

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 November 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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"I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ." Philipians 1:3-6

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ!

Thank you for your partnership in the gospel! During the month of October, many of you have taken the time to express your appreciation for the ministry that I, by God's grace, have been able to share with you. Thank you for your kind words, your cards, and your gifts. I have truly been blessed as one of your pastors at SST! It is a true joy for me to be in partnership with you, especially as we seek to be Sharing, Caring, Growing in Christ.

When the Apostle Paul wrote the words of the verses printed above, he was writing to the saints, the believers in Christ, at the church in Philippi. It was a church which he had started by God's grace. As a result, he had very fond memories of those saints. They had been very supportive of his ministry, especially while he was in prison, where he had written this letter. But they weren't perfect! None of us are! The devil did what he could to cause division, disappointment, and disagreements among them. As a result, Paul chose to focus on the positive and thank them for their partnership. Later, in this letter, he identified a few people who had found it difficult to get along and encouraged them to reconcile. May the Lord bless us as we work together to reconcile conflicts when they arise.

Sadly, many in our country have chosen to encourage violence, conflicts, and/or disagreements with people who have different positions than they do on any number of issues. Please pray for the candidates who are willing to be elected to their respective office and for their families and staff. Please seek to be a part of the solution and not a part of the problem! I encourage you to read the voter guidelines, especially from our Minnesota South District, which is available for you to pick up on the cabinet outside the church office. And, pray for wisdom as you exercise your right to vote.

We are truly blessed as God's people who live in a country that takes the 1st Amendment seriously. We can worship and teach about Jesus without fear because of our country's original leaders. Let's remember to give thanks for that at Thanksgiving. We have much to be thankful for as a nation!

Last, but not least, let us continue to rejoice as a congregation. We have been blessed by God for over 75 years! Our God is faithful. Many thanks to everyone who has helped in any way as a part of our celebration and for those who will help us to celebrate on Sunday, Dec. 2nd. Most of our celebration would not have occurred without the dedication of our two co-chairs - Celeste Gifford and Ed Lundgren! Please take time to thank them for their service.

In thankfulness to God for you,

Pastor Bob Gehrke

NOVEMBER 2018 A.D.

Our Mission of the Month for November is Samaritan's Purse/Operation Christmas Child

Samaritan's Purse has been reaching groups of people in need around the world since 1970 in response to what Jesus told his listeners to do in the parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:37), "Go and do likewise". Most of us are familiar with the Operation Christmas Child program that our SST family has been contributing to for several years. What you may not know is that this organization also works to give people clean water in developing countries and in doing so they also tell of the living water of



Jesus Christ. The World Medical Mission provides health and medical ministries to some of those same countries. Supporting hunger relief programs, providing tools and training for farmers and fishermen, and reaching vulnerable women around the world with vocational training so they can improve their lives are among the other mission work that Samaritan's Purse does. Samaritan's Purse is among the first to respond when natural disasters hit the U.S. and areas around the world.

Please use your November Mission of the Month envelope to support this organization that attempts to ease suffering around the world and in the process, tells others of the love of Jesus Christ.

75TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION DINNER

The 75th Anniversary Celebration Dinner is on Sunday, December 2, 2018 at 12:30pm. It is a catered dinner in our Fellowship Hall. Tickets must be purchased in advance and are on sale at SST between and after services each weekend. You are encouraged to purchase your tickets by November 11, as we will begin allowing sales to non-members on that date. Tickets may be purchased up to November 25, if they are available.

*****TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED IN ADVANCE*****

Ticket prices are:

Adults: \$10
Children 10 & under: \$5
Immediate Family: \$45

Catered Dinner Menu

Strawberry Poppy Seed Salad, "World's Best" Chicken, Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Seasoned Green Beans, Rolls, A Special Dessert, Coffee, and Lemonade.
(Gluten free except for the wheat rolls.)

Child's Plate

Chicken Nuggets, French Fries, Corn, and Apple Sauce

Youth

Thank you to everyone that purchased Butter Braids! Delivery is November 6th.

Watch your emails and check online to find out about our weekly youth group meetings.

