

2005 JOINT CHOIR FESTIVAL

Singers! You are invited to participate in the 5th 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 6th at 3:30 p.m.

TASTE OF CULTURES & TREASURES OF THE WORLD

Lutheran Social Services Refugee and Immigration Programs hosts its 10th 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 9th grade "Honors" Campers). Camp registration booklets will be sent to congregations in mid-March.

Check out the camp Web site: 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).

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!

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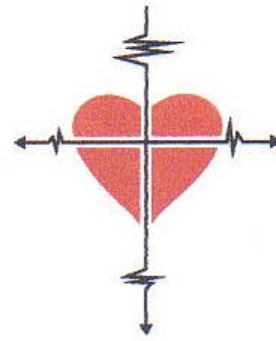
The Trinity Drama Troupe is looking for men, women, and teens who would be willing to share their acting talents in our upcoming mid-week Lenten services. You need not have any previous experience, only a desire to help share the Good News of Jesus Christ. If you are interested in helping, please contact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

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

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. If you park in front of the church please 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 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.

SHUT-INS

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

MAIN STREET LIVING

Main Street Living has become the "at home" television church service for the homebound.

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.

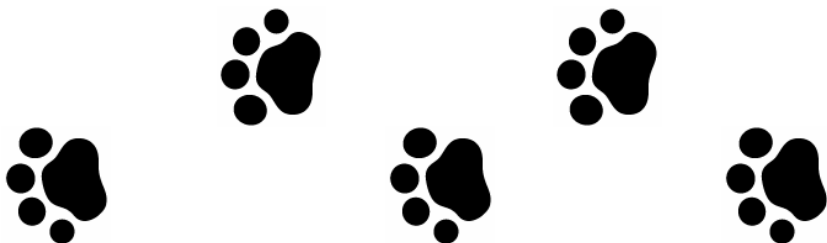
March 13, 2005 – "While Love Lasts" A young couple living together find the missing ingredient that makes their relationship successful. The featured speaker is Rev. Daniel Deardoff of Blessed Redeemer Lutheran Church in Brandon, SD.



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 28th 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.



Money's Grip

In our **Ten for Ten** stewardship emphasis, we are focusing on how God's grace changes us into people who give ourselves and our money to Him. Through the Holy Spirit, God transforms our hearts. With hearts for the Lord, we use our money in ways that honor and glorify Him.



Our money is important to God because we are important to Him. How we regard money and possessions affects our spiritual lives. Money has the potential danger of controlling our lives and becoming our god. The grip money can have on us can be broken by giving it away. Giving money willingly and cheerfully glorifies and honors the Lord, and we are blessed in the process. Jesus said, *"It is more blessed to give than to receive"* (Acts 20:35). Giving is part of our personal journey of faith.



The Apostle Paul wrote in Philippians 4:17: *"Not that I am looking for a gift, but I am looking for what may be credited to your account."* Paul's focus was not on the money or gifts he was receiving, but on the "spiritual dividends" the Philippians received through their giving. Through their generosity they themselves were blessed along with the recipients of their gifts.

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

Fourth Sunday in Lent ~ Romans 8:1-10: The good news that there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus gladdens our hearts and gives us some good news to share with others who still need to hear it.

SD DISTRICT LCMS YOUTH GATHERING

The South Dakota LCMS Youth Gathering will be held Monday, July 25th to Wednesday, July 27th at the Crossroads Hotel & Convention Center in Huron, SD. It is open to all youth entering the 9th grade in the fall of 2005 to those who will have graduated from high school in the spring of 2005. The theme for this year's gathering is "Courageous Faith/Bold Witness," the theme for the upcoming 100th anniversary of the South Dakota District. The main speaker will be the Rev. Terry Dittmer, who is in charge of youth ministry for the Synod. "Against All Odds," a professional band from Minneapolis, will lead the music throughout the gathering and put on a concert Tuesday evening. Other scheduled activities included servant events, worship, the "junk-food potluck," and games.

COUPLES CLUB

The Couples Club will be getting together for supper at the Hartford Steak Company Tavern on Saturday, February 19th at 6:00 p.m. Following the supper, we will go to Tim and Kathy Totton's place for dessert and to watch the movie **Luther**. All couples of the congregation are invited to join us! Please contact Kathy Totton at 528-3849 to let her know if you are able to attend.

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

The Stewardship Committee will be meeting at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 12th. Everyone is invited to join us as we study stewardship and look for new ways to grow in our walk in the Christian faith.

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!

THE BLESSINGS FROM TITHING



God supplies us with property and material wealth. Even though we may think that we have earned our possessions through hard work and the diligent use of our talents, we must be ever mindful that everything we have has been given to us as a gift from God. In response, God asks that we show our appreciation for these gifts by sharing a

portion of them. Tithing is regular and systematic giving to the Lord.

