



MAY 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 May

Sunday, May 7, 2023 — 5 p.m. at St. Paul's

Sunday, May 14, 2023 — 5 p.m. at Trinity

Sunday, May 21, 2023 — 5 p.m. at St. Paul's

Sunday, May 28, 2023 — 5 p.m. at Trinity

Christian Education

Joint Bible Study, Book of 1 Peter — 6 p.m. at the same location as the Joint Divine Service.

Joint Confirmation Class — same location as the Joint Divine Service, 3:45 p.m. through May 14, 2023.

Sunday School — Sunday 3:45 p.m. May 7th at St. Paul's.

Trinity Release-Time — Final class of the 2022–2023 school year will be May 3, 2023, 2:15–3:15 p.m.

Lutheran Women's Missionary League

Trinity Hope Circle – May 2, 2023, 2 p.m. at home of Diana K.

Trinity Ruth Circle – May 3, 2023, 6:30 p.m.

St. Paul's Dorcas Circle – May 8, 2023, 2 p.m.

2023 Graduates — God's blessings to White Lake High School graduates Jayden Kahler, son of Nicole Mohnen and Adam Kahler, and Izzy Swindell, daughter of Ron and Melissa (Simpson) Swindell. Also, to Jaylen Kemp as he graduates from Southeast Tech.

White Lake Community Vacation Bible School

White Lake United Methodist Church, May 22–26, 2023. This year's theme is "Gone Fishing" from Matthew 4:19 *"Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men."*

Serving the Lord's Church in MAY

TRINITY

Elder David Bogenhagen

Ushers Dean Suelflow

Ben Bogenhagen

Acolyte Joshua Doering

Altar Janice Thiry

ST. PAUL'S

Elder Curt Guindon

Ushers Justin Everson

Rodney Weber

Acolyte Karter Weber

Altar Sharon Boyd

Scripture Readings

May 7 Acts 6:1–9, 7:2a, 51–60; 1 Peter 2:2–10; John 14:1–14

May 14 Acts 17:16–31; 1 Peter 3:13–22; John 14:15–21

May 21 Acts 1:12–26; 1 Peter 4:12–19, 5:6–11; John 17:1–11

May 28 Numbers 11:24–30; Acts 2:1–21; John 7:37–39

The **June 2023 newsletter** will be available on/after May 28, 2023. Articles are due Tuesday, May 23, 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!


READ THROUGH THE BIBLE IN A YEAR

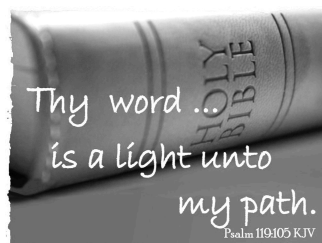
On Your Mark! Get Set! Open Your Bibles!

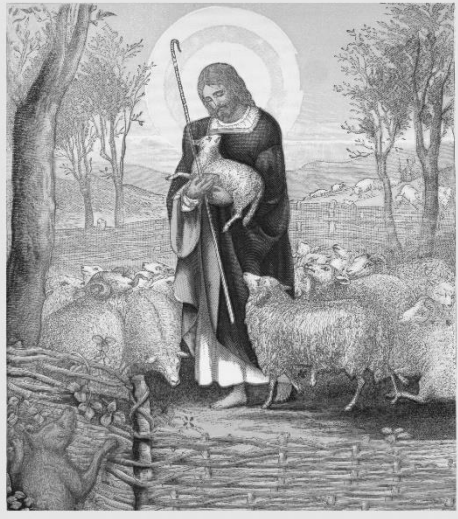
Many Christians have considered challenging themselves to read through the Bible in one year. Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) is offering you that very opportunity! The Gospel Outreach Committee has created a monthly reading plan to guide you.



2023 MAY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	01 Joshua 22 Job 31 Acts 14	02 Joshua 23–24 Job 32 Acts 15:1–21	03 Judges 1 Job 33 Acts 15:22–41	04 Judges 2–3 Job 34 Acts 16:1–15	05 Judges 4–5 Job 35 Acts 16:16–40	06 Judges 6 Job 36 Acts 17:1–15
07 Judges 7–8 Job 37 Acts 17:16–34	08 Judges 9 Job 38 Acts 18	09 Judges 10:1–11:33 Job 39 Acts 19:1–20	10 Judges 11:34–12:15 Job 40 Acts 19:21–41	11 Judges 13 Job 41 Acts 20:1–16	12 Judges 14–15 Job 42 Acts 20:17–38	13 Judges 16 Psalm 42 Acts 21:1–36
14 Judges 17–18 Psalm 43 Acts 21:37–22:29	15 Judges 19 Psalm 44 Acts 22:30–23:22	16 Judges 20 Psalm 45 Acts 23:23–24:9	17 Judges 21 Psalm 46 Acts 24:10–27	18 Ruth 1–2 Psalm 47 Acts 25	19 Ruth 3–4 Psalm 48 Acts 26:1–18	20 1 Samuel 1:1–2:10 Psalm 49 Acts 26:19–32
21 1 Samuel 2:11–36 Psalm 50 Acts 27:1–12	22 1 Samuel 3 Psalm 51 Acts 27:13–44	23 1 Samuel 4–5 Psalm 52 Acts 28:1–16	24 1 Samuel 6–7 Psalm 53 Acts 28:17–31	25 1 Samuel 8 Psalm 54 Romans 1:1–15	26 1 Samuel 9:1–10:16 Psalm 55 Romans 1:16–32	27 1 Samuel 10:17–11:15 Psalm 56 Romans 2:1–3:8
28 1 Samuel 12 Psalm 57 Romans 3:9–31	29 1 Samuel 13 Psalm 58 Romans 4	30 1 Samuel 14 Psalm 59 Romans 5	31 1 Samuel 15 Psalm 60 Romans 6			
<i>God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble (Psalm 46:1).</i>						





