

TRINITY TIMES

SOUTH SHORE TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH Sharing • Caring • Growing in Christ

GOD'S MISSION FOR SST

- Sharing, Caring, Growing in Christ

CORE VALUES

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

WELCOME ...

to the August 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. It is also available at www.sstwbl.org.

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Dear Brother and Sisters in Christ,

As we celebrate our 75th Anniversary, I sometimes wonder if the 17 souls who started the church in 1943 would have known some of the challenges we would face 75 years later. When they first planted the church, the outcome to World War Two hadn't yet been decided. They didn't know if the United States, or the Allies, would win. They didn't know if Hitler would be defeated. Yet, these hope-filled people planted a church in the small, but growing, community of White Bear Lake.

According to the history of White Bear Lake, this was still a resort destination in 1943. It wasn't until after WWII that there was a major boom in the population. The website, whitebearlake.org, says, "The population also grew from 3,646 in 1950 to 12,849 in 1960." And it was during this time South Shore Trinity grew as well.

It was also around this time that George Orwell wrote his book "1984," published in 1949. In it, Orwell predicted Big Brother would be watching, and screens would dominate our lives. By 2018, a number of Orwell's predictions have come true, and our culture today is substantially different than it was just 75 years ago.

Another major change we have seen these past 75 years is the age of adolescence taking longer and longer. It used to be that once someone finished high school, it was maybe a few years until they were married and had children. Now, that transition time is almost a decade, maybe more, until a couple is married (if at all), have kids, or even own a home.

And sadly, it's during this time that many people fall away from their faith. But this problem isn't new. I have a list of objectives that the Phi Kappa Tau Fraternity listed out from 1948 (just 5 years after South Shore Trinity came into existence), and number 10 says, "Finally, to furnish a guide and inspiration for the spiritual development of members during the four year period in which for some indefinable reason the church seems unable to function." This transition time has always been hard and today that challenge is bigger than ever.

So, as we dream, and plan, and consider the next 75 years for South Shore Trinity, there is no way we'll be able to predict and address all the new cultural developments, new norms, and major advances in technology that will take place in the next 75 years. While at the same time, many of the things we hold dear will fall into disarray or need major overhauling. In 75 years, the plumbing in the kitchen will no longer be reliable. In 75 years, many of the books in the Book Nook will be antiques. In 75 years, our worship space and pews will show the years of wear and tear.

But one thing that we can be absolutely certain is that in 75 years, just like today, the people who make up the White Bear Lake community will still need Jesus. People will still have a need to know they are forgiven, that they are loved, and that they have a God that has done everything for their salvation. Because, as Hebrews 13:8 reminds us, "**Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.**" And so, it's with this in mind that we can look forward to what God has in store for South Shore Trinity and the people of the White Bear Lake community for the next 75 years and beyond.

Serving our Savior,

+Pastor Dan Bodin

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WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Saturday, August 4

5:30pm Traditional Worship with Holy Communion

Sunday, August 5

8:00am *Traditional Worship*

9:45am *Praise Team Worship with Holy Communion*

Saturday, August 11

5:30pm Traditional Worship with Holy Communion

Sunday, August 12

8:00am Traditional Worship

9:45am Lakeside Worship

Saturday, August 18

5:30 pm Traditional Worship with Holy Communion

Sunday, August 19

8:00am *Traditional Worship*

9:45am *Praise Team Worship with Holy Communion*

Saturday, August 25

5:30 pm Traditional Worship with Holy Communion

Sunday, August 26

8:00am Traditional Worship

9:45am Lakeside Worship (last lakeside service)

Note: Holy Communion will be offered at the worship services listed in the red italic print.

SUNDAY LESSONS FOR AUGUST

August 5

Exodus 16:2-15
Ephesians 4:1-16
John 6:22-25

August 12

1 Kings 19:1-8
Ephesians 4:17-5:2
John 6:35-51

August 19

Proverbs 9:1-10 or Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18
Ephesians 5:6-21
John 6:51-69

August 26

Isaiah 29:11-19
Ephesians 5:22-33
Mark 7:1-13



Lakeside Worship Services

During the month of August we have the opportunity to worship our awesome God outdoors at the park directly across from the church, Bellaire Beach.

