

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 January 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 Sisters and Brothers in Christ.

As we near the end of 2020, and approach the new year, some questions have been on my mind. What will 2021 hold? Will it be a good year? Or a bad year? Will we see the end of COVID-19 disrupting our lives, or will it continue? Will church attendance return to what it was before the pandemic? What is in store for God's people here at South Shore Trinity?

And, as is with any year, the disciples of Jesus here at South Shore Trinity will surely experience blessings. Personally, I am looking forward to the birth of my fourth child, praying of course that all goes well, and that mom and baby get through that safely and are healthy. And 2021 will bring the birth of other children and grandchildren, as God blesses and creates life.

Also, as is with any year, the disciples of Jesus here at South Shore Trinity will also surely experience pain and loss. Sadly, this year will include funerals and memorial services. Loved ones will go to be with their Savior in heaven, and we will mourn their passing, grieving the loss and processing the grief. 2021 will continue to create "new normals" for individuals to have to get used to.

But thankfully, 2021 will still include the love of our God, who remains constant in his perfect love for us. Hebrews 13:8 reminds us that, "*Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.*" Jesus, who out of His great love for humanity, came down from heaven, lived the perfect life, died on the cross to pay the penalty of our sin, and then rose victoriously over death. Jesus, ever-persistent in his coming to save, will continue His redemptive work in 2021.

And Jesus' name will continue to be proclaimed here in White Bear and beyond, as God continues to work through His Church here on earth. Not just from this building, or not just because of the staff working here, but because God will use the disciple of Jesus here at South Shore Trinity, calling us to spread His Gospel. In the relationships you already have, in your families, among your coworkers, your classmates, and life-long friends, God will use you to speak truth and life, as He give you opportunity. And speaking truth in life will happen not just in the blessings, but in the pain and loss, and everywhere in between.

So, as we end 2020, and look ahead to 2021, I will leave you with what it says in Numbers 6:24-26 "*The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.*" Amen.

In His grip,
+Pastor Dan Bodin



JANUARY 2021 A.D.

worship WITH US

New Year's Eve, December 31

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

Saturday, January 2

5:30pm Traditional Worship w/Holy Communion

Sunday, January 3

8:00am Traditional Worship w/Holy Communion

10:45am Praise Team Worship w/Holy Communion

Saturday, January 9

5:30pm Traditional Worship w/Holy Communion

Sunday, January 10

8:00am Traditional Worship

10:45am Worship with Holy Communion

Saturday, January 16

5:30pm Traditional Worship w/Holy Communion

Sunday, January 17

8:00am Traditional Worship w/Holy Communion

10:45am Praise Team Worship w/Holy Communion

Saturday, January 23

5:30pm Traditional Worship w/Holy Communion

Sunday, January 24

8:00am Traditional Worship

10:45am Worship with Holy Communion

Saturday, January 30

5:30pm Traditional Worship w/Holy Communion

Sunday, January 31

8:00am Traditional Worship

10:45am Worship with 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.

Happy New Year Ladies!

As we begin this new year we have two new co-presidents. They are Gloria Kopp, and Robyn Stuemke. We are looking forward to them leading our Guild this year. The rest of the board is; Terry Borkenhagen as Vice-president, Joanne Lundgren as Treasurer, and Karen Kropelnicki as Secretary.

At this time we want to thank LuErna Sawyer for being Guild President for the last three years. We are so grateful for all the time and energy she put into leading our guild. Please let her know how much you appreciated all she has done.

We will not meet in January, but there will be a winter workshop in January 30th, that will be virtual. This is put on by LWML St Paul Metro Zone. The theme will "Persevering With Hope". The speaker will be Dr. Reed Lessing. More details will follow.

Our next Guild meeting will be February 2nd, at 1 p.m. This will be our Guild's 75th birthday! How Blessed we are! So mark you calendars for the next Guild meeting.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at our next meeting.



CHRISTIAN GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES

Parents of students Pre-K – 12th grade,

We wish you and your family blessings as you start the New Year! Below are a few updates in regards to upcoming events/happenings in January. 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 have been emailed to you.

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

Fleece Blanket Service Project:

We will be conducting a Fleece Blanket Service Project in February. Please stay tuned for more details on how your family can get involved and bring joy to kids at the Children's hospital.

Wednesday Night Family Service/Activity Projects:

We began this as an opportunity to provide something in place of a pause on our mid-week programming for younger kids. Because we will be starting mid-week programming up again, our Family Service/Activity projects on Wednesday nights will no longer take place.

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/7465857>

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 in February 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 (Wednesday Night) programming for youth grades 6th-12th. This will take place every Wednesday evening from 6:00-7:00pm beginning on January 20th and will include 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.

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: Upstairs [2-13]

Time: 9:30am

Contact: LuErna Sawyer, 651-464-7820

Young-at-Heart Bible Class

Place: Conference Rom [B9A] & Zoom

Time: 9:30am

Contact: Pastor Bob Gehrke, 651-429-4293

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 [2-13]

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

Place: Fellowship Hall [B22] & Zoom

Time: 7:00pm

Contact: Pastor Gehrke, 651-429-4293

SUNDAYS

Adult Bible Study

Topic: Book of Daniel (Beginning January 10)

Place: Fellowship Hall [Room B22]

Time: 9:30am

Contact: Pastor Gehrke, 651-429-4293

Adult Bible Study

Topic: "Every One His Witness"

Place: Lounge [Room F8]

Time: 9:30am

Contact: Pastor Bodin, 651-429-4293

SHARING, CARING, GROWING IN CHRIST!

STEWARDSHIP CORNER



A MEASURE OF OUR LOVE

Actual Income to General Fund in November	\$ 66,326.40
Actual Expenses in November	\$ 57,451.55
Year-to-Date Actual Income	\$278,630.77
Year-to-Date Actual Expenses	\$278,262.77
Year-to-Date Income less Expense	\$368.00

Dear Christian Friends,

Thank you so much for your gift to our little family during such a rough time. It was a blessing that showed us God through the beautiful hearts and gifts of our Christian friends. We know we are not alone in this very difficult time and really appreciate the funds that were gifted to us. Thank you so much.

Love a very grateful family.

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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 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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