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16TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST SEPTEMBER 4, 2005

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 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 coatroom. 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 ~ 9:30 am
Adult Bible study ~ 10:30 am
MONDAY ~ Men's Bible study ~ 6:00 am
New member class ~ 7:00 pm
TUESDAY ~ Chapel at Tieszen Home ~ 9:00 am
Bible study ~ 7:00 pm
WEDNESDAY ~ Confirmation meeting w/parents ~ 7:00 pm
THURSDAY ~ Chapel at Leisure Living ~ 2:00 pm
FRIDAY ~ LWML serving SD Square Dance Festival
SATURDAY ~ Stewardship Committee meeting ~ 9:00 am
LWML serving SD Square Dance Festival

COMING EVENTS

Sun., Sept. 11th ~ Worship w/communion ~ 9:30 am
Sunday School/Adult Bible study ~ 10:30 am
Tuckpointing Fundraiser Pork Loin Dinner
Sept. 16-17th ~ SD Lutherans For Life State Conference at Zion, Sioux Falls
Sat., Sept. 24th ~ LWML Christian Growth workshop at Trinity
Sun., Oct. 9th ~ Circuit Convocation at St. Paul, Freeman ~ 11:00 am

SERVING THIS WEEK: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2005

Cleaners: Helen Wenzlaff, Pat Wenzlaff, Melvin Letsche
Greeters: Helen Wenzlaff, Pat Wenzlaff
Head Usher: Louis Thompson **Acolyte:** Austin Eggebraaten

NEXT WEEK: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2005

Cleaners: Archie & Lisa Wolfe, Myron & Paula Semrau
Greeters: Archie & Lisa Wolfe
Head Usher: Louis Thompson **Acolyte:** Austin Wolfe

WORSHIP SERVICE, SUNDAY, AUGUST 21, 2005

Attendance:	78	Communion:	58
Current offering	\$1,109.00		
Loose offering	32.53		
Mission	130.00		
Building Fund	495.00		
Future Church Worker	10.00		
Tuckpointing	460.00		
VBS Offering	233.90		

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

Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost – September 4, 2005

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. For the Church, the community of God's people joined through Baptism and faith, that forgiveness and peace may mark all of our relationships. Let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For this congregation, our family in Christ, that any conflict or divisions may cease and be resolved and that the peace of Christ may reign among us. Let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For all pastors, teachers, and lay leaders, that they may inspire us with concern for the fallen and help us seek them out with reconciliation and peace in the name of Jesus. Let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: We pray for our congregation and its friends in the midst of their joys and struggles . . . We also pray Lord for the ministry and spiritual well-being of Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church in Pierre and Faith Lutheran in Sioux Falls. Let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For our nation and its leaders, that they may administer their sacred trust with integrity and faithfulness in the causes of freedom and justice. Let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the fruits of the earth, that we may receive them with gratitude and use them as God wills and for our sacrificial gifts of time, talent, and treasure, in thanksgiving for all that God has done for us. Let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P Almighty God, merciful Father, Your thoughts are not our thoughts, Your ways are not our ways. In Your wisdom You have permitted this disaster to befall us. We implore You, let not the hearts of Your people despair nor our faith fail us, but sustain and comfort us. Direct all efforts to attend the injured, console the bereaved, and protect the helpless. Bring hope and healing that we may find relief and restoration; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

P: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

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**South Dakota District LCMS
Circuit "K" Mission Festival
October 9, 2005**

**St. Paul Lutheran Church
615 E. 7th Freeman, SD**

Worship Service: 11:00 a.m.

Guest Speaker: The Rev. Dr. Ronald R. Feuerhahn, associate professor of historical theology at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis

Noon meal at Pioneer Hall in Freeman

**Presentation by Dr. Feuerhahn at 1:30 p.m. —
"What does it mean to be an LCMS Lutheran in today's world?"**

Tickets for the catered noon meal of grilled pork chop, mashed potatoes & gravy, corn, salad, and ice cream may be purchased for \$7.50 each. Those from within Circuit K should see their pastors. Others may contact Rev. Robert E. Moeller, Jr. (605) 526-3572 before September 30th.

