

Trinity Lutheran Church

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Pastor's Ponderings



Dear Christian friends,

My, how the year goes by! It seems like we just had Christmas and it's already Lent. Yes, Lent begins, on Ash Wednesday, February 21st. Like many aspects of the church year, Lent is rooted in tradition. That can carry many positive or negative overtones. Properly understood, tradition can connect us to Christians of all ages and the historic, biblically-based practices of the early church which have helped to affirm and assisted in the teaching of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Without an understanding of the reasoning behind such rites and practices, tradition becomes simply a rote accepting of "the way we've always done things," which could at the least obscure the Gospel, and at worst turn us toward "works righteousness." With this in mind, I would like to use this space to

highlight a few things about Lent and our Lenten customs.

Let's start with the word, "Lent." Like Easter, the English word "Lent" got its name from the folklore of the Germanic tribes. *Lencten* is the same root as "lengthen," and stands for that time of the spring when the daylight does in fact lengthen. Lent comprises the forty days before Easter, excluding Sundays. As Jesus walks toward Calvary, we take up our cross and follow Him throughout these weeks; however, on Sundays, the Gospel lessons point us not to His passion but to His promised victory over sin. The Gospel lesson for the first Sunday in Lent historically records the Temptation in the Wilderness, which—not coincidentally—lasted 40 days. (Thus Lent reminds us of Jesus' active obedience as well as His passive obedience on the cross.)

The proper mood of Lent is one of expectation, of waiting, not unlike that of Advent, in which the Christian ought to feel not only sorrow, because of his sin and Christ's death, but also joy, because of the triumph of His resurrection. Consequently, the color for Lent is purple, a symbol of royalty and mourning. On Palm Sunday, the King will ride into the city, only to wear a crown of thorns and die beneath the sign that declares His is Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews.

During Lent, our church normally sings no hymns or canticles containing the word "*Alleluia*;" the church fasts from this expression of praise until it sings it on Easter morning. The *Gloria* is usually omitted as well: this is the joyous Christmas carol of the liturgy, and this joy is also reserved for the Easter celebration.

The season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, which falls on February 21st of this year. Rightly understood, the use of ashes at the beginning of Lent is an ancient and meaningful tradition, with roots going back to Bible times. Even Christ refers to ashes (Matthew 11:21). Until about the year 1,000 A.D. the wearing of sackcloth and ashes was a sign of repentance for a gross and public sin—a murder, or unfaithfulness, or armed robbery. Lent was the time when those who were guilty of public and serious sin publicly repented. Wearing coarse clothing, going barefoot, fasting, living in confinement (in a monastery or cave), the penitents, one by one, were lead into the church, sprinkled with holy water, and touched with ashes. Then they read seven penitential psalms.

At the time of the Crusades, the use of the ashes became popular for all the faithful, not just for public penitents. Even the priests were marked on the forehead with the ashes, often in the form of a cross. The ashes usually came from the burning of the year-old palms saved from the previous Palm Sunday.

Along with our regular Sunday worship services, we will be observing this year's season of Lent with midweek Lenten services. The theme for our services will be "I AM: Jesus through John's Eyes," based upon the "I AM" statements of Jesus, recorded in the Gospel of John. Through Word and Sacrament, hymns, liturgy, and drama, we will focus on the claims of Jesus Christ that He is both True God and True Man, and what that means for us as redeemed sinners.

Please plan to join us for worship each Wednesday night at 7:30 p.m. For your convenience, supper will be served each evening from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

God's richest blessings in Christ!

Pastor Moeller

"Stewardship and Lent"

On February 21 we will observe the beginning of the season of Lent with the observance of Ash Wednesday. Like Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter, many people in the world who are not active Christians will also celebrate this season of the year. Many communities commemorate "Fat Tuesday," the last day of living it up before Ash Wednesday. In New Orleans many people, Christians as well as non-Christians, will observe Mardi Gras. Many of them will also put on ashes when the clock strikes midnight on February 20.

