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2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 3, 2005

WELCOME

A special welcome to our guests worshipping 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!

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 coat room. The children are welcome to keep their artwork by please return the bag and its other contents to the hooks where you find them.

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

SUNDAY ~ Worship ~ 9:30 am
Sunday School/Bible study ~ 10:30 am
125th Anniversary Committee meeting ~ 7:00 pm
Men's Club meeting ~ 7:30 pm

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

TUESDAY ~ Choir practice ~ 6:30 pm
Bible study ~ 7:00 pm

WEDNESDAY ~ Lifelight Bible study ~ 9:30 am
Confirmation ~ 5:30 pm

SATURDAY ~ Stewardship Committee meeting ~ 9:00 am

COMING EVENTS

Sun., Apr. 10th ~ Worship w/communion ~ 9:30 am
Sunday School/Bible Study ~ 10:30 am
Elders meeting ~ 12:00 noon
Church Council meeting ~ 7:30 pm

Sun., Apr. 17th ~ Junior Confirmation
Quarterly Voters meeting ~ 7:30 pm

Wed., Apr. 20th ~ Circuit K Forum at First English – Parker

Sat., June 25th ~ Lutherans For Life Leadership/Speaker Training Seminar at Trinity ~ 9:30 am – 4:00 pm

July 25th- 27th ~ SD District Youth Gathering at Huron

SERVING THIS WEEK: SUNDAY, APRIL 3, 2005

Cleaners: Dwane & Audrey Matthies, Randy Matthies, Shary Muchow
Greeters: Dwane & Audrey Matthies
Head Usher: Melvin Matthies
Acolyte: Ashley Matthies

NEXT WEEK: SUNDAY, APRIL 10, 2005

Cleaners: Rodney & Joy Hohn, Thom & Maria DeWald
Greeters: Rodney & Joy Hohn
Head Usher: Melvin Matthies
Acolyte: Colin Kelley

WORSHIP SERVICE, MAUNDY THURSDAY, MARCH 24, 2005

Attendance: 68	Communion: 42
Loose Offering \$ 0.50	125th Committee \$ 108.00
Current 210.00	Building Fund 100.00

WORSHIP SERVICE, GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 25, 2005

Attendance: 59	Current Offering \$ 70.00
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WORSHIP SERVICE, SUNDAY, MARCH 27, 2005

Attendance: 147	Communion: 104
Current \$1,716.00	Loose Offering \$ 38.00
Mission 95.00	Future Church Worker 35.00
Building Fund 265.00	

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

CAMP MINNEBOJI 2005

KIDS IN GRADES 4-9: Camp Minneboji is coming! June 19-25 is the time. Camp Okoboji in northwest Iowa is the place. The camp features Bible study, mission presentations, music, crafts, sports, recreation, and the chance to meet new Christian friends. This year's camp theme is "Courageous Faith: Bold Witness." The camp registration fee is \$210 (\$240 for 9th grade "Honors" Campers). Camp registration booklets will be sent to congregations in mid-March.

Check out the camp Web site: www.minneboji.com or contact the Camp Dean, Rev. Scott Sailer (Faith Lutheran Church, Sioux Falls, SD), for more information (605/332-3401; scottsailer@aol.com).

WANTED:

We are also looking for people who would be willing to share their musical talents (vocal/instrumental) at our worship services. If you are interested in helping, please contact Pastor Moeller.

KEEPSAKE COOKBOOK

If you have submitted a recipe, **Thank You!** Please feel free to submit a couple more of your special recipes. We are short of recipes for beverages and snack things but will be happy to accept any you want to share.

If you have not submitted any, **please do so now**, as we would like to have a few recipes from everyone in the congregation. There are forms available on the stand at the rear of the church. You may return them to the box that is next to the forms.

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.

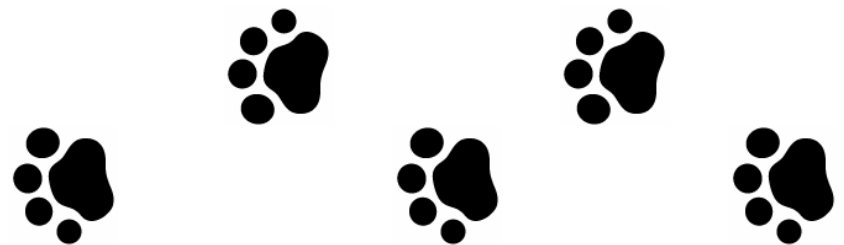
SHUT-INS

Please remember in your daily prayers the following shut-in members or those in nursing homes: Walt Wenzlaff, Bud Plagman, Vivian Dansman, Bonnie Edgecomb, and Martha Westphal.



Hello Everyone!
It is time that we begin to plan for this year's VBS. Because we are expecting a large turnout again this year, we are going to need a bunch of help and support. If you are at all

interested in contributing to this year's *Safari Adventure*, whether it is by helping to make snacks, teaching, driving, or providing us with supplies, please attend our informational meeting at the church on March 28th at 7:00 p.m. All of your ideas, opinions and prayers are greatly appreciated. If you are interested in helping out or would like more information about his year's program, please contact Pastor Moeller at 526-3572 or Jessi Moeller at 321-1642.



