

# TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

46448 263RD ST. HARTFORD, SD 57033

[www.trinitylutheran-hartfordsd.org](http://www.trinitylutheran-hartfordsd.org)

PASTOR ROBERT E. MOELLER, JR.

HOME 526-3572 OFFICE 526-3571

[pastor@trinitylutheran-hartfordsd.org](mailto:pastor@trinitylutheran-hartfordsd.org)

Elders:	Joe Krizan	363-3309	DeWane Carls	526-6195
	Archie Wolfe	363-3558	Ben Matthies	212-2360
	Louis Thompson	526-3539		

## 23<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2009

### 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.

### THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

**SUNDAY ~** Private Confession & Absolution ~ 8:30 am  
Worship w/communion ~ 9:30 am  
Sunday School & Adult Bible Study ~ 10:45 am

**MONDAY ~** Men's Bible study ~ 6:00 am  
Morning Prayer ~ 7:30 am  
TLC Chapel ~ 9:30 am

**TUESDAY ~** Morning Prayer ~ 7:30 am  
TLC Chapel ~ 9:30 am  
Lutheran Confessions reading group ~ 7:00 pm

**WEDNESDAY ~** Morning Prayer ~ 7:30 am  
Lifelight Bible study ~ 9:30 am  
Catechism Class ~ 5:30 pm  
Choir ~ 5:30 pm  
Worship ~ 7:30 pm

**THURSDAY ~** Morning Prayer ~ 7:30 am  
"Fit for Life" class ~ 9:00 am  
TLC Bible study ~ 1:30 pm  
Elders meeting ~ 6:30 pm

**FRIDAY ~** Morning Prayer ~ 7:30 am

### COMING EVENTS

Sun., Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> ~ Worship ~ 9:30 am  
Sunday School & Adult Bible Study ~ 10:45 am

Wed., Nov. 25<sup>th</sup> ~ Thanksgiving Eve service ~ 7:30 pm

Wed., Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> ~ Midweek Advent services begin

Sun., Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> ~ Children's Christmas program ~ 4:00 pm

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2009

**Cleaners:** Monte & Shary Muchow, Marlo Anderson, Mike Anderson

**Greeters:** Monte & Shary Muchow

**Head Usher:** Thad Johnson

**Head Elder:** Ben Matthies

**Acolyte:** Brady Johnson

### NEXT WEEK: SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2009

**Cleaners:** Ray & JoAnn Matthies, Bryan & Susan Kelley, Dale & June Snyder

**Greeters:** Bryan & Susan Kelley

**Head Usher:** Thad Johnson

**Head Elder:** Ben Matthies

**Acolyte:** John Funk

### WORSHIP SERVICE: WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2009

**Worship Attendance:** 7

### WORSHIP SERVICE: SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2009

<b>Worship Attendance:</b>	87	<b>Communion:</b>	65
<b>Sunday School:</b>	12	<b>Adult Bible study:</b>	32
<b>Current offering:</b>	\$ 2,490.00	<b>Loose offering:</b>	\$ 47.00
<b>Building fund:</b>	855.00	<b>Memorial (Reva Rang)</b>	30.00
<b>Missions:</b>	185.00	<b>Sunday School:</b>	5.88

**THIS WEEK IN SUNDAY SCHOOL**

The Sunday School students have studied the story of “Hezekiah Prays” today. Just as Hezekiah prayed in faith to God and was delivered, so Jesus, our mediator and advocate with the Father, intercedes for and with us, granting us deliverance from sin, death, and the devil. *Parents could ask, “Why did Hezekiah go to God in prayer? In what ways does God answer our prayers today?”*

**LIFELIGHT BIBLE STUDY ON ACTS**

St. Luke, in his introduction to the Book of Acts writes: “In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus **began** to do and to teach until the day that He was taken up to heaven.” This sets the stage for Luke’s second book, Acts, which details how Jesus was with His church as they continued to share His Gospel with the world.

The Book of Acts records the events that testify to the power of the Holy Spirit working in and through the church to gather, equip, and enliven its members so that all people might receive God’s gift of eternal life through Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection.

Please join our Lifelight Bible study each Wednesday morning at 9:30 a.m. as we explore this fascinating book.

