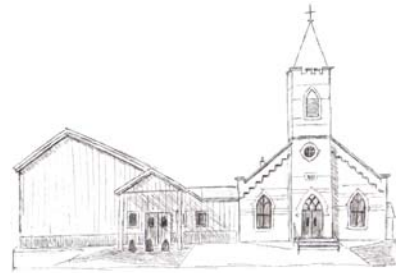


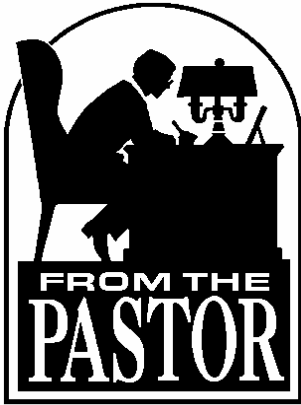
## Trinity Lutheran Church

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August 2006

### Pastor's Ponderings



Dear brothers and sisters in the family of Christ,

We hope that you are having an enjoyable summer filled with picnics with friends and family, pleasant vacations, and enjoyable walks in the park. Summer trips and activities have historically caused lower church attendance and a decline in our giving, so it is no surprise that it happened again this past summer.

As a church, we want to both encourage and challenge you as members to catch up on your tithes and offerings that were not given. As the Apostle Paul stated, "On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with his income..." (1 Corinthians 16:2). Many of us did not give the first day of each week because our summer plans kept us away from church. In order to recover lost contributions, we are introducing on August 27<sup>th</sup> "Catch Up Sunday."

We are appealing to everyone in our church to do what he or she can so we can catch up on our budgeted obligations. If you are not current with your giving, we urge you to catch up now. Your prayerful consideration and response is appreciated.

If you are current on your giving, you are invited to help us through our temporary financial shortfall with a special gift. You may include it in your regular giving envelope or send it the church office.

We know that, as you give to help your church meet its financial obligations, you will experience that joy that God gives to those who give.

May God's blessing remain with you as continue your faithful stewardship of the man blessings entrusted to your care.

In Christ!

*Pastor Moeller*

### 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 soon. If you are interested in participating, please speak with Pastor Moeller, about a time that would work well for you and/or your friends.

## Fellowship Hall Wish List

### Pastor's Office

- File cabinet

### Fellowship Area

- Tables
- Chairs

### Hallway

- Large bulletin board
- Display case
- Mail boxes

### Outside

- Stairs to door, gravel parking area

### 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.

### How to Live a Christian Life

Christian bookstores nowadays are full of books written about the Christian life. Such books try to explain how to “live like a Christian” by answering questions such as: How can I increase my faith? How can I live my life in the world as a Christian? How can I know God’s will for my life? How can I have a Christian marriage? How can I raise my children to be Christians? How can I talk to people who are not Christians? How can I have true inner peace? All of these questions are certainly important and are asked by those who having come to faith in Jesus Christ, basically wonder: Now what?

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Each Tuesday evening at 7:00 p.m. during the summer we will explore “How to Live A Christian Life.” You are all invited to join us!

### Good News Magazine

If you are looking for an interesting and easy-to-read magazine which will help you understand key teachings of the Bible; if you want to learn more about God’s good news and His strength for living each new day, for a complimentary copy or to subscribe write to:

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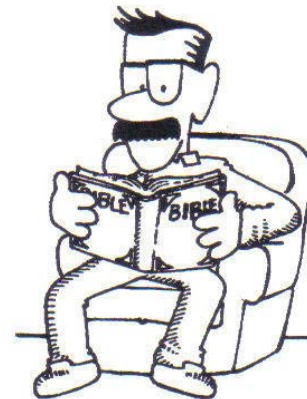
# STEWARDSHIP DEVOTION

## “Use of Abilities—Service”

### Scripture Readings:

*“And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God” (Micah 6:8).*

*“Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not men, because you know that the Lord will reward everyone for whatever good he does, whether he is slave or free” (Ephesians 6:7).*



### Thoughts:

Many of us when asked to serve offer excuses instead. We are like the unfaithful servant in Matthew 25:14-30 who gave excuses for not using his abilities. As with our financial resources, God does not ask us to give what we don't have; He does ask us to give proportionately of all the gifts He has given us.

Neither should we emulate the second son Jesus told about in Matthew 21:28-32. The first son directly refused to serve his father but later relented and did so anyway. The second son, however, immediately said he would go but never did! Jesus has strong words for those of us whose mouths speak promises our feet never carry out. *“I tell you the truth, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God ahead of you” (Matthew 21:31).*

Let us rather turn our eyes to Jesus, *..the Son of Man [Who] did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many” (Matthew 20:28).*

### Discussion Thoughts:

1. How can the church persuade more of its members to get involved in service?
2. What does 1 Peter 4:10 say to you about your need to be in service?
3. What are the essential attitudes of Christ-like service?