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.

OUTREACH THEMES FROM OUR READINGS

Second Sunday of Easter ~ When Jesus appeared alive to his disciples on Easter evening he breathed on them and gave them the Holy Spirit and the power to forgive sins in his name. The message of forgiveness in Christ is the best news that we can share with fellow sinners.

SD DISTRICT LCMS YOUTH GATHERING

The South Dakota LCMS Youth Gathering will be held Monday, July 25th to Wednesday, July 27th at the Crossroads Hotel & Convention Center in Huron, SD. It is open to all youth entering the 9th grade in the fall of 2005 to those who will have graduated from high school in the spring of 2005. The theme for this year’s gathering is “Courageous Faith/Bold Witness,” the theme for the upcoming 100th anniversary of the South Dakota District. The main speaker will be the Rev. Terry Dittmer, who is in charge of youth ministry for the Synod. “Against All Odds,” a professional band from Minneapolis, will lead the music throughout the gathering and put on a concert Tuesday evening. Other scheduled activities included servant events, worship, the “junk-food potluck,” and games.

MAIN STREET LIVING

Main Street Living has become the “at home” television church service for the homebound.

The program continues to be available on KDLT-NBC at 10:00 a.m. and on PAX at 11:00 a.m. Check your local listings for cable channels.

April 10, 2005 – “The Main Event.” Paul Winfield portrays a boxer who is hit by a car. The boxer is embittered until he meets a cheerful 8-year-old girl. The featured speaker is the Rev. James Wiese of Emanuel Lutheran Church in Milbank, SD.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

Second Sunday of Easter ~ 1 Peter 1:3-9: St. Peter reminds us Christians that our faith is proved genuine by the works that we do to the glory and praise of God and the benefit of other people. Christian stewardship is really faith active in love!

PREDESTINATION—THE LUTHERAN DIFFERENCE

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.” 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, including our understanding of prayer.

Our Lifelight Bible study group meets on Wednesday mornings at 9:30 a.m. in people’s homes. Our study—Predestination: The Lutheran Difference—will identify how Lutherans differ from other Christians and demonstrate from the Bible why Lutherans differ on predestination, one of the most misunderstood doctrines of the church. These studies will help you grow in your understanding and appreciation for your Baptism and help to prepare you to share your faith with others. Please join us!

PHOTOS! PHOTOS! PHOTOS!

We are sorting through 300 to 400 photos taken by our unsalaried church photographer, Ray Matthies. The photos cover most of the activities that have occurred in the last 20 years at Trinity. There are pictures of pastor’s installations, church anniversaries, VBS, Men’s Club, LWML, AAL, church building renovations, etc. We are using appropriate photos to be on display at the 125th anniversary. The rest will be returned to each of you, personally, if you are the lead person in the picture. So within the next 6 weeks you will get a picture or many pictures of your involvement at Trinity.

Thank you to Ray and JoAnn Matthies for the dedication of taking these pictures, for the film, and the development of them – our unsung heroes.

A MILE OF PENNIES

The High School Youth Group is sponsoring “A Mile of Pennies” Fundraiser. Members are invited to donate their pennies and other spare change into the jar on the table by the entrance to the church nave. Other monetary donations will be accepted as well (\$1.00 = 100 pennies). The proceeds will be used to purchase a multimedia projector for the new building addition. We now have over a mile of pennies (91,400 or \$914.00) collected, which placed side by side would stretch over 1 mile. Thank you for contributing!

Divine Service

Hymn of Invocation #208
“Ye Sons and Daughters of the King”
 The Order of Morning Service p. 5-6
 The Introit.....

P: Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk,
C: so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, now that you have tasted that the Lord is good. Alleluia!
 P: Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name;
C: make known among the nations what he has done.
 P: Sing to him, sing praise to him;
C: tell of all his wonderful acts.
 P: Glory in his holy name;
C: let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.
 P: Look to the Lord and his strength;
C: seek his face always.
 P: Remember the wonders he has done,
C: his miracles, and the judgments he pronounced.
 P: He remembers his covenant forever,
C: the word he commanded, for a thousand generations.
 P: Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk,
C: so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, now that you have tasted that the Lord is good. Alleluia!

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 #204
“Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain”
 The Sermon.....
“A Bug, A Lab, Terri, and the Cross”
 The Offering.....
 The Prayers
 The Hymn #206
“Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense” (vv. 1-5)
 The Collect, Benediction..... p. 14
 The Closing Hymn #201
“Jesus Lives! The Victory’s Won”

EASTER LILIES

In memory of their parents Felix & Ella Geide and sister Lila Mae, from Earle & Connie Geide, Ruth & Arnold Arends, Jean & Lester Gregersen, Donna & George Vogt.

In memory of Kelly & Elsie Muchow and James and Pearl Waybright, from Monte & Shary Muchow.

In memory of Bertha Matthies, from Ray & JoAnn Matthies.

In memory of Joann Laufenberg. In honor of Bill & Kathy Laufenberg and Bob & Shirleen Moeller, from Pastor & Aimee Moeller.

