

## TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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### THE 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2008

#### WELCOME

A special welcome to our guests worshipping 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.

#### 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 2, 2008:

First Lesson: Isaiah 42:14-21

Epistle: Ephesians 5:8-14

Gospel: John 9:1-41

#### THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

**SUNDAY** ~ Worship w/communion ~ 9:30 am

**Adult Bible study & Sunday School** ~ 10:45 am

**Men's Bible Study** ~ 6:00 am

**TLC Chapel** ~ 9:30 am

**YES Group Fundraiser at Pizza Ranch** ~ 5:00-8:00 pm

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

**WEDNESDAY** ~ Lifelight Bible study ~ 9:30 am

**Confirmation** ~ 5:30 pm

**Supper** ~ 6:00-7:00 pm

**Choir practice** ~ 6:00 pm

**Midweek Lenten worship** ~ 7:30 pm

**SF Area Church Planting meeting at Memorial** ~ 9:30 am

**TLC Bible study** ~ 5:30 pm

#### COMING EVENTS

Sun., Mar. 2<sup>nd</sup> ~ Worship ~ 9:30 am

Adult Bible study & Sunday School ~ 10:45 am

LWML Prayer service at Trinity ~ 1:30 pm

Circuit K Forum at Menno ~ 7:00 pm

YES Group Fundraiser at Pizza Ranch ~ 5:00-8:00 pm

June 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> ~ Vacation Bible School

#### SERVING THIS WEEK: SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2008

**Cleaners:** Dwayne & Audrey Matthias, Randy Matthias, Ashley Matthias

**Greeters:** Randy Matthias, Ashley Matthias

**Head Usher:** Kim Kleba

**Acolyte:** Thad Johnson

**Head Elder:** Dale Snyder

#### NEXT WEEK: SUNDAY, MARCH 2, 2008

**Cleaners:** Rodney & Joy Hohn, Monte & Shary Muchow

**Greeters:** Monte & Shary Muchow

**Head Usher:**

**Acolyte:** Travis Eggebraaten

**Head Elder:** Joe Krizan

**WORSHIP SERVICE: WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2008**

**Worship Attendance:** 41      **Mission offering:** \$81.02

#### WORSHIP SERVICE: SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2008

**Worship Attendance:** 76      **Adult Bible study:** 28

**Current offering:** \$ 1,694.00      **Loose offering:** \$ 32.32

**Building fund:** 685.00      **Mission offering:** 115.00

**Memorial:** 25.00

First Sunday Special Offerings go to Campus Ministry



## THE HOLY SPIRIT: THE LUTHERAN DIFFERENCE



“Are you filled with the Holy Spirit?”

“Sure . . . well, aren’t all Christians filled with the Holy Spirit?”

As Lutherans interact with other Christians, they often find themselves struggling to explain their beliefs and practices.

The Lutheran Difference Bible study series will identify how Lutherans differ from other Christians and show from the Bible why Lutherans differ. These studies will prepare Lutherans to share their faith.

All adults and high school students are invited to join us each Sunday at 10:45 a.m.

## MEN’S BIBLE STUDY

Terrorism has changed the way we think about war. It will change the way we wage war. How does this affect us as Christians who resolve to follow God’s holy will as revealed in His Word? Our Men’s Bible study, “Holy Resolve: Terror and War Today,” will help us understand what the Bible teaches about war, justice, and peace as we pray about the current challenges facing our nation.

All men of the congregation are invited to this Bible study each week. We meet in the fellowship hall each Monday at 6:00 a.m.

## THIS WEEK AT TRINITY LEARNING CENTER

This week our lesson was based on John 3:1-17, where we heard about Nicodemus visiting Jesus in the middle of the night. Nicodemus wanted to talk about Jesus’ miraculous signs, but Jesus told him about an even greater miracle—Holy Baptism. In Baptism, God makes us His children, cleanses us from sin, and gives us eternal life. We talked about the Good News in this passage: “God so loved the world that He gave His only Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life” (John 3:16). Jesus gave His life up on the cross to bring us forgiveness of sins.

