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President Dan Guericke

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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.

GATHERED TO GROW



Dear Members of Trinity and St. Paul's,

Did you know that at the synodical convention, we elected a sinner? He even admitted it. President Harrison has shared that truth at other conventions when he was elected. And it was sinners who elected him.

Martin Luther wrote, "My dear brother, learn Christ and Him crucified. Learn to pray to Him and, despairing of yourself, say, 'Thou, Lord Jesus, art my righteousness, but I am Thy sin. Thou hast taken upon Thyself what wast not, and hast given to me what I was not.'"

Some believe that they have lived such a good life that they will be saved without a Savior. But Paul wrote that all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. We can thank and praise God that while we are sinners, Christ died for us. He gives the promise that we who believe in Jesus and repent of our sins, have free and full forgiveness for all sins. This gives to believers the desire to hear God's Word in church and to, as Paul wrote, grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus. We have so many opportunities to worship and praise God for the unspeakable gift of forgiveness and eternal life. Hebrews 10:25 says, "Forsaking not the assembling of ourselves together as is the manner of some, but all the more as you see the day approaching." The day approaching is the day of judgment, when all people, believers and unbelievers, will stand before God at the final judgment. By going to church we encourage other people in the faith and we have fellowship with fellow believers. Paul wrote in Romans 15:7, "Welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you for the glory of God."

In our Bible class we are studying the book of Colossians. Paul keeps us focused on what is important, as he writes in Colossians 3, "Since then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is your life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory."

Pastor McKillop

Christian Education

Adult Bible class* at Trinity: Wednesdays, October 7, 21, and 28 at 5:30 p.m.

We are studying the books of Colossians.

7th and 8th grade Catechism class* at Trinity: October 7, 21, and 28 at 6:30 p.m.

7th and 8th grade Catechism class* at St. Paul's: October 6, 20, and 27 at 7 p.m.

Sunday School at St. Paul's 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday School at Trinity 5:30 p.m.

Release-Time at Trinity Wednesdays, 2:15 p.m.

- *Pastor McKillop will be attending the LCMS South Dakota District Pastors Conference October 12–14, 2026, so he will not have catechism class at St. Paul's on the 12th, nor Bible class nor catechism class at Trinity on the 14th.*

Serving the Lord during October 2026

Trinity

Elder Scott Meier
Ushers Dan Meier
 Dean Suelflow
Acolyte Britton Bogenhagen
Altar Barb Gilbertz

St. Paul's

Elder Curt Guindon
Ushers Dan Gerlach
 Mike Tuschen
Acolyte Addisyn Everson
Altar Marlene Johnson
Greeters Oct. 4 LWML
 Oct. 11 Marsha Hauge
 Oct. 18 Rod & Kelli Weber
 Oct. 25 Kieth & Cathy Albrecht

Looking ahead ... Serving the Lord during November 2026

Trinity

Elder David Bogenhagen
Ushers John Geyer
 Ron Steffen
Acolyte Blake Bogenhagen
Altar Janice Thiry

St. Paul's

Elder Mike Tuschen
Ushers Nathan DeGeest
 Rodney Weber
Acolyte Karter Weber
Altar Deb Haak

Scripture Readings for Sundays in October/November

Oct. 4 LWML Sunday; 19th Sunday Pentecost .. Prov. 11:10–30; Ps 100; 1 Pet 4:1–12; Mt. 5:10–20
 Oct. 11 20th Sunday Pentecost Isaiah 25:6–9; Philippians 4:4–13; Matthew 22:1–14
 Oct. 18 21st Sunday Pentecost Isaiah 45:1–7; 1 Thessalonians 1:1–10; Matthew 22:15–22
 Oct. 25 Reformation Day (Observed) Revelation 14:6–7; Romans 3:19–28; John 8:31–36
 Nov. 1 All Saints' Day Revelation 7:9–17; 1 John 3:1–3; Matthew 5:1–12

White Lake Fall Festival

Trinity Ruth Circle is sponsoring a **bake sale** during the White Lake Fall Festival Saturday October 3, 2026. Donations will go to Trinity's Youth fund. Anyone interested in furnishing baked items, please contact Brianna (680-2247) or Karen (680-1889).

Joint Voters Meeting Monday, October 26, 2026, 7 p.m. at Trinity.

Newsletter

The **November newsletter** will be available on/after November 1, 2026. Please submit news/articles to the parish secretary at trinitywlsd@gmail.com by Thursday, October 29, 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 October 2026

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

Broadcast on KDLT (NBC) channels 5.1 / 46.1

October 4, 2026

10 a.m. "The Fathering Kind" A single father who is down and out trying to raise a son on his own.

10:30 a.m. Rev. Jeremy Yeadon, pastor at St. John in Groton, SD and Zion in Andover, SD, presents a message titled "God's Vineyard". The sermon is based on Matt 21:33–46.

