

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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15TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST SEPTEMBER 12, 2004

WELCOME

A special welcome to our guests worshiping 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. 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 at Trinity 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 unto 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, if you wish, 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 ~

Mission/Friendship Sunday

Worship w/communion ~ 9:30 am

Sunday School/LIRS Program ~ 10:30 am

MONDAY ~ Dinner ~ 11:45 am
Men's Bible study ~ 6:00 am
Bible study ~ 7:00 pm

TUESDAY ~ Chapel at Tieszen Home ~ 9:00 am

WEDNESDAY ~ Lifelight Bible study ~ 9:30 am
Confirmation ~ 5:30 pm
Worship w/communion ~ 7:30 pm
High School Youth meeting ~ 8:15 pm

THURSDAY ~ Circuit Pastor's meeting at Canistota ~ 9:30 am
Chapel at Leisure Living ~ 2:00 pm

COMING EVENTS

Sept. 17th – 18th ~ SD Lutherans For Life Conference at Peace, Brookings
Sun., Sept. 19th ~ Worship ~ 9:30 am
Sunday School begins ~ 10:30 am

SHUT-INS

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

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2004

Cleaners: Orrin Geide, Earle & Connie Geide, Matthew Anderson

Greeters: Orrin Geide

Head Usher: Tim Totton

Acolyte: Austin Wolfe

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2004

Greeters: Earle & Connie Geide

Head Usher: Brock Thompson

Acolyte: Aubrey Larson

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2004

Cleaners: Archie & Lisa Wolfe, Myron & Paula Semrau,

Greeters: Lester & Jean Gregersen

Head Usher: Tim Totton

Acolyte: Austin Kirschbaum

WORSHIP SERVICE, SEPTEMBER 1, 2004

Attendance: 10

WORSHIP SERVICE, SEPTEMBER 5, 2004

Attendance: 59

Offering: Current \$ 1,620.00

Loose Offering 15.00

Building Fund 355.00

Mission 150.00

Campus Ministry 11.00

First Sunday Special Offerings go to Campus Ministry

Third Sunday Special Offerings go to Amy Kashenov

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.

FULLNESS OF JOY—A SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY OF THE LUTHERAN LITURGY

The word *liturgy* itself is a good conversation starter. Many simply have no idea what a *liturgy* is. Others take it for a collective term for everything that is not important in a service. In other congregations, members doggedly sing the *liturgy* on a weekly basis. However, if we are to ask them why, the answer too often is “We’ve always done it this way before.”

As important as history and tradition is, “We’ve always done it this way before” is not an adequate reason for continuing what we’ve done in the past. With the *liturgy*, there is a far better reason. The liturgy teaches and rejoices in the outstanding truth that our crucified and risen Lord is present with His people in worship—present to serve us with the forgiveness of sins.

In order to learn more about the riches of the liturgy our Sunday morning adult Bible study group (10:30 – 11:45 a.m.) is looking at “Fullness of Joy: A Study of the Liturgy of the Church.” Please join us!

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE STATE CONFERENCE

The SD Lutherans For Life will be holding their annual state conference on September 17th & 18th at Peace Lutheran Church in Brookings. Friday evening there will a banquet with Bryan Young as the featured speaker. Tickets cost \$10.00. On Saturday from 8:45 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. there will be a variety of Bible studies, programs, and speakers on the theme: “*And God Said...*” Registration forms are available in the Lutheran Witness or by contacting: Lorraine Mosemann
37256 263rd St.
White Lake, SD 57383

E-MAIL ADDRESSES FOR THE NEWSLETTER

The Stewardship Committee is collecting e-mail addresses for those would like to receive our monthly newsletter electronically rather than through the mail. Those who choose this method will be able to receive their newsletter more quickly and save the cost of postage as well. If you are interest in this option please send your request to pastor@trinitylutheran-hartfordsd.org

DIGITAL CAMERA AVAILABLE

Thanks to a generous donation, we have a digital camera available for all groups of the church to use to record their activities. This will be nice to use for updating our website, writing articles for the newspaper and newsletter, and chronicling each group’s activities. If your group has an activity scheduled please contact Pastor Moeller so you can use this camera.

EVANGELISM COMMITTEE

The Evangelism Committee is looking for members who would be interested in helping out in the area of evangelism. This would include things such as delivering service bulletins and tapes to shut-ins, making homemade gifts for visitors. Anyone who is interested may speak to Pastor Moeller or Joe Krizan.

FINDING JESUS IN GENESIS SERMON SERIES

We are currently having a series of sermons in our Wednesday night services that explore the Book of Genesis. We are digging into the ancient stories of Biblical heroes and villains, heroic adventures and sinful lapses, all the while following the golden thread that leads to Christ our Savior. May God bless our excavations in these weeks ahead, knowing that the promises we unearth are fulfilled in Jesus Christ!

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

15th Sunday after Pentecost - Hebrews 13:1-8

Our Epistle reading instructs us to "keep our lives free from the love of money and be content with what we have." By God's grace Christian stewards are able to manage their possessions rather than having their possessions manage them.

OUTREACH THEMES FROM OUR READINGS

15th Sunday after Pentecost - Luke 14:1,7-14

Today's Gospel reading encourages us to do good to those who may not be able to repay us. This is true for activities such as providing food and clothing for the physical welfare of others; it is also true for sharing the sure hope we have in Christ, the Provider of everlasting life.

Divine Service

Hymn of Invocation..... #508
“*Thou Whose Almighty Word*”
The Order of Holy Communion.....p. 15-16
The Introit.....

