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Trinity Tidings

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Romans 5:1-5 (ESV)

5 “Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. **2** Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. **3** Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, **4** and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, **5** and hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.”

Dear friends in Christ,

My hope and prayer is that you are at peace, living with hope, believing that you are loved by our amazing Triune God! He promised to be with you each and every day when you were baptized and He encourages you to remember that every day, especially when the devil, or our world’s desires, or your sinful flesh have tempted you to sin against God and His Word. He calls on you to turn away from your sin, repent, and receive His forgiveness! How amazing is His love for you!

I believe it is important for us, as Christians, to focus on what we believe to be true so that we can share it with those we know who are yet to hear and believe in Jesus as their Lord and Savior. It’s important for us to turn away from the cacophony of confusion, disappointment, and frustration and turn back to the One who came to speak the truth about all of us and about our need for the Savior. For when we do, we are following Jesus’ command to His followers. We need not fear, but speak the truth in love (Eph. 4:25) and always being ready to defend our hope (1 Peter 3:15).

We are here to join with you in growing in your faith. In order to assist you, we are offering a variety of new and flexible Bible studies and activities on Sundays and during the week. Please read the rest of this newsletter and watch for more information.

Since we have more disciples of Jesus at SST who prefer worshipping outside, the Board of Elders decided that we will have our second service on Sundays outside (weather permitting) at 9:45 on the 6th; 10:45 on the on the 13th. The service will either be at Bellaire Beach or in our parking lot. If we are using our parking lot, the pastors and music team will set up near the garage in order to have electricity for the sound system and instruments. Worshipers will be able to sit on the grass to the north of the playground or in the parking lot, on chairs or in cars. Please watch for updates.

May the Lord Jesus be with you today and every day!
Pastor Bob Gehrke

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WORSHIP SERVICE 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

9:45 a.m. Sunday Sept. 6th with Holy Communion will be held lakeside. This is the last 9:45 a.m. service until next summer.

10:45 a.m. worship service will start on September 13th. The 10:45 a.m. services will be held outdoors during September.

The Praise Team will provide music on the 1st and 3rd Sundays at the 10:45 a.m. services.

In addition to offering in-person services we will continue to offer recorded services. Go to: www.sstwbl.org/watch

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BIBLE STUDIES AND OTHER GROUPS

- ⇒ Monday mornings at 9:00 a.m. Judy Jarsko's Bible study group will continue to meet beginning on September 21st in the Lounge.
- ⇒ Wednesday mornings at 9:30 a.m. the Bible study group led by LuErna Sawyer, will once again be meeting starting September 9th in room 2-13.
- ⇒ The Wednesday morning Young-at-Heart Bible study group led by Pastor Gehrke will continue meeting via Zoom and in-person in the Lounge at 9:30 a.m. on September 16. If you'd like to join this group, please contact Pastor Gehrke at pastor@sstwbl.org or 651-429-4293 to receive the Zoom link.
- ⇒ The 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month at 6:00 p.m. starting on September 16th, the MOPs (Mothers Of Preschoolers) group will begin meeting in the Lounge.
- ⇒ Thursday morning ladies Bible study group led by Joanne Lundgren has been meeting at 9:30 a.m. outdoors at church during the summer and will continue to do so until the weather brings them inside.
- ⇒ The Thursday evening Bible study group led by Pastor Gehrke will continue to meet via Zoom and in-person in the Lounge at 7:00 p.m. If you'd like to join this group, please contact Pastor Gehrke at pastor@sstwbl.org or 651-429-4293 to receive the Zoom link.
- ⇒ The Vesper Bell Choir will practice at 6:00 p.m. on September 3, 10, 17, 21, and 28. They plan to begin playing during the third Saturday worship service of each month starting in September.



Hello Ladies,

Here it is September already. We have missed our fellowship with you gals. Our topic this month was supposed to be a field trip. With the rules and regulations of COVID-19, we have decided to have a social distancing picnic on the church property on Tuesday, September 1st. The gathering will start at 1:00 pm. Guild will furnish sub sandwiches, chips, and a cookie. If you feel more comfortable bringing your own lunch that is ok too. We ask that you bring your own drink and a chair to sit on. This will be a time for fellowship and connecting with your sisters in Christ. The mite box will be available for you mites.

