



NEWSLETTER



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Weekly bulletin deadline is Thursday noon. Please email me if you prefer your newsletter emailed to you. Thanks!

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Joint Divine Worship Services

Service day/time will be determined at the Joint Congregational Meeting following the Divine Service Saturday, October 1, 2022. See page 5 for more information.

Christian Education

- **Joint Bible Study – Book of Daniel** Oct. 8/9, Oct. 22/23, and Oct. 29/30 at the same location as the Joint Divine Service.
- **Joint Confirmation Class** — same location as the Joint Divine Service, 1¼ hours prior to the service.
- **St. Paul's Saturday/Sunday School** will be held at St. Paul's on the days they host the Divine Service, 1¼ hours prior to the service.
- **Trinity Release-Time** — Wednesdays, 2:15–3:15 p.m.

Lutheran Women's Missionary League

Trinity Hope Circle – October 4, 2022, 2 p.m.

Trinity Ruth Circle – October 4, 2022, 6:30 p.m.

St. Paul's Dorcas Circle – October 10, 2022, 2 p.m.

SD District, Zone/Circuit, and Local Events (more info inside)

- **LWML Mitchell Zone Fish Feed**, Zion Delmont, Oct. 2, 2022.
- **LCMS South Dakota District Fall Pastors Conference**, Ramkota Rapid City, October 3, 11 a.m.–October 5, 12 p.m.
- **LWML SD District Fall Christian Life Workshop** Zion Mitchell, October 8, 2022, 9 a.m.–1:45 p.m., followed by the **LWML Mitchell Zone Fall Rally** business meeting.
- **Fellowship Supper** at St. Paul's October 15/16, 2022.
- **Mitchell Circuit Reformation Festival**, Immanuel Dimock, October 30, 2022.

Serving the Lord's Church in OCTOBER

TRINITY

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Altar Jane Guericke

ST. PAUL'S

Elder Justin Everson
Ushers Brent Morenz
Mike Tuschen
Howard Weischedel
Acolyte
Altar Marlene Johnson

Scripture Readings

Oct. 2 Habakkuk 1:1–4; 2:1–4; 2 Timothy 1:1–14; Luke 17:1–10
Oct. 9 Ruth 1:1–19a; 2 Timothy 2:1–13; Luke 17:11–19
Oct. 16 Genesis 32:22–30; 2 Timothy 3:14–4:5; Luke 18:1–8
Oct. 23 Genesis 4:1–15; 2 Timothy 4:6–8, 16–18; Luke 18:9–17
Oct. 30 Revelation 14:6–7; Romans 3:19–28; John 8:31–36

The **November 2022 newsletter** will be available on/after October 29/30, 2022. Articles are due Monday, October 24, 2022.

WHAT ABOUT PURGATORY?



Sola Gratia
Grace Alone

Sola Fide
Faith Alone

Sola Scriptura
Scripture Alone

Dear Saints of the Lord,

On October 31, 1517, the great reformation began with Dr Luther nailing his 95 theses to the church door in Wittenberg. Although the 95 theses addressed the unscriptural teaching of indulgences, this kicked off the reformation which sought to correct the church in matters she had gone

astray. Among these matters where the church went astray is the teaching of purgatory. The current Catholic Catechism teaches, *“All who die in God’s grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven.”* Rome refers to 1 Cor 3:15, 1 Peter 1:7, and 2 Macc 12:46 to prove that purgatory is a Biblical doctrine.

Purgatory is not taught in Holy Scripture, but it comes from the teaching of Plato, a Greek philosopher who lived 400 years before Christ. Eusebius (Greek historian in the 3rd century) transcribed a discussion of Plato, “Those, however, who live in outstanding holiness rise upward into the purest habitations, where in future they live without toil. But those who lived ordinary lives are conveyed through Acheron into the lake burning with fire; there they pay the penalties for their sins, and then, purified, cleansed or expiated, they are absolved or redeemed, if they have done anything wrong. Then they receive the rewards for their good deed.”

