



NEWSLETTER



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

May 2021

Divine Worship Services

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

May 2, 2021 only

Joint Confirmation Service 9 a.m. St. Paul

Bible Study Book of Revelation — Trinity 5:30 p.m. Wednesdays

Sunday School

St. Paul 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday School

Trinity 5:30 p.m.

Release-Time Class

Trinity 3:30 p.m. May 5

Vacation Bible School

Trinity May 18–21, 2021; 8:30–11 a.m.

Lutheran Women's Missionary League

Trinity Hope Circle – May 4, 2021 2 p.m.
 Trinity Ruth Circle – May 4, 2021 6:30 p.m.
 St. Paul Dorcas Circle – May 11, 2021 7 p.m.

Mother's Day – May 9, 2021. We thank our Heavenly Father for the gift of mothers in our lives, whether with us here or in our memories.

Congratulations to St. Paul's Alyssa Johnson, Jacey Kemp, and Aspen Lessman on their **Confirmation** and Jaylen Kemp and Taylor Morenz on their **High School Graduation**. May God go before you wherever you go and give you the gift of His great love always.

Serving the Lord's Church in May

TRINITY

Elder David Bogenhagen

Ushers Dean Suelflow
 Brian Hall

Acolytes Jacob Doering
 Joshua Doering

ST. PAUL

Elder

Ushers Doug Gerlach
 Larry Gerlach

Acolyte

Altar Sharon Boyd

Scripture Readings

May 2 Acts 8:24–40; 1 John 4:1–11; John 15:1–8
 May 9 Acts 10:24–48; 1 John 5:1–8; John 15:9–17
 May 16 Acts 1:12–26; 1 John 5:9–15; John 17:11b–19
 May 23 Ezekiel 27:1–14; Acts 2:1–21; John 15:26–27, 16:4b–15
 May 30 Isaiah 6:1–8; Acts 2:14a, 22–36; John 3:1–17



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?

Glorify God

So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God. Do not cause anyone to stumble, whether Jews, Greeks, or the church of God—even as I try to please everybody in every way. For I am not seeking my own good but the good of many, so that they may be saved. Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ (1 Cor. 10:31-11:1).

Our first responsibility in stewarding our disputes is to glorify God. There's a paradigm shift! My gut reaction to conflict is usually not, "How can I glorify God in this situation?" Instead, I am often motivated by "How can I get what I want out of this deal?" (see James 4:1-3).

Glorifying God happens when we take time to remember God's role in our conflict and then respond to it His way. My self-centered approach often assumes that the dispute is between just my opponent and me. As Christians, however, we believe that God sacrificed dearly, involving himself in all our conflicts. Jesus died because of our conflict with God, and our fights with others usually involve sin. Therefore, we have the privilege and responsibility to consider God's perspective on the issue. Conflict provides three opportunities for the child of God: to glorify God, to serve others, and to grow to be more like Christ.

Curtis led his congregation to glorify God in response to a lawsuit brought against them by a man who slipped and broke his ankle in the church. This small church had never been sued before, and most of its members were shocked. At the voters meeting, an angry member immediately suggested hiring an attorney, and another person declared that it should be referred to the insurance company.

But Curtis stood up to present a different approach: "How can we glorify God in this lawsuit? Perhaps God allowed this to happen for our good and for this other man's good, and we can make a difference in this man's life. How can we minister to this man who was hurt in our church?" Curtis reminded his fellow members of the peacemaking principles they had studied the year before in Bible study. He recommended that, before hiring an attorney or calling the insurance company, the congregation should reach out to minister to the injured man. After much discussion, Curtis was appointed to call him. In the end, two church leaders and the man who sued the church met with a Christian mediator to seek godly solutions to their differences. The church's insurance company participated, knowing that negotiated settlements usually provide cost effective solutions.

All parties agreed to a settlement of costs. Most importantly, however, relationships were restored. The man remained an active member of this congregation, and everyone praised God for leading them to a peaceful solution. Many interests were met, and people on both sides grew more Christ-like in the process.

May we have it in mind among ourselves how to glorify God through the conflict we are experiencing.

Hymn of the Month

861 Christ Be My Leader



1 Christ be my Lead - er by night as by day; Safe through the
 2 Christ be my Teach - er in age as in youth, Drift - ing or
 3 Christ be my Sav - ior in calm as in strife; Death can - not



dark - ness, for He is the way. Glad - ly I fol - low, my
 doubt - ing, for He is the truth. Grant me to trust Him; though
 hold me, for He is the life. Nor dark - ness nor doubt - ing nor



fu - ture His care, Dark - ness is day - light when Je - sus is there.
 shift - ing as sand, Doubt can - not daunt me; in Je - sus I stand.
 sin and its stain Can touch my sal - va - tion: with Je - sus I reign.

