

# TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT FEBRUARY 20, 2005

### WELCOME

A special welcome to our guests worshipping with us this morning. We are glad you are here; we thank God for you! We pray that Jesus will touch your heart in some special way for being here. Please sign the guest book and 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 at Trinity 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 unto your home congregation.

### 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.

### PRAYER UPON ENTERING

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!

### SHUT-INS

Please remember in your daily prayers the following shut-in members or those in nursing homes: Walt Wenzlaff, Bud Plagman, Vivian Dansman, Floyd Matthies, Bonnie Edgecomb, and Martha Westphal.

### THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

**SUNDAY ~** Worship ~ 9:30 am  
Sunday School/Bible study ~ 10:30 am

**MONDAY ~** Men's Bible study ~ 6:00 am  
New member class ~ 2:00 pm  
Dartball at Zion ~ 7:00 pm

**TUESDAY ~** Choir practice ~ 6:00 pm  
Lenten Bible study ~ 7:00 pm

**WEDNESDAY ~** Lifelight Bible study ~ 9:30 am  
Confirmation ~ 5:30 pm  
Lenten Supper ~ 6:00-7:00 pm  
Midweek Lenten worship service ~ 7:30 pm

**THURSDAY ~** Deadline for newsletter

### COMING EVENTS

Sun., Feb. 27<sup>th</sup> ~ Worship w/communion ~ 9:30 am  
Sunday School/Bible Study ~ 10:30 am  
Men's Club Rent-A-Bum Dinner and auction ~ 12:00 noon  
LWML Prayer Service at Memorial ~ 1:30 pm

March 4-6, 2005 Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend in Sioux Falls

July 25<sup>th</sup>- 27<sup>th</sup> ~ SD District Youth Gathering at Huron

### SERVING THIS WEEK: SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2005

**Cleaners:** Ken & Robin Kleba, Pastor & Aimee Moeller  
**Greeters:** Ken & Robin Kleba  
**Head Usher:** Casey Barber **Acolyte:** Austin Kirschbaum

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2005

**Greeters:** Dwane & Joyce Carls  
**Head Usher:** Lance Wollmann **Acolyte:** Austin Eggebraaten

### NEXT WEEK: SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2005

**Cleaners:** Denny & Walt Plagman, Chuck & Debbie Nelson  
**Greeters:** Chuck & Debbie Nelson  
**Head Usher:** Casey Barber **Acolyte:** Thomas Iverson

### WORSHIP SERVICE, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2005

<b>Attendance:</b> 71	<b>Communion:</b> 48
Loose Offering	\$ 11.00
Mission	130.00

### WORSHIP SERVICE, SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2005

<b>Attendance:</b> 70	<b>Communion:</b> 49
Current	\$ 1,084.00
Loose Offering	10.46
Building Fund	650.00
Mission	55.00
Future Church Worker	10.00

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

### 2005 JOINT CHOIR FESTIVAL

Singers! You are invited to participate in the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Choir Festival, a collaboration of all the adult (high school on up) choirs from the Sioux Falls area LC-MS churches, which will be held at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Sioux Falls on Sunday, March 6<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 p.m.

Rehearsals will be held on three Sundays in February—the 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, and 27<sup>th</sup>—from 2:30 to 5:00 p.m. at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church. Dress rehearsal will be Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m.

### TASTE OF CULTURES & TREASURES OF THE WORLD

Lutheran Social Services Refugee and Immigration Programs hosts its 10<sup>th</sup> Annual *Taste of Cultures Benefit Dinner and Treasures of the World Silent Auction*, Saturday, March 12, 2005 at Faith Lutheran Church, 601 N. Cliff Avenue, Sioux Falls.

If you have any questions, would like to purchase tickets, be a sponsor, or donate an item for the silent auction, please call Pat Reichert at 526-6225.

### CAMP MINNEBOJI 2005

KIDS IN GRADES 4-9: Camp Minneboji is coming! June 19-25 is the time. Camp Okoboji in northwest Iowa is the place. The camp features Bible study, mission presentations, music, crafts, sports, recreation, and the chance to meet new Christian friends. This year's camp theme is "*Courageous Faith: Bold Witness.*" The camp registration fee is \$210 (\$240 for 9<sup>th</sup> grade "Honors" Campers). Camp registration booklets will be sent to congregations in mid-March. Check out the camp Web site: [www.minneboji.com](http://www.minneboji.com) or contact the Camp Dean, Rev. Scott Sailer (Faith Lutheran Church, Sioux Falls, SD), for more information (605/332-3401; [scottsailer@aol.com](mailto:scottsailer@aol.com)).

### WANTED:

The Trinity Drama Troupe is looking for men, women, and teens who would be willing to share their acting talents in our upcoming mid-week Lenten services. You need not have any previous experience, only a desire to help share the Good News of Jesus Christ. If you are interested in helping, please contact Pastor Moeller.