Gentile teachings would later influence the Jews who were ruled by the Greeks for roughly 300 years. Alexander the Great conquered the Persian Empire in 330 BC. Alexander was called “The Apostle of Hellenism.” He sought to spread Greek culture and religion throughout the world. Alexander died in 323 BC. His generals succeeded him and his kingdom was split up four ways. In 175 BC a wicked king named Antiochus III rose to power and persecuted the Gospel in Judah. 1 Maccabees 1, *“In those days lawless men came forth from Israel and misled many, saying, ‘Let us go and make a covenant with the Gentiles round about us, for since we separated*

from them many evils have come upon us.’ This proposal pleased them, and some of the people eagerly went to the king. He authorized them to observe the ordinances of the Gentiles ... They joined with the Gentiles and sold themselves to do evil ... Many even from Israel gladly adopted his religion; they sacrificed to idols and profaned the Sabbath. And the king sent letters by messengers to Jerusalem and the cities of Judah; he directed them to follow customs strange to the land, to forbid whole burnt offerings and sacrifice and drink offering in the sanctuary, to profane Sabbaths and feasts, to defile the sanctuary and the priests, to build altars and sacred precincts and shrines for idols, to sacrifice swine and unclean animals, and to leave their sons uncircumcised.”

There were still faithful men in Judah though. Matthias and his sons remained faithful to God’s Word and refused to obey Antiochus who ordered them to abandon God’s Word. Judas was one of Matthias’ sons and he became a great general. 2 Maccabees 12 is used by Rome to justify Purgatory and intercession for the dead. The Catholic Catechism, 1032, *“This teaching is also based on the practice of prayer for the dead, already mentioned in Sacred Scripture: ‘Therefore [Judas Maccabeus] made atonement for the dead, that they might be delivered from their sin.’ From the beginning the Church has honored the memory of the dead and offered prayers in suffrage for them, above all the Eucharistic sacrifice, so that, thus purified, they may attain the beatific vision of God. The Church also commends almsgiving, indulgences, and works of penance undertaken on behalf of the dead.”*

2 Maccabees 12, *“On the next day, as by that time it had become necessary, Judas and his men went to take up the bodies of the fallen and to bring them back to lie with their kinsmen in the sepulchers of their fathers. Then under the tunic of every one of the dead they found sacred tokens of the idols of Jamnia, which the law forbids the Jews to wear. And it became clear to all that this was why these men had fallen. So they all blessed the ways of the Lord, the righteous Judge, who reveals the things that are hidden; and they turned to prayer, imploring that the sin that had been committed might be wholly blotted out. And the noble Judas exhorted the people to keep themselves free from sin, for they had seen with their own eyes what had happened because of the*

sin of those who had fallen. He also took up a collection, man by man, to the amount of 2,000 drachmas of silver and sent it to Jerusalem to provide for a sin offering. In doing this he acted very well and honorably, taking account of the resurrection. For if he were not expecting that those who had fallen would rise again, it would have been superfluous and foolish to pray for the dead. But if he was looking to the splendid reward that is laid up for those who fall asleep in godliness, it was a holy and pious thought. Therefore he made atonement for the dead, that they might be delivered from their sin.”¹

Judas faithfully confesses the resurrection of the dead, however, he goes beyond God’s Word by sending silver to provide sin offerings for the dead idolaters. **When we look at what Leviticus says regarding sacrifices, there is never a command to make sacrifices for the dead. The Law does not mention a purification of the dead.** Not only that, but these soldiers intentionally sinned which a sin offering would not have atoned for. Read Numbers 15:27-31 to learn about unintentional and intentional sins. Judas, while trying to save the souls of his soldiers, **goes beyond God’s Word and acts without God’s command.** There is not one syllable in the Law of Moses about a sacrifice for the dead.²

The Catholic Catechism also brings two Scripture passages to bear. 1 Corinthians 3:15 - *If anyone’s work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire. Read the chapter for more context. St Paul is speaking about teachers and their teachings.* God destroys those teachers who overturn the foundation, which is Christ (verse 17). The teachings that are in harmony with the foundation are precious stones. Those teachers who hold to Christ, but they teach weak, unnecessary, and unprofitable opinions have good intentions, but their teachings are not expressly taught or found in Scripture. 4th century pastor Ambrose writes, “Let the Word of God

come; let it enter the church; let it become a consuming fire, that it may burn the hay and stubble, and consume whatever is worldly; there is heavy lead of iniquity in many; let it be molten by divine fire; let the gold and silver vessels be made better, in order that understanding and speech, refined by the heat of suffering, may begin to be more precious.” **God’s Word removes the useless teachings and makes true teaching more precious.** Absolutely nothing in this text has to do purgatory. Even the old popes said that 1 Cor 3 as well as 1 Peter 1 do not prove that there is a purgatory.