Children's Christmas Program

The Sunday School children and the Kingdom Kids are busy preparing for the Christmas Program! Mark your calendar for December 16th - 4pm so you don't miss the musical "Star Search".



CELEBRATING **75** YEARS
OF GOD'S FAITHFULNESS

NOVEMBER 2018

THEME FOR THE MONTH

FAITHFULNESS IN PROVIDING CARING MINISTRY

GUEST PREACHER

The Reverend Mark Biebighauser
Trinity Lutheran Church, Medford, MN
Saturday/Sunday, November 10/11

TRINITY TIDINGS ARTICLES

- November 03/04 -- Stephen Ministry - Cancer Companions
- Care Callers
- November 10/11 -- Our Human Care Ministry
- November 17/18 -- Betty Newman on "Being Thankful"
- November 24/25 -- Who has been at SST 50 years or more?

MISSION OF THE MONTH FOR NOVEMBER & DECEMBER

Samaritan's Purse and Christmas Child
(See article elsewhere in newsletter)

DECEMBER 2018

THEME FOR THE MONTH

CELEBRATING GOD'S FAITHFULNESS

CELEBRATION WEEKEND SCHEDULE

- Saturday, December 1, 2018
5:30 p.m. Worship Service
- Sunday, December 2, 2018
8:00 a.m. Worship Service
10:45 a.m. Worship Service
12:30 p.m. Catered Dinner
1:30 p.m. Program

GUEST PREACHERS

The Reverend Daniel Keinath
Trinity Lutheran Church, Billings, MT
Celebration Worship Services
Saturday/Sunday, December 1/2

The Reverend John Christensen
Trinity Lutheran Church, Fergus Falls, MN
Celebration Program
Sunday, December 2

75th Anniversary Co-chairs - Celeste Gifford & Ed Lundgren

For the LORD is good; His steadfast love endures forever, and His faithfulness to all generations.

Psalm 100:5

Christian Growth and Worship Opportunities

Saturday, November 3

5:30 pm *Traditional Worship*

Sunday, November 4 – All Saints' Day
(Observed)

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

Saturday, November 10

5:30 pm *Traditional Worship*

Sunday, November 11

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

Saturday, November 17

5:30 pm *Traditional Worship*

Sunday, November 18

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

November 21—Thanksgiving Eve

7:00 pm *Traditional Worship*

November 22—Thanksgiving Day

9:00 am *Traditional Worship*

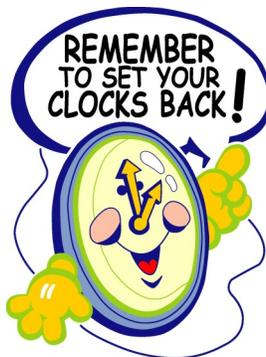
Saturday, November 24

5:30 pm *Traditional Worship*

Sunday, November 25

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

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



Daylight Savings
Time Ends Nov. 4

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

Topic: Where God Has Planted Us
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

8th–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: Fellowship Hall [B22]
Time: 7:00pm
Contact: Pastor Gehrke, 651-429-4293

SUNDAYS

Adult Bible Study

Topic: Apostle Paul's Letter to the Christians at Colossae (aka Colossians)
Place: Fellowship Hall [Room B22]
Time: 9:30am
Contact: Pastor Gehrke, 651-429-4293

Adults Bible Study

Topic: Building Bridges
Place: Lounge [F8]
Time: 9:30am
Contact: Dan Wille, 612-282-7321

High School Youth Bible Study

Place: Youth Room
Time: 9:30am
Contact: Pastor Dan Bodin

Young Families Small Group

Date: November 18
Place: Fellowship Hall and Lounge
Time: 3:30pm-6:00pm
Contact: Elizabeth Kylo, 507-514-2950
emkylo@hotmail.com

CHRISTIAN GROWTH AND FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

White Bear Food Shelf Volunteer Opportunities

Food Rescue Drivers

Want to drive our fashionable and cool truck or have an SUV you can use? With our new partnership with Lunds & Byerlys, we have a few openings for food rescue drivers. Food rescue is a major reason we are able to have healthy, delicious, and plentiful shopping options for our neighbors. Every week we count on volunteers to pick up food from local grocery stores that is near or past its sell-by date but still perfectly good to eat! (To drive our truck you will need a background check and DOT physical. The physical does require a clinician's fee.) We are looking to fill the following shifts:

