

St. Paul's Lutheran
Church
Plankinton, SD

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NEWSLETTER

Trinity Lutheran
Church
White Lake, SD

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LWML President ... Marlene Johnson

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President Dan Guericke

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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.

This Month's Events

Divine Worship Service Schedule 2025

Divine Services at St. Paul's 8:30 a.m.
Divine Services at Trinity 10:30 a.m.

Christian Education

Bible Study – Trinity, Wednesdays, 5:30 p.m.
St. Paul's, Thursdays, 10 a.m.

St. Paul's Sunday School – Summer Break

Trinity Release-Time – Summer Break

Lutheran Women's Missionary League

Trinity Hope Circle – Tuesday, June 3, 2025, 2 p.m.

Trinity Ruth Circle – Summer Break

St. Paul's Dorcas Circle – Summer Break

LWML Convention, Omaha, NE – June 26–29, 2025

Serving the Lord's Church in JUNE

TRINITY

Elder Ben Bogenhagen

Ushers Ron Steffen

Dan Guericke

Acolyte Blake Bogenhagen

Altar Barb Gilbertz

ST. PAUL'S

Elder Mike Tuschen

Ushers Lennis Titze

Howard Weischedel

Acolyte Blake Everson

Altar Sharon Boyd

NEXT MONTH: Serving the Lord's Church in JULY

TRINITY

Elder Scott Meier

Ushers Dan Meier

Dean Suelflow

Acolyte Dayton Simpson

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 June and July 6

June 1 Acts 1:12–26; Revelation 22:1–6, 12–20; John 17:20–26

June 8 Genesis 11:1–9; Acts 2:1–21; John 14:23–31

June 15 Proverbs 8:1–4, 22–31; Acts 2:14a, 22–36; John 8:48–59

June 22 Isaiah 65:1–9; Galatians 3:23–4:7; Luke 8:26–39

June 29 1 Kings 19:9b–21; Galatians 5:1, 13–25; Luke 9:51–62

July 6 Isaiah 66:10–14; Galatians 6:1–10, 14–18; Luke 10:1–10

The **July 2025 newsletter** will be available either June 29 or July 6, 2025. *Articles are due Sunday, June 22, 2025.*

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!



FULLNESS OF JOY FOREVERMORE

For many years, the Lutheran Hour Ministries has had a float in the Rose Bowl Parade in Pasadena California. As far as I know, Lutheran Hour Ministries is the only Christian organization that does that. Each December about 4,000 Lutheran men and women go to Irwindale, California, to build the Lutheran Hour Ministries float. These volunteers call themselves, "*Petal Pushers*" because they use rose petals to decorate the float. Having a float in the Rose Bowl Parade gives these faithful Lutherans the opportunity to witness for the Gospel of Jesus Christ and to tell of the mercy and love of Jesus. Jesus said to His disciples in Acts 1:8, *You will be my witnesses... to the ends of the earth.*" This is a great witness to so many people who watch the Rose Bowl Parade. Thanks be to God for the Petal Pushers' hard and long work to work to get the message of the Gospel to so many people in such a beautiful way. Thanks be to God who gives these many workers the talent to put together such beautiful floats each year.

Christians have their own ways and opportunities to witness for our faith. Because we have been baptized into Christ, we who believe in Jesus will rise from the dead (Romans 6). What a wonderful hope that we have! And we want everyone to have this same hope. We want to share the wonderful news that, "Christ is risen! He is risen indeed, alleluia!"

1 Peter 3:15 says, *Be ready always to give an answer for the hope that you have.* Believers need to share this wonderful news with everyone. Everyone we know will one day stand before Jesus at the judgment and will either be taken to Heaven or condemned to Hell depending on whether or not they believe in Jesus. (II Corinthians 5:10) We see our parents die, we see our spouses die, our friends, our family, even our children. That is why believers need to witness for our faith. The church in the city of Thessalonica had Christians who were worried about the resurrection. They saw their loved ones die, just like we do. Seeing them die was just as hard for them as it is for us. Paul wrote to them, and us saying: *We do not want you to grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, and the dead in Christ will rise first. So we will always be with the Lord. Therefore encourage one another with these words* (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18).

The hope believers have is the one important thing because it has to do with eternity. Those who die in Christ have a whole eternity of as the Psalmist said, *fullness of joy forevermore.* That is why believers are to be ready always to give an answer for the hope we have.

Pastor Don McKillop



MAIN STREET LIVING JUNE 2025

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

Broadcast on KDLT (NBC) channels 5.1 / 46.1

June 1, 2025

10 a.m. "A Gift for Grandpa" Freddie goes to great lengths to get a gift for Grandpa Fisher and learns valuable lessons along the way.

