



JULY 2023 NEWSLETTER



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St. Paul's Lutheran Church and Trinity Lutheran Church are members of the South Dakota District of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

Joint Divine Worship Service Schedule for July

Sunday, July 2, 2023 — 5 p.m. at St. Paul's.
Sunday, July 9, 2023 — 5 p.m. at Trinity
Sunday, July 16, 2023 — 5 p.m. at St. Paul's
Sunday, July 23, 2023 — 5 p.m. at Trinity
Sunday, July 30, 2023 — 5 p.m. at St. Paul's
Sunday, August 6, 2023 — 5 p.m. at St. Paul's

Christian Education

No Bible Class, Confirmation Class, Sunday School, nor Release-Time during the summer months.

Lutheran Women's Missionary League

Trinity Hope Circle – No meeting this month.
Trinity Ruth Circle – July 5, 2023, 6:30 p.m.
St. Paul's Dorcas Circle – No meeting this month.

Voters Meetings

St. Paul's — Sunday, July 16, 2023, 6 p.m. with Potluck
Trinity — Monday, July 31, 2023, 7 p.m.

Serving the Lord's Church in JULY

TRINITY

Elder Dan Guericke
Ushers Dan Meier
Dean Suelflow
Acolyte Mataya Kahler
Altar Jane Guericke

ST. PAUL'S

Elder Justin Everson
Ushers Kieth Albrecht
Josh Kemp
Acolyte Jett Kemp
Altar Deb Haak
Greeters 7-2 Merlyn & Deb Haak
7-16 Kieth & Cathy Albrecht
7-30 Marlene Johnson

Serving the Lord's Church in AUGUST

TRINITY

Elder David Bogenhagen
Ushers Ben Bogenhagen
Ron Steffen
Acolyte Brant Bogenhagen
Altar Janice Thiry

ST. PAUL'S

Elder Curt Guindon
Ushers Marv Jira
Larry Gerlach
Acolyte Jacey Kemp
Altar Cathy Albrecht
Greeters 8-6 Carol Schaefer
8-20 Larry & Jean Gerlach

Scripture Readings

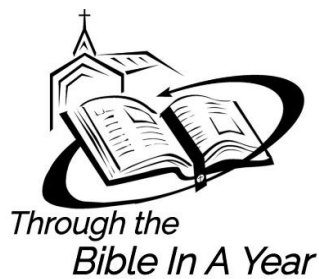
July 2 Jeremiah 28:5–9; Romans 7:1–13; Matthew 10:34–42
July 9 Zechariah 9:9–12; Romans 7:14–25a; Matthew 11:25–30
July 16 Isaiah 55:10–13; Romans 8:12–17; Matthew 13:1–9, 18–23
July 23 Isaiah 44:6–8; Romans 8:18–27; Matthew 13:24–30, 36–43
July 30 Deuteronomy 7:6–9; Romans 8:28–39; Matthew 13:44–52
Aug. 6 Isaiah 55:1–5; Romans 9:1–5; Matthew 14:13–21

The **August 2023 newsletter** will be available either July 30 or August 6, 2023. Articles are due Thursday, July 27, 2023.

Please send newsletter and 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!

Many Christians have considered challenging themselves to read through the Bible in one year. Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) is offering you that very opportunity! The Gospel Outreach Committee has created a monthly reading plan to

On Your Mark! Get Set! Open Your Bibles!



