

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 Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Proverbs 22:6 says ***“Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.”***

Can you believe how fast this summer is going? Already, we are starting to gear up for the kickoff to the fall and our educational opportunities here at South Shore. But before September gets here, we have a few exciting things in store for the month of August.

During the first full week of August (5-9), we will have Vacation Bible School (VBS). Volunteers are still needed, and there are still spots open for Elementary-aged kids. The preschool-aged kid spots are already full! Be sure to sign up today at www.sstwbl.org/registration. Then, in hopes of continuing the development of relationships with families who came to VBS and/or are part of our neighborhood, we will be having our third “Family Fun and Outdoor Movie Nite” the following Friday evening on August 16th. All are welcome. The outdoor movie we will show is still to be decided.

And all of this relationship building pushes us toward Rally Day (Sept. 8)—the day we set aside as our kick-off to the educational opportunities we offer during the school year. This is the day we reconvene in Sunday School, Confirmation, Youth Group, and various Bible Studies. All these activities can play a vital role in the life and faith of our young people.

The church is here to assist and support the people responsible for raising up children in the faith. Deuteronomy 6:5-7 says ***“Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.”***

But how do we help the parents of the congregation do this? How can we support and encourage them? Because raising a child in the faith, especially in these hard times, is not something a parent can do alone. They need help. The book “Sticky Faith” says ***“More than any single program or event, adults’ making the effort to get to know the kids was far more likely to make the kids feel like a significant part of their church”*** (pg. 99).

So how can you help? We need dedicated volunteers willing to be part of the spiritual development of our youngest Christians. This means investing time and energy in our young ones. This means people being willing to step up and be Sunday School teachers and youth volunteers. This means getting to know a kid's name and remembering it. Could this be you?

The devil will do his best to disrupt this training of the child in the faith. He will try to make the adults of our congregation undervalue our youth. He will tempt our youth by dressing up other activities and make them seem like a higher priority. But we are all reminded with what it says in Matthew 6:33a ***“But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness...”***

And when we, the people of God, team up and focus on Him first, well, the Devil doesn't stand a chance.

Serving our Savior,
+Pastor Dan Bodin

AUGUST 2019 A.D.

SHARING, CARING, GROWING IN CHRIST!

Saturday, August 3

5:30pm Traditional Worship with Holy Communion

Sunday, August 4

8:00am *Traditional Worship*

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

Saturday, August 10

5:30pm Traditional Worship with Holy Communion

Sunday, August 11

8:00am Traditional Worship

9:45am Lakeside Worship

Saturday, August 17

5:30 pm Traditional Worship with Holy Communion

Sunday, August 18

8:00am *Traditional Worship*

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

Saturday, August 24

5:30 pm Traditional Worship with Holy Communion

Sunday, August 25

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.



SST's
Safety
Committee
is Planning a
Fire Drill

The Safety Committee is planning a fire drill for a date in the fall. We have not had a fire drill in our church for many years, and we need to be prepared if such an emergency occurs. This drill will involve all members and Sunday School children. Details are being addressed now. More information will be available in the Sunday Tidings sheet and on the screen before services in the coming weeks. When we have the drill all people in the building will be required to leave in an orderly manner, and to re-assemble at the designated spot far away from the church building. Evacuation signs are posted in every room and all bathrooms. Your designated exit door **MAY NOT BE THE ONE YOU ENTERED THE BUILDING THROUGH.** **NO ONE** should drive away after leaving the building as this might prevent the fire department from getting into the area by causing an accident or slowing the response vehicles. The Sunday School children will be bringing home a letter with information for the parents about the fire drill. Older children will have already experienced a fire drill in their schools but the younger ones need to have this information explained to them before the drill.

SEPT. 8, 2019

All-Church Picnic and Christian Education Kick-Off
Worship @ 9:45am, Activities to follow
including bounce house, Gaga Ball, Beanbag Tournament, and more!
Bring a sidedish to share!

I ♥ MY CHURCH

A huge thank you to everyone that participated in our summer I ♥ MY CHURCH campaign. The water bottles were greatly appreciated by the Manitou Days Parade viewers. We have a few yard signs available in the church office for anyone that would still like to proudly display one on your lawn.

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 11 and 25.

