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18TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST SEPTEMBER 18, 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**
 Sunday School/Adult Bible study ~ 10:30 am
MONDAY ~ **Men's Bible study ~ 6:00 am**
 New member class ~ 8:00 am
TUESDAY ~ **Bible study ~ 7:00 pm**
WEDNESDAY ~ **Lifelight ~ 9:30 am**
 Confirmation ~ 5:30 pm
 YES group to Angel Dean Concert ~ 7:00 pm
THURSDAY ~ **Deadline for newsletter**
 LWML moving the kitchen ~ 6:30 pm
SATURDAY ~ **LWML Christian Growth workshop at Trinity**

COMING EVENTS

Sun., Sept. 25th ~ **Worship w/communion ~ 9:30 am**
 Sunday School/Adult Bible study ~ 10:30 am
 125th Anniversary Committee meeting ~ 7:00 pm
Oct. 3rd - 5th ~ **Fall Pastor's Conference at Rapid City**
Sun., Oct. 9th ~ **Circuit Convocation at St. Paul, Freeman ~ 11:00 am**

SERVING THIS WEEK: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2005

Cleaners: Marvin Mielke, Wilbur & Lois Mielke, Jennifer Bauer
Greeters: Marvin Mielke
Head Usher: Louis Thompson **Acolyte:** Brady Eggebraaten

NEXT WEEK: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2005

Cleaners: Dwane & Audrey Matthies, Randy Matthies
Greeters: Dwane & Audrey Matthies
Head Usher: Louis Thompson **Acolyte:** Jenny Eggebraaten

WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, September 4, 2005

Sunday September 11, 2005

Attendance: 62		Attendance: 85	Communion: 60
Current offering	\$1,081.00	Current offering	\$1,325.00
Loose offering	27.51	Loose offering	9.00
Mission	156.00	Mission	251.00
Building Fund	345.00	Building Fund	430.00
Future Church Worker	10.00	Future Church Worker	10.00
Tuckpointing	1,820.00	Tuckpointing	4,738.00
VBS Offering	20.00		
Campus Ministry	10.00		

First Sunday Special Offerings go to Campus Ministry

Third Sunday Special Offerings go to Amy Kashenov

Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost – September 18, 2005

P: Let us pray for all of God's redeemed people, remembering especially those of our congregation and community in the midst of joys and struggles . . . Gracious Lord, You would call us in our Baptism to work faithfully in Your vineyard. Give us open ears to hear Your calling and willing hearts to respond in eager obedience.

C: Send us forth to do Your will.

P: Saving God, You have called us out of darkness into Your marvelous light. Fill us with the joy of our salvation as we pray for those in need of Your presence. We remember with thanksgiving the congregations of Memorial Lutheran, Sioux Falls, and Blessed Emmanuel Lutheran in Sturgis. May your marvelous light in Christ shine forth from them. Hear our prayer and grant them Your joy.

C: And send us forth to do Your will.

P: Forgiving Father, though You reveal Yourself to us in Your Son, Christ Jesus, our Lord, we would not dare to claim that we know You perfectly. Your ways are above ours; Your thoughts ever transcending ours. Grant to us who have such imperfect knowledge of You a faith that would bring us ever closer to You. Through the One who commands us to call You "Father,"

C: And sends us forth to do Your will.

P: Almighty Father, we praise You as the Creator of all things. We thank You for our creation in our mothers' wombs and for the new creation we have in Your Son Jesus Christ. Help us to see the value these "beginnings" give to human life. Help us be good stewards by valuing, caring for, and protecting Your gift of life. Restore to our nation a sense of the inherent dignity and value of human life. Restore to Your Church a sense of urgency to shine in the darkness and proclaim the inherent dignity and value that Your creating and redeeming hands give to life. Be with those in difficult life circumstances. Help them trust that there is no circumstance that can separate from Your love those You have created and redeemed. Be with those who have made wrong decisions about life and give them a new beginning through forgiveness in Jesus Christ. Bless the work of Lutherans For Life. Continue to give them the resources they need to promote the value that You give to human life.

C: And send us forth to do Your will.

P: Lord, in Your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer. 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.

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 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 25, 2005. “The Grass Isn’t Always Greener.” When a college student entertains his sister and introduces her to his druggie friends, she has a drug reaction and becomes scared for life. The featured speaker is Rev. Timothy Davis from Christ Lutheran Church in Sioux Falls, SD. The sermon theme is “What’s in a Name?”

OUTREACH THEMES FROM OUR READINGS

18th Sunday after Pentecost ~ Matthew 20:1-16: The Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard reminds us that our hope of gaining everlasting life is not based on how long or how hard we work, but only and completely on the grace of God in Christ Jesus. If our salvation depended upon our own good works and righteousness we would never know whether we had done enough or were righteous enough. The good news is that our salvation is a gift from God freely given in Christ! That news is too good not to share!

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost ~ Philippians 1:1-5: St. Paul was thankful for the partnership of the Philippian Christians because they were willing and eager to use their gifts and resources to support the proclamation of the good news of Jesus. We demonstrate our partnership in the Gospel with our generous support of the work of the church with our gifts of money but also with our gifts of service and support.

