



NEWSLETTER



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Weekly bulletin deadline is Tuesday noon. Please email me if you prefer your newsletter emailed to you. Thanks!

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Divine Worship Services

St. Paul 8:30 a.m. Sunday
 Trinity 10:30 a.m. Sunday

Bible Study Book of Revelation — Trinity 5:30 p.m. Wednesdays
 Question sheets are posted on www.trinitywhitelake.com/bible-study.

Wednesday School

Trinity 5:30 p.m.

Lutheran Women's Missionary League

Trinity Hope Circle – July 6, 2021 2 p.m.
 Trinity Ruth Circle – July 6, 2021 6:30 p.m.

Trinity Elders Meeting – July 15, 2021; 6:30 p.m.

Trinity Voters Meeting – July 15, 2021; 7:30 p.m.

Serving the Lord's Church in July

TRINITY

Elder Scott Meier
Ushers Dan Meier
 Dean Suelflow
Acolytes Jayden Kahler
 Mataya Kahler

ST. PAUL

Elder
Ushers Kieth Albrecht, Jaylen Kemp, Josh Kemp
Acolyte
Altar Barb/Jenny Gilbertz

Scripture Readings

July 4 Ezekiel 2:1–5; 2 Corinthians 12:1–10; Mark 6:1–13
 July 11 Amos 7:7–15; Ephesians 1:3–14; Mark 6:14–29
 July 18 Jeremiah 23:1–6; Ephesians 2:11–22; Mark 6:30–44
 July 25 Genesis 9:8–17; Ephesians 3:14–21; Mark 6:45–56
 Aug 1 Exodus 16:2–15; Ephesians 4:1–16; John 6:22–35

Websites – Visit the Services option on www.stpaulplankinton.com and www.trinitywhitelake.com for the weekly bulletin. Trinity's website also offers links for the live stream of their worship and the printed service that goes with each service. See the News link on both websites for archived newsletters and bulletins.

The **August newsletter** will be available on/after August 1, 2021. Articles are due July 26.



If you have PRAYER CONCERNS or would like a PASTORAL VISIT, please contact Pastor Lessman at 605-641-8501.

Resolving Conflict through the Four G's

- **Glorify God** - How can I please and honor God in this situation, and how can I give witness to what he has done for me through Christ?
- **Get the log out of your eye** - How have I contributed to this conflict and what do I need to do to resolve it?
- **Gently restore** - How can I help others to understand how they have contributed to this conflict?
- **Go and be reconciled** - How can I demonstrate forgiveness and encourage a reasonable solution to this conflict?

Gently Restore

Brothers, if someone is caught in a sin, you who are spiritual should restore him gently. But watch yourself, or you also may be tempted (Galatians 6:1).

Loving confrontation may sound like an oxymoron. Nevertheless, our heavenly Father confronts us in love, for the sake of love, and exhorts us to do likewise (see Heb. 12:4–11). Instead of going directly to our brother (Matt. 15:18), however, **we often find it easier to deny conflict altogether or to talk about our opponents to someone else.** Some Christians contend that they follow Scripture when they get in their adversaries' faces to tell them off. Confronting others in love for their good is rarely done well, even among children of God.

Such was the case in the conflict over church/school issues between Pastor Stan and Susie, the school board chair. Each sinned against the other in public meetings and private sessions. Susie gossiped about Pastor, judging his motives about nomination elections, and accusing him (to others) of manipulating funds and people. Meanwhile, Pastor Stan informed his supporters that Susie was leading a protest against him, undermining his role of pastor, especially questioning his spiritual authority.

Church/school relationships deteriorated, and positions became polarized. Church staff were pitted against faculty, and the two camps became entrenched for the anticipated battles. The beloved third grade teacher was publicly chewed out by the Director of Christian Education (DCE) in front of confirmation students over the use of a classroom. Tensions escalated when the principal of 25 years resigned because of stress. The teachers banded together and demanded that the DCE be fired, or they would strike and not teach school. The church education board asked for the DCE's resignation, and he and his family left the church. Church members loyal to Pastor and the DCE called for immediate investigation and resignation of education board members. Parents of school children formed their own action committee, circulating petitions for Pastor's removal. **The other casualties?** Long term church members left the church or became inactive, and several children were transferred to the public school.