Other Easter lilies purchased to be placed in the sanctuary by Talis & Laura Johnson, Dwane & Joyce Carls, and the Trinity LWML (2)

SIMPLY GIVING

The Trinity Stewardship Committee would like to introduce a new program that could help you in your giving of your tithes and offerings. Through *Simply Giving*, your tithes and offering are made through a pre-authorized withdrawal from your bank account. You determine the frequency of your automatic gifts—weekly, semi-monthly, or monthly—the option is yours. Your gift is deposited into the church's bank account on the same day it is withdrawn from your account.

Simply Giving is a reliable, safe way from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans to move your stewardship plan into action. It allows you to share your gifts through planned giving and activates your generosity into ongoing stewardship. Because your gift is given consistently, you won't need to play "catch-up" at year-end or worry about forgotten checkbooks or missed Sunday offerings. But you're not the only one that benefits. Our congregation benefits from steady, more predictable revenues throughout the year, and more efficient bookkeeping.

To participate, all you need to do is fill out a simple form that is available from the members of the Trinity Stewardship Committee (John Barber, Tim Totton, Mary Krizan, Aimee Moeller, or Amy Valdes). If you have any other questions they are willing to help you.

PREPARING FOR DEATH

Preparing people for death (their own or a loved one's), is among the most important work a pastor does. It is at the time of death when we each try to ask those "why" questions that may not have a satisfying answer and try to make sense out of what *does not make sense*. At such times our faith is tested the most. But properly prepared, it can be the time in which our Christian witness is the most effective, where we may have unique opportunities to share the Good News of Jesus Christ, who has defeated death and transformed it into the gate to eternal life. We might say, that if we are better prepared for our death, we are better prepared for life.

Over 400 years ago, a relatively unknown Lutheran pastor in Germany, Rev. Martin Möller, wrote a small book, *Heilige Sterbekunst*, which dealt with "the holy art of dying." Although a book of this kind can never outgrow its usefulness, it was not available in English until Pastor Arthur E. Schulz translated it in 1974. We are examining this small book, *Preparing for Death* in our Sunday morning (10:30 a.m.) adult Bible study. We encourage all adults of the congregation to attend. Those who do, will find a very helpful companion and resource to use for many years in the future, as they face the death of their loved ones and their own inevitable death. *Preparing for Death* gets the message straight and gets the message of God's love out. Please plan on joining us!

LFL LEADERSHIP/SPEAKER TRAINING SEMINAR

Lutherans For Life Executive Director Rev. Dr. James Lamb and Ed Szeto, LFL director of outreach, will present a one-day seminar designed for those who want to learn how to speak on life issues in their congregations, communities, and schools. The event will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Saturday, June 25th, at Trinity Lutheran Church, Hartford, SD.

The seminar cost is \$50 for a single registration (includes one manual/CD) or \$60 for husband/wife registration (includes one manual/CD). Scholarship money is available through LFL of SD, which will be disbursed at the LFL of SD's discretion. Class size is limited, so register early. To register, please speak to Pastor Moeller.

RITE OF CONFIRMATION

On Sunday, April 17th we will have the pleasure of welcoming five young men and women as communicant members through the rite of confirmation. Those completing their instruction from Luther's Small Catechism who will be making a public profession of their faith are: Derek Johnson, Austin Kirschbaum, Kimberly Kleba, Aubrey Larson, and Lyndze Thompson. There will be a reception for these confirmands following the 9:30 a.m. worship. Everyone is invited!

SERMON AUDIO TAPES

The Trinity Lutheran Church Evangelism Committee has audiotapes of each Sunday sermon available. These are great for use by the homebound, shut-in, nursing home residents, or to give to your unchurched neighbor or family member. If you or someone you know would like to receive these tapes through the mail on a weekly basis, please contact Brenda Erikson (363-3444) or Connie Geide (526-3840).

"LIFE QUOTES" FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

"If the unborn child is not a human person, no defense for abortion is necessary . . . But if the unborn child is a human person, then no justification for abortion is adequate." *Greg Koukl, Founder and President, Stand to Reason* www.lutheransforlife.org / 888-364-LIFE

DIAPER DERBY

Our congregation is participating in the SESD Lutherans For Life Annual Diaper Derby. From now through Mother's Day and until Father's Day, we will be collecting baby diapers that will be donated to the Alpha Center, or local crisis pregnancy center. Amy Valdes has set up a nice display and collection box for your donations.

LIFE QUEST 2005

Dakota Extreme Events of Sioux Falls, an organization that works to further the sport of adventure racing, promote healthy living, and generate funds for local charitable organizations LIFE Quest 2005, will be sponsoring an adventure race May 20-21 at Inspiration Hills near Canton, SD. The proceeds will be donated to the Alpha Center.

During the race, four-person co-ed and two-person open teams will work together to conquer an established course, which will include elements like mountain biking, running/hiking, canoeing, rope skills, map and compass navigation, and some surprises on a 50- to 60- mile course with a time limit of about 12 hours will challenge participants' skills and endurance.

Participants, volunteers, and sponsors are needed to make the event a success. Contact Adel Valdes (605) 201-7733 and check out the website: www.dakotaextremeevents.com