

# TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## 6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2007

### WELCOME

A special welcome to our guests worshiping 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.

### THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

**SUNDAY ~** Worship w/communion ~ 9:30 am  
Sunday School & Adult Bible Study ~ 10:30 am  
Elders meeting ~ 12:00 noon  
"Fit for Life" ~ 2:00 pm  
Discussing "The DaVinci Code" ~ 6:30 pm

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

**TUESDAY ~** Bible study ~ 7:00 pm

**WEDNESDAY ~** LWML ~ 1:30 pm  
Confirmation classes ~ 5:30 pm  
"Fit for Life" ~ 7:00 pm

**THURSDAY ~** Circuit Pastors meeting at Clayton ~ 9:30 am  
"Fit for Life" ~ 7:00 pm  
Men's Choir practice ~ 7:00 pm

**FRIDAY ~** TLC Bible study ~ 9:00 am

**SATURDAY ~** Men's Skit Practice ~ 2:00 pm

### COMING EVENTS

Sun., Feb, 18<sup>th</sup> ~ Worship w/communion ~ 9:30 am  
Sunday School & Adult Bible study ~ 10:30 am  
Valentine's Dinner Theater ~ noon  
Discussing "The DaVinci Code" ~ 6:30 pm

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

Sun., Mar. 18<sup>th</sup> ~ Men's Club Volleyball tournament

June 4<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> ~ Vacation Bible School ~ 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

### SERVING THIS WEEK: SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2007

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

### NEXT WEEK: SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2007

**Cleaners:** Joe & Mary Krizan, Judy Larson  
**Greeters:** Mark & Sandra Kirschbaum  
**Head Usher:** Lance Wollmann **Acolyte:** Eric Krizan

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2007

**Greeters:** Joe & Mary Krizan  
**Head Usher:** Jessi Moeller **Acolyte:** Emily Krizan

### WORSHIP SERVICE: SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2007

<b>Worship Attendance:</b>	73	<b>Adult Bible study:</b>	19
<b>Current offering:</b>	\$ 2,029.00	<b>Loose offering:</b>	\$ 17.00
<b>Building fund:</b>	633.00	<b>Mission Offering:</b>	296.00
<b>Future Church Worker:</b>	10.00	<b>Campus Ministry:</b>	12.00

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

### **THE CONFESSION DECLARED AT COMMUNION**

The New Testament Church *continued steadfastly in the Apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread (Communion) and in the prayers (Acts 2:42)*. The Sacrament of the Altar is a confession of oneness in doctrine – that those attending believe, teach and confess what Trinity Lutheran Church believes, teaches and confesses. Those attending the Lord's Supper are baptized Christians who have been instructed in the Chief Parts of Christian Doctrine: The Ten Commandments, The Apostles' Creed, The Lord's Prayer, The Sacrament of Holy Baptism, The Office of the Keys and Confession, and The Sacrament of the Altar.

Those attending the Lord's Supper have been formally admitted to the fellowship of the Altar and continue in that fellowship as a member of Trinity Lutheran Church or sister congregation of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod committed to rightly teaching the Word of God and administering the Sacraments according to Christ's institution. (Even children of Trinity congregation only come to the Sacrament after they have confirmed the confession of faith.)

While we acknowledge and appreciate the oneness of the Church which crosses denominational lines, we practice a confessional communion because attendance at the Altar is a declaration of oneness in doctrine. We would not want you to make that declaration without an opportunity of explaining what we believe, teach and confess. Therefore we ask that if you are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation that you would refrain from receiving the Sacrament before first speaking with Pastor.

### **QUESTIONS FOR YOUR COMMUNION PREPARATION**

Q: Do you believe you are a sinner?

A: Yes, I believe it; I have failed God and others in my life. I am a sinner.

Q: Are you sorry for your sins?

A: Yes, I am sorry that I have sinned against God.

Q: Do you need God's forgiveness?

A: Yes, I need the gift of life He gives through Jesus Christ.

Q: What has Christ done for you?

A: He died for me and shed His blood for me on the cross for the forgiveness of my sins.

Q: How do you know this?

A: From the holy Gospel and the words of the Sacrament, and by His body and blood given me as a pledge in the Sacrament.

Q: Do you believe that in communion you receive the true body and blood of Christ with the bread and the wine?

A: Yes, I believe it because of His Word and promises.

Approach the altar with joy and thanksgiving as you receive Christ for your forgiveness and strength.

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## 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 18. A Gift of Tears.** A young boy, who loses his mother, learns through a pantomime that it is all right to cry. The featured speaker is Rev. Nabil Nour of Redeemer Lutheran Church in Armour, SD. The sermon theme is "Sorry, I Can't Stay."

