

TRINITY TIMES

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 this 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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Matthew 28:5-6 "But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay."

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

As we begin this month we will be in the season of Easter because we ushered it in on March 31. So, let us continue rejoicing that our Risen Savior is alive and will continue to be with us wherever we are! *"Christ is risen! He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!"* I hope these words have given you joy, even if you are in the midst of grief. Because Jesus is risen from the dead we can look forward to the day when we will see our loved one/s who died believing in Jesus when He returns in glory. Until then, let us joyfully say - *Christ is risen! He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!"*

We are Easter people which means we will continue to rejoice that our Lord and Savior loves us, provides for us, and gives us opportunities to show we are thankful for the blessings we have received by giving our time, giving a percentage of our income to our ministry at South Shore Trinity, and by serving Him and others by using our spiritual gifts and talents. During the weekends of April 13-14, 20-21, and May 4-5 we will be preaching about the various ways we are able to respond as stewards and managers of His gifts to us. Our Estimate of Giving/Faith Promise weekend will be May 4-5.

At the end of the month we will celebrate with four of our youth who will confirm their faith on their confirmation day – April 28, during the 10:45am worship service. But, before they confirm their faith, they will also read an essay they have written about their faith on Wednesday, April 23, at 7pm. Their essays will include why they picked the Bible verse to be their confirmation verse and how they hope that verse will help them in their walk with the Lord. In addition, they will explain what the symbols on their stoles mean. This will be quite a change for our youth and their parents, families, and sponsors. They will take this step in their journey of life as they promise to continue growing in their faith, serving the Lord and others, and sharing their faith with those who have not yet believed in our awesome Lord!

Obviously, there are many changes that will be coming in April. Please join me in praying that our gracious God will be with us as we seek to be Sharing, Caring, Growing in Christ!

Pastor Bob Gehrke

APRIL 2024

SHARING, CARING, GROWING IN CHRIST!

WORSHIP SERVICES

EASTER 2

Saturday, April 6

5:30pm Traditional Worship with Communion

Sunday, April 7

8:00am Traditional Worship with Communion

10:45am Praise Team Worship with Communion

EASTER 3

Saturday, April 13

5:30pm Traditional Worship with Communion

Sunday, April 14

8:00am Traditional Worship

10:45am Worship with Communion

EASTER 4

Saturday, April 20

5:30pm Traditional Worship with Communion

Sunday, April 21

8:00am Traditional Worship with Communion

10:45am Praise Team Worship with Communion

EASTER 5 — Confirmation Sunday

Saturday, April 27

5:30pm Worship with Communion

Sunday, April 28

8:00am Traditional Worship

10:45am Worship with Communion



CONFIRMATION SUNDAY
APRIL 28 AT 10:45

PHINEAS JACK KREITZER — Philippians 4:13

LILIANA EDEL PETERSON — Psalm 18:28

ELIANA CLARA SINKULA — Luke 1:37

WILLIAM JOHN VETTE — Isaiah 41:10

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

SUNDAYS

Adult Bible Study

Topic: TBD

Place: Fellowship Hall (B22)

Time: 9:30am

Contact: Pastor Gehrke, 651-429-4293

Adult Bible Study

Topic: Hymn of the Day

Place: Lounge

Time: 9:30am

Contact: Pastor Dan, 651-429-4293

WEDNESDAYS

Senior Saints

Topic: 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

Topic: Acts

Place: Lounge [F8]

Time: 9:30am

Contact: Pastor Bob Gehrke

THURSDAYS

Women's Bible Study

Topic: Joy: A Study of Philippians

Place: Lounge

Time: 9:30am

Contact: Martha Olson 651-429-5616

Men's Bible Study

Topic: We meet the 3rd Thursday of each month. We have a short, simple Bible Study and also do projects for people in the community and for members.

Place: Lounge [F8]

Time: 8:30-10:00am

Contact: George Gifford, 651-464-1022

Adult Bible Study

Topic: First Corinthians

Place: Lounge [F8]

Time: 7:00pm

Contact: Pastor Gehrke, 651-429-4293



Trinity Guild
Tuesday, April 2
1:00 pm ~ Lounge

Joshua Orugboh, Guest Speaker

Joshua is the DCE intern at New Life Church in Hugo. You are invited to come and hear about his interesting faith journey.

Come and learn more about the MN South District LWML Convention, June 20-22, 2024. To help our two delegates to the Convention, we want your input on the new proposed mission grants.



2024 LWML Prayer Service
Thursday, May 2, 2024
Sanctuary at South Shore Trinity, 6:30 PM
Supper starting at 5:30 PM

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord
1 Timothy 1:2; 2 Timothy 1:2

The 2024 Prayer Service is designed around those first three words – those three gifts that come to us from our gracious Father and our Savior – Grace, Mercy, and Peace.

All are welcome to join us for the LWML Prayer Service on this National Day of Prayer and for supper. Men, please join us for both.

