

## PRIESTHOOD AND MINISTRY

“So, what’s the deal? You Lutherans say that every Christian is a priest to God, but you have ministers dressed up in fancy robes who speak on behalf of God.”

“That’s true. Our pastors speak in the stead and by the command of Jesus Christ.”

“But doesn’t every Christian do that? I just don’t get it.”

As Lutherans interact with other Christians, they often find themselves struggling to explain their beliefs and practices. The Lutheran Difference Bible study series helps identify how Lutherans differ from other Christians and show from the Bible why Lutherans differ.

Our Sunday morning Bible study is exploring the biblical teaching of the priesthood of all believers and the office of the Holy Ministry. We will look at the distinction between these two wonderful gifts that God has given to the church the unique, but corresponding roles that He gives to both pastor and people in His plan to bring salvation to the world through the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

All adults and high school students are invited to join us each Sunday at 10:45 a.m. as we explore this important issue.

## 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.

**July 20, 2008** – *Kid’s Crossing* will look at the parable of the weeds. Memory verse is Matt. 13:43.

The featured speaker is Rev. Matthew Nix, Trinity Lutheran Church of the Deaf in Sioux Falls, SD. The sermon theme is “The Best Harvest.”

## CHRISTIAN OUTREACH

9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost ~ Matthew 13:1-9; 18-23: Sometimes we become discouraged when we do our best to share the faith and we have in Jesus and others will not listen or believe. In His famous parable of the sower Jesus assures us that He understands. Good seed scattered on poor soil does not produce much, but good seed scattered on rich soil produces abundantly. Our privilege is to keep on sowing and let the results up to the Holy Spirit.

## LIFE QUOTES FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

“Many see the pregnant teen as ‘promiscuous’ or as an abortion client. We see a child who needs to be cherished and supported with advice and direction.” [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org) / **888-364-LIFE**

## STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost ~ Romans 8:12-17: Because of Christ we are children of God and heirs of salvation. The Holy Spirit empowers us to live as children of God and to demonstrate this in our handling of all that God has entrusted to us—such things as life, time, talents and financial resources. As God’s children we strive to use all of life and life’s resources for His purposes.

## THIS WEEK AT TRINITY LEARNING CENTER

This week we learned how God used led the Magi to find the baby Jesus in Bethlehem. In addition to the star, God’s Word told the wise men where to find Jesus. Today God leads us to Jesus through His Word, the Bible. In the Bible, we hear about Jesus’ work of salvation. By dying on the cross and rising from the dead, Jesus opened the way for us to be with Him forever. We can find Jesus in His Word and Sacraments today. Chapel is at 9:30 a.m. each Monday. Everyone is invited to join us!

## LIFELIGHT BIBLE STUDY OF 1 & 2 THESSALONIANS

God gave Paul a vision. In it, a man from Macedonia pleaded with Paul saying, “Come over to Macedonia and help us” (Acts 16:9). Following the Lord’s call, Paul and his entourage eventually reached Thessalonica. In his two letters addressed to the Thessalonian Christians, Paul expresses his deep care as a founding pastor concerned about his fledgling congregation. In addition to Christian persecution, the Lord’s second coming, the Antichrist, and Christian discipline, in this Bible study you will learn about

- the power of the Word of God;
- the importance of living a God-pleasing life;
- the reason why we are faithful to the Bible’s teachings.

Please join the Lifelight Bible study each Wednesday at 9:30 a.m., as we study 1 & 2 Thessalonians.

## THANK YOU

Thank you to DeWane Carls for trimming the weeds and grass in the trees next to the parking lot.

Thank you to the LWML for their \$125.00 donation to our Vacation Bible School.

## Divine Service

Hymn of Invocation ..... #7

“As We Begin Another Week”

The Order of Holy Communion ..... p. 15-16

The Introit .....

**P:** Your word is a lamp to my feet

**C: and a light for my path.**

**P:** Teach me your way, O Lord,

**C: and I will walk in your truth;**

**P:** give me an undivided heart,

**C: that I may praise your name.**

**P:** I will praise you, O Lord my God, with all my heart;

**C: I will glorify your name forever.**

**P:** For great is your love toward me;

**C: you have delivered my soul from the depths of the grave.**

**P:** Your word is a lamp to my feet

**C: and a light for my path.**

Gloria Patri, Kyrie, Gloria in Excelsis. . p.16-19

The Readings.....Back of bulletin

The Nicene Creed..... p.22

The Sermon Hymn.....#285

“How Precious Is the Book Divine”

Sermon .....“Sanctify the Holy Day”

The Offering .....

Prayers .....

