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5TH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 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 6th Sunday after the Epiphany, February 11, 2007:

Old Testament: Jeremiah 17:5-8

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 15:1-20

Gospel: Luke 6:17-26

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

SUNDAY ~ Worship ~ 9:30 am
Sunday School & Adult Bible Study ~ 10:30 am
Super Bowl XLI party ~ 3:00 pm

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

TUESDAY ~ Chapel at Tieszen Home ~ 9:00 am
Bible study ~ 7:00 pm

WEDNESDAY ~ Lifelight Bible study ~ 9:30 am
Confirmation classes ~ 5:30 pm
"Fit for Life" ~ 7:00 pm

THURSDAY ~ "Fit for Life" ~ 7:00 pm

FRIDAY ~ TLC Bible study ~ 9:00 am

COMING EVENTS

Sun., Feb. 11th ~ Worship w/communion ~ 9:30 am
Sunday School & Adult Bible study ~ 10:30 am
The DaVinci Code ~ 6:30 pm

Sun., Feb. 18th ~ Valentine's Dinner Theater ~ noon

Wed., Feb. 21st ~ Lenten Supper ~ 6:00 pm
Midweek Lenten Services ~ 7:30 pm

Sun., Mar. 18th ~ Men's Club Volleyball tournament

June 4th to 8th ~ Vacation Bible School ~ 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

SERVING THIS WEEK: SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2007

Cleaners: Harvey & LaRaye Rehfeldt, Melvin Matthies
Greeters: Harvey & LaRaye Rehfeldt
Head Usher: Lance Wollmann **Acolyte:** Eric Wolfe

NEXT WEEK: SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2007

Cleaners: George & Donna Vogt, Lester & Jean Gregersen
Greeters: George & Donna Vogt
Head Usher: Lance Wollmann **Acolyte:** Dustin Kleba

WORSHIP SERVICE: SUNDAY, JANUARY 28, 2007

Worship Attendance:	87	Communion:	55
Adult Bible study:	18		
Current offering:	\$ 1,280.00	Loose offering:	\$ 22.00
Building fund:	440.00	Mission Offering:	65.00
Future Church Worker:	10.00		

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.

February 11. While Love Lasts. A young couple living together discover the missing ingredient that makes their relationship successful. The featured speaker is Rev. Kenneth Soyk of Faith Lutheran Church in Parkston, SD. The sermon theme is “God’s Will.”

LIFE QUOTES" FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

“Matthew 18:10 is the passage we think of when we leave baby in the crib. May it ever be the passage we think of when we remember God’s most cherished gifts: forgiveness, life, and salvation through Jesus Christ and the gift of these little ones. Amen.” *Rev. Edward A. Engelbrecht, Senior Editor, Professional and Academic Books, CPH, St. Louis, Missouri. www.lutheransforlife.org / 888-364-LIFE*

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

5th Sunday after Epiphany ~ 1 Corinthians 14:12-20: Christian stewards desire God’s best gifts, not for their own benefit, but for building up the body of Christ (the church). Our gifts and resources are meant to be used to give glory to our God and show love to our neighbor.

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 a new class January 17th. If you are interested in participating, please speak with Pastor Moeller.

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

The stewardship committee is sponsoring Financial Peace University, a life-changing 13-week program on personal finance. It is designed to empower people to manage their money better, eliminate debt and build wealth. All material is biblically based and taught via entertaining video by Dave Ramsey. Find out how to:

- Make a budget that you will understand and use.
- Get out of debt and stay that way.
- Gain control of your money.
- Communicate with your spouse about finances.
- Invest with confidence.
- Change your financial future.

New classes will begin soon. For more information speak to Penny Eggebraaten (351-0054) or Pastor Moeller.

OUTREACH THOUGHT

5th Sunday after the Epiphany ~ Luke 5:1-11: Jesus provided a miraculous catch of fish for His disciples, not just for their financial benefit, but as a vivid reminder that He would make them into fishers of men with the same kind of success. Many put their faith in Jesus because of the testimony of those disciples; what a joy it is to know that Jesus will also use our testimonies to bring people to faith!

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 narthex.

Divine Service

Hymn of Invocation#4
“God Himself Is Present”
 The Order of Morning Service p. 5-6
 The Introit.....

P: Even in darkness light dawns for the upright,
C: for the gracious and compassionate and righteous man.
 P: Praise the Lord. Blessed is the man who fears the Lord,
C: who finds great delight in his commands.
 P: Wealth and riches are in his house,
C: and his righteousness endures forever.
 P: He will have no fear of bad news;
C: his heart is steadfast, trusting in the Lord.
 P: His heart is secure, he will have no fear;
C: in the end he will look in triumph on his foes.
 P: He has scattered abroad his gifts to the poor,
C: his righteousness endures forever; his horn will be lifted high in honor.

Gloria Patri, Kyrie, Gloria in Excelsis..... p. 6-8
 The Salutation, Collectp. 9
 The ReadingsInsert
 The Apostles’ Creed..... p. 12
 The Sermon Hymn #641
“One Thy Light, the Temple Filling”
 The Sermon..... “Your Guilt Is Taken Away”
 The Offering.....
 The Prayers
 The Hymn #246
“Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty”
 The Collect, Benediction..... p. 14
 The Closing Hymn #52
“Almighty Father, Bless the Word”

THE TRUTH ABOUT ISLAM

With more than a billion adherents worldwide, Islam is second only to Christianity in terms of size and geographic spread. We are currently studying “The Truth about Islam” in our adult Bible study each Sunday at 10:45 a.m. This study will help you gain a better understanding of Islam and how it relates to the Christian faith. It will prepare you to confidently share the life-giving message of Jesus Christ with Muslims or people attracted to Islam. Please join us each Sunday!