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

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WEDNESDAYS

Pastors Adult Bible Class

A look at the Scripture readings for the coming weekend

Place: Lounge

Time: 9:30am

Dates: August 14, 21, 28

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

THURSDAYS

PASTORS ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Studying Luther's Small Catechism 2017 Revision, currently the 2nd Article of the Apostles' Creed

Place: Lounge

Time: 7:00pm

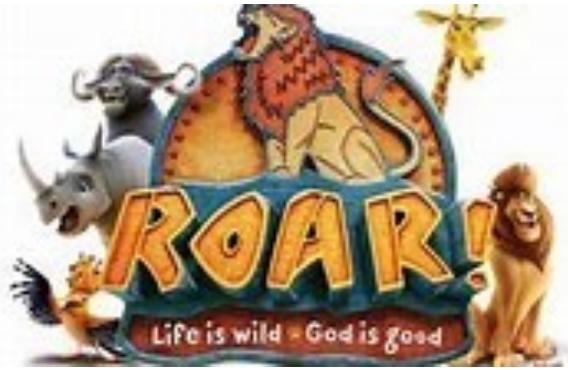
Dates: August 2, 23, 30

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

Attention Bible Study Leaders: Please inform the church office 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.

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 your visit!



A Reminder from the Parish Nurse

VBS will be starting soon and once again the same conditions apply for footwear: no flip flops or shoes with open toes, tennis shoes are preferred. We want to keep our children safe and this is one way to protect toes from injury. Please fill out the registration sheets with any information about allergies, intolerances, and dietary problems. I will contact the parents prior to the start of VBS to talk about any medical or food problems your child may have.

College 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!

FAMILY FUN & OUTDOOR MOVIE NITE

FEATURING:

THE LEGO MOVIE THE SECOND PART

FRIDAY, AUG. 16

EVENT STARTS 6:00 PM, SHOWTIME 8:30 PM

SOUTH SHORE TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

BOUNCE HOUSE • FACE PAINTING • POPCORN • MUSIC
COOKIES • GAGA BALL • CULVER'S FROZEN CUSTARD
EGGROLL FUNDRAISER • DOOR PRIZES

EVENT IS FREE. VISIT WWW.SSTWBL.ORG OR CALL 651-429-4293 FOR MORE INFORMATION

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September Guild Meeting

Tuesday, September 3
2:00 pm ~ Lounge
Bible Study Led by Pastor Dan Bodin
Hope to see you there!



**38th Biennial LWML
Convention - Highlights**

Mobile, Alabama
June 20-23, 2019

**LWML Sets 2019-2021 Mission Goal
\$2.1 Million**

Over 3,100 people attended the LWML Convention in Mobile, Alabama! Celeste Gifford, Muriel Janneke, and Mary Torno attended from South Shore Trinity. Delegates to the 38th Biennial Convention of the LWML adopted a \$2.1 million mission goal for the 2019-2021 biennium. This goal, by the grace of God, will fund 21 mission grants as men and women respond in prayer and offerings during the next two years.

Ysleta is a mission that South Shore Trinity supports and is receiving one of these grants. Ysleta Lutheran Mission Human Care in El Paso, Texas, is receiving \$98,400 for music outreach, classes, and resources on the border! They have a longstanding history of excellence in outreach and music education on the border.

A list of our new mission grants can be found at www.lwml.org. Of our Mites collected here at South Shore Trinity and sent to Minnesota South District, only 25% goes to the national Mite goal. The remaining 75% goes towards our district mission grants.



Several offerings were taken at the convention and the current totals are as follows:

Mission in Motion Pledge Walk - \$60,047.79
Tee Up 4 Mites Golf Outing - \$9,356.60
Offering #1 - \$43,798.00

The collection from the pledge walk, the golf outing, and Offering #1 will go toward our new mission goal.

Offering #2, 3, 4 - \$88,457.08

Our Gifts from the Heart: \$33,630 in gift card donations, 8,436 Arch books, 1,161 Hygiene kits, 926 Bibles, etc.

**Praise the Lord! To Him be the glory!
Thank you for your support of the LWML!**



The convention was a time to see friends and family from other churches around the country and a time to make new friends! Pictured with Celeste Gifford is John Strutt's sister from Michigan. Saturday morning procession included these 76 flags, each flag representing a country in which LWML has supported a mission grant.

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Main Street Living is a Lutheran Television program that is endorsed by the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.

The broadcast has two parts. Re-mastered episodes of the Emmy award-winning Lutheran Hour Ministries "This is the Life" program were originally aired from the 1950's to the 1980's. This program has been re-mastered to the modern format.

The Worship Service is produced locally and features a different presenter each week selected from the Pastors in each broadcast area. Pastor Gehrke is the presenter on Sunday, August 25. To view the program produced for your area, go to www.mainstreetliving.com and select Twin Cities, or the city which is closest to you.