October 11, 2026

10 a.m. "Return Trip" Fourth commandment, human guilt and divine forgiveness.

10:30 a.m. Rev. Robert Moeller, Jr., pastor at St. John's in Britton, SD & St. Paul's in Ferney, SD, presents a message titled "Rejoice in the Lord Always". The sermon is based on Philippians 4:4–13.

October 18, 2026

10 a.m. "Some People Need Help, Sergeant" An amputee from a Veteran's hospital must learn that hurting others will not help him.

10:30 a.m. Rev. Dennis Mercer, pastor at Divine Shepherd Lutheran Church in Black Hawk, SD, presents a message titled "Render unto God what is God's". The sermon is based on Matthew 22:15–22.

October 25, 2026

10 a.m. "The Sexton" A pastor and a sexton (church caretaker) with magical powers fight an eerie duel in a church.

10:30 a.m. Rev. Jordon Andreasen, LCMS missionary serving in Brasov, Romania, presents a message titled "The Good News: An Offense". The sermon is based on John 8:31–36.



October 2026

Cathy Albrecht, SP	Oct. 4
Olivia Hanten, TR	Oct. 6
Nick & Jill Rolfsmeier, TR	Oct. 6
Jane Guericke, TR	Oct. 10
Taelyn Clark, TR	Oct. 10
Howard Weischedel, SP	Oct. 12
Randa Vandenhoeck, TR	Oct. 12
Jenny Gilbertz, TR	Oct. 12
Drew Gerlach, SP	Oct. 14
Kayden Rose, TR	Oct. 16
James Will, SP	Oct. 17
Sawyer Swindell, TR	Oct. 18
Connie Knigge, TR	Oct. 20
Michelle Everson, TR	Oct. 20
Tyson Huff, SP	Oct. 20
Wayne & Susan Tatro, TR	Oct. 20
Terri Thompson, TR	Oct. 21
Dan Guericke, TR	Oct. 22
Michael & Barbara Gilbertz, TR	Oct. 22
Dan & Tina Gerlach, SP	Oct. 22
Susan Tatro, TR	Oct. 26
Sharon Boyd, SP	Oct. 26
Donna Fink, SP	Oct. 26
Charlee Byrd, TR	Oct. 27
Dan & Jane Guericke, TR	Oct. 27
Terry Anthony, SP	Oct. 28
Tara Thomas, SP	Oct. 29
Tige & Michelle Everson, TR	Oct. 30
Lorraine Mosemann, TR	Oct. 31
Wayne Tatro, TR	Oct. 31

LWML SOUTH DAKOTA DISTRICT

Christian Life Workshop

Saturday, October 3, 2026

St. Paul Lutheran Church

Spearfish, SD

"Apologetics in Evangelism 1 Peter 3:15"
presented by Rev. Thomas Brown

Registration: 9:30 to 10 a.m.

Workshop: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Zone Meeting: 2–2:45 p.m.

Closing: 2:45–3 p.m.

Morning offering for mites.

Noon freewill donation to help cover lunch
expenses.

MITCHELL ZONE Fall Rally

Sunday, October 4, 2026

Zion Lutheran Church, Mitchell, SD,
beginning at 1 p.m.

"The Sermon on the Mount" presented by Rev.
Ryan Loeslie, Immanuel Dimock.

Gifts from the Heart will be cash donations for
Brian Joachim, 1st year seminary student at Ft.
Wayne.

Meeting highlights:

- Election of Officers
President and Treasurer
- LWML 2027 Oklahoma City Convention;
selection of delegate/alternate
- 2027 Events

An enclosed trailer will be at the rally to take our
gifts to the Orphan Grain Train.



Our LCMS church workers serve all of us in the Body of Christ with faithfulness and dedication. To acknowledge their service, the Synod is encouraging churches and schools to show appreciation to workers on designated dates throughout the year.

October 11, 2026, is Pastor Appreciation. Let's be sure to show our gratitude to Pastor McKillop, who stands in the stead of Christ as he brings us His gifts of Word and Sacrament. No gesture is too small! Please join your brothers and sisters in Christ around the LCMS in letting our pastor know how much we appreciate him.

REFORMATION TRIVIA

Which of the following hymns were written by Martin Luther?

- "Savior of the Nations, Come" *LSB* 332
- "From Heaven Above to Earth I Come" *LSB* 358
- "We Praise You, Jesus, at Your Birth" *LSB* 382
- "To Jordan Came the Christ, Our Lord" *LSB* 406, 407
- "Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord" *LSB* 497
- "Dear Christians, One and All Rejoice" *LSB* 556
- "These Are the Holy Ten Commands" *LSB* 581
- "From Depths of Woe I Cry to Thee" *LSB* 607
- "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" *LSB* 656, 657



Favor in the Lord's Eyes

With joy, we look forward to the Lutheran Women in Mission/LWML Sunday, October 4, and the Christian Life Workshops on September 26 and October 3. Until these events arrive, we'll spend a little time with Noah.

