

## Trinity Lutheran Church

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### When You Pray, Say...



The theme for our midweek Lenten and holy week services this year is **“When You Pray, Say...”** Through readings of the passion narrative, hymns on prayer and Lenten hymns, and sermons we will focus upon the 3<sup>rd</sup> chief part of Luther’s Small Catechism—The Lord’s Prayer. You might be thinking, “The Lord’s Prayer for Lent... that seems strange. What does the Lord’s Prayer have to do with Lent?” Historically Lent has been a time of intense catechesis (teaching the basic doctrines of the Christian faith). Lent is a time of repentance and somber reflection. That makes the focus on the teachings of the Lord’s Prayer the Small Catechism especially appropriate.

The Lord’s Prayer is a prayer of repentance. It turns us away from ourselves and toward our heavenly Father. It reminds of the many things He provides to us out of His fatherly, divine goodness, and mercy each and every day. We are especially reminded of the one thing we really need from God—His forgiveness. We are all wayward children. We have failed to trust in God as our loving Father. We have failed to keep God’s name holy among us in our thoughts, words, and deeds. We have lived as though we were not part of God’s kingdom. We have failed to realize God’s provision of our daily bread or always received it with thanksgiving. We have fallen into temptation and been overcome by the evil one. But God is a faithful Father. And so we pray, “forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.”

Please join us each Wednesday night at 7:30 p.m. as we explore all of the blessings that God bestows upon us as our Lord teaches us to pray. For your convenience, various groups of the church will be serving meals from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. each week.

### Schedule of services during the remaining weeks of Lent and Holy Week

Midweek 2 ~ March 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Midweek 3 ~ March 10<sup>th</sup>  
Midweek 4 ~ March 17<sup>th</sup>  
Midweek 5 ~ March 24<sup>th</sup>  
Palm Sunday ~ March 28<sup>th</sup>  
Maundy Thursday ~ April 1<sup>st</sup>  
Good Friday w/communion ~ April 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Easter Sunrise w/communion ~ April 4<sup>th</sup> ~ 6:30 a.m.  
Easter w/communion ~ April 4<sup>th</sup> ~ 9:30 a.m.

### Morning Prayer

Looking for a great way to jumpstart your daily devotions? Each weekday morning at 7:30 a.m., we will be praying the service of Morning Prayer from *Treasury of Daily Prayer*. Anyone is invited to join us whenever your schedule permits.

### Individual Confession & Absolution

With the historic Church, we maintain the practice of offering Individual Confession & Absolution. Each month in the newsletter, times when Pastor will be in his office to hear your confession and give you God’s absolution. Otherwise you may make an appointment. You may look at the rite of Individual Absolution in *Luther’s Small Catechism* in preparation.

## Main Street Living



Main Street Living's mission is to produce a quality Christian program, which brings the message of Jesus Christ to homebound individuals. It 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. Mailing address is Main Street Living, 1400 S. Duluth Ave., Sioux Falls, SD 57105.

Main Street Living may be seen Sundays on KDLT-NBC. The first portion is a children's program, *Kid's Crossing*, which airs between 10:00 and 10:30 a.m. The second portion is a worship service led by area LC-MS pastor. You may also watch this program at [www.mainstreetliving.com](http://www.mainstreetliving.com)

Scheduled for the coming month:

**March 7<sup>th</sup>** ~ *Kid's Crossing* – Watch as Simon learns that we gain back as we give to others.

The featured speaker is Rev. Robert Moeller, Jr. from Trinity Lutheran Church in Hartford, SD. The sermon theme is “Why Will You Die?”

**March 14<sup>th</sup>** ~ *Kid's Crossing* will have a “Little Talk with God” as we learn to pray.

The featured speaker is Vicar Joel Koepp from Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church in Brookings, SD. The sermon theme is “Who Really Needs Mercy?”

**March 21<sup>st</sup>** ~ *Kid's Crossing* will look at John 3:16, “God so loved the world that He gave His only Son.”

The featured speaker is Rev. Karl Gregory from Bethesda Lutheran Church in Marion, SD and First English Lutheran Church in Parker, SD. The sermon theme is “The Word of Life.”

