



# MARCH 2023 NEWSLETTER



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Mike Tuschen  
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**LWML President** ... Marlene Johnson

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Dan Guericke  
Scott Meier  
**President** ..... Dean Suelflow  
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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.

## Joint Divine Worship Service Schedule for March

Sunday, March 5, 2023 — 5 p.m. at St. Paul's  
Sunday, March 12, 2023 — 5 p.m. at Trinity  
Sunday, March 19, 2023 — 5 p.m. at St. Paul's  
Sunday, March 26, 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 March 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Joint Confirmation Class** — same location as the Joint Divine Service, 3:45 p.m.

**Sunday School** — Sundays, 3:45 p.m. March 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> at St. Paul's.

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

## Lutheran Women's Missionary League

Trinity Ruth Circle – March 1, 2023, 6 p.m.  
Trinity Hope Circle – March 6, 2023, 2 p.m.  
St. Paul's Dorcas Circle – March 13, 2023, 2 p.m.

## Serving the Lord's Church in MARCH

### TRINITY

**Elder** Scott Meier  
**Ushers** Dan Meier  
Dean Suelflow  
**Acolyte** Joshua Doering  
**Altar** Barb Gilbertz

### ST. PAUL'S

**Elder** Mike Tuschen  
**Ushers** Curt Guindon  
Merlyn Haak  
**Acolyte** Jenna Haak  
**Altar** Marlene Johnson  
**Greeters** Marv Jira 03/05  
Marlene Johnson 03/19

## Serving the Lord's Church in APRIL

### TRINITY

**Elder** Dan Guericke  
**Ushers** Dan Meier  
Ben Bogenhagen  
**Acolyte** Madison Meier  
**Altar** Jane Guericke

### ST. PAUL'S

**Elder** Justin Everson  
**Ushers** Brent Morenz  
Mike Tuschen  
**Acolyte** Addison Everson  
**Altar** Marlene Johnson

## Scripture Readings

Mar. 5 Genesis 12:1–9; Romans 4:1–8, 13–17; John 3:1–17  
Mar. 12 Exodus 17:1–7; Romans 5:1–8; John 4:5–26  
Mar. 19 Isaiah 43:14–21; Ephesians 5:8–14; John 9:1–41  
Mar. 26 Ezekiel 37:1–14; Romans 8:1–11; John 11:1–45  
Apr. 2 Isaiah 50:4–9a; Philippians 2:5–11; Matthew 26:1–27, 66

The **April 2023 newsletter** will be available on/after April 2, 2023. Articles are due Tuesday, March 28, 2023.

Please send newsletter and bulletin items to Nancy Bogenhagen at [trinitywlsd@gmail.com](mailto: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.

