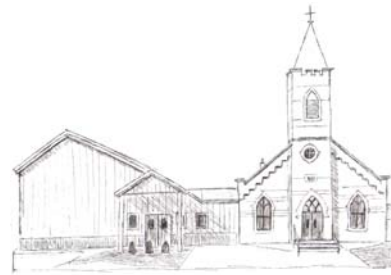


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June 2007

### Stewardship Thoughts

In June we celebrate the beginning of summer. The first day of summer is a time when we enjoy the longest day of the year in contrast to the first day of winter when we observe the shortest day of the year. That can be a reminder that there are also equal parts with Christian stewardship—Law and Gospel.

From God's Word we know what good Christian stewardship should be. We also have principles that guide our stewardship life. But at the end of the day we realize, with sorrow, that we have failed over and over again in our stewardship. We have not managed all of life and life's resources for God's purposes. We have not lived out our stewardship with the reality that God is the Owner of all things and we are simply managers. We have used our possessions as if they belong completely to us—not acknowledging that God has simply entrusted them to us for wise management that brings glory to Him and blessings to others. And the list of stewardship failures could go on and on. That's bad news! That's what the Law says to us!

However, for us as Christians, there is also some very good news. Moved by sacrificial love, Jesus came into our world and took upon Himself our sins—yes, also the sins of poor stewardship—and gained God's forgiveness for us by going to the cross to suffer the death penalty that we deserved. What good news that God does not treat us according to what we deserve; instead, in Christ, He loves and forgives us—daily and richly.

That loving forgiveness of God has moved Christians throughout the ages to manage all of life and life's resources for God's purposes—and to do it freely and joyfully. That loving forgiveness of God is also the proper motivation for our stewardship. It moves us to share and give freely and generously of our time, talents and treasure for the work of the Lord and to make life sweeter for others. What a place this world would be if we all practiced faithful stewardship. It would be heaven on earth!

### 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. If you are interested in teaching or helping in any other way, please contact Jessi Moeller (321-1642).

Send in your registration in as soon as possible!

### LWML National Convention

The LWML convention is right around the corner! Between June 21-24, attendees of the 32nd Biennial Convention will elect new officers, vote for important mission grant proposals and set a new mission mite goal. The LWML store will offer new and exciting products, devotions, program materials, and much more. Prairie Park will be full of interesting and innovative exhibits. Pack those bags!! Bring your e-mail addresses and keep in touch at the *Cyber Spot*. Check your maps and head North, South, East or West to Sioux Falls, South Dakota, to "**ROCK! Rest On Christ the King.**" Last minute questions? Check [www.lwml.org](http://www.lwml.org) for last minute updates and news during the convention. See you there!!

## 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.

## Midweek Worship Service

We will be holding mid-week services each Wednesday night at 7:30 p.m. This will give an opportunity for those who are unable worship here on Sundays, whether because of work schedules or weekend travel plans. Each week we will have a light meal from 6:30 to 7:00 p.m. If your family or group would like to serve one of these meals, please contact Dale Snyder or Pastor Moeller.

## Christian Vocation Bible Study

Today, Christians are pressed from every side to limit the role of faith in their life. Christians can express their faith in worship, but often see little connection between faith and their work life.

What is missing from the discussion is an understanding of *vocation*, or calling. 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.

## TLC Bible Study

Pastor Moeller is leading a Bible study, which explores the weekly Bible stories the children will hear at Trinity Learning Center. While this is specifically intended to help the teachers and workers prepare, everyone from the congregation is invited to attend. Please join us each **Saturday at 8:30 a.m.**

### **Trinity LWML Meeting**

Trinity LWML met May 9, 2007 at the church fellowship hall with Lois Mielke as hostess. Ruth, Mary, Connie, Lois, Walt, LaRaye, June, Clarice, and Pastor Moeller attended.

Pastor led the Bible study from Luke 8: 26-39. Power over Demons.

Vice President Lois opened the meeting. Sec. report was read and approved.

