



NEWSLETTER



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 Mike Tuschen

President Rodney Weber
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.

FEBRUARY 2025

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.

Adult Instruction Classes — St. Paul's, Sundays, 6:30 p.m.
 Note: the February 9 class will be at 2 p.m.

Confirmation Classes — St. Paul's, Tuesdays, 6 p.m.

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

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

Trinity Wednesday School — Wednesdays, 5:30 p.m.

Lutheran Women's Missionary League

Trinity Hope Circle – Tuesday, February 4, 2025, 2 p.m.

Trinity Ruth Circle – Tuesday, February 4, 2025, 1 p.m.

St. Paul's Dorcas Circle – Tuesday, February 11, 2025, 2 p.m.

Annual Meeting

St. Paul's Voters – February 9, 2025, 9:45 a.m.

Serving the Lord's Church in FEBRUARY

TRINITY

Elder David Bogenhagen
Ushers Ben Bogenhagen
 Ron Steffen

Acolyte Brant Bogenhagen
Altar Janice Thiry

ST. PAUL'S

Elder Curt Guindon
Ushers Larry Gerlach
 Jett Kemp

Acolyte Tayven Weber
Altar Sandy Tuschen

Scripture Readings for Sundays in February

Feb. 2 1 Samuel 1:21–28; Hebrews 2:14–18; Luke 2:22–32

Feb. 9 Isaiah 6:1–8; 1 Corinthians 14:12b–20; Luke 5:1–11

Feb. 16 Jeremiah 17:5–8; 1 Corinthians 15:12–20; Luke 6:17–26

Feb. 23 Genesis 45:3–15; 1 Cor. 15:21–26, 40–42; Luke 6:27–38

Mar. 2 Deuteronomy 34:1–12; Hebrews 3:1–6; Luke 9:28–36

The **March 2025 newsletter** will be available on or after March 2, 2025. Articles are due Thursday, February 27, 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!



PAID IN FULL

In just a few weeks we will begin the 40 days of Lent. This is especially a time for us Christians to think of our sins against God and to repent and to turn from our sins and pray for God's forgiveness. It reminds us to look to Jesus for forgiveness knowing that His death on the cross pays for all our sins. We especially focus upon the price it took for Jesus to take our sins away. Jesus died for every sin ever committed by every person who ever lived. He suffered the equivalence of eternal damnation in Hell for every person who ever lived. WHAT KIND OF SUFFERING IS THAT? One of our Lenten hymns says it so well:

*When o'er my sins I sorrow, Lord,
I will look to Thee
And hence my comfort borrow
That Thou wast slain for me;
Yea, Lord, Thy precious blood was spilt
For me, O most unworthy,
To take away my guilt. (TLH 152)*

Because of what Jesus has done for us, we who believe in Him are to as Paul wrote in Philippians 4:4, **Rejoice in the Lord always ... but, but, but ... And again I say rejoice.** So often, instead of rejoicing always as Paul writes, we come up with reasons not to rejoice. That is why Paul says it twice. "Again, I say rejoice." There are to be no "buts" about it. He had to say it twice, so we know for sure that we are to rejoice in what Jesus has done for us. We forget that Paul wrote in Romans 8:35–39 that nothing will separate us from God's love in Christ Jesus.

The devil tries to remind us of our sins and tries to make us think that we can't be forgiven. So, what should we do when we are sorry for our sins, and yet they still bother us? The answer is to look to Jesus. Martin Luther said that when he thought about himself, there is no hope of being saved. But when He thought about Jesus, there is no way he can be lost. Hebrews 12:2 says, ... **fixing our eyes on Jesus, the Author and Perfecter of the faith. For the joy set before Him, He endured the cross, despising the shame, and sat down at the right hand of God.** Every time you are bothered by your sins, just look at Jesus and know that He paid the full price for all of your sins.

Pastor McKillop

LENT/HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Ash Wednesday, March 5

5 p.m. at St. Paul's

7 p.m. at Trinity

Wednesdays March 12, 26, and April 9

7 p.m. Joint at St. Paul's

Wednesdays March 19, and April 2

7 p.m. Joint at Trinity

Maundy Thursday April 17

7 p.m. at St. Paul's (with communion)

Good Friday April 18

7 p.m. at Trinity

Easter Sunday April 20

Regular service times

8:30 a.m. St. Paul's

10:30 a.m. Trinity



MAIN STREET LIVING FEBRUARY 2025

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

February 2, 2025

10 a.m. "The Measure of A Man" A newspaper editor learns forgiveness.

