



NEWSLETTER



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JULY 2022

Joint Divine Worship Services

Saturday, July 2, 2022 — 6 p.m. at St. Paul's
Saturday, July 9, 2022 — 6 p.m. at Trinity
Saturday, July 16, 2022 — 6 p.m. at St. Paul's
Saturday, July 23, 2022 — 6 p.m. at Trinity
Saturday, July 30, 2022 — 6 p.m. at St. Paul's
Saturday, August 6, 2022 — 6 p.m. at St. Paul's

Bible Study – Book of Daniel

7–7:45 p.m. at the same dates and in the same locations as the Saturday Divine Worship Services listed at the top of the page.

Lutheran Women's Missionary League

Trinity Hope Circle – No meeting in July.
Trinity Ruth Circle – July 5, 2022, 6:30 p.m.
St. Paul's Dorcas Circle – No meeting in July.

A Joint Congregational Meeting with LCMS South Dakota District President Sailer will be held Saturday, July 23, 2022, following the Divine Service (approx. 7 p.m.) for the purpose of continuing discussion on calling a pastor.

Serving the Lord's Church in JULY

TRINITY

Elder Dan Guericke
Ushers Dan Meier
Dean Suelflow
Acolytes Jacob Doering
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Altar Jane Guericke

ST. PAUL'S

Elder Justin Everson
Ushers Kieth Albrecht
Jaylen Kemp
Josh Kemp
Acolyte
Altar Deb Haak

Scripture Readings

July 2 Isaiah 66:10–14; Galatians 6:1–10, 14–18; Luke 10:1–20
July 9 Leviticus 19:9–18; Colossians 1:1–14; Luke 10:25–37
July 16 Genesis 18:1–10a; Colossians 1:21–29; Luke 10:38–42
July 23 Genesis 18:20–33; Colossians 2:6–15; Luke 11:1–13
July 30 Ecc. 1:2, 12–14, 2:18–26; Colossians 3:1–11; Luke 12:13–21
Aug 6 Genesis 15:1–6; Hebrews 11:1–16; Luke 12:22–34

The **August 2022 newsletter** will be available on/after July 30, 2022. Articles are due June 26, 2022.



ROE V. WADE

On June 24 the Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade. This is good news. There is no constitutional right to murder babies. Abortion is murder. Even those who support abortion today acknowledge the fact that when a mother chooses abortion, she is killing a human life.

Now, there is a great deal of rage against the Supreme Court for overturning Roe v. Wade. Many who support abortion say that getting rid of abortion is detrimental to a woman's bodily autonomy and that it will force women to bear a child conceived by rape or incest.

In regard to bodily autonomy, no person has the right to murder another. Those who support abortion argue that a baby has no right to utilize the mother's body to grow. They liken this to a woman who is kidnapped and then forced to use her body or organs to save the life of another, but this is nowhere comparable to pregnancy.

Women have a womb that exists for the sole purpose of supporting the life of a baby or babies. Women's bodies are also made to feed babies. Thus, it is not like a baby is stealing a mother's organs, but women's bodies are created to support life. The whole "since baby is in my body, then I have the right to kill it" is evil. No one has the right to murder anyone. I cannot say, "since you are in my house living off of me, then I have the right to end your life."

But what about rape or incest? Abortions that take place because of rape or incest are an extremely small percentage of abortions. The overwhelming majority of abortions are done electively. Those who support abortion always bring up rape and incest, but never the fact that the majority of abortions are NOT done because of rape or incest. The majority of abortions do not take place to protect the mother's life, but when moms and babies are healthy.

Nevertheless, rape (whether by incest or not) is not a reason to murder an innocent human life. The child in the case of rape is an innocent victim like the mother and therefore is not deserving of execution. Rather than punishing the innocent baby, the rapist should be severely punished or even executed.

In short there is no way to justify the murder of the unborn. Now, to be clear, it is not an abortion if a

baby dies in the womb (miscarriage). The Lord gives and the Lord takes away. The Lord who creates life will take life according to His good and gracious will. Nor is it an abortion if a procedure is done to save a mother's life, but unintentionally kills the baby.

