanks!

# AUGUST 2022

## Joint Divine Worship Services

Saturday, August 6, 2022 — 6 p.m. at St. Paul's  
Saturday, August 13, 2022 — 6 p.m. at Trinity  
Saturday, August 20, 2022 — 6 p.m. at St. Paul's  
Saturday, August 27, 2022 — 6 p.m. at Trinity  
Saturday, September 3, 2022 — 6 p.m. at St. Paul'

## Bible Study – Book of Daniel

Bible Study will resume in September.

## Lutheran Women's Missionary League

Trinity Hope Circle – August 2, 2022, 2 p.m.  
Trinity Ruth Circle – August 2, 2022, 6:30 p.m.  
St. Paul's Dorcas Circle – August 8, 2022, 2 p.m.

**Trinity Voters Meeting** — August 13, 2022, 7 p.m.

## Diaper Distribution

Trinity Lutherans For Life will hold their annual Diaper Distribution Days Friday August 5, 2022 (5–7 p.m.) and Saturday August 6, 2022 (10 a.m.–12 noon). See page 5 for more information.

## Serving the Lord's Church in AUGUST

### TRINITY

**Elder** David Bogenhagen  
**Ushers** Ben Bogenhagen  
Ron Steffen  
**Acolytes** Madison Meier  
Brant Bogenhagen  
**Altar** Janice Thiry

### ST. PAUL'S

**Elder** Curt Guindon  
**Ushers** Marv Jira  
Jeremy Johnson  
Larry Gerlach  
**Acolyte**  
**Altar** Cathy Albrecht

## Scripture Readings

Aug 6 Genesis 15:1–6; Hebrews 11:1–16; Luke 12:22–34  
Aug 13 Jeremiah 23:16–29; Hebrews 11:17–31; 12:1–3; Luke 12:49–53  
Aug 20 Isaiah 66:18–23; Hebrews 12:4–24; Luke 13:22–30  
Aug 27 Proverbs 25:2–10; Hebrews 13:1–17; Luke 14:1–14  
Sept 3 Deuteronomy 30:15–20; Philemon 1–21; Luke 14:25–35

At the July 23, 2022, **Pre-call Meeting**, it was determined that we would begin the call process for a full-time pastor. Please contact either of the congregational presidents for more information.

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The **September 2022 newsletter** will be available on/after August 27, 2022. Articles are due August 22, 2022.

## WHAT IS THE MARK OF THE BEAST?

There is a great deal of speculation about the mark of the beast. Some have said that the covid vaccines or vaccine passports were the mark of the beast. Some think that the mark of the beast will be a kind of barcode tattooed on an individual. There is much speculation regarding this passage in Revelation 13. Scripture however tells us what the mark of the beast is. *Also it causes all, both small and great, both rich and poor, both free and slave, to be marked on the right hand or the forehead, so that no one can buy or sell unless he has the mark, that is, the name of the beast or the number of its name* (Revelation 13:16).



Now, let us look at Revelation 14:1, *Then I looked, and behold, on Mount Zion stood the Lamb, and with Him 144,000 who had His name and His Father's name written on their foreheads.* The name that is written on the foreheads of Christians is the name of God which Christians are baptized into. Christians bear the name of God because they belong to God by the Gospel through faith. The mark of the beast is not the Gospel, but unbelief. Those who do not believe the Gospel belong to the devil. Those who do not believe remain in the realm of the devil and follow him.

*No one can buy or sell unless he has the mark* refers to Christian persecution. Only those who deny Christ will be permitted to buy and sell (an example is the Roman Empire which severely persecuted Christians). Those who confess Christ will suffer for it. The devil and the unbelieving world will attack Christians for confessing the Gospel. **The seal upon Christians is the Gospel whereas the mark of the beast is unbelief with its many false gods.** Those who do not believe the Gospel bear the mark of the beast and remain children of the devil. **Christians, however, are baptized into Christ and are children and heirs of God. Thanks be to God for His grace and mercy in the Gospel which alone delivers us from sin, death, and the power of the devil.**

In Christ,  
Pastor Jenson

### Stay in Touch

#### Websites

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

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

Links for the bulletin, printed service, and for the YouTube recording are updated weekly under the Services tab!

#### Email

[trinitywlsd@gmail.com](mailto:trinitywlsd@gmail.com)

- Submit newsletter and bulletin articles.
- Update a prayer request.
- Request a digital copy of the newsletter.