## 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.

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.

## 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 more about our Savior Jesus Christ.

If you are interested, please speak with Pastor Moeller. We have several classes going and will be starting a new class **in March**.

## TLC Bible Study

Each Thursday afternoon at 1:30 p.m. we meet to study the Bible passages for upcoming Sunday School, preschool, and daycare lessons. Everyone is invited to join us! If you would like to attend, but would prefer a different time or day, please speak with Pastor Moeller.

## **A Longer Look at the Lessons**

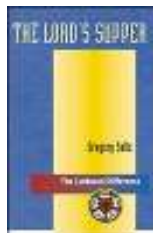
Delve deeper into each week's three Scripture readings with *A Longer Look at the Lessons*. This Bible study based on the lectionary in *Lutheran Service Book* provides information about each week's readings and their contexts. Questions and answers mine the riches of the weekly lessons while providing an opportunity for thought and personal application.

## **Lutheran Confessions Reading Group**

Would you like to have a richer understanding our Lutheran Confessions? Is the study of our Confessions only for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students in Catechism class? For that matter, what are the Lutheran Confessions? The Lutheran Confessions, taken from the Book of Concord are 10 special statements of faith that we use as a basis of what we believe. Far more than mere historical documents, they are still viewed today by Confessional Lutherans as a definitive statement of what it means to be Christian and Lutheran. Since we believe that the Lutheran Confessions are drawn from, reflect Holy Scripture, and are a summary of the Gospel, they are the standard by which all teaching and practice in our churches must be judged.

Our Lutheran Confessions Reading Group meets every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. In this class, we read from the Bible and *Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions*. Class members have the opportunity to learn more about our sacred faith and grow in knowledge and faith in God's Holy Word. Everybody is invited to join us!

## **Sunday Morning Bible Study: The Lord's Supper**



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.” When confronted with different doctrines, they cannot clearly state their faith, much less understand the differences between denominations. This is particularly true when it comes to understanding the Lord's Supper.

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. This Bible study will identify how Lutherans differ from other Christians in the teaching on the Lord's Supper in order that we might share our faith and help others understand the scriptural teachings on this wonderful sacrament.

All high school students and adults are invited to join us each Sunday at 10:45 a.m. as we study the wonderful gift Christ has given us in His Sacrament of the Altar, the Lord's Supper.

## **Life By His Word on Ezekiel**

The workman's trowel slathers mortar across the face of a mud brick. The trowel clinks and scrapes the excess from the brick's edges. Brick by brick, the workman slowly raises the walls of a new home. When he pauses for a drink, he stares westward, away from the village. Babylon's horizon appears as flat as a brick. He thinks of Judah's distant hills, the walls of stone his family raised there. Then he remembers how the walls toppled, the beams burned, and the people fled. He wonders if they will ever be restored.

From the plains of Babylon, the priest Ezekiel looked back upon the defeat of Judah and prophesied the destruction of Jerusalem and its temple. He explained to the exiled Judeans that God's glory had departed from them because they had abandoned Him. But the Lord also showed Ezekiel a new day when His glory would return and the kingdom would become an everlasting blessing to the nations. Like all of the prophets and all of Scripture, Ezekiel points to Jesus Christ and the coming of His kingdom through His life, death, resurrection, ascension, and return to judge the living and the dead.

Please join our Life By His Word Bible study each Wednesday morning at 9:30 a.m. as we explore this fascinating Old Testament book.

## Men's Bible Study on Hebrews

The Book of Hebrews is one of the most profound books of the New Testament. If you are looking for solid food instead of baby food, you'll enjoy the study of this book. This first-century letter is heavy on theology and is filled with all kinds of practical applications for Christian life today. But above all, it points us to the Fulfillment of Faith—Jesus Christ—the one who saves us and empowers us to live the new life! All men of the congregation are invited to join us each Monday at 6:00 a.m. for breakfast and studying this fascinating book of the Bible.