Noah is often held up as the first truly admirable character in the Bible, worthy of emulation. Yet Scripture paints a darker picture of humanity before the flood. "Every intention of the thoughts of [the human] heart was only evil continually" (Genesis 6:5).

Look at all the superlatives: every intention, only evil, continually! Such strong language leaves no exceptions — not even for Noah.

God, grieved by the wickedness He saw, declared, "I will blot out man whom I have created from the face of the land" (v. 7). So how do we move from this verdict of judgment to the surprising statement, "Noah was a righteous man" (v. 9)? The answer is found in the glory of verse 8: "But Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord."

Many imagine God searching the earth desperately for even one righteous person, finally spotting Noah and sighing in



Rev. Dr. Brian Mosemann

LWML District Counselor

relief. But that's not what it says. The word favor, in this verse, is the same word often translated as grace. It was not that Noah found God, but that God's grace found Noah.

Noah's righteousness was not the condition for receiving God's favor. It was the result of having already received it. Grace came first, which moved Noah from the ranks of the unrighteous to the ranks of the redeemed. God's initiating, preemptive love, demonstrated on the cross, changed everything.

This is the heart of the gospel. God does not meet sinners halfway. He gives favor to those who deserve nothing. Like Noah, we are not saved because we were better than others or because

we found God. We are saved because God's grace found us while we were still lost in sin.

The same God who declared Noah righteous by grace is the God who looks upon you today. He offers the same unearned favor that transforms sinners into saints and breathes new life into dead hearts. You do not have to, nor can you, earn His love. It has already found you in Christ. May the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

Young Woman Representative Report

I had the opportunity to serve as a Young Woman Representative (YWR) for the South Dakota District at the 2025 LWML (Lutheran Women in Mission) National Convention in Omaha, Nebraska. The convention brought together thousands of women from across the country who are committed to serving Christ through missions, fellowship, and spiritual growth.

As a YWR, I joined a group of young women from every district — each of us eager to grow in our faith and better understand LWML's mission. One of the most impactful moments was the announcement of the new mission goal: over \$2.6 million to fund 33 mission grants. Seeing how mite offerings from around the country are used to support ministry and outreach was a clear reminder of the reach and purpose of this organization.

Worshiping with over 3,500 people and 122 pastors during the opening service was something I won't forget. Hearing Scripture read and voices raised together in praise on that scale was powerful. I also appreciated the sessions where past and present YWRs shared their

experiences and answered questions. Their honesty and encouragement made a big difference as I considered how to stay involved beyond the convention.

It also meant a lot to spend time with LWML President, Eden. She was approachable, kind and incredibly down-to-earth. It was encouraging to see someone in her position take time to connect with us personally.

Another highlight was the evening Bible study with Donna Snow. Her teaching on the book of Joshua was practical, grounded in Scripture and easy to connect with. Being surrounded by so many women studying God's Word together created a strong sense of unity.

Throughout the week, I had the chance to get to know other YWRs — sharing stories, praying together and building new friendships. We talked about what it looks like to serve as young women in the church and how we can continue supporting LWML's work in our own districts.

I came home thankful for the experience and more motivated to stay involved. Representing South Dakota was a

privilege, and I'm excited to keep encouraging other young women to find their place in LWML.

Through this experience, I was reminded again and again that God is at work — in the LWML, in our churches and in each of us. I'm grateful for the opportunity to serve, to grow and to walk alongside other women who are striving to live out their faith boldly. My prayer is that we continue to trust where He leads, serve where He calls, and encourage one another as we share the love of Christ in all we do.

To Him be the glory!

In Christ,

Danaca Schettler (pictured, left, with Katie Utecht)



SOUTH DAKOTA DISTRICT CALL STATUS

AS OF 9/22/2026

PENDING – ORDAINED

Name	Present Congregation	Calling Congregation	Date Received
Emshoff, Keith	Holy Trinity, Grandview, MO	Peace, Rapid City, SD	9/21/2026

ACCEPTED - ORDAINED

Name	Present Congregation	Calling Congregation	Date Accepted
Hinckley, Robert	Blessed Emmanuel, Sturgis Grace, Deadwood, SD	Trinity, Knoxville, IA	9/17/2026
Kumm, Michael	Holy Cross, Dakota Dunes SD and Faith, Pierre (vacancy pastor)	Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO	8/23/2026
Naumann, Gordon	St. John, Hazleton, PA	Trinity, Blunt, Holy Cross, Onida, Immanuel, Harrold, SD	9/10/2026

