

St. Paul's Lutheran
Church
Plankinton, SD

AUGUST 2025

NEWSLETTER

Trinity Lutheran
Church
White Lake, SD

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St. Paul's, Tuesdays, 9–11:30 a.m.
Trinity, Wednesdays, 9–11:30 a.m.

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President Rodney Weber
LWML President ... Marlene Johnson

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President Dan Guericke
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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.

This Month's Events

Divine Worship Service Schedule 2025

Divine Services at St. Paul's 8:30 a.m.
Divine Services at Trinity 10:30 a.m.

Christian Education

Bible Study – Summer Break
St. Paul's Sunday School – Summer Break
Trinity Release-Time – Summer Break

Lutheran Women's Missionary League

Trinity Hope Circle – No August meeting.
St. Paul's Dorcas Circle – Tuesday, August 12, 2025, 2 p.m.
Trinity Ruth Circle – Tuesday, August 12, 2025, 6:30 p.m.

AUGUST 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, 2025

TRINITY

Elder David Bogenhagen
Ushers Ron Steffen
Dan Guericke
Acolyte Brant Bogenhagen
Altar Janice Thiry

ST. PAUL'S

Elder Curt Guindon
Ushers Larry Gerlach
Jett Kemp
Acolyte Tayven Weber
Altar Cathy Albrecht

SEPTEMBER 7, 14, 21, 28

TRINITY

Elder Ben Bogenhagen
Ushers Dan Meier
Dean Suelflow
Acolyte Blake Bogenhagen
Altar Barb Gilbertz

ST. PAUL'S

Elder Mike Tuschen
Ushers Curt Guindon
Merlyn Haak
Acolyte Jenna Haak
Altar Cathy Albrecht

Scripture Readings for Sundays in July

Aug. 3 Eccl. 1:2, 12–14; 2:18–26; Col. 3:1–11; Luke 12:13–21
Aug. 10 Genesis 15:1–6; Hebrews 11:1–16; Luke 12:22–34
Aug. 17 Jeremiah 23:16–29; Hebrews 11:17–31; Luke 12:49–53
Aug. 24 Isaiah 66:18–23; Hebrews 12:4–24; Luke 13:22–30
Aug. 31 Proverbs 23:2–10; Hebrew 13:1–17; Luke 13:1–14

The **September 2025 newsletter** will be available on or after August 31, 2025. *Articles are due Tuesday, August 26, 2025.*

Please send newsletter/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!



SPIRITUAL FREEDOM

The Bible says much about the wonderful freedom that we as Christians have through Jesus. Galatians 5:1 says, *For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.* John 8:36 says, *If the Son shall set you free, you shall be free indeed.*

Living in America we have special freedoms that few people of the past have had. But **the freedom that the Bible speaks of is a much greater freedom than any kind of worldly freedom.** Without Jesus we would be enslaved to sin, death, and the power of the devil. Without Jesus we could not know if we are saved and will be going to Heaven. We would have no understanding of what happens after death. We could never know if we have done enough good things to please God.

But if we are in Christ, then we are set free from worrying about these things. Romans 8:1 says, *There is now therefore no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.* Through Jesus' death on the cross we have forgiveness of all sins. After Jesus rose from the dead, He said, *"Because I live, you also will live."* Seeing what He has done for us gives us the desire to live for Him. We live for Him with great joy and freedom, and not out of fear of punishment. It is a joyful service. It is our way of saying Thank-you to Jesus for all He has done for us.

This is a freedom that we celebrate each day as we remember our baptism, and as we come to church to hear God's Word with God's people. **It is a freedom that we want everyone to know and have** so we share the good news of the Gospel with other people. Living in this freedom frees us to live in joy and hope in a fear-filled world. That is why Paul wrote in Phil. 4:4, *Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say rejoice!*

Pastor Don McKillop

STAY IN TOUCH

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MAIN STREET LIVING AUGUST 2025

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

Broadcast on KDLT (NBC) channels 5.1 / 46.1

August 3, 2025

10 a.m. "Give and Take" A young Christian ad agency representative navigates a situation with an overly attentive married man.

10:30 a.m. Rev. Steve Weispfennig, pastor at St. John's Lutheran Church in Yankton, SD, presents a message titled "All is Vanity--Except Jesus". The sermon is based on Ecclesiastes 1.

August 10, 2025

10 a.m. "No Tears For Bill" A widow struggles with her past and upcoming marriages.