**Prayer:** Dear Father, help us to remember that we are your workmanship in Christ Jesus to do good works which You have prepared for us to do. Help us respond to this high calling by serving whenever You call us. In Jesus' name. Amen.

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## **Worship: The Lutheran Difference**

“I’m having trouble understanding you Lutherans.”

“Why’s that?”

“Well, you preach and pray like Baptists but your worship services are just like the Roman Catholics.”

“I’ve always thought our worship tradition was unique.”

“Well, why should tradition matter at all? Shouldn’t we just follow the Bible?”

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 between denominations.

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 demonstrate from the Bible why Lutherans differ. These studies will prepare Lutherans to share their faith and help non-Lutherans understand the Lutheran difference.

Join us each Sunday at the Adult Bible study (10:45 a.m.) as we discuss this timely topic.

## **125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee**

One more excerpt from Pastor Oberhue’s 1931 newsletter: “Christians should travel fast enough to avoid tail-end collisions with the Devil!”

Now onto are 125<sup>th</sup> celebration:

We need to know how many people plan to attend the meal on Sunday, so we can tell the cooks. Please use the forms that are on the table in the Fellowship Hall. If you still have an address for us that is fine but please fill in the box on the bottom with a number telling us how many to expect for the meal. You may also tell one of the committee members, but we need to know soon.

Saturday Sept 9<sup>th</sup> 6 PM

There will be a special service partially done in German to recognize the heritage of the founders of our church. Pastor Moeller will be assisted by past District President, the Rev. Dr. Vernon Schindler.

An ice cream and cake social will follow the service and accordion music will be provided by Karen Best. Mr. Twister (the balloon guy) will be here to entertain the children of all ages.

We will also have beard and costume judging at this time please come prepared.

Sunday Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 AM

A Celebratory Worship Service will be held at 9:30 AM. Pastor Moeller will be assisted by Pastor Thomas Wenndt.

A noon meal will be provided by the congregation and served by the LLL Ministry Team in support of the Lutheran Hour and Main Street Living. They will provide German (Delmont Blue Bird Locker) sausage, potatoes, beans and sauerkraut (remember, German Heritage). We must provide cups, napkins, buns, desserts, salad, beverage and help with serving and clean-up.

**Please let us know how many people to expect so we can tell the cooks.**

A drum line called “*Sheltered Reality*” sponsored by Joe and Mary Krizan will provide a concert for us.

The rest of the day may be spent in playing games such as they did in the “good old days” enjoying friends and the presentation set up by various groups of Trinity to commemorate this day.

## **Stewardship Newsletter Article August 2006**

In the church we have often been tempted to describe Christian Stewardship in terms of the three “T’s” of time, talent and treasure. However, Christian stewardship involves all of life and life’s resources. For that reason we may want to add a number of other “T’s” to give a more complete picture of what is meant by Christian stewardship. Four other “T’s” could include TESTIMONY (our stewardship of the Gospel), TOUCH (our relationships with God and others), TISSUE (the care and use of our bodies), and TRASH (our care of God’s creation).

This article deals with the last “T”—TRASH. TRASH refers to our care of God’s creation. God created all things in heaven and on earth. Therefore, all created things and beings belong to Him. He also made the first man and woman in His image and said to them, *“Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground.”* (Genesis 1:28)

According to Genesis 2:15 God put Adam into the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. He was the first manager of something that belonged to God, and he was to manage it according to God’s wishes. Unfortunately, he and Eve disobeyed God and desired to do things their own way. Through this act of disobedience sin entered into the world and the earth and everything on it was cursed because of that sin. And yet, this is a marvelous earth with all its beauty and bounty, and we are still God’s caretakers and managers.

It is almost incredible to fathom that over six billion people now live on planet earth. According to God’s design there are ample resources on earth to satisfy the needs of all living creatures. The truth is that God provides but man divides. Our stewardship of the air, earth, water, crops, livestock and other resources on earth is of critical importance. Polluted air and water, world hunger and trashy environments give evidence to the need for improved stewardship of God’s creation.

***As maturing stewards we want to the do the right things for the right reasons and strive for excellence in all we do.*** That includes wise and good management of God’s creation. Think about what you can do to make this earth a better place for all people to live.

## **LWML National Convention**

Prairie schooners probably won’t get you there, but you should be booking planes and automobiles (and definitely chartered buses) to attend the LWML convention in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, June 21–24, 2007! Plans to carry out the theme “ROCK! Rest On Christ the King” are solidly moving forward with on-site servant activities for the King’s Servants for Thursday, June 21. At the opening Communion Worship Service on Thursday evening, Rev. Dr. Dean Nadasdy, LCMS 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Sr. Pastor at Woodbury Lutheran Church, Woodbury, Minnesota, will serve as worship proclaimer. Stay tuned for more and visit [www.lwml.org](http://www.lwml.org).