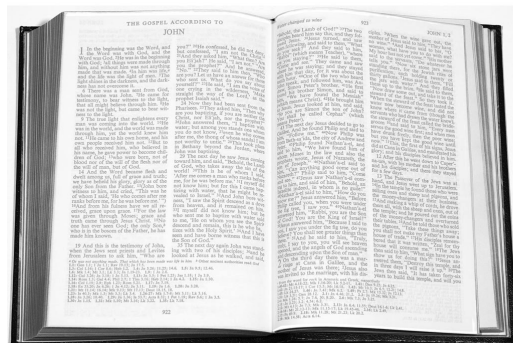
Reading Through The Bible In A Year



## 2023 MARCH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			01 Leviticus 1–2 Proverbs 19 Matthew 8:14–34	02 Leviticus 3–4 Proverbs 20 Matthew 9:1–17	03 Leviticus 5–6 Proverbs 21 Matthew 9:18–38	04 Leviticus 7–8 Proverbs 22 Matthew 10:1–25
05 Leviticus 9–10 Proverbs 23 Matthew 10:26–42	06 Leviticus 11–12 Proverbs 24 Matthew 11:1–19	07 Leviticus 13 Proverbs 25 Matthew 11:20–30	08 Leviticus 14 Proverbs 26 Matthew 12:1–21	09 Leviticus 15–16 Proverbs 27 Matthew 12:22–50	10 Leviticus 17–18 Proverbs 28 Matthew 13:1–23	11 Leviticus 19 Proverbs 29 Matthew 13:24–58
12 Leviticus 20–21 Proverbs 30 Matthew 14:1–21	13 Leviticus 22–23 Proverbs 31 Matthew 14:22–36	14 Leviticus 24–25 Ecclesiastes 1:1–11 Matthew 15:1–20	15 Leviticus 26–27 Ecclesiastes 1:12–2:26 Matthew 15:21–39	16 Numbers 1–2 Ecclesiastes 3:1–15 Matthew 16	17 Numbers 3–4 Ecclesiastes 3:16–4:16 Matthew 17	18 Numbers 5–6 Ecclesiastes 5 Matthew 18:1–20
19 Numbers 7–8 Ecclesiastes 6 Matthew 18:21–35	20 Numbers 9–10 Ecclesiastes 7 Matthew 19:1–15	21 Numbers 11–12 Ecclesiastes 8 Matthew 19:16–30	22 Numbers 13–14 Ecclesiastes 9:1–12 Matthew 20:1–16	23 Numbers 15–16 Eccl. 9:13–10:20 Matthew 20:17–34	24 Numbers 17–18 Ecclesiastes 11:1–8 Matthew 21:1–27	25 Numbers 19–20 Eccl. 11:9–12:14 Matthew 21:28–46
26 Numbers 21 Song of Songs 1–2:7 Matthew 22:1–22	27 Numbers 22:1–40 Song of Songs 2:8–3:5 Matthew 22:23–46	28 Num. 22:41–23:26 Song of Songs 3:6–5:1 Matthew 23:1–12	29 Num. 23:27–24:25 Song of Songs 5:2–6:3 Matthew 23:13–39	30 Numbers 25–27 Song of Songs 6:4–8:4 Matthew 24:1–31	31 Numbers 28–29 Song of Songs 8:5–14 Matthew 24:32–51	

*Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it (Proverbs 22:6).*



## FROM OUR PASTOR

### Blessing of the Home

In the Lutheran Service Book Agenda there is a rite for the blessing of a home. The Agenda says, "It is appropriate that homes of Christians be blessed by the Word of God and prayer. This rite may be used when a new home is occupied, when a family moves to another home, or at other appropriate times (e.g., following a robbery or vandalizing of a home, following an assault or murder in the home, following fire or other destruction, following renovation of a home)." I would also add that the Blessing of the Home is also good in situations where there is thought to be some sort of demonic activity.

Many do not know about this rite which is why I am writing about it in this month's newsletter. To be clear, this rite of blessing is not something that is mandated by the Word of God. You do not have to have your pastor do a blessing of your house. This is optional and up to you. I am always willing to do this for anyone who asks. Having your pastor do a blessing of your home is optional, but the Word of God and Prayer should always be in all of our homes. The Small Catechism has a wonderful section titled: "How the Head of the Household Should Teach His Family to Pray."

The rite itself consists of readings from Holy Scripture with prayers. For example, one of the prayers in this rite is: "Lord God Almighty, we implore You to bless and sanctify this home, its occupants, and its possessions, enriching them in every way. Drive from here the snares of the evil one and send Your holy angel to guard, protect, visit, and defend all who dwell in this home. Mercifully hear their prayers and, when their last hour comes, grant them safe haven in Your heavenly mansions; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen."

God's peace be with you all,  
dear Saints of the Lord!

In Christ,  
Pastor Jenson



## LENT EVENTS

- ✝ You may view the 7 p.m. live-stream of **Midweek Lent** services at Redeemer Armour, from their YouTube channel, **Redeemer Lutheran – Armour**.
- ✝ You can find online **Lenten devotions** from Lutheran Hour Ministries at [www.lhm.org/lent/](http://www.lhm.org/lent/).
- ✝ The members of Trinity Lutheran LWML Ruth Circle will be hosting **Lenten meals** after Sunday evening church services on BOTH March 12 and March 26, 2023. A casserole and dessert meal will be served March 12 and a soup, sandwich, and bars meal will be on the menu for March 26. Free-will offerings will be taken.

The Plankinton congregation and the public are cordially invited to attend the church service at 5 p.m. in White Lake and/or the meal which will be served from 6:15 to 7:30 p.m.

