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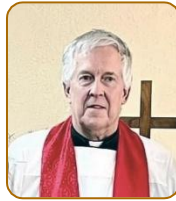
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Trinity Lutheran Church are
members of the South Dakota
District of The Lutheran
Church—Missouri Synod.



GO, TELL!

Dear Members of Trinity and St. Paul's,

Once again the season of Lent came and went fast. Lent reminds us to think of our sins against God and repent and be ready for the coming of the Savior.

Then Easter reminds us of the greatest news ever. As Mark 16:6 says, *"Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen, He is not here. See the place where they laid Him. But go, tell His disciples ..."* The angels told the women to go tell His disciples. That is what they did.

As Jesus ascended into Heaven, He told His disciples *"Go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature."* (Mark 16:15)

The message is the same to believers today, "Go tell ..." Believers today are to be sharing the good news of the Gospel with the world knowing that no one can be saved without faith in Jesus. **We have the only news that will last for eternity.** The children on Christmas Eve sang, *"Go tell it on the mountain"* I Peter 3:15 says, *But sanctify the Lord in your hearts; and be ready to give an answer to every man who asks you a reason of the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear.*

In a dark time when so many have turned away from Christianity, and no longer care about the Word of God, let Christians do as Jesus said, *"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in Heaven"* (Matthew 5:16).

Pastor McKillop

MAY 2026

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Serving the Lord during May 2026

Trinity

Elder David Bogenhagen

Ushers Dan Meier
Dean Suelflow

Acolyte Brant Bogenhagen

Altar Janice Thiry

St. Paul's

Elder Mike Tuschen

Ushers Nathan DeGeest
Rodney Weber

Acolyte Mason DeGeest

Altar Sharon Boyd

Greeters May 3 Ruth Merrill

May 10 -

May 17 -

May 24 -

May 31 -

Scripture Readings for Sundays in May

May 3 Fifth Sunday Easter Acts 6:1–9, 7:2a, 51–60; 1 Peter 2:2–10; John 14:1–14

May 10 Sixth Sunday Easter Acts 17:16–31; 1 Peter 3:13–22; John 14:15–21

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

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

May 31 Holy Trinity Genesis 1:1–2:4a; Acts 2:14a, 22–36; Matthew 28:26–20

Friendship Tea



LWML Trinity Ruth Circle invites you to their Friendship Tea. Bring your mother, daughter, granddaughter, sister, or friend!

Tuesday, **May 5, 2026** ~ 5:30 p.m. ~ Trinity Lutheran Church, White Lake

Please RSVP Brianna at 605-680-2247 by May 3, 2026.

High School Senior Recognition Events

May 10, 2026, 9:30 a.m. at each congregation.

Trinity is honoring Joshua Doering.

St. Paul's is honoring Jenna Haak, Lily Huff, Jett Kemp, and Karter Weber.

Graduates and their families and all members of the congregation are invited to attend. Rolls and coffee/juice will be served.



Newsletter

The **June newsletter** will be available on/after May 31, 2026. Please submit news/articles to the parish secretary at trinitywlsd@gmail.com by Tuesday, May 26, 2026. If you would prefer an emailed digital newsletter instead of a printed copy, please contact Nancy at the same email address. *Thank you!*



MAIN STREET LIVING MAY 2026

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

Broadcast on KDLT (NBC) channels 5.1 / 46.1

May 3, 2026

10 a.m. "Hope Enough to Live By" A medical research scientist falls into despair after an accident and subsequent events.

10:30 a.m. Vicar Joseph Moore, pastor at Zion Lutheran Church in Mitchell, SD, presents a message titled "The Holy Trinity Is Your God". The sermon is based on John 16:5-15.

May 10, 2026

10 a.m. "The Now Crowd" A soldier on leave helps his brother work through struggles in his life.

10:30 a.m. Rev. Gregory Lehr, pastor at Zion Lutheran Church in Sioux Falls, SD, presents a message titled "Grace, Mercy and Peace to You". The sermon is based on John 14:15-21.

May 17, 2026

10 a.m. "Poisoned Banquet" Vicious rumors look to ruin a nurse's career and marriage.

10:30 a.m. Rev. Jason Rensner, pastor at Faith Lutheran Church in Sioux Falls, SD, presents a message titled "The Answer is Always Jesus". The sermon is based on Acts 1:12-26.

May 24, 2026 *NOTE TIME CHANGE

9 a.m. "The Smashup" A group of friends struggle with lingering guilt after an accident.

9:30 a.m. Rev. Bart Day, CEO of Lutheran Church Extension Fund in St. Louis, MO, presents a message for Pentecost Sunday.

May 31, 2026

10 a.m. "Awake with a Stranger" A guilt-ridden man is confronted and haunted by a lapse in judgment.

10:30 a.m. Chaplain Craig G. Muehler, Director, Ministry to the Armed Forces in St Louis, MO, presents a Memorial Day message based on John 3:1-17.



