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THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 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.

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

SUNDAY ~ Worship w/communion ~ 9:30 am
Sunday School & Adult Bible Study ~ 10:30 am
Discussing "The DaVinci Code" ~ 6:30 pm

MONDAY ~ Men's Bible study ~ 6:00 am
Olan Mills Pictorial Directory Committee ~ 7:00 pm
"Fit for Life" ~ 7:00 pm
Dartball vs. Hardwick ~ 7:00 pm

TUESDAY ~ Bible study ~ 7:00 pm

WEDNESDAY ~ Lifelight Bible study ~ 9:30 am
Confirmation classes ~ 5:30 pm
Lenten Supper (Roast beef, potatoes & gravy) ~ 6:00 pm
Midweek Lenten worship ~ 7:30 pm

THURSDAY ~ Chapel at Leisure Living ~ 2:00 pm

FRIDAY ~ TLC Bible study ~ 9:00 am
Stewardship Committee meeting ~ 10:00 am

COMING EVENTS

Sun., Mar. 4th ~ Worship ~ 9:30 am
Sunday School & Adult Bible study ~ 10:30 am
Elders meeting ~ 12:00 noon
Discussing "The DaVinci Code" ~ 6:30 pm

Sun., Mar. 18th ~ Men's Club Volleyball tournament

June 4th to 8th ~ Vacation Bible School ~ 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

SERVING THIS WEEK: SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2007

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2007

Greeters: Bob & Ruth Moore
Head Usher: Jessi Moeller **Acolyte:** Megan Eggebraaten

NEXT WEEK: SUNDAY, MARCH 4, 2007

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7, 2007

Greeters: DeWane & Joyce Carls
Head Usher: Jessi Moeller **Acolyte:** Patrick Erikson

WORSHIP SERVICE: SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2007

Worship Attendance:	82	Adult Bible study:	21
Current offering:	\$ 1,565.00	Loose offering:	\$ 39.00
Building fund:	385.00	Mission Offering:	90.00
TIM (Amy Kashenov)	13.00	Future Church Worker:	10.00

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

THE CONFESSION DECLARED AT COMMUNION

The New Testament Church *continued steadfastly in the Apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread (Communion) and in the prayers (Acts 2:42)*. The Sacrament of the Altar is a confession of oneness in doctrine – that those attending believe, teach and confess what Trinity Lutheran Church believes, teaches and confesses. Those attending the Lord's Supper are baptized Christians who have been instructed in the Chief Parts of Christian Doctrine: The Ten Commandments, The Apostles' Creed, The Lord's Prayer, The Sacrament of Holy Baptism, The Office of the Keys and Confession, and The Sacrament of the Altar.

Those attending the Lord's Supper have been formally admitted to the fellowship of the Altar and continue in that fellowship as a member of Trinity Lutheran Church or sister congregation of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod committed to rightly teaching the Word of God and administering the Sacraments according to Christ's institution. (Even children of Trinity congregation only come to the Sacrament after they have confirmed the confession of faith.)

While we acknowledge and appreciate the oneness of the Church which crosses denominational lines, we practice a confessional communion because attendance at the Altar is a declaration of oneness in doctrine. We would not want you to make that declaration without an opportunity of explaining what we believe, teach and confess. Therefore we ask that if you are not yet instructed, in doubt, or hold a confession differing from that of this congregation that you would refrain from receiving the Sacrament before first speaking with Pastor.

QUESTIONS FOR YOUR COMMUNION PREPARATION

Q: Do you believe you are a sinner?

A: Yes, I believe it; I have failed God and others in my life. I am a sinner.

Q: Are you sorry for your sins?

A: Yes, I am sorry that I have sinned against God.

Q: Do you need God's forgiveness?

A: Yes, I need the gift of life He gives through Jesus Christ.

Q: What has Christ done for you?

A: He died for me and shed His blood for me on the cross for the forgiveness of my sins.

Q: How do you know this?

A: From the holy Gospel and the words of the Sacrament, and by His body and blood given me as a pledge in the Sacrament.

Q: Do you believe that in communion you receive the true body and blood of Christ with the bread and the wine?

A: Yes, I believe it because of His Word and promises.

Approach the altar with joy and thanksgiving as you receive Christ for your forgiveness and strength.

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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.

March 4, 2007. The Sign. "This is the Life" relates a tender and tragic love story that offers hope even beyond death. The featured speaker is Vicar Eric Schoech of St. John's Lutheran Church in Yankton, SD. The sermon theme is "No Assembly Required."