Chapel is each Monday at 9:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome to join us!

## SONG OF SOLOMON BIBLE STUDY

One of the most beautiful books in the Bible, Song of Solomon is also perhaps one of the most difficult to interpret for people of faith. However, the themes of love and longing, and expectation and fulfillment take on a wondrous cast and hue when seen as a reflection of God’s love for His people. Properly understood this book will teach you about:

- the power and beauty of physical love within the clearly defined boundaries that God has established.
- the reflection of Christ’s love for His Church, through faithful, human marriage.
- the consummation of God’s love for us in Christ, to be celebrated at the marriage feast of the Lamb.

Everyone is invited to join us for this interesting and informative Bible study each Tuesday night at 7:00 p.m.

## LIFELIGHT BIBLE STUDY

There are about forty direct and indirect references to Jeremiah’s writings in the New Testament. Special passages in this study will help you see Jeremiah’s influence on the New Testament and his relationship to Jesus Christ.



Please join the Lifelight Bible study each Wednesday at 9:30 a.m., as we study portions of the Jeremiah and Lamentations.

## LIFE QUOTES FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

“For those of us who have had abortions, our lives have never been the same. The dirty little secret behind what they call ‘choice’ is that the baby isn’t the only one who dies; part of our soul dies, too. We must make abortion not just illegal, but unthinkable.” *Vera Lord, director of the Pittsburgh Chapter of Orthodox Christians for Life.*

[www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org) / 888-364-LIFE

## FELLOWSHIP HALL CLEANING

Volunteers are needed for cleaning the fellowship hall throughout the year. If you would be willing to help, please see the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the hall.

## LUTHERAN MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

The next opportunity for a Lutheran Marriage Encounter weekend is March 7-9, 2008 in Sioux Falls, SD at the Good Samaritan Retreat Center. For more information, contact Pastor and Aimee Moeller.

## HAVE YOU EVER WANTED TO WORK IN TELEVISION?

Main Street Living is looking for a few people who would work in the production of their new children’s program, “Kid’s Crossing”. We need set builders, equipment operators, writers, actors, and editors. Main Street Living is in the process of assembling a portable television studio to use in the production of the program. The program will be “shot” at Zion on Saturday mornings. If you are interested in working with this exciting ministry please contact: Vic Rames at 338-3905

## 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 in your prayers and in your giving.

Main Street Living may be seen Sundays on KDLT-NBC at 10:30 a.m. At 10:00 a.m. you may watch “Facing Life Head On.” This segment is supported by the SD Lutherans For Life. Check their web site for the title and content.

March 2<sup>nd</sup> ~ The featured speaker is Rev. Nabil Nour from Redeemer Lutheran Church in Armour SD. The sermon theme is “See No Evil.”

## CAMP MINNEBOJI – JUNE 22-28, 2008!

“Don’t Forget His Lyrics” is the theme of Camp Minneboji this summer (June 22-28). God’s people have been remembering the great deeds of God through Psalms, hymns, and songs for centuries. Our Bible studies and other aspects of camp will be built on this theme, as the campers will especially be led by way of the Psalms to remember what God has done for them through Jesus.

Camp Minneboji is for those who are currently in grades 4 through 9.

The camp, located at Camp Okoboji in northwest Iowa, features Bible study, mission presentations, crafts, music time, sports, and recreation. Cost is \$225 for 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders and \$255 for 9<sup>th</sup> graders. Camp

registration booklets will be mailed directly to last year’s campers and in bulk to the congregations by April 1<sup>st</sup>. For more information, check out the camp’s Website: [www.minneboji.com](http://www.minneboji.com), or contact the Camp Dean, Rev. Scott Sailer ([scottsailer@aol.com](mailto:scottsailer@aol.com) 605/332-3401).