

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

SUNDAY, MAY 21, 2006

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 service ~ 9:30 am
Recognition of Graduates ~ 10:30 am
Sunday School & Adult Bible study ~ 10:30 am
Elders meeting ~ 12:00 noon

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

TUESDAY ~ Bible Study ~ 7:00 pm

WEDNESDAY ~ Lifelight Bible study ~ 9:30 am
125th Anniversary Committee meeting ~ 7:00 pm

THURSDAY ~ Ascension Day service ~ 7:30 pm

FRIDAY ~ Circuit Pastors meeting at Trinity-Spencer ~ 9:30 am

SATURDAY ~ Couples Club ~ 7:00 pm

COMING EVENTS

Sun. May 28th ~ Worship w/communion ~ 9:30 am
Adult Bible study ~ 10:30 am

June 5th – 9th ~ Vacation Bible School ~ 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

Wed. June 14th ~ Financial Peace University begins ~ 7:00 pm

June 18th – 21st ~ SD District Convention

Sun., July 9th ~ Church Council meeting ~ 12:00 noon

Sun., July 16th ~ Quarterly Voter's meeting ~ 8:00 pm

July 17th – 19th ~ SD District Youth Gathering

Sept. 9th – 10th ~ 125th Anniversary Celebration

SERVING THIS WEEK: SUNDAY, MAY 21, 2006

Cleaners: Richard & Donna Bowden, Loren & Marsha Letsche
Greeters: Richard & Donna Bowden
Head Usher: Roger Carls **Acolyte:** Eric Wolfe

THURSDAY, MAY 25, 2006

Greeters: Dwayne & Mary Anderson
Head Usher: Dale Snyder **Acolyte:** Kylee Thompson

NEXT WEEK: SUNDAY, MAY 28, 2006

Cleaners: John & Carlene Barber, Carmen Barber, Casey Barber
Greeters: Clarice Wixon, Stacy VanWesten
Head Usher: Roger Carls **Acolyte:** Dimitry Hernandez

WORSHIP SERVICE: SUNDAY, MAY 14, 2006

Worship Attendance:	71	Communed:	55
Adult Bible study	14	Loose Offering:	\$ 41.62
Current offering:	\$1,109.00	Future Church Worker:	10.00
Building fund:	625.00	Parking Lot	100.00
Mission Offering:	140.00		
Tuckpointing	100.00		

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

Sixth Sunday of Easter – May 21, 2006 A.D.

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- C: You have made Your church to be a community of love in Christ. Help us recognize and make use of the opportunities before us to be people of love to Your world.**
- P: There is no greater love than that which we have experienced in Jesus, Your Son. Keep us from being fooled by the illusions of love, which the world offers apart from Jesus Christ.
- C: Help us overcome the temptation to indulge ourselves and ignore those around us who stand in need.**
- P: We pray for our parish family and friends in the midst of joys and struggle . . . Your Love, O Lord has been shared throughout the parishes of our South Dakota District over our 100 years of history. We especially ask you this day to bless the congregation of St. John's Lutheran in Chester as they continue to share Your Love in their community. Keep all for whom we have prayed in Your love.
- C: As Your love has healed us of sin's power, use Your love to heal, comfort, relieve, and sustain all who stand in need. Use us to support those who struggle and help us to be reconciled to each other, as we are reconciled to You.**
- P: The many in times past who displayed Your love have helped us understand and grow in Christ; help us to be faithful witnesses in our own generation that others may come to know You through us and our witness.
- C: We give You thanks for the many blessings, which You have given us. Teach us the joy of giving that Your kingdom may grow and expand.**
- P: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all our prayers and everyone for whom we have prayed, even our very selves.
- C: Hear and answer us according to the mercy we have received through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

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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.