DISASTER



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LCMS World Relief and Human Care Responds to Hurricane Katrina

LCMS World Relief and Human Care is mobilizing to respond to destruction and loss in the wake of Hurricane Katrina, which struck the Gulf Coast of the United States as a category 4 storm on August 29.

From Louisiana to Florida, none of the Gulf states has escaped Katrina's impact. Hardest-hit are Mississippi and Louisiana. In all, damage from the storm is estimated to reach \$25 billion; 120 people are said to have been killed, but as search and rescue efforts continue, officials fear the toll could rise. At least 1.2 million people are without power in Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama.

Conditions in hard-hit New Orleans grew worse still when levees designed to keep out Lake Pontchartrain collapsed, allowing additional flood waters into the city.

Speaking via telephone from his Birmingham, Ala. place of shelter, LCMS Southern District president Rev. Kurtis Schultz described an anxious situation from the perspective of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. According to Schultz, at least 70 of the 140 congregations in the district have been affected. The district office, which was located near Lake Pontchartrain, is feared to have been damaged. "We would not be able in any event to get into the building for at least a month," Schultz said. Schultz related also that his own home, in the Slidell area, is likely to have been damaged or destroyed.

Although LCMS World Relief and Human Care is waiting for needs assessments to be able to respond appropriately on a broad scale, the agency's staff is at work determining strategy and lining up partners.

"Priority one is doing everything possible to address the needs of our district leaders, particularly President Schultz," said Rev. Matthew Harrison, executive director of LCMS World Relief and Human Care.

"Then we look to our pastors, church workers and congregations. As their needs are met, they become better able to turn toward their neighbors in love in word and deed."

Evacuations of the New Orleans area are continuing, as are police and National Guard emergency efforts. Access throughout the affected areas is very limited and not conducive at this time to hands-on volunteer activity. Individuals can respond most effectively by providing financial resources through organizations such as LCMS World Relief and Human Care. Gifts to this Missouri Synod organization will be used to enable the LCMS districts and congregations in the area to reach out locally and also to equip the inter-Lutheran program Lutheran Disaster Response to assist communities across the region.

Please designate checks "Hurricane Relief 2005"

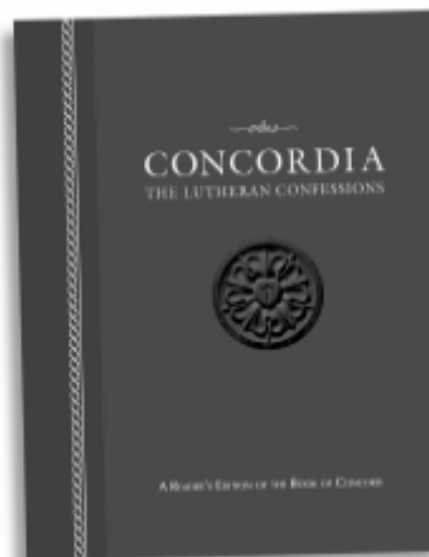
Send donations to:

LCMS World Relief/Human Care
P.O. Box 66861
St. Louis, MO 63166-9810

Credit card gift line:
1-888-930-4438

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Know what you *believe.*



"What about the end times?"

"How does a person come to faith?"

"Why does evil exist?"

"How can I deal with my imperfection?"

"Why is Baptism important?"

"Are good works important?"

When questions come up, it's helpful to have a resource to help you understand what Lutherans believe.

The Lutheran Confessions are found in the Book of Concord. They are written, formal statements based on Scripture that declare the faith and convictions of the Lutheran church. And now, in honor of the 475th anniversary of the presentation of the Augsburg Confession and the 425th anniversary of the publication of the Book of Concord, Concordia Publishing House introduces *Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions*.

This "reader friendly" version of the Book of Concord offers an up-to-date, modern English rendition of the Lutheran Confessions. Now you can have an easy reference that's also easy to read.

Dr. C. F. W. Walther wrote, "The Book of Concord should be in every Lutheran home." Order the version specially created for you. Copies are now just \$20.00 each (plus shipping), a 33% savings. Regularly \$29.99. Sign up for your copy(ies) on the church poster and your order will arrive via the church. The savings are good until December 31, 2005.