10:30 a.m. Rev. Albert Sutton, pastor at Evergreen Lutheran Church in Evergreen, SD, presents a message titled "It's always time for Jesus." The sermon is based on Luke 4:31-44.

February 9, 2025

10 a.m. "Shepherds of Main Street" The challenges of an inner city church.

10:30 a.m. Reverend Thomas Brown, pastor at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Spearfish, SD presents a message titled "Divine Tension: When Belief Meets Holiness." The sermon is based on Luke 5:1-11

February 16, 2025

10 a.m. "The True Abundance" A tale of misunderstanding and forgiveness.

10:30 a.m. Reverend Randy Sturzenbecher, pastor at Divine Shepherd Lutheran Church and School in Black Hawk, SD presents a message titled "Blessed are you!" The sermon is based on Luke 6:17-26.

February 23, 2025

10 a.m. "Richest Man in the World" A gardener reminds a town what's most important in life.

10:30 a.m. Reverend Rev. Bryan Meadows, pastor at Zion Lutheran Church and School in Rapid City, SD presents a message titled "Who Else Teaches That?" The sermon is based on Luke 6:27-38.



FEBRUARY 2025

Travis Fink, SP	Feb. 1
Travis Bruinsma, TR	Feb. 2
Brant Bogenhagen, TR	Feb. 6
Ashley Geyer, TR	Feb. 7
Haleigh Mere Haiar, SP	Feb. 8
Bernice Kolmann, SP	Feb. 9
Lane Wesseling, SP	Feb. 10
John Geyer, TR	Feb. 13
Rebecca Hoefert Haiar, SP	Feb. 14
<i>Brent & Andrea Morenz, SP</i>	<i>Feb. 14</i>
Dale Pope, TR	Feb. 15
Kristin Heismeyer, SP	Feb. 18
Hadley Tobin, SP	Feb. 19
Griffin Tobin, SP	Feb. 19
Makenzie Anthony, SP	Feb. 27



The LCMS South Dakota District's Board of Directors has designated Lutheran Family Service (LFS) as the recipient of the 2025 LCMS South Dakota District convention offering. This offering will support the individual and family counseling done by LFS counselors in South Dakota. We are blessed to have LFS offices in Sioux Falls, Deadwood, and Black Hawk. A **special collection** will be gathered February 2 and 9 in support of this offering.



WORD FROM THE CENTER

¹On the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ²Jesus also was invited to the wedding with his disciples.

³When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine."

⁴And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come." ⁵His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." ... ¹¹This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him (John 2:1–11).

JESUS — HE BRINGS REAL CELEBRATION TO LIFE!

I love that title, don't you? In a nutshell, it says what faith in Jesus is all about. He is "the way, the truth, and the life" (John 14:6), and faith in Him brings His way, truth, and life to our lives as gifts of His grace. Wow! This call to faith is an invitation to receive life, His abundant life, as a gift. That's what we see in this first miracle of Jesus' public ministry. Amidst Christ's purposeful walk to Calgary to become God's redemptive sacrifice for sin, He stops by at a wedding, a small-town wedding at that.

There are all kinds of questions elicited by this simple act of attending a wedding and then turning water into wine. The activities of Jesus at this wedding challenge us to consider both what is common and what is really incredible, what is ordinary and what is extraordinary. In fact, it challenges our notions of what we think God should or shouldn't be doing. It also challenges our notions of what real joy and celebration are all about.

What's Jesus doing troubling himself with this couple's problem? They ran out of wine right in the middle of the wedding feast. They were close to becoming the laughingstock of the neighborhood, and Jesus helps them. I think this event shows us the full extent of His love for us. He cares for our eternal lives, yes. But He also cares for our daily lives, our common lives, our joys, and our sorrows. Why? Because He cares for all of who we are, and all we were created and redeemed to be (1 Peter 5:7).

In our modern world, we believe very matter-of-factly that we are the ones who take care of the

daily things in our lives. We believe that modern politics, economics, and technology make us masters of our lives. Nothing could be further from the truth. Life does not "consist in the abundance of [one's] possessions" (Luke 12:15), or the height of one's stature, or the apparent ability to control circumstances. Even on the day-to-day level of life, our faith relationship with Jesus is the source of our joy and peace in all things.

