

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 June 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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1 Timothy 2:1-2, *"First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high position, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way."*

Dear friends in Christ,

On Tuesday, July 4th, most Americans will be celebrating the 241st anniversary of our country's declaration of independence from Great Britain. Of course that was a long time ago so it's easy for people in our country to forget the sacrifices those who declared and ultimately fought for our independence made for us. Because of their fight we have freedoms few people possess in other countries. Personally, as a historian, I wish more people knew and understood what sacrifices they made and then thank God for their courage and the blessings we enjoy as citizens in this country. After all, we have been blessed by God to be living in this country whose Founders were willing to fight for our independence. The authors of the Declaration of Independence made some important statements about our Creator and those whom He created when they wrote, "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness." According to this document, our Creator created all of us and He wants all of us to treat others equally by doing what we can to protect their life, their freedom, and their search for happiness. While these are lofty and ideal, they are difficult to put into practice because all of us are born in sin. As a result, we have seen a variety of different opinions about how one's life, liberty, and pursuit of happiness should be interpreted and allowed in our country. When it comes to life, it is important, as Christians, for us to speak up for those who are unable to speak up for themselves, in the womb, with disabilities, and other limitations. And not only speak up, but seek to help them when and where we are able. Our Creator God loves every single person He created so much that He sent Jesus, His Son, to save us all, so let us show His love to all as we are able.

The verse at the top of the page was written by the Apostle Paul to a young pastor named Timothy. It is a very important passage for us to hear as Christian citizens because our leaders need our prayers, not only President Trump, Congress, and the Supreme Court and those who work with them in their respective branches but also Governor Dayton, our Legislature, and state courts, and those who serve locally. They serve to protect and help us in a number of ways, so please join me in praying for all of them every day. As Paul wrote, *"First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high position, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way."*

Pastor Bob Gehrke

JULY 2017 A.D.

WORSHIP AND OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

Thursday, June 29

6:30 pm *Traditional Worship*

Sunday, July 2

8:00 am *Traditional Worship*

9:45 am *Praise Team Worship*

Thursday, July 6

6:30 pm *Traditional Worship*

Sunday, July 9

8:00 am Traditional Worship

9:45 am Lakeside Worship

Thursday, July 13

6:30 pm *Traditional Worship*

Sunday, July 16

8:00 am *Traditional Worship*

9:45 am *Praise Team Worship*

Thursday, July 20

6:30 pm *Traditional Worship*

Sunday, July 23

8:00 am Traditional Worship

9:45 am Lakeside Worship

Thursday, July 27

6:30 pm *Traditional Worship*

Sunday, July 30

8:00 am Traditional Worship

9:45 am Lakeside Worship



Lakeside Worship Services

During the summer months of 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 9:30 a.m. on:

July 9, 23 and 30

August 13 and 27

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

Holy Communion will be offered as part of the worship services that are listed in red italic print.

Church Directory

We will be working on updating the Church Directory over the summer to have a new one printed and available for Rally Day. If nothing has changed for you, we will print your information exactly as we have it now. If something needs to be corrected or changed, please contact the church office via e-mail at: sally@sstwbl.org or call the church office at 651-429-4293.

Besides your name, address and home phone number, we print cell phone numbers and e-mail addresses. Also, if your son/daughter will be going away to college we would like their college mailing address.

Please help us keep our records current by letting the church office know of any changes as they occur.

CHRISTIAN GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES

WEDNESDAYS

Men's Bible Breakfast

An early morning Bible study and breakfast for men

Place: Perkins on County Road D, Maplewood
Time: 6:30 am
Contact: George Kostuch, 651-777-1096

Adult Bible Study

Discuss the Scripture readings and how they fit with the theme, "Loved & Sent", and give insights for the upcoming sermon

Place: Lounge
Time: 9:30 a.m.
Dates: July 5, 12, 19, 26 and August 2
Contact: Pastors Gehrke and Bodin

SUNDAYS

Adult Bible Study

Discuss the "Reflects" written in the book, "Loved & Sent"

Place: Fellowship Hall
Time: 11:00am
Dates: July 5, 12, 19, 26 and August 2
Contact: Pastors Gehrke and Bodin

SUMMER CAMPS

Concordia Academy offers a wide variety of sports camps for boys and girls going into grades 3–12. The 2017 summer camp booklet is now online through the school website. Go to the main webpage at www.concordiaacademy.com and click on the picture that says Summer Athletic Camps to view the booklet and get more information.



Monday–Thursday
7:30am–3:30pm

Camp Omega

Welcome!

The most valuable gift you can give a child is the opportunity to develop independence, self-worth, leadership, responsibility, and most of all, life-long faith in Jesus Christ. At Camp Omega, children develop a stronger sense of self, others, and God; they learn how to navigate the world successfully; they learn resiliency; and they learn the value of healthy, Christ-centered relationships.