Pastor Stan and Susie were not the only sinners in this war. But had these two leaders been able to confront each other in love early in the controversy, they may have helped avert the tragedies. With Bible study and prayer, our peacemaker team individually coached Pastor and

Susie to meet one another, to **confront, repent, confess, and forgive.** Pastor denied any serious friction with Susie, dismissing our counsel. Susie resisted similar advice, but finally agreed to approach him.

The first meeting seemed fruitless. Pastor denied any responsibility for the skirmishes, and Susie felt justified in her anxieties that he would shrug her off. But within a few days, Susie's gentle words began to weaken Pastor's confident justifications. He came back to our team for more counsel and prepared to make confession. Before the entire church staff, school staff, and church lay leaders, Pastor Stan confessed his sinful words and actions that contributed to the conflicts, including his shrugging off of Susie's confrontation. Among others, Susie publicly forgave her pastor and confessed her own sins of gossip and slander. **Tears of joy and relief softened hardened hearts from the two factions, and this miracle of reconciliation planted seeds of peace that remain today, several years later. Gentle restoration glorifies God, serves others, and helps us grow in our Christian walk.**

From: Conflict an Opportunity? I Hate Conflict! by Ted Kober

TABLE OF DUTIES A HIGHER THINGS RETREAT

August 6–7, 2021

St. Paul Lutheran Church in Spearfish, SD

God orders everything for our good, including our vocations. Are you a preacher or a hearer? A parent or a child? A boss or an employee? A teacher or a student? Wherever God has placed you, He has put you there to live in faith toward Him and in fervent love for your neighbor. Let's study the Table of Duties together to better know our vocations and have a deeper assurance of Jesus' vocation as our Lord and Savior. Fun times.

Pastor Chris Hull is the husband to the best wife in the world, Allison Hull, and dad to four crazy boys, Lonny, Manny, Ty, Jamie, and a daughter Avonlea. He is the senior pastor at Zion Lutheran Church in Tomball, TX, where he and Pastor Michael Daniels love handing the goods of the Cross over to all the saints gathered there.

For more information and registration, see <https://higherthings.org/retreats>. You may also contact Pastor Randy Sturzenbecher at (605)391-0428. Groups should register online or RSVP by July 31, 2021.



WORD FROM THE CENTER: MONDAY, June 21, 2021

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 passage is **Mark 4:37-41**, where the Scripture tells of a time when Jesus and his disciples were crossing the Sea of Galilee in a boat.

³⁷And a great windstorm arose, and the waves were breaking into the boat, so that the boat was already filling.
³⁸But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion. And they woke him and said to him, “Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?” ³⁹And he awoke and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, “Peace! Be still!” And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. ⁴⁰He said to them, “Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?” ⁴¹And they were filled with great fear and said to one another, “Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?”

Real Peace amidst the Storms!

God’s peace to you amidst whatever “storms” you are facing today. I think that’s an appropriate greeting today among Christians who are confronting many issues in our lives. There are the typical troubles of health and well-being which all of us face; that’s for sure. But there is an especially vitriolic feeling in America toward anything that asserts God’s moral limitations on our libertine attitudes about absolute freedom. We know how to protest, but we don’t know how be virtuous anymore. And the attacks on those who even remotely hint at godly things are getting more and more noxious by the day. That’s why this event in the life of Jesus and His disciples is one of my favorites. Here He is, God-in-the-flesh, **an empathetic, merciful Savior of all** who is willing to be a part of this sinful world so He can save us eternally. He literally took upon Himself the eternal ramifications of our sin, endured our death, and suffered the righteousness judgment that we deserved. So, if we are looking for **a Savior who can help us in our time of need and in the midst of our real fears**, well, that’s right up His alley.

There are so many things in this passage today that can bless us. The extent to which God was in Christ at work to save us is amazing. He leaves the power of the heavens to be born in a manger. He is willing to be vulnerable to the world that is in rebellion to its Creator. He is willing to serve to the point of exhaustion, and to sacrifice Himself, even unto death on a cross. Why? Because He loves us with a magnificent love! **Yet, we, like the disciples, often ask, “Jesus, don’t you care?”** (see verse 38). When He stopped the storm that day, they merely got a glimpse of the power that He would unleash through His suffering, death, and resurrection for them. You

and I get to learn all about the fullness of that reality as we read the Scriptures every day.