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John 8:12; John 1:4, 14, 17; 14:6

In *Lutheran Service Book*, we are blessed with 16 new hymn texts by Timothy Dudley-Smith (b. 1926) (*LSB* 999). Only one appeared in *Lutheran Worship*, while six appeared in *Hymnal Supplement 98*. Only Martin Luther (27), Stephen P. Starke (27) and Paul Gerhardt (17) have more hymns included in our hymnal than Dudley-Smith.

“Christ Be My Leader” was among his earliest hymns, written in 1961. He says the theme of the hymn is “youth” and “Christian living.”

What does it mean that Christ is your leader, your teacher and your Savior? Each stanza meditates on Jesus’ claim in John 14:1–14 to be “the way” (st. 1), “the truth” (st. 2) and “the life” (st. 3). The author delves deeper into the meaning and uses alliteration as he refers to Christ as victor over three forces whose names begin with “d”:

- Jesus is “leader” in the “way” through “darkness.”
- Jesus is “teacher” of the “truth” in the face of all “doubt.”
- Jesus is “Savior” of “life” in the face of “death.”

<https://reporter.lcms.org/2018/lcms-worship-hymn-day-studies-occasions-three-year-one-year-lectionary/>

Vacation Bible School

Trinity Lutheran will host the 2021 White Lake Community Vacation Bible School May 18–21. VBS participants will travel around the world in four days! During their visit to each country, students will get their VBS passports stamped and learn about the life-sustaining waters in that place as they discover how Jesus, the Living Water, quenches eternal thirst.

VBS will be from 8:30–11 a.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, May 18–20 and 8:30 a.m.–12 noon Friday, May 21, 2021. Doors open at 8:20 a.m. Friday is a bit longer as the kids will go to the Nursing Home to sing for the residents, then come back to Trinity for a hot dog lunch.

Students in grades PreK–5th are welcome to participate in this year's VBS! We're seeking youth volunteers from grades 6 and up, as well as adult volunteers. Please contact Katie Mohnen (605-680-4529). Student and youth volunteer registration deadline is May 4, 2021. Adult volunteer deadline is May 9, 2021.

The community is invited to join us for our Program & Potluck in the community park on Friday, May 21 at 6:30 p.m.



NEWS

LUTHERAN CHURCH— MISSOURI SYNOD

LCMS Call Days 2021

Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne was held April 26 and 27, 2021. To view placements, visit <https://callday.ctsfw.edu/>
Concordia Seminary, St. Louis was held April 28, 2021. To view vicarage assignments and pastoral calls, visit <https://www.csl.edu/academics/call-day-services/> and scroll down to access the lists.

LCMS South Dakota District Convention



This convention was originally scheduled for April 11–13, 2021. It has been rescheduled for December 5–7, 2021. COVID-19 is the chief reason for the move. Gathering under the theme “Rooted in Christ” convention proceedings will be held at the Sioux Falls Convention Center. The LCMS convention has been delayed for one year to 2023.

South Dakota Camp Minneboji

Yes! Camp Minneboji is happening this summer; June 20–26, 2021. The theme is “Washed.” Camp Minneboji is for kids who have finished grades 4–8. Honors Camp Minneboji is for those who finished 9th grade and — this year only — those who finished 10th grade because we did not have Camp Minneboji last year. We will notify you with the latest updates from the State of Iowa on the guidelines for Covid-19 regulations. We want to have a safe camp and to assure you of your child’s safety. We will not be mailing registrations. All registrations can be downloaded online at www.Minneboji.com.

LUTHERAN WOMEN’S MISSIONARY LEAGUE

LWML 2021 Lexington Convention



This event will be held as scheduled, in-person, June 24–27, 2021. Voting on the proposed mission grants and the proposed LWML Bylaws amendments will take place electronically in May. The LWML will, once again, livestream all convention sessions, including Bible study and hearing the grateful and inspiring mission grant speakers. Be there when the new biennium’s mission goal and mission grants are announced. Watch for information and directions coming soon to lwml.org.

The Puppet Place

LWML Mitchell Zone (White Lake Trinity and Plankinton St. Paul) is scheduled to work at The Puppet Place at the South Dakota State Fair Thursday, September 2, 2021. All ages welcome!

LWML South Dakota District Fall Christian Life Retreat

The LWML SD District Board of Directors, in their January 9, 2021 meeting, made the decision to combine the 2021 District Retreat and the usual fall Christian Life Workshops. “God’s Quilt of Comfort — Wrapping Up in the Psalms” is the theme for the September 17–18, 2021 event. Watch for updates in the *HiLites* section of your *Lutheran Witness*, as well as www.sdlwml.org/SD_LWML_Retreats/2021-Retreat.html

LWML Mitchell Zone Fall Rally

Sunday, October 3, 2021 at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Plankinton. White Lake Trinity and Plankinton St. Paul LWML groups are on the

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

Trinity Lutherans For Life Diaper Derby

Trinity Lutherans for Life of White Lake will begin their annual diaper drive from Mother’s Day to Father’s Day. For your convenience, we have collection totes at both St. Paul and Trinity. 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 6th, from 5 to 7 p.m. and Saturday, August 7th, from 10 a.m. to 12 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 LFL 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. Please consider donating diapers and/or wipes and then encourage community members to pick up a donation for their family in August.