It's interesting to note that many of the details of this wedding are not recorded. In fact, we don't even know the name of the bride and groom! I think this reminds us that, even though Jesus cares for us personally, the main point of this first miraculous event is that His mission is to bring eternal joy, eternal life, and an eternal celebration of life to ALL WHO PUT THEIR FAITH IN HIM!

During those times when everything seems to be going wrong or when we are tempted to think that God doesn't care for each one of us personally, this event reminds us that Jesus is Immanuel, "God with us" (Matthew 1:23). He is the God on our side. He is God in the midst of our day-to-day lives to bring us the things eternal. He, as only He can, brings real celebration to life, now and forever. That's why we, along with those first disciples, are called to believe in Him.

PRAYER: Dear Lord Jesus, help us to see Your grace and joy, not only in our successes, but also in the midst of our struggles, for Your love for us never fails. AMEN

Rev. Gregory Seltz

2025 Elders, Ushers, Acolytes, and Altar Committees

JANUARY 2025	
Trinity	St. Paul's
Elder: Dan Guericke	Elder: Justin Everson
Ushers: Dan Meier	Ushers: Kieth Albrecht
Dean Suelflow	Josh Kemp
Acolyte: Blake Bogenhagen	Acolyte: Jett Kemp
Altar: Jane Guericke	Altar: Sandy Tuschen
	Greeters:

JULY 2025	
Trinity	St. Paul's
Elder: Scott Meier	Elder: Justin Everson
Ushers: Dan Meier	Ushers: Kieth Albrecht
Dean Suelflow	Josh Kemp
Acolyte: Dayton Simpson	Acolyte: Jett Kemp
Altar: Jane Guericke	Altar: Deb Haak
	Greeters:

FEBRUARY 2025	
Trinity	St. Paul's
Elder: David Bogenhagen	Elder: Curt Guindon
Ushers: Ben Bogenhagen	Ushers: Larry Gerlach
Ron Steffen	Jett Kemp
Acolyte: Brant Bogenhagen	Acolyte: Tayven Weber
Altar: Janice Thiry	Altar: Sandy Tuschen
	Greeters:

AUGUST 2025	
Trinity	St. Paul's
Elder: David Bogenhagen	Elder: Curt Guindon
Ushers: Ron Steffen	Ushers: Larry Gerlach
Dan Guericke	Jett Kemp
Acolyte: Brant Bogenhagen	Acolyte: Tayven Weber
Altar: Janice Thiry	Altar: Cathy Albrecht
	Greeters:

MARCH 2025	
Trinity	St. Paul's
Elder: Ben Bogenhagen	Elder: Mike Tuschen
Ushers: Dan Meier	Ushers: Curt Guindon
Dean Suelflow	Merlyn Haak
Acolyte: Blake Bogenhagen	Acolyte: Jenna Haak
Altar: Barb Gilbertz	Altar: Marlene Johnson
	Greeters:

SEPTEMBER 2025	
Trinity	St. Paul's
Elder: Ben Bogenhagen	Elder: Mike Tuschen
Ushers: Dan Meier	Ushers: Curt Guindon
Dean Suelflow	Merlyn Haak
Acolyte: Blake Bogenhagen	Acolyte: Jenna Haak
Altar: Barb Gilbertz	Altar: Cathy Albrecht
	Greeters:

APRIL 2025	
Trinity	St. Paul's
Elder: Scott Meier	Elder: Justin Everson
Ushers: Ron Steffen	Ushers: Dan Gerlach
Dan Guericke	Mike Tuschen
Acolyte: Dayton Simpson	Acolyte: Addisyn Everson
Altar: Jane Guericke	Altar: Marlene Johnson
	Greeters:

