

# TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## PASSION SUNDAY

MARCH 20, 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!

### THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

**SUNDAY ~** Worship ~ 9:30 am  
Sunday School/Bible study ~ 10:30 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

**THURSDAY ~** Lenten Supper ~ 6:00-7:00 pm  
Maundy Thursday worship w/communion ~ 7:30 pm  
Newsletter deadline

**FRIDAY ~** Good Friday worship service ~ 7:30 pm

### COMING EVENTS

Sun., Mar. 27<sup>th</sup> ~ Sunrise service w/communion ~ 6:30 am  
Easter Breakfast ~ 7:30 – 9:00 am  
Easter Worship w/communion ~ 9:30 am  
Sunday School/Bible Study ~ 10:30 am

Sun., Apr. 10<sup>th</sup> ~ Church Council meeting ~ 7:30 pm

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

Wed., Apr. 20<sup>th</sup> ~ Circuit K Forum at First English – Parker

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

July 25<sup>th</sup>- 27<sup>th</sup> ~ SD District Youth Gathering at Huron

### SERVING THIS WEEK: SUNDAY, MARCH 20, 2005

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

### MAUNDY THURSDAY, MARCH 24, 2005

**Greeters:** Archie & Lisa Wolfe  
**Head Usher:** Brock Thompson **Acolyte:** Derek Johnson

### GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 25, 2005

**Greeters:** Roger & Bert Carls  
**Head Usher:** Orrin Geide **Acolyte:** Holly Kelley

### NEXT WEEK: SUNDAY, MARCH 27, 2005

**Cleaners:** Marvin Mielke, Wilbur & Lois Mielke, Jennifer Bauer  
**Greeters:** 6:30 am Marvin Mielke 9:30 am Wilbur & Lois Mielke  
**Head Usher:** 6:30 am Bryan Kelley 9:30 am Denny Plagman  
**Acolyte:** 6:30 am Thad Johnson 9:30 am Megan Eggebraaten

### WORSHIP SERVICE, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9, 2005

**Attendance:** 58  
**Loose Offering** \$ 2.00 **Mission** \$ 180.00  
**Current** 65.00 **125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** 93.00

### WORSHIP SERVICE, SUNDAY, MARCH 13, 2005

**Attendance:** 92 **Communion:** 60  
**Current** \$1,354.00 **Loose Offering** \$ 14.02  
**Mission** 40.00 **Future Church Worker** 10.00  
**Building Fund** 580.00

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 9<sup>th</sup> grade "Honors" Campers). Camp registration booklets will be sent to congregations in mid-March.

Check out the camp Web site: [www.minneboji.com](http://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](mailto:scottsailer@aol.com)).

### 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.

### 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. You may return them to the box that is next to the forms.

### FIT FOR LIFE



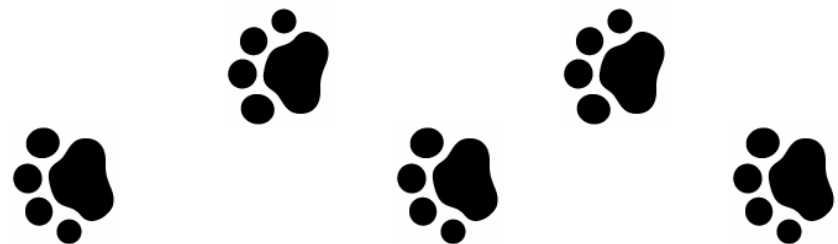
Why is the world so messed up? Why does God let bad things happen to good people? If we all use the same Bible why are there so many different denominations? Does God still speak to us today? Is His Word reliable? Is it relevant for today? If these are questions that you have asked, please plan to attend "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.



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 28<sup>th</sup> 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.



### **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!

### **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!

**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**

Sunday of the Passion Philippians 2:5-11: Jesus did not march into Jerusalem as a war general, but as a meek and gentle Savior marching to his death for the salvation of sinners. What an encouragement for us to have this same meek and gentle attitude as we reach out to others.

**SD DISTRICT LCMS YOUTH GATHERING**

The South Dakota LCMS Youth Gathering will be held Monday, July 25<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday, July 27<sup>th</sup> at the Crossroads Hotel & Convention Center in Huron, SD. It is open to all youth entering the 9<sup>th</sup> 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 100<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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 27, 2005 – “Three Days” Experience Jesus’ passion and death as the disciple did. A special “This Is the Life” dramatic Easter presentation. The featured speaker is Rev. Dale Sattgast of Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church in Huron, SD.

**STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS**

Sunday of the Passion Matthew 27:11-54: The passion of Christ was necessary to rescue us from a life of sin and selfishness and enable us to live lives of hope, joy and service to others. That’s at the very heart of Christian stewardship.

**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!

**GIVING 100 PERCENT**



Have you considered that ultimately we will give one hundred percent? We are going to spend our money or give it, either now or at death. We will not take anything with us to heaven. “For we brought nothing into this world, and we can take nothing out of it” (1 Timothy 6:9). God created us to give. He gives to us so He work through us (2 Corinthians 9:7). When we give freely, we are responding in thanksgiving to God’s grace. The tithe provides guidance for our response. May our generous and thankful giving during this **Ten for Ten** effort give glory to God and peace and joy to us.

**LIFE QUOTES" FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE**

“As God’s people today, we are citizens of Heaven, not of this world. But we are to be good citizens while here and let our influence be felt. Things do not always go according to plan. But through faith, we know God’s plan. We know what He has done in Jesus to bring an end to the burdens of sin and death. We know someday we will be back to where we belong as citizens of Heaven. Therefore, we live in hope!” *Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, Executive Director, Lutherans For Life*

**Divine Service**

Processional Hymn .....#162  
*"Ride On, Ride On, in Majesty"*  
 The Order of Matins.....p. 32-34  
 The Psalmody.....

P: Into your hands I commit my spirit;  
**C: redeem me, O Lord, the God of truth.**  
 P: In you, O Lord, I have taken refuge;  
**C: let me never be put to shame; deliver me in your righteousness.**  
 P: Since you are my rock and my fortress,  
**C: for the sake of your name lead and guide me.**  
 P: Into your hands I commit my spirit;  
**C: redeem me, O Lord, the God of truth.**  
 P: I hate those who cling to worthless idols;  
**C: I trust in the Lord.**  
 P: My times are in your hands;  
**C: deliver me from my enemies and from those who pursue me.**  
 P: Let your face shine on our servant;  
**C: save me in your unfailing love.**  
 P: Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
**C: and to the Holy Spirit;**  
 P: as it was in the beginning,  
**C: is now, and will be forever. Amen**  
 P: Into your hands I commit my spirit;  
**C: redeem me, O Lord, the God of truth.**

The Readings .....Back of the bulletin  
 The Sermon Hymn ..... #149  
*"Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain"*  
 The Sermon..... "Paradoxes of the Passion"  
 Hymn of Praise.....#250  
*"Holy God, We Praise Thy Name"*  
 The Prayers .....  
 The Kyrie ..... p. 39  
 The Lord's Prayer ..... p. 39  
 Salutation, Collect..... p. 40  
 Benediction .....  
 The Closing Hymn .....#160  
*"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"*

## TEN FOR TEN: YOUR FINANCIAL COMMITMENT

Thanks for your commitment! Thanks for taking a leap of faith! 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 offering 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.

## SD LWML 2005 RETREAT

The SD LWML will hold their district retreat April 1-2, 2005 at the Watertown Event Center in Watertown, SD. The theme is "God's Own Amazing Leaders. Trinity's own Brenda Erikson, the SD LWML Young Women Representative Chairman will be among the presenters. All women of the congregation are invited.

## 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 125<sup>th</sup> 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. We are 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!

## 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](mailto:mmreichert@msn.com) or Pat Reichert, 26373 463<sup>rd</sup> 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).

## 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.

## THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who supported the LWML Pampered Chef party and dinner. Even if you were not able to attend, you may still order items from the catalog before the end of March.

Thank you to Brenda Erikson and Daniel Erikson for copying and folding our Easter mailing.

Thank you to Connie Geide and Brenda Erikson for coordinating the weekly distribution of tapes of the Sunday sermons. If you know someone who would like a copy, please contact Connie at 526-3840.

Thank you to Melvin Matthies, Bob Moore, DeWane Carls and John Barber for cleaning out the old shed and organizing the storage space.

Thank you to the Sunday School for singing in today's worship service.

Thank you to Susan Kelley and Michelle Matthies for singing in last Sunday's worship service.

Congratulations to Pat Reichert for organizing a very successful auction for the Lutheran Social Services "Taste of Culture" supper and auction. The money raised will be used to help settle immigrants and refugees in our area.

## STATE DARTBALL TOURNAMENT

Congratulations to the Trinity Men's Club on their 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish at the state dartball tournament. Thanks to Coach Bob Moore for arranging practice games throughout the year.

## 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.