Through tithing we express our thankfulness to Him for our lives and all the blessings that He has so generously bestowed upon us. Tithing opens up our lives to the potential for further blessings from God Who so dearly loves us. As a participant in the **Ten for Ten** effort, may God richly bless you for your faithful giving.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

Fourth Sunday in Lent Matthew 20:17-28: Christian stewards do not seek to lord it over others, but instead, like Jesus, become servants to all, using our time, talents and money to his greater glory and the welfare of others.

LIFE QUOTES" FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

"Abortion is a reflection that society has failed women." *Patricia Heaton, Actress, Everybody Loves Raymond* **A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life / www.lutheransforlife.org / 888-364-LIFE**

Divine Service

Hymn of Invocation #146
"Lamb of God, Pure and Holy"
The Order of Morning Service p. 5-6
The Introit.....

P: Wait for the Lord;
C: be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord.
P: One thing I ask of the Lord, this is what I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,
C: to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple.
P: For in the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling;
C: he will hide me in the shelter of his tabernacle and set me high upon a rock.
P: At his tabernacle will I sacrifice with shouts of joy;
C: I will sing and make music to the Lord.
P: Wait for the Lord;
C: be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord.

The Salutation, Collect p. 9
The Readings Back of bulletin
The Apostles' Creed..... p. 12
The Sermon Hymn #337
"Salvation Unto Us Has Come"
The Sermon.....
The Offering.....
The Prayers
The Hymn #142
"A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth"
The Collect, Benediction..... p. 14
The Closing Hymn #334
"Let Me Be Thine Forever"

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?

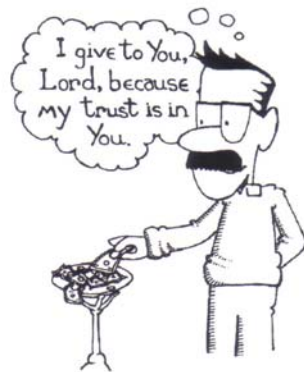
Beginning on Ash Wednesday, we will focus each week on one ancient city from Revelation 2:1-3:22 and its unique challenges, Christ's call to "hold on to what you have," and how this message still applies today. With special emphasis on why we need Jesus Christ to do what we are unable to do, these messages 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 125th 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.



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 offerings 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 is available from 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.

PHOTOS! PHOTOS! PHOTOS!

We are sorting through 300 to 400 photos taken by our unsalaried church photographer, Ray Matthies. The photos cover most of the activities that have occurred in the last 20 years at Trinity. There are pictures of pastor's installations, church anniversaries, VBS, Men's Club, LWML, AAL, church building renovations, etc. We are using appropriate photos to be on display at the 125th anniversary. The rest will be returned to each of you, personally, if you are the lead person in the picture. So within the next 6 weeks you will get a picture or many pictures of your involvement at Trinity.

Thank you to Ray and JoAnn Matthies for the dedication of taking these pictures, for the film, and the development of them – our unsung heroes.

PREPARING FOR DEATH

Preparing people for death (their own or a loved one's), is among the most important work a pastor does. It is at the time of death when we each try to ask those "why" questions that may not have a satisfying answer and try to make sense out of what *does not make sense*. At such times our faith is tested the most. But properly prepared, it can be the time in which our Christian witness is the most effective, where we may have unique opportunities to share the Good News of Jesus Christ, who has defeated death and transformed it into the gate to eternal life. We might say, that if we are better prepared for our death, we are better prepared for life.

Over 400 years ago, a relatively unknown Lutheran pastor in Germany, Rev. Martin Möller, wrote a small book, *Heilige Sterbekunst*, which dealt with "the holy art of dying." Although a book of this kind can never outgrow its usefulness, it was not available in English until Pastor Arthur E. Schulz translated it in 1974. **Beginning March 13th**, we will begin examining this small book, *Preparing for Death* in our Sunday morning (10:30 a.m.) adult Bible study. We encourage all adults of the congregation to attend. Those who do, will find a very helpful companion and resource to use for many years in the future, as they face the death of their loved ones and their own inevitable death. *Preparing for Death* gets the message straight and gets the message of God's love out. Please plan on joining us!

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.

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who supported the Men's Club "Rent-a-Bum" dinner and auction. Altogether almost \$1,600 was raised to help support the educational expenses of Jeff Kalb as he attends the seminary. It was very nice to have Jeff and his family here for the occasion.

Thank you to everyone who donated food items and helped serve the dinner for the family of Floyd Matthies after his funeral.