## Cleaning List Updated



You may have noticed that the latest schedule for cleaning the church has changed. Instead of two families per week, there are usually three. The cleaning duties for the church sanctuary, basement, and fellowship hall have been updated as well. When it is your turn to clean, please speak with the other families on the list to determine who will do what area. You may find the list of cleaning duties on the bulletin boards in the church nave and fellowship hall.

As with other types of service at the church, cleaning the church is done on a voluntary basis. Everyone is given the opportunity to help. If you have not been included and would like to help please contact the church office. If circumstances have changed (such as health or work schedule) and you are not able to help, please contact the church office. If you wish to hire someone to clean, Tammie Eggebraaten is available. You can call her at 940-9028.

## Newsletter on-line

Many people are not aware that Trinity's monthly newsletter is available via email or at our website [www.trinitylutheran-hartfordsd.org](http://www.trinitylutheran-hartfordsd.org). One of the advantages of the online edition is colored photos. It is also much easier to forward to friends or neighbors. Another advantage is cost savings—there is no postage. If you would be interested in receiving your monthly newsletter via email, you may contact Pastor at [pastor@trinitylutheran-hartfordsd.org](mailto:pastor@trinitylutheran-hartfordsd.org).

## Family Fun Night

Join us on March 27<sup>th</sup>, from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall for a Family Fun Night! Everyone is invited. You can invite your friends and neighbors as well! We plan to play board games, video games, watch movies, eat and enjoy some fellowship during these cold winter months. If you have a favorite family movie or game, bring it along to share. We will have pizza and juice provided. Please bring some snacks to share. We look forward to seeing everyone in our Church family there!

## LWML 2010 Supply Collection

The Trinity LWML is collecting supplies for use at Trinity Lutheran Church. Anyone wishing to donate, would be greatly appreciated. Just place it in the boxes near the coat rack. Items needed, include:

Paper Plates (6" or 9")	Napkins
Foam Cups (Hot or Cold Use)	Paper Towels
Plastic Silverware	Coffee (Regular or Decaffeinated)
Toilet Paper	Sugar Packets
Powdered Creamer	Window Cleaner
Palmolive Liquid Dish Soap	Laundry Soap (Purex Free)
Clorox Bleach	

## Remember to Call

Remember to give your church & pastor a call if you are:

- going to the hospital
- facing challenges
- in need of prayer
- having a baby

## Stewardship Thoughts

Jeff Foxworthy says that if you know all four seasons—almost winter, winter, still winter and road construction—you might live in Wyoming. A lot of other people in wintry states might say the same thing. But in March we observe the beginning of spring. As the trees and bushes bud, the grass starts to turn green, and the soil takes on a smell of new life, we look forward to the beginning of a new cycle with warmer weather and a new start for seedtime and harvest.

Sometimes as God's stewards we may feel that stewardship is more of the same old, same old. But, just as spring starts a new cycle of life, so also Easter with its joy and celebration starts a new cycle of life for us as God's stewards. During the reflective season of Lent we look forward to the joy and celebration of Easter. This is a great reminder that we are "Easter people," that is, people of hope. Hope is stronger than memory. Memory mostly makes us think about past failures, unfulfilled promises, frustration and disappointment, but hope refreshes us with a new start, not just at spring time, but for every new day.

During Lent we reflect on the extravagant love of Jesus as He went all the way to the cross and death as the perfect sacrifice for our sins and failures. Philippians chapter two reminds us: "Jesus humbled Himself and became obedient to death—even death on a cross! Therefore God exalted Him to the highest place and gave Him a name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father" (vv 8-11 NIV).

One day every knee will bow before Christ, even the knees of those who did not believe in Him, and confess Him as Lord of lords and King of kings. Those who do not believe will be forced to bow their knees when they see Jesus coming in glory and then they will go away to everlasting sorrow. By contrast, our knees will bow in humble adoration and our voices will proclaim: "How great Thou art!"

