

TRINITY



TIMES

SOUTH SHORE TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sharing • Caring • Growing in Christ

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

We have been on a journey with our Lord and with one another during this Lenten season. We have been reminded on Wednesdays that our reaction to the various road signs we see while driving on the roads often demonstrate why we need a Savior. On Ash Wednesday we focused on the *U-Turn* because we need to repent by turning away from our sins and back to the cross and our Lord. The next week we focused on the *Merge* sign and realized how many of the events in history merge at the foot of the cross - every sacrifice was made in anticipation of Jesus' death for us and all humanity. And then we heard about the *Dead End* sign. For many people death may seem like a dead end, but thanks be to God - it is only the beginning of a new and better life for us, who hope in the Lord! Next, we heard about the *Yield* sign. How many of us do not want to yield our will to another's? Thankfully, our Savior did! We still have more *Signs of Lent* in the next few weeks and during Holy Week and Easter! Plan to join us in worship as we think about how these signs can apply to our lives in Christ. The first two Wednesdays in April we will learn about the *One Way* sign and then the *Stop* sign.

I hope you will have the opportunity to worship with us during these special services. In case you haven't attended these services in the past I'd like to give you a glimpse of how we vary our worship services during Holy Week. In fact, we will have more variety of services this week than any other time of the year! So, please prayerfully consider joining us as we thank God for sending our Savior who travelled a difficult path for us that first Holy Week! In addition, please prayerfully consider who you would like to invite to come with you!

As we worship on Maundy Thursday we will focus on the *Food* sign, a welcome sign for weary travelers. We will also focus on the chalice, the cup in Holy Communion because it is a welcome sign for spiritually weary Christians. Thankfully, the wine and the bread and the body and blood are the signs and seal of God's promise of salvation and they provide food, rest, and refreshment for our bodies and our spirits.

During our evening service at 7pm, a number of our youth will receive their first communion as they confess they are prepared to receive Jesus' body and blood in the bread and the wine for the forgiveness of their sins and the strengthening of their faith.

Our worship services on Good Friday will focus on the *Cross-Road* sign. We'll spend time reflecting on how heaven and earth intersect, namely in our Lord Jesus, who was born in a manger, and, as a sacrifice for our sin, died on a cross. Our 11 AM service will be meditational as we contemplate Jesus' suffering and dying on the cross and sing the reproaches and more. Our 7pm service will be a Tenebrae service as we hear the 7 words of Jesus on the cross and experience light and darkness, quiet and a loud noise.

On Holy Saturday we will observe the Easter Vigil at 5:30pm which will focus on the Lord's rescue of his people throughout history, often with water, as we usher in Christ's resurrection with the Lord's Supper. Historically, this service was one of Baptism in the early church, and, just as the old Adam was put to death so that the new person born of the spirit can rise to new life, our baptisms are what connect us to Jesus' resurrection.

On the day of Christ's resurrection - Easter Sunday - we will consider the *Road Work Ahead aka Construction Zone* sign because they encourage us to slow down and drive with caution as we look to see what changes are taking place and wonder when the work will be finished. We'll look at the question Jesus' resurrection raises for us - "Is the work finished yet?" Plan to join us during our special worship times of 7, 9, or 10:45am and enjoy the breakfast our youth will be serving in our fellowship hall for a free will donation from 8-10am.

Of course, all of these worship services are opportunities to worship our Lord and provide you with a variety of services to invite your friends, neighbors, colleagues, and others to learn more about Jesus and his life, death, and resurrection for them! Let's live out our mission - to be **Sharing, Caring, Growing in Christ!**

Pastor Bob Gehrke



WELCOME ...

to the April 2019 edition of the *South Shore Trinity Times*. All activities for the month (known at the time of printing) are included. The *Times* is available the last Sunday of the month for pick up at church or on our website at www.sstwbl.org

GROWING IN CHRIST

Wednesday, April 3—Lenten Mid-week Service

Guest Preacher: Rev. Ted Diedrick, Good Shepherd
11:00am Signs of Lent: One Way
6:30pm Signs of Lent: One Way

Saturday, April 6

5:30pm Traditional Worship

Sunday, April 7

8:00am Traditional Worship
10:45am Praise Team Worship

Wednesday, April 10—Lenten Mid-week Service

Guest Preacher: Rev. John Schildwachter
11:00am Signs of Lent: Stop
6:30pm Signs of Lent: Stop

