

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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5TH SUNDAY IN LENT

SUNDAY, APRIL 2, 2006

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.

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

SUNDAY ~ Worship service ~ 9:30 am
Sunday School and Adult Bible study ~ 10:30 am
Elder's meeting ~ 12:00 noon
State Dartball Tournament ~ 3:00 pm

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

TUESDAY ~ Evangelism Committee meeting ~ 6:00 pm
Bible Study ~ 7:00 pm

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

SATURDAY ~ Cleanup Day/Friendship Telethon ~ 9:00 am
Potluck meal ~ 12:00 noon

COMING EVENTS

Sun., Apr. 9th ~ Worship service w/communion ~ 9:30 am
Sunday School and Adult Bible study ~ 10:30 am
Quarterly Voters meeting ~ 7:30 pm

Sat. Apr. 15th ~ World's Largest Easter Egg Hunt ~ 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm
"The Passion of the Christ" ~ 6:00 pm

Sun. May 7th ~ Rite of Confirmation

June 5th – 9th ~ Vacation Bible School ~ 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

June 18th – 21st ~ SD District Convention

July 17th – 19th ~ SD District Youth Gathering

SERVING THIS WEEK: SUNDAY, APRIL 2, 2006

Cleaners: Dale & June Snyder, Adel & Amy Valdes
Greeters: Dale & June Snyder
Head Usher: John Barber
Elder:
Acolyte: Austin Eggebraaten

MID-WEEK LENT: APRIL 5, 2006

Greeters: Adel & Amy Valdes
Head Usher: Dale Snyder
Acolyte: Austin Wolfe

NEXT WEEK: SUNDAY, APRIL 9, 2006

Cleaners: Roger & Bert Carls, Henry Dansman, Jr., Dianne Dansman
Greeters: Henry Dansman, Jr., Dianne Dansman
Head Usher: John Barber
Acolyte: Ashley Matthies

WORSHIP SERVICE: WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22, 2006

Worship Attendance:	42	Loose Offering:	15.00
Mission offering:	\$ 168.00		

WORSHIP SERVICE: SUNDAY, MARCH 26, 2006

Worship Attendance:	70	Communed:	50
Adult Bible study	14	Current offering:	\$1,096.00
Loose Offering:	\$ 9.45	Building fund:	350.00
Future Church Worker:	10.00	Mission Offering:	70.00
Parking Lot	16.00	Pastors Office	20.00

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

Fifth Sunday in Lent – April 2, 2006 A.D.

- P: Heavenly Father, we praise You for having sent Jesus Christ to accomplish our redemption. We praise You for His extraordinary obedience, His reverent submission, and rejoice with all the saints in heaven and on earth that His death has secured our eternal life.
- C: Lord, create in us new and clean hearts. Grant us the joy of salvation. Draw us to You by the magnet of Your cross. Inscribe Your Word in our hearts and minds, that we may firmly know, and courageously confess the truth.**
- P: For the sick and grieving, for those troubled in mind or spirit, for those who struggle with relationships or emotional trauma, grant, O Lord, the healing of heart and mind; of body and soul. We name before You those in our church family and our community who desire Your Grace upon them in the midst of joys and struggles . . . In all of life may we always see your cross before us.
- C: Lord, open our lips, that we may declare Your praise. Send Your Spirit that we may witness boldly and winsomely. May Your gracious Will be done among us, and bring us to know and do Your will.**
- P: Bless the educational ministry that is done in this place, our Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, Midweek and Adult Bible classes, that the truth of the Gospel may be taught and learned for the building up of Your people. We pray that as we investigate the possibilities of a preschool and daycare you might open the doors you would have us go through and close those which would not be beneficial for our ministry.
- C: Equip us with the talents and resources to do the work you have planned for us. Amen.**
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Invite your neighbors, friends, and family! Everyone is invited to this **free** showing of "The Passion of the Christ" on our 24 feet wide screen. We will provide popcorn and free soft drinks. You may bring a lawn chair for more comfortable seating.

TRUSTEES REPORT

You may have noticed that the parking lot has taken on a new shape. The trustees were told of some dirt only a mile away from church and since it would cost about one third of what it normally cost we had some brought in to complete our parking lot. The cost was \$5,260.00. The contractor was very anxious to be paid and to keep us from having to add it to a loan and pay interest, Orrin Geide paid for it. We have received gifts already that have repaid about half of the amount and the voters authorized a special offering to repay Orrin as soon as possible. We will also need around \$2,000.00 to gravel the lot before we can use it. If you can help with this, please mark your special offering for "parking lot"

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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.

April 9, 2006. The Day that Shook the World (Easter) – The retelling of the death and resurrection of the Savior. The featured speaker is Rev. Dale Sattgast of Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church in Huron, SD. The sermon theme is “The Torn Curtain.”

HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY – EVOLUTION

The High School Bible study class is examining “Evolution: God’s Amazing Creation” and video series “Journeys to the Edge of Creation” to better understand how the remarkable universe and the creatures all around us are proof of intelligent, divine design. All High School students are invited to join in exploring this fascinating topic each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. Invite your friends!

HISTORICAL FACTS OF SD DISTRICT

In the early 1900’s our District had a congregation at New Underwood.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

5th Sunday in Lent ~ Hebrews 5:7-9: In His earthly life Jesus was perfectly obedient to the will of His Father. In this way He was and is the Chief Steward and by His perfect obedience, even unto death, He brought us full salvation and the power to be maturing Christian stewards of all of life and life’s resources.

VICTORY PARTY PLANNED AT TRINITY LUTHERAN!

On April 15th & 16th, we will be having a celebration of the most significant victory in history, Christ’s victory over sin, death and Satan! By the grace of our Heavenly Father, we share in Christ’s victory and that calls for a celebration! We will be having the “World’s largest Easter egg hunt” on Saturday, April 15th. That night, there will be a showing of the movie “The Passion of the Christ” in the fellowship hall. And on Sunday, we will be having service at sunrise (6:30 a.m.) and our regular 9:30 a.m. service.

So what makes every celebration party better? Sharing it with our friends! So on April 8th we are having a Friendship Telethon. This is an opportunity for everyone at Trinity, youth and adults alike, to gather at the fellowship hall and make calls to everyone that we want to invite to celebrate with us. Please, plan to attend our 1st Annual Friendship Telethon!

LIFE QUOTES” FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

“‘Created my inmost being’ (Psalm 139:13 NIV) is a Hebrew idiom that could be translated: ‘You made my kidneys’! The kidneys were the last organs removed in the [Old Testament] sacrificial process. They denote the very depth of who you are—your ‘inmost being.’ Clearly, God was intimately involved in making you who you are from the beginning.”
Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, Executive Director, Lutherans For Life
www.lutheransforlife.org / 888-364-LIFE

WORLD’S LARGEST EASTER EGG HUNT

Trinity Lutheran Church is teaming with FamilyLife and Christians everywhere to promote the World’s Largest Neighborhood Easter Egg Hunt where thousands of children around the world will learn of their hope for eternal life in Christ.

The egg hunt will take place at 1:00 p.m. in Trinity Lutheran Church on Saturday, April 15th. Children of all ages will hunt for Easter eggs, win various prizes, play games, and have good things to eat. Every child is invited to take part in this awesome event. Look for more details in future bulletins and newsletters. Please contact Laura at 528-7260 if you have any questions.

TODAY IN OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL

Today in Sunday School, our students explore Mark 15:1–20, the account of when “Pilate Condemns Jesus” to death. A family faith conversation might discuss how God is present even when government seems to act unfairly (see also Romans 13:1–6). Parents might ask, “Why did Jesus, the King of creation, submit to an earthly ruler? How does Jesus’ trial, when He was found guilty, affect us on Judgment Day?”

Divine Service

Hymn of Invocation..... #318
“Before Thee, God, Who Knowest All”
The Order of Morning Service p. 5-6
The Introit.....

P: Vindicate me, O God,
C: and plead my cause against an ungodly nation; rescue me from deceitful and wicked men.
P: I love the Lord, for he heard my voice;
C: he heard my cry for mercy.
P: Because he turned his ear to me,
C: I will call on him as long as I live.
P: The cords of death entangled me,
the anguish of the grave came upon me;
C: I was overcome by trouble and sorrow
P: Then I called on the name of the Lord:
C: "O Lord, save me!"
P: For you, O Lord, have delivered my soul from death,
C: my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling.
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Gloria Patri, Kyrie..... p. 6-7
The Salutation, Collectp. 9
The Readings Back of bulletin
The Apostles’ Creed..... p. 12
The Sermon Hymn #342
“Chief of Sinners Though I Be”
The Sermon..... “For Jesus’ Sake”
The Offering.....
The Prayers (insert)
The Hymn #151
“Christ, the Life of All the Living”
The Collect, Benediction..... p. 14
The Closing Hymn #457
“What A Friend We Have In Jesus”

GOOD NEWS MAGAZINE

If you are looking for an interesting and easy-to-read magazine which will help you understand key teachings of the Bible; if you want to learn more about God's good news and His strength for living each new day, for a complimentary copy or to subscribe write to:

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2006 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



Come join us at Treasure Cove VBS on June 5th – 9th. Together we will learn about Jesus our greatest treasure, and all the riches He gives us, each day from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Kids ages 3 through 6th Grade will meet friends, explore the Bible, eat snacks, play games and make crafts. Look for registration forms to come soon and plan to join us!