We are also looking for people who would be willing to share their musical talents (vocal/instrumental) at our worship services.

### GOD'S SALTY CHILDREN

The Sioux Falls Zone LWML will have a service of praise and inspiration at Memorial Lutheran Church (5000 South Western Avenue, Sioux Falls) on Sunday, February 27, 2005. Registration will begin at 1:30 p.m. and the service at 2:00 p.m. Beverage and refreshments will follow.

### THANK YOU

Thank you to Casey Barber, Louis Thompson, Adel Valdes, Susan Kelley, June Snyder, and Ray Matthies for sharing their acting talents with us in our midweek Lenten service last Wednesday.

### MAIN STREET LIVING

Main Street Living has become the "at home" television church service for the homebound. Beginning next Sunday, the Lutheran Hour Ministries award winning "This Is the Life," will be presented for the first half hour. This drama program that presents problems we as Christians face daily is followed by a worship service led by an pastor from the SD District of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

The program continues to be available on KDLT-NBC at 10:00 a.m. and on PAX at 11:00 a.m.. Check your local listings for cable channels.

February 27, 2005 – "In Need of Repair." Frustrated by hectic family schedules and demands, a woman walks out on her family. Depression is the central theme in this drama. The featured speaker is Rev. Jeffrey Pautz of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Freeman, SD, who will preach on "The Gift of Grace."

### LUTHERAN MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Attention all couples! A Lutheran Marriage Encounter weekend is a wonderful way for couples of all ages to grow in their love for one another. Treat yourselves!



The main emphasis of the weekend is to improve communication between you and your spouse.

There are no group discussion, only the opportunity to spend time focusing on your spouse away from the pressures of daily life.

Make plans now to attend the next Lutheran Marriage Encounter weekend, which will be held on March 4-6, 2005, at the Country Inn & Suites in Sioux Falls.

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



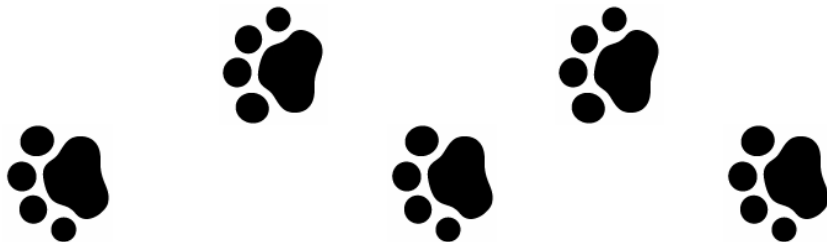
Hello Everyone!

It is time that we begin to plan for this year's VBS.

Because we are expecting a large turnout again this year, we are going to need a bunch of help and support. If you are at all interested

in contributing to this year's *Safari Adventure*, whether it is by helping to make snacks, teaching, driving, or providing us with supplies, please attend our informational meeting at the church on March 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

All of your ideas, opinions and prayers are greatly appreciated. If you are interested in helping out or would like more information about his year's program, please contact Pastor Moeller at 526-3572 or Jessi Moeller at 321-1642.



## Examining our Giving

Have you ever considered the fact that we are capable of giving at three different levels? We can give at a lower level than we are able to give, we can give according to our abilities, or we can give sacrificially beyond our abilities. What do our checkbooks tell about us? Where do our priorities lie? What causes some, but not all, of us to respond with gratitude, thanksgiving, and obedience? Why do some of us store up "treasures on earth"?



God calls each of us to give. Second Corinthians 9:10-11 says, "Now He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. You will be made rich in every way so you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God." This verse tells us that God will not only meet our needs, but He will provide more than what we need. God does not limit His gifts to His people but rather provides abundantly. God blesses His people with blessings that may or may not be material in nature. If God chooses to bless us financially, He is putting us in a position to be even more generous. The more we give, the more we can receive so we will be able to keep on giving to bring thanksgiving to God.

As you contemplate your giving during our **Ten for Ten** stewardship emphasis, ask yourself if your giving is truly reflecting trust in God and if you are giving according to your ability or even below?

## 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.

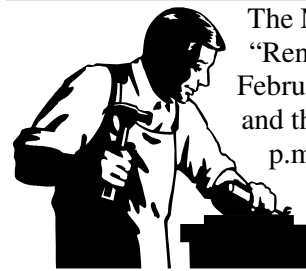
Upon completion of this class you may join Trinity Lutheran Church in one of the following ways:

- 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

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent ~ John 4:5-26: The good news of Jesus and the Samaritan woman is that he came to rescue all sinners, regardless of race, gender or ethnic background. We are privileged to proclaim this Jesus as the Savior for all sinners.