LIFE QUOTES" FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

"In naming the crime of abortion as sin we recognize that we also are sinners. Even if we could end this heinous evil today, we would not put an end to sin. We would not make America righteous or godly. For none of us is righteous . . . Our only righteousness is the righteousness of Christ, freely given to us wretched sinners, freely marked on our foreheads with the cross, freely poured over our heads in Baptism, freely poured into our mouths with the wine that makes glad the heart of man, the wine of our Lord's innocent blood." *Rev. Christopher Esget, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Alexandria, Virginia.* **A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life / www.lutheransforlife.org / 888-364-LIFE**

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

1st Sunday in Lent ~ Romans 10:8-13: True Christian stewardship is the joyful response of a grateful heart. Our Epistle reading for today reminds us of the salvation purchased by our Lord Jesus Christ. This sure hope shows itself in our lives filled with generous acts of love.

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.

TLC BIBLE STUDY

Pastor Moeller is leading a Bible study, which will explore 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 Friday at 9:00 a.m.

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.

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 narthex.

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.

Divine Service

Hymn of Invocation..... #166
"Savior, When in Dust to Thee"
The Order of Holy Communion.....p. 15-16
The Introit.....

P: He will call upon me, and I will answer him;
C: I will be with him in trouble, I will deliver him and honor him.
P: With long life will I satisfy him
C: and show him my salvation.
P: If you make the Most High your dwelling-
C: even the Lord, who is my refuge-
P: then no harm will befall you,
C: no disaster will come near your tent.
P: For he will command his angels concerning you
C: to guard you in all your ways;
P: they will lift you up in their hands,
C: so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.
P: You will tread upon the lion and the cobra;
C: you will trample the great lion and the serpent.
P: "Because he loves me," says the Lord, "I will rescue him;
C: I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name.
P: He will call upon me, and I will answer him;
C: I will be with him in trouble, I will deliver him and honor him."

The Gloria Patri, Kyrie, Gloria in Excelsis.....
The Readings Back of bulletin
The Nicene Creed p. 22
The Sermon Hymn #410
"Jesus, Lead Thou On"
Sermon..... "In the Wilderness for Us"
The Offering.....
Prayers
The Service of Communionp. 24-30
The Distribution Hymns.....
#429 "Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart"
#315 "I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table"
The Collect, Benediction..... p. 31
The Closing Hymn #262
"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

TODAY IN SUNDAY SCHOOL

Today in Sunday School the children will study the temptation of Jesus (Luke 4:1-13). Like us, Jesus was tempted by Satan to sin. Yet, for us, He overcame all temptation because we cannot. In your family discussions, consider how we are tempted to rely on ourselves and trust in our powers. Provide examples. Assure your children that God lovingly provides all that we need for this life and eternity, doing all things for us and ordering our days and life in His peace.

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

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 meeting at 6:30 p.m. each Sunday evening. Everyone is invited.

SHUT-INS

Please remember Martha Westphal in your prayers.

OUTREACH THOUGHTS

1st Sunday in Lent ~ Luke 4:1-13: The devil tempted Jesus to do things that were opposed to the will of His Father. Jesus resisted the wiles and temptations of the devil by appealing to the Word of God. The power in the Word of God equips us to resist evil and say and do that which is right. What a powerful witness our lives can be!

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. If you are interested, please speak to Pastor Moeller.

OUR LENTEN JOURNEY

Lent is a season where we feel the encompassing arms of Jesus around our brokenness and our broken world. It is not a time to feel rotten, or to have to give something up as we journey to the cross and beyond the empty tomb, but rather to celebrate the joy and love of Christ for us, who gave up all things—His life—for our redemption and restoration.

This year, we are going to travel with the Apostle John and allow him to preach to us on the wonderful words of Jesus' "I Am" statements. From Jesus' words, we will grow in our understanding of our precious Savior, His love for us, and we in faith, grow in our love for the Savior! When that love dwells in us, we are moved by the Spirit of God to brag about our Lord to others.

You are all invited to join us each Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. to listen to John as he speaks to you about Your Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ—the Great I AM.

Please invite a friend and come and sit and let the Spirit of God fill your heart, head and home with the love of Jesus—a love that says, I AM Your God and Lord.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

In order to prepare for next week's worship service you may study the assigned readings for the 2nd Sunday in Lent, March 4, 2007:

Old Testament: Jeremiah 26:8-15

Epistle: Philippians 3:17-4:1

Gospel: Luke 13:31-35

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. 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.

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 each Sunday at 10:45 a.m.

LWML CONVENTION

It's February. Listen for your phone, watch your email and look in your mailbox. Volunteers will be receiving their committee assignments from the Host Committee soon! You haven't volunteered yet? It's not too late. Just fill out the Call for Workers form at the SD District website: http://debneb.midstatesd.net/SDLWML_2007_Convention.htm

Are you concerned about what talents you have? Check out hymn 855 in the Lutheran Service Book: "for All the Faithful Women." A variety of backgrounds, but each served our Lord with the talents He gave them. So can you!

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who supported the Men's Club Dinner Theater.

Thank you to Roy Ruud for building the mailboxes for our hallway. Please remember to check your mailbox regularly.