

TRINITY TIMES

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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 March 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,

There is a popular phrase that goes, "Life is a Journey, not a destination." In other words, life is what happens when we are busy making plans—plans that often look like destinations, or end points. We get so focused on where we are going, that we can miss the blessing of the "everyday-ness" of life. And this is true, especially for the Christian life.

We can hear in scripture how life can be like walking a path, or like taking a journey. One of my favorite Bible passages is from Proverbs 3:5-6 which says, "*Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.*" (Emphasis added) Every step we take in life is one step closer to finally meeting our God face to face, but the journey along the way includes so much for us, as we follow where Jesus leads.

And it is with this "journey" theme that we approach the coming days of the season of Lent, which starts with Ash Wednesday on March 6th. As we are people living in modern times, with roads and cars, our Lenten journey will be punctuated with familiar sights: Road Signs. During this 40-day season, we will learn about Jesus as we consider road signs such as U-Turn, Stop Sign, Merge, Yield, One Way, Dead End, Road Narrows, Road Work Ahead, and even Road Work Ahead.



Please prayerfully consider joining us on this 40-day journey to contemplate and reflect on what Jesus has done for each and every one of us. How he willingly went to the cross to pay for our sins, how he was placed in a dark tomb, how he rose from the dead defeating death and the grave, giving to us new life and a hope for the future.

Thankfully our faith in God that gets us through our journey of life. The Apostle Paul reminds us in 2 Corinthians 5, "*for we walk by faith, not by sight.*" (Emphasis added) It's this walk of faith that helps us to face the realities of life in a fallen and sinful world. And even as we suffer, we can be encouraged by what it says in 1 Peter 2:21, "*For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps.*" (Emphasis added)

My prayer for you is that you be encouraged and blessed in your walk of faith as we journey with Jesus to the cross this Lenten season.

In His Grip,
+Pastor Dan Bodin

MARCH 2019 A.D.

WORSHIP AND CHRISTIAN GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES

Saturday, March 2

5:30 pm *Traditional Worship*

Sunday, March 3

8:00 am *Traditional Worship*

10:45 am *Praise Team Worship*

Wednesday, March 6

11:00 am *Ash Wednesday Worship*

6:30 pm *Ash Wednesday Worship*

Saturday, March 19

5:30 pm *Traditional Worship*

Sunday, March 10—Daylight Savings

Time Begins

8:00 am Traditional Worship

10:45 am *Blended Worship*

Wednesday, March 13

11:00 am Lent Traditional Worship

6:30 pm Lent Family Worship

Saturday, March 16

5:30 pm *Traditional Worship*

Sunday, March 17

8:00 am *Traditional Worship*

10:45 am *Praise Team Worship*

Wednesday, March 20

11:00 am Lent Traditional Worship

6:30 pm Lent Family Worship

Saturday, March 23

5:30 pm *Traditional Worship*

Sunday, March 24

8:00 am Traditional Worship

10:45 am *Blended Worship*

Thursday, March 27

11:00 am Lent Traditional Worship

6:30 pm Lent Family Worship

Saturday, March 30

5:30 pm *Traditional Worship*

Sunday, March 31

8:00 am Traditional Worship

10:45 am *Blended Worship*

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



MONDAYS

Women's Home Bible Study

Place: Member's home

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Contact: Judy Jarsko 651-429-7133

WEDNESDAYS

Women's Bible Study

A weekly study for women (member & non-member)

Theme: Our Awesome God

Place: Upstairs [2-6]

Time: 9:30am

Contact: LuErna Sawyer, 651-464-7820

Young-at-Heart Bible Class

Begins: March 13 (see page 3 for more information)

Topic: "Blessed by God in a Sin-Cursed World. The Life of Joseph under the Covenant."

Place: Lounge [F8]

Time: 9:30am

Contact: Pastor Norb Streufert

Home Bible Study

Topic: A weekly study of the Books of the Bible

Place: Rotates among group member's homes.

