

## TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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### 16<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SUNDAY, AUGUST 31, 2008

#### 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.

#### 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

#### READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

In order to prepare for next week's worship service you may study the assigned readings for 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, September 7, 2008:

Old Testament Lesson: Ezekiel 33:7-9

Second Lesson: Romans 13:1-10

Gospel: Matthew 18:1-20

#### THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

SUNDAY ~

Worship service ~ 9:30 am

High School & Adult Bible study ~ 10:45 am

Men's Bible Study ~ 6:00 am

Chapel at Tieszen Home ~ 9:00 am

TUESDAY ~

Lifelight Bible study ~ 9:30 am

WEDNESDAY ~

Worship service ~ 7:30 pm

THURSDAY ~

TLC Bible study ~ 5:00 pm

#### COMING EVENTS

Sun., Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> ~

Worship service ~ 9:30 am

High School & Adult Bible study ~ 10:45 am

Men's Club meeting ~ 7:30 pm

Sun., Oct. 12<sup>th</sup> ~

Church Council meeting

Sun., Oct. 19<sup>th</sup> ~

Circuit K Convocation at Trinity

Sun., Oct. 26<sup>th</sup> ~

Quarterly Voters meeting

June 1<sup>st</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup> ~

Vacation Bible School

#### SUNDAY, AUGUST 31, 2008

Cleaners: Dale & June Snyder, Adel & Amy Valdes

Greeters: Dale & June Snyder

Head Usher: Philip Oligmueller

Head Elder: Ben Matthias

Acolyte: Kylee Thompson

#### NEXT WEEK: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2008

Cleaners: Roger & Bert Carls, Henry Dansman, Jr., Dianne Dansman

Greeters: Henry Dansman, Jr., Dianne Dansman

Head Usher: Austin Eggebraaten

Head Elder: Dale Snyder

Acolyte: Eric Wolfe

#### WORSHIP SERVICE: WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20, 2008

Worship Attendance: 6

Communion: 2

#### WORSHIP SERVICE: SUNDAY, AUGUST 24, 2008

Worship Attendance: 59

Communion: 46

Current offering: \$ 1,034.00

Loose offering: \$ 106.00

Building fund: 320.00

Mission offering: 45.00

First Sunday Special Offerings go to Campus Ministry

## PRIESTHOOD AND MINISTRY



“So, what’s the deal? You Lutherans say that every Christian is a priest to God, but you have ministers dressed up in fancy robes who speak on behalf of God.”

“That’s true. Our pastors speak in the stead and by the command of Jesus Christ.”

“But doesn’t every Christian do that? I just don’t get it.”

As Lutherans interact with other Christians, they often find themselves struggling to explain their beliefs and practices. The Lutheran Difference Bible study series helps identify how Lutherans differ from other Christians and show from the Bible why Lutherans differ.

Our Sunday morning Bible study is exploring the biblical teaching of the priesthood of all believers and the office of the Holy Ministry. We will look at the distinction between these two wonderful gifts that God has given to the church—the unique, but corresponding roles that He gives to both pastor and people in His plan to bring salvation to the world through the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

All adults and high school students are invited to join us each Sunday at 10:45 a.m. as we explore this important issue.

## ISSUES, ETC.

Looking for a Christian radio program free from pop-psychology, goofy fads, self-help, or Oprah-fied religiosity that is passed off as Biblical Christianity? Try out the new Issues, Etc., Christ-centered, cross-focused talk radio for the thinking Christian!

Issues, Etc. broadcasts live each weekday from 3:05 to 5:00 pm Central. To fit your busy schedule, it is also available on-demand to play on your computer or mp3 player at [www.issuesetc.org](http://www.issuesetc.org). If you are interested in listening to this program, but don’t have internet access, please speak to Pastor Moeller, and he will get you a copy on CD.

