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18 TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 3, 2004

WELCOME

A special welcome to our guests worshipping 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 ~ 9:30 am

Sunday School/Bible study ~ 10:30 am

LWML Fall Rally at Zion-Sioux Falls ~ 1:00 pm

Men's Club meeting ~ 7:30 pm

WEDNESDAY ~ Confirmation ~ 5:30 pm

Worship w/communion ~ 7:30 pm

COMING EVENTS

Sun., Oct. 10th ~ Worship w/communion ~ 9:30 am

Sunday School/Bible Study ~ 10:30 am

125th Anniversary Committee meeting ~ 7:00 pm

Sun., Oct. 17th ~ Church Council meeting ~ 7:30 pm

Sun., Oct. 24th ~ Quarterly Voters' meeting ~ 7:30 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 Edgcomb, and Martha Westphal.

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2004

Cleaners: Dwane & Audrey Matthies, Randy Matthies

Greeters: Dwane & Audrey Matthies

Head Usher: Tim Totton

Acolyte: Thomas Iverson

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2004

Greeters: Tim Vilhauer

Head Usher: Steve Oligmueller

Acolyte: Philip Oligmueller

NEXT WEEK: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2004

Cleaners: Rodney & Joy Hohn, Thom & Maria DeWald

Greeters: Rodney & Joy Hohn

Head Usher: Tim Totton

Acolyte: Emily Krizan

NEXT WEEK: WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2004

Greeters: Thom & Maria DeWald

Head Usher: Melvin Matthies

Acolyte: Austin Wolfe

WORSHIP SERVICE, SEPTEMBER 22, 2004

Attendance: 17

WORSHIP SERVICE, SEPTEMBER 26, 2004

Attendance: 89 **Communion:** 66

Offering: Current \$ 1,175.00

Loose Offering 5.00

Building Fund 400.00

Mission 30.00

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

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost - 1 Timothy 2:1-8

Good stewardship includes good citizenship since God has commanded us to show respect and pray for all who are in authority that peace and order may prevail.

OUTREACH THEMES FROM OUR READINGS

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost - Luke 16:1-13

This parable of the "shrewd" manager was used by our Lord to underscore the truth that the abundant life does not come with the attractive things of this life, but comes with being a disciple and servant of Jesus. That's a message our "consumer-driven" world desperately needs to hear.

Divine Service

Hymn of Invocation..... #442
“Lord of Glory, Who Hast Bought Us”
The Order of Morning Service p. 5-6
The Introit.....

P: Surely God is my help;
C: the Lord is the one who sustains me.
P: Save me, O God, by your name;
C: vindicate me by your might.
P: Hear my prayer, O God;
C: listen to the words of my mouth.
P: I will sacrifice a freewill offering to you;
C: I will praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.
P: For he has delivered me from all my troubles,
C: and my eyes have looked in triumph on my foes.
P: Surely God is my help;
C: the Lord is the one who sustains me.

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 #430
“What Is the World to Me”

The Sermon.....
“The Shrewd Steward and His Merciful Master”
The Offertory p. 12
The Prayers
The Hymn #357
“Jesus, Thou Art Mine Forever”

The Collect, Benediction..... p. 14
The Closing Hymn #400
“Take My Life and Let it Be”

LIFE QUOTES" FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

“Contrary to the world’s perspective, male and female (of any age) are not called to ‘sexual’ living, but holy living. We were created in God’s image, not that of animals, and although the perfect image is flawed by sin, we are being recreated through faith in Jesus Christ and, therefore, are not held captive by sexual thoughts and desires. We are not destined to meet animalistic needs.” *Linda D. Bartlett*

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.

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.

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 LIRS, 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.

THE LUTHERAN WOMEN’S MISSIONARY LEAGUE

The Lutheran Women’s Missionary League (LWML), with a membership of over 250,000, is the official women’s auxiliary of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. The LWML focuses on affirming each woman in her relationship with Christ to enable her to be in ministry among the people of the world. For over 60 years the LWML has been encouraging and equipping women to live out their Christian lives in active mission ministries and to financially support global mission.

Trinity LWML is actively involved in the mission of the LWML by supporting Vacation Bible School; Lutherans For Life; seminarian Jeff Kalb; Trinity members in college and the military; Welcome Boxes for LIRS; reminding cleaners, greeters, and ushers; organizing church cleaning; altar flowers; new paraments; monthly meetings for Bible study; fellowship and service; serving Circuit Pastors meetings; Zone and District LWML; and filling Kid’s Bags for worship.

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.

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.

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.

SD DISTRICT PASTOR’S CONFERENCE

Pastor Moeller will be leaving for the SD District Pastor’s Conference in Rapid City on Sunday, October 3rd. He is planning on returning in time for confirmation class and the worship service on Wednesday, October 6th. In the event of an emergency please contact one of the elders.

THE LIFELINES OF LOVE

The Couples Club will be getting together for supper on Saturday, October 16th at 6:30 p.m. at the church. Please contact Kathy Totton at 528-3849 to let her know if you are able to attend. Following the supper, we will continue our study and discussion of the **fourth chapter** of The Lifelines of Love, a wonderful review of to the fundamentals that form the foundation of a successful Christian marriage.

All couples of the congregation are invited to join us even if you haven’t been able to attend before! If you haven’t picked up your copy of The Lifelines of Love and your homework assignment, please speak to Pastor Moeller.

CHURCH COUNCIL & QUARTERLY VOTERS MEETING

The Church Council will be meeting on Sunday, October 17th at 7:30 p.m. The quarterly voters’ meeting will be held on Sunday, October 24th at 7:30 p.m. Please plan on attending these important meetings.

INSTALLATION OF SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

The Sunday School teachers for the 2004-2005 year will be installed on Sunday, October 3rd in our worship service.

TUESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

On **Tuesday** evenings, from 7:00-8:00 p.m., we will meet to study various Bible lessons based upon the “Our Life in Christ” series. Those teaching Sunday School will find this study helpful in their preparation for teaching, as we carefully examine the coming week’s lesson. But everyone else is invited to attend as well. Please consider taking part of this opportunity to grow in your Christian faith.

THANK YOU

Thank you to Melvin Matthies and Ray Matthies for caulking and patching the inside of the bell tower.

Thank you Pat Reichert for preparing the sanctuary for worship each week.