**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 in your prayers and in your giving.

Main Street Living may be seen Sundays on KDLT-NBC. *Kid’s Crossing* airs at 10:00 a.m. and the worship service at 10:30 a.m. You may also watch this program at [www.mainstreetliving.com](http://www.mainstreetliving.com)

**November 15<sup>th</sup>** ~ *Kid’s Crossing* looks at the greatest commandment—love God with all your heart and mind and soul.

The featured speaker is Rev. Nathan Henschen from St. Paul’s Lutheran Church in Leola, SD and Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Ipswich, SD. The sermon theme is “Pessimist, Optimist, or Christian?”

**STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS**

23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost ~ Hebrews 9:24-28: God’s redeemed stewards look forward to the second coming of Jesus to take us and all believers to heaven. In the meantime we strive to fill each day by making the best use of our time, talents and treasure for God’s holy purposes.

**MARRIAGE AND FAMILY**



Life-long commitment. Man and woman. Children. Society. So many opinions. What do *you* believe?

As Lutherans interact with other Christians, they often struggle to explain their beliefs and practices. Although many Lutherans have learned the “what” of Lutheran doctrines, they do not always have a full scriptural foundation to share the “why.” When confronted with different doctrines, some cannot clearly state their faith.

Based on God’s Word, as faithfully reflected in the Lutheran Confessions, this study will help you to state clearly what you believe. In addition, we will be including a discussion on “same-sex marriage.”

High school students and adults may join us each Sunday at 10:45 a.m.

**MEN’S BIBLE STUDY ON HEBREWS**



The Book of Hebrews is one of the most profound books of the New Testament. If you are looking for a model to follow, a cause with which to identify, you’ll find it here. If you are looking for solid food instead of baby food, you’ll enjoy the study of this book. This first-century letter to the Hebrew Christians is heavy on theology and is filled with all kinds of practical applications for Christian life in this century. But above all, it points us to the Fulfillment of Faith—Jesus

Christ—the one who saves us and empowers us to live the new life!

All men of the congregation are invited to join us each Monday at 6:00 a.m. for breakfast and studying this fascinating book of the Bible.

**THIS WEEK AT TRINITY LEARNING CENTER**

This week we heard about the reluctant prophet Jonah. God called him to go to the people of the great city Nineveh and to preach a message of repentance that they might be saved. Jonah did not want the Ninevites, whom he considered to be mortal enemies to be saved from God’s wrath, so he ran away in the opposite direction. As Jonah took a ship headed to the opposite end of the earth, God sent a storm. When Jonah realized that the ship was in danger because of him, he asked the pagan sailors to throw him overboard. The storm stopped and God sent a great fish that swallowed Jonah. Three days later the fish spit him out safely on the ground. Many years later, Jesus used this “sign of Jonah” to foretell of His own death and resurrection as the sign that He is truly the Son of God.

Chapel is at 9:30 a.m. each Monday & Tuesday. Everyone is invited.

**Divine Service**

Hymn of Invocation.....#298  
“Baptized into Thy Name Most Holy”  
The Order of Holy Communion.....p. 15-16  
The Introit.....

P: Praise the Lord!  
**C: Praise the Lord, O my soul!**  
P: I will praise the Lord as long as I live;  
**C: I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**  
P: Put not your trust in princes,  
**C: in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.**  
P: When his breath departs, he returns to the earth;  
**C: on that very day his plans perish.**  
P: Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob,  
**C: whose hope is in the Lord his God, who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them,**  
P: who keeps faith forever;  
**C: who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry.**  
P: The Lord sets the prisoners free;  
**C: the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.**  
P: The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;  
**C: the Lord loves the righteous.**  
P: The Lord watches over the sojourners;  
**C: he upholds the widow and the fatherless, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.**  
P: The Lord will reign forever,  
**C: your God, O Zion, to all generations.**  
P: Praise the Lord!

