

# TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ADVENT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2005

### WELCOME

A special welcome to our guests worshiping with us this morning. We are glad you are here; we thank God for you! We pray that Jesus will touch your heart in some special way for being here. Please sign the guest book and 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.

### 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.

### PRAYER UPON ENTERING

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!

### THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

**SUNDAY ~** Worship service ~ 9:30 am  
Sunday School and Bible study ~ 10:30 am  
Installation of Rev. Boehnke at Risen Savior ~ 2:00 pm  
Men's Club meeting ~ 7:30 pm

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

**TUESDAY ~** Chapel at Tieszen Home ~ 9:00 am  
Bible study ~ 7:00 pm  
Dartball vs. Hardwick ~ 7:30 pm  
Evangelism Committee meeting ~ 8:00 pm

**WEDNESDAY ~** Lifelight Bible study ~ 9:30 am  
Confirmation class ~ 5:30 pm  
Advent supper ~ 6:00 pm  
Choir practice ~ 6:30 pm  
Midweek Advent worship service ~ 7:30 pm

**SATURDAY ~** Practice for SS Christmas program ~ 9:30-11:00 am  
Open House at parsonage ~ 3:00 pm-8:00 pm

### COMING EVENTS

Sun., Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> ~ Worship service w/communion ~ 9:30 am  
Sunday School and Bible study ~ 10:30 am  
Installation of Rev. Christopher Boehnke at Risen Savior-Tea  
LWML Nativity Festival ~ 3:00 pm

Sun., Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> ~ Sunday School Christmas program ~ 6:30 pm

### SERVING THIS WEEK: SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2005

**Cleaners:** Joe & Mary Krizan, Lorna Regnier, Judy Larson  
**Greeters:** Mark & Sandra Kirschbaum  
**Head Usher:** Orrin Geide **Acolyte:** Eric Krizan

### MIDWEEK ADVENT: WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2005

**Greeters:** Lorna Regnier, Judy Larson  
**Head Usher:** Bryan Kelley **Acolyte:** Eric Wolfe

### NEXT WEEK: SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2005

**Cleaners:** Bob & Ruth Moore, Louis & Michelle Thompson  
**Greeters:** Louis & Michelle Thompson  
**Head Usher:** Orrin Geide **Acolyte:** Kylee Krizan

### THANKSGIVING WORSHIP: WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2005

<b>Worship Attendance:</b>	64	<b>Tuckpointing:</b>	\$ 50.00
<b>Current offering:</b>	\$ 105.00	<b>Loose offering:</b>	\$ 30.00

### WORSHIP SERVICE: SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2005

<b>Worship Attendance:</b>	86	<b>Adult Bible study:</b>	9
<b>Current offering:</b>	\$1,194.00	<b>Loose offering:</b>	\$ 16.00
<b>Mission offering:</b>	36.00	<b>Building fund:</b>	410.00
<b>Future Church Worker:</b>	10.00	<b>Tuckpointing:</b>	120.00
<b>Landscaping</b>	40.00		

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

## Second Sunday In Advent – December 4, 2005 A.D.

P: Gentle shepherd, tender God, comfort divine, patient Lord, keeper of promises, forgiver of sins, what shall I cry to You, I who am but as grass, withering and fading? In prayer I will cry out knowing that You will answer, for You have promised to do so. That You would fill our hearts with true repentance, we cry, Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: That You would bring true comfort to our congregation and community, especially those whom we name before You now . . . we cry, Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: That You would empower us to live holy and godly lives, not only that we may please You, but also that others may see our witness and be drawn to You, we cry, Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: That in Your power You would uphold all who serve to comfort others: those who work in nursing homes, mothers, pastors, counselors, therapists, social workers, and the like, we cry, Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: We trust Your Word, your love, and your grace, and we ask you O God of comfort, to bless the congregations of Zion Lutheran in Delmont and First English Lutheran in Centerville. This we ask in Jesus' name,

**C: Amen.**

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## 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 and its other contents to the hooks where you find them.