JULY 2023

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
<p><i>Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone.</i> (I Corinthians 12:4-6).</p>						<p>1 1 Kings 1 Hosea 4:12-5:4 Mark 11:1-14</p>
<p>2 1 Kings 2 Hosea 5:5-15 Mark 11:15-33</p>	<p>3 1 Kings 3 Hosea 6:1-7:2 Mark 12:1-27</p>	<p>4 1 Kings 4-5 Hosea 7:3-16 Mark 12:28-44</p>	<p>5 1 Kings 6 Hosea 8 Mark 13:1-13</p>	<p>6 1 Kings 7 Hosea 9:1-16 Mark 13:14-37</p>	<p>7 1 Kings 8 Hosea 9:17-10:15 Mark 14:1-31</p>	<p>8 1 Kings 9 Hosea 11:1-11 Mark 14:32-72</p>
<p>9 1 Kings 10 Hosea 11:12-12:14 Mark 15:1-20</p>	<p>10 1 Kings 11 Hosea 13 Mark 15:21-47</p>	<p>11 1 Kings 12:1-31 Hosea 14 Mark 16</p>	<p>12 1 Kings 12:32-13:34 Joel 1 1 Cor. 1:1-17</p>	<p>13 1 Kings 14 Joel 2:1-11 1 Corinthians 1:18-31</p>	<p>14 1 Kings 15:1-32 Joel 2:12-32 1 Corinthians 2</p>	<p>15 1 Kings 15:33-16:34 Joel 3 1 Corinthians 3</p>
<p>16 1 Kings 17 Amos 1 1 Corinthians 4</p>	<p>17 1 Kings 18 Amos 2:1-3:2 I Corinthians 5</p>	<p>18 1 Kings 19 Amos 3:3-4:3 I Corinthians 6</p>	<p>19 1 Kings 20 Amos 4:4-13 I Cor. 7:1-24</p>	<p>20 1 Kings 21 Amos 5 I Cor. 7:25-40</p>	<p>21 1 Kings 22 Amos 6 I Corinthians 8</p>	<p>22 2 Kings 1-2 Amos 7 I Corinthians 9</p>
<p>23 2 Kings 3 Amos 8 1 Corinthians 10</p>	<p>24 2 Kings 4 Amos 9 1 Cor. 11:1-16</p>	<p>25 2 Kings 5 Obadiah 1 1 Cor. 11:17-34</p>	<p>26 2 Kings 6:1-7:2 Jonah 1 1 Corinthians 12</p>	<p>27 2 Kings 7:3-20 Jonah 2 1 Corinthians 13</p>	<p>28 2 Kings 8 Jonah 3 1 Cor. 14:1-25</p>	<p>29 2 Kings 9 Jonah 4 1 Cor. 14:26-40</p>
<p>30 2 Kings 10 Micah 1 1 Cor. 15:1-34</p>	<p>31 2 Kings 11 Micah 2 1 Cor. 15:35-58</p>					



Christian Funeral Service, Part 2

Greetings in Christ, dear saints of the Lord.

Back in April I wrote a little bit about Christian burial and focused on cremation. In this newsletter I will address some other matters pertaining to the Christian funeral service.

What about the service and the music? The funeral service is a worship service which means that it follows the parameters of a Sunday morning service. This means that we follow the service from our Synod hymnals and that the hymns come from them as well. If the family wants hymns that are not from the hymnal or other music, then the best place for that would be during the luncheon, outside of the worship service. We have many solid hymns in our hymnals to choose from.

What about the US flag being on a veteran's casket during the funeral service? The folded flag may be on the coffin during the visitation prior to the funeral, but during the funeral service the flag will not be on the casket since military honors are not being rendered during the service. The flag may be draped or put on the casket after the service is over when the casket has left the sanctuary. The flag is meant to draw attention to the nation and the service of the veteran which is not the focus of the funeral service. During the funeral service our focus is on the Gospel and the everlasting Kingdom of God of which the Christian veteran is a member of for all eternity. The flag does not rightly belong in the church's sanctuary because the church transcends earthly citizenships. The Church is made up of people from all nations. We are first and foremost citizens of God's Kingdom. In glory there will be no more United States, Russia, China, Mexico, etc., but there will only be the Kingdom of God for all eternity.

There is a proper time to render military honors and that usually takes place at the graveside following the committal. We do not mix the church service and military honors. For example, it would be inappropriate for the pastor to interrupt the rendering of military honors with a sermon. We should do things in good order. First, the proclamation of the Gospel and secondly, the rendering of military honors wherein the nation honors the veteran's service.

God's peace be with you all.

In Christ,
Pastor Jenson

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Available on the **YouTube** channel,
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MAIN STREET LIVING JULY 2023

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

July 2, 2023

10 a.m. — **“Some People Need Help”** An amputee from a Veteran’s hospital must learn that hurting others will not help him.

10:30 a.m. — Rev. Bret Bierman, pastor at St. John’s, Trinity and St. Paul’s Lutheran Churches in Aberdeen-Mansfield-Stratford, SD presents a message titled “The Hard Stuff.” This sermon is based on Matthew 10:34.

July 9, 2023

10 a.m. — **“Jeremy”** Deals with the relationship between a mother and a mentally challenged son who lives in a home.

10:30 a.m. — Rev. Jacob Smith, pastor at St. Paul’s-St. Paul’s Lutheran Churches in Aberdeen-Leola, SD presents a message titled “Come To Me.” This sermon is based on Matthew 11:25-30.

July 16, 2023

10 a.m. — **“Flight Plan”** A man has to deal with the death of a young boy with a terminal illness. Will it strengthen his faith or destroy it?

10:30 a.m. — Rev. Jeremy Yeadon, pastor at St. John’s-Zion Lutheran Churches in Groton-Andover, SD presents a message titled “How Deep Will It Go?” This sermon is based on Matt:18:1-9.

July 23, 2023

10 a.m. — **“Amazing Grace”** A man who has come from a poor beginning to a rich and full life must learn not to forsake his Christian faith.