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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.

LFL OF SD ANNUAL CONFERENCE

“Yet, O Lord, You are our Father. We are the clay, You are the potter; we are the work of Your hand (Isaiah 64:8). This is the basis for the theme of the 2005 SD Life Conference theme, “Work of His Hands.”

Lutherans For Life of South Dakota invites everyone to attend this annual conference to be held September 16 and 17, 2005 at Zion Lutheran Church of Sioux Falls, SD. Dr. James Lamb, will be the main conference speaker. Mark your calendars and plan to attend.

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.

September 4, 2005. “When the Bough Breaks.” This week “This Is the Life” presents a drama about abuse. A poignant story of one of the more tragic events of today—child abuse. The feature speaker is Rev. David Gunderson from St. John Lutheran Church in Yankton, SD. The sermon theme is “Serve God and Country with Love.”

LLL CONVENTION AND WITNESSING CONFERENCE

The 59th South Dakota District LLL Convention and Witnessing/Outreach Conference will be held at Faith Lutheran Church, 601 N. Cliff Ave., in Sioux Falls, on Friday and Saturday, September 9th and 10th.

OUTREACH THEMES FROM OUR READINGS

16th Sunday after Pentecost ~ Matthew 18:15-20: Jesus gave to His disciples and us the ministry of reconciliation. The good news is that all of us can find forgiveness through Christ Jesus and are freed to live in this forgiveness with our Heavenly Father and with each other. What good news we have to share with those who still live with the guilt of sin.

PREPARING FOR DEATH

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 join us!

TUCK POINT AND PAINTING

In preparation for our 125th anniversary, we will be doing some necessary maintenance of the church building. Heineman Restoration, Inc. of Dell Rapids, SD will be tuck pointing and painting the entire tower and south side of the church as well as sealing the windows and doors to make certain the entire building is sealed against the weather. We will also have Guarantee Roofing and Sheet Metal of Sioux Falls places metal caps on the gable ends of the church and on the twelve coping areas on top of the tower and the four corners of the building.

The cost for the entire project is \$28,850.00. The voters instructed the trustees to raise funds for this project for one month and then to borrow the rest from the Church Extension Fund. If you are able to give a lump sum before the project begins, that would be greatly appreciated.

Leslie Erikson has volunteered to cook a pork loin dinner to be served after worship and Sunday School on September 11th. An offering will be taken that day to help pay for the tuckpointing and then we will borrow the remainder if needed. If you receive your newsletter electronically or have lost your envelope, either use your regular envelope and mark it for tuckpointing or pick up a special envelope at the rear of the church.

Remember Sunday, September 11th, at 11:45 a.m.... a pork loin meal with games and fellowship and an opportunity to restore our church to the proud appearance it deserves!

LIFE QUOTES" FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

“Having the right attitude, you see, about family-related issues is crucial, and there are encouraging signs that attitudes are improving. But attitude isn’t everything. Historical patterns show that without the foundation of a solid biblical worldview, attitudes can easily shift back and forth with the prevailing breezes.” *Charles Colson, Chairman and Founder, Prison Fellowship Ministries* www.lutheransforlife.org / 888-364-LIFE

Divine Service

Hymn of Invocation..... #494
“Awake, Thou Spirit, Who Didst Fire”
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.
P: It is good to praise the Lord
C: and make music to your name, O Most High.

Gloria Patri, Kyrie, Gloria in Excelsis..... p. 6-9
The Salutation, Collectp. 9
The Readings Back of bulletin
The Apostles’ Creed..... p. 12
The Sermon Hymn #540
“With the Lord Begin Thy Task”
The Sermon..... “Win Your Brother Over”
The Offering.....
The Prayers
The Hymn #578
“Lord, While for All Mankind We Pray”
The Collect, Benediction..... p. 14
The Closing Hymn #416
“Oh, that the Lord Would Guide My Ways”

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: Bud Plagman, Vivian Dansman, Bonnie Edgecomb, and Martha Westphal.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost ~ Romans 13:1-10: St. Paul encouraged the Roman Christians to be loyal and supportive of their government and to show love to all others. Stewards do well to pay what they owe; they do even better when they give freely to support ministry and help with the needs of others.