## “RENT-A-BUM”



The Men’s Club will be sponsoring our annual “Rent-a-Bum” dinner and auction on Sunday, February 27<sup>th</sup>. 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.”

## BAPTISM—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.

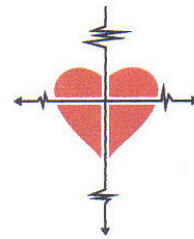
Our Lifelight Bible study group meets on Wednesday mornings at 9:30 a.m. in people’s homes. Our study—Baptism: The Lutheran Difference—will identify how Lutherans differ from other Christians and demonstrate from the Bible why Lutherans differ. These studies will help you grow in your understanding and appreciation for your Baptism and help to prepare you to share your faith with others. Please join us!

## PARKING DURING CONSTRUCTION

During construction, parking places 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 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!

## 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.....#149  
*“Come to Calvary’s Holy Mountain”*  
 The Order of Matins.....p. 32-34  
 The Psalmody.....

P: Remember, O Lord, your great mercy and love,  
**C: for they are from of old.**  
 P: You who fear him, trust in the Lord-  
**C: he is their help and shield.**  
 P: The Lord remembers us and will bless us:  
**C: He will bless the house of Israel, he will bless the house of Aaron,**  
 P: he will bless those who fear the Lord-  
**C: small and great alike.**  
 P: It is we who extol the Lord,  
**C: both now and forevermore. Praise the Lord.**  
 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: Remember, O Lord, your great mercy and love,  
**C: for they are from of old.**

The Readings .....Back of the bulletin  
 The Sermon Hymn ..... #145  
*“Jesus, Refuge of the Weary”*  
 The Sermon.....  
 Hymn of Praise.....#250  
*“Holy God, We Praise Thy Name”*  
 The Prayers .....  
 The Kyrie ..... p. 39  
 The Lord’s Prayer ..... p. 39  
 Salutation, Collect..... p. 40  
 Benediction .....  
 The Closing Hymn .....#429  
*“Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart”*

## REVELATION FOR LENT

Seven churches of the ancient world received messages from Jesus Christ through the revelation to the apostle John. What do these letters 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 Tuesday 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 be held each **Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.** For your convenience the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee and YES group will be serving supper each evening from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

## 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.



## LIFE QUOTES" FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

"In one of Abraham Lincoln's 1860 speeches there is a passage that pours cool scorn on those who claim to think that slavery is wrong, but 'denounce all attempts to restrain it': 'You will not let us do a single thing as if it was wrong; there is no place where you will allow it to be even called wrong! . . . We must not call it wrong in politics because that is bringing morality into politics, and we must not call it wrong in the pulpit because that is bringing politics into religion.' The abortion debate has followed a similar pattern." *Ramesh Ponnuru, Senior Editor, National Review* [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org)  
**888-364-LIFE**

## STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent ~ Romans 4:1-5, 13-17: In Christ God gives us the good things we do not deserve so we can, in turn, give good things to all people, even to those we may not consider deserving of such kindness. That's quite a test of our Christian stewardship!

## 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 multimedia projector for the new building addition. We now have over a mile of pennies (91,400 or \$914.00) collected, which placed side by side would stretch over 1 mile. Thank you for contributing!

## KEEPSAKE COOKBOOK

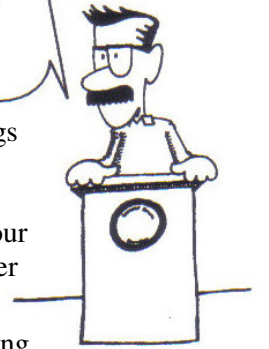
If you have submitted a recipe, **Thank You!** Please feel free to submit a couple more of your special recipes. We are short of recipes for beverages and snack things but will be happy to accept any you want to share.

If you have not submitted any, **please do so now**, as we would like to have a few recipes from everyone in the congregation. There are forms available on the stand at the rear of the church. We need the completed forms back by March 15, so we can get them ready for a printer. You may return them to the box that is next to the forms.

## PUTTING GOD FIRST

For many of us, excessive attention to our possessions is keeping us from an intimate relationship with God. Tithing is a discipline that pares away our obsession with things and frees us for a closer relationship with God.

This is the Third Sunday of our **Ten for Ten** emphasis. God's blessings as you grow in your giving.



Tithing is an act that recognizes, first, that the things we accumulate do not bring happiness, and second that a relationship with God and His creation is an enduring value. Tithing is a symbol that we have our priorities straight. With God's wisdom, we discover that things of this world have no lasting value.

May God grant us all the wisdom and strength during our **Ten for Ten** emphasis to keep Him first in our hearts and our pocketbooks.

## SIMPLY GIVING

The Trinity Stewardship Committee would like to 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 from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans 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.