

St. Paul's Lutheran
Church
Plankinton, SD

SEPTEMBER 2025

NEWSLETTER

Trinity Lutheran
Church
White Lake, SD

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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. starting Sept. 10
St. Paul's, Thursdays, 10 a.m. starting Sept. 11

St. Paul's Sunday School – Dates TBD; Ferra will contact.

Trinity Release-Time – Wednesdays, 2:15–3:15 p.m.

Lutheran Women's Missionary League

Trinity Hope Circle – Joint Annual Meeting, Sept. 9, 2025, 1 p.m.

Trinity Ruth Circle – Joint Annual Meeting, Sept. 9, 2025, 1 p.m.

St. Paul's Dorcas Circle – Tuesday, September 9, 2025, 2 p.m.

Joint Voters Meeting

A Joint Meeting of Trinity and St. Paul's voters will be held
Tuesday, September 16, 2025. This 7 p.m. meeting will be hosted
by St. Paul's at Plankinton. Agenda items include reviewing the
Ministry Agreement with Pastor McKillop and church service
schedules for the remainder of 2025 and for 2026.

September 7, 14, 21, 28

TRINITY

Elder Ben Bogenhagen

Ushers Dan Meier

Dean Suelflow

Acolyte Blake Bogenhagen

Altar Barb Gilbertz

ST. PAUL'S

Elder Mike Tuschen

Ushers Curt Guindon

Merlyn Haak

Acolyte Jenna Haak

Altar Cathy Albrecht

Scripture Readings for Sundays in September

Sept. 7 Deuteronomy 30:15–20; Philemon 1–21; Luke 14:25–35

Sept. 14 Ezekiel 34:11–24; 1 Timothy 1:12–17; Luke 15:1–10

Sept. 21 Amos 8:4–7; 1 Timothy 2:1–15; Luke 16:1–15

Sept. 28 Amos 6:1–7; 1 Timothy 3:1–13; Luke 16:19–31

The **October 2025 newsletter** will be available on or after September
28, 2025. *Articles are due Tuesday, September 23, 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!



GIVE THANKS IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES

Dear Members of Trinity and St. Paul's,

1Thessalonians 5:16, St. Paul encourages believers to ***Give thanks in all circumstances***. No matter what our circumstances in life become, God calls us to be thankful. As believers, we always have so much for which to be thankful. Even when things go bad, and sometimes really bad, we are still receiving many wonderful gifts of God; all we need for this life, plus much more. Also, when things are good we still receive wonderful gifts of God, and we are always recipients of God's gracious love.

So a Christian should always be thankful. And when we are thankful, especially in bad times, we give a powerful witness for our faith in Jesus and all that He has done for us. It shows other people that we can **trust in God at all times** and that He is all-powerful, and all-knowing and that He will always take care of His people (Romans 8:28). Thankfulness causes us to look to God for all things that we need for now and for eternity. He is the Giver of all good things (James 1:17).

We are **especially thankful for the gift of eternal life that we have through Jesus** as revealed in His Word. It reminds us to repent of our sins, and trust that Jesus died for all our sins that we might live with God forever in Heaven.

What a privilege it is for me to be able to preach and teach the truth of God's Word here at Trinity and St. Paul's. God in His grace has done everything necessary so that this might happen. We should **thank Him every day** for this and all He does for us and pray that He in His grace continues to bless us as a congregation. We pray that He would lead us in all we do as we study His Word to know His will and to do the work that He has called us to do that many more might hear the good news of the Gospel, believe, and be saved through faith in Jesus.

Pastor McKillop

STAY IN TOUCH

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MAIN STREET LIVING SEPTEMBER 2025

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

Broadcast on KDLT (NBC) channels 5.1 / 46.1

September 7, 2025

10 a.m. "Harriet's Wedding Day" A groom nearly cancels wedding plans due to fear of the unknown.

10:30 a.m. Rev. Chad Schopp, pastor at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Aberdeen, SD, presents a message titled "The Cost of Following Jesus". The sermon is based on Luke 14:25–35.

September 14, 2025

10 a.m. "Tragedy Near a Small Town" - Tragedy in a small town results in a loving father holding a grudge instead of forgiving as our Father has forgiven us.

10:30 a.m. Rev. Bret Bierman, pastor at St. John's, Trinity, and St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Mansfield, SD, presents a message titled "What about Billy?". The sermon is based on Luke 15:1–10.

September 21, 2025

10 a.m. "Spite" Negative emotions and grudges are destructive, but forgiveness allows people to move forward.

10:30 a.m. Rev. Paul Preus, pastor at Zion Lutheran Church in Ellendale, ND, presents a message titled "Your Faith has Saved You". The sermon is based on Luke 17:11–19.

September 28, 2025

10 a.m. "The Visit" - A Christian's response to tragedy becomes a witness to others during wartime.

10:30 a.m. Rev. Robert Moeller, Jr, pastor at St. John's Lutheran Church in Britton, SD, presents a message titled "Appearances Can Be Deceiving". The sermon is based on Luke 16:19–31.