Saturday, April 13

5:30pm Traditional Worship

Sunday, April 14—Palm Sunday

8:00am Traditional Worship
10:45am Traditional Worship

Maundy Thursday, April 18

11:00am Traditional Worship
7:00pm Traditional Worship and First Communion

Good Friday, April 19

11:00am Good Friday Memorial Service
7:00pm Good Friday Tenebrae Service

Saturday, April 20—Easter Vigil

5:30pm Traditional Worship

Sunday, April 21—Easter Sunday

7:00am Traditional Worship
9:00am Traditional Worship
10:45am Praise Team Worship

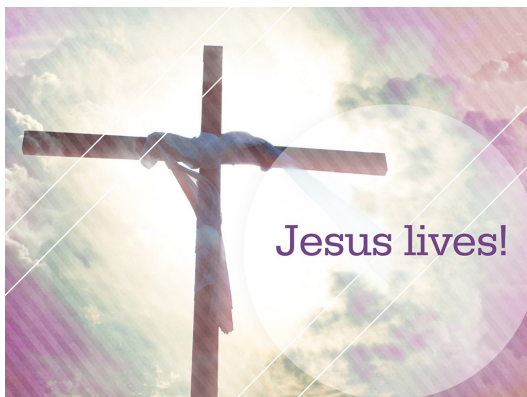
Saturday, April 27

5:30pm Traditional Worship

Sunday, April 28

8:00am Traditional Worship
10:45am Traditional Worship

Holy Communion will be offered as part of the worship services that are listed in **bold colored italic print**.



MONDAYS

Women's Home Bible Study

Place: Group Members Home
Time: 9:00am
Contact: Judy Jarsko, 651-429-7133

WEDNESDAYS

Women's Bible Study

A weekly study for women (member & non-member)
Place: Upstairs (Room 2-5)
Time: 9:30am
Contact: LuErna Sawyer, 651-464-7820

Young-at-Heart Bible Class

Topic: "Blessed by God in a Sin-Cursed World. The Life of Joseph under the Covenant."
Place: Lounge (Room F8)
Time: 9:30am
Contact: Pastor Norb Streufert

Home Bible Study

Topic: A weekly study of the Books of the Bible
Place: Rotates among group member's homes.
Time: 7:00pm
Contact: George & Celeste Gifford, 651-464-1022

THURSDAYS

Home Bible Study

Topic: A weekly study of the Books of the Bible
Place: Rotates among group member's homes.
Time: 7:00pm
Contact: George & Celeste Gifford, 651-464-1022

Topic: 2017 edition of Luther's Small Catechism with Explanation

Place: Lounge (Room F8)
Time: 7:00pm
Contact: Pastor Gehrke, 651-429-4293

SUNDAYS

Adult Bible Study

Topic: Ambassadors of Reconciliation Topics
Place: Fellowship Hall (Room B22)
Time: 9:30am
Contact: Pastor Gehrke, 651-429-4293

Parents of Two Year Olds and Younger

Topic: For parents and child(ren) not yet 3 years old
Place: Preschool room
Time: 9:30am
Contact: Trista Bodin 320-492-3540

Young Families Small Group

Topic: If you are responsible for the wellbeing and raising of little ones, this study is for you. **Once a month**, we will get together for a meal (please bring along a side dish to share), then the parents will spend time in community and study together, as the children enjoy some supervised playtime.

Date: April 7
Place: Fellowship Hall and Nursery
Time: 3:30- 6:30pm
Contact: Elizabeth Kylo, 507-514-2950 or emkylo@hotmail.com



- April 7 NYG participants meet after 10:45am service in Youth Room at Noon to 1:30pm.
- April 14 Youth group—PINZ outing—bowling, laser tag, arcade and devotions
- April 20 Easter Breakfast setup starting at 10am
- April 21 Easter Breakfast Fundraiser—youth signup on Level 2 bulletin board outside youth room

SST's 2ND ANNUAL BIBLE BOWL

IS COMING **APRIL 28TH**

The 7/8th grade "Truth Seekers" Sunday School Class challenges **YOU** to form a team and join them in SST's 2nd Annual Bible Bowl!

Hope you are forming teams (3-4 people) and studying the Gospel of Mark. Should be a fun afternoon!

