

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 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,

Well, it's officially been a year now. If you remember back to March of 2020, you might recall that your lives may have drastically changed that month. In fact, this month, March 2021 marks the one-year anniversary of our collective efforts to flatten the curve in response to the novel coronavirus.

On, March 13, 2020, Governor Tim Walz declared a state of emergency for the State of Minnesota. On March 15, he then announced the temporary closure of all Minnesota K-12 public schools from March 18 until March 27. And then on March 16, he ordered all non-essential businesses close until March 27, 2020. On March 14, South Shore Trinity broadcast our first live-stream worship service, and on March 21, we all began worshipping online. For some, that was temporary until we opened back up in June. For others, you've only worshipped online since.

The rest of the year consisted of bracing for impact as we experienced wave after wave of COVID numbers going up and down. Some of you got COVID. Some of you know someone who got COVID. It seems we all know someone who has died of COVID. Sadly, not all who encountered this disease had made it through, and have succumbed to this new way to die.

Here we are a year later, and it feels as though almost every aspect of life has changed. It makes one wonder if we'll ever go back to "normal." Will we ever hug each other without that moment of hesitation first? Will handshakes come back as the standard greeting? Will lipstick companies ever bounce back, or will masks be required from now on?

And, for many, the only hope they have, that we will get back to normal, is by taking the vaccine. And not just them, but the only hope they have for the world is if everyone takes the vaccine. The only hope they have is if everyone practices social distancing perfectly. The only hope is if we all quarantine to stop the spread. If only...

As Christians, let's consider how God, in His Word, encourages to respond. And where it is that we are to find our hope. We are encouraged put our faith—not in the actions of man—but in God, and trust in His plan. Hebrews 11:1 says, "*Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.*" The place we Christians find our hope isn't in the eradication or containment of disease, but it's found in the one true God, who loves us and sent the Savior for us, and who give us life everlasting.

The wound inflicted upon society by this past year of COVID will be a scar that will likely stay with us for years to come. The loved ones lost, either to the disease or from self-harm and or substance abuse due to the mental anguish that came from the way we reacted to COVID, will weigh on our hearts. The fear of neighbor, and mistrust of governmental leaders on both sides of the aisle, will have ramifications that may last decades.

But to God be the glory as he continues to walk along side each and every one of us, as we face the reality of living in this sin-filled and broken world. In HIM do we find our hope. In the actions of God, in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, do we find our hope. Matthew 24:35 reminds us, "*Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.*" That word of promise, that word of love, that word of comfort, that word of salvation will be what sustains us now, and forever. Amen.

Serving our Savior,
+Pastor Dan Bodin

MARCH 2021 A.D.

WORSHIP AND CHRISTIAN GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES

worship WITH US

Wednesday, March 3

11:00 am Lent Traditional Worship
6:30 pm Lent Family Worship

Saturday, March 6

5:30 pm Traditional Worship

Sunday, March 7

8:00 am Traditional Worship
10:45 am Traditional Worship

Wednesday, March 10

11:00 am Lent Traditional Worship
6:30 pm Lent Family Worship

Saturday, March 13

5:30 pm Traditional Worship

Sunday, March 14—Daylight Savings Time Begins

8:00 am Traditional Worship
10:45 am Praise Team Worship

Wednesday, March 17

11:00 am Lent Traditional Worship
6:30 pm Lent Family Worship

Saturday, March 20

5:30 pm Traditional Worship

Sunday, March 21- S.O.U.P Sunday

8:00 am Traditional Worship
10:45 am Traditional Worship

Wednesday, March 24

11:00 am Lent Traditional Worship
6:30 pm Lent Family Worship

Saturday, March 27

5:30 pm Traditional Worship

Sunday, March 28-Palm Sunday

8:00 am Traditional Worship
10:45 am Traditional Worship



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

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

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8th–9th Grade Confirmation

Place: Conference Rom [B9A] & Zoom

Time: 7:00pm

Contact: Pastor Bob Gehrke, 651-429-4293

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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

Place: Lounge [F8] & 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

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

A poster for an Easter Egg Hunt. The background is a green field with grass and several colorful Easter eggs (orange, pink with a cross, purple, green, yellow, red). The text reads: 'EASTER EGG HUNT SATURDAY, MARCH 27, 2021 11:00AM-12:30PM'. To the right, it says: 'Join us as we celebrate Easter with an OUTDOOR egg hunt, (weather permitting) followed by a short Easter devotion, and take-home goodie bag.' At the bottom, it says: 'REGISTER ONLINE AT: HTTP://SSTWBL.ORG/FELLOWSHIP OR WITH SALLY IN THE OFFICE'.