Just as the earth comes back to life in spring time, so also we are renewed day by day to live as God's redeemed stewards who freely and joyfully manage all of life and life's resources for God's purposes. This new life is not boring! It is exciting as we experience God's power in our lives and look for opportunities in which we can manage our time, talents, relationships and financial resources in a way that honors Him and provides so many blessings to others and ourselves.

Let's "spring" to new life as God's redeemed stewards who, in cooperation with and encouragement from fellow redeemed stewards, manage all that we are and have to God's glory!

## Issues, Etc.



LISTEN TO WHAT YOU WANT, WHEN YOU WANT... You can listen to teachings on subjects like: Tiger Woods & Buddhism, Race & Abortion, The Irony of the Cross, Christians & Politics, Answering the Objections of Non-Christians and more. Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show produced by Lutheran Public Radio and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. You can listen to what you want when you want at [www.issuesetc.org](http://www.issuesetc.org).

## Men's Club Volleyball Tournament

The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Men's Club Coed Volleyball Tournament will be held on Sunday, March 21<sup>st</sup> at 1:00 p.m. in the Trinity fellowship hall. Each team will have six members, including, if possible one person between the ages of 12 and 16 and one person between the ages of 50 and 100. (A special liability waiver is available for those over 100 who wish to play.) Everyone is welcome to play. Teams will be expanded or contracted, or additional teams will be constructed to be certain that everyone who comes to the tournament has an opportunity to play.

The Men's Club will serve hot dogs and chips. There is no charge for this event, but a free will offering will be collected for the food.

Lutheran Schools Week ~ March 7-13, 2010

## National Lutheran Schools Week 2010



Securing Each Child's Future—For a Life of Service

*"There are varieties of service, but the same Lord." 1 Cor. 12:5*

### **Lutheran High School of Sioux Falls Ribbon Cutting**

You are invited to attend the Ribbon Cutting for Lutheran High School of Sioux Falls 4:30 p.m., Monday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, at Memorial Lutheran Church, 5000 South Western Avenue. Light refreshments and tours of the Lutheran High facilities will follow the Sioux Falls Chamber of Commerce Ribbon Cutting ceremony.

### **Austin Eggebraaten Earns Eagle Scout**

Austin Eggebraaten recently finished his Eagle Scout project. Austin planned, constructed, raised funds for, and finished a set of wooden cubbies for the Trinity Learning Center preschool. With help from his father, Andy, he installed them in the church basement. Austin is the son of Andy & Tammie Eggebraaten. He is pictured here with Scoutmaster Gary Miles and Pastor Moeller.

Congratulations, Austin!



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## Annual Voter's Meeting ~ January 24, 2010

President Talis Johnson called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Pastor Robert Moeller opened with a prayer.

We accepted **new voting members** including Derek Johnson and Mark and Melissa Ullerich. Ray Matthies made a motion to accept them with a second by Ben Matthies. m.c.

The secretary's report was read and approved after a name correction. Dawn Slowey made a motion to accept it, seconded by Tim Totton. m.c.

**The treasurer's report** was given by Lisa Wolfe with written summaries distributed regarding TLC's financial status. The fellowship hall loan has decreased to \$259,158 remaining with monthly payments at \$2068. Dale Snyder made a motion to accept this report with a second by Aimee Moeller. m.c.

There were no reports from the elders.

**Trustee's Report:** Bryan Kelley reported that the snow is causing a vent leakage problem in the hallway and will need to be caulked during milder weather.

**Trinity Learning Center:** Jessi Moeller handed out a report on the financial status of TLC. The number of children enrolled part time has increased. She has initiated a payment schedule for money owed to the church. Staffing has been adequate for the number of children enrolled. The prime rib dinner is scheduled for February 21<sup>st</sup> along with a silent auction.

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor Robert Moeller reported that VBS is scheduled for June 7 to 11<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. A director is needed to help coordinate activities.

