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PENTECOST 17 SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2006

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.

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.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

In order to prepare for next week's worship service you may study the assigned readings for Pentecost 18, October 8, 2006:

Old Testament: Jeremiah 11:18-20

Epistle: James 3:16-4:6

Gospel: Mark 9:30-37

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

SUNDAY ~ LWML Sunday ~ Worship ~ 9:30 am
Sunday School & Adult Bible study ~ 10:30 am
Men's Club meeting ~7:30 pm

MONDAY – WEDNESDAY ~ SD District Pastors Conference at Rapid City

WEDNESDAY ~ Confirmation classes ~ 5:30 pm

THURSDAY ~ "Making Abortion Unthinkable" ~ 7:00 pm

FRIDAY ~ Rehearsal for Carls-Brick Wedding ~ 7:00 pm

SATURDAY ~ Wedding of Kim Carls & Russ Brick ~ 5:30 pm

COMING EVENTS

Sun., Oct. 8th ~ Worship w/communion ~ 9:30 am
Sunday School & Adult Bible study ~ 10:30 am
Oct. 13th-14th ~ TLC Rummage Sale
Sun., Oct. 15th ~ Church Council meeting ~ 7:30 pm
Sun., Oct. 22nd ~ Quarterly Voters meeting ~ 7:30 pm

SERVING THIS WEEK: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2006

Cleaners: Bob & Ruth Moore, Louis & Michelle Thompson
Greeters: Arnold & Ruth Arends
Head Usher: Melvin Matthies **Acolyte:** Jennifer Muchow

NEXT WEEK: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2006

Cleaners: DeWane & Joyce Carls, Ben & Michelle Matthies
Greeters: Ben & Michelle Matthies
Head Usher: Melvin Matthies **Acolyte:** Eric Wolfe

WORSHIP SERVICE: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2006

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| Worship Attendance: | 96 | Adult Bible study | 16 |
| Communion: | 61 | | |
| Current offering: | \$ 1,831.00 | Building fund: | \$ 310.00 |
| Future Church Worker: | 10.00 | Mission Offering: | 56.00 |
| Loose offering: | 78.50 | Memorial Fund: | 20.00 |

Tuckpointing: 50.00

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.

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 outreach in your daily prayers.

Main Street Living may be seen on KDLT-NBC at 10:00 a.m.

October 8. “The Grass Isn’t Always Greener.” A college student entertains his sister and introduces her to his druggie friends. She has a drug reaction and is scared for life. The featured speaker is Rev. Brian Idt from St. Paul Lutheran Church and St. John Lutheran Church of Aberdeen, SD. The sermon theme is “Becoming the Greatest.”

LIFE QUOTES" FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

“It is not neighborly to encourage abortion. As one young woman who had an abortion put it, ‘Abortion is a permanent solution to a temporary problem.’ We do not love women as our neighbors when we offer them death as a solution to their problem. We do not love women as our neighbors when we ignore the struggles and fears of an unplanned pregnancy. Women deserve better than abortion. They deserve a neighbor.” *Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, Executive Director, Lutherans For Life* www.lutheransforlife.org / **888-364-LIFE**

OUTREACH THOUGHT

17th Sunday after Pentecost ~Mark 8:27-35: Christians are those special people who are able to deny themselves from the sinful temptations in the world, to take up their challenges to be the witnessing people of God and follow Jesus. People who follow Jesus are “ablaze” with joy and hope and bold to share that truth with others.

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.

TRINITY ALTAR GUILD

An altar guild is being formed that would take care of the altar paraments, banners, candles, plants, and many other services in preparation for the worship. If you are interested in helping or would like more information, please contact Aimee Moeller or Mary Krizan.

TO SHAVE OR NOT

Now that the 125th Anniversary has been celebrated do you think it’s time for Pastor Moeller to shave? Or should he keep his beard until

spring? You decide. From now until October 14th, you can vote by putting your spare change in one of two jars labeled “Shave” or “Not Shave.” The jar that has the most money on that date will determine whether or not Pastor will shave now. As of September 24th, the vote was \$37.50 for “Not Shave” jar and \$36.33 for “Shave.” All money collected will go toward the startup costs of Trinity Learning Center.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

James 2:1-5; 8-10 14-18: The Apostle James writes that faith without good deeds is dead! In other words our faith shows itself alive by the deeds we do. That which we do out of love for God and our neighbor is our Christian stewardship—using all that we are and have to being glory to God and blessings to our neighbors.

TLC RUMMAGE SALE

Trinity Learning Center will be holding a large multi-family rummage sale on October 13th & 14th. Among the items to be sold will be a variety of furniture, clothing for all ages and sizes, bicycles, and household furnishings. Please use this opportunity to clean out your closets and garage and help a good cause. All the proceeds will be used for Trinity Learning Center. For more information speak to Jessi or Aimee Moeller.

Divine Service

Hymn of Invocation #421
“Come, Follow Me, the Savior Spake”
 The Order of Morning Service p. 5-6
 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.
 P: The Lord is gracious and righteous,
C: our God is full of compassion.

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 #367
“Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus”
 The Sermon..... “Which Jesus Is Your Jesus?”
 The Offering.....
 The Prayers
 The Hymn #429
“Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart”
 The Collect, Benediction..... p. 14
 The Closing Hymn#409“Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus”

WORSHIP: THE LUTHERAN DIFFERENCE

“I’m having trouble understanding you Lutherans.”

