

# TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

46448 263RD ST. HARTFORD, SD 57033

[www.trinitylutheran-hartfordsd.org](http://www.trinitylutheran-hartfordsd.org)

PASTOR ROBERT E. MOELLER, JR.

HOME 526-3572 OFFICE 526-3571

[pastor@trinitylutheran-hartfordsd.org](mailto:pastor@trinitylutheran-hartfordsd.org)

Elders:	Joe Krizan	363-3309	Tim Totton	528-3849
	Dale Snyder	526-6681	Archie Wolfe	363-3558
	Keith Rueter	528-7249	Louis Thompson	526-3539

## THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

SUNDAY, MARCH 11, 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  
Men's Club Volleyball tournament ~ 2:00 pm

**MONDAY ~** Men's Bible study ~ 6:00 am

**TUESDAY ~** Bible study ~ 7:00 pm

**WEDNESDAY ~** Lifelight Bible study ~ 9:30 am  
LWML meeting ~ 1:30 pm  
Confirmation classes ~ 5:30 pm  
Lenten Supper (scalloped potatoes & ham) ~ 6:00 pm  
Christian Education Committee ~ 6:30 pm  
Midweek Lenten worship ~ 7:30 pm

**THURSDAY ~** Circuit Pastor's meeting at Menno ~ 9:30 am  
"Fit for Life" ~ 7:00 pm

**FRIDAY ~** TLC Bible study ~ 9:00 am  
TLC Open House ~ 6:00-8:00 pm

### COMING EVENTS

Sun., Mar. 18<sup>th</sup> ~ Worship ~ 9:30 am  
Sunday School & Adult Bible study ~ 10:30 am  
State Dartball Tournament at Delmont

Mon., Apr. 2<sup>nd</sup> ~ Opening Day of Trinity Learning Center

June 4<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> ~ Vacation Bible School ~ 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

### SERVING THIS WEEK: SUNDAY, MARCH 11, 2007

**Cleaners:** Richard & Donna Bowden, Loren & Marsha Letsche  
**Greeters:** Richard & Donna Bowden  
**Head Usher:** Steve Oligmueller      **Acolyte:** Travis Eggebraaten

### MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICE: WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14, 2007

**Greeters:** Clarice Wixon  
**Head Usher:** Jessi Moeller      **Acolyte:** Thad Johnson

### NEXT WEEK: SUNDAY, MARCH 18, 2007

**Cleaners:** John & Carlene Barber, Marilyn Matthies, Candace Nelson  
**Greeters:** John & Carlene Barber  
**Head Usher:** Steve Oligmueller      **Acolyte:** Kylee Thompson

### MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICE: WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14, 2007

**Greeters:** Marilyn Matthies, Candace Nelson  
**Head Usher:** Jessi Moeller      **Acolyte:** Thad Johnson

### WORSHIP SERVICE: WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2007

**Worship Attendance:** 42      **Mission Offering:** \$ 96.00

### WORSHIP SERVICE: SUNDAY, MARCH 4, 2007

<b>Worship Attendance:</b>	96	<b>Adult Bible study:</b>	22
<b>Current offering:</b>	\$ 1,939.00	<b>Loose offering:</b>	\$ 23.00
<b>Building fund:</b>	725.00	<b>Mission Offering:</b>	160.00
<b>Future Church Worker:</b>	10.00	<b>Campus Ministry:</b>	15.00

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.

## LET THE CHILDREN COME . . .

Trinity Learning Center Daycare is proud to announce the opening of their doors on Monday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>. The purpose of Trinity Learning Center 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.

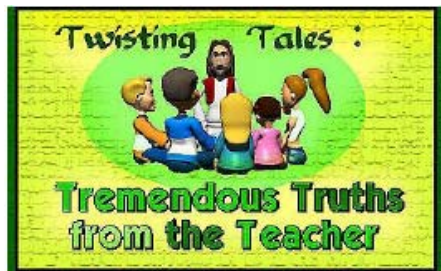
An Open House will be held on Friday, March 16<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., to provide parents and children with an opportunity to explore our facility. Applications for registration can also be picked up at Trinity Lutheran Church (46448 263<sup>rd</sup> St.) the week of March 19<sup>th</sup>.

Beginning April 2<sup>nd</sup>, we will also start to take registration forms 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.



## CAMP MINNEBOJI 2007 IS COMING!



Camp week is June 24-30 at Camp Okoboji in northwest Iowa. The camp, for kids in grades 4-9, features Bible study, mission presentations, music, crafts, sports, recreation, and the chance to meet new Christian friends. This year's camp theme is "Twisting Tales: Tremendous Tales from the

Teacher," dealing with Jesus' parables. The camp registration fee is \$215. (\$245 for 9th grade "Honors" Campers). Registration booklets will be mailed in late March. Contact the camp Dean, Rev. Scott Sailer, [scottsailer@aol.com](mailto:scottsailer@aol.com), for more information, or check out the camp web site: [www.minneboji.com](http://www.minneboji.com).

## 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. Please keep this date in mind as you schedule your summer activities.

Look for information on a special planning meeting. If you are interested in teaching or helping in any other way, please contact Jessi Moeller (321-1642).