## **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 this fall. For more information speak to Penny Eggebraaten

### **Lutherans For Life**

The SESD Lutherans For Life will be sponsoring a booth at the Turner County Fair. Pastor Moeller has volunteered to work at the booth on Monday, August 14<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. If you would be interested in helping, please contact Pastor.

### **Joshua Bible Study**

Behind the historical details and the epic battles recorded in the Book of Joshua lies a covenant of grace, God's promise that He made with Abraham and his descendents forever. Although covering a time span of only about thirty years, the Book of Joshua points forward in time to another Joshua—Jesus of Nazareth—whose coming is significant forever. In both rite and event, Joshua both anticipates the fulfillment of Abraham's promise in Christ.

Each Monday morning at 6:00 a.m., beginning July 31<sup>st</sup>, our Men's Bible study will study this interesting and challenging book of the Bible in a study entitled: "Joshua: The Lord's Promise Fulfilled." In this study we will learn:

- the importance of the land promised to Abraham and its connection to and fulfillment in the coming Messiah;
- the seriousness of sin as exemplified by the destruction of the great city of Jericho and of the inhabitants of Canaan;
- the sweetness of God's grace as shown to those finding sanctuary in the cities of refuge and especially to Rahab and her family

All men of the congregation are invited to join us at the church each week!

### **Lutheran Bible Translators**

Paul and Ali Federwitz with Lutheran Bible Translators will be joining us on Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup> for our Adult Bible Study at 10:45 a.m.. They will share information about their work with LBT. Please plan on joining us.

### **125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

The 125th Anniversary Committee is inviting members to make banners that we might hang on the wall for our upcoming celebration. If you are interested in designing or creating a banner, please speak to Pastor Moeller or one of the members of the committee.

We have some things for sale to help commemorate this event. We have printed an all-purpose card with a brief history of the church and pictures of the church buildings that have been built. It can be used for any occasion. We also have three different etched glass ornaments that can be purchased that are very lovely. The proceeds from these things will go toward the expenses of our celebration. We will be taking orders for the etched glass and would appreciate it if you could pay for them as you order them.

### **Trinity Altar Guild**

The elders are planning to develop an altar guild that would take care of the altar paraments, banners, candles, plants, and many other services in preparation for the worship. If you are interested in helping or would like more information, please contact Pastor Moeller or one of the elders.

### **Wanted**

We are looking for a volunteer to coordinate our prayer chain. Internet access would be beneficial. If you are interested in helping out with this please contact Pastor Moeller.

# August 2006

## Cleaners, Greeters, Head Ushers, & Acolytes

### Sunday, August 6th

Cleaners: Merle & Barb Muchow, John & Wanda Barnhart  
 Greeters: John & Wanda Barnhart  
 Head Usher: John Barber  
 Acolyte: Eric Wolfe

### Sunday, August 13th

Cleaners: Marlo Anderson, Mike Anderson, Janie Schauff  
 Greeters: Janie Schauff, Marlo Anderson  
 Head Usher: John Barber  
 Acolyte: Kylee Thompson

### Sunday, August 20th

Cleaners: Ray & JoAnn Matthies, Bryan & Susan Kelley  
 Greeters: Bryan & Susan Kelley  
 Head Usher: John Barber  
 Acolyte: Emily Krizan

### Sunday, August 27th

Cleaners: Dale & June Snyder, Adel & Amy Valdes  
 Greeters: Dale & June Snyder  
 Head Usher: John Barber  
 Acolyte: Dustin Kleba

### Sunday, September 3rd

Cleaners: Roger & Bert Carls, Henry Dansman, Jr., Dianne Dansman  
 Greeters: Henry Dansman, Jr., Dianne Dansman  
 Head Usher: Talis Johnson  
 Acolyte: Ashley Matthies

### Saturday, September 9th

Greeters: Roger & Bert Carls  
 Head Usher: Dale Snyder  
 Acolyte: Patrick Erikson

### Sunday, September 10th

Cleaners: Harvey & LaRaye Rehfeldt, Melvin Matthies  
 Greeters: Harvey & LaRaye Rehfeldt  
 Head Usher: Talis Johnson  
 Acolyte: Jennifer Muchow

### Sunday, September 17th

Cleaners: George & Donna Vogt, Lester & Jean Gregersen  
 Greeters: George & Donna Vogt  
 Head Usher: Talis Johnson  
 Acolyte: Jenny Eggebraaten

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b> 9:00 am Chapel at Tieszen Home 7:00 pm Bible study 8:00 pm Trustees & SS Teachers	<b>2</b> 7:00 pm FPU	<b>3</b> 2:00 pm Chapel at Leisure Living 7:00 pm 125th Anniversary Comm. Mtg.	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
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