SHARING, CARING AND GROWING IN CHRIST

Parents of students Pre-K through 12th grade,
Below are updates for March, 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.

Sunday School:

Sunday School is occurring both in-person and online on Sunday mornings at 9:30am in the choir room (2nd floor). 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:

Thank you to all who participated in the fleece blanket project! It was a huge success, and we donated a lot of blankets to the Children's Hospital. Thank you for shining God's love to those in need!

The Foundry:

The Foundry is our mid-week (Wednesday Night) programming for kids grades K-5th on the 2nd & 4th Wednesdays of every month from 6:30-7:00pm.

The Forge:

The Forge is our mid-week (Wednesday Night) programming for youth grades 6th-12th on every Wednesday evening from 6:00-8:00pm. Easter is in April, we are looking into hosting the Easter Breakfast via drive-thru, keep an eye out for more info. Each month we have a youth event planned, 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

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.



Lutheran Women in Mission Mission Statement

As Lutheran Women in Mission, we joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions, and equip women to honor God by serving others.

Ladies,

We enjoyed our fellowship together at our February meeting. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, March 2 from 1:00 - 3:00pm for a prayer service with Pastor Gehrke. We invite Trinity Guild members, as well as any women interested, to attend. We will meet in person, please wear a mask, and we will social distance by sitting four people at round tables in the Fellowship Hall.

Robyn Stuemke and Gloria Kopp
Trinity Guild Co-Presidents

Praise God

FROM WHOM ALL BLESINGS FLOW!

LWML Reaches 2019-2021 Mission Goal!

The LWML, by God's grace, has reached the mission goal of \$2.1 million set for the 2019-2021 biennium. All mission grants selected for this biennium are funded! Thank you for your generously given Mites, so the LWML can share the love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ!



Hebrews 12:1-2
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Lutheran Women's Missionary League
39th Biennial Convention
June 24-27, 2021 ~ Lexington, Kentucky

As Christians, we all know that God is in control. He guides us in our plans, preparations, and decisions. Please pray for the LWML Board of Directors as they seek His guidance and wisdom as they move forward with plans for a convention that centers on Christ.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER



A MEASURE OF OUR LOVE

Actual Income to General Fund in January 2021	\$ 70,072.00
Actual Expenses in January 2020	\$ 57,301.00
Year-to-Date Actual Income (July 1–January 2021)	\$ 446,742.00
Year-to-Date Actual Expenses (July 1–January 2021)	\$ 394,201.00
Year-to-Date Income less Expense	\$ 52,541.00

IN-PERSON ATTENDANCE

Average In-Person Attendance in January 2021	
Saturday 5:30pm	30
Sunday 8am	39
Sunday 10:45am	37



12th Annual Soup Sunday March 20 & 21

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.*

Sincere thanks for prayers, phone calls, cards, and offers to help. Your thoughtfulness did much to buoy our spirits during some tough weeks.

Ken Kirchhoff

I'd like to say thank you to the pastors and congregation for your prayers, cards, and best wishes during my recent surgery and hospitalization. I am doing well recovering at home and look forward to the day I can return to my church family in person.

Sharen Eliason McKelvey

Thank you. I deeply appreciate the prayers, cards, and well wishes I received from my church family. I am well on the road to recovery from my recent hip replacement surgery.

Reenie Blanchard

"Thank you" to everyone for your meals, cards, and phone calls since my foot surgery in December. The healing is slower than I anticipated, but it is progressing. Your acts of encouragement are very much appreciated.

Celeste Gifford

Trista and I wanted to express our deep heart-felt thanks for all of the love and support we have received, surrounding the birth of our baby, Lucian. The cards, the gifts, all the meals, and especially the generous check from the Trinity Guild, fills our hearts. Thank you, thank you, thank you. We are truly blessed to be part of the SST family.

Sincerely, Pastor Dan, Trista, and family.

The White Bear Food Shelf receives its funding based on the number of pounds of donations received during the month of March.



**S.O.U.P.
Sunday**

The Stewardship Board is sponsoring the 12th annual "S.O.U.P. Sunday." All donations will be brought to the WBL Emergency Food Shelf to help with the funding goals.

The White Bear Area Emergency Food Shelf has been providing food to our neighbors in need since 1977. They do this in close partnership with our community - with individuals, churches, schools, businesses, neighborhood associations and other community groups.

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 20/21.

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.

THANK YOU!

Curbside Pick-Up Hours:

Monday & Tuesday
4:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, Thursday & Friday
11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.



White Bear Area Food Shelf

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All are welcome and no appointment is needed!