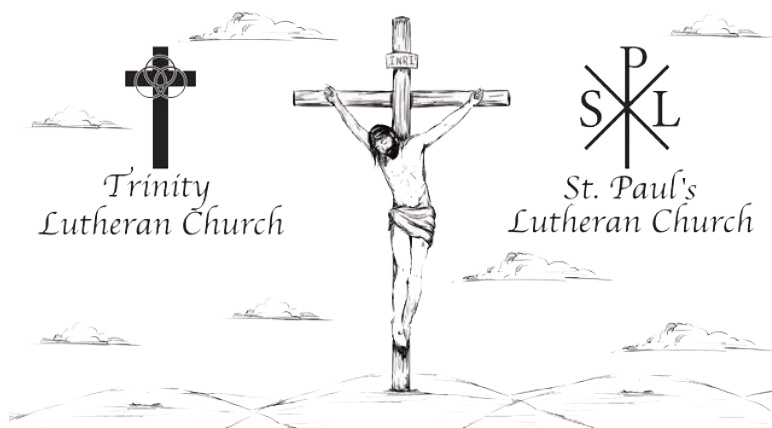
OCTOBER 2025	
Trinity	St. Paul's
Elder: Scott Meier	Elder: Justin Everson
Ushers: Ron Steffen	Ushers: Dan Gerlach
Dan Guericke	Mike Tuschen
Acolyte: Dayton Simpson	Acolyte: Addisyn Everson
Altar: Jane Guericke	Altar: Marlene Johnson
	Greeters:

MAY 2025	
Trinity	St. Paul's
Elder: David Bogenhagen	Elder: Curt Guindon
Ushers: Dan Meier	Ushers: Justin Everson
Dean Suelflow	Rodney Weber
Acolyte: Brant Bogenhagen	Acolyte: Karter Weber
Altar: Janice Thiry	Altar: Sharon Boyd
	Greeters:

NOVEMBER 2025	
Trinity	St. Paul's
Elder: David Bogenhagen	Elder: Curt Guindon
Ushers: Dan Meier	Ushers: Justin Everson
Dean Suelflow	Rodney Weber
Acolyte: Brant Bogenhagen	Acolyte: Karter Weber
Altar: Janice Thiry	Altar: Deb Haak
	Greeters:

JUNE 2025	
Trinity	St. Paul's
Elder: Ben Bogenhagen	Elder: Mike Tuschen
Ushers: Ron Steffen	Ushers: Lennis Titze
Dan Guericke	Howard Weischedel
Acolyte: Blake Bogenhagen	Acolyte: Blake Everson
Altar: Barb Gilbertz	Altar: Sharon Boyd
	Greeters:





DECEMBER 2025	
Trinity	St. Paul's
Elder: Ben Bogenhagen	Elder: Mike Tuschen
Ushers: Ron Steffen	Ushers: Lennis Titze
Dan Guericke	Howard Weischedel
Acolyte: Blake Bogenhagen	Acolyte: Blake Everson
Altar: Barb Gilbertz	Altar: Deb Haak
	Greeters:





FEBRUARY 2025



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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2  The Presentation of Our Lord Divine Services 8:30 a.m. SP /10:30 a.m. TR Sunday School 9:30 a.m. at St. Paul's Adult Instruction Class 6:30 p.m. at St. Paul's	3	4 TR Ruth Circle 1 p.m. TR Hope Circle 2 p.m.	5 TR Release-Time 2:15 p.m. TR Bible Class Wed. School 5:30 p.m.	6 SP Bible Class 10 a.m.	7	8
9  Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany Divine Services 8:30 a.m. SP /10:30 a.m. TR Sunday School 9:30 a.m. at St. Paul's Adult Instruction Class 2 p.m. at St. Paul's	10 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 10px auto;"> Feb. 9 cont. SP Voters Meeting 9:30 a.m. Annual </div>	11 SP Dorcas Circle 2 p.m. SP Catechism Class 6 p.m.	12 TR Release-Time 2:15 p.m. TR Bible Class Wed. School 5:30 p.m.	13 SP Bible Class 10 a.m.	14	15
16  Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany Divine Services 8:30 a.m. SP /10:30 a.m. TR Sunday School 9:30 a.m. at St. Paul's Adult Instruction Class 6:30 p.m. at St. Paul's	17	18 SP Catechism Class 6 p.m.	19 TR Release-Time 2:15 p.m. TR Bible Class Wed. School 5:30 p.m.	20 SP Bible Class 10 a.m.	21	22
23  Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany Divine Services 8:30 a.m. SP /10:30 a.m. TR Sunday School 9:30 a.m. at St. Paul's Adult Instruction Class 6:30 p.m. at St. Paul's	24	25 SP Catechism Class 6 p.m.	26 TR Release-Time 2:15 p.m. TR Bible Class Wed. School 5:30 p.m.	27 SP Bible Class 10 a.m.	28	