## POINSETTIAS GIVEN IN MEMORIAM

In Memory of	From
Jonpaul Snyder	Dale & June Snyder
Alfred & May Snyder; John & Anna Gullickson	Dale & June Snyder
Albert & Jeanette Rehfeldt; Conrad & Nora Eichstedt; Donna Jacobs; Billy Joe Rehfeldt	Harvey & LaRaye Rehfeldt
Rod Selken	Lance & Cindy Wollmann
Terry Barnhart	John & Wanda Barnhart
Walt & Clara Carls; Ethel Monson	DeWane & Joyce Carls
Willie & Frieda Kleist	Bob & Ruth Moore
Herman & Emma Matthies	Melvin Matthies
Bill & Mae Matthies	Dwane & Audrey Matthies
Elmer & Guenhild Twedt	Dwane & Audrey Matthies
Jim & Pearl Waybright; Kelly & Elsie Muchow	Monte & Shary Muchow
Joyce Mielke	Harold & Peggy Nyhaug

## COLD WEATHER! WARM CLOTHING

LSS Refugee and Immigration Center in Sioux Falls provides a wide range of services for newcomers to South Dakota. Refugees usually leave their homes with little warning and with only what they can carry, enduring great hardships and trauma during their flight to safety. One of the items most do not have is warm winter clothing.

Winter clothing is needed for men, women, and children. We are accepting used coats, scarves, socks, hats, gloves, mittens and boots in good, clean condition. Donations may be brought to the Refugee and Immigration Center at 1609 W. 11<sup>th</sup> St., Sioux Falls. Any winter clothing you can donate would be greatly appreciated.

## 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 is facing a major barrier. The FCC will require closed captioning on all network programs beginning January 1, 2006, which will mean a 40% in production costs. The good news is that Thrivent has granted Main Street a Giving Plus account. This means that when a Thrivent member contributes money to Main Street Living, Thrivent will match \$1 for every \$2 donation. Main Street's ID number is 514006670. The program continues to be available on KDLT-NBC at 10:00 a.m. and on PAX at 11:00 a.m.

December 11, 2005. "The Other Wise Man." The story of Artaban a Persian scholar who sets out to meet his friends with 3 precious jewels as gifts for a king. The featured speaker is Rev. John Werner of St. Peter Lutheran Church in Clayton, SD and St. John Lutheran Church in Emery, SD. The sermon theme is "Good News."

## OUTREACH THEMES FROM OUR READINGS

Second Sunday in Advent ~ Mark 1:1-8: John the Baptist was God's spokesman to urge sinners to repent and receive the forgiveness of sins as a free gift from God because of the Lamb of God [Jesus] who takes away the sins of the world. We follow in John's footsteps as we share our Christian faith with people still living in sin and without hope.

## STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Advent ~ 2 Peter 3:8-14: People who look forward to moving into their dream home work hard to gather and spend the resources necessary to make their dream a reality. We Christian stewards look forward to a heavenly home beyond our wildest imagination; what an incentive to gather and spend the resources necessary to invite others to join us on the highway to heaven.

## TUESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

On Tuesday evenings, from 7:00-8:00 p.m., we will meet to study various Bible lessons based upon the "Our Life in Christ" series. Those teaching Sunday School will find this study helpful in their preparation for teaching, as we carefully examine the coming week's lesson. But everyone else is invited to attend as well. Please consider joining this opportunity to grow in your Christian faith.

## LIFELIGHT STUDY OF JOB

Here is a puzzle: How can a kind and loving God allow terrible things to happen to a good and faithful person? That was Job's problem. He couldn't figure out God. But that is not just Job's problem. It is a problem whenever suffering strikes any of God's faithful people. For many of us Job's story will hit very close to home.

To help answer these questions, our Lifelight Bible study group will study the Old Testament book of Job each Wednesday morning at 9:30 a.m. If you are interested in attending, please speak to Pastor Moeller.

