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1ST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2007

WELCOME

A special welcome to our guests worshipping with us this morning. We are glad you are here and pray that Jesus will touch your heart in some special way for being here. Please fill out a visitor's card that you will find on the pad in your pew and place it in the offering plate during the service or hand it to one of the ushers, so we can thank you for joining us this week. If we can be of service to you, please let us know.

OFFERINGS AND TITHES

Offerings are our special gifts given to the Lord on special days or occasions or whenever we are moved to do so, for any reason. *Tithes* are those monetary gifts we return to the Lord on a regular basis as first fruits because He asks us to do so, and to meet our spiritual need to give back to the One who has first given to us. If you are a visitor today, feel free to give an offering to the Lord, but do not feel you need to do so. The members of Trinity support the work of the Lord here by giving back to the Lord a portion of what He gives us. We pray that the Lord will continue to lead you to give your offerings and tithes to your home congregation.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

In order to be able to prepare for worship, we ask that everyone in the church nave would quietly find his or her seat a few minutes before the service is to begin. You might take this time to reflect on the blessings you will be receiving and pray this short prayer before the service begins.
Heavenly Father, we thank You for coming to us in the person of Your Son Jesus Christ, to save us from our sins. Enable us gracious Father, by the indwelling power of Your Holy Spirit, to keep our focus firmly on Jesus so that He will be the center of our lives and faith always—even unto everlasting life. In the name of Jesus. Amen!

PRAYER REQUESTS

Everyone who has a special prayer request is invited to give those requests to Pastor Moeller. If you don't have a chance to do so before the service, write it down on one of the pads from the front of your pew and hand it to one of the ushers with the offering. Pastor will include those requests in our prayers for the day and/or the prayer chain.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

In order to prepare for next week's worship service you may study the assigned readings for the 2nd Sunday in Advent, December 9, 2007:

First Lesson: Isaiah 11:1-10

Epistle: Romans 15:4-13

Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

SUNDAY ~

Worship ~ 9:30 am

Sunday School & Bible study ~ 10:45 am

Elders meeting ~ 12:00 noon

Men's Bible study ~ 6:00 am

TLC Chapel ~ 9:30 am

Chapel at Tieszen Home ~ 9:00 am

Bible study ~ 7:00 pm

Lifelight Bible study ~ 9:30 am

Confirmation ~ 5:30 pm

Midweek Advent Supper (Christian Education) ~ 6:00-7:00 pm

Worship ~ 7:30 pm

TLC Bible study ~ 5:30 pm

THURSDAY ~

TLC Bible study ~ 5:30 pm

COMING EVENTS

Sun., Dec. 9th ~ Worship w/communion ~ 9:30 am

Adult Bible study & Sunday School ~ 10:45 am

Children's Christmas Program ~ 12:00 noon

TLC Christmas program ~ 7:00 pm

Christmas Open House at the parsonage ~ 2:00-8:00 pm

Feb. 8th & 9th ~ Olan Mills Pictorial Directory

SERVING THIS WEEK: SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2007

Cleaners: George & Donna Vogt, Jean Gregersen, Amber Connolly

Greeters: George & Donna Vogt

Head Usher: Chris Paulsel Head Elder: Louis Thompson

Acolyte: Eric Krizan

NEXT WEEK: SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2007

Cleaners: Joe & Mary Krizan, Judy Larson

Greeters: Joe & Mary Krizan

Head Usher: Chris Paulsel Head Elder: Louis Thompson

Acolyte: Dustin Kleba

WORSHIP SERVICE: WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2007

Worship Attendance: 45

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Worship Attendance: 55 Adult Bible study: 13

Current offering: \$ 920.00 Loose offering: \$ 0.00

Building fund: 135.00 Mission Offering: 95.00

First Sunday Special Offerings go to Campus Ministry
Third Sunday Special Offerings go to Amy Kashenov

HOW TO BECOME A MEMBER OF TRINITY LUTHERAN

We extend the Sacrament of Baptism to all who have not been baptized—infants, children, youth, and adults. We invite those adults who are looking for a church home to come to one of our New Member Orientation classes. A new class will begin soon. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Pastor Moeller as soon as possible.

Upon completion of this class you may join Trinity Lutheran Church in one of the following ways:

- The Rite of Confirmation for those who have never been confirmed in the Lutheran Church.
- A Letter of Transfer is gladly accepted if you wish to transfer your membership from another Lutheran congregation.
- Reaffirmation of faith is for those who have been confirmed in a Lutheran church but have not been active in their former church.

MAIN STREET LIVING

Main Street Living's mission is to produce a quality Christian program, designed to bring the message of Jesus Christ to the homebound individuals of South Dakota and the adjacent states. Main Street Living is supported entirely by the churches of the area and its viewers. Please continue to remember this mission outreach in your daily prayers. Main Street Living may be seen on KDLT-NBC at 10:00 a.m.