Many people typically "give up" something for Lent, whether food, entertainment, or whatever. For us Christian stewards Lent is a very solemn time of year, a good time to reflect on one's spiritual life. Christian stewards may very well "give up" something for Lent or "take on" something for Lent. One of these options of "taking on" is attending mid-week Lenten services in addition to Sunday services. Another option may be to do some additional special work for the church or community. Still another option may be to increase one's giving to support the work of the church. Some Christians have used the season of Lent to try "tithing," that is, giving 10% of one's income for the work of the Lord, normally through the local congregation. Many Christians who have tried "tithing" on a trial basis have continued that practice with great joy! What a good spiritual exercise "tithing" can be!

"Giving up" something or "taking on" something new are good exercises for Christian stewards. Both involve reflecting on our spiritual life in view of the great sacrifice that Jesus made for our temporal and eternal welfare.

Regardless of how you choose to celebrate Lent, remember St. Paul's words to the Galatians: "Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers." (Galatians 6:9-10)

"Motivated by the love of Jesus and empowered by the Holy Spirit maturing stewards do the right things for the right reasons and strive for excellence in all they do!"

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.

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.

Federwitz Express: Ghana Edition

We're finally here! After the months and miles of preparation, we arrived safely in Ghana on Tuesday morning. We left Cleveland, Ohio and took a “puddle jumper” to NY. The staff in Cleveland weren't happy with our large load for such a small plane. After we explained that we would be going International from NY, they lightened up a bit. After a little more chatting and explaining of our work, our ticketing agent was extremely helpful. He made our luggage first priority in case the plane was weight restricted for its NY landing. He did his best to get us seat assignments for our flight to Accra. A few of our bags were just slightly over the 50 pound limit but he let it slide by.

Our flight was late leaving Cleveland but we still made our connection in NY in plenty of time. The flight to Ghana was fairly empty and so Ali even got a row of 3 seats on which to snooze. Hannah did very well on both flights. The take-offs and landings did not seem to bother her at all. In fact, she was asleep when we landed in NY and didn't wake up until we were parked at the gate. All of our luggage arrived in tact with us in Ghana. Paul's mom was waiting for us at the airport. It is truly the hand of God that allowed our travels to be so uneventful.

We have been doing our best to get acclimated to the time change, as we are +5 hours EST. We have been doing a lot of running around in order to meet and greet key people here in the capitol city of Accra. On Wednesday, we plan to head North to our home in Tamale. Once in Tamale, we are unsure as to how long it will be until we are able to email again.

Paul, Ali & Hannah Federwitz
Lutheran Bible Translators
<http://pafederwitz.federwitz.net>

High School Bible Study

The High School Bible Study is currently studying “Going Out, Getting Dumped, and Playing Mini Golf on the First Date.” This engaging book contains solid, biblically based advice on dating, sexuality, and marriage. The author, Rev. Tim Pauls, treats this subject with honesty, clarity, and a good bit of humor, providing plenty of opportunity for thought and discussion. All high school students are invited to attend this study each Sunday at 10:45 a.m.

Lutheran Marriage Encounter



A Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend is planned in Sioux Falls, S.D, on March 2-4, 2007. It will be held in the beautiful new Good Samaritan Retreat Center. Couples are urged to consider this opportunity to nurture your marriage and appreciate its blessings. Learn simple, effective communication techniques. Practice privately; no group sharing! Four presenting couples will share and show you how they learned to bring more joy and understanding to their marriages.

The cost of this weekend is \$45 for registering (insuring your meals and rooms) and a free will offering at the end of the weekend. To learn more about this weekend, check out www.GodLovesMarriage.org and/or contact Pastor Bob and Aimee Moeller

LWML National Convention

Need more reasons to attend the 2007 LWML convention? Well, there is Prairie Park, the finest collection of exhibits especially for LWMLers west or, for that matter, east of the Mississippi! And then there is Erin Bode, a classical jazz singer and an LCMS woman, who will entertain us Saturday night. On Friday night we will celebrate with entertainment extraordinaire for the LWML's 65th Anniversary. There are more **ROCK**-solid reasons to come to Sioux Falls. "**ROCK! Rest On Christ the King**"

- Rejoice in the security found in God's Word and love
- Celebrate the oneness found in Jesus, our King
- Confidently and boldly share the Gospel message
- Be led and guided by the Lord to personal avenues of service

Come join this activity-filled and action-packed weekend, complete with worship, Bible study and fellowship with other sisters and brothers in Christ. This is a can't-miss event, so we'll see you June 21-24 in Sioux Falls! Find out more at www.lwml.org.