Don't want to be on a team? That's okay -- Join the fun as a spectator. Eat great snacks, cheer the teams on and gain knowledge.

Bible Bowl begins at 3pm. Refreshment table opens at 2:30pm. Mark your calendar - you don't want to miss this fun competition on April 28th!



Want to Help Out?

Here are a few ways you can help:

Drop off empty egg cartons, to be used for the Easter Egg Hunt, in the container on the cabinet outside the church office.

We need people to help assemble prizes and gift bags for the Easter Egg Hunt, set-up before the event, event guides, food servers, and clean-up. If you can help or need more information please contact Don Benson at 218-341-3887 or dwbbenson@gmail.com

If you are interested in helping to keep the costs down for the Youth, an Easter Breakfast Donation sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the Commons Area.



Easter Breakfast will be a delicious buffet style brunch served from 8:00am until 10:00am. The menu includes:

- Scrambled Eggs
- Egg Casserole
- Sausage
- Bacon
- Hash browns
- Biscuit & Gravy
- Fresh Fruit Salad
- Pastries

The youth will serve beverages (coffee, milk, orange and apple juice) to the tables.

CARING, SHARING AND GROWING IN CHRIST

Confirmation News

Confirmation Essay Reading—Wednesday, May 1—join us in the Sanctuary at 7:00pm as our Confirmands proclaim their faith and explain why they want to confirm their faith.

Confirmation Pictures—May 1—our Confirmands will meet in the Sanctuary at 6:15pm for pictures.

Confirmation Sunday—May 5—please join us for the 10:45am traditional worship service as our youth confirm their faith!



First Communion

First Communion will be celebrated on Maundy Thursday, April 18, during the 7:00pm worship service.

2018-19 Tuition Assistance (application forms due April 30)

SST has a policy to assist active family church members by supplementing a portion of their child's tuition fee at an LCMS elementary or high school (e.g. King of Kings or Concordia Academy).

The Board of Education requests that at the beginning of each school year families with children attending one of these schools fill out the School Partnership Covenant and **return it to the church office by April 30**. You can pick up copies in the church office or from the cabinet outside the church office.

Contact Linda Johnston, Board of Education Chairperson, with any questions at johnstonwbl@comcast.net.

2019 Confirmands & Verses

Gavin Richard Greeder

2 Thessalonians 3:10

For even when we were with you, we gave you this rule: "The one who is unwilling to work shall not eat."

Cassie Mae Linda

1 John 4:7

Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God.

Grace Adeline Wiebe

Psalm 139:9-10

If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast.

Elizabeth Rose Wille

Hebrews 13:5

Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you."

Camp Omega Scholarships

Summer fun that changes lives!

Please consider sending your child to Camp Omega this summer. We are giving scholarships for our children and youth to attend Camp Omega this summer through the SST Endowment Fund.

Pick up an information sheet from the counter outside the church office along with a Camp Omega brochure.

Questions, contact Muriel Janneke at 651-653-0411 or 612-709-2985.

Scholarship For Future Church Workers

"Scholarship For Future Church Workers" is the title on special envelopes that appear occasionally in your box of offering envelopes. Your gifts to this fund support members of this congregation who are formally pursuing church work degrees in college or at seminary. Currently, South Shore Trinity is blessed with two members enrolled in pre-seminary undergraduate programs: Peter Ross at Concordia University Wisconsin and Max Johnston at Concordia University Nebraska. Please support our church workers of the future with your prayers and by donating using the special envelopes or Lenten Coin Folders which you can pick up from the cabinet outside the church office.

When turning in your coin folder, place it in the offering plate or bring it to the church office. Please do not tape the coins in place. It's best to write your name, the amount, and your envelope number on the back of the coin folder in the space provided. Thank you.



The mission of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League is to assist each woman of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod in affirming her relationship with the Triune God so that she is led to use her gifts in ministry to the people of the world.

SPRING Rally

**You are invited to come and be blessed
By the LWML Croix River Zone
Spring Rally at Rose of Sharon Lutheran Church
in Cottage Grove!**

Saturday, April 6th
9:00 a.m. ~ Social time with coffee/treats
9:30 a.m. ~ Program begins
Ingathering: Assemble Hygiene and or Baby Kits for Liberia

**Guest Speaker- Pastor Ben Griffin who serves the
LCMS ministry LINC Twin Cities
as the Executive Director**

Empowering local leaders to achieve their God given dreams and impact their communities with the Gospel by together raising up the next generation of city changing leaders. *"You have been called to share one hope, one Lord, one faith and one baptism, one God and Father of all, Who rules over us all, works through us all, and lives in us all."* **EPHESIANS 4:3**

A luncheon will be served. ~ \$10 suggested donation

All are Welcome!

