

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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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Did you know that the South Shore Trinity Preschool is celebrating their 75th Anniversary this year? Over the years, I'm sure many of you have been blessed like I have, to be able to have your children attend there. Throughout all these years, our preschool has enjoyed a fine reputation, not only within our congregation, but also in the community. The people of White Bear Lake know that the South Shore Trinity Preschool is a safe and loving environment for their young children to learn what it means to be a student, as well as a follower of Jesus.



In fact, just 5 years after South Shore Trinity was founded in 1943, Paster Deterding and the congregation felt it was the time to start a Christian day school. So, in September of 1948, the school began with 19 children, with the kindergarten class meeting in the morning, and the nursery class meeting in the afternoon.

Though efforts to expand the school to other grades were not successful, the school persisted on, becoming the Nursery Day School. Later, the Nursery Day School would become the South Shore Trinity Preschool. In 1956, Mrs. Judy Jarsko (who is celebrating her 101st birthday this month on May 25!) was added to the staff around 1956 and taught until 1984. In 1973, Mrs. Ruth Ann Endicott joined Mrs. Jarsko for two years resigning at the end of the 1973-74 school year. Mrs. Ruth Cordes joined Mrs. Jarsko in September 1974 and served until May 1993. The South Shore Trinity Preschool has had a number of other directors in the '90s and 2000s.

In August of 2004, Preschool Assistant Mrs. Ruth Oczak joined the preschool staff, and will be celebrating 20 years of faithful service this August. Mrs. Jolene Erickson is our current Preschool Director/Lead Teacher and has held that position since the fall of 2016.

For 75 years now, our preschool has assisted parents striving to accomplish what God instructs in Deuteronomy 6:4-7a, "*Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. **You shall teach them diligently to your children...***" And at South Shore Trinity Preschool, children come to learn who God is and what God has done for them in Jesus—how He came to live, die, and rise again, so that they can be forgiven and saved.

Our preschool, equipped with the Gospel, continues to serve the community today, by offering scholarships to those in need. They offer a significant discount to Disciples of Jesus here at South Shore. And our playground, which was completely replaced in 2019, is enjoyed by our preschool and community members alike.

Please join in giving God thanks and praise for His faithfulness in keeping our preschool open and serving the community and our church family for 75 years! And may this preschool continue to reach out with the Gospel for many years to come.

In His Grip,
+Pastor Dan Bodin

MAY 2024

SHARING, CARING, GROWING IN CHRIST!

WORSHIP SERVICES

EASTER 6

Saturday, May 4

5:30pm Traditional Worship with Communion

Sunday, May 5

8:00am Traditional Worship with Communion

10:45am Praise Team Worship with Communion

THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD (Mother's Day)

Saturday, May 11

5:30pm Traditional Worship with Communion

Sunday, May 12

8:00am Traditional Worship

10:45am Worship with Communion

THE DAY OF PENTECOST

Saturday, May 18

5:30pm Traditional Worship with Communion

Sunday, May 19

8:00am Traditional Worship with Communion

10:45am Praise Team Worship with Communion

LATE SERVICE AT 9:45 FOR THE SUMMER!

THE HOLY TRINITY (Memorial Day)

Saturday, May 25

5:30pm Worship with Communion

Sunday, May 26

8:00am Traditional Worship

9:45am Worship with Communion

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.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

SUNDAYS

Adult Bible Study

Topic: Free Will

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



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

PIZZA will be served at 11:30am on May 8. It is a great time for fellowship and free food! A free will offering is received and is matched by Thrivent.

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



Blessed by Grace to Give: 2 Corinthians 8-9

Part 1: 2 Corinthians 8:1-7

Introduction:

As God's people, we live every day by the grace of God. He has created and redeemed us. In spite of our sinful ways, God has chosen us by His grace to be His children. Knowing that God has graciously given us our physical and spiritual lives, we are empowered by His grace to show our gratitude. One of the more important ways that we show our thanksgiving is through our giving. We give because God first gave to us. When the time was right, He gave us what we needed the most, a Savior. *"But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons"* (Galatians 4:4-5).



Background:

During the time the Apostle Paul wrote his two letters to the church in Corinth, the Jewish Christians in Jerusalem were experiencing a severe famine and persecutions for their faith. Paul encouraged the Corinthians to come to the aid of the Christians in Jerusalem by giving generously to them. In 2 Corinthians chapters eight and nine, we read that Paul wanted the Corinthians to finish the offering that they had begun previously. This initial offering was referred to in 1 Corinthians 16:1-4 when Paul sought a collection for believers suffering in Jerusalem. He wrote, *"On the first day of every week, each of you is to put something aside and store it up, as he may prosper, so that there will be no collecting when I come"* (1 Corinthians 16:2). This verse directs the Corinthians to give to the collection weekly, individually, and proportionately. Each person was to give a portion of his income as he prospered.