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer your help for this fundraiser, please contact Karen Meier (605-680-1889) or Nancy Bogenhagen (605-249-2570).

## SPECIAL SERVICES

- ✝ **Maundy Thursday**, April 6, 2023  
4:30 p.m. Trinity White Lake
- ✝ **Good Friday**, April 7, 2023  
4:30 p.m. at St. Paul's Plankinton
- ✝ **Easter Sunday**, April 9, 2023  
9:30 a.m. at Trinity White Lake



## MAIN STREET LIVING March 2023

All programs are interpreted and closed-captioned for the hearing impaired. For more information visit:  
[www.mainstreetliving.com](http://www.mainstreetliving.com)

### March 5, 2023

10 a.m. — “Prescription TLC” Injuries after a plane crash cause a couple to seek God for comfort and healing.

10:30 a.m. — Rev. Shawn Ethridge, pastor at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Fulda, MN, presents a message titled “Christ for Our Insecurities.” This sermon is based on John 3:1–17.

### March 12, 2023

10 a.m. — “Dangerous Moment” An affair on a business trip leads to tension at home.

10:30 a.m. — Rev. Don Erickson, pastor at Peace Lutheran Church in Alcester, SD presents a message titled “The Water of Life.” This sermon is based on John 4:5–26.

### March 19, 2023

10 a.m. — “Who Will Tell Lauria?” A family struggles with what to do after their daughter loses her sight in an accident.

10:30 a.m. — Rev. Nathan Neugebauer, pastor at St. John's and Bethlehem Lutheran Churches in Revillo, SD presents a message titled “Father, Give Us This Bread Always.” This sermon is based on John 6:1–15.

### March 26, 2023

10 a.m. — “Holy Land Tour Part 1” A video tour of locations in Jesus' earthly ministry, led by SD Pastor Nabil Nour who grew up in Israel.

10:30 AM - Rev. Bill Heermann, pastor at St John and Trinity Lutheran Churches in Wagner and Fairfax, SD presents a message titled “Controlled by the Spirit.” This sermon is based on Romans 8:1–11.

## DIRECT YOUR THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS®

Thrivent Choice Dollars grant funds can help support organizations you care about. Don't let your designated Choice Dollars expire.

Eligible members of Thrivent Financial who have designated Choice Dollars have until **March 31, 2023**, to direct any remaining 2022 Choice Dollars®.

Go to [thrivent.com](http://thrivent.com) or call 1-800-847-4836 and say Thrivent Choice. Have your member ID or a policy number available to tell them also. If you have questions, please contact Kathy Guindon (605-770-2324) or Diana Kieffer (605-680-0663).

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## ANNUAL REPORTS

2022 Annual Reports for Trinity White Lake and St. Paul's Plankinton will be available in March.

### STAY IN TOUCH

#### Websites

[www.stpaulplankinton.com](http://www.stpaulplankinton.com)

[www.trinitywhitelake.com](http://www.trinitywhitelake.com)

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

#### Email

[trinitywlsd@gmail.com](mailto:trinitywlsd@gmail.com)

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- Update a prayer request.
- Request a digital copy of the newsletter.

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**Recordings of Divine Services**  
Available on the **YouTube** channel,  
**Trinity White Lake.**



## CROSSWORDS

### A Lenten Sermon Series on Jesus' Words from the Cross

Written by pastor and Concordia Seminary professor, Dr. David Peter, the series focuses on the words of Jesus that were spoken from the cross. For this newsletter, we'll be looking at

### “My God, Why Have You Forsaken Me?”

We have failed God with our sin. Sin causes us to be separated from God. But God's own Son comes to take our place and our punishment by being forsaken by the Father on the cross. This is all so that we are reconciled to the Father.

