

TRINITY TIMES

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

GOD'S MISSION FOR SST

- Sharing, Caring, Growing in Christ

CORE VALUES

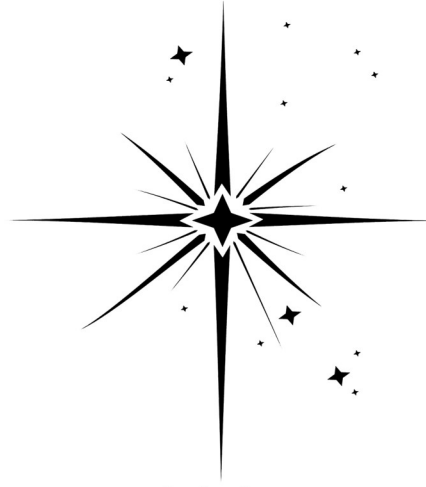
- Bible-centered Preaching and Teaching
- Worship
- Community Outreach
- Caring Relationships
- Family Focus
- Sharing God's Word

WELCOME ...

to the December 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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CHRISTMAS



DECEMBER 2020 A.D.



Wednesday, December 2

11:00am Mid-week Advent Worship
6:30pm Mid-week Advent Family Worship

Saturday, December 5

5:30pm Traditional Worship w/Holy Communion

Sunday, December 6

8:00am Traditional Worship w/Holy Communion
10:45am Praise Team Worship w/Holy Communion

Wednesday, December 9

11:00am Mid-week Advent Worship
6:30pm Mid-week Advent Family Worship

Saturday, December 12

5:30pm Traditional Worship w/Holy Communion

Sunday, December 13

8:00am Traditional Worship
10:45am Worship with Holy Communion

Wednesday, December 16

11:00am Mid-week Advent Worship
6:30pm Mid-week Advent Family Worship

Saturday, December 19

5:30pm Traditional Worship w/Holy Communion

Sunday, December 20

8:00am Traditional Worship w/Holy Communion
10:45am Praise Team Worship w/Holy Communion

Tentative Christmas Eve services. Actual services will be announced after December 6.

Christmas Eve, December 24

2:00pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship
4:00pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship
7:00pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship
11:00pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship w/Holy Communion

Christmas Day, December 25

10:00am Worship with Holy Communion

Saturday, December 26

5:30pm Traditional Worship w/Holy Communion

Sunday, December 27

8:00am Traditional Worship
10:45am Worship with Holy Communion

New Year's Eve, December 31

5:30pm New Year's Eve Worship w/Holy Communion



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 enabled to use her gifts in ministry to the people of the world.

Hi Ladies,

Thanksgiving found us with a different Thanksgiving with COVID. However, the Lord has given us many things to be THANKFUL for. We had 12 ladies at our November meeting. The ladies colored cards "Oh give thanks to the Lord.....". The ladies could send them to whomever they chose to. It was a fun activity, along with getting a supply of cards, napkins, etc. from the Book Nook and a devotion on "Reaping a Bountiful Harvest." The greatest gift was the fellowship with Christian women.

Here it is December 1st. The beginning of the Advent season and preparing for the birth of our Lord and Savior. We will have a Christmas party this year on Tuesday, December 1st at 1:00pm. Our program will start in the sanctuary as we will be singing (what is Christmas without carol singing) with masks on as we do on Sunday. Then we will move to the newly refurbished lounge for sharing of Christmas memories, fellowship, and treats. Our theme will be "The Blessings of Christmas Today."

Of course things will be a little different this year. We will not have a gift exchange as many of you are probably not out shopping. Instead we will have a free will offering and the money will go toward gifts for a needy family. Karen Kropelnicki has offered to do the shopping for us. We will be sending Christmas cards to our shut-ins instead of putting cookie boxes together for them. I'm sure they will miss them but we feel this would be the safest way.



We will also be installing our new officers at this meeting. The new officers are:

Gloria Kopp and Robyn Stuemke as Co-Chairman
Terry Borkenhagen as Vice President
Karen Kropelnicki as Secretary
Joanne Lundgren as Treasurer

We are thankful that they are willing to serve. Pray for them as they meet the challenges ahead. I, LuErna, would like to thank all of you for the opportunity of serving you during the past three years. You were all so willing to help when asked to do so which made the job easy for me. I know you will work with the new board too as we are all serving our Lord and Savior.

CHRISTIAN GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES

Parents of students Pre-K through 12th grade,

We pray you and your child(ren) are doing well. Below are a few updates in regards to upcoming events/happenings in December and into the New Year. As always, keep an eye on our website and your email for updates and more information.

Sunday School:

Reminder that Sunday School lessons are available on our website. They are password protected. If you are in need of the password please let Bethany know and she will get that information to you. Due to the increase in COVID cases, alongside the revised guidelines, and most importantly out of love for our neighbor, the Board of Education decided to temporarily suspend in-person Sunday School lessons through December 31st, 2020. We will keep an eye on the situation and continue to keep you updated.

