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## Trinity Tidings

October 2020 A.D.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It's October, and that means the 2020 Presidential Election is just around the corner, happening on Tuesday, November 3. Now, as your pastor, it would be inappropriate for me to tell you who to vote for. (Not only that, if I did, it could jeopardize our non-profit 503 (c)(3) status.) But that doesn't mean there isn't a spiritual aspect to elections. And God's Word helps us to understand what an appropriate Christian approach to presidential elections might look like.

I get the feeling, and I'm sure I'm not alone, that there are people on both sides of the aisle that feel that all the country's problems will be fixed if we just get the right person to be the president, be it Joe Biden for the Democrats, Donald Trump for the Republicans, or even Jo Jorgensen for the Libertarians, or whoever else people may want to be president. And all of their **hope** for this country rests in the election of one of these candidates. And that is because they **trust** these individuals to act in a manner that agrees with their view of what the future of this country should be.

And people might feel that way because **hope** and **trust** are intimately connected. You cannot have hope without trust. Without trust, the desire or anticipation associated with hope merely becomes a wish. But to wish or to hope that all of this country's problems will be solved by electing the right president is to misplace your trust.

Psalm 146:3 says, "*Put not your **trust** in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.*" We, in America, don't have princes or royalty, but we (in our context) can understand this verse to mean, "Put not your trust in presidents, or elected officials, or government workers" because they are not the savior of this world, or even America. There is only one savior: Jesus Christ. In HIM you can put your hope and trust.

Psalm 146:5 goes on to say, "*Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose **hope** is in the Lord his God.*" Psalm 71:5 says, "*For you, O Lord, are my **hope**, my **trust**, O Lord, from my youth.*" And we can confidently put our hope and trust in God because he has done all to save us. In Jesus, there is salvation. In Jesus, there is hope.

And whether or not the person you want to be president wins, we can all remember that God is still God, and that he is reigning sovereign over all as King. And that this great ruler and ultimate authority is one who looks on you with love—who offers forgiveness and peace—who provides for all your needs, and gives you opportunities to share his love with others.

No matter who wins on November 3, this country will not see an end to the division and anger. In fact, it may even intensify, which is why I encourage you to consider doing the following. "*Rejoice in **hope**, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.*" (Romans 12:12) My hope for you: "*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.*" (Romans 15:13)

Serving our Savior,  
+Pastor Dan Bodin

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### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Trunk or Treat
- Birthdays and Wedding Anniversaries
- Give A Gobble Turkey Drive

## WEEK DAY BIBLE STUDIES AND OTHER GROUPS

### **Mondays**

9:00 a.m.  
Bible study group led by Judy Jarsko  
Lounge

### **Wednesdays**

9:30 a.m.  
Ladies Bible study group led by LuErna Sawyer  
Room 2-13

9:30 a.m.  
Young-at-Heart Bible study group led by Pastor Gehrke is studying The Gospel of Matthew and will meet in-person in the Fellowship Hall [B22] and via Zoom  
Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82014664878?pwd=Y3VsaTJtbHRPa2VoRGIBSmhDeTNwQTo9>  
Meeting ID: 820 1466 4878 Passcode: 774944

6:00-6:30 p.m.  
Family Activity/Service Project and Dinner  
Fellowship Hall

6:30 p.m. (1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month)  
MOPs (Mothers Of Preschoolers)  
Lounge

7:00pm  
Confirmation Classes  
Held in-person and via Zoom. Grades 6 & 7 will be meeting in the Fellowship Hall [B22] with Pastor Bodin and 8th & 9th grade will meet with Pastor Gehrke in the Conference Room [B9A].

### **Thursdays**

9:00 a.m.  
Ladies Bible study group led by Sharon Calhoun  
Room 2-6

9:30 a.m.  
Ladies Bible study group led by Joanne Lundgren  
Conference Room [B9A]

6:00 p.m.  
Vesper Bell Choir practice led by Sharon Calhoun  
Sanctuary

7:00 p.m.  
Adult Bible study group led by Pastor Gehrke will meet in-person in the Conference Room [B9A] and via Zoom. Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85252966428?pwd=UU13Mk5sWFVvTEExVUtwdCtoToFtUTo9>  
Meeting ID: 852 5296 6428 Passcode: 439087

## Sunday Adult Bible Classes 9:30—10:30 a.m.

For adults on Sunday, Pastor Gehrke is teaching selected Psalms. You can attend in the Fellowship Hall or via Zoom. Pastor Dan will be teaching a video-based interactive study in the Lounge. The links for all Zoom Bible Classes are on our website under the Christian Education tab.