- Tuesdays: 12:00 pm pickup from Lunds & Byerlys*
- Thursdays: 12:00 pm pickup from Target* and/or Lunds & Byerlys*
- Every other Tuesday: Kwik Trip 12:00pm

*Option to pick up every week or every other week

Contact Sonja for more information at volunteer@whitebearfoodshelf.org.

Greeter Volunteers

Like to smile and make each person feel welcome every time they walk through the door? We need volunteers that have a knack for organization and answering questions. (This role does require a basic knowledge of computers and background check.) Open shifts:

- Purple Mondays: 9:50 am - 12:30 pm
- Green Mondays: 9:50 am - 12:30 pm

Contact Shereen for more information at community@whitebearfoodshelf.org

Safety Information Night

Safety Information Night is a presentation intended for all WBL District parents.

It is scheduled for Thursday, November 8th
5:30-6pm FREE Dinner
6-8:30pm Breakout Sessions
at WBLAHS - South Campus (3551 McKnight Road)

Attend and learn about the following topics:
Mental Health Overview, Human Trafficking, Internet Safety, Youth Drug Trends and Awareness, Teen Driving Laws and Safety.

This free information night is for adults only. Free childcare is available for those in need. Children must be 3 years old and above and potty-trained. To register for childcare, please email JVette@whitebearlake.org and include your children's names and ages.

Questions? Contact Sergeant John Vette at 651-429-8511.

Wednesday, November 7th 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Please join us for "Lunch with Jerry". A homemade soup lunch is available for a free-will donation on Wednesday, November 7th at 11:30am in the Fellowship Hall.

In 2014, before Bee Kellgren turned 100, Ed and Joanne Lundgren videotaped her life story. Many people have shown interest in seeing this video. So, following lunch this video will be shown and Bee is hoping to be in attendance. Mark your calendars!



Concordia Academy Open Houses

Concordia Academy is hosting a daytime open house for parents on Thursday, Nov. 1, 8:00-10:00am. Attend chapel, participate in short classroom visits, and get a taste of life at CA. Please RSVP to admissions@concordiaacademy.com. In addition, an evening open house takes place on Thursday, Nov. 8, 6-8pm. Get more details at www.concordiaacademy.com.

CA Craft Fair on Nov. 10

Concordia Academy's annual Holiday Craft Fair takes place Nov. 10, 9am - 3pm. With over 70 crafters and vendors, you're sure to get a great head start on your Christmas shopping. Get more information at www.concordiaacademy.com/craftfair.

CA Presents Charlotte's Web

You're invited to Concordia Academy's fall play, "Charlotte's Web," on Nov. 16 and 17 at 7:00pm and Nov. 18 at 2:00pm. Based on E.B. White's beloved children's book, this production will be a delight for the whole family. Get more details and reserve tickets at www.concordiaacademy.com.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

How to Pack a Shoe Box Gift

SHOE BOX

- 1 Use an empty shoe box (standard size, please) or a small plastic container. You can wrap the box (lid separately), but wrapping is optional.

PRAY for the child who will receive your special gift.

BOY OR GIRL

- 2 Determine whether your gift will be for a boy or a girl, and the child's age category: 2-4, 5-9, or 10-14. Use the appropriate boy/girls label available below. Mark the correct age category on the label, and tape the label to the top of your box.

FILL WITH GIFTS

- 3 Fill the box with a variety of gifts that will bring delight to a child.

Use the Gift Ideas List

INCLUDE YOUR DONATION

- 4 Donate \$9 online and receive a tracking label to Follow Your Box and discover the destination of your shoebox gift.

If you prefer to download and print basic labels, remember to include your \$9 donation per shoebox. Make your check out to Samaritans Purse.