Time: 7:00pm

Contact: George & Celeste Gifford, 651-464-1022

6th—8th Grade Confirmation

Place: 2-6 (7/8th grade classroom)

Time: 7-8:00pm

Contact: Pastor Bodin, 651-429-4293

PastorDan@sstwbl.org

9th Grade Confirmation

Place: Youth Room

Time: 6:45pm

Contact: Pastor Bob Gehrke, 651-429-4293

Pastor@sstwbl.org

THURSDAYS

Topic: 2017 edition of Luther's Small Catechism with Explanation

Place: Lounge [F8]

Time: 7:00pm

Contact: Pastor Gehrke, 651-429-4293

SUNDAYS

Adult Bible Study

Topic: Ambassadors of Reconciliation

Place: Fellowship Hall [Room B22]

Time: 9:30am

Contact: Pastor Gehrke, 651-429-4293

High School Youth Bible Study

Place: Youth Room

Time: 9:30am

Contact: Pastor Dan Bodin

Young Families Small Group

Topic: If you are responsible for the wellbeing and raising of little ones, this study is for you. **Once a month**, we will get together for a meal (please bring along a side dish to share), then the parents will spend time in community and study together, as the children enjoy some supervised playtime.

Date: To be determined

Place: Fellowship Hall and Nursery

Time: 3:30- 6:30pm

Contact: Elizabeth Kylo, 507-514-2950 or emkylo@hotmail.com

SHARING, CARING AND GROWING IN CHRIST

Camp Omega Scholarships Summer fun that changes lives!

Please consider sending your child to Camp Omega this summer. We are giving scholarships for our children and youth to attend Camp Omega this summer through the SST Endowment Fund. Please pick up an information sheet from the Endowment Committee on the counter outside the church office along with a Camp Omega brochure. Camp Omega's deadline for early registration discount is March 1. Questions, contact Muriel Janneke at 651-653-0411 or 612-709-2985.

Lenten Lunches

Join us for Lenten worship at 11am on Wednesdays and stay for lunch and fellowship. Each week a different group is hosting the lunch. Your free-will offering will be matched by SST's Choice Dollars provided through Thrivent.



March 6	Lunch with Jerry/Human Care Committee
March 13	Youth / Tim Lundgren
March 20	Kingdom Kids / Jill Wiebe
March 27	Garden Committee / Cheryl Tantholt

Cast Your Vote

Spring Indoor Movie Night on Friday April 12th at 6:30 pm in church fellowship hall.

We are voting on which movie to show, so go to South Shore Trinity's Facebook page and cast your vote for April's movie!

Voting closes on March 31st so stay tuned for reveal of which movie received the most votes!

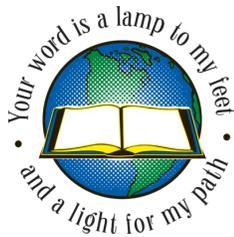


Easter Breakfast

The Youth will again be serving Easter Breakfast from 8:00am—9:30am in the Fellowship Hall on Easter morning. Your free-will offering will benefit the youth attending the National Youth Gathering in July.

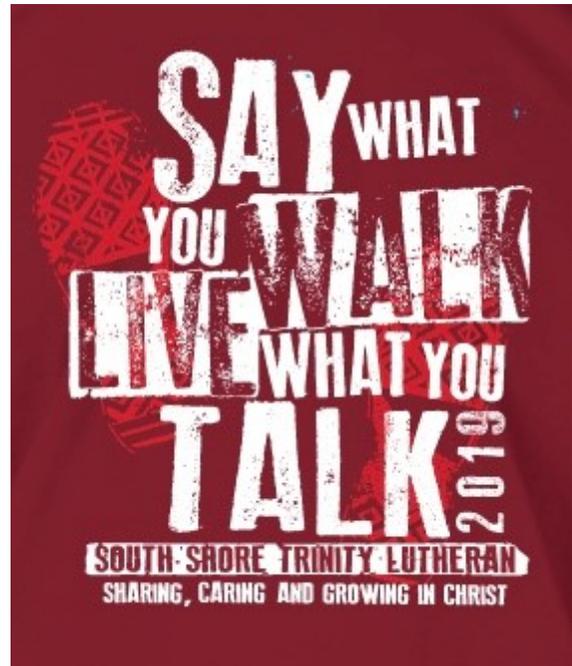
SST'S 2ND ANNUAL BIBLE BOWL IS COMING . . .

Form a team of 3-4 people and start studying the Gospel of Mark. Join in SST's 2nd annual Bible Bowl! Should be a fun afternoon!



APRIL 28, 2019—3PM

Mark your calendar – you don't want to miss this fun competition!