## THANK YOU

Thank you to Don and Pat Reichert for setting up and decorating the Christmas trees in the sanctuary and fellowship hall.

Thank you to Carlene Barber, Casey Barber, Dale and June Snyder for volunteering to be on the Christmas committee. Anyone who wishes to donate toward purchasing items for the children's Christmas sacks may contact one of them soon.

Thank you to everyone who purchased a poinsettia from the High School Youth Group. They still have two of them for sale if you would like to purchase one.

## THE INSTALLATION OF REV. CHRISTOPHER BOEHNKE

The members of Risen Savior Lutheran Church in Tea, South Dakota invite you to join us for a worship service celebrating the installation of the Reverend Christopher Boehnke as our pastor on Sunday, December 4, 2005 at 2:00 p.m. The service will be held in the commons area of the new Tea Area High School located at 500 W. Brian (the northwest corner of Tea). Please plan to stay for fellowship and refreshments following the service.

## LWML NATIVITY FESTIVAL

The ladies of the Trinity LWML invite all women of Trinity to their Nativity Festival on Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> in the Trinity fellowship hall at 3:00 p.m.

Come and enjoy or many nativity scenes on display and a dessert luncheon

## Divine Service

Hymn of Invocation ..... #66  
"Hark the Glad Sound! The Savior Comes"  
The Order of Morning Service ..... p. 5-6  
The Introit.....

P: Restore us, O God;  
**C: make your face shine upon us, that we may be saved.**  
P: Hear us, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock;  
**C: you who sit enthroned between the cherubim.**  
P: You brought a vine out of Egypt;  
**C: and it took root and filled the land.**  
P: Restore us, O God Almighty;  
**C: make your face shine upon us, that we may be saved.**  
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Gloria Patri, Kyrie, Gloria in Excelsis..... p. 6-9  
The Salutation, Collect .....p. 9  
The Readings ..... Back of bulletin  
The Apostles' Creed..... p. 12  
The Sermon Hymn ..... #61  
"Comfort, Comfort, Ye My People"  
The Sermon..... "A Comforting Voice?"  
The Offering.....  
The Prayers ..... (insert)  
The Hymn ..... #63  
"On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry"  
The Collect, Benediction..... p. 14  
The Closing Hymn ..... #50  
"Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing"

### **BIBLE STUDY OF THE PSALMS**

From the worship of the ancient children of Israel to the house gatherings of the early church, from the writings of Martin Lutheran to the newly published hymns and praise songs of today, the psalms have played a central role in the worship life of God's people. Yet to many people, the psalms seem inaccessible and foreign. The language is at times so far removed from our everyday speech that we are left wondering exactly what the writer is trying to say. Many passages inspire comfort, but others seem so harsh that one wonders why they are in the Bible at all.

Over the next couple of months we will study a sample of the Psalms in our Sunday morning (10:30 a.m.) adult Bible study. This Bible study will introduce you to the language, teachings, and history of the psalms so that this treasure chest of God's riches will not remain inaccessible, but will be opened to you and enrich your worship, personal devotions, and life. All adults are invited to join us each week!

### **"LIFE QUOTES" FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE**

"When Elizabeth heard Mary's voice (Luke 1:39-45), 'the infant leapt in her womb' and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out, 'How does it happen that the mother of my Lord should come unto me?' Except only for Mary His mother, the first person to recognize Jesus as Lord was His unborn cousin John, a fetus in the sixth month, not even viable by today's medical standards. And the Lord Who was recognized by His Spirit-filled relatives was Himself an embryo, not yet large enough to be visible to the naked eye." *Michael Schwartz, Vice President for Government Relations for Concerned Women of America*  
[www.lutheransforlife.org/](http://www.lutheransforlife.org/) / 888-364-LIFE

### **HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY – EVOLUTION**

The High School Bible study class is examining "Evolution: God's Amazing Creation" and video series "Journeys to the Edge of Creation" to better understand how the remarkable universe and the creatures all around us are proof of intelligent, divine design. All High School aged students are invited to join teachers Joe Krizan and Archie Wolfe in exploring this fascinating topic each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. Invite your friends!