It's easy and convenient to give online. Go to: www.samaritanspurse.org/occ

DROP OFF

- 5 Place a rubber band around each shoe box and lid and drop off at South Shore Trinity during Nov. 12-18th.



Gift Ideas:

TOYS

Small cars, balls, dolls, stuffed animals, kazoos, harmonicas, yo-yos, jump ropes, small Etch A Sketch, toys that light up or make noise (with extra batteries), Slinky, etc.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Pens, pencils and sharpener, crayons or markers, stickers, writing pads or paper, solar calculators, coloring and pictures books, etc.

HYGIENE ITEMS

Toothbrush, mild bar soap (in a plastic bag), comb, washcloth, etc. **Note toothpaste is longer be accepted.**

OTHER

T-shirts, socks, ball caps; sunglasses, hair clips, toy jewelry, watches, flashlights (with extra batteries). **Note that candy is no longer be accepted.**

A PERSONAL NOTE

In a separate envelope, you may enclose a note to the child and a photo of yourself or your family. (If you include your name and address, the child may write back.)

Do Not Include:

Used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives or military figures; chocolate or food; liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers; aerosol cans.

Mark the correct age category:			BOY	
<input type="checkbox"/>	2-4 Years Old			
<input type="checkbox"/>	5-9 Years Old			
<input type="checkbox"/>	10-14 Years Old			
Mark the correct age category:			GIRL	
<input type="checkbox"/>	2-4 Years Old			
<input type="checkbox"/>	5-9 Years Old			
<input type="checkbox"/>	10-14 Years Old			

2018 Give A Gobble Turkey Drive



South Shore Trinity will again show our support of the community by having a food drive to collect food items to fill Thanksgiving baskets!

As in past years, please consider bringing an item or two from the list below to fill Thanksgiving baskets.

We are collecting items from October 27th through November 11th. Items are due to the White Bear Area Emergency Food Shelf by November 12th to be able to distribute in time for Thanksgiving.

Donation Items:

- Can of vegetables
- Box of stuffing mix
- Jar of turkey gravy
- Box of potatoes
- Box of Jell-O
- Can of fruit
- \$10 grocery gift card toward meat purchase

Thank you for your support of the White Bear Lake Emergency Food Shelf

<http://www.whitebearlakefoodshelf.org>



OUR MISSION

We empower local leaders to start new ministries that impact their communities with the Gospel.

OUR HEART

1 Gospel centered ministry for every 500 people creates a tipping point in a society.
(known as the D.A.W.N. ratio. Credit John Mayer of City Vision)

WE DREAM OF A DAY WHEN EVERY PERSON IN EVERY CORNER OF THE TWIN CITIES HEARS THE GOSPEL IN THEIR OWN CULTURAL LANGUAGE!

SOME OF THE MANY LEADERS WE HAVE THE PRIVILEGE OF WALKING WITH... starting churches in different culture groups, a home for victims of sex trafficking, a mentoring ministry for urban youth and more!



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St Paul, MN 55117

twincities.linc.org



SST's Trinity Guild

Trinity Guild Ladies - November 6 is election day. South Shore Trinity is a voting place so no meetings can take place in the building. Go and vote, ladies.

COME, COME ON NOVEMBER 13th to hear Pastor Ben Griffin from LINC-Twin Cities. He is a very enjoyable person and loves the ministry of LINC. This is one of Trinity Guild's Mission Grant projects. Let's show our support by coming to hear about the workings of this mission.

A little info about LINC - They empower local leaders to start new ministries that engage unreached people groups.

Their goals are threefold:

- NEW LEADER DEVELOPMENT through customized training and mentoring.
- NEW MINISTRY STARTS targeting unreached and marginalized people groups.
- UNITING THE TWIN CITIES in prayer; bringing together a diversity of leaders from across the city.

We will begin our meeting at 6:30 pm. Pastor Ben Griffin will speak at 7:00 pm. **CONGREGATION IS INVITED TO HEAR HIS PRESENTATION.** If need be, we will resume our meeting following his presentation.

The weekend before Thanksgiving we will again have our **bake sale**. Everyone enjoys baked goods and we expect a good sale. You may do some extra baked goods as we will again be making little cookie boxes to take to the shut-ins in our congregation.