May 2026

Colston Heismeyer, SP	May 4
Tige Everson, TR	May 6
James Evans, TR	May 7
<i>Ryan & Kyanna Huff, SP</i>	<i>May 7</i>
Marlene Johnson, SP	May 10
Collin Borgmann, TR	May 11
Nancy Bogenhagen, TR	May 11
Alice Johnson, TR	May 12
<i>Lennis & Sandy Titze, SP</i>	<i>May 15</i>
Ryan Glissendorf, TR	May 17
Brianna Bogenhagen, TR	May 19
<i>Rodney & Kelli Weber, SP</i>	<i>May 20</i>
Rachel Steichen, TR	May 21
Craig Peters, TR	May 22
Jett Kemp, SP	May 23
Danica Thomas, SP	May 23
Dayton Simpson, TR	May 24
Dean Suelflow, TR	May 26
Hannah Meier, TR	May 27
TJ Salonen, TR	May 29
Barb Gilbertz, TR	May 29
<i>Dale & Deb Pope, TR</i>	<i>May 29</i>



We give thanks to God and honor the men and women and their families who faithfully answered the call to serve in our nation's military, especially these days in May:

Armed Forces Day	May 16
Memorial Day	May 25



WORD FROM THE CENTER

The Only Source for Abundant Life!



The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full (John 10:10).

Human beings have incredibly short memories, even about things that really matter. Do you remember just a few years ago when we were worried about whether our world would survive the pandemic? (It isn't that long ago, really, it isn't.) Do you remember the amount of control political bureaucrats began to exercise, claiming authority over virtually every aspect of our lives?

Looking back, it's hard to realize that they got so many things wrong. But that didn't stop them from exerting control over us. I don't think there was ever a time when so many people chimed in to tell us how and why we should do this or that. Remember their phrases such as, "Social distance," "Wear a mask," and "Look to government to make all the right decisions." Their mantra? We're doing all this "FOR YOU." We want you to have "life." Right.

In response, some challenged those mandates by asserting, "No matter the severity, we must look to God and to each other," and then move forward. Such notions were not merely dismissed; they were often punished severely.

Today, we're still all trying to get back to living a normal life, and even to live life abundantly. Well, in our reading for today, Jesus has a very clear perspective on living life "to the full." Whether in the middle of chaos or in abundance, **Jesus includes all of us when he says**, "I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full."

Wow, what an incredible statement! You can have your health, you can have incredible wealth, and you can have the cumulative wisdom of the world today with access to the most sophisticated technologies ever, but if you don't have Christ, you are missing out on life. Said another way, if Jesus Christ is your Savior, there is abundant, eternal life for you in Him, even in the midst of struggle, chaos, pandemics, war, suffering, and pain. In fact, He is the only source of eternal, abundant life. Everything else and everyone else will leave us wanting in the end if we put our ultimate trust in them.

Jesus warns us to that effect. He's telling us not to try to go it alone (as if we could), and not to look to anything in this world besides Him for the kind of life that lasts. Jesus has to remind us of this again and again because we so easily become over-confident in ourselves.

If 9/11, COVID-19, bank failures, wars and rumors of wars have taught us anything, they should have reminded us again and again how fragile this sinful life is, and how easily the things of this world can become broken. **There are "thieves" all over the place seeking to steal from us what only God can give.** Satan, the fallen world, and even our own sinful flesh are constantly trying to convince us that the source of enduring life is anywhere other than in Jesus. Don't let them fool you! **Don't let anything or anyone steal your heart and your soul away from the living God.** Don't let anyone steal the abundant life that Jesus wants you to have in Him.

Many of us today are really worried about protecting our physical health and our material wealth too. There's nothing wrong with that. But don't focus too much on those so that you leave the door of your soul unlocked or, worse, wide open for the thieves of this world. Your spiritual life and eternal health are meant to be rooted in the person and work of "God in the flesh," Jesus Christ. He lived, died, and rose again so that you can have abundant, eternal life IN HIM. If you are looking anywhere else for the fullness of life, you are looking in the wrong place!

Jesus tells it like it is in our verse for today. In the midst of whatever crisis you are facing at the moment and, yes, EVEN IN THE FACE OF DEATH, there is a way to life through repentance and faith in Him for you. It's not a bargain; it's not a sleight of hand. **Jesus earned the right to say this to you and me when He died our death and rose again to give us His life.** Don't let anyone tell you that there is anything in heaven or on earth greater than His offer of life and salvation. Thieves, robbers, OR Jesus Christ? When it comes to abundance, eternal security, and the power to live life fully now and forever, there's only one source. **In the midst of everything else, put your trust in HIM ALONE.**

Rev. Dr. Gregory P. Seltz

Annual Diaper Drive

Trinity Lutherans for Life of White Lake will begin their **26th Annual Diaper Drive from Mother's Day to Father's Day**, May 10 through June 21, 2026. We are accepting diapers of any size, wipes and Assurance adult protective underwear. For your convenience, collection totes will be in the addition at Trinity and St. Paul's narthex. Also, there will be collection boxes at Ron's Market, White Lake and Plankinton.