“Why’s that?”

“Well, you preach and pray like Baptists but your worship services are just like the Roman Catholics.”

“I’ve always thought our worship tradition was unique.”

“Well, why should tradition matter at all? Shouldn’t we just follow the Bible?”

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. These studies will prepare Lutherans to share their faith and help non-Lutherans understand the Lutheran difference. Join us each Sunday at the Adult Bible study (10:45 a.m.) as we discuss this timely topic.

JOSHUA BIBLE STUDY

Behind the historical details and the epic battles recorded in the Book of Joshua lies a covenant of grace, God’s promise that He made with Abraham and his descendents forever. The Book of Joshua points forward in time to another Joshua—Jesus of Nazareth—whose coming is significant forever. In both rite and event, Joshua both anticipates the fulfillment of Abraham’s promise in Christ.

Each Monday morning at 6:00 a.m., our Men’s Bible study is studying this interesting and challenging book of the Bible at the church each week!

125TH ANNIVERSARY MEMENTOS

The 125th Anniversary Committee still has some things for sale to help commemorate this event.

- An all-purpose card with a brief history of the church and pictures of the church buildings.
- Four etched glass ornaments of the church and altar.
- Cookbooks that would make wonderful gifts for Christmas, birthdays and other occasions.

There are also 8” by 10” prints of the church, which were copied from the original paintings by JoAnn Matthies available for \$10.00. Proceeds from these prints will go towards Trinity Learning Center, the daycare and preschool scheduled to open in 2007.

The Sunday School also has a few commemorative coffee mugs available for \$1.00 each.

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

The stewardship committee is sponsoring Financial Peace University, a life-changing 13-week program on personal finance. It is designed to empower people to manage their money better, eliminate debt and build wealth. All material is biblically based and taught via entertaining video by Dave Ramsey. Find out how to:

- Make a budget that you will understand and use.
- Get out of debt and stay that way.
- Gain control of your money.
- Communicate with your spouse about finances.
- Invest with confidence.
- Change your financial future.

New classes will begin in October. For more information speak to Penny Eggebraaten (351-0054).

MAKING ABORTION UNTHINKABLE

God’s holy Word tells us: “There is a time for everything,” that includes “a time to be silent and a time to speak” (Ecclesiastes 3:7b). With this upcoming ballot issue, now, more than ever, is the “time to speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves” (Proverbs 31:8a).

In order to help you do this, Trinity Lutheran Church is providing free training and materials called “**Making Abortion Unthinkable: The Art of Pro-Life Persuasion.**” This is an interactive group study, from Stand to Reason (www.str.org), that is an engaging, easy-to-follow, well-reasoned, “plug and play” seminar with all you need learn the art of pro-life persuasion. The scientific and philosophical cases against abortion are covered thoroughly. You’ll also learn how to answer the objections pro-abortionists use.

Everyone is invited to join us each Thursday evening from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m., beginning on September 28th and finishing October 26th as we study and prepare ourselves to speak up for those unborn children whose lives are in jeopardy **and** for those women and men who may be faced with a crisis pregnancy.

WEDDING OF KIM CARLS & RUSS BRICK

Kim Carls & Russ Brick would like to invite all members of Trinity to their wedding on October 7th at 5:30 p.m. A dance will follow at 8:00 p.m. at the Hartford American Legion.

SHUT-INS

Please remember in your prayers the following shut-in members: Rodger Matthies and Martha Westphal.

PROVERBS BIBLE STUDY

“The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and discipline.” So says the author of Proverbs in chapter 1, verse 7. He goes on to tell us that the wisdom of the Lord is more precious than any worldly wealth, and God wants to give it to all.

Where does one find such wisdom? Through faith strengthened by the Holy Spirit working through His Word, God provides wisdom. In fact, the book of Proverbs is a treasure chest filled with wisdom and practical advice on Christian living.

To help in this search for wisdom, we will examine the Book of Proverbs each Tuesday night at 7:00 p.m. Everyone—young and old, experienced and beginners—are invited to join us.

BIBLE STUDY ON OBADIAH, JONAH, AND MICAH

Obadiah, Jonah, and Micah are three of the twelve prophetic books frequently referred to as “The Minor Prophets” because of their length. Written during a time in which both the Northern and Southern Kingdoms collapsed, the little books brought a message of repentance and restoration to the people of Israel.

The Lifelight Bible study, which meets each Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. is studying these three “minor prophets.” Everyone is invited to join us!

HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY

All High School students are invited to join teacher Joe Krizan each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. for Bible study. They are studying “The Robe,” a short story of the life of a Christian here on earth. Please plan to join us!

THANK YOU

Thank you to Ruth Moore for making the LCMS cross sign hanging on the balcony.

Thank you to JoAnn Matthies and everyone who purchased the painting and prints of the church buildings. So far, \$670.00 has been raised for Trinity Learning Center.

LWML SUNDAY

Today is LWML Sunday, a day in which we recognize the contributions of the Lutheran Women’s Missionary League in world-wide missions and the work they do here in our congregation at Trinity.

WANTED

We are looking for a volunteer to coordinate our prayer chain. Internet access would be beneficial. If you are interested in helping out please contact Pastor Moeller.