Living out our faith - Sharing, Caring & Growing in Christ. Middle School Youth - "Camp, Serve, & Play Days" Summer 2019. Register online or contact Jill Wiebe for more information at Jill@sstwbl.org

Life of Joseph Series in Genesis

On Wednesday, March 13, the Young-at-Heart Bible Class will start a new series, "Blessed by God in a Sin-Cursed World. The Life of Joseph under the Covenant." Joseph had some heavy experiences in the real world—growing up in a conflicted family, sold into slavery, unjustly imprisoned for years. Then, a marvelous transformation! He was released from prison and appointed by the Pharaoh to be a top level administrator in Egypt. It's a dramatic human interest narrative, often treated as a hero tale (true grit), or a rags to riches success story. But the Book of Genesis shows that these remarkable happenings are worked by God. They are part of His Covenant plan to deal with sin's curse by gathering a chosen people, starting with Abraham. Out of this special family, God's own Son Jesus would be born in the fullness of time, Anointed to rescue us all from sin and death. The Joseph story speaks to us because we have been baptized into Christ, and live under God's New Covenant plan and promises. Our 10-week Bible series will span most of the Lenten and Easter seasons, during which we are renewed in the basics of what God did by Christ's dying and rising to make us His People. We, like Joseph, still live in a sin-cursed world, but are abundantly blessed by God's forgiving love and sustaining strength in Jesus. Our risen Lord enables us to make an impact on the world that is, working through us to bless others. Take part in these studies with us beginning March 13. We meet on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in the Lounge (1st floor near west entrance), led by Pastor Norb Streufert.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER



A MEASURE OF OUR LOVE

Actual Income to General Fund in January 2019	\$ 51,068.00
Actual Expenses in January 2019	\$ 67,137.00
Year-to-Date Actual Income (July 1–January 2019)	\$ 408,403.00
Year-to-Date Actual Expenses (July 1–January 2019)	\$ 421,333.00
Year-to-Date Income less Expense	\$ -12,930.00

ATTENDANCE

Average Attendance in January 2019	
Saturday 5:30pm	51
Sunday 8am	112
Sunday 10:45am	90

TOOLS

Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of the truth. 2 Timothy 2:15

Tools are often thought of as items that we use to work on something. We need many tools in our everyday lives. We use cars as a tool to reach a destination, a wrench as a tool to tighten a bolt, computers and phones to communicate, and knowledge as a tool to teach our children. There is an infinite amount of tools at our disposal to fix what is broken and/or communicate to many.

God has given each of us tools to live our lives successfully while serving the Lord. Some he has given tools of physical labor, others the ability to teach, and all have been given the ability to serve in unique ways. Prayer is a tool to be used daily to bring us closer in our relationship with the Lord. I personally believe that the greatest tool God has given each of us is prayer as in his example of the Lord's Prayer.

All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work. 2 Timothy 3:16-17

9th Annual Soup Sunday March 23 & 24

Matthew 25:35

For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in.

The White Bear Food Shelf receives its funding based on the number of pounds of donations received during the month of March. The Stewardship Board is sponsoring the 9th annual "S.O.U.P. Sunday". All donations will be brought to the WBL Emergency Food Shelf to help with the funding goals.



S.O.U.P.
Sunday

We encourage every disciple, young and old, to participate in S.O.U.P. Sunday by bringing a can of soup to church on or before March 24.

You may also make a cash contribution that will be donated to WBL Food Shelf. One can of soup is a relatively small gesture in itself, but added together we can make a BIG difference.

Church Library

Thank you for using the church lending library! It is a great resource for your reading enjoyment and a good resource for Christian materials and Bible Study helps.

The library is looking for books signed out but not returned by the due date. PLEASE check your homes for books that need to be returned to our library. The date due should be stamped inside the back cover of our books.

We are able to add new items with the monetary gift donations gratefully received from congregation members.

Thank you!

Trinity Guild

Trinity Ladies join us on Tuesday, March 5th at 2:00 in the afternoon for the LWML Prayer Service. All ladies are welcome to join in an afternoon of prayer and praise to our Lord.



The 2019 Prayer Service, written by past LCMS Rocky Mountain District President Rev. Allen D. Anderson, is centered around the acronym for "CARES" and based on Psalm 94:17–19: *If the Lord had not been my help, my soul would soon have lived in the land of silence. When I thought, "My foot slips," your steadfast love, O LORD, held me up. When the cares of my heart are many, your consolations cheer my soul.*