

## TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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### THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

SUNDAY, APRIL 22, 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.

#### ACTIVITY BAGS

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

#### READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

In order to prepare for next week's worship service you may study the assigned readings for the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter, April 29, 2007:

Old Testament: Acts 20:17-35

Epistle: Revelation 7:9-17

Gospel: John 10:22-30

#### THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

**SUNDAY ~**           **Worship** ~ 9:30 am  
                          **Sunday School** ~ 10:30 am  
                          **Elders meeting** ~ 12:00 noon  
**WEDNESDAY ~**   **Lifelight Bible study** ~ 9:30 am  
                          **Confirmation classes** ~ 5:30 pm  
**SATURDAY ~**       **TLC Bible study** ~ 8:30 am

#### COMING EVENTS

Sun., Apr. 29<sup>th</sup> ~   Worship w/communion ~ 9:30 am  
                          Sunday School & Adult Bible study ~ 10:30 am  
                          "Planning A Christian Funeral" ~ 3:00 pm  
                          Voters meeting ~ 7:00 pm  
June 4<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> ~   Vacation Bible School ~ 9:00 am to 2:00 pm  
Fri., Aug. 3<sup>rd</sup> ~    TLC Silent Auction & Prime Rib Dinner

#### SERVING THIS WEEK: SUNDAY, APRIL 22, 2007

**Cleaners:** Orrin Geide, Earle & Connie Geide, Matthew Anderson

**Greeters:** Helen Wenzlaff, Pat Wenzlaff

**Head Usher:** Derek Johnson

**Acolyte:** Jennifer Muchow

#### NEXT WEEK: SUNDAY, APRIL 29, 2007

**Cleaners:** Helen Wenzlaff, Pat Wenzlaff, Pastor & Aimee Moeller

**Greeters:** Orrin Geide

**Head Usher:** Derek Johnson

**Acolyte:** Megan Eggebraaten

#### WORSHIP SERVICE: SUNDAY, APRIL 8, 2007

<b>Worship Attendance:</b>	80	<b>Adult Bible study:</b>	15
<b>Current offering:</b>	\$ 1,429.00	<b>Loose offering:</b>	\$ 30.00
<b>Building fund:</b>	505.00	<b>Mission Offering:</b>	110.00
<b>Future Church Worker:</b>	10.00	<b>TIM (Amy Kashenov)</b>	11.00

First Sunday Special Offerings go to Campus Ministry

Third Sunday Special Offerings go to Amy Kashenov

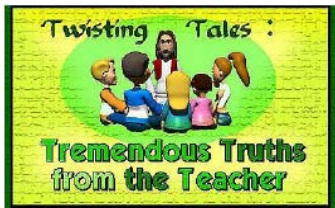
### LET THE CHILDREN COME . . .

Trinity Learning Center Daycare is proud to announce the opening of their doors on Monday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>. The purpose of Trinity Learning Center is to provide a caring atmosphere for young children in which they can experience the love of God and His people. Our primary mission is to extend the Gospel to young children through a quality, Christ-centered learning environment. The Center is committed to excellence in its programs, offering children a healthy, loving, Christian environment in which to learn and develop creatively and mature emotionally, physically, socially, and spiritually. Applications for registration can be picked up at Trinity Lutheran Church (46448 263<sup>rd</sup> St.).

We are also taking registrations for Trinity Learning Center Preschool for the 2007-2008 school year.

Please contact Trinity Learning Center Director/Teacher, Jessi Moeller, via e-mail at [tlc@trinitylutheran-hartfordsd.org](mailto:tlc@trinitylutheran-hartfordsd.org) or call Trinity Lutheran Church at (605) 526-3571 with any questions.