## LIFE QUOTES" FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

"Who can deny that the fetus is alive and is a separate entity? Its humanity also cannot be questioned scientifically. It is certainly of no other species. That it is dependent on another makes it qualitatively no different from countless other humans outside the womb. It strikes me that to argue one may take an innocent life to preserve the quality of life of another is cold." *Dr. Joel Hylton, from a letter in the February 18, 1990, "Journal of the American Medical Association."*

[www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org) / 888-364-LIFE

## STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany ~ 1 Corinthians 15:12-20: St. Paul gives us the assurance that Christ has been raised from the dead as the firstfruits of those who die. The sure hope that we will rise from the grave to life everlasting encourages us to practice good stewardship throughout our earthly lives.

## 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 17<sup>th</sup>. 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.

## 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.

## 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.

## 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).

## Divine Service

Hymn of Invocation.....#342  
"Chief of Sinners, Though I Be"  
The Order of Holy Communion.....p. 15-16  
The Introit.....

P: Many are the woes of the wicked,  
**C: but the Lord's unfailing love surrounds the man who trusts in him.**  
P: Blessed is he whose transgressions are forgiven,  
**C: whose sins are covered.**  
P: Blessed is the man whose sin the Lord does not count against him  
**C: and in whose spirit is no deceit.**  
P: I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity.  
**C: I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord" - and you forgave the guilt of my sin.**  
P: Therefore let everyone who is godly pray to you while you may be found;  
**C: surely when the mighty waters rise, they will not reach him.**  
P: You are my hiding place; you will protect me from trouble  
**C: and surround me with songs of deliverance.**

The Gloria Patri, Kyrie, Gloria in Excelsis.....  
The Readings ..... Back of bulletin  
The Nicene Creed ..... p. 22  
The Sermon Hymn ..... #129  
"Hail, Thou Source of Every Blessing"  
Sermon..... "Blessings and Woes"  
The Offering.....  
Prayers .....  
The Service of Communion .....p. 24-30  
The Distribution Hymns.....  
#311 "Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior"  
#304 "An Awe-full Mystery Is Here"  
The Collect, Benediction..... p. 31  
The Closing Hymn .....#428  
"I Am Trusting Thee Lord Jesus"

### TODAY IN SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Beatitudes from Jesus' Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5:1–12) is today's Sunday School lesson. Here Jesus explains in His Word that He was poor, hungry, sorrowful, hated, and rejected for our sake so that God would grant us His gifts and blessings. As you discuss this passage with your children, talk about how sin blinds us to trust in our own ways, riches, confidence, and influence, but that Jesus offers us all things through faith in Him. He alone grants us eternal riches and blessings. Point out that the Beatitudes are statements of fact, already true for us in Jesus, who in His love took our sorrow, trouble, and sin upon Himself that we might have a heavenly reward.

### 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](http://www.GodLovesMarriage.org) and/or contact Pastor Bob and Aimee Moeller

### VALENTINE'S DINNER THEATER

The Men's Club invites you to our Valentine's Dinner Theater on Sunday, February 18<sup>th</sup> at noon. In addition to a pork loin dinner, entertainment will be provided by organ virtuoso, Denny Plagman, the world renowned Trinity Players, and Men's choir. A freewill offering will be taken that will be used for upcoming projects.

### READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

In order to prepare for next week's worship service you may study the assigned readings for the 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany, February 18, 2007:

Old Testament: Deuteronomy 34:1-12

Epistle: Hebrews 3:1-6

Gospel: Luke 9:28-36

### 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 11<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Moeller or Laura Johnson.

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

### 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.**" Thank you to everyone who has responded with their commitment forms. If you have not yet returned yours, 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. 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 Lifelight Bible study each Wednesday at 9:30 a.m., as we study this interesting and important topic.

### THANK YOU

Thank you to Denny Plagman and Ray Matthies for building the beautiful cabinet to store the picture pages and other historic items.

Thank you to Denny Plagman, Louis Thompson, Melvin Matthies, DeWane and Joyce Carls for installing the sinks for Trinity Learning Center.

Thank you to Melvin Matthies for installing the fire resistant door to the upper Sunday School classrooms.

Thank you to Builder's Electric (Talis Johnson) and Melvin Matthies for helping to install the fire alarm system.

Thank you to John Barber and Louis Thompson for putting in the wall for the upper classrooms.

### SHUT-INS

Please remember Martha Westphal in your prayers.

### 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.

### OUR LENTEN JOURNEY

Lent is a season where we feel the encompassing arms of Jesus around our brokenness and our broken world. It is not a time to feel rotten, or to have to give something up as we journey to the cross and beyond the empty tomb, but rather to celebrate the joy and love of Christ for us, who gave up all things—His life—for our redemption and restoration.

This year, we are going to travel with the Apostle John and allow him to preach to us on the wonderful words of Jesus' "I Am" statements. From Jesus' words, we will grow in our understanding of our precious Savior, His love for us, and we in faith, grow in our love for the Savior! When that love dwells in us, we are moved by the Spirit of God to brag about our Lord to others.

You are all invited to join us each Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. beginning on Ash Wednesday, February 21<sup>st</sup> to listen to John as he speaks to you about Your Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ—the Great I AM.

Please invite a friend and come and sit and let the Spirit of God fill your heart, head and home with the love of Jesus—a love that says, I AM Your God and Lord.