#### Recordings of Divine Services

Available on the **YouTube** channel,  
**Trinity White Lake.**

## LCMS South Dakota District NEWS

### NEW BOARD MEMBER SOUTH DAKOTA DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Rev. Thomas Brown, pastor of St. Paul Lutheran Church, Spearfish, was appointed by the District's Board of Directors to serve as Secretary. Pastor Brown replaces Rev. David Otten, who resigned as Secretary in March 2022. District President, Rev. Scott Sailer, installed Rev. Brown during the June 13, 2022, Board meeting.

LCMS South Dakota District Board Members:

President, Rev. Scott Sailer  
1st Vice President, Rev. Randy Sturzenbecher  
2nd Vice President, Rev. Tim Rynearson  
Secretary, Rev. Thomas Brown  
Treasurer Mr. Kent Harnisch  
At-Large Members Mr. David Zuercher  
and Mr. Dave Andrews

### BIKE FOR LIFE

On Saturday, July 16, 2022, seven cyclists pedaled between Brookings and Sioux Falls in an effort to support the Alpha Center and their ultrasound ministry. Our SD District Lutherans for Life group has a wonderful history of supporting this outreach to moms and babies.

This Ride for the Alpha is a continuation of that partnership. Riders (one as young as 15 years old), enjoyed the fellowship of the shared effort and accomplishment. All are very thankful for the support offered in rest stops and support vehicles. The Alpha Center provided a meal, presentation, and tour upon their arrival, and donations raised by the riders now exceed 3,000 dollars! If you would like to add your donation to this ride, please contact the Alpha Center directly at (605) 361-3500.

### VICAR INSTALLED

#### ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH, MITCHELL

Joseph Greenmyer was installed as the vicar (intern) at Zion Lutheran Church, Mitchell, SD, on Sunday, July 24, 2022. Master of Divinity vicars in the LCMS are typically 3rd-year seminary students; they spend a year on their vicarage. They then return to the seminary for a final year of on-campus education, after which they receive their first call into the pastoral ministry.

Joseph is enrolled at Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, IN. He and his wife, Faith, have one child, Abraham. Joseph's supervising pastor is Rev. Dan Grimmer, Zion's pastor.

### FACELIFT FOR THE PUPPET PLACE

Fifty years ago, Rev. Robert Utecht started performing puppet and magic shows at the South Dakota State Fair. He started out on an outdoor stage, then a tent, and eventually a building. Today, his son, Rev. Andrew Utecht and many of his family members carry on the ministry of The Puppet Place.

The handmade stringed puppets are a unique way of sharing the Gospel with the attendees at the Fair. Each year, a new play is written by Pastor Utecht and performed by the family members five times each day. A fun and interactive magic show precedes each play. This is a great way to introduce the love of Jesus to all ages.

In celebration of the 50-year anniversary, the building has been freshly painted, the awning replaced, and new furnishings were purchased for the outside of the building. Nine volunteers, organized by the LWML South Dakota District, came together from various parts of the district to paint the building. God blessed them with a cool day, and they were able to complete two coats by noon. New mats and a new table and chairs to sit at outside the building will complete the facelift.

Be sure to check out the new purple doors when you are at the Fair this year! You are always welcome to help with handing out the tickets to families as they stroll past the building. We are excited to celebrate this special year for the Utecht family!



# Hymn of the Month

## 702 My Faith Looks Up to Thee



1 My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,  
2 May Thy rich grace im - part Strength to my faint - ing heart;  
3 While life's dark maze I tread And griefs a - round me spread,  
4 When ends life's tran - sient dream, When death's cold, sul - len stream



Sav - ior di - vine. Now hear me while I pray; Take all my  
My zeal in - spire! As Thou hast died for me, Oh, may my  
Be Thou my guide; Bid dark - ness turn to day, Wipe sor - row's  
Shall o'er me roll, Blest Sav - ior, then, in love, Fear and dis -



guilt a - way; O let me from this day Be whol - ly Thine!  
love to Thee Pure, warm, and change - less be, A liv - ing fire!  
tears a - way, Nor let me ev - er stray From Thee a - side.  
trust re - move; O bear me safe a - bove, A ran - somed soul!

Text: Ray Palmer, 1808-87  
Tune: Lowell Mason, 1792-1872  
Text and tune: Public domain

*John 1:29, 36; Hebrews 12:2-3; Ephesians 3:12; Revelation 2:10-11*

### In the Word

*Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God (Hebrews 12:2).*

### Of the Word

The sacrificial lamb in Old Testament times was pure and spotless, and it symbolically bore the sins of the people. New Testament people celebrate the "Lamb of Calvary," Jesus Christ, the pure and sinless Son of God. On the cross Jesus took all our guilt away. He gives us grace throughout our lives and promises eternal life to all who believe.