HISTORICAL FACTS OF SD DISTRICT

Trinity Lutheran Church of James, SD was organized July 30, 1882.

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.

Thank you to everyone who has donated so generously. So far we have raised about \$10,000 of the \$28,850.00 cost. If you would like to still give to this project you may do so by using one of the special envelopes in the “church box” or just indicate how much you would like to give on your regular envelope. The workmen expect to get started toward the end of September.

LIFE QUOTES" FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

“How far you go in life depends on your being tender with the young, compassionate with the aged, sympathetic with the striving, and tolerant of the weak and strong. Because someday in life you will have been all of these.” *George Washington Carver, American educator and innovator in the agricultural sciences* www.lutheransforlife.org / 888-364-LIFE

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.

Divine Service

Processional Hymn #597
 "For Me to Live Is Jesus"
 The Order of Matins..... p. 32-34
 The Psalmody.....

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: Glory be to the Father and to the Son
C: and to the Holy Spirit;
 P: as it was in the beginning,
C: is now, and will be forever. Amen
 P: Surely God is my help;
C: the Lord is the one who sustains me.

The Readings Back of the bulletin
 The Sermon Hymn #377
 "Salvation Unto Us Has Come" vv. 1-6
 The Sermon..... "Word of Life" (John 1:1-5)
 Hymn of Praise..... #244
 "Glory Be to God the Father"
 The Prayers
 The Kyrie p. 39
 The Lord's Prayer p. 39
 Salutation, Collect..... p. 40
 Benediction
 The Closing Hymn #652
 "I Lay My Sins on Jesus"

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.

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!

GUEST PREACHER AND TEACHER

The guest preacher for this morning’s worship service is the Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, the National Director of Lutherans For Life. Following the service, Dr. Lamb will also be leading a Bible study on end-of-life issues.

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 Lifelight Bible study group will study the Old Testament book of Job each Wednesday morning at 9:30 a.m. If you are interested in attending, please speak to Pastor Moeller.

SERMON AUDIO TAPES

The Trinity Lutheran Church Evangelism Committee has audiotapes of each Sunday sermon available. These are great for use by the homebound, shut-in, nursing home residents, or to give to your unchurched neighbor or family member. If you or someone you know would like to receive these tapes on a weekly basis, please contact Brenda Erikson (363-3444) or Connie Geide (526-3840).

ANGEL DEAN CONCERT

The TLC-YES group is invited to a live Christian rock concert performed by Angel Dean at St. George Parish hall in Hartford on Wednesday, September 21st at 7:00 p.m. The 5th-8th grade students will be meeting for confirmation class at 5:30 p.m. as usual, but will dismiss at 6:30 p.m. for a quick snack and then leave to attend the concert. Please call Pastor Moeller to let him know if your son or daughter will be able to attend. If you are able to drive to and/or back from the concert your help will be appreciated. Students may bring some money for a free will offering that will be taken at the door. Cds will also be available for purchase.

LWML CHRISTIAN GROWTH WORKSHOP

“Kneeling Next to Luther: A Lutheran Perspective on Prayer” will be the topic at the 2005 District LWML Christian growth workshop to be held at Trinity on Saturday, September 24th. This year’s presenter will be Rev. Daniel H. Deardoff, Sr., pastor of Blessed Redeemer Lutheran Church, Brandon. Registration is from 9:00 to 9:30 a.m. Opening devotions will begin at 9:30 a.m. and a luncheon will be served. The workshop will conclude by 2:45 a.m.

125TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE MEETING

The 125th Anniversary Committee will be meeting on Sunday, September 25th at 7:00 p.m.

TUESDAY EVENING 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 Louis Thompson, Ben Matthies, John Barber, and DeWane Carls for installing the kitchen cabinets. They look beautiful.

Thank you to everyone who helped and donated food and beverages as the LWML served the South Dakota Square Dance gathering last week. Over \$310.00 was raised for the new dishwasher. In addition, Thrivent will be adding \$500.00.

Thank you to Leslie, Brenda, William, Daniel, and Patrick Erikson for donating the food and cooking the pork loin dinner last Sunday. Thank you to Ray and JoAnn Matthies for donating the root beer and ice cream for floats. Thank you to everyone who helped set up and clean up.

Thank you Carlene Barber for her service on the Christian Education Committee last year.

Thank you to our Christian Education Committee Carls for serving this coming year:

Chairman: Laura Johnson

Music: Susan Kelley

Christmas Program & Record Keeping: Lisa Wolfe

Vacation Bible School: Jessi Moeller

Elder: DeWane Carls

Thank you to our teachers for this year:

5th & 6th Grade Confirmation: Louis Thompson

High School: Joe Krizan and Archie Wolfe

7th & 8th Grade: Katie Moeller

4th, 5th & 6th Grade: Lisa Wolfe

1st, 2nd, 3rd: Aimee Moeller, Mary Krizan

Kindergarten: Keith Rueter, Gretchen Clark

Preschool: Sherry Rueter

Music: Susan Kelley

Substitutes: Steve Clark, Kathy Totton