Intentionally killing babies breaks the 5th Commandment. Let us nurture life and care for women who are pregnant rather than slaying innocent life, **which is of the devil who hates women and her offspring because the Son of God took up flesh in the womb of the Virgin Mary, was born on Christmas, and lived, suffered, died, and rose for us that we may have absolution of all sin (including the sin of abortion) and everlasting peace and life.**

Psalm 127:3–5, **Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord, the fruit of the womb a reward. Like arrows in the hand of a warrior are the children of one's youth. Blessed is the man who fills his quiver with them! He shall not be put to shame when he speaks with his enemies in the gate.** Jesus says, **Let the little children come to Me and do not hinder them for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven** (Matthew 19:14).

In Christ,
Pastor Jenson

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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.

Recordings of Divine Services

Available on the YouTube channel,
Trinity White Lake.

LCMS South Dakota District NEWS

Immanuel Lutheran Church of rural Dimock will celebrate 140 years as a congregation and 175 years of the Missouri Synod at its annual Mission Festival on August 21, 2022. Morning preacher (10 a.m.) will be Rev. Benjamin Ball, 6th Vice President of the LCMS. Afternoon preacher (2 p.m.) will be Rev. Ken Soyk of Faith - Parkston and St. Peter - Clayton. Those who would like to come to the noon meal are kindly asked to RSVP at (605) 770-2003. All current and former members and friends of Immanuel are invited to celebrate with us.

PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR PRO-LIFE AGENCIES

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This week, I have spoken with our friends and partners in Life Ministry at the Alpha Center and South Dakota Right to Life. Both have requested that we pray in our homes and churches for their safety and the success of their work. Over the last 2 weeks, 20 more Pro Life facilities in America have been vandalized. The sign at SD Right to Life in Rapid City was wrecked, for example, and a Pro Life outreach in Oregon was firebombed. Abortion advocates have threatened violence in a summer of rage. Your help is greatly needed.

First, please pray. Perhaps you could include this collect in your time of worship:

Almighty and living God, you are the Lord of life itself for you have sent your only Son who laid down his own life to take it up again for our salvation. As You have given us that gift of life to share in the ministry of your church on earth, guard and protect us and everyone who works to defeat the darkness of abortion and euthanasia, so that every form of violence may be stopped and Your Kingdom be made manifest, through Jesus Christ who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Second, you can send letters or email messages of encouragement to our friends at SD Right to Life at southdakotarighttolife@gmail.com, or the Alpha Center at info@alphacenter.org.

Third, you can support our upcoming Bike for Life event happening on July 16th now called "Bike for the Alpha." We need riders, rest stop hosts, and transportation for riders who bike to Sioux Falls and need a ride back to Brookings. With the added social stress, your partnership is greatly needed to ensure the safety and success of our ride. We missed a couple years because of pandemic threats, but here is our chance; let's work together in this effort to overcome threats against life at every stage. To help with the ride, or get more information, email pcnavurskis@gmail.com

Pastor Chris Navurskis (Mt Calvary - Huron)
SD LCMS District Life Coordinator

IRS CHANGES ...

Beginning 7/1/2022, IRS has increased the standard business mileage rate to 62.5¢ per mile (from 58¢ in effect since 1/1/2022). The standard medical mileage rate has likewise increased to 22¢ per mile (from 18¢). These new rates apply to mileage reimbursements paid to an employee on or after July 1, 2022, with respect to transportation expenses paid or incurred by the employee on or after July 1, 2022.

Due to the recent gasoline price increases, the IRS made this special adjustment for the final months of 2022.

The rate used for charitable deduction purposes, set by statute rather than IRS, remains at 14¢ per mile.

5 MINUTES WITH A MISSIONARY

LCMS International Mission has launched a new podcast, 5 Minutes with a Missionary. It's a window into missionary life. As our missionaries talk about their experiences, savor the uniqueness of the places in which God has called them to serve — while finding common ground with your own role and service. Each episode features an unfiltered take on life abroad for the sake of the Gospel in the time it takes to pick up your drive-thru order or empty the dishwasher. It's fun. It's personal. It's real. And it's always an adventure. See more at kfuo.org/category/missionary-podcast/



WORD FROM THE CENTER – June 20, 2022

Welcome to “Word from The Center” MONDAY, a devotional word from the Center of our faith, Jesus Christ, with reflections on His Word. I’m Gregory Seltz. Today’s reading is **Galatians 3:26–29**, where the Bible says, ²⁶ *So, in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith,* ²⁷ *for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.* ²⁸ *There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.* ²⁹ *If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham’s seed, and heirs according to the promise.*

THE ONLY IDENTITY THAT OVERCOMES, BONDS, AND HOLDS!