### CAMP MINNEBOJI 2007 IS COMING!



Camp week is June 24-30 at Camp Okoboji in northwest Iowa. The camp, for kids in grades 4-9, features Bible study, mission presentations, music, crafts, sports, recreation, and the chance to meet new Christian friends. This year's camp theme is "Twisting Tales: Tremendous Tales from

the Teacher," dealing with Jesus' parables. The camp registration fee is \$215. (\$245 for 9th grade "Honors" Campers). Registration booklets will be mailed in late March. Contact the camp Dean, Rev. Scott Sailer, [scottsailer@aol.com](mailto:scottsailer@aol.com), for more information, or check out the camp web site: [www.minneboji.com](http://www.minneboji.com).

### LWML WORK DAY

Helpers are needed to finish the 180 centerpieces for the June 21<sup>st</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> LWML Convention in Sioux Falls. This is not hi-tech craft work. We are gluing moss and faux rocks onto wooden bases Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Martha Smith home – 2303 E. Redwood Blvd., Brandon. Come for a short time. Come for the day. Come for potluck lunch. [ymsmith@alliancecom.net](mailto:ymsmith@alliancecom.net)

### PLANNING A CHRISTIAN FUNERAL

The Trinity LWML is sponsoring a workshop on Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. The Rev. Jonathan Watt, of St. John Lutheran Church in Howard, SD, will provide helpful guidance for planning a Christian funeral. All members are invited to attend.

### CROSS: WE SUFFER WITH JESUS

Martin Luther once identified three things that make a good theologian: *prayer* for the Holy Spirit to understand God's unique biblical Word; *meditation* on this Word; and as the "touchstone," enduring *afflictions* due to meditating on God's Word. In this study, we'll unpack what Scripture has to say about afflictions in the life of the Christian, that is, the cross we will endure in various shapes and sizes, not *even though*, but *because* we are Christians.

Luther noticed a discrepancy in his day: On one hand, Scripture is filled with passages about the necessary suffering of the saints in the world as they follow their crucified Lord in their concrete daily vocations in church, home, work, and state. On the other hand, the teaching and practice of many seemed to be about avoiding this God-sent cross at all costs. There were those who paid significant sums of money to avoid the rather demanding forms of repentance. There were others who subjected themselves to a rigorous discipline of prayer, fasting, chastity, and poverty apart from any vocational discipleship in the biblical sense. In each and every case, Luther found self-chosen, controlled forms of "suffering" were anxiously sought as spiritual paths—only to get around the "real deal" sent by God in His way and at His time. Distrusting God, breaking the First Commandment, is also at the bottom of this deformation.

Clearly a reformation, a return to Scripture also in this area of spirituality, had become necessary. By the time the Diet of Augsburg occurred in 1530, Lutherans humbly confessed that in their churches people were well instructed from God's Word concerning the cross in the life and vocation of the Christian.

And today? Is Christianity promoted as a way to avoid "bad stuff" and to achieve worldly success? Or is Christianity taught as a life under the cross? Popular titles like the 2004's *Your Best Life Now* by Joel Osteen suggest the former. Being "religious" is widely seen as a path to freedom from pain and failure. Suffering is seen as but an invigorating "challenge" on the road to reaching one's "full potential." "Spiritual disciplines" are observed, often at the expense of our God-given vocations and their trials, to achieve personal fulfillment, even salvation.

Lutherans faithful to God's Word have held out a different vision of Christianity and spirituality, one that is shaped by the cross of Christ and daily flows from Baptism. In our **Lifelight Bible study, which meets every Wednesday at 9:30 a.m.**, we will study this unique and life-giving biblical topic in "Cross: We Suffer with Jesus," a part of the Lutheran Spirituality series. Everyone is invited to join us!

## 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.

**April 29, 2007. "Mount Up with Wings"** A paraplegic tries to make it on his own and his sister feels her purpose in life is threatened. The featured speaker is Rev. David Schwan, Executive Secretary of the SD District, LCMS.