Bring a chair or blanket to sit on and join us for Lakeside worship at 9:45am on August 12 and 26.

If the weather interferes, worship will be held inside the church.

75TH ANNIVERSARY

Missions of the Month City Life Center and The Dwelling Place

Our missions of the Month during August are two separate groups, City Life Center and The Dwelling Place, yet both provide assistance and support during traumatic times in a woman's life. Respect for life is no longer welcome in our country because God is not welcome in our homes, schools, or government. City Life Center provides support, counseling, and the word of God during the time in a woman's life when she is pregnant, escaping violence, or other troubling circumstances.

The Dwelling Place provides long term transitional housing for women and their children fleeing from domestic violence. This gives time for healing by providing for personal needs, offering supportive services, and educational opportunities for up to a year or longer if needed. Isaiah 32:18 states "My people will dwell in peaceful places, in secure dwellings, in quiet resting places."

Please use the Mission offering envelope in your envelope packet to support these two organizations. You may write either of the mission's names on the blank line or just "August missions" and your donation will be divided equally between the two groups.

Rev. Aaron Gehrke Guest Preacher for August

Our guest preacher for August is Rev. Aaron Gehrke, son of Pastor Bob and Lynn Gehrke. Rev. Gehrke is the Senior Pastor at Saints Peter and Paul Lutheran Church in Houghton, MI. This was his first call after graduating from the Seminary at St. Louis and being ordained in 2010. He graduated from Concordia University in St. Paul in 2006. His wife Abby is a secondary English Lutheran School teacher and as he puts it "is currently employed at the Gehrke Homeschool". They have three children ages 6 to 1. Rev. Gehrke has traveled to Germany and on mission trips to Kazakhstan and Mexico.

In high school Rev. Gehrke knew he wanted to become a full time church worker but wanted to "do my own thing" and not necessarily become a pastor like his dad. It wasn't long before he realized that God had gifted him to become a pastor. We welcome him back to SST during our anniversary year and thank him for his message.



CELEBRATING **75** YEARS
OF GOD'S FAITHFULNESS

AUGUST 2018

THEME FOR THE MONTH

**FAITHFULNESS IN GIVING OPPORTUNITIES
TO REACH OUT TO OUR COMMUNITIES**

GUEST PREACHER

The Reverend Aaron Gehrke

SS Peter and Paul Lutheran Church, Houghton, MI
Saturday/Sunday, August 4/5

TRINITY TIDINGS ARTICLES

August 04/05 - VBS at South Shore Trinity
August 11/12 - Dial-A-Devotion & Kiddie Kall
August 18/19 - Shepherd of The Fields Lutheran Church
August 25/26 - Devotions on TV & A Ministry on Radio

MISSION OF THE MONTH

City Life Center and The Dwelling Place
(See article(s) elsewhere in newsletter)

A PEEK AT OUR PAST

On April 25, 1954, a second divine worship service was added to our Sunday morning schedule.
We once had a member named Paul Neuman.
In September 1972, The Trinity Times became a weekly newsletter sent to the home to arrive on Thursday. This was a change from the monthly newsletter that had existed for many years.
In 1972, 35 students completed 3 years of confirmation and were confirmed.
The first "Young at Heart" Dinner was held in February 1976 and then each year for more than 25 years.
On August 9, 1981, we had our first communion service on Bellaire beach.
"Alive in 85" was a special fund drive for the purchase of additional property.
In April 1992, "You Are Now Entering The Mission Field" signs were installed.
In October 2010, we had our first "Trunks and Treats".