## THIS WEEK AT TRINITY LEARNING CENTER

This week we learned how Paul spoke up on behalf of Onesimus. Onesimus is a slave who had run away from his master, Philemon. In his letter to Philemon, Paul urged Philemon to receive Onesimus back, not as a slave but as a fellow Christian. He even volunteered to pay whatever loss Philemon might suffer as a result. We talked about how Jesus speaks up for us before our heavenly Father. On the cross, He paid the price for our sins and reconciled us to God. Through His Word and Sacraments, God continues to strengthen us to do the same for our neighbors.

Chapel is at 9:30 a.m. each Monday. Everyone is invited to join us!

## LIFELIGHT BIBLE STUDY OF 1 & 2 THESSALONIANS

God gave Paul a vision. In it, a man from Macedonia pleaded with Paul saying, “Come over to Macedonia and help us” (Acts 16:9). Following the Lord’s call, Paul and his entourage eventually reached Thessalonica. In his two letters addressed to the Thessalonian Christians, Paul expresses his deep care as a founding pastor concerned about his fledgling congregation. In addition to Christian persecution, the Lord’s second coming, the Antichrist, and Christian discipline, in this Bible study you will learn about

- the power of the Word of God;
- the importance of living a God-pleasing life;
- the reason why we are faithful to the Bible’s teachings.

Please join the Lifelight Bible study each Wednesday at 9:30 a.m., as we study 1 & 2 Thessalonians.

## 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 in your prayers and in your giving.

Main Street Living may be seen Sundays on KDLT-NBC. *Kid’s Crossing* airs at 10:00 a.m. and the worship service at 10:30 a.m.

**September 7, 2008** - The Main Street Living featured speaker is Rev. Michael Bagnall of Zion Lutheran Church in Wessington, Springs, SD; Mt. Olive Lutheran Church in Woonsocket, SD; and Concordia Lutheran Church in Wessington, SD. The sermon theme is “The Humility of Faith.”

## CHRISTIAN OUTREACH

16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost ~ Matthew 16:21-28: Being a witnessing Christian in a secular world is not an easy thing to do, but we have the promise of Jesus that following him is the only way to find real meaning in life. We who have been saved by the grace of God now have the privilege of sharing God’s grace for sinners with people who are still living without a sure hope of forgiveness and salvation.

## STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost ~ Romans 12:9-21: Sharing with God’s people who are in need and practicing hospitality are two visible ways for us to demonstrate that we truly are God’s stewards who not only do the right things for the right reasons, but find joy in doing these things. Real Christian stewardship is free and joyous.

## DIVINE SERVICE

Hymn of Invocation .....#367  
“Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus”  
The Order of Morning Service ..... p. 5-6  
The Introit .....

P: It is good to praise the Lord  
**C: and make music to your name, O Most High.**

P: Trust in the Lord and do good;

**C: dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture.**

P: Delight yourself in the Lord

**C: and he will give you the desires of your heart.**

P: Commit your way to the Lord;

**C: trust in him and he will do this.**

P: The salvation of the righteous comes from the Lord;

**C: he is their stronghold in time of trouble.**

Gloria Patri, Kyrie, Gloria in Excelsis..... p. 6-9

The Salutation, Collect .....p. 9

The Readings .....Back page

The Apostles’ Creed..... p. 12

The Sermon Hymn .....#410  
“Jesus, Lead Thou On”

The Sermon.....

The Offering.....

The Prayers .....

Hymn .....#518

“If Thou But Suffers God to Guide Thee”

The Collect, Benediction..... p. 14

The Closing Hymn .....#526  
“In God, My Faithful God”

### HOW TO BECOME A MEMBER OF TRINITY LUTHERAN

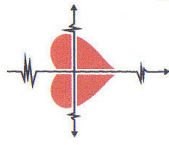
We extend the Sacrament of Baptism to all who have not been baptized—infants, children, youth, and adults. We invite those adults who are looking for a church home to come to one of our New Member Orientation classes. A new class will begin soon. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Pastor 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.

### 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." It is a course for those who are interested in membership in our church, or who want to know more about our Savior. If you are interested in participating, please speak with Pastor Moeller.

### BIKE FOR LIFE

On Saturday, September 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 a.m. Pastor Nour along with other riders will begin the 11<sup>th</sup> Bike-For-Life to raise funds to stop and end abortion in South Dakota.