DECLINED - ORDAINED

Name	Present Congregation	Calling Congregation	Date Declined
Brademeyer, Cristopher	St. Johns', Oakes, ND	Faith, Pierre, SD	9/10/2026
Grimmer, Daniel	Zion, Mitchell, SD	Good Shepherd, Sherman, IL	9/3/2026
Jenson, Jens	Redeemer, Armour, SD	Trinity, Bridgeton, MO	8/19/2026
LaMie, Oliver	Saint Peters, Dorsey, IL	Bethlehem, Milbank/St. John, Revillo, SD	8/28/2026
Lewis, Kyle	Saint Martin, Winona, MN	Mt. Calvary, Brookings, SD	9/9/2026
Smith, Jacob	St. Paul's, Aberdeen, SD	St. John, Austin, Minnesota	8/19/2026

VACANCY STATUS

City	Church	Position	Status/Man Called	Date	Vacancy Pastor
Blunt- Harrold- Onida	Trinity-Immanuel Holy Cross	Sole Pastor	<i>Rev. Gordon Naumann Installation Nov. 1, 2026</i>	9/21/2025	David Otten
Brookings	Mt. Calvary	Associate Pastor	Calling from the field	6/02/2025	Matthew Wurm
Centerville - Hurley	First English Zion	Sole Pastor	Calling from the field	8/31/2026	
Corona Wilmont	Trinity Our Savior	Sole Pastor	Calling from the field	11/16/2025	Chris Davis
Cresbard- Wecota	Concordia- Immanuel	Sole Pastor	Calling from the field	10/30/2022	David Otten Tom Penrod
Huron	Mt. Calvary	Sole Pastor	Calling from the field	6/23/2025	
Pierre	Faith	Sole Pastor	Calling from the field	5/18/2026	
Plankinton- White Lake	St. Paul-Trinity	Sole Pastor	Calling from the field	8/1/2021	Don McKillop
Rapid City	Peace	Sole Pastor	Calling from the field	9/7/2025	Terry Naasz
Revillo Milbank	St. John Bethlehem	Sole Pastor	Calling from the field	2/14/2026	Nathaniel Brown Thomas Puffe
Sisseton Waubay	Emanuel Zion	Sole Pastor	Calling from the field	8/4/2025	Jonathon Varns Robert Mueller
Tripp Delmont	Emmaus Zion	Sole Pastor	Calling from the field	1/5/2026	Joseph Greenmyer Ryan Loeslie
Wall-Creighton	First - Emmanuel	Sole Pastor	Calling from the field		Lucas Edwards
Watertown	Mt. Olive	Sole Pastor	Calling from the field	12/29/2025	Aaron Asmus
Wentworth	St. Peter	Sole Pastor	Calling from the field	9/15/2024	Wayne Bernau
Sioux Falls	District Office	Assistant to the President	Evaluating Needs	12/21/2025	

OCTOBER 2026

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
Oct. 4, cont. LWML Mitchell Zone Fall Rally 1 p.m. Zion Mitchell				1	2	3 LWML SD Christian Life Workshop , St. Paul, Spearfish 10–3
4 Nineteenth Sunday Pentecost  Divine Services 8:30 a.m. Trinity 10:30 a.m. St. Paul's Sunday School 9:30 a.m. St. Paul's	5 SP Catechism 7 p.m.	6 TR Hope Circle 1 p.m. TR Ruth Circle 6:30 p.m.	7 TR Release-Time 2:15 p.m. Joint Bible Class @TR 5:30 p.m. TR Ctchsm 6:30 p.m.	8	9	10
11 Twentieth Sunday Pentecost  Divine Services 8:30 a.m. Trinity 10:30 a.m. St. Paul's Sunday School 9:30 a.m. St. Paul's	12	13 SP Dorcas Circle 2 p.m.	14 TR Release-Time 2:15 p.m.	15	16	17 
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18 Twenty-first Sunday Pentecost  Divine Services 8:30 a.m. Trinity 10:30 a.m. St. Paul's Sunday School 9:30 a.m. St. Paul's	19 SP Catechism 7 p.m.	20	21 TR Release-Time 2:15 p.m. Joint Bible Class @TR TR Wed. School 5:30 p.m. TR Ctchsm 6:30 p.m.	22	23	24 LWML SD Christian Life Workshop , Memorial Lutheran, Sioux Falls 10–3
25 Reformation Day (observed)  Divine Services 8:30 a.m. Trinity 10:30 a.m. St. Paul's Sunday School 9:30 a.m. St. Paul's	26 Joint Voters Meeting at TR 7 p.m.	27	28 TR Release-Time 2:15 p.m. Joint Bible Class @TR TR Wed. School 5:30 p.m. TR Ctchsm 6:30 p.m.	29	30	31