



### LET THE CHILDREN COME . . .

The mission of the Trinity Learning Center Daycare is to provide a caring atmosphere for young children in which they can experience the love of God and His people. Our primary mission is to extend the Gospel to young children through a quality, Christ-centered learning environment. The Center is committed to excellence in its programs, offering children a healthy, loving, Christian environment in which to learn and develop creatively and mature emotionally, physically, socially, and spiritually. Applications for registration can be picked up at Trinity Lutheran Church.

We are also taking registrations for Trinity Learning Center Preschool for the 2007-2008 school year.

Please contact Trinity Learning Center Director/Teacher, Jessi Moeller, via e-mail at [tlc@trinitylutheran-hartfordsd.org](mailto:tlc@trinitylutheran-hartfordsd.org) or call Trinity Lutheran Church at (605) 526-3571 with any questions.

### CROSS: WE SUFFER WITH JESUS

Martin Luther noticed a discrepancy in his day: On one hand, Scripture is filled with passages about the necessary suffering of the saints in the world as they follow their crucified Lord in their daily vocations. On the other hand, the teaching and practice of many seemed to be about avoiding this God-sent cross at all costs. There were those who paid significant sums of money to avoid the rather demanding forms of repentance. There were others who subjected themselves to a rigorous discipline of prayer, fasting, chastity, and poverty apart from any vocational discipleship in the biblical sense. In each and every case, Luther found self-chosen, controlled forms of “suffering” were anxiously sought as spiritual paths—only to get around the “real deal” sent by God in His way and at His time.

And today? Is Christianity promoted as a way to avoid “bad stuff” and to achieve worldly success? Or is Christianity taught as a life under the cross? Popular titles like the 2004’s *Your Best Life Now* by Joel Osteen suggest the former. Being “religious” is widely seen as a path to freedom from pain and failure. Suffering is seen as but an invigorating “challenge” on the road to reaching one’s “full potential.” “Spiritual disciplines” are observed, often at the expense of our God-given vocations and their trials, to achieve personal fulfillment, even salvation.

Lutherans faithful to God’s Word have held out a different vision of Christianity and spirituality, one that is shaped by the cross of Christ and daily flows from Baptism. In our **Lifelight Bible study, which meets every Wednesday at 9:30 a.m.**, we will study this unique and life-giving biblical topic in “Cross: We Suffer with Jesus,” a part of the Lutheran Spirituality series. Everyone is invited to join us!

### QUEST FOR TRUTH VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

This year over 100 children attended Trinity’s Vacation Bible School went on a “Quest for Truth,” where they discovered Jesus is the Way and the Truth and the Life. This could not have been done without a lot of help from many people—teaching, assisting, working with crafts, music, driving, setting up, cleaning, etc. Thank you to everyone who helped make this year’s VBS memorable.

Jessi Moeller—director and 3 & 4-year-old teacher  
Megan Eggebraaten—3 & 4-year-old helper  
Thad Johnson—3 & 4-year-old helper  
Kalia Connolly—3 & 4-year-old helper  
Holly Kelley—5-year-old & Kindergarten teacher  
Haley McKenna—5-year-old & Kindergarten helper  
June Snyder—5-year-old & Kindergarten helper, snacks, driver  
Lyndze Thompson—1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade teacher  
Marissa Moeller—1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade teacher, driver  
Jenny Eggebraaten—1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade helper  
Brady Eggebraaten—3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Grade teacher  
Collin Kelley—3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Grade helper  
Susan Kelley—Music leader and 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Grade teacher  
Louis Thompson—5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade teacher  
Pastor Moeller—5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade teacher, “Dakota Joe,” driver  
Adrian Limberg—5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade helper  
James Dejarent—5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade helper  
DeWane Carls—Driver  
Melvin Matthies—Crafts  
LaRaye Rehfeldt—Crafts, driver  
Logan Moeller—Driver, scenery  
Lois Mielke—Crafts  
Mary Anderson—Crafts  
Laura Johnson—Snacks, crafts  
Tim Vilhauer—Scenery  
Katie Moeller—Scenery  
Aimee Moeller--Driver

A special thank you to everyone who supplied juice and snacks.  
Thank you to the Trinity LWML for their \$100.00 donation.

