

## TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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### 21<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21, 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 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, October 28, 2007:

First Lesson: Revelation 14:6-7

Epistle: Romans 3:19-28

Gospel: John 8:31-36

#### THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

**SUNDAY** ~ Worship ~ 9:30 am

**Sunday School & Bible study** ~ 10:45 am

**Men's Bible study** ~ 6:00 am

**TLC Chapel** ~ 9:30 am

**Christian Education Committee** ~ 6:30 pm

**Bible study** ~ 7:00 pm

**Lifelight Bible study** ~ 9:30 am

**Confirmation** ~ 5:30 pm

**Supper** ~ 6:30 pm

**Worship** ~ 7:30 pm

**TLC Bible study** ~ 8:30 am

#### COMING EVENTS

Sun., Oct. 28<sup>th</sup> ~

Worship w/communion ~ 9:30 am

Adult Bible study & Sunday School ~ 10:45 am

Men's Club Dartball Tournament ~ 12:00 noon

Lutheran Marriage Encounter in Sioux Falls

Children's Christmas Program

Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> ~

Olan Mills Pictorial Directory

#### SERVING THIS WEEK: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2007

**Cleaners:** Merle & Barb Muchow, John & Wanda Barnhart

**Greeters:** John & Wanda Barnhart

**Head Usher:** Austin Wolfe

**Acolyte:** Megan Eggebraaten

#### NEXT WEEK: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2007

**Cleaners:** Marlo Anderson, Mike Anderson, Jamie Schauff

**Greeters:** Marlo Anderson, Mike Anderson

**Head Usher:** Austin Wolfe

**Acolyte:** Thad Johnson

#### WORSHIP SERVICE: WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2007

**Worship Attendance:** 6

#### WORSHIP SERVICE: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2007

**Worship Attendance:** 72      **Communion:** 60

**Current offering:** \$ 1,495.00      **Loose offering:** \$ 10.00

**Building fund:** 580.00      **Mission Offering:** 200.00

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.

**October 14, 2007** – The featured speaker is Rev. Vernon Schindler of Zion Lutheran Church in Sioux Falls, SD. The sermon theme is “Fantastic Faith”

## “LIFE QUOTES” FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

“When we have received Him as our Savior, the Lord Jesus assures us that He will never leave us nor forsake us. He has made it clear that, while we now see through a mirror dimly and know only in part, one day we shall understand fully and see Him face to face. This is our hope that the hymn writer says, ‘is built on nothing less than Jesus’ blood and righteousness.’” *Rev. Homer Larson, speaker on the Christian Crusaders radio broadcast. [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org) / 888-364-LIFE*

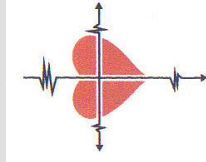
## TODAY IN SUNDAY SCHOOL

Today in Sunday School, the lesson recalls the wonderful account of Moses and the burning bush (Exodus 2:11–4:31). Just as God had Moses remove the sandals from his feet, God in Christ removes our sins from us, making us fit to approach God and stand in His presence. Talk with your child about who makes us holy before God. Ask him or her to tell you the story about Moses and the burning bush. What did Moses have to do, and why, in order to be in God’s presence? Review the Third Commandment and its meaning from the catechism.

## STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

21<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost ~ 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5: Christian stewards recognize that the inspired Word of God is able to make us wise unto salvation through faith in Jesus Christ. God’s Word is also useful for teaching and training so we may be equipped for every good work. Good stewards hear and read the Word of God and keep it!

## 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.

## CHRISTIAN OUTREACH

21<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost ~ 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5: Part of Paul’s instruction to Timothy was to “do the work of an evangelist.” Timothy perhaps did not have the gift of an evangelist, but as a fellow Christian Paul reminded him that he was still to do the work of an evangelist, that is, share the good news of salvation in Jesus. We also may not have the gift of being a world-renowned evangelist, but in our own way we can still effectively witness to the new life we have in Christ.

## LIFELIGHT BIBLE STUDY

The Good Samaritan. The Prodigal Son. The Pharisee and the Tax Collector. These stories from Jesus—recorded exclusively by St. Luke—are some of the most beloved in Holy Scripture. But despite the popularity of these passages, many students of Scripture would find it hard to describe what’s unique about Luke’s account of Jesus’ life. They could not tell you what concerns drove Luke to take up his pen and write. 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.

## Divine Service

Opening Hymn ..... #446  
“Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray”  
The Order of Matins..... p. 32-34  
The Psalmody.....

P: The Lord watches over you—

**C: the Lord is your shade at your right hand.**

P: I will lift my eyes to the hills—

**C: where does my help come from?**

P: My help comes from the Lord,

**C: the Maker of heaven and earth.**

P: He will not let your foot slip—

**C: he who watches over you will not slumber;**

P: indeed, he who watches over Israel

**C: will neither slumber nor sleep.**

P: The Lord will keep you from all harm—

**C: he will watch over your life;**

P: the Lord will watch over your coming and going

**C: both now and forevermore.**

**All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

The Readings ..... Back of the bulletin

The Sermon Hymn ..... #540

“With the Lord Begin Thy Task”

The Sermon ..... “Sound Teaching for Timid Tongues & Itchy Ears”

Offering.....