ASSEMBLE HYGIENE AND/OR BABY KITS FOR VULNERABLE WOMEN & CHILDREN IN LIBERIA

DISTRIBUTED THROUGH LINC MINISTRY: CHANCE INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH

STEP ONE: ACQUIRE THE NECESSARY ITEMS

ONE HYGIENE KIT CONTAINS 1 BATH SIZE SOAP 1 TOOTHBRUSH 1 TOOTHPASTE 1 PICK STYLE COMB 1 JAR OR TUBE OF PETROLEUM JELLY 1 BATH TOWEL LESS THAN 48 INCHES LONG 1 WASH CLOTH 2 DEODORANTS OR ROLL ON 1 BODY LOTION 1 SHAMPOO 1 CONDITIONER 1 GALLON SIZED ZIPLOC BAG	ONE BABY KIT CONTAINS 1 BABY SHAMPOO OR BAR SOAP 1 BABY LOTION 1 POWDERBABY COMB OR BRUSH 1 RECEIVING BLANKET 1 ONEIE NB -24 MONTHS 5 BABY DIAPERS 1 BABY NAIL CLIPPER 1 GALLON SIZED ZIPLOC BAG
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STEP TWO: ASSEMBLE IN GALLON SIZE ZIPLOC BAGS
COULD BE A FUN ACTIVITY TO DO WITH YOUR FAMILY, FRIENDS AND/OR SMALL GROUP

STEP THREE: CONTACT LINC FOR PICK UP

OTHER HELPFUL ITEMS TO CONSIDER DONATING:
 CHILDREN'S CLOTHES 3T -10 YEARS (NEW OR LIGHTLY USED), CHILDREN'S SHOES SIZE 8-10, SANITARY NAPKINS,
 GENTLY USED OR NEW TWIN SIZE SHEET SETS, SHOE (SIZE 8 - 10), BACKPACKS, NOTEBOOKS,
 COPY PAPER, COLORED PENCILS, PENS, PENCILS, CHRISTIAN STORYBOOKS FOR KIDS, ERASERS.

CASH DONATIONS ALSO NEEDED
 \$40 HELPS TO DEFRAY SHIPPING COSTS.
 \$30 COVERS THE COST OF A 100 LB BAG OF RICE (ESSENTIAL FOR SURVIVAL)



Trinity Ladies please join us for our Guild meeting on **Tuesday April 2, at 2:00pm**. Joanne Lundgren and her granddaughter Alissa Lundgren will give a presentation on their family mission trip to Ysleta Lutheran Mission.

Our Mission for April will be collecting individual food cups for the White Bear Lake Emergency Food Shelf. Examples are macaroni and cheese, applesauce, or other items such as these. They will be used to make kits for the children who will not have meals at home.

Our Bible verse for April is:
"Let a man regard us in this manner, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God."
1 Corinthians 4:1



A MEASURE OF OUR LOVE

Actual Income to General Fund in February 2019	\$ 61,357.00
Actual Expenses in February 2019.....	58,499.00
Year-to-Date Actual Income (July 1–February 2019).....	469,760.00
Year-to-Date Actual Expenses (July 1–February 2019).....	479,832.00
Year-to-Date Income less Expense	\$ -10,072.00

ATTENDANCE

Average Regular Attendance in February 2019	
Saturday	55
Sunday 8:00am	100
Sunday 10:45am	83

T is for Temperance

T is for Temperance but how does temperance fit into Stewardship? Stewardship, as you know, has much more to it than just financing. Another piece of Stewardship is caring for ourselves. And that's where temperance comes in! Temperance is defined as restraint; doing things in moderation; self-control. Why should we be temperate? Because our bodies are not really ours, they are God's. He lives in each of us. Since we don't own them and He is in us, shouldn't we take care of them?

1 Corinthians 6:19-20

¹⁹ Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; ²⁰ you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies.