## 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.

**June 24, 2007. "Number One."** A drowning man suspended in time must come face to face with his selfish life. He must examine his conscience. The featured speaker is Rev. Nathan Henschen of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Leola, SD, and Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Ipswich, SD. The sermon theme is "Changed Through Christ."

## LIFE QUOTES" FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

"Loving fathers bring a vital dose of love, security, and stability to their wives and children and they make a very positive difference, indeed. Yet . . . America has transformed itself from being 'a culture of belonging' to being 'a culture of rejection.' And the children caught in the middle pay the price. So to all the fathers out there: Don't let the pop culture relegate you to oblivion. We need your leadership and your love—we need you. You are vital to your families, to our society, and to our nation's future. Please make every day a day of fathering." *Rebecca Hagelin, author and syndicated columnist. [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org) / 888-364-LIFE*

## WANTED

We need volunteers to clean the fellowship hall for each month of 2007. If you are able to help with one or more months, please sign up on the sheet in the hallway.

## SHUT-INS

Please remember Martha Westphal in your prayers.

## 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.

## STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost ~ Galatians 2:15-21; 3:10-14: St. Paul reminded the Galatians and us that we do not produce good works as Christian stewards in order to gain salvation. Rather, we produce good works as Christian stewards as an appropriate response to being saved by grace through faith in Jesus as our Savior.

## PARKING CHANGE

For the safety of those leaving the church parking lot, we will be moving the handicapped parking spaces to the east of the sidewalk. We ask you to refrain from parking in the front of the fellowship hall so that everyone can look down the highway for oncoming cars. We also ask that you drive up to the sidewalk on the west side of the fellowship (facing east). Please parallel park next to the trees (north and south).

## MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

1 & 2 Timothy and Titus—are often called the Pastoral Epistles because they address issues concerning the pastoral office (or ministry). Paul is aware that his ministry is coming to a close and is concerned about the future of the Church. He is led by the Holy Spirit to give divine counsel to those who will succeed him in order that the Gospel and its ministry will continue just as he received them from the Lord. And through these divinely inspired words, he prepares every generation that follows to maintain faithfulness to the Lord and keep the faith.

The Men's Bible study is meeting each Monday at 6:00 a.m. to study *1 & 2 Timothy, Titus: Keeping the Faith*. All men of the congregation are invited to attend. If you are interested in attending, please speak to Pastor Moeller so he can get the appropriate materials for you.

## Divine Service

Opening Hymn ..... #318  
"Before Thee, God, Who Knowest All"  
The Order of Matins..... p. 32-34  
The Psalmody.....

P: He who sacrifices thank offerings honors me,  
**C: and he prepares the way so that I may show him the salvation of God.**  
P: The Mighty One, God, the Lord,  
**C: speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to the place where it sets.**  
P: "Hear, O my people, and I will speak, O Israel, and I will testify against you:  
**C: I am God, your God.**  
P: I do not rebuke you for your sacrifices or your burnt offerings,  
**C: which are ever before me.**  
P: I have no need of a bull from your stall  
**C: or of goats from your pens,**  
P: for every animal of the forest is mine,  
**C: and the cattle on a thousand hills.**  
P: Sacrifice thank offerings to God,  
**C: fulfill your vows to the Most High,**  
P: and call upon me in the day of trouble;  
**C: I will deliver you, and you will honor me."**  
**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 ..... #279  
"Today Thy Mercy Calls Us"  
The Sermon.....  
"The Lord Also Has Put Your Sin Away"  
Offering.....  
Hymn ..... #250  
"Holy God, We Praise Thy Name"  
The Prayers .....  
The Kyrie .....  
Salutation, Collect..... p. 40  
Benediction .....  
The Closing Hymn ..... #324  
"Jesus Sinners Doth Receive"

### **CHRISTIAN VOCATION BIBLE STUDY**

Today, Christians are pressed from every side to limit the role of faith in their life. Christians can express their faith in worship, but often see little connection between faith and their work life. What is missing from the discussion is an understanding of *vocation*, or calling. God provides each Christian layperson with gifts and circumstances that define a station in life. The purpose of this station is to serve our neighbors, to play a part in God's providential care of humanity. This means that even the work with low worldly status is something God calls us to do.

In our age, intense spiritual experience is exalted as a sign of God's favor. Ordinary work is often seen as a spiritually dead, practical necessity. But God did not save humankind with spectacular displays of power but through the crucifixion of Jesus. God does not call us to revel in private spiritual gifts, but to take up our crosses and to do His work. It is here that we find what Gene Edward Veith calls the "spirituality of ordinary life."

