

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.

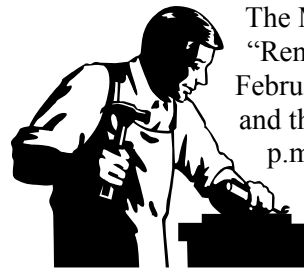
Upon completion of this class you may join Trinity Lutheran Church in one of the following ways:

- 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

4th Sunday after the Epiphany ~ Matthew 5:1-12: As Jesus' disciples we are "blessed" when we pursue those things that bring glory to God; pointing others to follow Jesus is one of the best ways we can bring glory to God.

“RENT-A-BUM”



The Men’s Club will be sponsoring our annual “Rent-a-Bum” dinner and auction on Sunday, February 27th. The dinner will start at 12:00 noon and the auction will follow at approximately 1:00 p.m. We have a number of talented men who have agreed to work for 8 hours at a time agreed upon with the highest bidder who has purchased them. This work can be done anytime that is agreeable between the two parties as long as it is completed and paid for by the end of October, so you might consider any projects that you have planned for the next few months.

All the proceeds from the dinner and auction will be used for the Future Church Worker fund to support the education expenses of Jeff Kalb at the seminary. At this date, we have met just a little over half of \$2,000 that the seminary asks each home congregation to provide for support.

Jeff and his family are planning on attending, and he will be preaching for our worship service that morning. Anyone who wishes to donate 8 hours of labor as a “bum” should contact Pastor Moeller. We ask that everyone else would consider the odd jobs you might need to have done around your home and bid for one of our talented “bums.”

TEN FOR TEN: YOUR FINANCIAL COMMITMENT

Thanks for your commitment! Thanks for taking a leap of faith! If you have not completed a commitment form for the **Ten for Ten** program, please take time now. Your timely response will save our having to mail out reminders. The commitment forms are available at the greeter’s stand. You may place the completed form in the offering plate or return it to the church office. Thanks for your participation and commitment to the mission and ministry of our church.

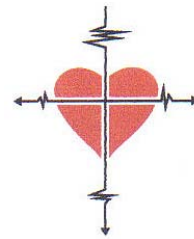


DAILY PRAYER—THE LUTHERAN DIFFERENCE

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—Daily Prayer: The Lutheran Difference—will identify how Lutherans differ from other Christians and demonstrate from the Bible why Lutherans differ. These studies will help you grow in your prayer life and prepare you to share your faith with others. Please join us!

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 that will meet on Mondays at 2:00 p.m. Others will begin soon. If you are interested in participating, please speak with Pastor Moeller, letting him know a time that would work well for you and/or your friends.

Divine Service

Hymn of Invocation..... #326
“Lord to You I Make Confession”
The Order of Morning Service p. 5-6
The Introit.....

P: The Lord watches over the way of the righteous,
C: but the way of the wicked will perish.
 P: Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked
C: or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers.
 P: But his delight is in the law of the Lord,
C: and on his law he meditates day and night.
 P: He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither.
C: Whatever he does prospers.
 P: Not so the wicked!
C: They are like chaff that the wind blows away.
 P: Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
C: nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.
 P: The Lord watches over the way of the righteous,
C: but the way of the wicked will perish.

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 #175
“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

The Sermon..... “You Are Blessed”
The Offertory p. 12
The Prayers
Each petition concludes with the following:

P ...for them, O Lord,
C we ask Your blessing.

The Hymn #378
“All that I Was, My Sin, My Guilt”
The Collect, Benediction..... p. 14
The Closing Hymn #38
“The Lord, My God, be Praised”

KEEPSAKE COOKBOOK

We need your favorite recipes! The 125th anniversary committee is printing a keepsake cookbook as part of our celebration of proclaiming the Word of God in this place for those many years. There are forms available at the back of the church. Please return at least 5 recipes (more if you like) as soon as you can so we can categorize them. You may also submit recipes in memory of a friend or loved one.

Please indicate **how many** you would like to buy so we can get some idea of the quantity we will need to print. Please return the completed forms to the box on the table near the greeting stand.

LUTHERAN MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

The next Lutheran Marriage Encounter weekend in South Dakota will be March 4-6, 2005, in Sioux Falls. The main emphasis of the weekend is to improve communication between you and your spouse. Plan to attend.

For more information or for a registration form, contact Pastor Bob and Aimee Moeller, (605) 526-3572, seelsorge8@aol.com; Milton and Donna Kaufman, (605) 651-3231, miltkauf@tnics.com; or Vern and Karen Harrington, (712) 546-7381. giblem@frontiernet.net

PARKING DURING CONSTRUCTION

During construction, parking places will near the church will be at a premium. Please leave the two handicapped parking spaces for those with state handicapped permits. Everyone who parks in front of the church is asked to park diagonally, headed toward the **west**. Gary Miles has given permission to park in his driveway, directly south of the church. We suggest parallel parking on the west side of the driveway and turning around by the house.

Please do not park near the road on the south side. The edge of the road is very narrow and with the all the traffic that goes by, it can be very dangerous for pedestrians crossing the road, coming between cars. Thank you for your patience and consideration of others!

THANK YOU

Thank you to Amy and Adel Valdes for setting up the nice display celebrating Life Sunday.

A GROWING RELATIONSHIP

God continuously invites us into a close relationship with Him. To show Him our gratitude and to affirm that relationship, we give cheerfully, regularly, and proportionately of our firstfruits. As a benchmark for our giving, we use the tithe, which is ten percent of our earnings. Tithing symbolizes the importance that we place on our relationship with Him. It is our prayer that you have taken a leap of faith during the **Ten for Ten** program through increased giving and that you are experiencing an even closer relationship with Jesus.



"LIFE QUOTES" FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

"Abortion is a great evil . . . laying siege to and attacking God and His Church. But, as with all such attacks, abortion provides opportunity for great faithfulness . . . Abortion provides opportunities to share the truth about the God-given value of life. Abortion provides opportunity to proclaim a 'peace' that the world cannot have or understand. It is peace with God through Jesus Christ. This peace reigns even in the midst of difficulties. This peace motivates making good choices. This peace comforts when bad choices have been made." *Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, Executive Director, Lutherans For Life*

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 big screen television set for the new building addition. We've just gone over half way to our goal of accumulating 84,480 pennies (\$844.80), which placed side by side would stretch 1 mile. Thank you!

REVELATION FOR LENT

Seven churches of the ancient world received messages from Jesus Christ through the revelation to the apostle John. What do these letter have to say to the modern church? How does this section of Holy Scripture relate to the Lenten season?

Beginning on Ash Wednesday, we will focus each week on one ancient city from Revelation 2:1-3:22 and its unique challenges, Christ's call to "hold on to what you have," and how this message still applies today. With special emphasis on why we need Jesus Christ to do what we are unable to do, these messages will help us focus on the Savior's sacrifice for our salvation and the faith and hope that He alone gives.

In addition to this special sermon series, we will have special music, dramas, and a Bible study each Monday night at 7:00 p.m. during Lent, in which we will look at the text from Revelation for the upcoming midweek service. There is also a family devotional book that follows the same theme. Please be sure to pick up yours!

Midweek Lenten services will begin on **Ash Wednesday, February 9th at 7:30 p.m.** For your convenience the 125th Anniversary Committee and YES group will be serving supper each evening from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. The proceeds will be used for expenses for the upcoming 125th anniversary celebration.

SIMPLY GIVING

The Trinity Stewardship Committee would like to be 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 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 can be obtained from one of 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.