**FIRST READING** Isaiah 59:1–2, 12–17 (*Our iniquities have separated us from God, but He comes to save us.*)

**GOSPEL READING** Matthew 27:45–49 (*Jesus experiences being forsaken by His Father.*)

**HYMN** “Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted” LSB 451

- 1 Stricken, smitten, and afflicted, See Him dying on the tree!  
'Tis the Christ, by man rejected; Yes, my soul, 'tis He, 'tis He!  
'Tis the long-expected Prophet, David's Son, yet David's Lord;  
Proofs I see sufficient of it: 'Tis the true and faithful Word.
- 3 Ye who think of sin but lightly Nor suppose the evil great  
Here may view its nature rightly, Here its guilt may estimate.  
Mark the sacrifice appointed, See who bears the awful load;  
'Tis the Word, the Lord's anointed, Son of Man and Son of God.
- 4 Here we have a firm foundation, Here the refuge of the lost:  
Christ, the Rock of our salvation, Is the name of which we boast;  
Lamb of God, for sinners wounded, Sacrifice to cancel guilt!  
None shall ever be confounded Who on Him their hope have built.

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### MEDITATION

Jesus has come to bear our sin and its punishment. The prophet declares, “All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned everyone to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him [Jesus] the iniquity of us all” (Isaiah 53:6). This is why Jesus is being forsaken by his Father. It is because he bears our sin in his body on the tree. On that Friday afternoon when the sun turned dark, all the darkness of sin from all people of all time gathered upon Jesus. He bore our iniquity as he hung teeming with our sins. And the holy face of his Father turned from such unholy sin. The pure light of God's righteousness was repelled by the darkness of our depravity that was laid upon Christ. Because he bore your sin, Jesus became anathema to his Father. Or as the Apostle Paul puts it, Christ became a curse for us, “for it is written, ‘Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree’” (Galatians 3:13).

Jesus did this all for you. He did it so that you would not be cursed of God. He did it so that you need not be separated from the Father

because of your sin. He experienced the forsakenness of God so that you and I might never be so forsaken. Paul explains: “Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us” (Galatians 3:13). And: “God made him [Christ] who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God” (2 Corinthians 5:21). All so that you and I might be restored to a right relationship with God by the removal of our sin.

### PRAYER

Gracious Father, during this season of Lent we reflect upon the suffering and death of our Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ. We acknowledge that it is because of our sin that he suffered, and we repent of that sin. We take comfort in the fact that your beloved Son was forsaken by you because of our sin and in our stead. Guide us to live in a manner worthy of our calling as redeemed people of God. In the precious name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

## 2023 Elders, Ushers, Acolytes, and Altar Committees

JANUARY 2023	
Trinity	St. Paul's
Elder: Dan Guericke	Elder: Justin Everson
Ushers: Dan Meier	Ushers: Kieth Albrecht
Dean Suelflow	Josh Kemp
Acolyte: Brant Bogenhagen	Acolyte: Jett Kemp
Altar: Jane Guericke	Altar: Sandy Tuschen

JULY 2023	
Trinity	St. Paul's
Elder: Dan Guericke	Elder: Justin Everson
Ushers: Dan Meier	Ushers: Kieth Albrecht
Dean Suelflow	Josh Kemp
Acolyte: Mataya Kahler	Acolyte: Jett Kemp
Altar: Jane Guericke	Altar: Deb Haak
	Greeters:

FEBRUARY 2023	
Trinity	St. Paul's
Elder: David Bogenhagen	Elder: Curt Guindon
Ushers: Ben Bogenhagen	Ushers: Marv Jira
Ron Steffen	Larry Gerlach
Acolyte: Brant Bogenhagen	Acolyte: Tayven Weber
Altar: Janice Thiry	Altar: Sandy Tuschen

AUGUST 2023	
Trinity	St. Paul's
Elder: David Bogenhagen	Elder: Curt Guindon
Ushers: Ben Bogenhagen	Ushers: Marv Jira
Ron Steffen	Larry Gerlach
Acolyte: Brant Bogenhagen	Acolyte: Jacey Kemp
Altar: Janice Thiry	Altar: Cathy Albrecht
	Greeters:

MARCH 2023	
Trinity	St. Paul's
Elder: Scott Meier	Elder: Mike Tuschen
Ushers: Dan Meier	Ushers: Curt Guindon
Dean Suelflow	Merlyn Haak
Acolyte: Joshua Doering	Acolyte: Jenna Haak
Altar: Barb Gilbertz	Altar: Marlene Johnson
	Greeters: Marv Jira 03/05 Marlene Johnson 03/19