So, remember today that **Jesus wants you to trust Him, especially in the middle of the storms** you may be facing. He doesn't enjoy the terrors any more than we do. But He's the One who can always see you through them. If it is His will, He can help you overcome them. If you must continue to endure them, He can even make such difficulties work toward a blessing to you and to others. In fact, He promises that nothing in this life will separate you from Him, His love, His life and the salvation He freely gives (see Romans 8:28-39).

Christ is our peace amidst the storms of life, and we will put our faith in Him ALONE. **In a world hell bent on libertine, amoral living, let us be, even more, people of Christ who remain obedient to His Word and gracious to our neighbors on His terms alone.** Amidst the storms, Jesus provides real peace that can truly bless. After all, wind and waves are ultimately no bother to the One who is the Creator and the Redeemer of the world.

PRAYER: Dear Lord Jesus, I do not always know why You allow challenging “storms” to happen in my life. But when they do, give me even greater faith to trust in Your purposes for my life, and then use me to reach out to others with Your peace. AMEN.





Main Street Living July 2021

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

July 4, 2021

10:00 AM - This is the Life - "The Selling Price" - A father and son face the issue of ethics, and how it relates to God's law.

10:30 AM - Rev. Chris Navurskis, pastor at Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church in Huron, SD, presents the message "Honor and Offense in the Life of the Christian." The sermon is based on Mark 6:1-13.

July 11, 2021

10:00 AM - This is the Life- "No Laughing Matter" - A woman must learn to deal with her past in order to help someone else in her present.

10:30 AM - Rev. Colin Ford, pastor at Concordia and Immanuel Lutheran Churches in Cresbard and Wecota, SD, presents the message "God has Adopted You." The sermon is based on Ephesians 1:3-14.

July 18, 2021

10:00 AM-This is the Life - "My Husband, My Sorrow" - A man and woman must deal with whether they should consummate an adulterous affair.

10:30 AM - Rev. Cory Rajek pastor at Faith Lutheran Church in Pierre, SD brings a message based on Jeremiah 23:1-6. The sermon is titled "Spiritual Leadership."

July 25, 2021

10:00 AM-This is the Life - "The Cup" - The dilemma a trucker faces when a good friend dies trying to protect him.

10:30 AM - Rev. Sam Handschke, pastor at Faith Lutheran Church in Pierre, SD, presents the message "After the Rain." The sermon is based on Genesis 9:8-17.



BLOG

Have you ever wondered why there are so many aspects of Lutheran worship? What about the style of music, the order of service, or even the weekly lectionary readings? This is part one of more about the **SERVICE OF THE WORD**.

The Service of the Word begins with a song of entrance. This song marks the actual beginning of the Divine Service and the entrance of the pastor to the altar. The altar is the center and symbol of the Lord's presence among His people. There is where the body

and the blood of Jesus are distributed under the consecrated bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins. While an Entrance Hymn or Psalm may be sung, a common beginning is to sing the Introit.

The **Introit**, one of the Propers (the verses chosen are different each Sunday), is sung by the congregation or choir. The Introit is a collection of passages from the Psalms that sets the tone for our worship and introduces the rest of the Divine Service, in which Christ comes to us in His Word and His Sacrament.

As we move toward the reading of God's Word, we join with all believers through the ages, in heaven and presently on earth, and ask the Lord for mercy. The **Kyrie** is the first prayer of the gathered congregation. It is a cry for mercy that our Lord and King hear us and help us in our needs and troubles. This prayer is encountered frequently in Scripture, for example, it is used by the Canannite woman (Matthew 15:22), blind Bartimaeus (Mark 10:46-47), and the ten lepers (Luke 17:12-13).