"Blest Savior, then, in love, Fear and distrust remove; O bear me safe above, A ransomed soul!" Thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!

### Walking with my Lord

Jesus, Lamb of Calvary, You became sin to take my sin away. Thank You for Your loving sacrifice on the cross. Through Your Word and Sacraments, help me to look to You in faith and to share the Good News with others. In Your name I pray. Amen.

Mustard Seed: [Joyful, Joyful](#). Rev. Larry and Shari Miller, authors. 27/31. Hymn Text: LSB 702. ©2011 Lutheran Women's Missionary League, 801 Seminary Place Ste. L010, St. Louis, MO 63105. [www.lwml.org](http://www.lwml.org)

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## Main Street Living August 2022

All 10:30 a.m. programs are interpreted and closed-captioned for the hearing impaired. For more information visit: [www.mainstreetliving.com](http://www.mainstreetliving.com)

### August 7, 2022

*KDLT (NBC) channels 5.1 / 46.1*

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. Sam Handschke, pastor at Faith Lutheran Church in Pierre, presents a message titled “Rise and Eat.” This sermon is based on John 6:35–51.

### August 14, 2022

*KDLT (NBC) channels 5.1 / 46.1*

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. — Rev. Gregory Hinners, pastor at St. John’s, St. Peter’s & Our Redeemer Lutheran Churches in Norris, Midland & Philip, presents a message titled “Faith in Trial.” This sermon is based on Hebrews 11 & 12.

### August 21, 2022

*KDLT (NBC) channels 5.1 / 46.1*

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. David Strable, pastor at Holy Cross, Trinity, & Immanuel Lutheran Churches in Onida, Blunt and Harrold, presents a message based on Luke 13:24.

### August 28, 2022

*KDLT (NBC) channels 5.1 / 46.1*

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. — Rev. Ray Greenseth, pastor at Zion, St. Paul’s, & Messiah Lutheran Churches in Presho, Draper, & Murdo, presents a message based on Proverbs 25:2–10.



## Diaper Distribution Dates Are Set

Trinity Lutherans for Life would like to thank you for your generous donations for our recent diaper drive!

We are excited to announce that the **Diaper Distribution** dates are set for:

Friday, **August 5, 2022**, 5 to 7 p.m. and  
Saturday, **August 6, 2022** 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

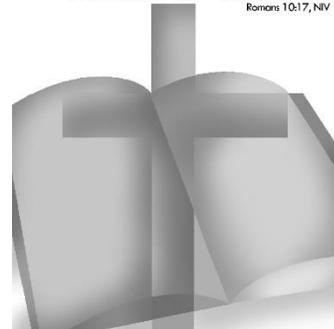
Anyone can be a part of this distribution by stopping in at Trinity Lutheran Church, White Lake and picking up what size(s) diapers they need for their child(ren).

Trinity LFL is striving to share the message that life should be supported at all stages, from conception to natural death. Each phase of life comes with its own challenges and expenses for parents and caregivers. The community diaper drive and distribution are some ways that we can show our love and support for the smallest community members and help alleviate some of the expense for those that care for them.