I’ve been reading a lot about “identity politics” recently, and, in my mind, it seems to be ruling the political process today. What is “identity politics?” I agree with this definition from an article titled, “Identity Politics Death Grip:”

Normal politics presumes that we can rise far enough above our small-group attributes—our race, class, gender, ethnicity, religion—and that we can arrive at a political arrangement that works well enough for us to live together as part of a larger polity until the next election, when we commence the process again.....Identity politics rejects the model of traditional give-and-take politics, presupposing instead that the most important thing about us is that we are white, black, male, female, straight, gay, and so on. Within the identity-politics world, we do not need to give reasons—identity is its own reason and justification.[1]

At this point, you might be saying, “Hey Pastor Seltz, I thought this was a devotion and not an article on politics!” And you’d be right. What we learn in the Bible (something also helpful in our politics) is that there are things that bond us together as human beings, things bigger than blood lines, tribal affiliations, or sexual behaviors. Such things can help us live civilly and humanely with others, even those with whom we disagree. Note, for example, the political notion that one’s individual rights and dignity emanate from the assertion that all of us are created by God, identified by and accountable to Him. That unity can be a blessing, fractured though it may now be.

This devotional thought is about a gift much greater than that. In today’s reading, we see the kind of

unity that we really need, a unity that binds our hearts together. Such a blessing is something that

only God can give to sinful humanity. And the good news is that He has done so by sending Jesus

Christ to die and rise again for us so that we might live IN CHRIST for others. That’s the only bond that lasts. That’s the only bond that can endure, even when we hurt each other out of ignorance, fear, or insecurity. That’s the only bond that can call us to life-renewing repentance in Him, as well as obedience and faithfulness to Him. We do so, not for our own stature or status, but for our neighbor, whether they be friend or foe.

As reflected in our text, the dividing line between Jew and Gentile in the first century world was solid. But the life, death, and resurrection of the Son of God overcame that divide. He made real “oneness” possible again for them, as well as for you and me (see Ephesians 2:11-22). We go to church to receive the blessings of Jesus’ work. And we go to church to proclaim that there is a way in which every tribe and nation can be part of one family, stationed around the throne of God in Jesus Christ. That’s the only identity that overcomes all odds, binds us together as one, and holds eternally! It’s what ultimately matters, both now and forever (see Revelation 7:9–10).

PRAYER: Dear Lord Jesus, help us to see the privilege of being identified as Your sons and daughters. Give us wisdom to see that blessing, not as something to be hoarded, but to be shared with all those whom You send into our lives. AMEN.

[1] <https://www.city-journal.org/html/identity-politics-death-grip-15500.html>



Main Street Living July 2022

All 10:30 a.m. programs are interpreted and closed-captioned for the hearing impaired. For more information visit: www.mainstreetliving.com

July 3, 2022 KDLT (NBC) channels 5.1 / 46.1

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. Kevin Moore, pastor at Messiah & Redeemer Lutheran Churches in Redfield and Doland, presents a message titled “The Lamb Wins.” This sermon is based on Luke 10:1–20.

July 10, 2022 KDLT (NBC) channels 5.1 / 46.1

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. Kevin Koester, pastor at Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church in Huron, presents a message titled “Fences and Neighbors.” This sermon is based on Luke 10:25–37.

July 17, 2022 KDLT (NBC) channels 5.1 / 46.1

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. Christopher Navurskis, pastor at Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church in Huron, presents a message titled “Chosen.” This sermon is based on Luke 10:38–42.

July 24, 2022 KDLT (NBC) channels 5.1 / 46.1

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. Thomas Mueller, pastor at Emanuel and Zion Lutheran Churches in Sisseton and Waubay, presents a message titled “Asking for A Friend.” This sermon is based on Luke 11:1–13.

July 31, 2022 KDLT (NBC) channels 5.1 / 46.1

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. (No information yet.)

Thank You!

A heartfelt THANK YOU to all who contributed to Trinity Lutherans for Life of White Lake’s annual diaper drive!