P: I love the house where you live, O Lord,
C: the place where your glory dwells.
P: Vindicate me, O Lord,
C: for I have led a blameless life;
P: I have trusted in the Lord
C: without wavering.
P: Test me, O Lord, and try me,
C: examine my heart and my mind.
P: I wash my hands in innocence,
C: and go about your altar, O Lord,
P: proclaiming aloud your praise,
C: and telling of all your wonderful deeds.
P: I love the house where you live, O Lord,
C: the place where your glory dwells.

Gloria Patri, Kyrie, Gloria in Excelsis.p. 16-19
The Salutation, The Collect for the Day.. p.19
The Readings Back of bulletin
The Nicene Creed p. 22
The Sermon Hymn #439
“*O God of Mercy, God of Might*”
The Sermon
The Offertory p. 22
The Service of Communionp. 24-30
The Distribution Hymn.....
#509 “*There Still Is Room*”
#511 “*Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun*”
The Collect, Benediction..... p. 31
The Closing Hymn #506
“*Send Thou O Lord, to Every Place*”

LIFE QUOTES" FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

September 12 – Grandparent’s Day “To be sure, I am disappointed that *Roe vs. Wade* is still the law of the land. I am disappointed that many Christians still defend abortion. But, just as my grandparents and parents had hope, so do I have hope in children and grandchildren. With that future of hope in mind, I press on, my orders for battle in hand – ‘Linda, tell the next generation of My power and the wonders I have done! Tell them to put their trust in Me! Tell them to always remember My deeds and to tell their children, even the children yet to be born. Tell them not to repeat the mistakes of an older generation, but to keep My commands’ (my paraphrase of Psalm 78:1-8). If you look closely, you’ll see that your orders for battle are the same!” *Linda D. Bartlett*

CAMPUS MINISTRY INFORMATION

The District Office is asking all congregations to provide contact information on all their members who are attending colleges or universities this year. If you or your son or daughter are heading off for college or university, please let Pastor Moeller know their name, the post-secondary school they will be attending, the student’s school address and phone number, and e-mail address.

ACTS OF FAITH PRESENTS “FIDDLER ON THE ROOF”

Acts of Faith, drama group from Faith Lutheran Church in Sioux Falls, is presenting "Fiddler on the Roof" on September 24th, 25th and 26th. Shows will be at 7 pm on Friday and Saturday with a 4:00 p.m. performance on Sunday the 26th.

Tickets are available at Faith Lutheran Church, 605-332-3401. Call for tickets.

LSS REFUGEE AND IMMIGRATION PROGRAMS

We URGENTLY NEED furniture and household items to furnish the apartments of newly arriving refugees.

Couches, dressers, lamps, beds, pillows, single bed sheets, blankets, kitchen tables, chairs, towels, pots/pans, mixing bowls, laundry detergent, laundry baskets, and any other household items used to set up a kitchen.

Donations may be brought to LSS Refugee and Immigration Programs at 620 W. 18th St. Sioux Falls, SD 57104. For information or pickup please call Alice at 731-2006.

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.

A new session of this course will begin soon. If you are interested in participating, please speak with Pastor Moeller soon, letting him know a day and time that would work well for you and/or your friends.

REACHING THE LOST BY INVOLVING THE FOUND

You are invited to our Mission/Friendship Sunday on September 12, 2004. “Reaching the Lost by Involving the Found” begins with worship at 9:30 a.m. followed by a presentation on LIRS by a volunteer and member of Trinity, Pat Reichert.

A pork loin and salad lunch will be served. Afternoon entertainment for all ages will include ethnic dancing, skits, music, and games. Plan to stay until 2:00 pm to enjoy root beer floats.

A free will offering will be taken to help support the work of LIRS (Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service).

Please be sure to invite your friends and neighbors!

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The new session of Sunday School will begin on Sunday, September 12th. They will meet from 10:30 a.m. to **11:45 p.m. (Please note the time change.)**

JEFF & CARLA KALB

Pastor and Aimee recently visited Jeff and Carla Kalb and their family at their home near Ft. Wayne, IN. The Kalb’s say “hello” and would love to hear from you. Their address is: 8006 Leesburg Rd., Ft. Wayne, IN 46818. Their telephone number is (260) 625-5567.

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.

LIFE MINISTRY COORDINATOR NEEDED

Our congregation is in need of a Life Ministry Coordinator. This person would work with Pastor on sanctity of human life issues and help to keep our congregation informed. If interested, or if you'd like more information, please speak to Pastor Moeller.

MAIN STREET LIVING

Main Street Living, a televised worship service sponsored by the SD District of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod can be seen each Sunday morning at 10:00 a.m. on KDLT.

CONSTRUCTION, I.N.C. MUSIC

We have a cd (complete with printed lyrics) of the songs from our Construction, I.N.C. Vacation Bible School for each family who attended. You may pick up yours!

We also need help distributing copies to those who are not members of our congregation. This is an excellent opportunity to get a chance to meet new people. If you would like to help, please speak Pastor Moeller.

BIKE FOR LIFE

Pastor Nabil Nour invites members of the SD District to participate in the Bike for Life event to be held on Saturday, September 18th. Participants bike whatever distance they can, (wherever they can), collect pledge money and submit the proceeds to Lutherans For Life. Participants are welcome to join Pastor Nour for all or any of his trip from Armour to the Alpha Center (in Sioux Falls) on Saturday afternoon.