The DaVinci Code

There's some interest in beginning a study about "The DaVinci Code." This bestselling novel, and then blockbuster movie, contains allegations against historic Christianity. Four sessions of study will address the following questions:

1. What Can History Really Tell Us?
2. Can We Trust the Four Gospels?
3. What's the Role of Women in Christianity?
4. Is Jesus Really the Son of God?

Enjoy riveting DVD interviews with noted experts and prepare for lively discussions. We are planning to meet for this study at 6:30 p.m. on Sunday evenings, beginning, February 11th. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Moeller or Laura Johnson so we may order study materials.

In the meanwhile, everyone should read the book in preparation for our discussion.

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. Although many Lutherans have learned the "what" of Lutheran doctrines, they do not always understand the "why." 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 us each Wednesday at 9:30 a.m., as we study this interesting and important topic.

Study of the Formula of Concord

Martin Luther died on February 18, 1546. A year later, in the short-lived Smalcald War, Lutheran princes were defeated by Catholic forces. As if Luther's death and a military defeat were not enough for the Lutherans to contend with, they 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 decades, if not centuries to come.

The Formula of Concord, published in 1577, helped the Lutheran Church deal with the previous three decades of internal conflicts. So did the publishing, in 1580, of the entire set of Lutheran Confessional documents in the Book of Concord. 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.

Those of you who recently purchased a copy of *Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions* will find this study a helpful introduction to the book, but it is not necessary to have a copy of *Concordia* to participate in the study. All adults of the congregation are invited to join us each Sunday at 10:45 a.m.

Men's Bible Study

The three letters by Paul—1 & 2 Timothy and Titus—are often called the Pastoral Epistles because they address issues concerning the Office of the Holy Ministry or the pastoral office. 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.

Laypeople may be tempted to think that these letters do not concern them. Nothing could be farther from the truth. Understanding just what the will of our Lord is regarding the work of ministers will help them to not only be humble and grateful recipients of their pastors' service, but genuinely useful assistants and friends to them. In addition, St. Paul provides much practical advice for the role men, women, and children in the church and within their own families.

The Men's Bible study will meet 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.

Did My Baptism Count?

"Why should I baptize my baby?" "Should I wait until my child knows what is going on before I have him baptized?" "Should my relative, who is joining a new church, allow herself to be baptized—even though she was baptized as an infant?" These three questions have, somewhat unfortunately, become common nowadays within Lutheran congregations. Cultural changes and the rise of Evangelicalism have influenced our understanding of the blessed sacrament. Sadly, it seems, we Lutherans have failed to teach the value of baptism and the blessings it brings.

Fortunately, Martin Luther addressed this issue almost 500 years ago when two pastors sent him a letter asking him about the practice of baptizing a Christian a second time. Luther's response, written at the end of 1527 and the beginning of 1528 addresses the issues raised by the pastors and in so doing, provides a nice summary of the theology of baptism in general, and infant baptism in particular. Recently, Luther's letter has been translated and published in a useful booklet entitled, "*Did My Baptism Count?*"

All members of the congregation are invited to join us each Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. as we review the blessings of baptism in our daily life.

Nutrition Meals

Trinity Lutheran is scheduled to serve Hartford Nutrition Meals on February 22, 23, and 28, at the Senior Center. If you are able to help, please contact June Snyder (526-6681).

Parents' Night Out

Trinity Learning Center held several Parents' Nights Out during the month of December. The children were able to participate in various crafts, songs, and snacks while their parents had a few hours for Christmas shopping or a date. Members of the YES and High School Youth groups volunteered to help.



Thank You to Ruth Moore

Ruth Moore was recognized for the many years that she has shared her musical talents by playing the organ for our worship service. Donna Vogt provided a beautiful cake for the occasion.

Thank you Ruth, and we pray that you will have many more years of service here at Trinity.



Super Bowl Party

Everyone is invited to attend our 2nd annual Super Bowl party on Sunday, February 4th. You can bring your own beverages and snacks to share.

Minutes of January 21, 2007 Voters Meeting

The Voters Meeting of Trinity Lutheran Church was held January 21, 2007. President John Barber called the meeting to order. Pastor Moeller opened with prayer.