## TRINITY DRAMA TROUPE



The Trinity Drama Troupe is looking for aspiring actors and actresses to help with chancel dramas in our midweek Lenten services. No previous experience is necessary; we are willing to train. If you are interested, please speak to Pastor Moeller.

## 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.

## LWML CONVENTION

It's March. 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](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!

## VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

The Men's Club is sponsoring a coed, multi-age volleyball tournament on Sunday, March 11<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

## NUTRITION MEALS

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

## LUTHERANS FOR LIFE OF SD, INC. WEBSITE

The Lutherans For Life of SD, Inc. have a new website. It highlights upcoming and past events of the SD LFL, and includes articles by Pastor Moeller, the federation's pastoral advisor. You can link to it through the SD District website: [http://sd.lcms.org/new\\_page\\_1.htm](http://sd.lcms.org/new_page_1.htm)

## KFUO RADIO

If you're looking for a great Lutheran talk radio station, you might try KFUO, which is owned and operated by the LC-MS in St. Louis. Due to the marvels of modern technology you can listen by going to their website at [www.kfu.org](http://www.kfu.org) and clicking on to the audio stream icon.

## THANK YOU

Thank you to John & Carlene Barber, Ray & JoAnn Matthies, Susan Kelley, and Louis Thompson for helping with the drama in our midweek Lenten service.

Thank you to Ben Matthies and Ray Matthies for readjusting the sound system.

Thank you to Melvin Matthies and Dennis Plagman for repairing the sink in the women's bathroom

## DISCUSSING THE DAVINCI CODE

We will be meeting on Saturday, March 17<sup>th</sup> to view "The DaVinci Code" movie. We will begin with a potluck meal at 5:30 p.m. and then watch the movie. Everyone is invited to attend.

## 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 11, 2007. First Steps.** "This is the Life" discusses stepfamilies. The problems of stepparents and stepchildren.

## LIFE QUOTES" FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

"If unborn children are being eliminated for a genetic disposition to autism, no one is safe." *C. Ben Mitchell, associate professor of bioethics at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, Chicago, Illinois.* **A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life / [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org) / 888-364-LIFE**

## STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

1 Corinthians 10:1-13: Many times God's people in Old Testament times managed life and life's resources in selfish and sinful ways and suffered the consequences. St. Paul notes that these sad incidents from history were written down as warnings for us. As God's renewed stewards we strive to manage all of life and life's resources for God's purposes.

## OUTREACH THOUGHTS

Luke 13:1-9: Like fig trees we have been created to produce fruit [good works] that brings glory to God and blessings to others. One of the best good works that we can do is share the joyful hope we have in Christ Jesus, the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

## 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.

## 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.

## 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.

## Divine Service

Hymn of Invocation.....#144  
"Jesus, Grant that Balm and Healing"  
The Order of Holy Communion.....p. 15-16  
The Introit.....

P: My eyes are ever on the Lord,  
**C: for only he will release my feet from the snare.**  
P: I cry aloud to the Lord;  
**C: I lift up my voice to the Lord for mercy.**  
P: I cry to you, O Lord;  
**C: I say, "You are my refuge, my portion in the land of the living."**  
P: Listen to my cry, for I am in desperate need;  
**C: rescue me from those who pursue me, for they are too strong for me.**  
P: Set me free from my prison that I may praise your name.  
**C: Then the righteous will gather about me because of your goodness to me.**

The Gloria Patri, Kyrie.....  
The Readings ..... Back of bulletin  
The Nicene Creed ..... p. 22  
The Sermon Hymn .....#605  
"The World Is Very Evil"  
Sermon.....  
The Offering.....  
Prayers.....  
The Service of Communion.....p. 24-30  
The Distribution Hymns.....  
#518 "If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee"  
#316 "O Living Bread from Heaven"  
The Collect, Benediction..... p. 31  
The Closing Hymn .....#398  
"Renew Me, O Eternal Life"

## 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.

Schedule of meals:

Wednesday, March 14<sup>th</sup> ~ LWML serving scalloped potatoes and ham

Wednesday, March 21<sup>st</sup> ~ Chandelier committee serving baked potatoes

Wednesday, March 28<sup>th</sup> ~ LWML serving

## TODAY IN SUNDAY SCHOOL

Today, the Sunday School classes learned about Jesus' miracle of feeding 5,000 hungry people (John 6:1–14). They learned that in His love, God promises to care for all our physical and spiritual needs and gives us the greatest treasure—His Son and the gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation. As a family, talk about the many ways that God has provided for both your physical and spiritual needs. In the catechism, look at the explanation to the First Article of the Apostles' Creed.

## SHUT-INS

Please remember Martha Westphal in your prayers.

## 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. 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.

## 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.

## READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

In order to prepare for next week's worship service you may study the assigned readings for the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent, March 18, 2007:

Old Testament: Isaiah 12:1-6

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Gospel: Luke 15:1-3a, 11-32

## 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.

## 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.

## BROOKINGS-SIOUX FALLS ZONE LWML RETREAT

The Brookings and Sioux Falls LWML Zone will hold a joint retreat at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Flandreau, SD on Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup> beginning at 9:00 a.m. Everyone should be a dish to share for the potluck lunch, a Bible, and coffee mug. The members from Hartford are responsible for helping with lunch cleanup.