10:30 a.m. Rev. Nathan Neugebauer, pastor at St. John's-Bethlehem Lutheran Churches in Revillo, SD presents a message titled "Faithful, Suffering, Willing Children Reborn by Our Suffering Savior King." The sermon is based on 1 Peter 4:7-19.

June 8, 2025

10 a.m. "Boy on the Fence" Young Tom is faced with the dilemma of choosing new friends when his family moves to the city.

10:30 a.m. Rev. Steve Schulz, from Mission Central in Mapleton, IA presents a message titled "The Spirit of Truth." The sermon is based on Acts 2:1-21.

June 15, 2025

10 a.m. "The Sin of Roy Baxter" A man is overcome with guilt, after making a decision that goes terribly bad.

10:30 a.m. Rev. Greg Lehr, pastor at Zion Lutheran Church in Sioux Falls, SD presents a message titled "The God of New Beginnings." The sermon is based on Matthew 28:16-20.

June 22, 2025

10 a.m. "Miracle in Chinatown" An engaged couple seeks a marriage blessing despite differences in tradition.

10:30 a.m. Rev. Jeff Williams, pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church in Slayton, MN presents a message titled "Running from God." The sermon is based on Luke 8:26-39.

June 29, 2025

10 a.m. "Little Big Lie" Curiosity and a little "white lie" result in very serious unintended developments for the Fisher family.

10:30 a.m. Rev. Dr. Brian Mosemann, pastor at Immanuel-St. Paul-First English-Bethesda Lutheran Churches in Menno-Scotland-Parker-Marion, SD presents a message titled "Set Faces, Shaky Followers, and God's Feast." The sermon is based on Luke 9:51-62.



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Florence Meier (98), TR	June 2
Deb Haak, SP	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
Rowan Byrd, TR	June 20
Scott Meier, TR	June 20
Aurora Steichen, TR	June 22
<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

CALM IN THE MIDDLE OF THE STORM!

"I have told you these things ... Take heart!" (John 16:33) When a person lives life with Christ's promises and perspective by faith, one can have calm in the midst of any storm. Why? Because Jesus literally shares God's perspective on life with you and provides God's promises amidst the storms. That makes all the difference.

To that end, I was reminded of a story. If you've ever flown through thunderstorms, it can be nerve racking to say the least. The clouds are ominous. The winds are dangerous. There's even the chance of the plane being struck by lightning. I've had a few travel experiences when the turbulence shook me physically and emotionally. But, very often, right in the middle of chaos, there was also an amazing moment, that incredible feeling when the plane breaks through that last cloud and all you see is the sun. That sunshine provides relief from fear. A pastor shared such a harrowing time that happened to him and his daughter. He said that they were flying through a severe thunderstorm in the Midwest and just as things couldn't seem to get worse, the pilot's voice came over the intercom assuring the passengers that all would be alright. Just then, the plane not only broke through the clouds, but the plane also hit calm air and every passenger was privileged to see a beautiful rainbow that extended from horizon to horizon in the sun-drenched skies. That's when the man's four-year-old daughter put everything in perspective and excitedly said, "Daddy, daddy, look, it's a rainbow and we're seeing it from the same side that God sees it from!"

Seeing things from God's perspective makes all the difference in our lives. In our lesson for today, Jesus points out the storm clouds, the brokenness of the world all around us. Left to our own devices, we would be overwhelmed by

the thunderclouds, the lightning strikes, the wind, and the rainstorms of life. But, even then, God is in our midst and God is at work to preserve this world and to save it, our very lives included. Jesus makes a bold promise amidst the "storm clouds of life." He says, "In me, you may have peace." Peace amidst the storm! That's the "rainbow" of His promise of grace amidst the terrors of the moment.

So, as you dwell on your challenges and problems, take time to try to see things from God's perspective on your life. Revel in His promises. See your life as He sees it with sins forgiven by the blood of Christ and life eternal freely given to all those who put their trust in Him. And look for other "rainbows of God's promises" as well. Here are some profound examples for you to ponder:

- Jesus says, "Because I live, you will live also" (John 14:19).
- He promises, "I am the resurrection and the life; HE WHO BELIEVES IN ME SHALL LIVE EVEN IF HE DIES, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die" (John 11:25-26).
- In Matthew 12:27, He gives this invitation, "Come to Me, all you who are weary and heavy-laden, AND I WILL GIVE YOU REST."
- Finally, in Matthew 28:20 he speaks one of the greatest promises of all, "I (Jesus) AM WITH YOU ALWAYS, even to the end of the age."

In the middle of any of our storms, there can be real calm, real assurance, and real strength. Why? Because, for the believer, Christ is there with you now and always.