May 28, 2006. “Painful Relations” – The message of God’s deep love and forgiveness is conveyed in this story about parents physically and mentally abusing their children. Watch how to break the cycle. The featured speaker is Rev. Joshua Reimcke of St. John Lutheran Church in Wagner, SD and Trinity Lutheran Church in Fairfax, SD. The sermon theme is “These Things I Have Told You.”

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

6th Sunday of Easter ~1 John 4:1-11: John’s memorable words in verse 7 remind us of what the Christian life is all about: “Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God, and knows God.” As maturing stewards we show what God is like by our words and actions. What an Easter challenge!

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.

LIFE QUOTES" FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

“But surely infanticide is unthinkable in America? Consider that Down Syndrome children in this country hardly ever make it into the world anymore, as elective abortions routinely follow their diagnosis. The Supreme Court has created a right to suck the brains out of babies on the verge of birth, through partial-birth abortions. Princeton University ‘ethicist’ Peter Singer openly advocates killing disabled babies, suggesting that ‘a period of 28 days after birth might be allowed before an infant is accepted as having the same right to live as others.’ Think again.” *Jonathan Imbody, Christian and Medical Dental Associations Senior Policy Analyst* www.lutheransforlife.org / 888-364-LIFE

TODAY IN OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL

Today in Sunday School, our students explore Acts 11:19–30; 1 John 4:7–12; and Acts 9:1–20, the overview of how “Early Christians Spread the Good News.” A family faith conversation might discuss how God can use our modern technology to help spread the Gospel. Parents might ask, “What did St. Paul experience that changed his life? In what ways could others see God’s changes in Paul’s life?”

DIAPER DERBY CHALLENGE

Lutherans For Life is again sponsoring a diaper derby from Mother’s Day until Father’s Day. Any diapers that we collect will be donated to the Alpha Center in Sioux Falls and given to mothers and babies in need. We had a good turn-out last year (approx. 316 diapers) but let’s try to make that number grow! The total number of diapers that we collect (not packages) will then be reported to the SESD Lutherans For Life Chapter to see who will win the title of the most diapers collected. A basket has been placed in the cry room/coat room at the back of the church for your donation. The Alpha Center is also in need of other items. If you wish to donate any of these items you may place them in the basket also. The wish list is posted in the narthex. Thanks for your support!

OUTREACH THOUGHT

6th Sunday of Easter ~ John 15:9-17: Jesus reminds us in this reading that He showed the greatest love anyone can show by laying down His life for lost sinners. We have been touched by this great love and now have the Lord’s command to also love one another. One of the greatest acts of love we can show to another sinner is to share the good news of Jesus.

HISTORICAL FACTS OF SD DISTRICT

In the late 20’s, the South Dakota District adopted a resolution to carry on a more extensive mission program within the State, giving more attention to the larger cities.

Divine Service

Opening Hymn #23
“Hallelujah! Let Praises Ring”
 The Order of Matins..... p. 32-34
 The Psalmody.....

P: Come and listen, all you who fear God,
C: let me tell you what he has done for me.
 P: Shout with joy to God, all the earth!
C: Sing to the glory of his name; offer him glory and praise!
 P: Praise our God, O peoples,
C: let the sound of his praise be heard;
 P: He has preserved our lives
C: and kept our feet from slipping.
 P: Praise be to God, who has not rejected my prayer,
C: or withheld his love from me!
 P: Glory be to the Father and to the Son
C: and to the Holy Spirit;
 P: as it was in the beginning,
C: is now, and will be forever. Amen
 P: Come and listen, all you who fear God,
C: let me tell you what he has done for me.