Lutherans For Life Regional Conference

“God Chose You”, October 16, 2021, Living Word Free Lutheran Church, Sioux Falls, South Dakota. <https://lutheransforlife.org/conference/>





WORD FROM THE CENTER

A devotional word from the Center of our faith, Jesus Christ, with reflections on His Word.

APRIL 26, 2021

"The thief comes only to steal, kill, and destroy. I have come to give you life and to give it to you abundantly." (John 10:10)

SO, WHAT MAKES A LIFE WORTH LIVING?

The following saying is often wrongly attributed to G.K. Chesterton: "When people stop believing in God, they don't believe in nothing — they believe in anything." He actually said that if we stop believing in God we lose our common sense.^[1] For many, that's that same thing. When you deny the one who is "the Way, the Truth, and the Life" (John 14:6) and who calls Himself the "Good Shepherd" (John 11:11), you don't replace Him with nothing; you tend to replace Him with the most absurd "other things."

Absurd replacements seem to be the order of the day, don't they? No longer do we talk about sin and repentance, grace and mercy, or honor and virtue. They've been replaced with so much absurdity in this world which is passed off as wisdom. In Washington D.C., they become slogans, causes for marches, and even policies. We are told that sex unconstrained, just for fun and outside of marriage, is the way of progress. Yet our broken marriages, our abuses of one another, and our callousness toward each other say otherwise. We are told that honoring our fathers and our mothers, as well as esteeming others in authority, is the way of the past. Yet the present dishonoring, even to the point of "cancel culture," is producing more vitriol and violence than ever before. But the worst of the absurdities of today is the belief that we can replace the power of faith in God and His love for us in Jesus Christ with trust in ourselves, our technology, and our "progress," with no honest assessment of the consequences.








In the face of such absurdities, Jesus' words are straight and to the point. He lays it on the line in John 10. He talks of himself as the Good Shepherd, the one who comes to give life and salvation to His sheep (see John 10:11, 14, 27–28). But here's the rub. For Him to be our Shepherd, we've got to be honest about the fact that we are like sheep in need of a shepherd. Let that sink in for a moment. Better, let that humble attitude of repentance be yours today. Don't let the purveyors of absurdities steal that opportunity from you. For faith in Jesus Christ opens you up to the one who loves you with an everlasting love, who desires for you to become the person that He created and redeemed you to be. Repentance and faith, being right with God on God's terms, serve as the foundation of abundant life, now and forever. As forgiven sinners, life then becomes a daily walk of grace that culminates in eternity. Faith in Him makes life worth living for you. Think it through for a minute. In Christ, God the Father wants you to be all that He created and redeemed to be, now and forever. Let the Good Shepherd save you, direct you, and lead you. That will be an adventure, and an abundant life that never ends. Here's to life in His name FOR YOU!

PRAYER: Dear Lord Jesus, thank You for Your willingness to confront me with the reality that I need You for my life and salvation. Like sheep who know their shepherd's voice, give me the kind of faith that listens and follows Your every Word. AMEN.

^[1] <http://thefederalist.com/2014/05/06/the-seven-most-popular-g-k-chesterton-quotes-he-never-said/>



MAY 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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2 Fifth Sunday of Easter  7 a.m. SP Service 9 a.m. TR Service	3	4 2 p.m.  TR Hope Circle 6:30 p.m. TR Ruth Circle	5 3:30 p.m. TR Release-Time 5:30 p.m. TR Wed School 5:30 p.m. TR Bible Study	6	7	8
9 Sixth Sunday of Easter  8:30 a.m. SP Service 10:30 a.m. TR Service	10  7 p.m. SP Dorcas Circle	11	12 5:30 p.m. TR Wed School 5:30 p.m. TR Bible Study	13 Ascension	14	15
16 Seventh Sunday of Easter  8:30 a.m. SP Service 10:30 a.m. TR Service	17	18 8:30—11 a.m. TR Vacation Bible School	19 8:30—11 a.m. TR Vacation Bible School ~~~ 5:30 p.m. TR Wed School 5:30 p.m. TR Bible Study	20 8:30—11 a.m. TR Vacation Bible School	21 8:30—12 noon TR Vacation Bible School	22
23 The Day of Pentecost  8:30 a.m. SP Service 9:30 a.m. SP Sun Sch 10:30 a.m. TR Service	24	25	26 5:30 p.m. TR Wed School 5:30 p.m. TR Bible Study	27	28	29
30 The Holy Trinity  8:30 a.m. SP Service 10:30 a.m. TR Service	31	<p><i>"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."</i></p> <p>(Matthew 28:19–20)</p>				