SEPTEMBER 2023	
Trinity	St. Paul's
Elder: Scott Meier	Elder: Mike Tuschen
Ushers: Ron Steffen	Ushers: Curt Guindon
Dan Meier	Merlyn Haak
Acolyte: Taelyn Clark	Acolyte: Jenna Haak
Altar: Barb Gilbertz	Altar: Cathy Albrecht
	Greeters:

APRIL 2023	
Trinity	St. Paul's
Elder: Dan Guericke	Elder: Justin Everson
Ushers: Dan Meier	Ushers: Brent Morenz
Ben Bogenhagen	Mike Tuschen
Acolyte: Madison Meier	Acolyte: Addison Everson
Altar: Jane Guericke	Altar: Marlene Johnson
	Greeters:

OCTOBER 2023	
Trinity	St. Paul's
Elder: Dan Guericke	Elder: Justin Everson
Ushers: Dean Suelflow	Ushers: Brent Morenz
Ben Bogenhagen	Mike Tuschen
Acolyte: Brant Bogenhagen	Acolyte: Addison Everson
Altar: Jane Guericke	Altar: Marlene Johnson
	Greeters:

MAY 2023	
Trinity	St. Paul's
Elder: David Bogenhagen	Elder: Curt Guindon
Ushers: Dean Suelflow	Ushers: Justin Everson
Ben Bogenhagen	Rodney Weber
Acolyte: Joshua Doering	Acolyte: Karter Weber
Altar: Janice Thiry	Altar: Sharon Boyd
	Greeters:

NOVEMBER 2023	
Trinity	St. Paul's
Elder: David Bogenhagen	Elder: Curt Guindon
Ushers: Ron Steffen	Ushers: Justin Everson
Dan Meier	Rodney Weber
Acolyte: Karter Clark	Acolyte: Karter Weber
Altar: Janice Thiry	Altar: Deb Haak
	Greeters:








JUNE 2023	
Trinity	St. Paul's
Elder: Scott Meier	Elder: Mike Tuschen
Ushers: Ron Steffen	Ushers: Lennis Titze
Dan Meier	Howard Weischedel
Acolyte: Brant Bogenhagen	Acolyte: Blake Everson
Altar: Barb Gilbertz	Altar: Sharon Boyd
	Greeters:

DECEMBER 2023	
Trinity	St. Paul's
Elder: Scott Meier	Elder: Mike Tuschen
Ushers: Ben Bogenhagen	Ushers: Lennis Titze
Ron Steffen	Howard Weischedel
Acolyte: Taelyn Clark	Acolyte: Jacey Kemp
Altar: Barb Gilbertz	Altar: Deb Haak
	Greeters:



# March 2023



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			<b>1</b> <b>2:15 p.m.</b> TR Release-Time <b>6 p.m.</b>  TR Ruth Circle	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b>  Second Sunday in Lent <b>Events at St. Paul's</b> <b>3:45 p.m.</b> Confirmation/SS <b>5 p.m.</b> Joint Divine Service <b>6 p.m.</b> Bible Class	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> <b>2 p.m.</b>  TR Hope Circle	<b>8</b> <b>2:15 p.m.</b> TR Release-Time	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b>  Third Sunday in Lent <b>Events at Trinity</b> <b>3:45 p.m.</b> Confirmation <b>5 p.m.</b> Joint Divine Service <b>6 p.m.</b> Lenten Supper	<b>13</b> <b>2 p.m.</b> SP Dorcas Circle 	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> <b>2:15 p.m.</b> TR Release-Time	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b>  Fourth Sunday in Lent <b>Events at St. Paul's</b> <b>3:45 p.m.</b> Confirmation/SS <b>5 p.m.</b> Joint Divine Service <b>6 p.m.</b> Bible Class	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> <b>2:15 p.m.</b> TR Release-Time	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b>  Fifth Sunday in Lent <b>Events at Trinity</b> <b>3:45 p.m.</b> Confirmation <b>5 p.m.</b> Joint Divine Service <b>6 p.m.</b> Lenten Supper	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> <i>April 2023            newsletter articles            due.</i>	<b>29</b> <b>2:15 p.m.</b> TR Release-Time	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	