Christ-Centered Community

Exploring God's Word together, the camp community learns to live out Jesus' call for love and acceptance.

Fun in God's Creation

Get outside and enjoy the fresh air while participating in swimming, campfires, canoeing, archery, all-camp games, and much more!

Caring Christian Counselors

Living their Christian faith as role models and mentors, our trained counselors help each camper experience a fun and safe environment while learning about Jesus' love and compassion.



Accredited by the American Camping Association

This nationally recognized accreditation process focuses on program quality, health and safety issues. As a part of this process, Camp Omega submits to an independent appraisal by regional camp experts.



Visit www.CampOmega.org for more information.

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SST PRESCHOOL NEWS!

Books! Books! Books!

Here at South Shore Trinity Preschool we LOVE to read books *with* the children. We read books at carpet time, reading time and in our literacy center. Do you have any children in your life you would like to read to? Although we spend a lot of time with books at school, reading at home is just as important to a child's growth!

Reading is a very important activity you can do with a child. Reading to them increases the number of words and sounds available to them, fostering cognitive, emotional, social and even physical development. Most importantly reading can increase a child's knowledge of the Bible, as well as influence their spiritual relationship with God, family and friends!

Reading builds relationships between the child and adult. When adults read to children they are not only learning to identify pictures and learning new words, but building a close and caring contact with the adult.

Reading books to children also provides diverse experiences with people and places that can increase the child's awareness of the world around them. By encouraging these pre-reading skills, a child's positive experience with books helps them build a foundation for a life-long love for reading!

By reading Bible stories to children they can learn about God's love for them and God's love for others. Children learn to share that love with others through reading Bible stories. A Children's Bible or Bible stories with pictures help the child to make a mental picture. Creating a mental picture for the child helps to make the story a reality. Whenever a Bible story is read to a child it is important for them to understand that all stories from the Bible are real and really did happen!

What are the best books to read to my toddler or preschool aged child? In reading with children it is good to use books known as "predictable books". These books provide repetition, rhyme and rhythm in their dialogue. Repeated readings help children become more fluent readers. With the use of repeated readings children's comprehension deepens each time the book is read. An example of a book using repetition is *Bear Wants More*. Books that use rhyme and rhythm have a strong beat. Rhyme and rhythm is typically used at the end of each line, within lines, or in another poetic scheme. An example is: Bill Martin Jr's, *Adam Adam What Do You See?*

Some fun Biblical books to read with children are, *God Gave Us the World* by Lisa Tawn Bergen or *God Made Me* by Helen Haidle. Concordia Publishing House makes great literacy pieces with applicable Bible stories.

Set up a routine of reading books or a Children's Bible with your child on a daily basis. Read at rest time or before your child falls asleep at night. Be a good role model —pick up the Bible or a book to read yourself!

Summer presents the perfect opportunity for visits to the library with the little ones in your life. May God bless your summer experiences!



South Shore Trinity Preschool

July 2017

Upcoming Preschool Dates:

August 7–11:

Vacation Bible School from 9am-12noon

Register your child online at:

www.sstwbl.org

Look for the *Maker Fun Factory* icon



Contact:

Jolene Erickson,
Preschool Director
651.429.4293 ext. 106
or
jolene@sstwbl.org



FELLOWSHIP AND OTHER EVENTS



Registration is Open for VBS

Registration for Preschool (limit of 50 kids) and grades (K - 5th) and Volunteer Signup (we are looking for 75) are now open. Go to: www.sstwb.org and click on the Maker Fun Factory icon.

Dates: Monday, Aug. 7 - Friday, Aug. 11
Cost: Free
Theme: Maker Fun Factory—created by God and built for a purpose!

Any questions please contact:

Rich Carlson at vbs@sstwb.org
or the church office at 651-429-4293

Book Nook Summer Hours

The church library, Book Nook, will be open between services, 9:00am to 9:45am on all indoor services. Enjoy reading books over the summer — use selections from our church library!



Edwin and Joanne Lundgren are celebrating their FIFTIETH wedding anniversary on Saturday, August 5, 2017. An OPEN HOUSE reception will be from 1-4 at SST. (No gifts, please.) Please join us if you can!

South Shore Trinity is changing the way we help provide food support to our neighbors. For many years, SST has accepted food donations from members for our Food Pantry. When people find themselves in need of assistance we would pack up groceries from the Food Pantry to help them out. Over the past year, SST's Food Pantry has not been used enough and the food on the shelves have been brought to the White Bear Area Emergency Food Shelf before it expires.

The Human Care Committee and Board of Stewardship have discussed how we can best serve our neighbors with food support. We have decided to be a collection center for the White Bear Area Emergency Food Shelf.

What does this mean? We will still accept food donations at South Shore Trinity but instead of keeping them on our shelves we will deliver the food to the White Bear area shelf. We will then direct people who contact us for assistance to go there for assistance.