Members of Trinity Lutherans for Life are excited that the donations will go directly to help those in our community. Diaper distributions are to be held Friday, August 5th, from 5 to 7 p.m. and Saturday, August 6th, from 10 a.m. to 12:00 noon. 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.

LCMS responds to SCOTUS* decision on ‘Dobbs v. Jackson’

On June 24, 2022, the U.S. Supreme Court issued a ruling on *Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health Organization*, which asserted that the Constitution does not confer a right to abortion and returned the issue to the states.

The people of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) have always advocated for the value of human life, which is made in the image of God. Thus, the church rejoices in this ruling while also praying for those who are hurting and afraid. For more information on the Synod’s response, read: <https://reporter.lcms.org/2022/lcms-responds-to-scotus-decision-on-dobbs-v-jackson/>

*Supreme Court Of The United States



Serving Those Who Serve

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod’s (LCMS) **Ministry to the Armed Forces (MAF)** is authorized as the mission arm of the Synod to support and serve all military chaplains — active and reserve — their families and the veteran population. MAF recruits, interviews and endorses all military chaplains; sponsors annual training for all chaplains; and maintains close, pastoral relationships with chaplains after endorsement, offering counsel, training and advice throughout their entire careers.

Standing Ready with the Gospel

by Pamela J. Nielsen

In bunkers and fighter jets, on battleships and bases, in field hospitals and training camps, the men and women of the United States Armed Forces stand at the ready in service to our country.

With them are the 160 active and Reserve LCMS Armed Forces Chaplains stationed around the world. These pastors proclaim the Word of life, in environments often shrouded in death. Their flocks frequently come and go, providing scant opportunity for long-term ministry. Their work takes place in some of the most difficult situations any pastor could ever face, where lives can be unraveled in an instant.

Upholding these faithful servants is the Ministry to the Armed Forces (MAF), the LCMS effort to care for and support military chaplains and, through them, our LCMS members and their families in uniform.

The MAF exists to recruit, prepare, endorse and support LCMS chaplains in their service to God and country.

Authorized by the Synod and registered with the Department of

Defense, Chaplain Craig Muehler is the endorsing agent for LCMS military chaplains. There is a “lifelong marriage” between his office and the LCMS chaplains that includes ongoing contact and an annual visit with each chaplain. Through these visits and regular reports by phone and email, MAF helps the chaplains to stay connected with their church.

Each year, MAF gathers the chaplains at one of two training seminars, providing a rich opportunity for Lutheran worship, fellowship and study with LCMS seminary professors. Training and conversation is focused on the unique challenges of military chaplaincy.

Operation Barnabas

Operation Barnabas, an extension of MAF, provides a network of care through trained congregations that want to reach out to members of the military, their families and the veterans in their congregations and communities.

Operation Barnabas has worked with dozens of congregations, but we realize hundreds more congregations also are caring for military families. We ask you to contact us, so we can recognize your work and encourage you as you serve military families.

America’s sons and daughters are in harm’s way in faraway lands, and our chaplains go with them. Their families wait in our communities, where the people of God support and care for them in our life together.

How to Get Involved

- Watch videos at video.lcms.org/archives/category/armed-forces-ministry
- Download resources at lcms.org/armedforces/resources
- Give a gift lcms.org/givenow/maf





JULY 2022



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
August Joint Service Schedule August 6 St. Paul's August 13 Trinity August 20 St. Paul's August 27 Trinity					1	2  Fourth Sunday Pentecost Events at St. Paul's 6 p.m. Joint Divine Service 7 p.m. Bible Study
3 1st Sunday of July	4 Independence Day 	5  6:30 p.m. TR Ruth Circle	6	7	8	9  Fifth Sunday Pentecost Events at Trinity 6 p.m. Joint Divine Service 7 p.m. Bible Study
10 2nd Sunday in July	11	12	13	14	15	16  Sixth Sunday Pentecost Events at St. Paul's 6 p.m. Joint Divine Service 7 p.m. Bible Study
17 3rd Sunday of July	18	19	20	21	22	23  Seventh Sunday Pentecost Events at Trinity 6 p.m. Joint Divine Service 7 p.m. Joint Congregational Meeting
24/31 4th/5th Sunday in July	25	26	27	28	29	30  Eighth Sunday Pentecost Events at St. Paul's 6 p.m. Joint Divine Service 7 p.m. Bible Study