Check your local listing for the time and channel it airs in your area. The channel also varies with cable systems.

The program is financially supported by the viewers and congregations in each viewing area.

Summer Issue of the Lutheran Woman's Quarterly

We still have copies of the summer issue of the *Quarterly*! Please pick up a copy from the kiosk in the Commons Area. It has excellent articles and Bible studies!

They're back with a new musical!



SAVE THE DATE!

Sunday, November 10, 2:00 p.m.

Followed by

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

Please note, we are receiving a group discount on these tickets and there is no processing fee, which is a savings of \$18 per ticket.

A Piece of History from Our 1952 Church

A plaque explaining the significance of the stained-glass window, displayed on the east wall of our sanctuary, has been given in memory of Wally Meier.

Wally Meier and Pete Peltier removed this stained-glass window from our 1952 church before the church was demolished in 1991. Pete and Fae Peltier's daughter, Annette (Magnuson) Chamberlain, with help from her father and sister, repaired the stained-glass window, set it in a frame for display in the sanctuary, and gave it to the church in memory of her husband, Robert Magnuson.

To God Be the Glory

**Join Us for Ladies Chat Time
August 20 at 12:30pm**

**Café Cravings on County Road E
White Bear Lake
Food, Fun, Fellowship**



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A MEASURE OF OUR LOVE

Actual Income to General Fund in June.....	\$ 47,123.00
Actual Expenses in June	\$ 55,618.00
Year-to-Date Actual Income (July 1, 2018–June 30, 2019) ..	\$ 696,965.00
Year-to-Date Actual Expenses (July 1, 2018–June 30, 2019)	\$ 721,223.00
Year-to-Date Income less Expense	\$ -24,258.00

ATTENDANCE

Average Regular Attendance in June	
Saturday.....	64
Sunday 8:00am.....	82
Sunday 9:45am.....	83
Total Average Attendance in June	212

Biblical Stewardship

Biblical Stewardship: It's About Heart

Biblical stewardship calls a Christian to give back to God through tithing. The word "tith" merely means "a tenth." A Christian, therefore, ought to set aside a tenth of his or her income for God.

For God, tithing is not only about a percentage. Tithing has more to do with one's heart during the act of giving than the actual amount given to God. The Bible offers this story: "As he looked up, Jesus saw the rich putting their gifts into the temple treasury. He also saw a poor widow put in two very small copper coins. 'I tell you the truth,' he said, 'this poor widow has put in more than all the others. All these people gave their gifts out of their wealth; but she out her poverty put in all she had to live on'" (Luke 21:1-4). The woman gave two copper coins-what amounted to a fraction of a penny. This seems a trivial amount. However, God viewed her trivial amount with more regard than the large offerings of the rich. Why? By giving all she had, the woman showed utter devotion to God. She was willing to offer everything she possessed to show love to God.

Biblical stewardship is a giving out of devotion rather than duty. It's about the heart of the giver-the Christian willing to give out of poverty, not wealth.

Biblical Stewardship: Giving to Others and Making a Stand

Biblical stewardship provides help for the less fortunate. The Bible states, "Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world" (James 1:27). Giving does not end with tithing. God asks that the giving heart be extended to those who need it most-widows, orphans, and the poor. As a Christian, one must reach out to those in need, sharing the blessings one has received from God. Even after understanding that money does not satisfy, a Christian may find it difficult to let go of more money by giving to those in need. However, the Bible promises, "A generous man will himself be blessed, for he shares his food with the poor" (Proverbs 22:9). The generous person -- the one with the heart of a giver -- finds blessings in giving. When one offers money to others, one receives wealth in many other ways. As a Christian it is time to make a stand for God. Matthew 6:24 states, "No one can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money."

Between God and money, which will you choose to love?

<https://www.allaboutgod.com/biblical-stewardship.htm>





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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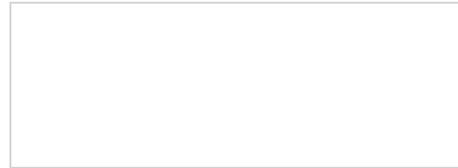


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Summer Office Hours

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
Rev. Dan Bodin Associate Pastor
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Jolene Erickson Preschool Director
Ruth Oczak Preschool Assistant
Casey Kaupang Preschool Assistant
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Celeste Gifford Parish Nurse
Bethany Brandvold Praise Team Leader

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