## LIFE QUOTES" FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

"[M]ore people are kept from faith by the idea that the Bible was written by an ignorant lot yet to benefit from the advances of science. The accusation that the Bible represents backward thinking is, in reality, an example of backward thinking. The God-inspired writers of the Bible have always been well ahead of the scientists—a scenario that hasn't changed from the days of Moses to the days of Darwin, or even now in the 21st century." *Mike Adams, teacher and writer.* **A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life / [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org) / 888-364-LIFE**

## OUTREACH THOUGHTS

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter ~ John 21:1-14: After the resurrection of Jesus, Peter and some of the other disciples tried to go back to their old days of fishing for fish, but Jesus called them to become "fishers of men." By the power of the Holy Spirit we are also called and empowered to be "fishers of men."

## TODAY IN SUNDAY SCHOOL

Today in Sunday School, the children learned how Jesus revealed Himself to the disciples after Easter in another miraculous catch of fish (John 21:1–14). As a family, talk about how Jesus reveals Himself to us in the means of grace, calling us to be disciples and giving us Easter joy. Especially discuss the blessings of Baptism and how through water and God's Word each of us puts on Christ. What does that mean for your lives now and in eternity?

## 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 several classes. If you are interested in participating, please speak with Pastor Moeller.

## 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.

## STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter ~ Acts 9:1-22: The conversion of Paul from being a fierce persecutor of the church to becoming one of the staunchest defenders of the Christian faith was nothing short of a miracle. But the Spirit that turned his life around is the same Spirit at work within us to make us effective stewards who say and do the right things for the right reasons.

## Divine Service

Hymn of Invocation ..... #132  
"O God of God, O Light of Light"  
The Order of Morning Service ..... p. 5-6  
The Introit .....

P: You will fill me with joy in your presence,  
**C: with eternal pleasures at your right hand.**  
P: I will exalt you, O Lord,  
**C: for you lifted me out of the depths and did not let my enemies gloat over me.**  
P: O Lord my God, I called to you for help  
**C: and you healed me.**  
P: O Lord, you brought me up from the grave,  
**C: you spared me from going down into the pit.**  
P: Sing to the Lord, you saints of his;  
**C: praise his holy name.**  
P: For his anger lasts only a moment,  
**C: but his favor lasts a lifetime;**  
P: weeping may remain for a night,  
**C: but rejoicing comes in the morning.**

Gloria Patri, Kyrie, Gloria in Excelsis..... p. 6-7  
The Salutation, Collect .....p. 9  
The Readings .....Back page  
The Apostles' Creed..... p. 12  
The Sermon Hymn ..... #403  
"Savior, Thy Dying Love"  
The Sermon..... "Man on a Mission"  
The Offering.....  
The Prayers .....  
Hymn ..... #205  
"The Day of Resurrection"  
The Collect, Benediction..... p. 14  
The Closing Hymn ..... #210  
"The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done"

### CHRISTIAN VOCATION BIBLE STUDY

Today, Christians are pressed from every side to limit the role of faith in their life. A politician can have Christian convictions so long as they are not related to his or her public office. Christians can express their faith in worship, but often see little connection between faith and their work life. Not only secularists, but also some Christians, believe that faith should be truncated in this way. We often hear the mantra, “My faith is one thing, my profession another.” A Christian auto mechanic who leaves evangelistic tracts in each car but fails to repair them is an a good Christian witness.

What is missing from the discussion is an understanding of *vocation*, or calling. Lutherans are aware that clergy and other church workers are not simply hired but are *called* by God through the congregation. Catechized Lutherans are also aware of a wider sense in which all Christians are servants: the priesthood of all believers. This is often taken to mean only that each Christian is called to spread the Gospel and to lead an ethical life. But there is much more to it than that. God provides each Christian layperson with gifts and circumstances that define a station in life. The purpose of this station is to serve our neighbors, to play a part in God’s providential care of humanity. This means that even the work with low worldly status is something God calls us to do.