10:30 a.m. Rev. Kevin Moore, pastor at Messiah & Redeemer Lutheran Churches in Redfield & Doland, SD, presents a message titled "By Faith". The sermon is based on Hebrews 11:1-16.

August 17, 2025

10 a.m. "Two Weeks to Eternity" A man who lives life to the fullest, faces uncertainty with the upcoming surgery.

10:30 a.m. Rev. Ray Anderson, pastor at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Leola, SD, presents a message titled "Division on Earth, Peace to You". The sermon is based on Luke 12:49-53.

August 24, 2025

10 a.m. "House of Sand" This classic Fisher family episode explores the difference between a moral and Christian life.

10:30 a.m. Rev. Ryan Drevlow, pastor at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Aberdeen, SD, presents a message titled "The Narrow Door". The sermon is based on Hebrews 12:24; Luke 13:24.

August 31, 2025

10 a.m. "The Reluctant Witness" A man's fishing trip is interrupted when he becomes a witness to crime and struggles with the aftermath.

10:30 a.m. Rev. Alan Ludwig, pastor at Our Savior and St. John's Lutheran Churches in Aberdeen, SD, presents a message titled "From Sabbath Meal to Kingdom Feast". The sermon is based on Luke 14:1-14.



AUGUST 2025

Marlene Markhardt, TR	August 4
Larry & Peg Hoffman, SP	August 4
Trudie Boedecker, TR	August 5
Kim Meier, TR	August 5
Ferra Kemp, SP	August 5
Dick & Marilyn Markhardt, TR	August 5
Marlene Henthorn, TR	August 8
Dale Gerlach, SP	August 9
Tayven Weber, SP	August 10
Ron Miller, SP	August 10
Jazmyn Soukup, TR	August 13
Travis Everson, TR	August 13
Jacob Doering, TR	August 13
Kieth Albrecht, SP	August 14
Ronald & Theresa Glissendorf, TR	August 14
Dan & Karen Meier, TR	August 16
Jerry & Trudie Boedecker, TR	August 16
Britton Bopenhagen, TR	August 17
Karisa Dalldorf, TR	August 18
Jay Thompson, TR	August 19
Kris Kieffer, TR	August 23
Mark Guericke, TR	August 24
Terry Steffen, TR	August 25
Stephen Doering, TR	August 26
Merlyn & Deb Haak, SP	August 26
Ben & Brianna Bopenhagen, TR	August 27
Ryker Clark, TR	August 29
Kathy Guindon, SP	August 31
Hannah Heismeyer, SP	August 31



WORD FROM THE CENTER

MAN, THAT'S LIVING!

⁶So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, ⁷rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness. ⁸See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the elemental spiritual forces of this world rather than on Christ. (Colossians 2:6–8).

I remember a story that illustrates the truth that whatever you earn or amass in this life, “you can’t take it with you!” It is meant to get us thinking about the meaning and purpose of living, both now and forever. An extremely wealthy man REFUSED to believe that he couldn’t take it with him. He lived his whole life with a disdain for that idea. As a result, he lived at a feverish pace, buying and selling, selling and buying, accumulating, accumulating, accumulating. His life was a demonstration of the notion that REAL LIVING IS THE PURSUIT AND OWNERSHIP OF MATERIAL THINGS! But he wasn’t satisfied with this. He wanted to take it with him. So, in his will he left all his money to himself! He ordered that all of his assets be sold for cash that was then to be buried with him. He told the undertaker to bury him in his 1989 Cadillac Seville, dressed in His \$2,500 hand-sewn silk suit, with his money stuffed in the car.

When he died, the undertaker had to hire a crane operator to lift the car with the corpse behind the wheel and all his money stuffed around him, and lower it all into a grave. While the car was being hoisted, one of the men who had dug the grave said to another worker, “MAN, THAT’S REALLY LIVING.”

Well, according to the Bible, “NO, IT’S NOT!” In fact, living like that is really being DEAD WHILE

YOU’RE ALIVE! The painful reality of life is that ALL THE “EARTHLY STUFF” GOES BACK INTO THE BOX WHEN IT’S OVER, literally and figuratively. But that’s why Paul calls us to focus our attention on our new life in Christ, now and forever. He points out that even the best things of this sinful world are hollow and deceptive without Jesus. It’s a hard lesson to learn. Money can’t save us or fulfill our lives. Politics can’t save us and it won’t give us the purpose in life that we so desperately need. Even our technology and education won’t amount to much when the ultimate questions of life need to be answered.