The life-changing implications of this perspective are the focus of our Bible study, "Christian Vocation: The Lutheran Difference." Please join us each Tuesday night at 7:00 p.m. as we explore this fascinating topic. If you are interested, please speak to Pastor Moeller, so we can have study materials available for you.

### **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. How such contentiousness and which doctrinal viewpoints would be affirmed would mark the future of the Church for centuries to come.

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 of the congregation are invited to join us each Sunday at 10:45 a.m.

### **MIDWEEK WORSHIP SERVICE**

We will be holding mid-week services each Wednesday night at 7:30 p.m. This will give an opportunity for those who are unable worship here on Sundays, whether because of work schedules or weekend travel plans. Each week we will have a light meal from 6:30 to 7:00 p.m. If your family or group would like to serve one of these meals, please contact Dale Snyder or Pastor Moeller.

### **OUTREACH THOUGHTS**

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost ~ Luke 7:36-8:3: The sinful woman who washed the feet of Jesus with her tears of repentance and wiped them with her own hair heard the best words a sinner can ever hear: "Your faith has saved you; go in peace." In worship we also hear those words of assurance that our sins are forgiven so we can go in peace. That peace is an important part of the good news we can share with others who are troubled by their sin.

### **DIAPER DERBY**

The annual diaper derby is in full swing and will run through Father's Day. If you would like to donate diapers or any baby items to the Alpha Center please place them in the box under the table in the hallway.

### **WATCH ME GROW!**

The next nine months Lutherans for Life is collecting pennies in a milk jug to be donated to the Alpha Center's ultrasound machine. One full milk jug is approximately the same weight as that of a newborn baby. Each month a new poster will be placed and you can watch and learn how a baby grows. Check out the display in the hallway to the parish hall. Maybe we could have twins!!!

### **BIKE FOR LIFE**

Get those bikes ready, the annual bike for life is scheduled for September 15<sup>th</sup>. This is the 10<sup>th</sup> year for this event and Pastor Nour is praying for about 100 riders! You may wish to join him for the full ride or just part. Breakfast, lunch and supper is provided. If you are interested in riding or supporting a rider with a pledge please speak with Adel or Amy Valdes.

### **HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP**

We are looking for a volunteer or volunteers who would be willing to help lead the High School youth group. If you are interested in helping, please contact Pastor Moeller.

### **LUTHERAN NIGHT WITH THE CANARIES**

Thrivent would like to invite you and the members of your chapter and congregations to our 1st ever "Lutheran Night with the Canaries." This special event will take place this summer as we are teaming up the Sioux Falls Canaries Baseball Team.

When: Friday, June 22, 2007

Where: Sioux Falls Canaries baseball field

Who's playing: Sioux Falls Canaries will be taking on the El Paso Diablos

Cost: \$3.00 per ticket (regular price is \$6.00)

With the ticket members will receive the following:

- Special will call window.
- VIP Party where they can meet some of the players.
- Gates will open at 5:30 just for us.
- For the first 200 members to reserve tickets, entry into drawing to throw out the 1st pitch.
- An opportunity to visit the Big Red Truck.
- An opportunity to win prizes before and during the game.
- An opportunity for your church to participate in a wonderful social event and give back to the community at the same time.

Purchase tickets by calling the Canaries office at 605-333-0179 and request the "Lutheran Night with the Canaries" sponsored by the local Thrivent Financial Chapter to receive the special ticket price.

### **CHURCH SOFTBALL LEAGUE**

The Hartford Area Church Co-ed Softball league will begin playing each Sunday night. All men and women, age 16 and over, are eligible to play. Each team must have at least two women playing on the field at any given time. If you are interested in having fun and getting a little exercise please contact John Barber at 528-7380. Everyone is invited to come and cheer on our team!

### **YES GROUP FUNDRAISER AT PIZZA RANCH**

The Trinity YES group will be working at Pizza Ranch on Monday, June 18<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Come out and support them! They will receive a portion of the sales for the evening and all of the tips.

### **LWML CONVENTION**

The convention is here! Pray for the convention attendees that our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ would guide them in selecting our mission projects for the next two years. Mark 16:15 "Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved."