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24TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 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 25th Sunday after Pentecost, November 18, 2007:

First Lesson: Malachi 4:1-6
Epistle: 2 Thessalonians 3:1-13
Gospel: Luke 21:5-36

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

SUNDAY ~ Worship w/communion ~ 9:30 am
Sunday School & Bible study ~ 10:45 am

MONDAY ~ Men's Bible study ~ 6:00 am
TLC Chapel ~ 9:30 am

TUESDAY ~ Bible study ~ 7:00 pm

WEDNESDAY ~ Lifelight Bible study ~ 9:30 am

LWML meeting ~ 1:30 pm

Confirmation ~ 5:30 pm

Supper ~ 6:30 pm

Worship w/communion ~ 7:30 pm

THURSDAY ~ Circuit Pastor's meeting at Canistota ~ 9:30 am

TLC Bible study ~ 5:30 pm

COMING EVENTS

Sun., Nov. 18th ~ Worship ~ 9:30 am

Adult Bible study & Sunday School ~ 10:45 am

Wed., Nov. 21st ~ Thanksgiving Eve service ~ 7:30 pm

Sun., Dec. 16th ~ Children's Christmas Program ~ 12:00 noon

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

SERVING THIS WEEK: SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2007

Cleaners: Dale & June Snyder, Adel & Amy Valdes

Greeters: Adel & Amy Valdes

Head Usher: Terry Steineke **Head Elder:** Keith Rueter

Acolyte: Travis Eggebraaten

NEXT WEEK: SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2007

Cleaners: Roger & Bert Carls, Henry Dansman, Jr., Dianne Dansman

Greeters: Henry Dansman, Jr., Dianne Dansman

Head Usher: Terry Steineke **Head Elder:** Keith Rueter

Acolyte: Kylee Thompson

WORSHIP SERVICE: WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2007

Worship Attendance: 2 Communion: 2

WORSHIP SERVICE: SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2007

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| Worship Attendance: | 92 | Adult Bible study: | 21 |
| Current offering: | \$ 1,499.00 | Loose offering: | \$ 88.50 |
| Building fund: | 1,235.00 | Mission Offering: | 230.00 |
| Improvement: | 25.00 | Campus Ministry: | 22.00 |

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.

November 18, 2007 - The featured speaker is Rev. Richard Milbrandt of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Plankinton, SD and Trinity Lutheran Church in White Lake, SD. The sermon theme is "We Can Invest in God's Kingdom."

TODAY IN SUNDAY SCHOOL

Today in Sunday School, the children will learn about how God saved the Hebrews by parting the waters of the Red Sea and how God saves us through the washing of water in Holy Baptism. Exodus 13:17-15:21. Ask your children to tell you what they know about this story. Talk about how God fights for us and saves us from sin, death, and the devil. Talk about Baptism and how water combined with God's Word washes you clean from sin and gives you eternal life.

CHRISTIAN OUTREACH

2 Thessalonians 2:1-8; 13-17: We, like the Christians of St. Paul's day, live in challenging times. It is not easy to be an active, professing Christian in a country where most people are no longer active Christians. Yet we rejoice in the knowledge that God has called us to be His people through the sanctifying work of the Holy Spirit and through belief in the truth. What a message of light to share in a world of darkness!

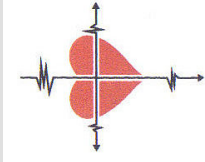
PICTORIAL CHURCH DIRECTORY

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

2 Thessalonians 2:1-8, 13-17: As we live out our lives as God's stewards we are reminded that our Heavenly Father and Lord Jesus Christ love us and strengthen and encourage us for every good deed and word. What we do as God's stewards really does make a difference!

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.

NUTRITION MEALS

Trinity Lutheran is scheduled to serve Hartford Nutrition Meals on November 28, 29, 30 at the Senior Center. If you are able to help, please contact June Snyder (526-6681).

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.

Divine Service

Hymn of Invocation#200
"I Know that My Redeemer Lives"
The Order of Holy Communion p. 15-16
The Introit

P: I am laid low in the dust;

C: renew my life according to your word.
Blessed are they whose ways are blameless,

C: who walk according to the law of the Lord.

P: Blessed are they who keep his statutes

C: and seek him with all their heart.

P: I seek you with all my heart;

C: do not let me stray from your commands.

P: I have hidden your word in my heart

C: that I might not sin against you.

P: Praise be to you, O Lord;

C: teach me your decrees.

P: I delight in your decrees;

C: I will not neglect your word.

The Gloria Patri, Kyrie, Gloria in Excelsis.....

The Readings Back of bulletin

The Nicene Creed p. 22

The Sermon Hymn#437

"Who Trusts in God, a Strong Abode"

Sermon

The Offering.....

Prayers

The Service of Communion p. 24-30

The Distribution Hymn#206

"Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense"

The Collect, Benediction..... p. 31

The Closing Hymn#469

"Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"

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.

Although many Lutherans have learned the “what” of the doctrines of the church, they do not always have a full scriptural foundation to share the “why.” When confronted with different doctrines, they cannot clearly state their faith, much less understand the differences. Because of insecurities about explaining particular doctrines or practices, some Lutherans may avoid opportunities to share what they have learned from Christ and His Word.

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., beginning November 18th, as we discuss the work of the Holy Spirit.

THIS WEEK IN TLC PRESCHOOL & DAYCARE

This week our lessons were based on Genesis 37, 39-41, where we learned how God protected Joseph and was able to use even the bad things that happened in his life for the good of all His people. Pastor Moeller talked about how Joseph's story reminds us of Jesus, who was unfairly accused, put on trial, and sentenced to death for crimes that He did not commit. But God was able to use even the hateful and unjust actions of His enemies to bring about our salvation. Jesus paid for our sins on the cross and rose again from the dead on Easter, bringing us forgiveness, salvation, and eternal life. Chapel is each Monday at 9:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome to join us!

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.

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.

I'M GROWING!

During the 6th 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 mothers 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!!

“LIFE QUOTES” FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

“So whether you are part of a biological, adoptive, or blended family, care for each other as Christ cares for you. Through His death on the cross you have become part of God's family and have been given equal status with Christ as the Father's adopted children (Ephesians 1:4-6).” *Diane E. Schroeder, President, Lutherans For Life.*

www.lutheransforlife.org / 888-364-LIFE

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.

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 upon arrival in Sioux Falls is warm winter clothing.

With cold weather upon us, 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.

YOUTH EDUCATION SUMMIT

What are the struggles of our youth today? How can we better equip our kids today to function in a lost and sinful world? How can we better connect them to the only hope for this lost world, Jesus our Savior? These are questions we will discuss at the Youth Education Summit (YES). This meeting is open to all youth, parents, teachers, pastors, and anyone else that is concerned about our youth. The purpose and goal of YES is to help guide and direct the structure and format of youth ministry of the South Dakota District. Join us at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, November 26th at Zion Lutheran Church, Mitchell. If you have any questions contact Reverend Randy Sturzenbecher at divineshepherd@midconetwork.com

TLC CANNED FOOD DRIVE

November is the season of Thanksgiving. All of us have many blessings and gifts that we daily receive; so much so that sometimes we take for granted all that God graciously gives us. Others, however, are less fortunate than us. Each day, they wonder where their next meal will come from; if they will have enough money to pay the bills or if their shoes will last them for just a few more months.

Trinity Learning Center is hosting a canned food drive to help out a family in our Church community. Boxes will be placed around the building for anybody to place various different kinds of non-perishable items. Your support in this cause is greatly appreciated.

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.