ONE THING IS NECESSARY

Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed Him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to His teaching. But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to Him and said, "Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her." (Luke 10:38–41)

Dear Saints of the Lord, one thing is necessary and that is the Gospel, God's Word and Sacraments, through which God absolves sin, preserves faith, and grants everlasting life. Jesus wants us to abide in His Word all of our days. He wants us to come to church to be taught His Word and He wants us to receive His Body and Blood in the Lord's Supper. The Gospel is the one thing that is necessary because it alone delivers us body and soul.

Summertime is upon us which means school will soon be out, Sunday School will be breaking, and folks will be busy with summer activities. Summer activities, vacations, camping, fishing, etc. are all good things. Christ also paid for these temporal blessings with His precious blood on the cross. You should enjoy all these things, but not to the neglect of God's Word and Sacrament. Keep the Divine Service on Sunday mornings at the center of your life. If you are on vacation, then think about how you will hear God's Word and receive His Sacrament. You can use the LCMS church locator to look up local LCMS congregations near where you're vacationing, or you may ask me and I am more than happy to help. If no LCMS congregations are in your area, then watch "Main Street Living" or Trinity's livestream on Sunday evening.

Have fun and enjoy your summer, dear Saints. Keep coming to church to hear Your Shepherd's voice and give Him thanks and praise for all the blessings that He richly and daily gives you out of His love for you. Like St Mary, sit at the Lord's feet in the Divine Service, hear His Word, and receive His Sacrament which He wants you to receive often for the nurturing and preservation of your faith. The Gospel is the good portion because it delivers us from sin and death and gives us hope, life, and joy. Indeed, we enjoy God's temporal blessings all the more when the Gospel is there at the center of our lives. *My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of My hand (John 10:27–28).*

In Christ,

Pastor Jenson



MAIN STREET LIVING May 2023

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

May 7, 2023 *Station change: Will air at 10 a.m. on FOX due to the Indy 500.*

10 a.m. "Break Up" — A divorced couple struggles with direction in their lives after meeting again.

10:30 a.m. — Reverend Jason Rensner, pastor at Faith Lutheran Church in Sioux Falls, presents a message titled "What Reading The Bible Can Do For You!" This sermon is based on 1 Peter 2:2–3.

May 14, 2023

10 a.m. "Alibi" — A father tries to reconnect with his estranged son after the death of his mother.

10:30 a.m. — Reverend Robert Moeller, pastor at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Pipestone, MN presents a message titled "Baptism Now Saves." This sermon is based on 1 Peter 3:15–22.

May 21, 2023

10 a.m. "No Place to Hide" — A pastor, who has to face the death of his wife, cannot find comfort.

10:30 a.m. - Reverend Matthew Wurm, pastor at Mount Calvary Lutheran Church in Brookings, presents a message titled "God Gives to You." This sermon is based on 1 John 5:11.

May 28, 2023 *Station change: Will air at 10 a.m. on FOX due to Major League Baseball.*

10 a.m. "The Main Event" — A boxer who is hit by a car becomes embittered until he meets a cheerful 8-year old girl.

10:30 a.m. - Reverend Dr. Dwayne Lueck, President of the North Wisconsin District LCMS, presents a Pentecost Sunday message.

23rd Annual Diaper Drive

Trinity Lutherans for Life of White Lake will begin their **23rd Annual Diaper Drive from Mother's Day to Father's Day, 2023**. For your convenience, we have collection totes at both St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Plankinton, and Trinity Lutheran Church, White Lake.



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.

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

STAY IN TOUCH

Websites

www.stpaulplankinton.com

www.trinitywhitelake.com

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

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

Social Media

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Recordings of Divine Services

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



**LWML South Dakota
District April 21–22,
2023 RETREAT**



By the Numbers ...

Registration

- 153 registered, but due to the weather, 134 attended.

Gifts from the Heart

- 16 Quilts
- 55 Stuffed animals
- \$3,890.00 for Sleep in Heavenly Peace
- 22 Burp cloths for ZoeCare

Servant Events

- 92 Church worker appreciation bags
- 250 Puppets for The Puppet Place
- 241 Witness bracelets for MOST Ministries

Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

HIGHLIGHTS

- Two inspiring Bible Studies, presented by the LWML SD District Counselors, Rev. Clint Thorson, Howard; and Rev. Dr. Brian Mosemann, Menno.
- Celebrating the 80th birthday of the LWML South Dakota District with: listening to the beautiful harmony of the “Hopeful Spirit Chorale” of Brookings, a PowerPoint presentation of photos through the years, and finishing the celebration with cupcakes and SDSU ice cream.
- As always, enjoying the fellowship of purple Lutheran Women in Mission from across the district.

Thank you, mothers, for embodying our Almighty Maker’s great and gracious regard for every human life!

Ten of the most magnificent blessings mothers bring:

- She nourishes.
- She nurtures.
- She affirms.
- She explains.
- She embraces.
- She mends.
- She listens.
- She celebrates.
- She comforts.
- She keeps.

These are nothing less than works and gifts of the Lord our God.

And do not despise your mother when she is old ... Let your father and mother be glad; let her who bore you rejoice (Proverbs 23:22, 25).

God bless motherhood—and Happy Mother’s Day!



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Rev. Dr. Cory Rajek is one of two missionaries that the LCMS South Dakota District — and our joint parish — supports through Together In Mission (TIM).

Q&A

WITH THE Rev. Dr. Cory Rajek, EURASIA REGIONAL DIRECTOR

BY MEGAN K. MERTZ



In March 2021, the Rev. Dr. Cory Rajek received a phone call out of the blue from the executive director of the LCMS Office of International Mission (OIM). **He wanted to know if Rajek would let his name stand for a position as a missionary pastor and professor based in Riga, Latvia.** “That really engaged my curiosity ... and, as they say, the rest is history,” Rajek says. He and his family moved to Riga in February 2022 so that he could teach in the English-language program of the Luther Academy, the seminary of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Latvia. On Jan. 1, 2023, Rajek took over as regional director for the Synod’s work in Eurasia when his predecessor, the Rev. James Krikava, stepped into a different role with the OIM.

able to train Lutheran pastors who will then share the Gospel with the local people in their native language.

neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.” The first verse reminds me that God doesn’t call us to be successful but faithful. And the second reminds me that no matter where I go and what I do, God’s love in Christ is always there.

3 **What do you like about living in Riga?**

Many people don’t realize what Riga (and Latvia, for that matter) has to offer. I suspect that’s because it was hidden from the West by the former Soviet Union. I am amazed at the history of that area. For example, in 1522, the Latvians declared their adherence to the teachings of the Reformation. That’s only five years after Martin Luther nailed the 95 Theses on the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg. And I haven’t even begun to tell you about the Latvian people, especially the Latvian Lutherans who have been so welcoming to us.

5 **What advice do you have for someone who’s interested in becoming a missionary?**

The first thing is to pray. Ask God for guidance and discernment. The second thing is to talk to your spouse, your pastor and someone like Dr. Mark Rabe who works as a recruiter for the OIM. Dr. Rabe will guide you through the process. The OIM does a great job caring for their missionaries and preparing them for the field. Check out international.lcms.org to find out about the mission work the Synod is doing.

4 **Is there a Bible verse that has been meaningful to you during your time as a missionary?**

The first one that pops into my mind is Revelation 2:10, which says, “Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life.” And there’s Romans 8:38–39: “For I am sure that

1 **What are some of the opportunities you see in the region?**

God has and continues to open doors through our region’s largest and most audacious mission project, the Luther Academy in Riga. Through this seminary, we have the opportunity to train confessional Lutheran pastors who will plant churches and proclaim the Gospel in places too dangerous for westerners. Additionally, our hard-working missionaries are pointing people to the place where God is at work, through Word and Sacrament ministry. We are seeing new churches spring up in Nepal, Greece, Romania, Italy, Israel

and many other countries. People in areas where we are not present are now coming to us because they see the LCMS as a church faithful to God’s Word.

2 **How is the Luther Academy helping to spread the Gospel?**






The neat thing about Luther Academy is that it is not limited to our region. We have students from several countries in Africa and Asia attending our program. Every year, these students attend our in-person intensive studies. ... We have a finite number of missionaries. Yet, though the academy and its use of technology, we are



L to R: Lexi, Emiley, Jenny and Cory Rajek.



MAY 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2 2 p.m. TR Hope Circle 	3 2:15 p.m. TR Release-Time 6 p.m. TR Ruth Circle 	4	5	6
7  Fifth Sunday of Easter Events at St. Paul's 3:45 p.m. Confirmation/SS 5 p.m. Joint Divine Service 6 p.m. Bible Class	8 2 p.m. SP Dorcas Circle 	9	10	11	12	13
14  Sixth Sunday of Easter Events at Trinity 3:45 p.m. Confirmation 5 p.m. Joint Divine Service 6 p.m. Bible Class	15	16	17	18	19	20
21  Seventh Sun Easter ~ Mother's Day Events at St. Paul's 5 p.m. Joint Divine Service 6 p.m. Bible Class	22	23	24	25	26	27
28  The Day of Pentecost Events at Trinity 5 p.m. Joint Divine Service 6 p.m. Bible Class	29	30	31			

White Lake Community Vacation Bible School at United Methodist Church.