Tentative plans are in the works for a Sept. 19th Fall Rally. We will provide more info as time goes on. We may even have additional information by September 1st.

We will not be having our annual German Dinner. We cannot have a buffet line so we feel, that due to the age of our participants or those that truly enjoy it, it would not work well.

The theme for LWML Sunday 2020 is based on Jesus' words to the chief priests and Pharisees found in Matthew 21:43 that ... *The kingdom of God will be ... given to people producing its fruits.* As people of the kingdom of God, God graciously nurtures us and generously gives us everything we need to produce fruit for the kingdom during the fruit-bearing season of our lives. In response to God's grace and empowered by the Holy Spirit through Word and Sacrament, Kingdom People (in the LWML) Produce Kingdom Fruit for the season of our whole life on this earth. LWML Sunday will be observed on October 4th. We have lots of LWML banners so take notice as you enter church as we will have numerous banners from years past around the church. Thank you to Marilyn and Corrine Erickson, who have consented to making a new banner.

Our October meeting will be held Tuesday, October 6th at 1:00pm. This meeting will be a Bible Study by Pastor Gehrke on "An Age of Grace" along with election of officers for 2021.

If you are bored, feel the need to have some good fellowship or simply need to connect with your sisters in Christ, come to the picnic on Tuesday, September 1st. Looking forward to sharing time with you.

Guild Board, LuErna, Terry, Karen and Joanne

 **SEPTEMBER**

Trinity Guild Birthdays

Trinity Guild birthdays this month are:

Paulette Genz - Sept 4

Eunice Streufert - Sept 7

Betty Newman - Sept 18

Carol Gerlach - Sept 21

Karen Kropelnicki - Sept 21

Dolores Majetich -Sept. 24



Tuesday, September 1st at 1pm

Guild will furnish:

- ◆ sub sandwiches
- ◆ chips
- ◆ cookie

If you feel more comfortable bringing your own lunch that is ok too.

We ask that you bring your own drink and a chair to sit on.

FALL BLOOD DRIVE ON SEPTEMBER 22

Blood Donation and Safety Protocols

Wear a Mask

In accordance with CDC guidelines, all donors are required to wear a face covering or mask.

Social Distancing

All blood drives follow social distancing guidelines, including spacing out donor beds, waiting, and refreshment areas.

Temperature Check

All donors and staff have their temperatures checked prior to entering a blood drive or donation center.

How You Can Help

Bob Rozmarynowski is hosting the blood drive at South Shore Trinity. He could use a couple of volunteers. If you're interested in helping (checking people in or taking their temperature on their arrival) contact Bob at 651-261-6399.

Signup to donate at:

www.redcrossblood.org

Tuesday, September 22

12:00 pm to 6:00pm

Fellowship Hall

**CAST YOUR VOTE FOR
BEST OF THE PRESS!**

POLLS OPEN NOW THROUGH SEPT. 10

presspubs.com/white_bear/bestof



The Board of Outreach would like to say “thank you” for the nomination in the White Bear Press’s “Best Of” for 2020. This is an honor and we are grateful for it!

We give all praise and glory to God for the work He is doing through His disciples at South Shore Trinity. Our prayer is His work through us continues to grow and be fruitful, that our community is blessed by our presence, and find South Shore Trinity a welcoming place where they experience peace and comfort in the knowledge of Jesus’ saving grace.

Please check out the ballot in the White Bear Press and cast your vote! Ballot results will be published on October 21st.

To vote for “Best Church” and “Best Church Dinner” go to: presspubs.com/white_bear/bestof

“Best Church” will be found in the Services category and the “Best Church Dinner” is found in the Eating & Drinking category. Note, you can vote once a day!