### **HISTORICAL FACTS OF SD DISTRICT**

A new schoolhouse was built in 1914 at Zion, Canistota.

### **SHUT-INS**

Please remember in your daily prayers the following shut-in members: Bud Plagman, Vivian Dansman, Bonnie Edgecomb, and Martha Westphal.

### **GOD AND OUR FAMILY IN ADVENT**

It has often been said that the family is the basic building block of society. Families provide the setting for learning essential values and skills. In families we learn how to love, share, forgive and care for others. No matter, what the status of your own family, I'm sure you would agree that families are very important.

But as important as families are to you and me, there is someone to whom families are even more important. God cares so much for our human families that He entered into one Himself—as a little baby born in Bethlehem to Mary and Joseph. We celebrate that Incarnation each Advent and Christmas. But God didn't stop there. The Father gave up His own Son on the cross that we might have forgiveness of our sins and that our family might become part of His family forever.

Please join us as we celebrate "God and Our Family"!

### **Midweek Advent Services ~ Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.**

For your convenience the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee will be serving supper from 6:00-7:00 p.m.

### **TODAY IN OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Today in Sunday School our students make a transition from the Old Testament to the New Testament as classes begin to focus on God fulfilling His promise to send Jesus our Savior. After many years of waiting, John the Baptist's birth to Zechariah and Elizabeth signaled that the Messiah was soon to born. A family talk topic might discuss how difficult it is to wait for something that is greatly desired. Review questions might ask: How do the responses of Zechariah to the angel's announcement show that the wait for the Messiah had been a difficult wait? How is the wait for Jesus fulfilled in the promises of eternal life?



### **MEN'S MONDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY**

Each Monday morning at 6:00 a.m. a group of men from Trinity gather at Sunshine Foods in Hartford for Bible study. We are beginning a study of Leviticus, perhaps one of the least understood and appreciated books of the Bible. During the coming weeks, we will examine how Leviticus points to the efforts of the thrice-holy God in dealing with human sin through offerings and feasts, priesthood and blood atonement. Truly what one reads in Leviticus is fulfilled in Jesus Christ. Yet the richness of His person and work can be more fully appreciated through the study of the types, symbols, and shadows found in Moses' third book. All men of the congregation are invited to join us!

### **LUTHERAN MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND**

A gift that will bless you year after year! What better gift to give your spouse, or to give each other, than the experience of a Marriage Encounter Weekend?



What is Marriage Encounter? In a nutshell, it is a weekend away from the daily pressures of life and responsibilities. It is an opportunity to focus on each other. It is an opportunity to improve our communication in a relaxed and private setting. It is for couples with "good" marriages who want to enrich what they already have. There are NO "group discussions." The weekend is a series of presentations that touch on many aspects of marriage. The talks are given by three lay couples and a clergy couple. After each presentation, each couple has time, in the privacy of their own room for personal sharing, using the communication techniques learned on the weekend.

The next opportunity for a Lutheran Marriage Encounter weekend is **March 3-5, 2006 in Sioux Falls, SD** at the Country Inn and Suites. The cost is \$45 to register. This reserves your room and meals at the motel. A freewill donation is taken at the end of the weekend. Questions? Register? Contact one of these:

**Vernon and Karen Harrington 712-533-6221** [giblem@frontier.net](mailto:giblem@frontier.net)

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Have you already attended a Marriage Encounter Weekend years ago? Many couples appreciate another weekend as much or more than the first one. We invite you to return for an updated version of the weekend that still concentrates on communication. To learn more about Lutheran Marriage Encounter you can call 1-800-235-1010 or visit the web site at <http://www.ilme.org>.