Members of Trinity Lutherans for Life are excited that the donations will go directly to those in our area. The **8th Annual Diaper Distribution** will be held on Friday, August 14, 2026, from 5 to 7 p.m. Members of the community may come to Trinity Lutheran Church, White Lake, during these set times and pick up what size(s) would benefit their family.

Trinity LFL is striving to share the message that life should be supported at all stages. 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 our community members.

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



LWML South Dakota District Convention Gifts from the Heart

Everyone is welcome to contribute to the ingathering of items for the Cornerstone Mission and food banks in the Black Hills area. You may drop off your items in the Gifts from the Heart tote at Trinity by Sunday, May 31, 2026.

Items for the Cornerstone can be large backpacks, reading glasses, twin-size fitted sheets, laundry and dish soap, coffee, and Kleenex.

Food bank items can be cereal, apple juice, Hamburger Helper and Tuna Helper, sugar (2-lb bags), canned vegetables and canned fruit, spaghetti sauce, produce, eggs, pasta, crackers, cheese, peanut butter, and Jello.

For more information on the convention, visit sdlwml.org/2026-district-convention.

Call Day

These South Dakota seminary students received calls the last week of April 2026.

- Candidate Andrew Partipilo, Spearfish to Peace With Christ Lutheran Church, Ft. Collins, CO.
- Candidate Morgan Philips, Rapid City to Trinity Lutheran Church Fairfax and St. John Lutheran Church Wagner, SD.
- Candidate Carter Thorman, Spearfish to St. John's Lutheran Church, Ogallala, NE.

Also placed in South Dakota.

- Vicar Nathan Shelton, Ft. Wayne, IN, to Zion Lutheran Church, Mitchell, SD.



NOT ALONE: GOSPEL HELP FOR FAMILIES IN CRISIS

LUTHERAN FAMILY SERVICE, IOWA | \$92,500



Helping Families in Crisis Through Christian Counseling

Satan, the author of lies, uses the divisive issues of gender identity confusion, the ravages of mental illness, and family separation to pull young Christians away from their faith and prevent them from living the life God desires for them.

The number of young people and their parents who are devastated by this cultural and mental health tsunami is rising every day, destroying faith, lives, and families. The number of people who identify as transgender has doubled in recent years. Young people who identify as lesbian, gay, or bisexual are more likely to have mental health problems and suicidal thoughts and act on them by attempting suicide.


Because of the stigma surrounding these topics, it is often difficult for Christian families to ask for help. When they do reach out, they want to know that help is scripturally sound and Gospel-focused.

Funds from this grant will provide teams of LCMS pastors and licensed mental health therapists to bring help through in-person and virtual educational events, lead support groups, and provide individualized, Gospel-focused care. This help will be offered to the increasing number of families with children experiencing a crisis with gender identity confusion or transition, mental illness, suicide risk, or a history of these challenges to prevent alienation, separation, or loss.

Regardless of their physical location, families will receive needed help through confidential virtual links, connecting them to informational presentations and groups led by qualified professionals, and to other Lutheran parents facing shared concerns. Many LCMS parents facing these circumstances will learn that they are not alone. They will find help from their church, and Christian fellowship with others from their LCMS family across the Synod who face the same challenges. Others who are not currently connected with a church will find a welcome entry to a community of faith able to help them with their most difficult challenges and be invited to a local LCMS congregation.

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SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
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3 Fifth Sunday Easter  Divine Services 8:30 a.m. Trinity 10:30 a.m. St. Paul's Sunday School 9:30 a.m. St. Paul's	4 SP Catechism 7 p.m.	5 TR Hope Circle 1 p.m. Ruth Circle Friendship Tea 5:30 p.m.	6 Joint Bible Class @TR 5:30 p.m. TR Ctchsm 6:30 p.m.	7	8	9
10 Sixth Sun Easter Mother's Day  Divine Services 8:30 a.m. Trinity 10:30 a.m. St. Paul's Sunday School 9:30 a.m. St. Paul's	11	12 SP Dorcas Circle 2 p.m.	13 Joint Bible Class @TR 5:30 p.m. TR Ctchsm 6:30 p.m.	14 Ascension Day	15	16 Armed Forces Day
17 Seventh Sunday Easter  Divine Services 8:30 a.m. Trinity 10:30 a.m. St. Paul's	18	19	20 Joint Bible Class @TR 5:30 p.m. TR Ctchsm 6:30 p.m.	21	22	23
24 The Day of Pentecost  Divine Services 8:30 a.m. Trinity 10:30 a.m. St. Paul's	25 Memorial Day	26	27 Joint Bible Class @TR 5:30 p.m.	28	29	30
31 The Holy Trinity  Divine Services 8:30 a.m. Trinity 10:30 a.m. St. Paul's						