

## Zechariah: Your Kingdom Come!

### 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 February 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](http://www.sstwbl.org).

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Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

The season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on February 17<sup>th</sup>. This year we will be focusing on the book of Zechariah on Ash Wednesday, the Sundays in Lent, Holy Week, and Easter. We will be adapting material that the Rev. Dr. Reed Lessing, professor at Concordia University, St. Paul has shared with us. The prophet Zechariah's chief concern is God's kingdom. Throughout all fourteen chapters, Zechariah joyfully announces that God's kingdom is coming through Jesus Christ our Lord.

I think you will be surprised how often the book of Zechariah points to *Jesus*. The book of Zechariah abounds with stunning portraits of our Savior. Jesus serves as the prophet's Interpreting Messenger throughout the first six chapters. Zechariah calls Jesus a "Sprout" (3:8; 6:12), "Servant" (3:8) and "Stone" (3:9). It is in his last six chapters, though, that the prophet describes Jesus in much more compelling ways. Jesus is righteous and humble (9:9). His blood of the covenant sets prisoners free (9:11). He is the church's Cornerstone, Tent Peg and Battle Bow (10:4). Then, in a dramatic twist of fate, Christ is detested (11:8), sold for thirty pieces of silver (11:12), struck so his sheep scatter (13:7) and finally pierced and killed (12:10). In the end, however, God's kingdom comes—finally and permanently, in pristine beauty (14:9, 16, 17).

*Ash Wednesday* "First Things First" (Zechariah 1:1–6)

*Lent 1* "It's Tool Time!" (Zechariah 1:18–21)

*Lent 2* "Silencing Satan" (Zechariah 3:1–10)

*Lent 3* "Who Will Take the Garbage Out?" (Zechariah 5:5–11)

*Lent 4* "First Secure Your Own Oxygen Mask" (Zechariah 8:20–23)

*Lent 5* "The Redeemer's Refinery" (Zechariah 13:1–2)

*Palm Sunday* "Expectations Meet Reality" (Zechariah 9:9–10)

*Maundy Thursday* "Covenant Blood" (Zechariah 9:11–12)

*Good Friday* "God is Dead!" (Zechariah 12:10–14)

*Easter* "All Things New!" (Zechariah 14:8–11)

I'm excited, along with Pastor Dan, to share these messages with you. Please join us in praying that these services and messages will be a blessing to all who hear them. This Lent, let us rejoice, for God's kingdom comes to you—through Jesus our Lord!

Pastor Bob Gehrke

# worship WITH US



Saturday, February 6  
 5:30pm Traditional Worship w/Holy Communion  
 Sunday, February 7  
 \*8:00am Traditional Worship w/Holy Communion  
 \*10:45am Praise Team Worship w/Holy Communion

Saturday, February 13  
 5:30pm Traditional Worship w/Holy Communion  
 Sunday, February 14  
 \*8:00am Traditional Worship  
 10:45am Worship with Holy Communion



Wednesday, February 17  
 \*11:00am Ash Wednesday worship with Holy Communion and Ashes  
 6:30pm Ash Wednesday worship with Holy Communion and Ashes

Saturday, February 20  
 5:30pm Traditional Worship w/Holy Communion  
 Sunday, February 21  
 \*8:00am Traditional Worship w/Holy Communion  
 \*10:45am Praise Team Worship w/Holy Communion

Wednesday, February 24  
 \*11:00am Midweek Lenten Service  
 6:30pm Midweek Lenten Service

Saturday, February 27  
 5:30pm Traditional Worship w/Holy Communion  
 Sunday, February 28  
 \*8:00am Traditional Worship  
 10:45am Worship with Holy Communion

\*this service is live-streamed

*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.*

Ladies,

We are looking forward to the opportunity to lead Trinity Guild this year. We are thankful for help from our board members and the rest of membership. Thank you LuErna Sawyer for being Guild President for the past three years!



We invite Trinity Guild members as well as any women interested, to attend our February 2, 2021 meeting at 1:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Attend in person, wear a mask, and we will social distance by sitting four people at round tables.

Robyn Stuemke and Gloria Kopp  
 Trinity Guild Co-Presidents

## "Who Wants Jesus to Die?"

"Who Wants Jesus to Die?" At first glance, this seems like a very odd question. Who in the world would want Jesus to die? Surely, not us! However, we live in a sinful and fallen world. There are many forces at work that are actively opposed to God and His plan to save us. Persecution is something God promises we will have to endure. Throughout God's Word, we read about believers who suffered for their faith and how we will also suffer for our faith. Thankfully, God keeps promising to faithfully be with us every single step of the way! He also reassures us time and time again that He is in charge and nothing can stop His plans for us. As Jesus said to both His disciples and us, "In this world, you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." (John 16:33)

During our Wednesday Lenten services, we will dive further into the question "Who Wants Jesus To Die?" We will spend our time exploring God's Word on how these individuals wanted Jesus to die: the Father, Satan, Barabbas, the High Priest, Pilate, and Judas. Jesus faced persecution and opposition in His life. Through all these struggles, Jesus both endured and triumphed. As we see how these individuals were opposed to Jesus, we will hear about the persecution and struggles we face today. We will also hear about how God is faithfully with us and how nothing can stop His plan to save us!

Starting Feb. 17, worship will be in-person and live-streamed at 11:00am every Wednesday. We will unfortunately not be having any meals or fellowship before or after worship. We will participate with our area churches in a "pulpit exchange" and will spend time in God's Word with different pastors.