Gloria Patri, Kyrie, Gloria in Excelsis..p.16-19  
The Readings ..... Back of bulletin  
The Nicene Creed ..... p.22  
The Sermon Hymn ..... #624  
“O Blessed Home Where Man and Wife”  
Sermon.....  
The Offering & Prayers .....  
The Service of Communion .....p. 24-30  
*Visitors: Please refer to the insert entitled “The Confession Declared at Communion”*  
The Distribution Hymns .....  
#442 “Lord of Glory, Who Hast Bought Us”  
#305 “Soul, Adorn Thyself with Gladness”  
The Collect, Benediction..... p. 31  
The Closing Hymn ..... #441  
“We Give Thee But Thine Own”

### 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.

### 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 more about our Savior Jesus Christ.

**We are beginning a new class in November.** If you are interested in participating, please speak with Pastor Moeller.

### A LONGER LOOK AT THE LESSONS

Delve deeper into each week’s three Scripture readings with *A Longer Look at the Lessons*. This Bible study based on the lectionary in *Lutheran Service Book* provides information about each week’s readings and their contexts. Questions and answers mine the riches of the weekly lessons while providing an opportunity for thought and personal application.

### LIFE QUOTES FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

“Words like “beget,” “descendants,” and “genealogies” [in the Holy Bible] prove that life goes on! The enemy strikes at life; he steals, kills, and destroys, but he cannot stop the Creator’s hands from creating. Life—in the womb or out—is dealt constant blows by the enemy, but eyes focused on the promise of sweet life see victory.” *Linda D. Bartlett, former president of Lutherans For Life* **This “Life Quote” is from Lutherans For Life – [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org).**

### TLC BIBLE STUDY

Each Thursday afternoon at 1:30 p.m. we meet to study the Bible passages for upcoming Sunday School, preschool, and daycare lessons. Everyone is invited to join us! If you would like to attend, but would prefer a different time or day, please speak with Pastor Moeller.

### LUTHERAN CONFESSIONS READING GROUP

The Lutheran Confessions, taken from the Book of Concord are 10 special statements of faith that we use as a basis of what we believe. Far more than mere historical documents, they are still viewed today by Confessional Lutherans as a definitive statement of what it means to be Christian and Lutheran. Since we believe that the Lutheran Confessions are drawn from, reflect Holy Scripture, and are a summary of the Gospel, they are the standard by which all teaching and practice in our churches must be judged. Our Lutheran Confessions Reading Group meets every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. In this class, we read from the Bible and *Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions*. Class members have the opportunity to learn more about our sacred faith and grow in knowledge and faith in God’s Holy Word. Everybody is invited to join us!

### OUTREACH SENTENCES

Mark 12:38-44: The widow’s offering, though it was considered next to nothing by many, was precious in the sight of God because it was given sacrificially with confidence that God would provide for her needs. All that we do and give because we are the children of God, though it may seem insignificant to people of this world, is precious to God! Our witness to the good news of Jesus is also precious to God!

### MORNING PRAYER

Looking for a great way to jumpstart your daily devotions? Each weekday morning at 7:30 a.m., we will be praying the service of Morning Prayer from *Treasury of Daily Prayer*. Anyone is invited to join us whenever your schedule permits.

### GROWING IN WORSHIP CHILDREN’S BULLETINS



Trinity Learning Center is providing a children’s bulletin called *Growing in Worship*. Children and their parents will find this to be a wonderful resource for understanding the depth and wonder of God’s Word as it is presented in each worship service. Please feel free to take one from the greeter stand.

### THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP SERVICE

We will be holding our Thanksgiving Eve service on Wednesday, November 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. Please plan on joining us.

### INDIVIDUAL CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

With the historic Church, we maintain the practice of offering Individual Confession & Absolution. Each month in the newsletter, times when Pastor will be in his office to hear your confession and give you God’s absolution (most of the time they are at 8:30 a.m. on the Sundays when Holy Communion is celebrated). Otherwise you may make an appointment. You may look at the rite of Individual Absolution in *Luther’s Small Catechism* in preparation.

### THANK YOU

Thank you to Ben & Michelle Matthies for purchasing the new amplifier/mixer for our sound system.

Thank you to Donna Vogt and Ruth Moore for the harvest decorations in the front of the church nave.

### READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

In order to prepare for next week’s worship service you may study the assigned readings for 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, November 15, 2009:

First Lesson: Daniel 12:1-3

Second Lesson: Hebrews 10:11-25

Gospel: Mark 3:1-13

### THE BAPTISM OF EMMALYN MAE PICKARD

Being baptized in our worship service today is Emmalyn Mae Pickard, the infant daughter of Nate & Katie (nee Moeller) Pickard. Sponsors are Tyler & Somer Pickard, Jessi Moeller, and Marissa Moeller. We welcome Emmalyn into God’s family here at Trinity and pray God’s continued blessings upon her and her family.