In our age, intense spiritual experience is exalted as a sign of God’s favor. Ordinary work is often seen as a spiritually dead, practical necessity. But God did not save humankind with spectacular displays of power but through the crucifixion of Jesus. God does not call us to revel in private spiritual gifts, but to take up our crosses and to do His work. It is here that we find what Gene Edward Veith calls the “spirituality of ordinary life.”

The life-changing implications of this perspective are the focus of our Bible study, “Christian Vocation: The Lutheran Difference.” Please join us each Tuesday night at 7:00 p.m. as we explore this fascinating topic. If you are interested, please speak to Pastor Moeller, so we can have study materials available for you.

### SHUT-INS

Please remember Martha Westphal in your prayers.

### MEN’S BIBLE STUDY

1 & 2 Timothy and Titus—are often called the Pastoral Epistles because they address issues concerning the pastoral office (or ministry). Paul is aware that his ministry is coming to a close and is concerned about the future of the Church. He is led by the Holy Spirit to give divine counsel to those who will succeed him in order that the Gospel and its ministry will continue just as he received them from the Lord. And through these divinely inspired words, he prepares every generation that follows to maintain faithfulness to the Lord and keep the faith.

The Men’s Bible study is meeting each Monday at 6:00 a.m. to study *1 & 2 Timothy, Titus: Keeping the Faith*. All men of the congregation are invited to attend. If you are interested in attending, please speak to Pastor Moeller so he can get the appropriate materials for you.

### STUDY OF THE FORMULA OF CONCORD

Martin Luther died on February 18, 1546. A year later, in the Smalcald War, Lutheran princes were defeated by Catholic forces. The Lutherans all too quickly fell to squabbling about doctrine. How such contentiousness and which doctrinal viewpoints would be affirmed would mark the future of the Church for centuries to come.

The Formula of Concord, published in 1577, helped the Lutheran Church deal with the previous three decades of internal conflicts. Perhaps the Lutheran Church would not have survived the sixteenth-century doctrinal wars without the Formula of Concord. This study will help us to discover anew how the Formula of Concord helps the Church today with theological, doctrinal, and daily life issues. All adults of the congregation are invited to join us each Sunday at 10:45 a.m.

### TLC BIBLE STUDY

Pastor Moeller is leading a Bible study, which explores the weekly Bible stories the children will hear at Trinity Learning Center. Everyone is invited to attend. Please join us each Saturday at 8:30 a.m.

### 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 hallway.

### A LEGENDARY JOURNEY...



At *Quest for Truth* VBS, kids join Dakota Joe and his faithful dog, Digger, as they tackle daily challenges to unearth the Keeper of the Truth Artifact. Kids will love their journey through the Holy Land as they collect Gospel Glyphs and discover important truths about Jesus!

*Quest for Truth* Vacation Bible School will be held on June 4<sup>th</sup> through June 8<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Please keep this date in mind as you schedule your summer activities.

Look for information on a special planning meeting. If you are interested in teaching or helping in any other way, please contact Jessi Moeller (321-1642).

### ASLAN’S WORLD

Since its first publication in 1950, C.S. Lewis’ *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* has delighted both children and adults with its magical world of talking beasts, mythical creatures, high adventure, and a clear demarcation between Good and Evil. Together with memories from his own childhood, classical mythology, fairy tales from his native British Isles, and clear Christian concepts, Lewis weaves into a beautiful tapestry the colorful and lively world of Narnia—and worlds beyond.

In his Bible study, *Aslan’s World*, respected author and professor Angus Menuge draws out and highlights the biblical allusions found in this classic book and recent motion picture. He does so in such a way that it not only engages Bible study participants, but also leads us deeper into the Scriptures. There we hear not the voice of the great lion, Aslan, in the world of Narnia, but rather his counterpart in our own. It was He who said, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in His name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem” (Luke 24:46-47).

All High School students are invited to join in this study each Sunday at 10:45 a.m.

### WANTED: DATA ENTRY

We are looking for a volunteer or volunteers, who would be willing to help update our membership records on a computer database. Please speak to Pastor Moeller.