SIMPLY GIVING

The Trinity Stewardship Committee would like to introduce *Simply Giving*, a program in which 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. To participate, all you need to do is fill out a simple form that is available at the greeter stand or from the members of the Trinity Stewardship Committee. If you have any other questions they are willing to help you.

LWML SERVING AT SD SQUARE DANCE FESTIVAL

The Trinity LWML will be serving the SD Square Dance Festival at the Center for Active Generations in Sioux Falls on September 9th and 10th. We would appreciate the help of anyone who would be available on those days. If you would be able to help or donate pies and bars please contact Lois Mielke. All proceeds will be used to help buy a new dishwasher for the new kitchen. Even if you are unable to help, you are still welcome to stop by and visit and watch the square dancing for awhile.

HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY – EVOLUTION

Daily, each of us are told that evolution is a factual explanation for the origin of life and the universe came into being through random chance and a series of fortunate accidents that conflicts greatly with the picture the Bible paints of creation. Which is true? Which is factual? Which is more scientific? How do Christians answer those who hold to the evolutionary model for explaining the origin of human life?

The High School Bible study class will examine these questions this year. The study “Evolution: God’s Amazing Creation” and video series “Journeys to the Edge of Creation will help lead students to better understand how the remarkable universe and the creatures all around us are proof of intelligent, divine design.

All High School aged students are invited to join teachers Joe Krizan and Archie Wolfe in exploring this fascinating topic each Sunday at 10:30 a.m., beginning September 11th. Please join us and invite your friends!

HISTORICAL FACTS OF SD DISTRICT

Our District once had a parish near Mission Hill, SD – Rosenberg Parish that was organized in the year 1877. At that time it was called Immanuel and was served by Pastor P. Doescher.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School will be beginning its new year on Sunday, September 11th. Classes for students from 3-years-old through High School will run from 10:30 to 11:45 a.m. each week. If you are interested in teaching (team teaching or as a substitute), please speak to Laura Johnson (528-7260) or Pastor Moeller.

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

The Stewardship Committee will be meeting on Saturday, September 10th at 9:00 a.m. Anyone interested in growing in stewardship personally and as a congregation is invited to attend.

CONFIRMATION

There will be a meeting to plan for this year’s confirmation classes on Wednesday, September 7th at 7:00 p.m. All students in the 5th through 8th grade and their parents are encouraged to attend. Confirmation classes will begin Wednesday, September 14th.

LIFELIGHT STUDY OF JOB

Here is a puzzle: How can a kind and loving God allow terrible things to happen to a good and faithful person? That was Job’s problem. He couldn’t figure out God.

But that is not just Job’s problem. It is a problem whenever suffering strikes any of God’s faithful people. For many of us Job’s story will hit very close to home.

To help answer these questions, our Lighthouse Bible study group will study the Old Testament book of Job. Each Wednesday morning at 9:30 a.m. we will meet in members homes for study and fellowship. Our first meeting for the fall will be at Pat Reichert’s on Wednesday, September 14th at 9:30 a.m. Please plan on joining us!

If you are interested in attending or would like more information, please speak to Pastor Moeller so he can have study materials available for you.

THANK YOU

Thank you to Tim Totton, DeWane Carls, and Joyce Carls for delivering and unloading the kitchen cabinets and counters.

Thank you to George Vogt, Roger Carls, DeWane Carls, Melvin Matthies, and Bob Moore for pouring the concrete driveway and steps for the addition.

Thank you to Dale & June Snyder for helping defray the costs of lawn mowing this year.

Thank you to John Barber for painting the upper room of the addition.

WELCOME TO THE CLARKS

We would like to welcome the newest members of our family here at Trinity: Steve and Gretchen Clark and their sons Hayden, Winston, and Harrison. Steve, Gretchen, and their family were received into member last Sunday (August 28th) through profession of faith and adult confirmation. We pray that their time at Trinity will be a blessing to them and to the church. Please introduce yourselves and make them feel welcome.