PRAYER: Dear Lord Jesus, help us to see the uniqueness of Your love and the power of Your promises for every day of our lives. AMEN

Rev. Gregory Seltz

THE FLAG OF FREEDOM

A Devotion on the Christian Flag



John, chapter eight, verses 34-36 says:
Jesus replied, "I tell you the truth, everyone who sins is a slave to sin. Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever. So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed."



Are you flying your flag on Flag Day? Our country has been celebrating its freedom for more than 200 years. July has traditionally been one of the times we show our patriotism by flying our country's flag. Since the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001, the United States flag has become a more prominent symbol of our nation's unity and freedom. It proclaims to the world who we are and what we stand for as a free country. We also observe Flag Day on June 14th.

The Church has its own flag, the Christian Flag, that proclaims to the world another type of freedom — the freedom we have from sin because of Christ, who died for all who believe in Him as their Savior. The Christian Flag often stands near the altar in churches in a place of honor for all to see. It, like the American flag, uses the colors of red, white and blue, with the cross being the focal point. In our Lutheran schools, the students say two pledges: the Pledge of Allegiance to our country and the pledge of allegiance to the cross of Christ.

We should boldly display the flag that represents the freedom that we receive through Christ. We should proclaim to the world that we have been freed from the slavery of sin and been declared children of God. Our God is alive and lives in our hearts.

How can we display our Christian freedom? We do this by displaying the cross of Christ in our homes; by wearing our cross around our neck and being ready to share what it stands for — our faith; by seeking every opportunity to be a witness for Christ. We can do this by sharing and living our faith each day. God's own Son came to earth to set us free from sin and to make us a part of God's family. He is with us and enables us to live our lives for Him.

Continue to display your American flag with thanksgiving because you have the privilege of living in this free country. But also remember the freedom you have in the cross you display and be ready to share the Good News of Christ with others. As Christians, we stand united by our freedom through faith in Christ for all the world to see. We have a reason to celebrate that freedom and to wave our flag proudly because we have victory in Christ!

Pledge of Allegiance to the Christian Flag:

"I pledge allegiance to the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the faith for which it stands,
One Savior Eternal, with mercy and grace for all."

The Flag of Freedom by Kristin Kaldahl

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CLEAN-UP

St. Paul's Annual Clean-up will be Saturday, June 7, 2025, starting at 9 a.m. Lunch will be served after clean-up is finished.

DIAPER DRIVE

Trinity Lutherans for Life of White Lake is sponsoring their **25th Annual Diaper Drive** from Mother's Day to Father's Day (May 11–June 15, 2025.) We accept diapers of any size, adult protective underwear, and wipes. For your convenience, collection totes will be in the addition at Trinity and in the narthex at St. Paul's. Also, there will be collection boxes at Ron's Market in White Lake and in Plankinton.



Members of Trinity Lutherans for Life are excited that the donations will go directly to those in our area. The **7th Annual Diaper Distribution** will be held Friday, August 1, 2025, 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) would benefit their family.

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 our community members.

Please consider donating diapers and/or wipes and then encourage community members to pick up a donation for their family in August.

LCMS SOUTH DAKOTA DISTRICT SEMINARIAN PLACEMENTS

✚ Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne

- Vicar Joseph Moore to Zion Lutheran Mitchell.
- Rev. Zachary Wesell to Trinity Lutheran Hartford.
- Rev. Timothy Schleusener to St. John Lutheran Montrose/Zion Lutheran Canistota.

✚ Concordia Seminary, St. Louis

- Rev. Tanner Sutcliffe to Risen Savior Lutheran Tea.

STAY IN TOUCH

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1  Seventh Sunday of Easter Divine Services 8:30 a.m. SP 10:30 a.m. TR	2	3 TR Hope Circle 2 p.m.	4 TR Bible Class 5:30 p.m.	5 SP Bible Class 10 a.m.	6	7 SP Clean-up Day 9 a.m.
8  Pentecost Divine Services 8:30 a.m. SP 10:30 a.m. TR	9	10	11 TR Bible Class 5:30 p.m.	12 SP Bible Class 10 a.m.	13	14 Flag Day
15  Holy Trinity Father's Day Divine Services 8:30 a.m. SP 10:30 a.m. TR	16	17	18 TR Bible Class 5:30 p.m.	19 SP Bible Class 10 a.m.	20	21
22  Second Sunday after Pentecost Divine Services 8:30 a.m. SP 10:30 a.m. TR	23	24	25	26	27	28
29  Third Sunday after Pentecost Divine Services 8:30 a.m. SP 10:30 a.m. TR	30	<div>  <div> June 26-29, 2025 LWML 41st Biennial Convention Omaha, Nebraska lwml.org/convention </div> </div>				