Secretary's report was read. Joe Krizan moved to accept; Aimee Moeller seconded the motion. MC Treasurer's report was read. Louis Thompson moved to accept. Jessi Moeller seconded the motion. MC

Pastor's Report:

Funeral	Rodger Matthies	10/30/2006
Wedding	Scott & Kayla Schnider	1/05/2007
Baptism	Hope Carolinn Suttle	12/17/2006

Pastoral activities:

Bible studies	64	Meetings	20	Shut-in calls	12
Hospital visits	5	Worship services	21	Counseling	13
Friendship visits	9				

Lenten, Holy Week, & Easter Services

Wednesday, February 21 ~ Ash Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, February 28 at 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, March 7 at 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, March 14 at 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, March 21 at 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, March 28 at 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, April 1 ~ Palm Sunday 9:30 a.m.
Thursday, April 5 ~ Maundy Thursday at 7:30 p.m.
Friday, April 6 ~ Good Friday at 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, April 8 ~ Easter Sunday, services at 6:30 a.m. & 9:30 a.m.

Nominees for Synodical President, Vice-Presidents

President: Raymond Hartwig, Klemet Preus
First Vice-President: Raymond Hartwig, Klemet Preus
Vice Presidents 2-5: Cameron MacKenzie, Herbert Mueller, Laurence White, Wallace Schulz

CTS Vicarage Placement Service ~ Monday, April, 23, 2007

Confirmation~Sunday, May 20, 2007

Elder's Reports:

Tim Totton spoke for the stewardship committee, which just finished a three-week presentation on Firstfruits Giving. Another Financial Peace University will be offered if there is enough interest.

Dale Snyder reported for Christian Worship. Head usher duties are now printed and laminated, there are copies in the coat room by the sound system. More of the young people, both men and women will be asked to serve.

Bryan Kelley spoke for the Christian Education Committee, he asked TLC Director, Jessi Moeller to report on Trinity Learning Center. The grant for the fire alarm system has been approved. Builder's Electric will be installing that in January. The TLC committee has shifted its focus from fund raising to a ministry committee. A Bible study for early childhood teachers will begin soon, it will be open to anyone. The opening date for TLC is planned for March 1, 2007. There are seven students on the waiting list already.

Keith Rueter explained the necessary changes needed with Concordia Health Plans, when Trinity has more employees. Keith Rueter moved, seconded by Aimee Moeller to adopt a resolution declaring full-time employment to be 30+ hours. MC

Keith Rueter moved, seconded by Adel Valdes to adopt a resolution to pay 1/2 of self-coverage for a full-time employee (currently \$220.00/month). MC

Keith Rueter moved, seconded by Joe Krizan, to adopt another resolution setting up cafeteria plan, which would take pre-tax dollars and apply to full cost coverage. MC

Keith Rueter moved, seconded by Joe Krizan to adjust salaries of pastor and TLC director, so that difference in benefits is applied to cafeteria plan to be paid to Concordia Health Plan (\$974.00 and \$220.00, respectively). This would result in no net change in compensation or tax consequences for church, pastor, or TLC director. MC.

Trustees:

Ray Matthies reported snow breakers are needed on the drive-through, will cost between \$100.00 and \$200.00. Ray moved to give trustees permission to purchase and install snow breakers, seconded by Dale Snyder. MC.

Ray explained the top sidewalk on the west side of church will be closed off, if there is a lot of snow on roof of the fellowship hall building.

Ray moved, seconded by Dale to build a retaining wall and sidewalk from west sidewalk to play area as funds become available. MC. This will be a Men's Club project.

Ray moved, seconded by Jessi Moeller to spruce up the front entry and coat room, which will become the church library. MC

LWML:

LaRaye reported the LWML is still planning to purchase a covering for the large serving window, Overhead Doors came out to measure. LWML will be serving three Lenten suppers. Thrivent will provide supplemental funds up to \$800.00.

LWML will pay \$50.00 toward each member attending the National Convention for registration.

Mens Club:

Bob Moore reported they have \$1,137.00 in account. \$846.00 was made in pie sales. There are still some pies available for sale. A Valentine's dinner is planned for Sunday, Feb.18 at 12:00 p.m. with entertainment. There will not be a RENT-a-BUM fundraiser this year.