Pastoral Activities for the past quarter include:

Bibles studies	71	Worship services	27
Meetings	10	Counseling	10
Shut-in visits	12	Friendship visits	14
Hospital visits	9	Chapel services	29

### Membership changes:

Received through Affirmation of Faith was Lois Johnson on November 1, 2009

Received through Adult Confirmation were:

Chad & Meghan Ketcham, October 25, 2009

Sharon Lyons on November 22, 2009

Tyler and Sarah Hotchkiss on December 30, 2009

Baptisms this quarter include:

Emmalyn Mae Pickard, infant daughter of Nate & Katie Pickard, November 8

Ryker Daniel Ketcham, infant son of Chad and Meghan Ketcham, November 22

Logan James Puthoff, infant son of Adam & Emilee Puthoff, December 19

Arnold Robert Hotchkiss, infant son of Tyler & Sarah Hotchkiss, Jan 3, 2010

Released to Faith Lutheran Church, Humboldt, SD was Mark & Sandra Kirschbaum, Nicholas Kirschbaum, and Austin Kirschbaum.

Released to The Crossing, Sioux Falls, SD was Matthew Anderson

Roy and Gerry Ruud transferred to Our Savior Lutheran Church, Platte City, MO

Mid-week Lenten Services are scheduled Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. with supper from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Palm Sunday- March 28<sup>th</sup> Maundy Thursday- April 1 at 7:30 p.m

Good Friday- April 2 at 7:30 p.m. Easter Sunrise w/communion, April 4 at 6:30 a.m.

Easter Sunday w/communion, April 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m.

**LWML:** LaRaye Rehdfeldt reported activities of the ladies for the past year. They reviewed and updated the cleaning list, cleaned the kitchen and furnace room, bought a 60 cup coffee maker, maintained the grocery cart donations, collected stamps, ink cartridges, cell phones and winter clothing. The country store collected funds totaling \$726.00, which was donated toward the building fund. They also served several advent suppers.

**Men's Club:** Bob Moore stated that the Men's club paid \$971.00 for insulation in the church and parsonage and donated the labor to blow in insulation. They raised \$600.00 on pie sales and have \$987.37 in their account.

**Youth Group:** Bryan Kelley stated the Sherry Rueter is working with Pizza Ranch for a fund raiser night.

**Old Business:** Painting the fellowship hall will be scheduled later. The available funds were used instead to insulate the church and parsonage.

**New business:** Ben discussed the renewal of the lease on the copy machine. The price of the lease is \$158.85 per month whether for black and white or for color. The council has given approval to lease a color copy machine for \$158.85

Synodical nominees were presented by Pastor Moeller. The council has recommended the nomination of Matthew Harrison and Herbert Mueller for President.. For 1<sup>st</sup> vice-president they approved Herbert Mueller and Matthew Harrison. Other Vice President nominees include John Wohlrabe, Daniel Preus, David Adams, and Carl Fickenscher. Ray made a motion to accept the nominees with a second by Archie Wolfe. m.c.

The **Cemetery Committee** had presented a proposal at the council meeting to offer larger lots on the remaining unsold gravesites. They were to measure 4' X 10' instead of 4' X 8'. This change will eliminate the need to move existing headstones when digging a new grave. The price of 1 gravesite will be \$100. The new gravesites will be re-plotted and already sold gravesites will remain unchanged. The council approved this plan.

A discussion was held concerning re-stretching the upper loft carpet, and partitioning off Jessi's office and Sunday School rooms in the loft.

The time for the Christmas Eve service was discussed and will be referred to the elders for later discussion.

The Script program was discussed. We looked at the option of doing the scrip program only on the first Sunday of the month. It was suggested that a committee be formed to troubleshoot some of the problems.

**Election of Officers:**

Elders for a 3 year term: Louis Thompson and Tim Slowey

Trustee -3 year term: Derek Johnson

5<sup>th</sup> member- 2 year term: Michelle Thompson

Financial secretary- 2 year term: Susan Kelley

Secretary- 2 year term: Jo Ann Matthies

Lisa made a motion to destroy the ballots with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tim Totton. m.c.

Calendar: The next council meeting is April 11 at 6 p.m.

The next voter's meeting is April 25 at 1 p.m. following a potluck dinner.

Ben made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Lisa. m.c. We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by secretary,  
Jo Ann Matthies