# CHRISTIAN GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES

## Parents of students Pre-K through 12th grade,

Below are updates for February, as well as a reminder of the current weekly education programming available to you. As always, keep an eye on our website and your email for updates and more information. Please note that calendar(s) containing important information for this Spring Semester were emailed to you back in January- please email Bethany if you need it sent again.

## Sunday School:

We will be offering in-person Sunday School lessons beginning on February 7th. Online Sunday School will continue to be provided throughout the rest of the school year. If your child(ren) will be joining us in-person, a mask is required and must be worn at all times. If anyone within your family is having COVID symptoms or has been in contact with someone who has COVID, or are experiencing symptoms of cold or flu, we ask that your entire family stays home and joins in online Sunday School. If you have questions, feel free to reach out to [bethany@sstwbl.org](mailto:bethany@sstwbl.org)

## Fleece Blanket Service Project:

We are conducting our Fleece Blanket service project during the month of February. Check your email for instructions on sizing and how to make these blankets, we also have print out of the instructions just outside the church office. You can either purchase supplies yourself, or we have blanket kits available for pick up at church (thanks to a Thrivent Action Grant) starting February 6th/7th! Collection of completed blankets will occur at church on February 27th/28th. We hope you will join in making blankets for the kids at Children's Hospital!

## MOPS:

MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) will return to in-person meeting beginning on February 3rd. MOPS takes place on the 1st & 3rd Wednesday nights from 6:30-7:30pm (childcare is available). Our goal is to re-introduce a meal time once things begin to settle with COVID. If you would like to participate in MOPS and have not yet registered, you can do so here: <https://sstwbl.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/465857>

## The Foundry:

The Foundry is our mid-week (Wednesday Night) programming for kids grades K-5th. This will take place on the 2nd & 4th Wednesdays of every month beginning February 10th from 6:30-7:00pm. Our goal is to expand this program both in time and engagement (such as including a meal) over this next year. Please register your child(ren) here if you plan to have them attend: <https://sstwbl.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/666427>

## The Forge:

The Forge is our mid-week programming for youth grades 6th-12th. It takes place every Wednesday evening from 6:00-7:00pm, and consists of game time and a short youth only worship time (sing a couple songs and pray). Our goal is to re-introduce a meal time once things begin to settle with COVID. In March we will have both a youth event and youth service night coming up- please keep an eye on the Church Center app for all the details!

## Confirmation:

Confirmation will continue to take place both in-person and online from 7:00-8:05pm every Wednesday evening.

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: Conference Room [B9A]

Time: 9:30am

Contact: LuErna Sawyer, 651-464-7820

### Young-at-Heart Bible Class

Topic: Gospel of Matthew

Place: Lounge [F8 & Zoom]

Time: 9:30am

Contact: Pastor Bob Gehrke, 651-429-4293

### 6th-7th Grade Confirmation

Place: Lounge [F8] & Zoom

Time: 7:00pm

Contact: Pastor Bodin, 651-429-4293

[PastorDan@sstwbl.org](mailto: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](mailto:Pastor@sstwbl.org)

## THURSDAYS

### Women's Bible Study

Place: Lounge [F8]

Time: 9:00am

Contact: Sharon Calhoun, 651-426-2592

### Women's Bible Study

Place: Conference Room [B9A]

Time: 9:30am

Contact: Joanne Lundgren 651-429-1571

### Adult Bible Study

Topic: 1 John

Place: Conference Room [B9A] & Zoom

Time: 7:00pm

Contact: Pastor Gehrke, 651-429-4293

## SUNDAYS

### Adult Bible Study

Topic: Book of Daniel

Place: Fellowship Hall [Room B22]

Time: 9:30am

Contact: Pastor Gehrke  
651-429-4293

### Adult Bible Study

Topic: "Every One  
His Witness"

Place: Lounge [F8]

Time: 9:30am

Contact: Pastor Bodin  
651-429-4293



# SHARING, CARING, GROWING IN CHRIST!



## A MEASURE OF OUR LOVE

Actual Income to General Fund in December .....	\$ 98,039.00
Actual Expenses in December .....	\$ 58,637.00
Year-to-Date Actual Income .....	\$ 376,670.00
Year-to-Date Actual Expenses .....	\$ 336,900.00
Year-to-Date Income less Expense.....	\$ 39,770.00

## Camp Omega Summer camp 2021 registration is open!!!! Get ready for a summer that changes lives!

What you need to know about summer 2021:

- Summer camp is a life-changing and Christ-filled experience where campers get to build community in the outdoors.
- Early registration discounts end on March 1.
- There are programs for all ages and all interests.
- Camp has plans in place regarding the safety of guests and campers during this pandemic.

Camps fill up quickly, so register soon!

### Camp Omega Scholarships

We are giving scholarships for our children and youth to attend Camp Omega this summer through the SST Endowment Fund. Information sheets/scholarship application forms are on the counter outside the church office. Please email Muriel at [mjanneke@comcast.net](mailto:mjanneke@comcast.net) if you would like this emailed to you. For more information about summer camp at Camp Omega and to register online, go to [www.campomega.org](http://www.campomega.org) Questions, contact Muriel Janneke at 612-709-2985.

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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 . . .

Pastor Bob Gehrke..... Senior Pastor  
 Pastor Dan Bodin..... Associate Pastor  
 Bethany Meyer ..... 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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