10:30 a.m. —Rev. Kevin Moore, pastor at Messiah-Redeemer Lutheran Churches in Redfield-Doland, SD presents a message titled “Patience, Trust, and Weeds.” This sermon is based on Matthew 13:24–30.

July 30, 2023

10 a.m. — **“The Selling Price”** A father and son face the issue of ethics, and how it relates to God’s law.

10:30 a.m. — Rev. Thomas Mueller, pastor at Emanuel-Zion Lutheran Churches in Sisseton-Waubay, SD presents a message titled “Redemption in the Kingdom of Heaven.” This sermon is based on Matthew 13:44–52.

23rd ANNUAL DIAPER DRIVE



Trinity Lutherans for Life of White Lake thanks everyone who generously contributed to their **23rd Annual Diaper!**

Members of Trinity Lutherans for Life are excited that the donations will go directly to help those in our community. **Our 5th Annual Diaper Distribution will be Friday, August 4, 2023, from 5 to 7 p.m.** Members of the community may come to Trinity Lutheran Church during these set times and pick up what size(s) they need for their child(ren).

Trinity Lutherans for Life 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 help show our love and support for the smallest community members and to help alleviate the expense on those that care for them.

Verify email senders



It’s Summertime!
Many enjoy the sport of fishing. But be alert for **PHISHING!**

Phishing is a cybercrime in which a target or targets are contacted by email, telephone, or text message by someone posing as a legitimate institution to lure individuals into providing sensitive data such as personally identifiable information, banking and credit card details, and passwords. Generally, emails sent by a cybercriminal are masked so they appear to be sent by a business whose services are used by the recipient, including churches or their members. **Be sure you recognize the sender’s email address** as someone you ordinarily communicate with. Whether it looks like it’s from someone you don’t know or someone you do know, if anything seems out of the ordinary, unexpected, out of character, or just suspicious in general don’t click on it!



NEWS FROM THE CENTER FRIDAY DIGEST June 16, 2023

WHAT TIME IS IT?

by Peter Scaer

I suppose it is not all that remarkable to see a Christian college close, or cave into, even embrace, the pressures of DEI (diversity, equity, inclusion), which, for all its talk about diversity, is simply conformity to the ideology that has become the new and most dogmatic of religions. We do well to teach our children and ourselves as well, but we had better know what time it is. I want to live in my grandfather's church, the church of my fathers, one that confesses the ancient creeds, sings hymns not off the Hillsong conveyor belt. It's time to dig deep.

But what's hard for many to see is that we are not living in our grandfather's or even our childhood's America. You went to public schools, say, in the 80's, and you are tempted to think it's the same, that is, tending towards liberal, but nothing that can't be handled by having a prayer after school, along with discussions now and then about how our holy book says it's wrong for two men to be married, to which we might add that they respect their decision.

TV-wise, it's breathtaking to see how far down the slope we have been sliding, as a trip to Clooney's ER and then New Amsterdam makes abundantly clear. We are afraid to send our kids out into the neighborhood or into the woods when **the most dangerous place is the bedroom with a cellphone**. Well, **any place with a cellphone**. But then you say, we will live our Christian lives as we wish, though, that

means with Jack Phillips and Barronelle Stutzman, with consciences dulled.

And that brings us to Oregon, where Christians, that is *actual Christians*, are no longer allowed to adopt children. That is, they must sign a pledge that they will raise their children according to gender affirming standards. In other words, not raising your children as Christians. If he wants you to refer to him as her, so you must, along with a trip to the clinic. **And so the question must be asked, do we know what time it is?**

It's not simply that places like Oregon are becoming ever more increasingly secular, or as we like to say, unchurched. It's that they have formed a new church, and their church is enmeshed in the state whose rules and regulations have real teeth. Are we ready for that? Are our people? What in our devotions, in our catechetical materials, in our studies and sermons are fortifying our people for such a time as this? If the inability or unwillingness to see through the secular conformity of DEI is any indication, we have a lot of work to do. But then, **that's why we're here in the twilight, doing what we can before the night comes.**

The Rev. Dr. Peter Scaer is chairman and professor of Exegetical Theology and director of the M.A. program at Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana.



Lutheran Women's Missionary League 40th Biennial Convention in Milwaukee, Wisconsin



The Lutheran Women's Missionary League, also known as Lutheran Women in Mission, welcomed over **3,500** people to their 40th biennial convention in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, June 22–25, 2023, under the theme "Celebrate the Lord of the Nations." The convention theme was based on Psalm 33:12–13.