75th Anniversary Committee Co-chairs
Celeste Gifford & Ed Lundgren

**For the LORD is good; His steadfast
love endures forever, and His faithfulness
to all generations. —Psalm 100:5**

CHRISTIAN GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES

WEDNESDAYS

Pastors Adult Bible Class

A look at the scripture readings for the coming weekend

Place: Lounge

Time: 9:30am

Contact: Pastor Bob or Pastor Dan, 651-429-4293

THURSDAYS

Pastors Adult Bible Class

A study on selective chapters in acts of the Apostles and watching applicable videos of "Stuff Thy Didn't Teach Me in Sunday School".

Place: Lounge

Time: 9:30am

Contact: Pastor Bob or Pastor Dan, 651-429-4293

Attention Bible Study Leaders: Please inform the church office of when your study group will be starting back up in the fall, what you will be studying, and other information you'd like to share. Information provided to the church office by August 15th will be in the September newsletter.



Family Fun & Outdoor Movie Nite

Friday, August 17—FREE

Events starts at 6:00pm, Showtime at 8:30pm

Please join us at our church parking lot for an evening of fun and fellowship on Friday August 17 for the summer Family Fun and Movie Night. Food, fun, and games begin at 6:00pm including a bounce house! The movie "Ferdinand" will begin at dusk (8:30 ish).



A Reminder from the Parish Nurse

VBS is almost here again, and we anticipate many children running, learning about Jesus, laughing, and some getting skinned knees that require sympathy and a Band-Aid. The nurse's room will be ready for any accidents. Once again I request that NO FLIPFLOPS, CROCS, OR SANDALS OR OTHER FOOTWEAR THAT DOES NOT COVER THE TOES BE WORN BY OUR CHILDREN. Last year we had almost no toe problems and we hope to continue that trend.

It's summer and the reading is easy!

Come into the church library, (we're open between the services on Sundays) browse a while, select a book, bring it to the desk and our server will gladly have you sign the library card and stamp the book with the date due. You are given 2 weeks time, if that isn't enough you may come in and renew it. We welcome you visit!



All SST Worship & Picnic

Sunday, September 9th, 9:30am

9:30am All church worship in the sanctuary
10:45am fellowship, food and fun!
South Shore Trinity (rain or shine)

Mark your calendar now! This is the day we will celebrate the start of the new Christian Education year (Rally Day). Watch the weekly Tidings for additional information.



South Shore Trinity Preschool

Why choose South Shore Trinity Lutheran Preschool?

1. Your child is offered developmentally appropriate activities.
2. We offer a great child to teacher ratio.
3. Your child is immersed in a faith-based environment.
4. Your child will learn through hands on experiences.
5. We offer a bus service for those who need transportation.
6. We have half-day and full-day options.



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Lutheran Preschool



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Hello Ladies,

Praying that you had a wonderful July with the numerous events going on.

There were seven ladies that attended the MN South District Convention in Mankato; Joanne Lundgren, Terry Borkenhagen, Mary Torno, Celeste Gifford, Muriel Janneke, Paulette Genz and LuErna Sawyer. Thank you to these ladies for representing our society at the convention. They will be telling you about all the activities and events that took place at the convention at our October meeting. You may see some of the highlights on the Guild bulletin board.

Kitchen Cleanup is scheduled for Wednesday, August 15th, from 9:00am until noon. We have no meeting in August so join us for the cleanup, lunch and fellowship following our labors. We have lot of events coming up in the Fall so it would be nice to begin with a nice clean kitchen. This is not **exclusively** for Guild members it is for all who use the kitchen. Mark you calendar now. Praying we have lots of hands to help with this endeavor.

LuErna Sawyer
2018 Trinity Guild President

Learn about the 2017 edition of Luther's Small Catechism with Explanation

The **Explanation** of Martin Luther's Small Catechism has been updated and expanded because our culture has a lot to say about a variety of different topics - Church and State, Marriage Issues, Different Worldviews and Religions. In order to help you see what God's Word tells us about these topics and many more changes, Pastor Gehrke will be teaching a class on this new Explanation of the Catechism beginning this Fall on Thursday evenings from 7:00-8:00 pm.