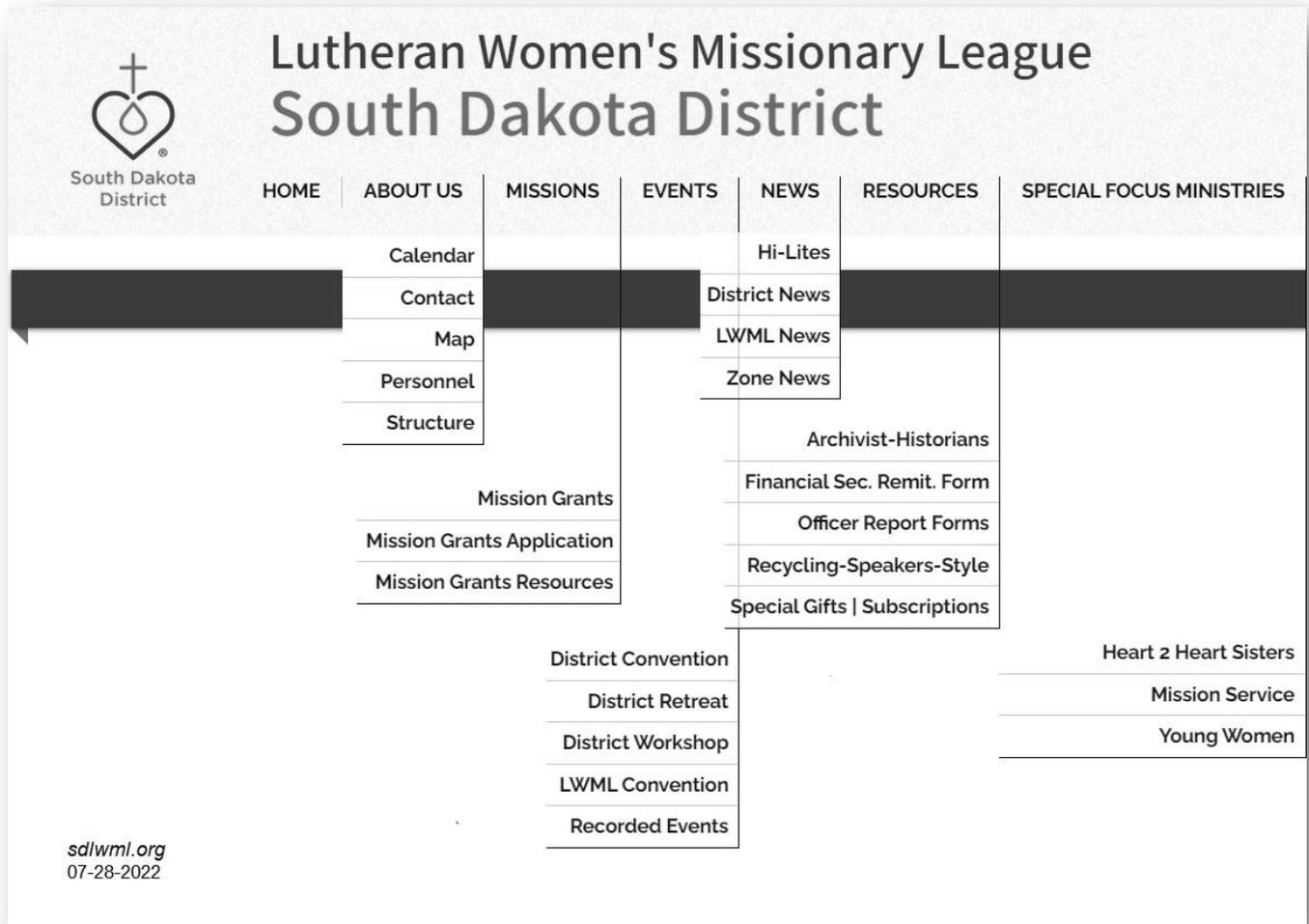
Please encourage those in our community to pick up a diaper donation for their family. For more information contact Jane Guericke 605-207-0625.

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Faith comes from hearing  
**THE MESSAGE,**  
and the message  
is heard through the  
**WORD OF CHRIST.**  
Romans 10:17, NIV



## LWML South Dakota District Website Has a New Look!



The [sdlwml.org](http://sdlwml.org) website underwent a design update July 28, 2022. The menu is now on the top of the page. Viewers can click each category to see its menu, or hover over the category and select from its drop-down menu. This should allow for easier navigation throughout the website's content.

Some of the information that was available on the former website has been archived. If you are searching for older information, please contact the webmaster at [lwmlsd2020@gmail.com](mailto:lwmlsd2020@gmail.com).

Please visit [sdlwml.org](http://sdlwml.org) on your computer to see the new colors and design!





# AUGUST 2022



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 2 p.m. TR Hope Circle 6:30 p.m. TR Ruth Circle	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>  Ninth Sunday Pentecost <b>Events at St. Paul's</b> 6 p.m. Joint Divine Service
Trinity LFL Diaper Distribution 5-7 p.m Fri; 10 a.m.-12 noon Sat.						
<b>7</b> 1st Sunday of August	<b>8</b> 2 p.m. SP Dorcas Circle	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>  Tenth Sunday Pentecost <b>Events at Trinity</b> 6 p.m. Joint Divine Service 7 p.m. <span style="float: right;">Trinity</span> Voters Meeting
<b>14</b> 2nd Sunday in August	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> First day of 2022-2023 school year Plankinton	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>  Eleventh Sunday Pentecost <b>Events at St. Paul's</b> 6 p.m. Joint Divine Service
<b>21</b> 3rd Sunday of August	<b>22</b> First day of 2022-2023 school White Lake	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>  Twelfth Sunday Pentecost <b>Events at Trinity</b> 6 p.m. Joint Divine Service
<b>28</b> 4th Sunday in August	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	GUARD YOUR heart. FOR EVERYTHING YOU DO flows FROM IT. <small>PROVERBS 4:23, NV</small>		