### Trunk or Treat

Please join us in the church parking lot for Trunk or Treat on Saturday, October 31st from 10:00am until noon.

We will have prizes for “Best Trunk/Costumes” and more.

All candy and refreshments will be pre-packaged!

Get creative with your “masks”!

See you there!

## 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 to bring an item or two from the list below to fill Thanksgiving baskets. If that is not possible for you this year, please consider a cash donation, by either contacting the church office, donate online, or place your donation in the collection container at church.

We are collecting items from October 24th through November 15th. Items are due to the White Bear Area Emergency Food Shelf by November 18th to be able to distribute in time for Thanksgiving.

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

- Can of vegetables
- Box of stuffing mix
- Can of turkey gravy
- Box of potatoes
- Box of Jello
- Can of fruit
- \$10 grocery gift cards towards meat purchase



Thank you for your support of the White Bear Lake Emergency Food Shelf <http://www.whitebearlakefoodshelf.org/>

## WORSHIP TIMES

In-person worship services:

5:30 p.m. Saturdays with Holy Communion

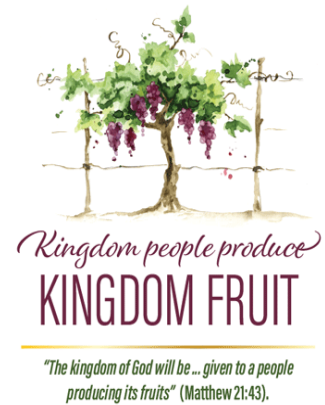
8:00 a.m. Sundays with Holy Communion offered on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month

10:45 a.m. worship service with Holy Communion offered each Sunday. The Praise Team will provide music on the 1st and 3rd Sundays.

In addition to offering in-person services we will continue to offer recorded services.

Go to: [www.sstwbl.org/watch](http://www.sstwbl.org/watch)

If you would like to receive Holy Communion for yourself, or you and your family, please contact one of the pastors (651-429-4293) to make arrangements. They will be happy to schedule a day and time to meet you at church or a home visit.



In September we were able to have a picnic and get together with each other. It was a joy to be together! Now it is October and we have a few things going on for the month. Sunday October 4th is LWML Sunday. The theme for LWML Sunday is "the Kingdom of God will be... given to people producing fruits." Our new banner with the theme, is being made by Marilyn and Corrine Erickson. Thank you to Marilyn and Corrine for making the banner. We will also have our past LWML banners hanging.

On October 6th our guild will be meeting at 1 p.m. weather permitting outside, otherwise in the church. Pastor Gehrke will lead a Bible Study on "An Age of Grace." We will also have election of officers for 2021. We have one birthday to celebrate for October. That is Barb Peltier on October 1th. Come enjoy the Bible study and fellowship.

The other activity for LWML is , "The Great Minnesota South Mission Get together", On October 10th starting at 9 a.m. Preregistration was due by September 19th. But if you would like to watch it live, it will be live streamed at Facebook/Mn.South District LWML.

So lots to look forward to. Have a blessed October.

Your Guild Board, LuErna, Terry, Karen, and Joanne.

## SST Endowment Fund Update

Here is an update on the gifts given from the SST Endowment Fund in the last few months:

Banner for outdoor worship service for the corner of South Shore Blvd. and Bellaire Ave.  
Given in Memory of Roger Olund.

Gift to LINC Twin Cities – \$3,000

Lounge remodel – \$27,470  
Given in Memory of David Berwald  
Gift from the Estate of Eleanor Woods

Tables and chairs for the Conference Room  
Gift from the Estate of Marilyn and Robert Kurpius

Two outdoor flags  
Given in Memory of Melva Struckmann

Thank you for all your memorials and gifts to SST Endowment Fund!

## THANK YOU!

On behalf of LINC – Thank you so much for your generous and extremely helpful gift to LINC. This is a tight season and your gift not only encouraged us greatly, it allowed us to press forward on some important mission projects – helping break the education and fatherless gap with the Gospel.

Thank You – Pastor Ben Griffin  
LINC Twin Cities Director

## SST Endowment Fund Committee

Lynn Hennings, Chair  
Bob Oebser, Secretary  
Muriel Janneke, Treasurer  
Pastor Bob Gehrke  
Dean Schwanke, VP of SSTLC  
Linda Ferwerda, Treasurer of SSTLC

“TELL EVERYONE  WHAT HE HAS DONE!”