We will also encourage people to volunteer at the White Bear Area Emergency Food Shelf. The following is the opportunities that exist at the WB Food Shelf (as taken from their web-site).

The White Bear Area Emergency Food Shelf relies on volunteers to provide food and support to our neighbors in need. We have a variety of group and individual volunteer opportunities available. All volunteers must complete an application and participate in an orientation before volunteering.

Individual Volunteer Opportunities include:

- **Greeter** - Greet neighbors as they arrive to shop and schedule appointments over the phone.
- **Driver** - Pick up Food Rescue product from various local grocery stores.
- **Stocker** - Help sort items and restock shelves.
- **Market** - Be available to answer questions and provide support to neighbors during their shopping appointment.
- **Special Events** - Help as needed for various food drives and other special events.

For individual opportunities, we generally ask that you make a six-month commitment to work at least two times per month.

Group Volunteer Opportunities Include:

- **KID Pack Assembly Events**
- **Community Roots Garden**
- **Mobile Markets**

For more information about these or other volunteer opportunities please contact Lee, our volunteer coordinator at (651) 407-5310 x223 or email lee@whitebearfoodshelf.org with any questions.

“The LORD is my Rock!”

Psalm 18:2.



***Minnesota South District LWML
invites You
to the***

***Women’s Retreat
Friday, July 28, 2017,
Saturday, July 29, 2017
at***

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Nourish your body & soul!

Servant Event – POBLO

(Make cards; also, purchase & bring gas gift cards of up to \$20)

Registration and information in Summer WOM

Registrar: Darlene Fretham

209 West Central Street, Springfield, MN 56087

(Phone: 507-723-6230; email: darlenefretham@gmail.com)

Cost: \$85 (includes three meals)

**“Trust in the Lord forever, for the Lord God
is an everlasting rock.”**

Isaiah 26:4

STEWARDSHIP CORNER



A MEASURE OF OUR LOVE

Actual Income to General Fund in May 2017	\$ 54,879.27
Actual Expenses in May 2017	\$61,056.93
Year-to-Date Actual Income (July 1–May 2017)	\$707,439.32
Year-to-Date Actual Expenses (July 1–May 2017).....	\$645,107.58
Year-to-Date Income less Expense	\$ 62,331.74

ATTENDANCE

Average Regular Attendance in May 2017	
Saturday	34
Sunday 8:00am	131
Sunday 10:45am	89

Today we will choose joy!

"But let all those rejoice who put their trust in You; Let them ever shout for joy, because You defend them; Let those also who love Your name be joyful in You" (Psalm 5:11).

People's hearts often turn to God when they are in trouble, and yet less often when things are going well. We need to count our blessings, not only at Thanksgiving, but every day of the year.

Paul lists joy, the ability to rejoice even in the darkest of trials, as part of the fruit of God's Spirit—necessary for all Christians to develop in their walk with their Creator.

Count your Blessings

When upon life's billows you are tempest tossed,
When you are discouraged, thinking all is lost,
Count your many blessings, name them one by one,
And it will surprise you what the Lord hath done.

Count your blessings, name them one by one,
Count your blessings, see what God hath done!
Count your blessings, name them one by one,
And it will surprise you what the Lord hath done.

Are you ever burdened with a load of care?
Does the cross seem heavy you are called to bear?
Count your many blessings, every doubt will fly,
And you will keep singing as the days go by.

When you look at others with their lands and gold,
Think that Christ has promised you His wealth untold;
Count your many blessings. Wealth can never buy
Your reward in heaven, nor your home on high.

So, amid the conflict whether great or small,
Do not be disheartened, God is over all;
Count your many blessings, angels will attend,
Help and comfort give you to your journey's end.



Thank you to everyone who helped make 1500 sandwiches for the Minneapolis Homeless Project!

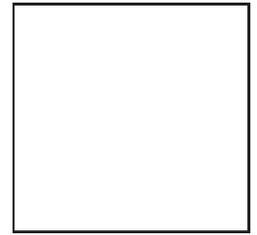
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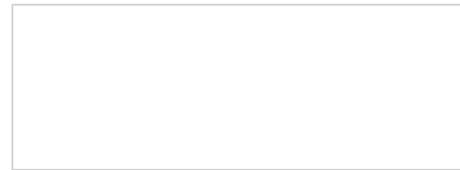
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WE'RE ON THE WEB . . .
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GOD'S VISION FOR US . . .

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 . . .

- Rev. Bob Gehrke Senior Pastor
- Rev. Dan Bodin Associate Pastor
- Sally Ackerley Office Manager
- Carol Gerlach..... Financial/Office Assistant
- Jolene Erickson Preschool Director
- Ruth Oczak..... Preschool Assistant
- Ron & Shirley Wenzel Custodial Team
- Celeste Gifford..... Parish Nurse
- Jill Wiebe Music Coordinator
- Billy Schultz.....Praise Team Leader