Trinity Guild will be serving supper starting at 5:30 pm. Come when you can for this meal and for fellowship! We will collect Mites, and all donations will go toward the MN South and National LWML mission grants.



LUNCH WITH JERRY

Lunch will be served at 11:30am on April 10. It is a great time for fellowship and free food! A free will offering is received and is matched by Thrivent.

St. Croix River Zone
LWML Spring Fling 2024

Saturday, April 20, 2024

New Life Church - Lutheran, Hugo

Please Note: There will be a sign-up sheet on the Guild bulletin board. Muriel Janneke will RSVP by April 14 for those that sign up on this sheet. See the flyer in this newsletter for more details.

Spring Issue of the
Lutheran Woman's Quarterly

It has arrived! Please pick up a copy from the cabinet outside our church office. It has excellent articles and Bible studies!

Camp Omega
Fun, Friends, and Faith!

Summer camp 2024 registration is open!
Get ready for a summer that changes lives!

Camp Omega is a place of God's ministry and has been changing lives for more than 50 years and continues to do so!

- Summer camp is a life-changing and Christ-filled experience where campers get to build community in the outdoors. There are programs for all ages and all interests.

Camp Omega Scholarships

The SSTLC Endowment Fund is giving scholarships for our children and youth to attend Camp Omega this summer. Up to 50% of the cost of summer camp for each child/youth will be reimbursed. These scholarships are provided by a gift from the Estate of Eleanor Woods, a former member of SSTLC. Please contact Muriel Janneke at mjanneke@comcast.net or 612-709-2985 for more information and a scholarship application form. For more information about summer camp at Camp Omega and to register online, go to www.campomega.org

MEDICAL SUPPLY MINISTRY

Please share with family and friends that we have medical equipment available for use. We have an ample supply of adult incontinence products too. We'd like to invite anyone who is in need of these supplies to check in at church office for assistance with locating items. For more information on medical equipment and supplies available lease contact Kathy Meyer at 651-269-1955.

Grieving the **death**
of a loved one?



Join Us

13-week Support Group
Saturdays
10:00am - 12:00pm
Feb. 24 | Mar. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
Apr. 6, 13, 20, 27 | May 4, 11, 18
sstwbl.org/griefshare



Tax Effectiveness in Christian Giving

Honor the LORD with your wealth and with the first fruits of all your produce; then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine. Proverbs 3:9-10

Whatever you do, do it enthusiastically, as something done for the Lord and not for men, knowing that you will receive the reward of an inheritance from the Lord. You serve the Lord Christ. Colossians 3:23-24

Part of being a good steward is using the resources that God has given you as effectively as possible. Paying less taxes on the money you donate would be one way. How can you get more bang for your bucks? One way for some of us now, and others in the future is by making a **qualified charitable distribution (QCD)** from your traditional IRA.

A **QCD** is a distribution from an IRA made directly to an eligible charity (South Shore Trinity is an eligible charity). Owners of individual retirement accounts who are at least age 70 1/2 can contribute some or all of their IRAs (up to the \$105,000 limit) to charity that you would otherwise be forced to receive and pay taxes on. The funds must be directly transferred from the IRA custodian to the eligible charity.

If you have a traditional IRA, you *must* begin taking **required minimum distributions (RMDs)** when you reach age 73, even if you don't want or need the money at that point in time. These distributions are taxable at ordinary income rate, whatever tax bracket you're in that particular year. You can avoid being taxed on the RMDs that you must take from your IRA(s) by replacing taxable RMDs with tax-free QCDs.

Because income from a QCD doesn't become part of your 1040 adjusted gross income (AGI), QCDs can be used to help keep your (AGI) and taxable income within a desired range. This can help prevent your income from reaching certain thresholds and reduce income tax.

QCDs always deliver a tax benefit while "regular" charitable donations might not. The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (TCJA) almost doubled the standard deduction amounts, and you only get a tax benefit from a charitable donation if your total itemized deductions exceed your standard deduction. For non-itemizers, donating to charity via a direct transfer out of an IRA is the only way to get a tangible tax benefit from your donation.

Itemizers also can receive tax benefits. I have received substantial benefits in both the years that I have itemized and in the year that I had taken the standard deduction, which has allowed me to increase my contribution. This is the time to start planning for the 2024 tax year.

Tax laws change periodically and the above information may not reflect new changes. You should consult with a tax professional for the most up-to-date information and advice that is most advantageous to your specific application.

His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master. Matthew 25:21

A MEASURE OF OUR LOVE	February	Year-To-Date July-February	Year-To-Date BUDGET
Receipts	48,128	489,659	463,790
Expenses	66,996	521,306	500,557
Income Less Expense	\$ (18,868)	\$ (31,647)	\$ (36,767)
One Time Special	\$ 13,100	\$ 13,100	13,000
	(5,768)	(18,547)	(23,767)

ATTENDANCE	Saturday/Sunday Average	Special Average	Last Month
Saturday 5:30	54		54
Sunday 8:00	66		60
Sunday 10:45	55		57
Ash Wednesday/Lent 11:00am		51	53
Ash Wednesday/Lent 7:00pm		33	32
Average per weekend	175		171

INVITE CARDS

Have you ever wished you could simply hand out an information card to friends or acquaintances about our church? The Board of Outreach would like to encourage everyone to take several of the new "Invite Cards" and keep them handy for those opportunities arise. They are on the cabinet by the office and elsewhere around the building.