Confident that the Lord is merciful, we join the whole Church in singing the **Hymn of Praise**. In the traditional Hymn of Praise, the **Gloria in Excelsis**, the pastor begins with the angelic hymn in Luke 2:14: "Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth." In the Gloria, the Church celebrates Christmas all year long, and we, along with the shepherds, are invited to go and see Jesus in the Scripture readings that follow. The Divine Service also offers a second Hymn of Praise, "**This Is the Feast**." This Easter hymn to the crucified and risen Savior is based on passages from Revelation 5:12-13 and 19:5-9. Because of its resurrection theme, this hymn is used more frequently during the Easter season and on the festivals of Christ celebrated throughout the Church Year.

The **Salutation** is a special greeting between the congregation and its pastor. The Salutation announces the Lord's coming to us in the readings that follow and makes us aware that important things are about to happen.

The **Collect of the Day** "collects" in a concise and beautiful manner the Gospel message for the day. Most of these prayers have been in continuous use in the Church for more than 1,500 years. In the Collect, we join with the great body of believers, the communion of saints, and with the generations yet to come. The congregation makes the Collect its own with its "amen."

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Wow!

To God be the glory, honor, and praise! The LWML 39th Biennial Convention was held in person, a celebration of 2,800 brothers and sisters in Christ proclaiming God's truth and sharing Jesus' love with each other — some attending convention for the first time — in Lexington, Kentucky.

There are so many memories and mountain top experiences from “doing convention” in Lexington, that it is difficult to highlight all of them. Here are a few:

- Hearing the voting results of the pre-convention mission grant election and the adoption of a \$2,150,000 mission goal.
- Rejoicing that the Lord has so blessed LWML that, going forward, 90% of mite offerings received will now go toward our mission grants (previously 70%)!
- Further rejoicing that there was an overage from the 2019–2021 biennium of \$286,176.15. With the 90% of the mission goal and the overage, the total available for mission grants this biennium is \$2,221,176.15; more than the mission goal itself!
- Singing “Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow” with 2,800 brothers and sisters in Christ in beautiful harmony.
- Practicing patience as “Are you ready? Vote now,” was heard several times during the officer election process while we waited for the electronic voting devices to work properly.
- Rejoicing that the LWML South Dakota candidate, Lisa Asmus, was elected to the Nominating Committee.
- Being inspired through the Word proclaimed in the Bible studies.
- Seeing the tremendous number of Gifts from the Heart donations. Gift cards for the seminaries totaled well over \$33,000, not including the 434 cards that did not have the amount identified.
- Watching the new officers' installation.

- Experiencing fellowship and hugs — lots of hugs — with friends.
- Sharing kind words of appreciation — or just a smile — with those who worked to serve all attendees, whether in the convention center, restaurants, or hotels.
- Hearing the excitement of mission work being done here and abroad.
- Laughing out loud when humorous interrupters Jan and Abby were on stage.
- Observing the district banner procession and being filled with thankfulness as the 82 country flags, representing mission grant recipients over the years, processed around the assembly floor.
- Cheering the recognition of all pastors and men in attendance, as current and former LWML Counselors led them in song.

Check the LWML website, lwml.org, for archived recordings of convention sessions, convention daily newspapers, and a video of the 28 mission grants selected.

Nancy Bogenhagen
LWML Mitchell Zone delegate

DEB BURMA "BE STILL & KNOW" WORKSHOP

Come enjoy a women's workshop and book-signing event by Deb Burma, Christian Author and Speaker, Saturday, July 24, 2021 at Two Dreams Boutique in Mitchell, SD. Deb is originally from the Platte, SD area and is a regular author for Concordia Publishing House.

Visit the website for more information, including workshop options and registration. Space is limited, so register right away: twodreamsboutique.com/products/deb-burma-be-still-know-workshop






CARDBOARD CASTLE CONTEST

LWML St. Paul Dorcas Circle is sponsoring a fun activity for kids of ALL ages. A Cardboard Castle Contest will be held Saturday, July 17, 2021, 10 a.m., at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Cardboard will be provided and a limited supply of tape and markers will be available. Bring any extras you would like to use such as paint, extra tape, glitter, crayons, etc. Our judges will award the top two castles with prizes! Come show off your skills and build an awesome castle!



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p><i>If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land (2 Chronicles 7:14 KJV).</i></p>				1	2	3
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