The Te Deum Laudamus .....p.35-37

The Prayers .....

The Kyrie ..... p. 39

Salutation, Collect..... p. 40

Benediction .....

The Closing Hymn .....#250

“Holy God, We Praise Thy Name”

### STUDY OF THE FORMULA OF CONCORD

Martin Luther died on February 18, 1546. A year later, in the Smalcald War, Lutheran princes were defeated by Catholic forces. The Lutherans all too quickly fell to squabbling about doctrine.

The Formula of Concord, published in 1577, helped the Lutheran Church deal with the previous three decades of internal conflicts. Perhaps the Lutheran Church would not have survived the sixteenth-century doctrinal wars without the Formula of Concord. This study will help us to discover anew how the Formula of Concord helps the Church today with theological, doctrinal, and daily life issues. All adults and High School students are invited to join us each Sunday at 10:45 a.m.

### 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.

### THIS WEEK IN TLC PRESCHOOL & DAYCARE

This week our lessons were based on Genesis 4, where we learned how God accepted Abel's offering given in faith, but rejected Cain's offering because it was not given in faith out of a sense of obligation, of trying to earn God's favor. In chapel Pastor Moeller compared their offerings to the difference between giving a gift to someone we love, rather than paying a bill we owe to a stranger. In Christ, God has given us the very best gift because He loves us. In thankfulness for all of His blessings, we give our offerings to God freely as gifts. Chapel is each Monday at 9:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome to join us!

### MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

"We believe that God created everything in six, twenty-four hour days."

"You've got to be kidding! So, you don't believe in evolution."

"Microevolution, yes; macroevolution, no."

"And you maintain that position, in view of modern science, is tenable?"

As Lutherans interact with other Christian, they often find themselves struggling to explain their beliefs and practices. When confronted, they cannot clearly state their faith, much less understand the differences. Because of insecurities about explaining particular doctrines or practices, some may avoid opportunities to share what they have learned from Christ and His Word.

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 will use 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.

### MEN'S CLUB DARTBALL TOURNAMENT

The Men's Club is sponsoring a dartball tournament on Sunday, October 28<sup>th</sup>. All groups and organizations in the congregation are invited to form a team. A freewill offering will be taken for the noon meal and food and drinks during the afternoon. Contact Bob Moore for more information (526-6633).

### GIVE THANKS FOR YOUR MARRIAGE!

Give thanks for your marriage by attending a Lutheran Marriage Encounter weekend! Think about this opportunity to take a new look at your marriage priorities and lifestyle. Learn simple, effective communication techniques. Practice privately, no group sharing. Enhance the love that you share. The next opportunity for a Lutheran Marriage Encounter weekend is November 2-4, 2007 or March 7-9, 2008. Both weekends are held in Sioux Falls, SD at the Good Samaritan Retreat Center. The cost is \$45 to register and a freewill offering at the end of the weekend. Questions? Registration? Contact Pastor and Aimee Moeller (526-3572).

### THANK YOU

Thank you to the Trinity LWML, Orrin Geide, and Trinity Learning Center for purchasing the new Ariens snow thrower.

Thank you to Tim Vilhauer for installing the new cubbies and cabinets for the daycare.

Thank you to Joyce Carls and June Snyder for all the hours that they volunteer at the daycare, watching children and cooking for them.

Pastor Moeller would like to thank everyone for the pastor's appreciation day card. Thank you to Trinity Learning Center for the gift to be used for books to add to my library.

### MIDWEEK WORSHIP SERVICE

We are holding mid-week services each Wednesday night at 7:30 p.m. Each week we have a light meal from 6:30 to 7:00 p.m. If your family or group would like to serve one of these, please contact Dale Snyder or Pastor Moeller.

### I'M GROWING!

During the sixth month of pregnancy the baby can now roll over inside the womb. She can now respond to sound and her lungs are fairly well developed. Check out the poster in the hallway to see what else happens during this time and drop your pennies in the milk jug. Remember all pennies collected will go to the Alpha Center's ultrasound machine. It has been shown that mother's who see their babies via ultrasound are more likely to continue with the pregnancy. Our first checkup has shown we have "one baby!" Only a few months left until we see if we deliver twins!!

### THE 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF HARVEY & LARAYE REHFELDT

Harvey and LaRaye Rehfeldt will be celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary at an open house in the fellowship hall at Trinity Lutheran Church on Sunday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend!

### 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 is invited to a church directory committee meeting on Thursday, November 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m. For more information, speak to Ray Matthies (528-3457) or Laura Johnson (528-7260).

### WILBUR & LOIS MIELKE

Wilbur & Lois Mielke invite you to join them for coffee in the fellowship hall to celebrate their 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary this morning after the worship service. Congratulations!