The 2017 Explanation has 374 questions and 1,142 Scripture references. In addition, there are more biblical teaching and devotional aids to nurture your faith than before. Although our times may change, God's Word doesn't. This Explanation provides a great guide for our faith and life.

If you would like to purchase a copy please contact the church office OR sign up on the form in the church office.

Here we go again! They're back...



With plenty of crazy antics, loads of fresh laughs, and spanking new original songs, YOU SMELL BARN celebrates rural life in the 1950's. And, at the center of it all, are your favorite Church Basement Ladies. Whether you've seen several versions, or are new to the world of the basement, the 7th in the Church Basement Ladies series is a musical treat for all.

SAVE THE DATE!

Sunday, November 11, 2:00 p.m.

Followed by

Carbone's Pizzeria at 5:00 p.m.

We have reserved a limited number of seats for this show. Contact Muriel Janneke at 612-709-2985 or mjanneke@comcast.net with questions or for more information.

**We would love to have you join us!
You are welcome to invite guests!**

You're Invited

Dean and Susie Nadasdy cordially invite you to attend a Service of Farewell and Thanksgiving as Dean retires from fulltime pastoral ministry. The service will be held on Sunday, August 19, 4:00pm, at Woodbury Lutheran Church, Valley Creek Campus, 7380 Afton Road, Woodbury, MN 55125. Light refreshments will follow the service. Please send letters and cards to Debra Connolly at debra.connolly@mnsdistrict.org or at Debra Connolly, Minnesota South District, 14301 Grand Avenue South, Burnsville, MN 55306.

Care Packages

Are you heading off to college this fall? If so, please get your college mailing address to the church office. You'll not only receive the monthly newsletter, but a couple times throughout the year, groups like to send off "Care Packages" to our college students. You don't want to miss out!



A MEASURE OF OUR LOVE

Actual Income to General Fund in June 2018	\$ 55,851.00
Actual Expenses in June 2018	\$ 64,573.00
Year-to-Date Actual Income (July 1, 2017-June 30, 2018) ...	\$ 748,538.00
Year-to-Date Actual Expenses (July 1, 2017-June 30, 2018)	\$ 759,034.00
Year-to-Date Income less Expense	\$ -10,496.00

ATTENDANCE

Average Regular Attendance in June 2018	
Saturday	45
Sunday 8:00am	94
Sunday 9:45am	103
Total Average Attendance in June	242

“I don’t have any talents or spiritual gifts!” OH! Yes, you do!!

Romans 12:6-8

6 We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; 7 if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; 8 if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.

Very often in my work environment, people tell me “I don’t have a creative ounce in my body”, or something like that. My response always is “We all have gifts and talents, but they may not be creative.” We see in the verses above (and in many others as well) God has blessed us all with a wide variety of talents. Imagine how life would be if we didn’t have these gifts from God? No painters, no singers, no leaders, no judges, no doctors or nurses. No good listeners, no compassionate caregivers, no random acts of kindness, no Meal on Wheels, no welcoming smiles. No musicians, no coaches, no actors. And that’s just the beginning!

1 Peter 4:10

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms.

We are also commissioned by God to use these gifts for our community’s betterment. By sharing our God given gifts we simply reflect His love. Sure, some people misuse these talents or spiritual gift(s) which is very sad. They may not know the joy of sharing their talent to the Glory of God!!

Ask God to show you your talent or spiritual gift(s)! It’s there just waiting to be used in your neighborhood, school, church, work place, playground. Do you organize things? Do you sing or play an instrument? Do you love to read? Do you have patience? Do you speak well to groups?

1 Peter 4:11

If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.

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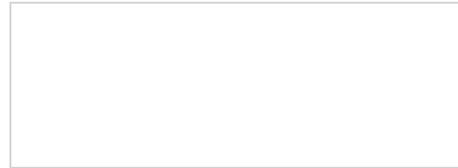


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Summer Office Hours

Monday–Thursday
7:30am–3:30pm

The office will be closed on
Fridays in August. Please watch
the weekly Tidings for updates
due to vacations, etc.



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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