December 9th ~ "The Stableboy's Christmas." A young daughter's disappointment over a gift she did not receive melts into a fantasy of the first Christmas. The featured speaker is Rev. Thomas Christopher of Trinity Lutheran Church in Spencer, SD and St. Martin Lutheran Church in Alexandria, SD. The sermon theme is "Carrying the Weak Toward Hope."

TODAY IN SUNDAY SCHOOL

Today's Sunday School lesson is the foretelling of the birth of John the Baptist Luke (1:5-25). The children learned that God in His mercy promised to send John to prepare sinful people for the coming of the Lord. In His Word, God calls us (sinful people) to repentance, declaring us righteous because of His Son, Jesus. In your family discussions, ask the children to retell the story they learned. Talk about times when you have doubted God's Word and how because of Jesus, God forgives our doubts, granting us faith to believe through the power of the Holy Spirit.

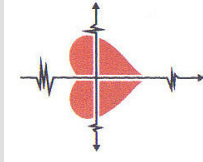
PICTORIAL CHURCH DIRECTORY

Trinity Lutheran Church will be taking family pictures for church directory on February 8-9, 2008. Volunteers are needed for sign-up, telephoning, host/hostess. Anyone interested in helping may speak to Ray Matthies (528-3457) or Laura Johnson (528-7260).

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

Romans 13:11-14: "Ready-Set-Come!" Who are God's watchful and wise stewards? They are God's people who want to be busy, faithfully doing those things that they would want to be doing when our Lord returns in glory, namely, living out their faith active in love.

FIT FOR LIFE



Why is the world so messed up? Why does God let bad things happen to good people? If we all use the same Bible why are there so many different denominations? Does God still speak to us today? Is His Word reliable? Is it relevant for today?

If these are questions that you have asked, please plan to attend "Fit For Life in Christ," an exciting course in Christian growth that presents the Word of God in new and meaningful ways. It is a course for those who are interested in membership in our church, or for anyone who wants to know what it really means to have a relationship with Jesus Christ. We are beginning several classes. If you are interested in participating, please speak with Pastor Moeller.

LIFELIGHT BIBLE STUDY

Please join the Lifelight Bible study each Wednesday at 9:30 a.m., as we study portions of the Gospel of Luke. This will not be a verse-by-verse commentary on the Gospel according to St. Luke, but will instead highlight key passages and emphases that distinguish Luke's account from the writings of the other evangelists. Most important, it will provide you with unique understanding of the birth, ministry, and passion of your Savior.

LIFE QUOTES FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

"To deny full humanity to a conceptus [embryo] is to deny full humanity to the Savior, 'qui conceptus est de Spiritu Sancto, natus ex Maria virgine' (Latin). We worship the coming Savior, we worship the ascended Lord, we worship the resurrected Son of Man, we worship the crucified Lamb, we worship the Boy in the temple, we worship the Babe in the manger, we worship the Conceptus in the womb of the Mother of God. Amen." *Posted on Cyberbrethren, a Lutheran Blog.*

www.lutheransforlife.org / 888-364-LIFE

CHRISTIAN OUTREACH

1st Sunday in Advent ~ Matthew 21:1-11: As Jesus prepared to enter Jerusalem riding the humble donkey the crowds that went ahead of Him shouted out the praises of the coming Messiah. In this Advent season, we, as God's people, also have the privilege and opportunity to let people know about Jesus, our Savior, who comes to bring us into His everlasting kingdom.

Divine Service

Hymn of Invocation #609
"Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying"
The Order of Morning Service p. 5-6
The Introit

P: See, your King comes to you,
C: **righteous and having salvation.**
P: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;
C: **in you I trust, O my God.**
P: Do not let me be put to shame,
C: **nor let my enemies triumph over me.**
P: No one whose hope is in you will ever be put to shame,
C: **but they will be put to shame who are treacherous without excuse.**

Gloria Patri, Kyrie, Gloria in Excelsis..... p. 6-9
The Salutation, Collectp. 9
The ReadingsBack page
The Apostles' Creed..... p. 12
The Sermon Hymn #58
"O Lord, How Shall I Meet Thee"
The Sermon.....
The Offering.....
The Prayers
Hymn #73
"Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"
The Collect, Benediction..... p. 14
The Closing Hymn #95
"Savior of the Nations, Come"

THE HOLY SPIRIT: THE LUTHERAN DIFFERENCE



“Are you filled with the Holy Spirit?”

“Sure . . . well, aren’t all Christians filled with the Holy Spirit?”