The Readings Back of the bulletin
 The Sermon Hymn #349
“Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me”
 The Sermon.....
 Hymn of Praise..... #250
“Holy God, We Praise Thy Name”
 The Prayers (insert)
 The Kyrie, Lord’s Prayer p. 39
 Salutation, Collect..... p. 40
 Benediction
 The Closing Hymn #387
“Dear Christians, One and All Rejoice”

LCMS MEGA-CHOIR

“Be a part of history in the making! The SD District Convention is coming in June! All LCMS SD District church choirs, and anyone in the LCMS who loves to sing are requested to gather at Faith Lutheran Church (601 N Cliff Ave., Sioux Falls) on Saturday, June 3rd from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. to form an LCMS Mega-choir. Check-in is held from 8:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., with rehearsal promptly at 9:00 a.m. We will record our efforts on the same day, so this is only a 1 day commitment. Our music (familiar hymns and patriotic) will be featured during the dinner entertainment held at the district convention. On site child care is available. Dress casually! A free-will lunch, snacks, and beverages will be served. To pre-register or for more information, email Lori Streich, ssstriking@prodigy.net or Barb Dunham, memorial_secretary@yahoo.com. Celebrate 100 years in song! We can’t wait to see you!

2006 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



Come join us at Treasure Cove VBS on June 5th – 9th. Together we will learn about Jesus our greatest treasure, and all the riches He gives us, each day from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Kids ages 3 through 6th Grade will meet friends, explore the Bible, eat snacks, play games and make crafts. Please register now!

Adults: We are still looking for helpers of all kinds – teachers, teacher’s aides, snack helpers and donators, music teachers, to name a few. Please prayerfully consider whether you are able to help in any way.



COUPLES CLUB – DATE CHANGE

The Couples Club will be getting together on Saturday, **May 27th** at 7:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. We will be discussing chapter six of “Men, Women, and Relationships”: A Woman’s Choice. You may bring a dessert to share. Please contact Kathy Totton (528-3849) to let her know if you are able to attend. All couples of the congregation are invited to join us for an evening of relaxation and fellowship!

CHURCH SOFTBALL LEAGUE

The Hartford Area Church Co-ed Softball league will begin playing Sunday, June 4th. Trinity will be having a team again this year. All men and women, age 16 and over, are eligible to play. Each team must have at least two women playing on the field at any given time. If you are interested in having fun and getting a little exercise please contact John Barber at 528-7380.

BIBLE STUDY ON OBADIAH, JONAH, AND MICAH

Obadiah, Jonah, and Micah are three of the twelve prophetic books frequently referred to as “The Minor Prophets.” Such a title is misleading, at best—for although their small size may hardly compare to larger prophetic works such as Isaiah, Jeremiah, and Ezekiel, the prophecies they contain continue to have major import for God’s people. Written during a time span of perhaps three hundred years, during which both the Northern and Southern Kingdoms collapsed, the little books brought a message of repentance and restoration to the people of Judah (Obadiah and Micah), and to the people of Israel (Jonah).

The Lighthouse Bible study, which meets each Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. is beginning a new study on the books from these three “minor prophets.” Everyone is invited to join us each week. Please speak to Pastor Moeller if you are interested in attending, so he can have enough study materials for the class.

125TH 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.

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES

We will be honoring our high school graduates on Sunday, May 21st: Dan Erikson, Marissa Moeller, Brock Thompson, and Angie Wollmann. Following the worship service, everyone is invited to the fellowship hall for cake, coffee, and juice.

SHUT-INS

Please remember in your prayers the following shut-in members: Bonnie Edgcomb, and Martha Westphal.

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 actually 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.

Everyone is invited to join us for a brief video CLASS PREVIEW!

10:45 a.m. on Sunday, May 28th

In the Adult Bible study classroom

For more information speak to Penny Eggebraaten

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.

ZION LUTHERAN 125TH ANNIVERSARY

The members of Trinity are invited to join Zion Lutheran Church (West Wall Lake) as they celebrate their 125th anniversary June 3rd and 4th. There will be a Memorial Service on June 3rd at 6:00 p.m. followed by a potluck supper at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, June 4th, church services begin at 10:30 a.m. with a catered dinner to follow. Please contact Mabel Grave 526-3852, Lorena Dubbe 526-6248, or Jean Kroeger 528-3878 by May 24th for tickets. The cost of the meal is \$6.50.