2023–2025 Mission Goal and Mission Grants

The Lutheran Women in Mission voting body adopted a **\$2,350,000 mission goal** for the 2023–2025 biennium. This goal, by the grace of God, will fund 31 mission grants, as women and men respond in prayer and mite offerings during the next two years. Together with 90% of mite offerings received (\$2,115,000) plus an average of \$316,810 from the 2021–2023 biennium, plus the reallocation of grant #20 from the 2021–2023 biennium, the **total available for grants is \$2,441,070**, more than the mission goal itself! Mission grants selected:

1. Orphan Grain Train Servant Center — Orphan Grain Train, U.S. \$100,000
2. A Healing Space for At-Risk Children — Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch, North Dakota \$100,000
3. Serving God's Children with Special Needs — Journeys Lutheran School, Milwaukee, Wisconsin \$100,000
4. Fortifying Faith in Those with Vision Impairment — Lutheran Braille Workers \$100,000
5. Disaster Response Team — Trinity Lutheran Church, Tyler, Texas \$50,000
6. Mobile Kitchen — Forged by Fire Services, Gulf Coast Region, U.S. \$85,000
7. Upheld by God's Hand, Mental Health Outreach — LCMS Life Ministry \$96,500
8. Expanding Gospel Proclamation Worldwide — Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri \$100,000
9. Equipping Young Leaders — LCMS Youth Ministry \$50,000
10. Set Apart To Serve — LCMS Office of Pastoral Education \$100,000
11. Lutheran Women in Mission Finish the Job — Ministry in Mission, Haiti \$85,000
12. Sharing Christ Crucified with High School Youth — Lutheran High School of Greater New Orleans, Louisiana \$35,000
13. Water and the Word — Evangelical Lutheran Church in Kenya \$80,000
14. Enhancement of Deaf Ministry and Outreach — Ephphatha Lutheran Mission Society, U.S. \$47,000
15. Feeding Haitian Children Through Gospel and Meals — Trinity HOPE \$58,082
16. Care for Street Children of Western Kenya — Capstone Ministries \$50,000
17. Nurturing Faith for the Aging — Lutheran Ministries Media (Worship Anew) \$100,000
18. Zoe's Home Support — Zoe's Home, Trinity Lutheran Church, Clinton, Missouri \$75,000
19. Tanzania Children's Homes — Evangelical Lutheran Church of Tanzania, Africa \$74,500
20. Sharing Christ with Women and Children in Kazakhstan — Lutheran Hour Ministries \$100,000
21. Healthy Together: Healthy Workers, Healthy Church — Lutheran Family Services \$106,000
22. Expanding Gospel Outreach to Hispanics in the United States — Lutheran Hour Ministries \$100,000
23. A Legacy of Love for Special Needs Children — Lutheran Special Education Ministries \$100,000
24. God's Word for Central & South American Missions — Lutheran Heritage Foundation \$100,000
25. Bringing God's Word to India — India Bible Translation Project \$100,000
26. Life Connection Events and Kits — Lutherans for Life \$70,000
27. Siouland Lutheran Hispanic Ministry — Hope Lutheran, South Sioux City, Nebraska \$50,000
28. Growing Our Place: Care for Special Needs Students — Our Place After School Care, Inc., Nebraska \$20,000
29. Repairs for St. Paul's Lutheran School — St. Paul's Lutheran School, Cullman, Alabama \$50,000
30. Showering Love on the Least of These — Mercy Holistic Ministry, California \$100,000
31. Breaking Generational Poverty in Detroit — Camp Restore Detroit, Michigan, Partial Payment of \$58,988.62

Newly-elected officers for the 2023–2027 biennium are:

President: Eden Keefe, LWML Kansas District
Vice President of Organizational Resources: Arlene Naasz, LWML South Dakota District
Vice President of Special Focus Ministries: Karol Selle, LWML North Wisconsin District
Treasurer: Anita Werner, LWML Rocky Mountain District
Pastoral Counselor: Rev. Mark Maas, LWML Wyoming District









Thank You for Your Generous Support

Convention offerings, the Mission Pledge Walk, and Tee Up for Mites donations are still being received. Final totals will be announced in an eNews article. Gifts from the Heart donation totals and recipients will also be provided.



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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2  Fifth Sunday after Pentecost 5 p.m. at St. Paul's Joint Divine Service	3	4 Independence Day 	5 6:30 p.m.  TR Ruth Circle	6	7	8
9  Sixth Sunday after Pentecost 5 p.m. at Trinity Joint Divine Service	10	11	12	13	14	15
16  Seventh Sunday after Pentecost 5 p.m. at St. Paul's Joint Divine Service 6 p.m. SP Potluck and Voters Meeting	17	18	19	20	21	22
23  Eighth Sunday after Pentecost 5 p.m. at Trinity Joint Divine Service	24	25	26	27	28	29
30  Ninth Sunday after Pentecost 5 p.m. at St. Paul's Joint Divine Service	31 7 p.m. TR Voters Meeting	 <p>LCMS Convention July 29–August 3, 2023 Milwaukee, Wisconsin "We Preach Christ Crucified"</p>				