

# 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](http://www.sstwbl.org).

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Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

I have been looking forward to this November for months! On November 26<sup>th</sup>, when we will be joining other Americans by giving thanks to God for the many blessings we have received from Him, my immediate family will also be celebrating our oldest son, Seth's 40<sup>th</sup> birthday! Lynn and I are looking forward to celebrating this milestone in his life, along with Aaron, our youngest son (who will turn 37 two days later), his family, and Seth's family. We are very thankful for your prayers, support, and ability to gather together from different parts of our country to celebrate.

Earlier this week, on October 26<sup>th</sup>, I discovered another reason to give thanks to God! I was informed by my doctor's nurse that the monitor I had been wearing on October 24<sup>th</sup> recorded that my heart had stopped beating for 6 seconds, took a beat, and stopped for another 7 seconds when I had fainted at home. In order to prevent future fainting episodes (which I had done earlier, while teaching confirmation on September 30<sup>th</sup>) she asked me to go to St. Joseph's Emergency Room because I would probably need a pacemaker. Thankfully, I was admitted to St. Joseph's hospital that morning. The following day the cardiologist inserted the device and the leads. The pacemaker will keep my heart pumping when other parts of my body tell it to stop! I give thanks to God for all of the medical personnel and other employees at St. Joseph's who provided excellent care for me and for my wife Lynn. I returned home on Wednesday to recover and will continue to do so for several more days.

I'm thankful for all of your prayers, encouragement, and support. In addition, I am thankful for our excellent staff at church as they carry out their responsibilities and some of mine. I also rejoice that my good friend, Rev. Kevin Froelich will be assisting with the liturgy this weekend, which allows me to rest at home over the weekend.

This past weekend, my sermon was based on Psalm 46. After reading verses 1-2, **God is for us a refuge and strength, as a help in troubles, He is readily found. Therefore, we will not fear when the earth shakes and when the mountains rock in the heart of the sea,** I said the following, "We know our troubles. They can strike at any time and destroy any sense of stability we may have had. The images of the earth shaking and the mountains rocking into the heart of sea illustrate what is or could be happening in our lives or in the lives of those we love. Your world may be falling apart. You may be wondering where help can be found. Even with all these things going on in our lives it is important we hear and believe what the Psalmist confidently writes, **Therefore, we will not fear.**

Obviously, my life has changed in the past few weeks and months. All of our lives have changed in one way or another during this time. Yet, there is One who has not changed - our amazing God - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit! His love endures forever! I hope and pray that you will join me in giving thanks to God for all the blessings He has given us, including the ones that challenge our confidence and hope! He promises to be with us always! Let us continue to give Him thanks and praise!

Pastor Bob Gehrke

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*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.*

**Saturday, October 31**

**5:30pm Traditional Worship w/Holy Communion**

**Sunday, November 1**

**8:00am Traditional Worship w/Holy Communion**

**10:45am Praise Team Worship w/Holy Communion**

**Saturday, November 7**

**5:30pm Traditional Worship w/Holy Communion**

**Sunday, November 8**

**8:00am Traditional Worship**

**10:45am Worship with Holy Communion**

**Saturday, November 14**

**5:30pm Traditional Worship w/Holy Communion**

**Sunday, November 15**

**8:00am Traditional Worship w/Holy Communion**

**10:45am Praise Team Worship w/Holy Communion**

**Saturday, November 21**

**5:30pm Traditional Worship w/Holy Communion**

**Sunday, November 22**

**8:00am Traditional Worship**

**10:45am Worship with Holy Communion**

**Thanksgiving, November 25 & 26**

**7:00pm Thanksgiving Eve w/Holy Communion**

**9:00am Thanksgiving Day w/Holy Communion**

**Saturday, November 28**

**5:30pm Traditional Worship w/Holy Communion**

**Sunday, November 29**

**8:00am Traditional Worship**

**10:45am Worship with Holy Communion**

**All PRAISE to the LORD!** He blessed us with a beautiful day for our October meeting - sunshine, fall color, and an inspiring message by Pastor Gehrke. We had 19 ladies in attendance. There were 18 ladies for our September meeting. Oh, if we could only continue to have our meetings outside but living in Minnesota I don't think we want to be bundled up in our winter coats and hats. Our November meeting will be in the Fellowship Hall so we can do physical distancing.

Our November meeting will be **November 10th** because election day is on November 3rd and the church is a polling place, so mark this change on your calendar. Our theme for this year is **"Tell Everyone What He Has Done."**

Our speaker for November is Betty Dilla. Her father was an Army doctor and they traveled all over the world. She went to school in Iran, then came to the states and went to school at Winona State here in Minnesota. She will tell us about her travels and how her passion in life was to feed people both in body and soul.

It was decided at our meeting that we would not have our annual Thanksgiving Bake Sale. We ask that you take part in the Thanksgiving Food Drive for the White Bear Food Shelf. Our Bible verse for this month is *"Whether therefore ye eat, you drink or whatsoever you do, do all to the glory of God."* 1 Corinthians 10:31. Lutheran Women in Mission will help feed the people in our area for Thanksgiving. We will do this to the Glory of God.