Treasurer report was given. \$1,982.20 was paid out for the new covering for the serving window. \$740.85 is left in the General Fund.

#### **Old Business:**

Clarice moved, Connie seconded to send a thank you note to Brad and Teresa Matthies for the generous donation toward the curtain. m.c.

Lois and LaRaye showed the towel and sheet sets purchased for Children's Inn, they will take all to the Convention.

#### **Christian Growth:**

Connie spoke on the devotional book, Portals of Prayer. There are over 900,000 in circulation.

#### **New Business:**

Final plans were made for the upcoming Convention.

Lois moved, seconded by Mary to give \$50.00 to VBS m.c.

Lois moved, to rescind motion, then moved to give \$100.00 to VBS, seconded by Mary. m.c.

Pastor reported over 100 children are expected at VBS.

LaRaye will host the June meeting.

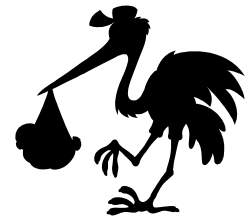
Lois will call cleaners and greeters in June.

Walt moved, Mary seconded to adjourn the meeting. m.c. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer and the table prayer.

Respectfully submitted by June Snyder, Secretary.

### **Diaper Derby**

The annual diaper derby is in full swing and will run through Father's Day. If you would like to donate diapers or any baby items to the Alpha Center please place them in the box under the table in the hallway.



### **Watch Me Grow!**

The next nine months Lutherans for Life is collecting pennies in a milk jug to be donated to the Alpha Center's ultrasound machine. One full milk jug is approximately the same weight as that of a newborn baby. Each month a new poster will be placed and you can watch and learn how a baby grows. Check out the display in the hallway to the parish hall. Maybe we could have twins!!!

### **Bike For Life**

Get those bikes ready, the annual bike for life is scheduled for September 15<sup>th</sup>. This is the 10<sup>th</sup> year for this event and Pastor Nour is praying for about 100 riders! You may wish to join him for the full ride or just part. Breakfast, lunch and supper is provided. If you are interested in riding please speak with Adel or Amy Valdes.

### **Parking Change**

For the safety of those leaving the church parking lot, we will be moving the handicapped parking spaces to the east of the sidewalk. We ask you to refrain from parking in the front of the fellowship hall so that everyone can look down the highway for oncoming cars. We also ask that you drive up to the sidewalk on the west side of the fellowship (facing east). Please parallel park next to the trees (north and south).

## **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.

## **Study of the Formula of Concord**

Martin Luther died on February 18, 1546. 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 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.

## **Lutheran Night with the Canaries**

Thrivent would like to invite you and the members of your chapter and congregations to our 1st ever "Lutheran Night with the Canaries." This special event will take place this summer as we are teaming up the Sioux Falls Canaries Baseball Team.

When: Friday, June 22, 2007

Where: Sioux Falls Canaries baseball field

Who's playing: Sioux Falls Canaries will be taking on the El Paso Diablos

Cost: \$3.00 per ticket (regular price is \$6.00)

With the ticket members will receive the following:

- Special will call window.
- VIP Party where they can meet some of the players.
- Gates will open at 5:30 just for us.
- For the first 200 members to reserve tickets, entry into drawing to throw out the 1st pitch.
- An opportunity to visit the Big Red Truck.
- An opportunity to win prizes before and during the game.
- An opportunity for your church to participate in a wonderful social event and give back to the community at the same time.

Purchase tickets by calling the Canaries office at 605-333-0179 and request the "Lutheran Night with the Canaries" sponsored by the local Thrivent Financial Chapter to receive the special ticket price.

## **Let the Children Come . . .**

The mission of the Trinity Learning Center Daycare 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.

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.

Trinity Lutheran Church  
Hartford, SD  
Quarterly Voters' Meeting  
April 29, 2007

President Talis Johnson called the meeting to order. Pastor Moeller opened with a prayer.