TODAY IN SUNDAY SCHOOL

Today in Sunday School the Bible story is Jesus calling His first disciples (Luke 5:1–11). The children learned that Jesus chose ordinary, sinful men to follow Him and be His disciples. In Baptism, Jesus chooses us to be His children. Talk about how sin causes us to want to hide from Jesus and doubt that He is who He says He is. Underscore that in Jesus’ forgiveness we find peace and favor with God, whose Word testifies repeatedly and consistently that Jesus is God’s Son.

LUTHERAN MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

A Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend is planned in Sioux Falls, S.D, on March 2-4, 2007. It will be held in the beautiful new Good Samaritan Retreat Center. Couples are urged to consider this opportunity to nurture your marriage and appreciate its blessings. Learn simple, effective communication techniques. Practice privately; no group sharing! Four presenting couples will share and show you how they learned to bring more joy and understanding to their marriages.

The cost of this weekend is \$45 for registering (insuring your meals and rooms) and a free will offering at the end of the weekend. To learn more about this weekend, check out www.GodLovesMarriage.org and/or contact Pastor Bob and Aimee Moeller

Can your GOOD marriage be BETTER or even GREAT?

SUPER BOWL PARTY

Everyone is invited to attend our 2nd annual Super Bowl party on Sunday, February 4th. Watch the football game on our giant 30 ft. screen. Bring your own beverages and snacks to share and cheer on your favorite team.

THE DAVINCI CODE

There’s some interest in beginning a study about “The DaVinci Code.” This bestselling novel, and then blockbuster movie, contains allegations against historic Christianity. Four sessions of study will address the following questions:

1. What Can History Really Tell Us?
2. Can We Trust the Four Gospels?
3. What’s the Role of Women in Christianity?
4. Is Jesus Really the Son of God?

Enjoy riveting DVD interviews with noted experts and prepare for lively discussions.

We are planning to meet at 6:30 p.m. on Sunday evenings, beginning, February 11th. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Moeller or Laura Johnson.

In the meanwhile, everyone should read the book in preparation.

HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY

The High School Bible Study is currently studying “Going Out, Getting Dumped, and Playing Mini Golf on the First Date.” This engaging book contains solid, biblically based advice on dating, sexuality, and marriage. The author, Rev. Tim Pauls, treats this subject with honesty, clarity, and a good bit of humor, providing plenty of opportunity for thought and discussion. All high school students are invited to attend each Sunday at 10:45 a.m.

FIRST FRUITS LIVING AND GIVING

In order to provide for on-going opportunities for spiritual growth, we have just completed a stewardship emphasis called “**Firstfruits Living and Giving.**” We have stressed the point that God must have first priority in our lives. When He occupies His rightful place, we are then prepared to live fulfilling lives of service and giving. This practice of **firstfruits living and giving** honors God because, through it, we acknowledge Him to be Who He says He is and we respond in a fitting manner.

The stewardship emphasis culminated on Commitment Sunday. Thank you to everyone who has responded. If you have not yet returned your commitment form, you may still turn it in to the church office. Please be assured that your personal commitment will be kept confidential.

THE LUTHERAN DIFFERENCE: ANGELS AND DEMONS

Cherubim. Angel of the Lord. Satan. Demons. Seraphim. So many opinions. What do you believe? As Lutherans interact with other Christians, they often struggle to explain their beliefs and practices. Although many Lutherans have learned the “what” of Lutheran doctrines, they do not always understand the “why.” Based on God’s Word as faithfully reflected in the Lutheran Confessions, this study will help you state clearly what you believe.

Among the topics discussed will be:

- Angels and their beginning
- Ranks and numbers of angels (demons)
- What do evil angels do?
- What do good angels do?

Please join the Lighthouse Bible study each Wednesday at 9:30 a.m., as we study this interesting and important topic.

THANK YOU

Thank you to Louis Thompson and Candace Nelson for signing up to clean the fellowship hall in February and April, respectively.

Thank you to Roger Carls, DeWane and Joyce Carls for cleaning the fellowship hall in January.

NUTRITION MEALS

Trinity Lutheran is scheduled to serve Hartford Nutrition Meals on February 22, 23, and 28, at the Senior Center. If you are able to help, please contact June Snyder (526-6681).

TLC BIBLE STUDY

Pastor Moeller will be leading a Bible study, which will explore the weekly Bible stories the children will hear at Trinity Learning Center. While this is specifically intended to help the teachers and workers prepare, everyone from the congregation is invited to attend. Please join us each Friday at 9:00 a.m.

ACTIVITY BAGS

Activity bags provided by the LWML are available for all the young children who join in our worship services at Trinity. You can pick up a bag from those that are hanging in the coatroom. The children are welcome to keep their artwork by please return the bag to the hooks where you find them.

VALENTINE’S DINNER THEATER

The Men’s Club invites you to our Valentine’s Dinner Theater on Sunday, February 18th at noon. In addition to a pork loin dinner, the men will be sharing a number of skits and songs. A freewill offering will be taken that will be used for upcoming projects.