The final text is 1 Peter 1:6-7, *In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, so that the tested genuineness of your faith - more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire - may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.* St Peter writes of the trials that Christians endure which serve to strengthen their faith and cause them to cling tighter to Christ. Christians follow Christ and bear the cross. Again, like 1 Cor 3, this text says nothing regarding a purgatory. **St Peter is not talking about dead Saints being tested, but he is speaking to Christians who endure trials on this side of glory.**

Finally, purgatory contradicts the truth that Jesus suffered for **all sin** and **purges us of sin in the Gospel.** This cleansing of sin and purification happens in this life in the Gospel. Ephesians 5, *Christ loved the church and gave Himself up for her, that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the Word (Holy Baptism), so that He might present the church to Himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish.*

Rev. Jens Jenson

¹ It’s also important to remember that 2 Maccabees is not Holy Scripture. The author of 2 Maccabees writes, “*So I too will here end my story. If it is well told and to the point, that is what I myself desired; if it is poorly done and mediocre, that was the best I could do.*” Scripture never talks this way. The Apocryphal books are good and helpful books because they give some good history and wisdom, but they were never taught to be Scripture. The Jews never accepted them as God’s Word. Historically, the Church regarded the books as good for Christians to read, but never said they were God’s Word. Only the Church of Rome does. At the Council of

Trent (1545) Rome declared all the Apocryphal books to be Holy Scripture which was contrary to what the Church had said regarding these books throughout history.

² We cannot change a person’s judgment by our prayers. Either one believes the Gospel and is saved or not. Hebrews 9:27, *it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment.* We can and do pray for the Saints in heaven. We do this in the funeral liturgy where we pray, “Give to Your whole Church in heaven and on earth Your light and Your peace.”

LCMS South Dakota District NEWS

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, YANKTON, SD CELEBRATING 140 YEARS

St. John's Lutheran Church, Yankton, will celebrate its 140th Anniversary during its ONE in Christ Sunday on October 30 at 9:30 a.m with a catered meal to follow service. The guest preacher is Rev. David Gunderson (emeritus), previous Sr. Pastor of St. John's, who served the congregation from 1990–2018 upon retirement. All former members and friends of St. John's are invited to celebrate 140 years "Together in Christ" with us. Please RSVP by October 17 at 605-665-7337 or stjohns@iw.net.

ARTHUR DREHMAN INSTALLED AT TRINITY and OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCHES, CORONA and WILMOT, SD

Reverend Arthur Drehman was installed as the pastor of Trinity, Corona and Our Savior's, Wilmot, in a Service of Installation on Sunday, September 11, 2022. The Circuit Visitor for the Watertown Circuit, Reverend Matthew Wurm (Mt. Calvary, Brookings), was the officiant and preacher for the service.

Pastor Drehman is a 2014 graduate of Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, IN. He had served his initial call as the pastor of Our Savior's, St. George, UT, since 2014.

WELCOME TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Trinity Lutheran Church in Belle Fourche is the newest congregation in the LCMS South Dakota District. District President, Rev. Scott Sailer, presented a certificate of membership on Sunday, August 28, 2022, in their 10 a.m. service. The District's Board of Directors accepted Trinity as a member congregation on June 13, 2022. Trinity is a "daughter" congregation of St. Paul, Spearfish.

With the addition of Trinity, the District now has 106 congregations. All thanks and praise to our Triune God!

THE PUPPET PLACE CELEBRATES 50 YEARS

The 50th anniversary of the Puppet Place was a great celebration! All of Andrew Utecht's family was there over the weekend to help with the

puppet show, including his brother Pastor Peter Utecht, and his mom, Donna Utecht.

It was wonderful to be back to pre-COVID numbers again this year. The total number of people attending was 945. Black Hills, Brookings, Chamberlain, Milbank, and Mitchell LWML zones each had from 6–9 workers willing to help on their assigned days. Several of these women were first-time helpers and they were so excited about the ministry! Pastor Utecht loved the little hand puppets that were given out to the children, and they loved them too.

The puppet theatres that Pastor Andrew had at the LWML SD District 2022 convention were there. This was a big draw to the children walking by and provided another opportunity to invite them to the shows.

Thank you so much to everyone who helped in any way to make this a special year for the Utecht family! God is using you and them in a special way!

-Jan Larson, LWML SD VP of Gospel Outreach

THANKING OUR CHURCH WORKERS

October is Pastor Appreciation Month. Our Synod President, Rev. Dr. Matthew Harrison, encourages our congregations to demonstrate their appreciation for their pastors and other professional church workers. We certainly praise and thank God for our pastors who serve us with Word and Sacrament each week and throughout our lives.

The Synod website has resources that can help congregations thank their church workers: resources.lcms.org/general/ways-to-show-your-gratitude-and-support-for-church-workers.

REFORMATION FESTIVAL

The Mitchell Circuit celebrates its Reformation Festival October 30, 2022 at Immanuel Lutheran Church of rural Dimock. Dr. Wallace Schulz will be our speaker and preacher. There will be a presentation at 3 p.m., worship at 4 p.m., and a meal afterwards. Join us as we celebrate the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ and our Lutheran heritage.





Main Street Living October 2022

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

October 2, 2022 *KDLT (NBC) channels 5.1 / 46.1*
10 a.m. **“The Sound of Doors Closing”** A man's mid-life crisis and the effect it has on his family.

10:30 a.m. Rev. Bryan Meadows, pastor at Zion Lutheran Church in Rapid City, presents a message titled “Then and Now.” This sermon is based on Habakkuk 1.

October 9, 2022 *KDLT (NBC) channels 5.1 / 46.1*
10 a.m. **“Tina”** Two lonely people, a woman and a child, come together through Jesus.

10:30 a.m. Rev. Paul Winckler, pastor at Zion Lutheran Church in Rapid City, presents a message titled “Never Alone.” This sermon is based on Ruth 1:1–19.

October 16, 2022 *KDLT (NBC) channels 5.1 / 46.1*
10 a.m. **“Look to the Mountain”** A hopeless situation becomes more hopeless when a down and out man kidnaps a young girl for ransom money.

10:30 a.m. Rev. David Warner, pastor at Our Redeemer and Our Savior's Lutheran Churches in Custer and Hill City, presents a message titled “Wrestling with God.” This sermon is based on Genesis 32.

October 23, 2022 *KDLT (NBC) channels 5.1 / 46.1*
10 a.m. **“Home Free”** A family learns the real meaning of love, and that it comes free.

10:30 a.m. Rev. Christopher McCarthy, pastor at First and Emmanuel Lutheran Churches in Wall and Creighton, presents a message titled “A Better Word.” This sermon is based on Genesis 4:1–15.

October 30, 2022 *KDLT (NBC) channels 5.1 / 46.1*
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. Mark Moss, from Lutheran Heritage Foundation, presents a Reformation message titled “Hang in There Baby!” This sermon is based on John 8:31–36.

Parish News

A Joint Congregational Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, October 1, 2022, following the Divine Service.

At this meeting service times will be discussed. For example, do the congregations wish to move the joint services to Sundays, alternate days (e.g. when service is at Trinity then everything is on Saturdays and when at St Paul's then on Sundays), or keep things the same?

If there is a change in service day and/or time, members will be notified via the weekly bulletin, our websites, and social media. If the change is immediate, the phone/text trees will be used to contact members.

Due to the unknown at the time of publication, this month's calendar will not list regular Divine Service, Confirmation Class, and Sat/Sun School days/times. Once determined, a printable calendar will be available on our websites. Printed calendars will be available at either church.

STAY IN TOUCH

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www.stpaulplankinton.com

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

Email

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

Social Media

facebook.com/trinitywhitelake

Recordings of Divine Services*

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

* I apologize for the video and audio issues this past month. Hopefully new equipment will resolve those issues and viewing will be less frustrating going forward. Thank you for your patience. ~Nancy



Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML)

The first Sunday in October is traditionally set aside for the observation of **LWML Sunday**, but it may be celebrated at any time. Lutheran Women in Mission praise the Lord for opportunities to share His message and love with people from all walks of life throughout our community and the world.

“**For Us and With Us,**” is the theme for LWML Sunday 2022 and is based on Paul’s letter to the Romans. Paul tells us that each of us has faced challenges and circumstances greater than our own strength (Romans 8:31–39). But in Christ, who is for us and with us, we are already more than conquerors through Him who loved us.

For 80 years, the LWML has given a strong witness to how God’s love holds each of us. This celebratory LWML Sunday we encourage all hearers of the Word that Christ’s victory is already ours through baptism. We can confidently live each day, trusting in Christ!



LWML South Dakota District

YOU'RE INVITED!

LWML Mitchell Zone Fish Feed | October 2, 2022

Mitchell Zone is hosting an Orphan Grain Train (OGT) **Fish Feed Sunday, October 2, 2022, at Zion Delmont**. The Fish Feed will begin at 11 a.m. OGT will provide/serve Alaskan Pollock, potatoes, and onions. Also on the menu are cole slaw, cookies-n-cream salad, dinner rolls, and cookies. You may bring items you wish to donate to OGT to Delmont; Jim and Julie Kaufman will transport donations to the Norfolk, NE warehouse.

LWML SD District Fall Christian Life Workshops 2022 | October 8, 2022

"The Tabernacle/Temple in the Bible"

The Rev. Robert Hinckley, Zion Lutheran Church, Chamberlain, SD, Presenter

October 8, 2022 - Zion Lutheran Church, 620 East Third Avenue, Mitchell, SD.*

October 15, 2022 - St. Paul Lutheran Church, 846 North 7th Street, Spearfish, SD.

Both workshops begin with registration at 9 a.m. followed by an opening devotion and the main presentation. There is an hour break for lunch, fellowship, and shopping at the LWML store. The workshop concludes at 1:45 p.m. with a closing devotion.

Bring a friend, your Bible, and be inspired to reach out to share with others the life-saving Word!

* Mitchell Zone will host a **Silent Auction** to raise money for mites during the morning activities.

The Silent Auction will end after the noon break to package and distribute items after the workshop closing. LWML White Lake Trinity is assisting with the Silent Auction.

LWML Mitchell Zone Fall Rally | October 8, 2022

As ladies of our zone are also hosting the first of two LWML SD District Christian Life Workshops (CLW) Saturday, October 8, 2022, at Zion Mitchell, the zone board of directors determined that we would not gather a third time in early October for our annual Fall Rally, but rather **conduct our regular business with a meeting following the CLW in Mitchell**. We will meet in the upper room at Zion Mitchell around 2 p.m. and adjourn at 3:30 p.m.

LWML St. Paul's Dorcas Circle Fellowship Supper | October 15/16, 2022

The LWML St. Paul's Dorcas Circle is sponsoring a **Fellowship Supper** for all ages following the Saturday **October 15/16, 2022**, Divine Service. Come and join us!





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<p>October 2 — LWML Mitchell Zone Fish Feed, Delmont, 11 a.m.–1 p.m. October 3, 11 a.m.–October 5, 12 p.m. — LCMS South Dakota District Fall Pastors Conference, Ramkota RC October 8 — LWML SD District Fall Christian Life Wrkshp, Zion Mitchell, 9 am–1:45 pm, followed by the LWML Mitchell Zone Fall Rally. October 15 — Fellowship Supper at St. Paul's, following the Divine Service. Hosted by Dorcas Circle. October 16 — Mitchell Circuit Youth Picnic, Armour October 30 — Mitchell Circuit Reformation Festival, Immanuel Dimock; 3 p.m. presentation, 4 p.m. service</p>						1 Seventeenth Sun Pentecost Events at St. Paul's 4:45 p.m. Confirmation 6 p.m. Joint Divine Service 7 p.m. Joint Congregational Mtg.
2 1st Sunday in October	3	4 2 a.m. TR Hope Circle 6:30 p.m. TR Ruth Circle	5 2:15 p.m. TR Release-Time	6	7	8 Eighteenth Sunday Pentecost Events at Trinity 4:45 p.m. Confirmation 6 p.m. Joint Divine Service 7 p.m. Bible Class or TR Voters
9 2nd Sunday in October	10 2 p.m. SP Dorcas Circle	11	12 2:15 p.m. TR Release-Time	13	14	15 Nineteenth Sunday Pentecost Events at St. Paul's 4:45 p.m. Confirmation 6 p.m. Joint Divine Service 7 p.m. Dorcas Circle Supper
16 3rd Sunday in October	17	18	19 2:15 p.m. TR Release-Time	20	21	22 Twentieth Sunday Pentecost Events at Trinity 4:45 p.m. Confirmation 6 p.m. Joint Divine Service 7 p.m. Bible Class
23 4th Sunday in October	24	25	26 2:15 p.m. TR Release-Time	27	28	29 Reformation Day (observed) Events at St. Paul's 4:45 p.m. Confirmation 6 p.m. Joint Divine Service 7 p.m. Bible Class
30 5th Sunday in October						