Lutheran
Women
in Mission



St. Croix River Zone

Spring Fling

Saturday, April 20, 2024
New Life Lutheran Church
6000 N. 148th St. Hugo, MN 55038

9:00am Registration 9:30am Program with lunch following

ALL are invited - Men, Women, Family and Friends!

"Everything You Wanted To Know About Hymns"

Presented by Dr. Jeffrey E. Burkart

Nationally known teacher, author, dramatist, poet and musician

"addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ." Ephesians 5:19-20



Opening Devotion by Rev. David Demanski - St. Peter Lutheran

Bible Study led by Rev. Bob Gehrke - South Shore Trinity

- \$10 Suggested Donation
- Rally Offering for MN South LWML

Please RSVP by April 14 to:

Kathy Brevig
kbbrev@comcast.net
or to 651-503-1426

Gifts from the Heart

Donations of cash or
checks, payable to:
King of Kings Lutheran
School, Memo Burkart
Endowment Fund

ALL are Welcome!

SOUTH SHORE TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

April “Pray For Us Calendar”

Pray each day of the month for the people and ministries listed!

- 1) Birthday: Sandi Lundgren, Ron Ferwerda, Brett Meister, Jordyn Berwald.
- 2) Birthday: Douglas Deeg. Baptism Anniversary: Nancy Benson.
- 3) Birthday: Talon Pederson, Lillian Pederson, Kristin Reed. Baptism Anniversary: Dave Deeg, Lois Lund, Dan Sittler.
- 4) Birthday: Jennifer Jewell. Wedding Anniversary: Ken and Judith Coulter. Baptism Anniversary: Lenny Deeg, Betty Rabe.
- 5) Birthday: Justin Halbe. Baptism Anniversary: Sue Dittmann, Bridget Lehn, Terry Rusch, Jan Wille.
- 6) Birthday: Mike Bender.
- 7) Birthday: Debbie Geyer. Baptism Anniversary: Michael Lundgren.
- 8) Baptism Anniversary: Dan Schmidt.
- 9) Birthday: Karolina Peterson.
- 10) Birthday: Athena Johnson. Baptism Anniversary: Samuel Halbe, Benjamin Kaufman, Harold Krenz.
- 11) Birthday: Yvonne Kohrs. Baptism Anniversary: Rowan Stohr.
- 12) SST Pastors Gehrke and Bodin.
- 13) Birthday: Anna Schmidt, David Carlson.
- 14) Birthday: Richard Dittmann, Jacklyn Grunholz. Baptism Anniversary: Bob Oebser.
- 15) Wedding Anniversary: Ed and Carol Gerlach.
- 16) Wedding Anniversary: Mark and Peggy Dewitz, Greg and Paula McWilliams. Baptism Anniversary: Robert Wille.
- 17) Birthday: Simeon Carlson. Wedding Anniversary: Cory and Monica Pederson. Baptism Anniversary: Laura Hardy, Shawn Linda, Ron Wenzel.
- 18) Birthday: Gerald Gargaro, Annette Casey. Baptism Anniversary: Athena Johnson, Thomas Sweet.
- 19) Birthday: Marcia Wedell. Baptism Anniversary: Ethan Engh.
- 20) Birthday: Trudy Fast. Baptism Anniversary: Gloria Kopp, Sandi Lundgren.
- 21) Birthday: Dana Schauer, Blake Meister. Baptism Anniversary: Debbie Geyer.
- 22) SST Staff: Jayne, Kevin, Ron, Shirley, Jolene, Ruth and Cassie.
- 23) Birthday: Mark Dewitz, Nick Reed, Ty Reed, Liam Carlson. Baptism Anniversary: Trudy Fast, Nadia McWilliams.
- 24) Birthday: Kurt Geyer, Eric Wille. Baptism Anniversary: Justin Halbe.
- 25) Wedding Anniversary: Dan and Lauie Sittler.
- 26) Baptism Anniversary: Brett Meister.
- 27) Birthday: Lauren Lisowy. Wedding Anniversary: Ron and Shirley Wenzel. Baptism Anniversary: Mike Bender.
- 28) Baptism Anniversary: Jacklyn Grunholz. Pray for our Confirmands: Phineas Kreitzer, Lilianna Peterson, Eliana Sinkula, William Vette.
- 29) Birthday: Darrell Hardy, Denise Ackerley, Beverly Hampel. Baptism Anniversary: Jackson Pariseau.
- 30) Birthday: Jean Green.

