

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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17TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST SEPTEMBER 26, 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 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 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 **Worship w/communion** ~ 9:30 am
 Sunday School/Bible study ~ 10:30 am
MONDAY ~ **Men's Bible study** ~ 6:00 am

WEDNESDAY ~ **Bible study** ~ 7:00 pm
Lifelight Bible study at Lois Mielke's ~ 9:30 am
Confirmation ~ 5:30 pm
Worship w/communion ~ 7:30 pm
THURSDAY ~ **New member class** ~ 1:00 pm
SATURDAY ~ **Stewardship Committee meeting** ~ 9:00 am

COMING EVENTS

Sun., Oct. 3rd ~ **Worship** ~ 9:30 am
 Sunday School/Bible Study ~ 10:30 am
 LWML Fall Rally at Zion-Sioux Falls ~
 Men's Club meeting ~ 7:30 pm
Oct. 4th to 6th ~ **SD District Fall Pastor's Conference at Rapid City**
Sun., Oct. 17th ~ **Church Council meeting** ~ 7:30 pm
Sun., Oct. 24th ~ **Quarterly Voters' meeting** ~ 12:30 pm

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 Matthies, Bonnie Edgecomb, and Martha Westphal.

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2004

Cleaners: Marvin Mielke, Wilbur & Lois Mielke, Jennifer Bauer
Greeters: Marvin Mielke
Head Usher: Tim Totton
Acolyte: Brady Eggebraaten

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2004

Greeters: Wilbur & Lois Mielke
Head Usher: Brock Thompson
Acolyte: Jared Bauer

NEXT WEEK: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2004

Cleaners: Dwane & Audrey Matthies, Randy Matthies
Greeters: Dwane & Audrey Matthies
Head Usher: Tim Totton
Acolyte: Thomas Iverson

WORSHIP SERVICE, SEPTEMBER 15, 2004

Attendance: 9

WORSHIP SERVICE, SEPTEMBER 19, 2004

Attendance: 59

Offering:	Current	\$ 982.00
	Loose Offering	11.00
	Building Fund	200.00
	Mission	45.00
	Future Church Worker	10.00

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!

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.

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!

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.

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.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

17th Sunday after Pentecost - 1 Timothy 1:12-17

In our Epistle for today St. Paul speaks of the contrast between his former life of being a persecutor of the faith and his present life of being a believer and promoter of the Christian faith. Our lives as God’s stewards are to bear witness to what God has done and is doing in our lives.

OUTREACH THEMES FROM OUR READINGS

17th Sunday after Pentecost - Luke 15:1-10

Today’s Gospel reminds us that Jesus loves sinners. That truth gives great hope to us all and encourages us to share this good news with other sinners. There is great joy in heaven over each sinner who repents; we are privileged to share in that joy through our witnessing.

Divine Service

Hymn of Invocation..... #318
“Before Thee, God Who Knowest All”
The Order of Holy Communion..... p. 15-16
The Introit.....

P: The Lord is gracious and righteous,
C: our God is full of compassion.
P: I love the Lord, for he heard my voice,
C: he heard my cry for mercy.
P: Because he turned his ear to me,
C: I will call on him as long as I live.
P: The cords of death entangled me, the anguish of the grave came upon me.
C: I was overcome by trouble and sorrow.
P: Then I called on the name of the Lord:
C: "O Lord, save me!"
P: The Lord is gracious and righteous;
C: our God is full of compassion.
P: Be at rest once more, O my soul,
C: for the Lord has been good to you.
P: For you, O Lord, have delivered my soul from death,
C: my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling,
P: that I may walk before the Lord
C: in the land of the living.

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 #324
“Jesus Sinners Will Receive”
The Sermon
The Offertory p. 22
The Service of Communion p. 24-30
The Distribution Hymn #315
“I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table”
The Collect, Benediction..... p. 31
The Closing Hymn #364
“How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds”

LIFE QUOTES" FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

“Yes, we as God’s people have a wonderful message to share when there is a crisis pregnancy or any crisis. Instead of imagining the worst, remember that God is able to do more than we can imagine. Imagine instead what this child will be!” *Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb*

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.

HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY

All High School-aged students are invited to come to the parsonage each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. for a Bible study. We are studying “The Authority of Scriptures,” a youth seminar designed to outline some of the assaults on the authority of Scripture that Christians face today and how to respond to them. Joe Krizan is leading.

125TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE MEETING

The committee that is planning for our 125th Anniversary celebration in 2006 will be meeting on Sunday, October 10th at 7:00 p.m. Anyone who is interested in helping is welcome to attend.

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.

SIoux FALLS ZONE LWML FALL RALLY

The Sioux Falls Zone LWML will hold their fall rally at Zion Lutheran Church, 1400 S. Duluth, Sioux Falls, SD on Sunday, October 3, 2004 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Included on the agenda is the election of President and Vice President, District LWML President Dianne Diekmann, speakers from Lutheran Immigration & Refugee Services, an ingathering of new school supplies and other items to fill school backpacks, and a servant event where backpacks will be filled to be given to newly arriving refugee children.

All women of the congregation are invited to attend.

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.

Pastor Moeller will be the featured preacher on Sunday, October 3rd,

THE INSTALLATION OF THE REV. JEFFREY PAUTZ

You are all invited to the installation of the Reverend Jeffrey Pautz as the pastor of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Freeman, SD at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 26th.

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.