Giving Is a Fruit of Grace

2 Corinthians 8:1-5: *"We want you to know, brothers, about the grace of God that has been given among the churches of Macedonia, for in a severe test of affliction, their abundance of joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. For they gave according to their means, as I can testify, and beyond their means, of their own accord, begging earnestly for the favor of taking part in the relief of the saints—and this, not as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then by the will of God to us."*

The poverty of the Macedonians did not stop or hinder their giving. Filled with God's grace and love, they pleaded for the privilege of giving to support the distressed Christians in Jerusalem. Hearing about the plight of fellow believers, they responded generously with joy. By grace, the Macedonians were willing to deny themselves even basic necessities and potential comforts and pleasures that money would have provided them for the joy of extending God's grace to others. Experiencing God's grace, they gave *"beyond their means."* God's grace empowered them to give and to give generously.

In his book *Making Change*, Ken Hemphill wrote, "Joy and generosity are twins...Joy comes from the knowledge of sins forgiven and the contemplation of God's generosity on our behalf...Joy thus leads one to generosity, and generosity in return gives one joy...Miserly people are miserable people, and generous people are joyous."



Closing Thoughts: When we give faithfully and generously, we mirror the true nature of God. Through our faithful giving, we reflect His likeness. God's giving nature is revealed to us through His Word. He gives physical life, and, through Jesus, He gives life forever with Him. Through grace and faith, which He supplies, we are enabled to give. *"And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work"* (2 Corinthians 9:8), including giving. Giving is an important part of being a Christian.

SOUTH SHORE TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

May "Pray For Us Calendar"

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

- 1) Birthday: Lilah Gipple, Becky Melde, Janet Hofer. Baptism: Jennifer Anderson, Jenna Greenwold, Yvonne Kohrs, Rich Schrom.
- 2) Birthday: Lewis Peterson, Carla Schrom. Baptism: Joleen Patricelli, Chuck Stuemke.
- 3) Birthday: Sadie Ackerley, Gavin Hornemann, Megan Lisowy. Anniversary: James and Nancy Manos.
- 4) Birthday: Tanya McCuskey. Baptism: Peter Deeg.
- 5) Anniversary: Thomas and Sue Pihl, Gary and Doreen Blanchard. Baptism: Richard Dittmann, Justis Kirchner, Jacob Wille.
- 6) Birthday: Margaret Fett. Baptism: Roger Bacon, Beverly Hampel, John Majetich, Amy Wille.
- 7) Birthday: Bob Dybdal, Kathryn Halbe, Chuck Sandstrom. Anniversary: Mike and Cathy Kuhl. Baptism: Nick Thommes.
- 8) Birthday: Linda Johnston, Shirley Wenzel. Anniversary: Arvid and Carol Baumgartner.
- 9) Birthday: Roy Vinkemeier. Anniversary: Kevin and Dawn Berg. Baptism: Richard Schrom.
- 10) Baptism: Simeon Carlson, Jean Green.
- 11) Birthday: Celeste Gifford, Ruby Moskop. Baptism: Jerry Boleen.
- 12) Birthday: Robin England. Anniversary: Brian and Jamie Sinkula, Donny and Mary Jane Ross. Baptism: Dennis Lorenzen, Jake Thommes.
- 13) Birthday: Joyce Glaess, Peter Ross. Baptism: David Carlson.
- 14) Birthday: Rachel Whitehurst, Sandy Mast. Anniversary: Scott and Gayle Kusch, Rich and Jennifer Carlson. Baptism: Anna Schmidt.
- 15) Birthday: Dan Ackerman, Carolyn Rusch. Anniversary: Christopher and Sarah Kaufman, Jerry and Emmie Boleen, Rick and Kay Kubik. Baptism: Kathryn Becker.
- 16) Birthday: Ed Lundgren. Baptism: Grace Back, Gayle Kusch.
- 17) Baptism: Jeanie Vette.
- 18) Birthday: Nancy Benson, Victor Bodin.
- 19) Birthday: Diane Oebser. Baptism: William Niebergall.
- 20) Birthday: Rich Carlson, Martha Olson, Betty Reed, Sharon Calhoun.
- 21) Birthday: Jeff Gipple, Marisa Vette. Anniversary: John and Patricia Molkenbur. Baptism: John Becker, Ryan Schrom, Shane Whitehurst.
- 22) Anniversary: Keith and Janis Keesling. Baptism: Lois Clausen.
- 23) Birthday: Don Benson, Jamie Sinkula, Virginia Vinkemeier, Gayle Zuercher. Baptism: Ruby Moskop.
- 24) Memorial Day Weekend: Remember all those who have lost loved ones in military service.
- 25) Birthday: Norm Klein, Judy Jarsko is 101! Baptism: Lauren Lisowy.
- 26) Birthday: Eliana Sinkula, Mackenzie Pangerl, Betty Swanson. Baptism: Megan Lisowy.
- 27) Anniversary: Jennifer and Joel Anderson. Baptism: Blake Meister, Becky Melde.
- 28) Birthday: David Lundgren. Baptism: Dave Lystig, Peter Ross.
- 29) Baptism: Emma Blumke, Linda Johnston.
- 30) Birthday: Justin Karch, Sophia Carlson. Baptism: Douglas Deeg, Roy Vinkemeier.
- 31) Birthday: Elizabeth Iverson, Isaac Halbe, Dorit Hafner, Herb Frederick, Lindsay Lundgren. Anniversary: Justin and Joanne Karch. Baptism: Shirley Wenzel.