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Marcella Thompson (99), TR	20
Marv Jira, SP	20
David Markhardt, TR	20
Ann Harless, SP	22
Addisyn Everson, SP	24
Isabelle Albrecht, SP	27
<i>David & Nancy Bogenhagen, TR</i>	30
<i>Jeremy & Lori Haak, SP</i>	30



Do you know your Baptism Birthday?
Email to trinitywlsd@gmail.com or text
Nancy at 605-680-1895 and we'll add it to
our monthly newsletters!



WORD FROM THE CENTER

IT'S NOT WHO YOU KNOW BUT WHETHER HE KNOWS YOU!

²²[Jesus] went on his way through towns and villages, teaching and journeying toward Jerusalem. ²³And someone said to him, "Lord, will those who are saved be few?" And he said to them, ²⁴"Strive to enter through the narrow door. For many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able ... ²⁹And people will come from east and west, and from north and south, and recline at table in the kingdom of God. ³⁰And behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last."
(Luke 13:22–24; 29–30).

A few years ago, there was a scandal involving prominent, Hollywood families paying for their children to get into specific schools by rigging the admissions process to their advantage. It's the scandal where the children of politicians regularly get into the best schools in America (e.g., Harvard and Yale) effortlessly. One politician had all four of his children admitted into these elite schools. Now if Harvard and Yale are indeed the most competitive schools where only the finest, most talented students get in, then it's virtually impossible for every child from one family to beat such odds. But the data shows that the children of these "public servants" get in at a remarkable rate. And with those schools receiving billions of tax dollars in grant monies, well, it sure seems to dwarf the Hollywood quid-pro-quo version, doesn't it? I guess in this world the old adage is true, "It's not what you know, but who you know!"

Well, that may be true in certain places here on earth, but our stature and status really don't amount to as much as we think they do, even if we can get away with rigging worldly systems in our favor. The greatest sin of people today might in fact be our pride, the fact that we think way too highly of ourselves. All of our gadgets and inventions have made some aspects of life much easier, but they haven't made us better

people where it matters most, in our hearts and souls. All our successes and status may help us accumulate stuff in this world, but such things don't bring lasting purpose to our lives.

In Luke chapters 12 and 13, Jesus is telling various stories to drive home a point. The key to life is having a healthy relationship with the God who created and redeemed you. That's the key. It orders our lives properly. It can help us overcome worries and anxieties. It can also reconcile us to one another in spite of our propensities towards selfishness, hatred, bigotry, and strife. Here in this passage, Jesus is in essence saying, "Don't play games with this truth. Don't merely give lip service to that relationship. Don't play games with God, thinking that just being outwardly associated with religious things will help you rig the system in your favor." No, God loves you and wants a reconciled and forgiven relationship with you by grace through faith in Jesus. Wow! He wants that for you and me. And that changes everything.

The world does things the way it does. Our world says, "It's who you know that counts." Actually, the real message for this world is whether God in heaven knows you as His own (see John 17:3). And by faith in Jesus, He not only knows you, He calls you His son, His daughter, His family. No rigging the system is allowed there, because, through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus for you, no rigging is necessary.

PRAYER: Dear Lord Jesus, what a joy it is to realize that I can have a relationship with You because of what You have done for me. Give me the faith to receive that and to live in its truth daily in my life. AMEN

Rev. Gregory Seltz



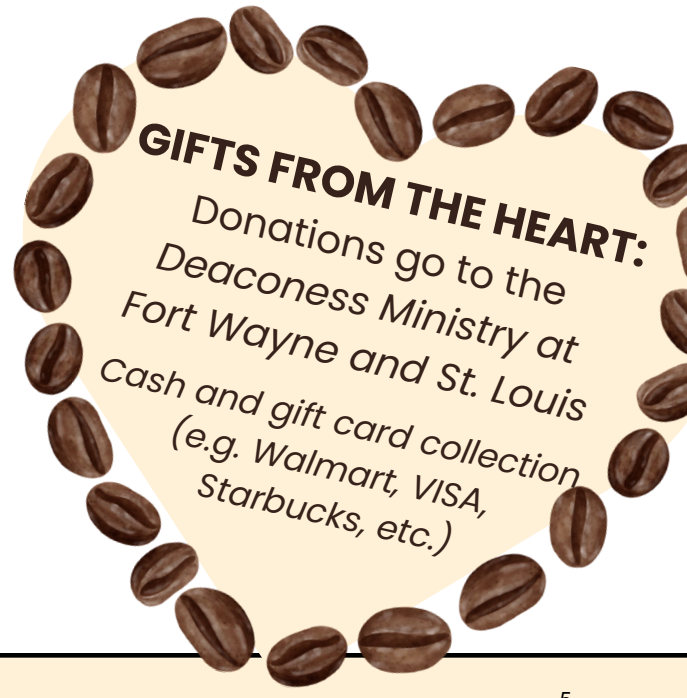
LWML Fall Rally

MITCHELL ZONE

OCTOBER 5, 2025
IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH - DIMOCK, SD

AGENDA

- REGISTRATION - 1:30 p.m. to 1:45 p.m.
- OPENING DEVOTION by Pastor Loeslie
- PRESENTATION:
 - "A Faith Brewed Bold - Like Katie Luther"
- Gina Bialas - LWML Zone Vice President
- MITES OFFERING
- SHORT BREAK - JAVA & JOY FELLOWSHIP
 - Visit our coffee bar and enjoy refreshments
- ZONE MEETING
 - Welcome
 - LWML Pledge
 - Offering
 - Business Meeting
 - Announcements/Closing



GIFTS FROM THE HEART:

Donations go to the
Deaconess Ministry at
Fort Wayne and St. Louis
Cash and gift card collection
(e.g. Walmart, VISA,
Starbucks, etc.)