Only Jesus can resolve all of this because He is your Creator and your Redeemer, and the one who can make God’s love come alive in you now and forever. Paul says that real living starts and also endures when we receive Christ by grace through faith, and then continue to live in Him, rooted and built up in Him to serve others with the thankfulness that such a life engenders.

One of my favorite passages in the Bible is when Jesus says that we are to receive the kingdom of God as “a little child” (Luke 18:17). Jesus is talking about an attitude that trusts Him as a little child trusts his/her parents. YES, RECEIVE THE KINGDOM LIKE A CHILD! But we are also called to GROW UP in faith as we mature in it and also reach out to serve others (see Ephesians 4:13-16; 1 Peter 2:2). So, instead of growing OUT of a child-like faith, we should all want to grow UP in it because that’s what real living is all about!

PRAYER: Dear Lord Jesus, give me a child-like confidence that trusts in Your Word always as I seek to grow up by living life wisely and capably for others in Your name. AMEN Rev. Gregory Seltz

LWML 2025 OMAHA CONVENTION WRAP-UP

Lutheran Women in Mission welcomed 3774 participants to the 41st Biennial LWML Convention in Omaha, Nebraska, June 26–29, 2025, under the theme “Growing in God’s Grace”, based on 2 Peter 3:18.



Delegates adopted a \$2,600,000 mission grant goal for the 2025–2027 biennium. This goal, by the grace of God, will fund 33 mission grants as women and men respond in prayer and offerings during the next two years. A motion to increase the Mission Grant Goal to \$2,622,270 to fully fund mission grant #33 Reaching Out With God’s Love in a Safe Place, Forward, a Ministry of Trinity Lutheran Church, Lincoln, Nebraska was adopted. Details can be found at lwml.org.

Officers elected in Omaha include Vice President of Christian Life Sharon “Shari” Miller, Helena, Montana, Vice President of Communication Linda Guteres, Medford, New York, Vice President of Gospel Outreach Anne Hartman, Eau Claire, Wisconsin, Recording Secretary Dianna Just, Vinita, Oklahoma, and Junior Pastoral Counselor Rev. Michael Schmidt, Manhattan, Kansas.

A nominating committee was also elected with Deaconess Raquel A. Rojas, The Bronx, New York, as chairman and as members Nicole Dowdell, Cincinnati, Ohio, Karen Drury, Oak Ridge, Missouri, Katy Gifford, Wheaton, Minnesota, Patricia “Patty” Peters, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Worship services, Bible studies, mission speakers, and entertainment provided an inspirational background for the convention business. To read more about the convention go to lwml.org.

Convention by the Numbers

81	units of donated blood
48,605	food packs assembled
56	quilts tied
339	onesies decorated
2,544	witness bracelets assembled
300	first responder toolkits
265	cards of hope created
256	military Thank-you cards created
9,600	feminine products sewn
106	Braille books/calendars created
713	people who flew to convention
21	arrived via train
2,423	took a car/van
572	arrived via motorcoach (bus)
69	children registered for camp
Countless	women wearing purple nail polish
272	singers in the choir
3,436,224	approximate mission walk steps
73,680	average hugs given
806	Early a.m. Bible study attendance

Offering #1 — \$61,056.85 for the 2025–2027 LWML Mission Goal, supporting mission grants that further the spread of the Gospel and service around the world.

Offering #2 — \$45,934.92 to aid Camp Linn Haven and Mountainside Lutheran Church in Newland, North Carolina, as they recover from over \$2 million in damage caused by Hurricane Helene.

Offering #3 — provided \$35,251.15 to the Grace Point Institute for Relational Help, supporting pastoral care and counseling services for church workers across Nebraska.

Offering #4 — \$36,866.88 for the Lutheran Early Response Team (LERT) in the Oklahoma District, helping fund essential equipment for disaster relief and debris removal.



The First Commandment

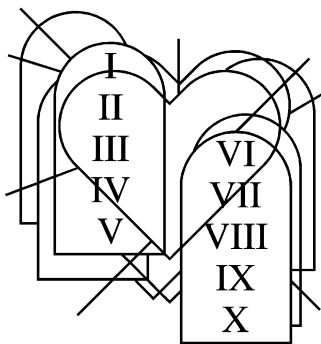
Find the bold words of the 1st Commandment and its meaning in the puzzle below.