LWML MN South District 2020-2022 Biennium Mission Goal - \$265,000.00

MN South District (75%) = \$198,750.00

National LWML (25%) = \$66,250.00

Mission Grants for the 2020-2022 Biennium:

#1 – Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Food Co-op	\$ 10,000.00
#2 – Minnesota South District Student Aid Scholarships	\$ 30,000.00
#3 – LCMS Missionary Support at Just Right Time (Mission Central)	\$ 10,000.00
#4 – The Dwelling Place – General Operating Support	\$ 10,000.00
#5 – The Timothy Scholarship – Mayer Lutheran High School	\$ 15,000.00
#6 – Tuition Assistance – Martin Luther High School, Northrop	\$ 15,000.00
#7 – Rooted*Celebrating*Growing – Capital Campaign of Camp Omega	\$ 20,000.00
#8 – 3-Way Partnership for Financial Assistance, Concordia Academy	\$ 15,000.00
#9 – Bringing Christ’s Light to Those Living in Darkness (LBW)	\$ 15,000.00
#10 – Multiplying International Friendship Centers (POBLO)	\$ 12,000.00
#11 – Support for a Growing Educational Need (LSEM)	\$ 15,000.00
#12 – Nigerian Seminary Tuition Assistance	\$ 12,000.00
#13 – Connecting People in an Inclusive Christian Housing Community	\$ 10,000.00
#14—Concordia Seminary’s International Graduate School Studies	\$ 7,000.00
#15—EquippingMN South District for Disability Ministry & Respite Care	\$ 2,750.00 (partial)
	\$198,750.00

SEPTEMBER 2020 VOLUNTEER CALENDAR

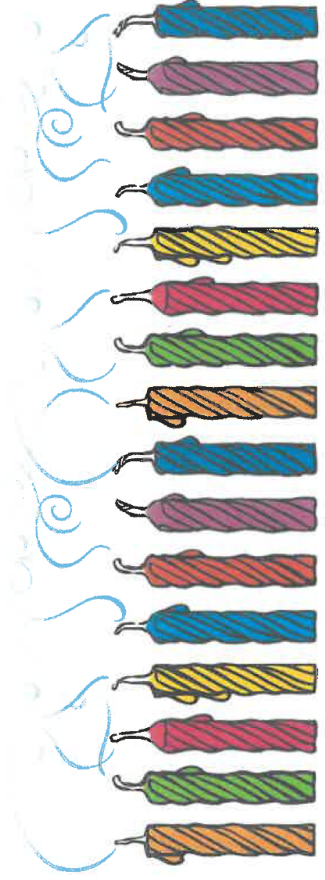
	Sept. 5 & 6 Communion at all	Sept. 12 & 13 Rally Sunday	Sept. 19 & 20 Communion at all	Sept. 26 & 27
Ushers	5:30 Bob Rozmarynowski 8:00 <u>George Gifford</u> Rick Carlson 9:45 lakeside Cory Pederson	5:30 Bob Dybdal 8:00 <u>Scott Hafner</u> Dan Wille 10:45 Mark Molkenbur	5:30 Bob Rozmarynowski 8:00 <u>George Gifford</u> Rick Carlson 10:45 Ed & Carol Gerlach	5:30 Bob Dybdal 8:00 <u>Scott Hafner</u> Nate Groneberg 10:45 Ed & Carol Gerlach
Readers	8:00 Paulette Genz 9:45 Cory Pederson (lakeside)	8:00 Dan Wille 10:45 Kevin Froelich	8:00 Rick Carlson 10:45 Ed Gerlach	8:00 Ruby Moskop 10:45 Ed Gerlach
Communion Assistant	8:00 tbd 9:45 tbd			
Sound Booth	5:30 Nate Reeves 8:00 Ron Wenzel 9:45 lakeside	5:30 Keith Cook 8:00 Joel Kurpius 10:45	5:30 Nate Reeves 8:00 Ken Kirchhoff 10:45	5:30 Keith Cook 8:00 Dorit Hafner 10:45
Live Stream Tech	8:00 Jayne Kurpius 9:45 Gavin England (if inside)	8:00 Ethan Engh	8:00 Gavin England 10:45 Ethan Engh (if inside)	8:00 Jayne Kurpius
Greeters	5:30 8:00 9:45 (lakeside)	5:30 8:00 10:45	5:30 8:00 10:45	5:30 8:00 10:45

We are not currently staffing these areas with volunteers. We will begin to staff them when we feel we can safely do so, according to the CDC guidelines in respect to COVID-19.