As Lutherans interact with other Christians, they often find themselves struggling to explain their beliefs and practices.

The Lutheran Difference Bible study series will identify how Lutherans differ from other Christians and show from the Bible why Lutherans differ. These studies will prepare Lutherans to share their faith and help non-Lutherans understand the Lutheran difference.

All adults and high school students are invited to join us each Sunday at 10:45 a.m., as we discuss the work of the Holy Spirit.

THIS WEEK IN TLC PRESCHOOL & DAYCARE

This week our lessons were based on Daniel 6:1-28, where we heard how God saved His servant, Daniel. Daniel’s enemies made a rule that no could pray to anyone but the king. He continued to pray to the one true God anyway.

When Daniel was thrown into a den of lions, he continued to pray and God sent an angel to keep Him safe. The angel shut the mouth of the lions, proving that Daniel’s God is powerful, and that He saves His people. Many years later God sent His Son Jesus to save His people from sin by defeating our greatest enemy, Satan. For Jesus’ sake we are able to pray that God would continue to send His angels watch over us and to keep us safe from sin and the devil. Chapel is each Monday at 9:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome to join us!

MY, HOW I’VE GROWN!!

For the past 6 ½ months we have been watching the development of a baby beginning with conception. During the 7th month a baby uses all four senses. The eyelids open and close and the eyes look around! The baby can taste, touch, cough, yawn and hiccup. Check out what else a baby can do during this time of growth at the display table in the hallway and place your pennies in the milk jug! These pennies will be donated to the Alpha Center’s ultrasound mission. Thank you for your support!

OFF THE EDGE—FAITH, SCIENCE, AND THE FUTURE



Off the Edge looks at the creation of the universe, the end of the universe, and the possibility of life on other planets.

Topics include:

- The relationship between faith and science
- Scientific cosmologies
- The origin of life
- Extraterrestrial life
- Contact with aliens
- The Gospel and the end

Please join us for this interesting and informative Bible study each Tuesday night at 7:00 p.m.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

The High School Youth Group is in need of an adult male sponsor, over 21, who would be willing to come along on our Idaho Servant Adventure. This event will be held June 22nd – June 27th, 2008 in Coeur d’Alene, Idaho. If you are interested, please speak with Jessi Moeller.

MEN’S BIBLE STUDY

Our Men’s Bible study is exploring “Creation: The Lutheran Difference” to identify how Lutherans differ from other Christians on the teaching of creation and uses the Bible to show why we differ. All men of the congregation are invited to join us each Monday morning at 6:00 a.m. for breakfast and Bible study.

COLD WEATHER! WARM CLOTHING!

LSS Refugee and Immigration Center in Sioux Falls welcomes refugees who have been forced to flee from their homes. They usually leave with little warning; with only what they can carry. One of the items that most do not have is warm winter clothing.

Our supply of winter coats, boots, and gloves is quickly being depleted. We urgently need your help to continue to have warm outerwear to give refugees so they can attend school and English classes, go to work and do the many things required to support a family. Winter coats, boots, and gloves in **good, clean condition** are needed for men, women, and children. Donations may be put in the large box in the library.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL PLANNING

It is once again that time of year when we begin planning for our Vacation Bible School Program (June 2nd – 6th). VBS is a phenomenal ministry and opportunity to teach many children about their Savior and His great love for us.

Each year our numbers have grown increasing larger and we anticipate an even greater number this year. Unless we are able to find enough teachers and other support staff, we will have to limit the number of children that we allow to be in our program. Please prayerfully consider the ways in which you may be able to help us out. For more information, please speak with Pastor Moeller or Jessi Moeller.

THANK YOU

Thank you to Katie Moeller and Jessi Moeller for the beautiful Christmas wreaths.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Trinity Learning Center canned food drive.

NUTRITION MEALS

Trinity Lutheran is scheduled to serve Hartford Nutrition Meals on December 6, 27, 28 at the Senior Center. If you are able to help, please contact June Snyder (526-6681).

CHRISTMAS GIFTS

If you need a gift for Christmas or if you need a hostess gift, please consider purchasing a Trinity cookbook. They are available on the table in the hallway.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

The Christian Education Committee decided on a different format for the Christmas Program. The program will be at NOON on December 16th after an 11:00 a.m. meal sponsored by the Sunday school. This time change may allow more out of town guests to be able to attend.

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Midweek Advent services ~ Supper each week from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 5th at 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, December 12th at 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, December 19th at 7:30 p.m.

Sunday School Christmas program ~ Sunday, December 16th at noon

TLC Christmas program ~ Friday, December 21st at 7:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve worship service ~ Monday, December 24th at 7:30 p.m.

Christmas Day worship service ~ Tuesday, December 25th at 9:30 a.m.