The Second Commandment

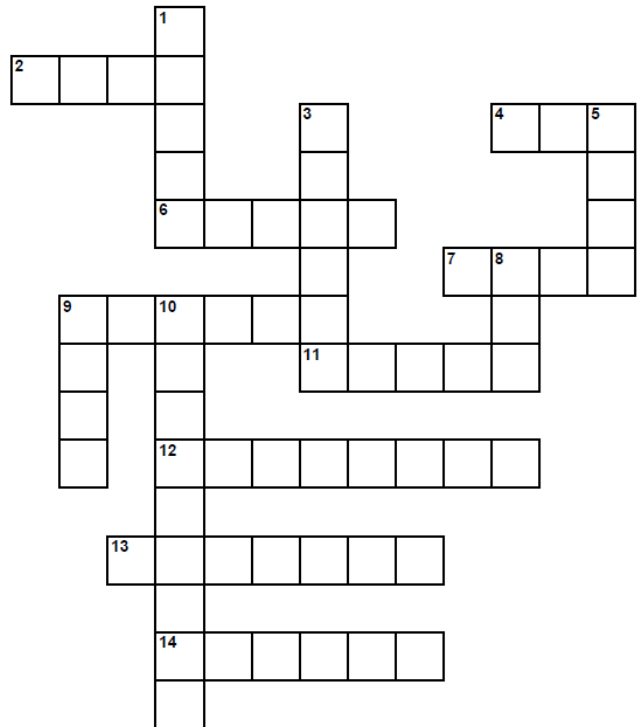
Find the bold words of the 2nd Commandment and its meaning in the puzzle below.

You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.

What does this mean?

We should **fear** and **love** God so that we do **not curse, swear**, use satanic arts, **lie**, or **deceive** by His name, but **call** upon it in every **trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks.**

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ACROSS

- 2 Give thanks to the Lord, call upon His _____. Is 12:4
- 4 At the name of Jesus, every knee shall _____. Phil. 2:10
- 6 You shall not ____ by My name falsely, and so profane the name of your God: I am the Lord. Lev. 19:12
- 7 No one can say "Jesus is ____" except in the Holy Spirit. 1 Cor 12:3
- 9 Oh give ____ to the Lord, for He is good. Ps 118:1
- 11 I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of ____, out of the house of slavery. Ex. 20:2
- 12 When you pray, say: Father, ____ be Your name. Luke 11:2
- 13 Call upon Me in the day of ____; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me. Ps 50:15
- 14 And every ____ confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Phil. 2:11

DOWN

- 1 You shall call His name ____, for He will save His people from their sins. Mt. 1:21
- 3 ____ Him for His mighty deeds. Ps. 150:2a
- 5 Let him who has my ____ speak My word faithfully. Jer. 23:28
- 8 It is not what goes into a mouth that defiles a person, but what comes ____ of the mouth: this defiles a person. Mt. 15:11
- 9 Let there be no filthiness nor foolish ____ nor crude joking. Eph. 5:4a
- 10 For there is no ____ except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. Ro 13:1b



September 2025



	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3 TR Release-Time 2:15 p.m.	4	5	6
7 	Thirteenth Sunday Pentecost Divine Services 8:30 a.m. St. Paul's 10:30 a.m. Trinity ABCR Devotion 1 p.m.	8 SP Catechism 7 p.m.*	9 TR LWML Joint Meeting 1 p.m. SP Dorcas Circle 2 p.m.	10 TR Release-Time 2:15 p.m. TR Bible Class Wed. School 5:30 p.m. TR Ctchsm 6:30 p.m.*	11 SP Bible Class 10 a.m.	12	13
14 	Fourteenth Sunday Pentecost Divine Services 8:30 a.m. St. Paul's 10:30 a.m. Trinity	15	16 Joint Voters Meeting 7 p.m. at St. Paul's	17 TR Release-Time 2:15 p.m. TR Bible Class Wed. School 5:30 p.m.	18 SP Bible Class 10 a.m.	19	20
21 	Eighteenth Sunday Pentecost Divine Services 8:30 a.m. St. Paul's 10:30 a.m. Trinity ABCR Devotion 1 p.m.	22	23	24 TR Release-Time 2:15 p.m. TR Bible Class Wed. School 5:30 p.m.	25 SP Bible Class 10 a.m.	26	27
28 	Nineteenth Sunday Pentecost Divine Services 8:30 a.m. St. Paul's 10:30 a.m. Trinity	29	30	* Initial meetings for parents and students. Future Catechism Class dates/times to be determined. They will be posted on the website calendars and in the weekly bulletin.			