Consider being moderate in all things; how we speak, what we think, our anger and jealousy, desires, consumption of food and drink, and spending. Not so we benefit from healthy living, but because we give a tribute to God when we do.



A belated THANK YOU to everyone who supported our mission trip to Ysleta in December. Thank you for all the various donations from silverware, bedding, glasses, and microwaves to floor tile. We used all of them. Thank you also for the monetary donations. We were able to purchase the 6 sets of bunk beds and other needed items.

We appreciate our church family for helping with this special ministry. It was an eye opening faith-building time for our family.

The Lundgren and Drieling families

Spring Indoor
Movie Nite
"Smallfoot"
Friday, April 12
6:30pm
Fellowship Hall

FREE



I ❤️ MY CHURCH

Rolling out this summer at the Manitou Day's Parade with T-shirts, car decals, and more! Show your love for South Shore Trinity and support our vision as our doors swing open into the community!

The Manitou Days parade is scheduled for Friday, June 14. Stay tuned for more information and plan now on being in the parade with us and Mr. George Gifford's vintage tractor.

The both of us would like to take this opportunity to thank pastors for their prayers & visits, the congregation for their prayers, words of encouragement, and cards during our recent health problems. Prayers have been so strong and we're on our road to recovery. Again, thank you. Bill & Eileen Spreeman

CARING, SHARING AND GROWING IN CHRIST

We received the following letter from Andrew Mussell, one of the seminary students we as a congregation help support as a Mission Offering. Andrew is the grandson of George and Gloria Kostuch and is also married to Anna (nee Krueger), Pastor John & Helen Schildwachter's granddaughter.

Dear South Shore Trinity Lutheran,

Greetings from Concordia Seminary St. Louis! It has been a wonderful holiday season that we just came through. And I have now started the last semester of classes before I go off on vicarage for an entire year. Over the holidays I was blessed by being asked to preach a couple of times. I delivered a message to my fieldwork congregation and then when Anna and I traveled home for the holidays I was able to preach at my home congregation, St. John's Lutheran in Buffalo, Minnesota.

Over the break, Anna and I were able to go home and spend about a week with our respective families. It was good to take a step back from all of the studies and work and relax with our family. While we were up in Minnesota the temperature dropped to a chilly -12 degrees. Talk about a warm welcome! Anna and I may be some of the few people that say this but we actually missed the cold weather and the snow. It is something that we have been so accustomed to that it doesn't feel like winter without a combination of the two.

Anna has been enjoying her job a lot lately. Although working the night shift in a large hospital does take its toll on the body. She is managing to stay healthy and happy as we spend our free time going on walks, playing scrabble, and working on various projects. She enjoys painting as well as quilting, while I enjoy wood working and carving. These activities provide us with much needed release and relaxation as we are able to focus on something we aren't habitually doing.

Again, I would like to thank you for your generous support for me to continue my education at this wonderful seminary. I keep you in my prayers as I continue my education and as I study and learn what it means to be a pastor as well as a proclaimer of the Good News.

In Christ,

Andrew Mussell



HOW TO REACH US . . .

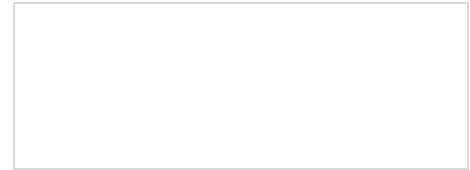
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GOD'S VISION FOR US . . .

South Shore Trinity will be a desired destination for our thriving community as we share rewarding fellowship, actively meet community needs, and are visibly involved with our neighbors.

We will be a "magnet" for our guests who will want to return because they feel "at home," welcomed and cared for beyond their expectations, through meaningful worship and fellowship experiences.

Our members are involved in exciting opportunities for fellowship and Christian growth and are prayerful, passionate, and energized in their Christian faith and life by the presence of the Holy Spirit.

OUR STAFF . . .

Rev. Dr. Bob Gehrke Senior Pastor
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Sally Ackerley Office Manager
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Bethany Brandvold Praise Team Leader
Jolene Erickson Preschool Director
Ruth Oczak Preschool Assistant
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Ron & Shirley Wenzel Custodial Team

CORE VALUES . . .

- Bible-centered Preaching and Teaching
- Worship
- Community Outreach
- Caring Relationships
- Family Focus
- Sharing God's Word

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