### Youth Game Night

All youth 6th-12th grade are invited to join us for a Youth Game Night at the church on November 6th from 6:30-8:30pm. Dinner will be provided. A variety of games will be provided including: Wii/Switch, Mario Kart, Virtual Code Names and board games. If you have any questions, let Bethany know! Please register online here by November 5th: <https://sstwbl.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/604676>

### Youth Christmas Party

Youth (6th-12th) are invited to our 1st Annual Youth Christmas Party on December 4th from 7-9pm! There will be cookie + ornament decorating, an ugly sweater contest, and tree decorating! We will also be watching the movie ELF, and will have Buddy the Elf themed snacks. Dinner will NOT be provided, so please come having already eaten, but with a bit of room for Buddy's favorite goodies. If you have any questions, let Bethany know! Please register online here by December 3rd: <https://sstwbl.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/604695>

Clergy Appreciation month is a perfect opportunity to recognize, pray for, and encourage our pastors.

*And I will give you shepherds after my own heart, who will feed you with knowledge and understanding.*  
Jeremiah 3:15

# CHRISTIAN GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES



## MONDAYS

### Women's Home Bible Study

Place: Lounge [F8]  
Time: 9:00 a.m.  
Contact: Judy Jarsko 651-429-7133

## WEDNESDAYS

### Women's Bible Study

A weekly study for women (member & non-member)  
Place: Upstairs [2-6]  
Time: 9:30am  
Contact: LuErna Sawyer, 651-464-7820

### Young-at-Heart Bible Class

Place: Fellowship Hall [B22] & Zoom  
Time: 9:30am  
Contact: Pastor Bob Gehrke, 651-429-4293

### MOPS (Mothers Of Preschoolers)

Place: Lounge [F8]  
Time: 6:30-7:30pm (dinner at 6:00pm)  
Dates: 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month  
Contact:

### 6th-7th Grade Confirmation

Place: Fellowship Hall [B22] & Zoom  
Time: 7:00pm  
Contact: Pastor Bodin, 651-429-4293  
PastorDan@sstwb.org

### 8th-9th Grade Confirmation

Place: Conference Rom [B9A] & Zoom  
Time: 7:00pm  
Contact: Pastor Bob Gehrke, 651-429-4293  
Pastor@sstwb.org

## THURSDAYS

### Women's Bible Study

Place: Upstairs [2-6]  
Time: 9:00am  
Contact: Sharon Calhoun, 651-426-2592

### Women's Bible Study

Place: Conference Room [B9A]  
Time: 9:30am  
Contact: Joanne Lundgren

### Adult Bible Study

Place: Fellowship Hall [B22] & Zoom  
Time: 7:00pm  
Contact: Pastor Gehrke, 651-429-4293

## SUNDAYS

### Adult Bible Study

Topic: Psalms  
Place: Fellowship Hall [Room B22]  
Time: 9:30am  
Contact: Pastor Gehrke, 651-429-4293

## Sunday School

Kids ages Pre-K through 5th grade are invited to join us for Sunday School! Join us in-person on Sunday mornings from 9:30-10:30am in the choir room (2nd floor), or join by watching our pre-recorded lessons online here: <https://sstwb.org/sunday-school> ---> and click on the "WATCH SUNDAY SCHOOL ONLINE" button (password protected- if you need this password, email [bethany@sstwb.org](mailto:bethany@sstwb.org)).

## Confirmation

Wednesday evening confirmation classes are being held in-person and via Zoom at 7:00 pm. Grades 6 & 7 will be meeting in the Fellowship Hall [B22] with Pastor Bodin and 8 & 9<sup>th</sup> grade will meet with Pastor Gehrke in the Conference Room [B9A]. You may join us starting at 5:30pm for game time and fellowship then, 6:00pm for a catered dinner (free will offering) before confirmation class begins.

## Wednesday Night Programming this Fall!

We invite your entire family to join us for our Wednesday night programming this Fall! On 1st and 3rd Wednesdays from 5:30-6:00pm (note time change) we will be offering a family activity or service project, and a catered dinner (free will offering) will be provided from 6:00-6:30pm.

## Youth Group

On every Wednesday evening, join us starting at 5:30pm for game time and fellowship, 6:00pm for a catered dinner (free will offering), and from 7-8pm for Bible study/discussion (both online and in-person) about real life things and how Jesus meets us where we are at. You are welcome to join us for all or any part of the evening! Please register here if you would like to join us: <https://sstwb.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/531913>.



MOPS

*this is motherhood*

MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) also takes place on the 1st & 3rd Wednesdays from 6:30-7:30pm (childcare available). For more information please contact Trista Bodin 320-492-3540

Register here for our family activity/service project and dinner: <https://sstwb.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/527000>. Register here for MOPS: <https://sstwb.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/465857>

# SHARING, CARING, GROWING IN CHRIST!

## STEWARDSHIP CORNER



### A MEASURE OF OUR LOVE IN SEPTEMBER

Actual Income to General Fund .....	\$ 52,669.00
Actual Expenses .....	\$ 49,846.00
Year-to-Date Actual Income .....	\$ 163,059.00
Year-to-Date Actual Expenses .....	\$ 149,325.00
Year-to-Date Income less Expense .....	\$ 13,734.00

### GIVE A GOBBLE TURKEY DRIVE

South Shore Trinity will again show our support of the White Bear Lake community by having a food drive to collect items to fill Thanksgiving baskets! We are collecting items through November 15th. Items are due to the White Bear Area Emergency Food Shelf by November 18<sup>th</sup> to be able to distribute in time for Thanksgiving.

#### 2020 Give A Gobble Turkey Drive donation items:

- can of vegetables
- box of Jell-O
- can of turkey gravy
- box of stuffing mix
- can of fruit
- box of potatoes
- \$10 grocery gift cards towards meat purchase.



### 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  
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  
Bethany Meyer ..... DCE & Praise Team Leader

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