You shall have no other gods.

What does this mean?

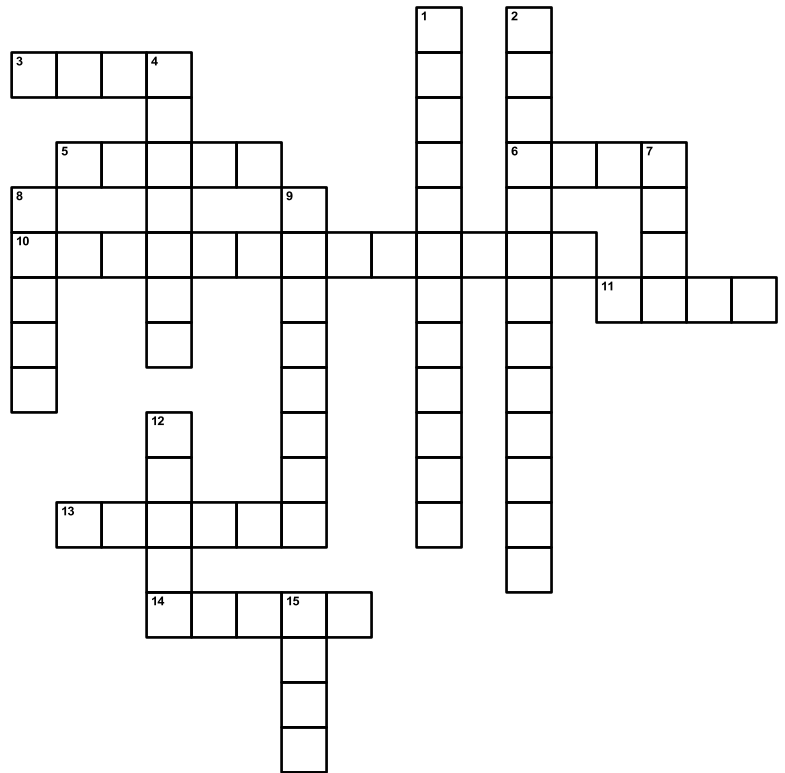
We should fear, love, and trust in God above all things.

E U Q E P U K S H F S Q
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B J R G Z H Q E U O I L
A D E U J G V N O E H G
D I Q D S O Q X H Z T O
Q P C A L T O A S Q C D
R P D C Q H V P Z U X S
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I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts.

Jeremiah 31:33



ACROSS

- 3 Even before a word is on my tongue, behold, O Lord, you ____ it altogether. Ps. 139:4
5 The Lord is good to all, and His ____ is over all that He had made. Ps. 145:9
6 The fear of the Lord is hatred of _____. Prov. 8:13
10 But seek first the kingdom of God and His _____. Mt. 6:33a
11 The ____ of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. Ps. 111:10
13 For I the Lord do not _____. Mal. 3:6a
14 ____ in the Lord with all your heart. Prov. 3:5a

DOWN

- 1 If you love Me, you will keep My _____. John 14:15
2 ... and do not lean on your own _____. Prov. 3:5b
4 You shall ____ the Lord your God and Him only shall you serve. Mt. 4:10
7 Anyone who does not love does not know God, for God is _____. 1 John 4:8
8 If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the ____ is not in us. 1 John 1:8
9 With man this is impossible, but with God all things are _____. Mt. 19:26
12 You shall love the Lord your God with all your ____ ... Deut. 6:5a
15 ... and with all your ____ and with all your might. Deut. 6:5b

SUN		MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 5–7 p.m. TR LFL Diaper Distribution	2
3 	Eighth Sun. Pentecost Divine Services 8:30 a.m. SP 10:30 a.m. TR ABCR Devotion 1 p.m.	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 	Ninth Sun. Pentecost Divine Services 8:30 a.m. SP 10:30 a.m. TR	11	12 2 p.m.  SP Dorcas Circle 6:30 p.m. TR Ruth Circle	13	14	15	16
17 	Tenth Sun. Pentecost Divine Services 8:30 a.m. SP 10:30 a.m. TR ABCR Devotion 1 p.m.	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 	Eleventh Sun. Pentecost Divine Services 8:30 a.m. SP 10:30 a.m. TR	25	26	27	28	29	30
31 	Twelfth Sun. Pentecost Divine Services 8:30 a.m. SP 10:30 a.m. TR						