Any person who is willing and desires to ride with Pastor Nour and friends, please contact him information below. Also, we would love to have your prayers and financial support. You can sponsor rider by the mile or a one time gift. Please make your check out and send it to:

Lutherans For Life  
c/o Rev. Nabil S. Nour  
P.O. Box 158  
Armour, SD 57313-0158

### MEN'S BIBLE STUDY ON 1 & 2 SAMUEL

Spanning the events of just over one hundred years, 1 and 2 Samuel describe a time when Israel rebelled against God, demanding an earthly king to lead her. However, these books also tell the story of how a merciful God intervened to usher in the reign of King David, Israel's greatest king and an ancestor of Jesus Christ (Matthew 1:1-16). In the pages of 1 and 2 Samuel, you will:

- see how God's last judge, Samuel, applies both Law and Gospel;
- read about Saul and David, remarkably different individuals but remarkably the same;
- rejoice in God's promises made to David that are fulfilled in his descendant and our Savior, Jesus Christ.

All men of the congregation are invited to join us each Monday at 6:00 a.m. for breakfast and Bible study.

### LIFE QUOTES FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

"Our hands go out to do His work of blessing in this world. Look at your hands. They are the hands of Christ. They are His big hands of blessing. What can they do? Write a check, vote, help, carry, care, show compassion, defend . . . I could go on—it's a long list." *Rev. Dr. Glenn A. Nielsen, Professor, Director of Vicarage, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org) / 888-364-LIFE*

### HELP WANTED

Trinity Learning Center is looking for one or more people who would be interested in part-time position(s) as cook. If you would be interested in helping even one day a week, please speak with Jessi Moeller.

Due to rapidly increasing enrollment, Trinity Learning Center is also looking for part-time or full-time staff to help with childcare. If you or anyone you know might be interested in such a position, please speak to Jessi Moeller.

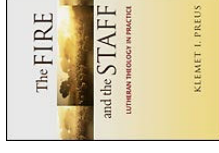
### SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS

The new session of Sunday School will begin on Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup>. If you would be interested in helping, please speak to Aimee Moeller. We will be installing Sunday School teachers and Christian Education Committee members at the worship service on Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup>.



### THE FIRE AND THE STAFF

We have just finished our study and discussion of "The Fire and the Staff" by Klemet Preus. We had many interesting discussions on the relationship between the doctrine and practices of our church, especially as they relate to current views within Christendom. Powerpoint notes are available for anyone who did not have an opportunity to join us each week. Please see Pastor Moeller if you are interested in borrowing them.



### SONG OF SOLOMON BIBLE STUDY

One of the most beautiful books in the Bible, Song of Solomon is also perhaps one of the most difficult to interpret for people of faith. However, the themes of love and longing, and expectation and fulfillment take on a wondrous cast and hue when seen as a reflection of God's love for His people. Properly understood this book will teach you about:

- the power and beauty of physical love within the clearly defined boundaries that God has established.
- the reflection of Christ's love for His Church, through faithful, human marriage.
- the consummation of God's love for us in Christ, to be celebrated at the marriage feast of the Lamb.

We will be resuming this study on Tuesday, September 9<sup>th</sup>. Everyone is invited to join us for this interesting and informative Bible study each Tuesday night at 7:00 p.m.

### PORK LOIN BENEFIT FOR REV. JOHN WERNER

There will be a pork loin lunch served as a benefit for Rev. John Werner, pastor of St. Peter's Lutheran Church of Clayton, SD and St. John's Lutheran Church of Emery, SD on Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup> from 12:00-3:00 p.m. at St. Martin's Parish Hall in Emery, SD.

Proceeds will be used to help defray expenses from complications due to surgery this past July in Rochester, MN. Thrivent of Hanson, Hutchinson, and Davison counties will match up to \$4,000. If you are unable to attend, donations may be sent to:

Werner Benefit  
% Carl Harberts  
531 N. Third St.  
Emery, SD 57332

Make checks payable to: Werner Benefit