Adults: We are still looking for helpers of all kinds – teachers, teacher's aides, snack helpers and donators, music teachers, to name a few. Please prayerfully consider whether you are able to help in any way.



CAMP MINNEBOJI

CAMP MINNEBOJI 2006 is coming! Camp week is June 25 – July 1 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 "Awesome God." The camp registration fee is \$210 (\$240 for 9th grade "Honors" Campers). At the end of March, registration materials will be mailed directly to last year's campers and will be provided in bulk to congregations. Contact the camp dean, Rev. Scott Sailer (605/332-3401, scottsailer@aol.com), if you have any questions. Check out the camp on the Web: www.minneboji.com.

GOT PICTURES?

For the 125th celebration we are assembling a pictorial history. We would like pictures of anything pertaining to Trinity especially of the groups, LWML, Youth, etc., and confirmation group pictures. To update our serviceman roster we would like pictures of personnel in uniform. If you want the picture back we will scan it in and return your copy. Please contact Donna Vogt or JoAnn Matthies as soon as possible.

ACTIVITY BAGS

Activity bags provided by the LWML are available for all the young children who join in our worship services at Trinity. You can pick up a bag from those that are hanging in the coatroom. The children are welcome to keep their artwork by please return the bag and its other contents to the hooks where you find them.

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who supplied food and helped served the lunch for the Vivian Dansman funeral.

Thank you to Brady Eggebraaten, Dustin Kleba, Joe Krizan, and Louis Thompson for sharing their acting talents in our midweek Lenten services.

Thank you to everyone who supported the YES group's fundraiser at Pizza Ranch.

STATE DARTBALL TOURNAMENT

Trinity Lutheran will be hosting the LLL State Dartball Tournament on Sunday, April 2nd, beginning at 3:00 p.m. The Trinity LWML will be serving concessions with barbecues, hotdogs, chips, pie, pop, and coffee. Everyone is invited to come and cheer on our team.

OUTREACH THOUGHT

John 12:20-33: In this text Jesus spoke about the glory of the cross as God's plan of salvation. He did not despise the shame of the cross, but rather endured it for the salvation of sinners. Today we still have the opportunity to use the cross as a way of giving witness to the hope within us because of that old rugged cross.

SHUT-INS

Please remember in your prayers the following shut-in members: Bud Plagman, Bonnie Edgecomb, and Martha Westphal.

QUARTERLY VOTERS MEETING

The quarterly voters meeting will be held on Sunday, April 9th at 7:30 p.m. Among the topics to be discussed will be some recommendations for starting Trinity Learning Center, a daycare and preschool. Please plan on attending.

LWML SPRING RETREAT

The LWML will have their Spring Retreat on Monday, April 3, 2006 at Faith Lutheran Church in Sioux Falls. Registration is 9:00 – 9:20 a.m. Rev. David Schwan will present "Creation and Evolution/Truth and Honesty. A salad and dessert potluck will be served from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. Please bring your own cup, plate, silverware, and food to share. Rev. Schwan will resume his presentation for 1:10 to 3:00 p.m. The Rev. Terry Naasz will lead closing devotions. Social time will follow.

JUSTIFICATION AND SANCTIFICATION: THE LUTHERAN DIFFERENCE

Since the Reformation, Protestants have generally agreed that the doctrine of justification is "the article on which the church stands or falls." That is, justification is the foundation and cornerstone of the Christian Church and its faith.

What Protestants—as well as Roman Catholics and the Eastern Orthodox—have not so often agreed upon is the content of this doctrine. Even the definition of the word itself is disputed. Does God justify by *declaring* sinners holy or by actually *making* them holy? Is justification effected by God alone, or must we in some way cooperate with or assent to God's action? Very closely related to such questions, and perhaps even more hotly debated among Lutherans, is the definition of *sanctification* and the means by which this also takes place. Such questions are especially worth exploring from a Lutheran perspective because, while they are widely recognized to have a strong doctrine of justification, Lutherans are often accused of downplaying—or even ignoring—the doctrine of sanctification.

The Lifelight Bible study, which meets each Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. is beginning a new study entitled "Justification and Sanctification: The Lutheran Difference." This study aims partially to correct this misunderstanding of Lutheran theology. But in the event that some Lutherans are in fact tempted to downplay the significance of sanctification, it is also hoped that this study will reveal some of the rich biblical and confessional testimonies to its importance. Likewise, our examination of the biblical doctrine of justification will reveal just how true it is that this is indeed "the article on which the church stands or falls." In fact, we will see just how intimately related justification and sanctification are. Please plan on joining us!