The Secretary's Report was read. It was moved by Adel Valdes, seconded by John Barber to approve the minutes. M/C

The Treasurer's Report was presented. It was moved by Jessi Moeller, seconded by Melvin Matthies to accept the report. M/C

Treasurer, Adel Valdes, will put a write up in the monthly newsletter to let members know where the church is standing financially.

#### **Elders' Report:**

- Jessi Moeller presented a report on the progress of the Trinity Learning Center.
- Tim Totton reported that a rejuvenation will be started on stewardship. There were no people interested in taking the Financial Peace University training.
- Ushers are doing a good job.
- Nothing specific for evangelism.
- Christian Education Committee to have a meeting May 2<sup>nd</sup>. VBS is scheduled for June 4-8, 2007.

#### **Trustees' Report:**

Projects completed:

- Replaced door closure on north door on fellowship hall.
- Replace light in dining room of parsonage.
- Put up a bulletin board in the hallway.
- Prepared walls for new library.
- Putting shelves in upper storage room so we can consolidate things like paint. Request people to label and date things such as paint and store it in this area.

Move handicap parking east of sidewalk and have no parking where they are now so visibility will be better for coming out of the parking lot.

It was moved by Ray Matthies, seconded by Adel Valdes to change parking in the parking lot to vertical to the sidewalk and parallel with the trees. M/C

Snow stops will be put on the drive through before next winter.

The church's historical books are in the cabinet in the fellowship hall.

#### **Pastor's Report:**

It was moved by Jessi Moeller, seconded by LaRaye Rehfeldt to accept Duane Lund and Terry Steineke as new members. M/C

Mid-week worship services will be starting May 2 with a meal to be served beforehand.

Jeff Kalb's vicarage placement will be to the Spencer/Lynch, NE parishes.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Discussion took place regarding pastor's salary. It was moved by Denny Plagman, seconded by Adel Valdes to accept salary guidelines which would be a total increase of \$2,521.00. Ballot vote was done. M/C

It was moved by Ray Matthies, seconded by Roger Carls to destroy ballots. M/C

It was moved by Adel Valdes, seconded by Jessi Moeller to amend the church's 2007 budget to reflect the Pastor's new raise to Utilities - \$630.25; Salary \$1,890.75 for a total increase of \$2,521.00. M/C

It was moved by Walt Plagman, seconded by John Barber to adjourn. M/C

We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Carlene Barber, Acting Secretary

# June 2007

## Cleaners, Greeters, Head Ushers, & Acolytes

### Sunday, June 3rd

Cleaners: Marlo Anderson, Mike Anderson, Janie Schauff  
 Greeters: Marlo Anderson, Mike Anderson  
 Head Usher: Jessi Moeller  
 Acolyte: Colin Kelley

### Sunday, June 10th

Cleaners: Ray & JoAnn Matthies, Bryan & Susan Kelley  
 Greeters: Bryan & Susan Kelley  
 Head Usher: Jessi Moeller  
 Acolyte: Jenny Eggebraaten

### Sunday, June 17th

Cleaners: Dale & June Snyder, Adel & Amy Valdes  
 Greeters: Dale & June Snyder  
 Head Usher: Jessi Moeller  
 Acolyte: Eric Krizan

### Sunday, June 24th

Cleaners: Roger & Bert Carls, Henry Dansman, Jr., Dianne Dansman  
 Greeters: Henry Dansman, Jr., Dianne Dansman  
 Head Usher: Jessi Moeller  
 Acolyte: Dustin Kleba

### Sunday, July 1st

Cleaners: Harvey & LaRaye Rehfeldt, Melvin Matthies  
 Greeters: Harvey & LaRaye Rehfeldt  
 Head Usher: Dale Snyder  
 Acolyte: Megan Eggebraaten

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am Adult Bible Study 7:30 pm Men's Club meeting	4 6:00 am Men's Bible study	5 7:00 pm Bible study	6 6:30 pm Supper 7:30 pm Worship	7	8 6:00 pm VBS Supper 7:00 pm VBS Closing Program	9 8:30 am TLC Bible Study
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