The Service of Communion ..... p. 24-30

Visitors: Please refer to the insert entitled

“The Confession Declared at Communion”

for our Communion attendance practices”

The Distribution Hymn .....#305

“Soul, Adorn Thyself with Gladness”

The Collect, Benediction ..... p. 31

The Closing Hymn.....#288

“Lord, Help Us Ever to Retain”

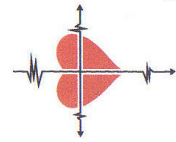
## HOW TO BECOME A MEMBER OF TRINITY LUTHERAN

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.

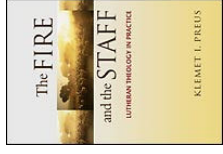
**We are beginning a new class, Thursday, July 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.** If you are interested in participating, please speak with Pastor Moeller.

## FAREWELL AND GODSPEED TO JEFF KALB & FAMILY

We will be having a farewell for the Kalb's on July 20<sup>th</sup>. In addition to a formal farewell rite in the worship service, we will also have a potluck dinner at 12:00 noon. We are taking a collection for a gift certificate for Jeff to from Concordia Publishing House and a special gift for his family. If you would like to donate, please indicate the amount and add it to your weekly offering envelope.

## THE FIRE AND THE STAFF

“Why do we sing all those same old hymns from the hymnal instead of the new songs they’re singing in many other churches?”  
“Why does our church still insist on the practice of ‘closed communion’?”  
“Why shouldn’t we make a few changes so our worship service would be more “dynamic” and “exciting.”



These are common questions that are asked today all across the country and even in our congregation. At its core, each one of these questions touches upon the relationship between doctrine and practice, between teaching and customs and tradition.

In his book, *The Fire and the Staff: Lutheran Theology in Practice*, Klemet I. Preus explores the impact of the American Evangelical and Church Growth Movements on the modern Lutheran Church. We invite everyone to join us in reading, studying, and discussing this important book. It deals with many challenges and controversies facing our synod and congregation today and to discover from Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions how we can best walk together as God’s people gathered around His Word and Sacraments, sharing the Good News of salvation in Jesus Christ with our neighbors and the world. Each Wednesday night, we will meet at the church from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. to discussion a chapter of this book. A light supper will be provided. Our regular Wednesday worship service will follow at 7:30 p.m.

## WANTED

Trinity Learning Center is looking for the following items for our summer art program. Before throwing your garbage out, please check this list to see if your trash may be our treasure,

- Styrofoam meat trays
- Paper towel tubes
- Toilet paper tubes
- Wrapping paper tubes
- Egg cartons
- Brown paper grocery bags
- Milk cartons (cardboard and plastic)

## MEN’S BIBLE STUDY ON JUDGES

As “salvation history,” the book of Judges is summed up in the book’s last verse: “In those days Israel had no kings; everyone did as he saw fit” (21:25). Despite Israel’s disobedience and apostasy, God was faithful to Israel. God preserved His people from being absorbed by pagan cultures through the ministry of savior-judges. God’s gracious work through these men and women foreshadows His greater work of deliverance through the true and perfect Savior-Judge, Jesus Christ.



All men of the congregation are invited to join us in the fellowship hall each Monday at 6:00 a.m. for breakfast and Bible study.

## SUMMER SERMON SERIES ON THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

We are currently having a sermon series on The Ten Commandments, “Accent the Positive.” Each week this summer, we will examine one of the Ten Commandments from a Law/Gospel point of view.

Join us each week (Sundays at 9:30 a.m. or Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.) as we study the Ten Commandments and “Accent the Positive.”

## ISSUES, ETC.

Looking for a Christian radio program free from pop-psychology, goofy fads, self-help, or Oprah-fied religiosity that is passed off as Biblical Christianity? Try out the new Issues, Etc., Christ-centered, cross-focused talk radio for the thinking Christian!

Issues, Etc. has a two-fold mission. *First*, to defend and teach the truths rediscovered at the Lutheran Reformation: Grace, Faith, Scripture, and Christ alone. *Second*, to challenge today’s relativistic culture with its unbiblical and illogical ideologies. Issues, Etc. is hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken and produced by Lutheran Public Radio. Guests include LCMS pastors, seminary and university professors.

Issues, Etc. broadcasts live each weekday from 3:05 to 5:00 pm Central. To fit your busy schedule, it is also available on-demand to play on your computer or mp3 player at [www.issuesetc.org](http://www.issuesetc.org). If you are interested in listening to this program, but don’t have internet access, please speak to Pastor Moeller, and he will get you a copy on CD.

## REMEMBER TO CALL

Remember to give your church & pastor a call if you are:

- going to the hospital
- facing challenges
- in need of prayer
- having a baby