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5TH SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 13, 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 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.

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!

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 coat room. The children are welcome to keep their artwork by please return the bag and its other contents to the hooks where you find them.

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

SUNDAY ~ Worship w/communion ~ 9:30 am
Sunday School/Bible study ~ 10:30 am
LWML Pampered Chef FUNdraiser ~ 11:45 am

MONDAY ~ Men's Bible study ~ 6:00 am
Drama rehearsal ~ 7:00 pm

TUESDAY ~ Choir practice ~ 6:30 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 ~ Circuit Pastor's meeting ~ 9:30 am

SATURDAY ~ Couples Club at Hartford Steak Co. ~ 6:30 pm

COMING EVENTS

Sun., Mar. 20th ~ Worship ~ 9:30 am
Sunday School/Bible Study ~ 10:30 am

Sun., Apr. 10th ~ Church Council meeting ~ 7:30 pm

Sun., Apr. 17th ~ Junior Confirmation
Quarterly Voters meeting ~ 7:30 pm

Wed., Apr. 20th ~ Circuit K Forum at First English – Parker

Sat., June 25th ~ Lutherans For Life Leadership/Speaker Training Seminar at Trinity ~ 9:30 am – 4:00 pm

July 25th- 27th ~ SD District Youth Gathering at Huron

SERVING THIS WEEK: SUNDAY, MARCH 13, 2005

Cleaners: Orrin Geide, Earle & Connie Geide, Matthew Anderson
Greeters: Orrin Geide
Head Usher: Bryan Kelley **Acolyte:** Derek Johnson

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16, 2005

Greeters: Earle & Connie Geide
Head Usher: Brock Thompson **Acolyte:** Jenny Eggebraaten

NEXT WEEK: SUNDAY, MARCH 20, 2005

Cleaners: Archie & Lisa Wolfe, Myron & Paula Semrau
Greeters: Lester & Jean Gregersen
Head Usher: Bryan Kelley **Acolyte:** Kimberly Kleba

WORSHIP SERVICE, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2, 2005

Attendance: 65
Loose Offering \$ 0.25 **Mission** \$ 115.00

WORSHIP SERVICE, SUNDAY, MARCH 6, 2005

Attendance: 86
Current \$1,720.00 **Loose Offering** \$ 85.00
Mission 190.00 **Future Church Worker** 10.00
Building Fund 680.00 **Campus Ministry** 16.00

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

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!

WANTED:

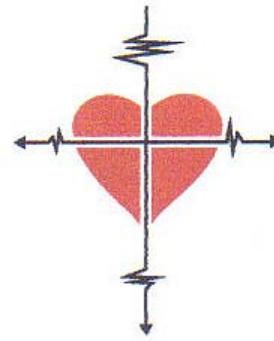
The Trinity Drama Troupe is looking for men, women, and teens who would be willing to share their acting talents in our upcoming mid-week Lenten services. You need not have any previous experience, only a desire to help share the Good News of Jesus Christ. If you are interested in helping, please contact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

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

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 the 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 20, 2005 – "Beyond Words" Born without the gift of speech, a mime shares the story of Easter with a frightened teenager. The featured speaker is Rev. Warren Uecker of Our Savior Lutheran Church in Madison. The sermon theme is "Hosanna!"

LWML PAMPERED CHEF FUNDRAISER

Everyone is invited to the LWML Pampered Chef FUNdraiser on Sunday, March 13th at 12:00 noon. Sample some delicious recipes and help the LWML raise money for a new dishwasher for our new kitchen.

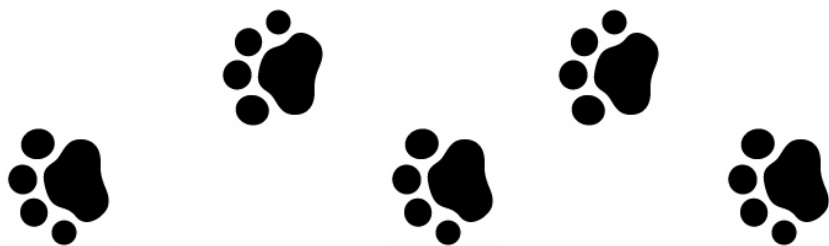
THANK YOU

Thank you to Brock Thompson, Marissa Moeller, Holly Kelley, Derek Johnson, Aubrey Larson, Joey Larson, Carlene Barber, Brenda Erikson, Mary Krizan, Joe Krizan, Adel Valdes, Daniel Erikson, and William Erikson for sharing their acting talents with us in our midweek Lenten service the last two weeks.



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.



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 who 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.

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

First Sunday in Lent Romans 8:11-19: Our Epistle reading assures us Christians that we are heirs of God and joint-heirs with Christ. Therefore, we look forward to an everlasting inheritance kept safe in heaven. That truth is too good to keep to ourselves.

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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AWARDS FOR WINTER 2004-2005

Faithful Attendance: Heather Totton, Abby Totton, Colin Kelley

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

Fifth Sunday in Lent John 11:47-53: Jesus as the Chief Steward was willing to give his all for the benefit of others, including us. Such love compels us to give freely and generously of ourselves to help move his kingdom forward.

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!

TITHING IS ONE-TENTH



By definition, the tithe is one-tenth or ten percent of our income which we voluntarily give to God. The tithe is intended to be a guide for giving, and not the goal that a Christian should strive to achieve; it is a benchmark for giving.

The tithe is the first ten percent of our income. It is an offering that we give to God before we do anything else with our money. If we give only what we have remaining, we are giving Him our leftovers. Our **Ten for Ten** program helps us put God first with our money.

LIFE QUOTES" FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

For women and men who are suffering from an abortion decision, "What we can do is minister the truth that Jesus loves and 'heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds' (Psalm 147:3)." *Grace Kern, Director, Word of Hope, LFL's post-abortion ministry, 888-217-8679*

Divine Service

Hymn of Invocation.....#144
"Jesus, Grant that Balm and Healing"
The Order of Holy Communion.....p. 15-16
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.
P: Vindicate me, O God,
C: and plead my cause against an ungodly nation; rescue me from deceitful and wicked men.

The Readings Back of bulletin
The Nicene Creed p. 22
The Sermon Hymn#151
"Christ, the Life of All the Living"
The Sermon.....
The Service of Communionp. 24-30
The Distribution Hymns
#150 "Lord Jesus, Thou Art Going Forth"
#143 "O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken"
The Collect, Benediction..... p. 31
The Closing Hymn #158
"Glory Be to Jesus"

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.

NEWS ARTICLES

Help to publicize your group and the work it does at our church. Pat Reichert and Marty Reichert are willing to submit articles to the newspaper of our activities. You can write your own article or just send them the details at mmreichert@msn.com or Pat Reichert, 26373 463rd Ave., Hartford, SD 57033. Remember, we also have a digital camera that is available for the use of any group or committee here at the church. If you have any questions, please call Pat (526-6225).