YES Group:

Bryan Kelley reported a lock-in for group is planned.

High School Group:

Lisa Wolfe reported they will again sell Easter lilies. The group is planning a bowling party for Sunday afternoon, January 28th.

Old Business:

New last page of the by-laws. Every member should have a copy, please see a council member.

New Business:

The new upstairs storage room is now ready for use. Keep the bell tower clear of storage items.

Election of Officers:

- President : Talis Johnson
- Vice President: Orrin Geide
- Treasurer: Adel Valdes
- Elder: Joe Krizan (3 year term)
- Elder: Louis Thompson (3 year term)
- Trustee: Bryan Kelley (3 year term)

Louis Thompson moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Dale Snyder. MC
The meeting closed with the Lord’s Prayer.

Submitted by June Snyder, secretary

Trinity Lutheran Church Ministry Budget for 2007

Our Mission

Jesus called His disciples to “go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age” (Matthew 29:19-20).

At Trinity Lutheran Church of Hartford, South Dakota our mission is: Reaching the Lost, by Involving the Found. This budget is planned to help our church accomplish this mission.

1. Outreach Beyond Our Congregation

Jesus said, “You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth” (Acts 1:8). This calls for our church to minister locally and around the world.

The District/Synod mission fund enables us to have a ministry in our district area and to share everything our church body does in approximately 85 countries throughout the world. District mission ministries keep us aware of needs closer to home such as Deaf Ministry, Native American Ministry, and mission congregations in Sturgis and Tea. District support staff provide resources and support for the work done in our own congregation, including the training of future church workers and the calling pastors and teachers, as well as providing guidance for Lutheran schools and early childhood education and daycare. Our district involvement provides a channel for participation with 114 other congregations in meeting those needs.

Goals for the next year:

To increase the amount given annually to district and synodical missions to 10% of our current and loose offerings.

Proposed budget for 2007

District/Synod support	\$7,300.00
TIM Amy Kashenov	300.00
Campus Ministry	150.00
Total	\$7,700.00

2. Pastoral Support

Preaching and teaching the Word are also reasons why we exist. Weekly Sunday services, special worship services, and Sunday and weekday Bible studies indicate our belief in the importance of preaching and teaching God’s Word. Pastoral care is reflected in counseling with persons with special concerns, visiting members and prospects, and ministering to persons in need. In addition, training seminars and conferences provide opportunities for our pastor’s professional and personal growth.

Proposed budget for 2007

Salary	\$29,962.44
Worker benefits	17,688.00
Medical expense fund	1,800.00
Housing allowance	3,000.00
Mileage	2,400.00
Utilities	6,987.48
Conferences	850.00
Worker’s compensation	120.00
Total	\$62,807.92

3. Christian Worship

The author of Hebrews exhorts: “Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.” The worship services are the place where God invites us to come into His holy presence and receive His grace and forgiveness through His life-giving Word and Sacraments. In addition, the psalmist tells us that worship gives us the opportunity to respond to God’s grace with thanksgiving and praise: “I will give thanks to the Lord because of His righteousness and will sing praise to the name of the Lord Most High” (Psalm 7:17). Music helps us to worship God. We thank God for the talented musicians and singers who lead the music of our services and help us express our love and praise for God.

Proposed budget for 2007

Organists’ salary	\$150.00
Altar supplies	500.00
Service bulletins	300.00
Total	\$950.00

4. Christian Growth

We believe God’s Word teaches us to “make disciples” and “equip the saints.” We provide teaching helps and study materials for everyone involved in Christian growth through our church. On a weekly average this year, we taught 29 in Sunday School, 42 in Bible study and 85 in Vacation Bible School. Our education ministries should be seen as an investment, rather than an expense. We believe they are important as we fulfill our mission.

Proposed budget for 2007

Sunday School	\$1,600.00
Vacation Bible School	1,000.00
Adult Bible studies	200.00
<i>Lutheran Witness</i>	911.80
<i>Portals of Prayer</i>	120.00
Total	\$3,831.80

5. Administration

Some functions of our church are not usually identified as particular ministries, but complement and support all our areas of ministry. These supportive activities help us communicate important information to church members and to the community, provide support for recreational and special events, and fulfill other important administrative responsibilities.