**THE GREAT MINNESOTA SOUTH  
MISSION GET—TOGETHER**

**Saturday, October 10, 2020  
Mayer Lutheran High School**

305 5th St NE, Mayer, MN 55360

Doors open at 7:00 a.m.

Worship Service: 9:00 a.m.  
MNS LCMS President Lucas Woodford, Proclaimer

Keynote Speaker, Jan Struck

Devotions Moments

Mission Speakers

Silent Auction    Servant Events

Lunch

2 Offerings: *benefiting MNS LWML  
Mite Goal, Phil's Friends, Trinity First—  
Minneapolis, Chance International*

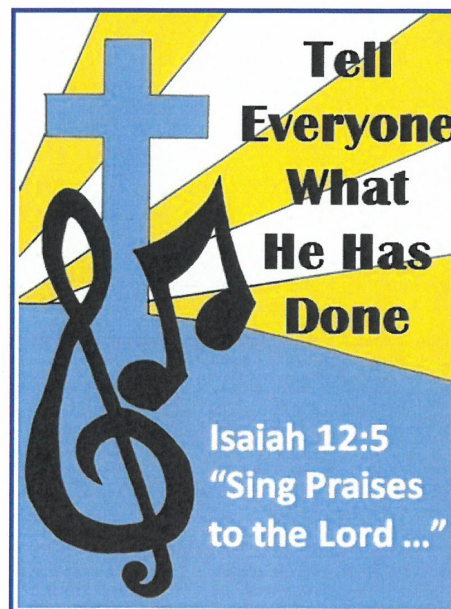
Registration: \$30.00

Register online at [mnslwml.org](http://mnslwml.org)

Deadline: September 19, 2020

*Live Stream*

Minnesota South District LWML/Facebook



**Sponsored by MNS LWML**

## Christian Education

### Parents of students Pre-K through 12th grade,

We pray you and your child(ren) are doing well with school now underway. Below are a few updates in regards to upcoming events/happenings in October. As always, keep an eye on our website and your email for updates and more information.

### Sunday School:

Reminder that Sunday School lessons are available on our website. They are password protected. If you are in need of the password or did not receive the email with the information, please let Bethany know and she will get that information to you. Our first Service Activity will take place during the Sunday School hour (9:30-10:30am) on October 18th. We hope to see you there! You can watch Sunday School online using this link: <https://sstwbl.org/sunday-school>, once you arrive at the Sunday School page, click on the button that says "watch sunday school online." It will then request a password which is "Jesus." Lessons will be uploaded weekly, including take-home sheets.

### Wednesday Night Programming for families:

Our Family Activity is taking place on October 7th, and our Family Service Project is taking place on October 21st. We'll start at 5:30pm and include a catered dinner from 6-6:30pm (free-will offering accepted.) If you haven't already and would like to join us, please register online so we can provide enough food: <https://sstwbl.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/527000>

### MOPS:

MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) will be meeting the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month from 6:00 to 7:30pm. Dinner (free-will offering accepted) and childcare will be provided. You can register online via our website at <https://sstwbl.org/mops>. If you have any questions, please contact Trista Bodin.

### Confirmation:

Confirmation is being provided both online and in-person on Wednesday nights from 7-8:05pm. If you have any questions, please reach out to Pastor Bob or Pastor Dan. There will be no Confirmation on October 14th due to MEA week.

### 6th-12th Graders:

**We are happy to announce that we will be providing a fun adventure outing on October 11th!** We will be taking a trip to Basecamp which is located at Fort Snelling. It will be a 5 hour event (from 1pm to 6pm), in which youth will take part in Rock Climbing (2 walls available both indoor and outdoor), Archery, and Team Building. The cost will be \$17 per person. Lunch will be provided (after church) and carpooling will be available. You can pay out of pocket, or use your fundraising account. Scholarships are available- we don't want cost to be a deterrent. Keep an eye on your email for more details and a registration link. Please contact Bethany at [bethany@sstwbl.org](mailto:bethany@sstwbl.org) if you are in need of a scholarship or have any questions. Please register for the event here: <https://sstwbl.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/547468>

The Butter Braid fundraiser will take place from October 11th- October 28th. We will automatically register you for an online store link that your youth can share with family, friends, etc. We will also have paper forms available, let Bethany know if you would prefer those. We will be selling Butter Braids at church on October 11th and 18th. We will need youth to sign up to help sell these. Keep an eye on your email for more details.