Acolytes				
Bus Driver				
Counters				
Coffee Servers				

Birthdays and Wedding Anniversaries

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Mary Jane Ross (b.) Courtney Rusch (b.) George and Celeste Gifford (w.)	2 Marilyn and David Erickson (w.)	3 Joel Kurpius (b.)	4 Paulette Genz (b.) Dan Patraw (b.)	5
6 James Gemlo (b.) Quintan McBride (b.) Dean and Jane Schwanke (w.)	7 Max Johnston (b.) Eunice Streufert (b.)	8 Brooke Blaschka (b.) Bonnie Moyer (b.) Hayley Seix (b.) Darlene Snyder (b.)	9 Sandi Venzke (b.)	10 Joanne Carlson (b.) Jamie Herring (b.) Dan and Stephanie Fitzpatrick (w.)	11 Laurie Sittler (b.) Paul and Carol Darden (w.)	12 Brimley Nordaune (b.) Lydia Sinkula (b.)
13 Kenneth Coulter (b.)	14 Jack and Elaine Frahm (w.)	15 Luz Pettee (b.) Tim and Sandi Lundgren (w.)	16 Jodi Meister (b.) Jill Womeldorff (b.)	17 Judith Coulter (b.) John Vette (b.) Kar and Todd Anderson (w.) Bill and Eileen Spreeman (w.)	18 Christopher Kaufman (b.) Betty Newman (b.)	19 Marlene Sorenson (b.)
20	21 Carol Ann Gertlach (b.) Karen Kropelnicki (b.) Kurt and Debbie Geyer (w.)	22 Maia Hoefs (b.) Thomas Meredith (b.) Melissa and Joel Ellenbecker (w.) Jim and Trudy Elmer (w.)	23 Doreen Blanchard (b.)	24 Dolores Majetch (b.) Mike and Rebecca Wille (w.)	25 Dean Schwanke (b.) John and Marisa Vette (w.)	26 Kelsey Berwald (b.) Jim Gemlo (b.) Bruce Rabe (b.) Vickie and Tom Brand (w.)
27 Rebecca Krahn (b.) Betty Wolfangle (b.)	28 Jake and Sherin Thommes (w.)	29 Rick Carlson (b.)	30 Lois Lund (b.) Thomas Sweet (b.) Kevin Tarnholt (b.) Jerry and Beverly Hampel (w.)			



Christian Education

Parents of students Pre-K through 12th grade,

We are excited for this upcoming year! We have made decisions on this Fall in regards to in-person and online opportunities. Please read below for these details and feel free to contact us with any questions. We will continue to navigate our situation and check-in with your family as we continue to make additional decisions. We will send out an email that includes the recording from the all parent meeting.

Sunday School:

This Fall we will be sending video recorded Sunday School lessons and resources to families each week. Additionally, we will have in person Sunday School in the choir room for those who would like to attend in person. Please keep an eye on your email for the Fall calendar, and the registration link. If you have any questions, please contact Bethany: bethany@sstwbl.org.

Wednesday Night Programming for K-5th:

Due to responses from the survey we will be offering bi-monthly opportunities for families who would like to enjoy in-person activities. On the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, we will offer a service activity or a family activity alongside a catered dinner at 6:00 pm. We will not be offering an in-person educational opportunity (ex: Kingdom Kids) at this time for K-5th on Wednesday evenings. If you have any questions, please contact Bethany: bethany@sstwbl.org

MOPS:

MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) will be meeting the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month in the evening from 6:00—7:30 p.m. Dinner and childcare will be provided. You can register online via our website. If you have any questions, please contact Trista Bodin.

Confirmation:

Confirmation will be offered both in-person and via Zoom every week. Stay tuned for emails from Pastor Bob and Pastor Dan in regards to calendars, information, Zoom links, and the registration link. If you have any questions please contact Pastor Bob: pastor@sstwbl.org and/or Pastor Dan: pastordan@sstwbl.org

High School Youth Group:

High School Youth Group will be offered both in-person and via Zoom every week. Stay tuned for an email from Bethany that will include the Fall calendar, information, Zoom links, and the registration link. If you have any questions, please contact Bethany: bethany@sstwbl.org

We look forward to teaching and investing in your kids!

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