Wednesday Night Family Service/Activity Projects:

Due to the increase in COVID cases, alongside the revised guidelines, and most importantly out of love for our neighbor, the Board of Education decided to temporarily suspend our in-person Family Service/Activity projects through December 31st, 2020. We will keep an eye on the situation and continue to keep you updated.

The Foundry:

We are happy to announce our new K-5th grade Wednesday night ministry name.... The Foundry! This group used to be known as Kingdom Kids, and over the last 1.5 years has become something different per the participating kids' preferences. It has become a space where we are continuing to lay a firm foundation of faith for all kids at SST through extended learning about God and his presence in their lives. A foundry is where metal is melted down, and poured into its new mold. The Foundry felt fitting as we were drawn to this verse: 2 Corinthians 5:17- "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come." At the early stages of a child's life we are laying a foundation for a vibrant and rich faith, just as we promised at their baptism when God made them new, and as he continues to make them new through Jesus' sacrifice.

The Forge:

We are happy to announce our new Youth Ministry group name, as voted on by the youth.... The Forge! You will start to hear this used in reference to weekly Wednesday night activities, and events for all 6th-12th graders. The Forge came to be from and is based on Proverbs 27:17- "Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another." 6th-12th graders have entered into a space where their faith is becoming their own- it is in this time where they are beginning to experience the forging of their faith, one we pray will become strong as God continues to form them through their experiences and as he uses us at SST to support and encourage their faith walk.

6th-12th Graders:

Due to the increase in COVID cases, the revised guidelines, and most importantly out of love for our neighbor, the Board of Youth has made the decision to temporarily suspend our Wednesday night dinners. Confirmation and High School Youth Group are still being offered in-person and online from 7-8:05pm. Starting 12/2/20, we have Advent Worship from 6:30-7:00pm, in which all are encouraged to attend. We will continue to assess the situation and keep you updated.

Youth Christmas Party (6th-12th):

We will be hosting our Youth Christmas party on December 4th from 7-9pm. Please register your youth online here if they would like to join: <https://sstwbl.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/604695>. We will be enjoying Elf the movie and Elf themed snacks around a few other fun activities. See the event link above for all the details.

We look forward to teaching and investing in your kids!
Pastor Bob, Pastor Dan, Bethany, Board of Education and Board of Youth

WEDNESDAYS

Women's Bible Study

A weekly study for women (member & non-member)
Place: Upstairs [2-6]
Time: 9:30am
Contact: LuErna Sawyer, 651-464-7820

Young-at-Heart Bible Class

Place: Fellowship Hall [B22] & Zoom
Time: 9:30am
Contact: Pastor Bob Gehrke, 651-429-4293

MOPS (Mothers Of Preschoolers)

Place: Lounge [F8]
Time: 6:30-7:30pm
Dates: 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month
Contact: Trista Bodin 320-492-3540

6th-7th Grade Confirmation

Place: Fellowship Hall [B22] & Zoom
Time: 7:00pm
Contact: Pastor Bodin, 651-429-4293
PastorDan@sstwbl.org

8th-9th Grade Confirmation

Place: Conference Rom [B9A] & Zoom
Time: 7:00pm
Contact: Pastor Bob Gehrke, 651-429-4293
Pastor@sstwbl.org

THURSDAYS

Women's Bible Study

Place: Upstairs [2-6]
Time: 9:00am
Contact: Sharon Calhoun,
651-426-2592

Women's Bible Study

Place: Conference Room [B9A]
Time: 9:30am
Contact: Joanne Lundgren

Adult Bible Study

Place: Fellowship Hall [B22] & Zoom
Time: 7:00pm
Contact: Pastor Gehrke, 651-429-4293

SUNDAYS

Adult Bible Study

Topic: Psalms
Place: Fellowship Hall [Room B22]
Time: 9:30am
Contact: Pastor Gehrke, 651-429-4293



SHARING, CARING, GROWING IN CHRIST!

STEWARDSHIP CORNER



A MEASURE OF OUR LOVE

Actual Income to General Fund in October	\$ 49,245.00
Actual Expenses in October	\$ 71,553.11
Year-to-Date Actual Income	\$212,304.37
Year-to-Date Actual Expenses	\$220,877.98
Year-to-Date Income less Expense	\$ -8,573.61

The Mitten Tree has become a tradition at South Shore Trinity and is another way you can show others that you care during Christmas.

Place your donations of new mittens, hats, and scarves, on or under the Christmas tree in the Commons area.

The mitten tree collection will be given to the children and families served at Trinity First Lutheran School.

Donations are accepted through December 15.



The Board of Stewardship would like to thank everyone who contributed to the Thanksgiving Food Drive for the White Bear Lake Emergency Food Shelf. 168 pounds of food and \$471, in cash and gift cards, was donated this year. Thank you to Glenn Borkenhagen for delivering the food.

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 . . .

Pastor Bob Gehrke..... Senior Pastor
Pastor Dan Bodin..... Associate Pastor
Bethany Brandvold DCE & Praise Team Leader
Jolene Erickson Preschool Director
Ruth Oczak..... Preschool Assistant
Ron & Shirley Wenzel Custodial Team
Celeste Gifford..... Parish Nurse
Sally Ackerley Office Manager
Carol Gerlach..... Financial/Office Assistant

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