### High School Youth Group:

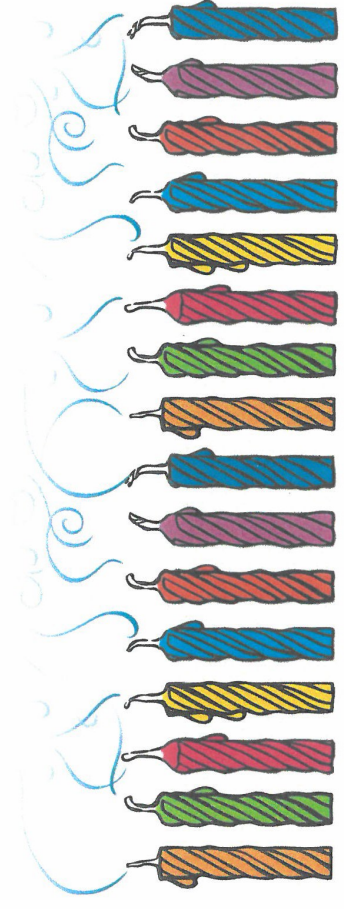
High School Youth Group is being provided both online and in-person on Wednesday nights from 7-8pm. If you would like to join us and haven't registered, please do so here: <https://sstwbl.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/531913> If you have any questions, please reach out to Bethany. There will be no Youth Group on October 14th due to MEA week.

We look forward to teaching and investing in your kids!

Pastor Bob, Pastor Dan, Bethany, Board of Education and Board of Youth

**Birthdays and Wedding Anniversaries**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>4</b> Jordan Anderson (b.) AJ Melde (b.) William Vette (b.)	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Pete Deeg (b.) Xavier Satre (b.)	<b>7</b> Lin Carlson (b.) Zoey Lehn (b.) David and Nellie Crothers (w.) Bob and Dana Schauer (w.) Rich and Carla Schrom (w.)	<b>8</b> Barb Peltier (b.)	<b>9</b> Richard and Sue Dittmann (w.)	<b>10</b> Rich and Ruby Moskop (w.)
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Liz Boleen (b.) Mikaela Handevitd (b.)	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Theresa Bacon (b.)	<b>16</b> Jenna Battaglia (b.)	<b>17</b> Janet Bowman (b.) Hayden Butzlaff (b.) Jonathan Mast (b.) Patricia Molkenbur (b.) Glenn and Tammy Lisowy (w.)
<b>18</b> Seth Erickson (b.) Lois Gemlo (b.) Julie Grachek (b.) Don and Nancy Benson (w.) Andy and Katie Svoboda (w.)	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Harry Kunze (b.)	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Brooklynn Williams (b.) Justin Williams (b.) Roger and Annette Chamberlain (w.) Harold and Donna Krenz (w.)	<b>23</b> Jared Alm (b.) Olivia Hines (b.) Louis and Bonnie Hass (w.)	<b>24</b> Annette Chamberlain (b.)
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Lucas Melde (b.) Connie Peltier (b.) Liliana Peterson (b.)	<b>28</b> Jonetta Feiner (b.) Shirley Patraw (b.)	<b>29</b> Trent Womeldorff (b.)	<b>30</b> Shari Draegert (b.) Barbara Engh (b.) Becky and Andrew Melde (w.)	<b>31</b> Sheryl Meredith (b.) Thomas and Sheryl Meredith (w.) Bruce and Betty Rabe (w.)



**IMPORTANT  
CONFIRMATION DATES**

October 21:

*Confirmation Photos*

*Reading of Essays*

October 25:

*Confirmation at 10:45 a.m.*

Confirmands:

*Isaiah Erickson*

*Shawn Linda*

*Nathan Reeves*

**WORSHIP REMINDERS**

**Just a reminder as we move all our worship services indoors**, out of respect and love for each other, COVID-19 rules and regulations will continue to be followed. Please bring and wear a mask, remain at least 6 feet away from others not in your immediate family, and be seated in every other pew as posted. If you choose to remove your mask while seated, please refrain from singing and hum along instead.

- ◆ Bring anything you will need to worship. Parents, please bring items for your children to play with.
- ◆ Go to the restroom before you arrive. Our restrooms will be available however we want to reduce the number of things you will need to touch.
- ◆ If you bring a coat or jacket, please bring it with you to your seat in the sanctuary.



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