Also, ladies, our Christmas Party will be December 4th. I told the ladies at the October meeting to be thinking about a homemade gift for our gift exchange. Since this is South Shore Trinity's anniversary year, we will be having an old-fashioned Christmas party. This homemade gift can be one that you have made, bought at a bouquet or simply homemade candy, cookies or breads. I know many of you are creative so it should be fun to see what everyone comes up with.

Thanks for all your support in all of our activities. It is greatly appreciated.

LuErna Sawyer, President

STEWARDSHIP CORNER



A MEASURE OF OUR LOVE

Actual Income to General Fund in September 2017.....	\$ 56,641.40
Actual Expenses in September 2017	\$ 60,498.46
Year-to-Date Actual Income	\$ 163,726.63
Year-to-Date Actual Expenses	\$ 171,778.69
Year-to-Date Income less Expense	\$ -8,052.06

Stewardship Emphasis for November 2018

Thanks: to give at all times!

PSALMS 107:1: “Give Thanks to the LORD, for he is good! His faithful love endures forever.”

The two things that “offend God” the most are ingratitude (confessing not His hand) and disobedience. Let’s learn why we should be grateful so that we don’t offend God.

Being Grateful Makes You Happier and Healthier

You’ve heard the hymn “Count Your Blessings” (*Hymns*, no. 241). But did you know that literally counting your blessings increases your emotional health? Researchers had one group of students write for 20 minutes each day about things they were grateful for, a second about things they were angry about, and a third about random topics like the color of their shoes. Guess which group was happiest at the end of the experiment? The ones who wrote about things they were grateful for of course!

Even more interesting is that those who wrote about the things they were grateful for were less likely to be sick throughout the semester.

Elder Joseph B. Wirthlin of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles (1917-2008) said gratitude “is a quality I have found in every happy person I know” (“Live in Thanksgiving Daily,” *Ensign*, Sept. 2001, 8). Do you know any happy person who is not grateful?

Being Grateful Helps You See More Blessings

There are many blessings that come from being grateful for the good things we enjoy. *For the Strength of Youth* says, “Live with a spirit of thanksgiving and you will have greater happiness and satisfaction in life” ([2001], 6). As Elder Joseph B. Wirthlin said, “The more often we see the things around us—even the beautiful and wonderful things—the more they become invisible to us. That is why we often take for granted the beauty of this world: the flowers, the trees, the birds, the clouds—even those we love. Because we see things so often, we see them less and less” (“Live in Thanksgiving Daily,” 11).

Did you notice the blue sky? The beautiful clouds? The mountains? There are so many beautiful things to be grateful for, and as we practice being grateful we will notice them more and more.

There Are Sad Consequences of Ingratitude

When people are not grateful they tend to complain, and that isn’t good for anyone. For example, even though the Lord had delivered the Israelites from slavery and given them manna to eat, they were not grateful. Notice what happens: “And when the people complained, it displeased the Lord: and the Lord heard it” (Numbers 11:1). So the Lord hears when we complain, and He does not like it.

Something amazing about being grateful is that it’s in our control. We might not be able to make the varsity team or be elected student body president. We might not get asked out on dates or have the biggest muscles (we speak from personal experience). But we can control whether we have a grateful attitude.

Great blessings are promised to those who are grateful. The Lord said, “He who receiveth all things with thankfulness shall be made glorious; and the things of this earth shall be added unto him, even an hundred fold, yea, more” (D&C 78:19). Let us follow the counsel of Paul who said, “In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you” (1 Thessalonians 5:18).

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

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WE'RE ON THE WEB . . .

www.sstwbl.org



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Daylight Savings Time Ends
November 4. Turn your
clocks back an hour before
going to bed on Saturday,
November 3!

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
Jill Wiebe Director of Youth, Education and Music
Bethany Brandvold Praise Team Director
Jolene Erickson Preschool Director
Ruth Oczak Preschool Assistant
Casey Kaupang Preschool Assistant
Ron & Shirley Wenzel Custodial Team
Celeste Gifford Parish Nurse

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