Proposed budget for 2007

Church flyers	\$1,200.00
Offering envelopes	360.00
IRS & other fees	125.00
Church telephone & internet	1,080.00
Office supplies	500.00
Postage	300.00
Equipment rental	2,150.00
Total	\$5,715.00

6. Church Property

Having a place to worship, study, train, and have fellowship is important to our church. The care and maintenance of the grounds and church building reflect the spiritual concern of our church. This is part of our church's stewardship. We want our facilities to reflect the glory of the One for whom they were built.

Goals for the next year:

Repair and paint the walls and ceiling of narthex, old coatroom, and entry area into the nave.

Construct sidewalk on north side of fellowship hall to the playground area.

Long-term goals:

Develop capital expenditures plan for major building maintenance projects, including shingles...

Proposed budget for 2007

Church supplies	\$1,500.00
Church electricity	2,021.00
Church insurance	3,729.00
Maintenance & repair	1,200.00
Snow removal	80.00
Garbage collection	200.00
Fuel	5,000.00
Parsonage repairs	1,200.00
Debt retirement	24,816.00
Total	\$39,746.00

Total Cost for all Budgeted Ministries

Outreach beyond our congregation	\$ 7,700.00
Pastoral support	62,807.92
Christian worship	950.00
Christian growth	3,831.80
Administration	5,715.00
Church property	39,746.00
Total	\$120,750.72

Total Income Needed for Budgeted Expenses

Current envelope	\$ 85,734.72	\$1,648.74 / week
Mission offering	7,300.00	140.38 / week
Building fund offerings	24,816.00	477.23 / week
Loose plate offerings	2,500.00	48.08 / week
TIM (Amy Kashenov)	300.00	25.00 / month
Campus ministry	100.00	8.33 / month
Total	\$ 120,750.72	\$2,322.13 / week

February 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 7:00 pm TLC Committee mtg.	2 9:00 am TLC Bible Study	3 9:00 am Steward- ship Committee
4 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am S.S. & Bible Study 3:00 pm Super Bowl party	5 6:00 am Men's Bible study	6 9:00 am Chapel at Tieszen Home 7:00 pm Bible study	7 9:30 am Lifelight Bible study 5:30 pm Confir- mation 7:00 pm Fit for Life	8	9 9:00 am TLC Bible Study	10
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Cleaners, Greeters, Head Ushers, & Acolytes

Sunday, February 4th

Cleaners: Harvey & LaRaye Rehfeldt, Melvin Matthies
Greeters: Harvey & LaRaye Rehfeldt
Head Usher: Lance Wollmann
Acolyte: Eric Wolfe

Sunday, February 11th

Cleaners: George & Donna Vogt, Lester & Jean Gregersen
Greeters: George & Donna Vogt
Head Usher: Lance Wollmann
Acolyte: Dustin Kleba

Sunday, February 18th

Cleaners: Joe & Mary Krizan, Judy Larson
Greeters: Mark & Sandra Kirschbaum
Head Usher: Lance Wollmann
Acolyte: Eric Krizan

Wednesday, February 21st

Greeters: Joe & Mary Krizan
Head Usher:
Acolyte: Emily Krizan

Sunday, February 25th

Cleaners: Bob & Ruth Moore, Louis & Michelle Thompson
Greeters: Arnold & Ruth Arends
Head Usher: Lance Wollmann
Acolyte: Jennifer Muchow

Wednesday, February 28th

Greeters: Bob & Ruth Moore
Head Usher:
Acolyte: Megan Eggebraaten

Sunday, March 4th

Cleaners: DeWane & Joyce Carls, Ben & Michelle Matthies
Greeters: Ben & Michelle Matthies
Head Usher:
Acolyte: Travis Eggebraaten

Wednesday, March 7th

Greeters: DeWane & Joyce Carls
Head Usher:
Acolyte: Patrick Erikson

Sunday, March 11th

Cleaners: Richard & Donna Bowden, Loren & Marsha Letsche
Greeters: Richard & Donna Bowden
Head Usher:
Acolyte: Thad Johnson