

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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REFORMATION DAY

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2007

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.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

In order to prepare for next week's worship service you may study the assigned readings for All Saints Day, November 4, 2007:

First Lesson: Revelation 7:2-17

Epistle: 1 John 3:1-3

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

SUNDAY ~ Worship w/communion ~ 9:30 am
Sunday School & Bible study ~ 10:45 am
Men's Club Darball Tournament ~ 12:00 noon
Men's Bible study ~ 6:00 am

MONDAY ~ TLC Chapel ~ 9:30 am

TUESDAY ~ Christian Education Committee ~ 6:30 pm
Bible study ~ 7:00 pm
WEDNESDAY ~ Lifelight Bible study ~ 9:30 am
Confirmation ~ 5:30 pm
Supper ~ 6:30 pm

THURSDAY ~ Worship w/communion ~ 7:30 pm

SATURDAY ~ Pictorial Directory Committee ~ 7:00 pm

TLC Bible study ~ 8:30 am

CPR & First Aid Certification ~ 9:00 am

COMING EVENTS

Sun., Nov. 4th ~ Worship ~ 9:30 am

Adult Bible study & Sunday School ~ 10:45 am

Elders meeting ~ 12:00 noon

Harvey & LaRaye Rehfeldt 50th Anniversary ~ 1:00-5:00 pm

Children's Christmas Program

Feb. 8th & 9th ~ Olan Mills Pictorial Directory

SERVING THIS WEEK: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2007

Cleaners: Marlo Anderson, Mike Anderson, Janie Schauf

Greeters: Marlo Anderson, Mike Anderson

Head Usher: Austin Wolfe

Acolyte: Thad Johnson

NEXT WEEK: SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2007

Cleaners: Ray & JoAnne Matthies, Bryan & Susan Kelley

Greeters: Bryan & Susan Kelley

Head Usher: Chris Paulsel

Acolyte: Colin Kelley

WORSHIP SERVICE: WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2007

Worship Attendance: 11

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Worship Attendance: 72 Adult Bible study: 17

Current offering: \$ 2,117.00 Loose offering: \$ 2.00

Building fund: 365.00 Mission Offering: 85.00

Snowblower: 500.00 TIM (Amy Kashenov) 38.00

First Sunday Special Offerings go to Campus Ministry

Third Sunday Special Offerings go to Amy Kashenov

THE CONFESSION DECLARED AT COMMUNION

The New Testament Church *continued steadfastly in the Apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread (Communion) and in the prayers (Acts 2:42)*. The Sacrament of the Altar is a confession of oneness in doctrine – that those attending believe, teach and confess what Trinity Lutheran Church believes, teaches and confesses. Those attending the Lord's Supper are baptized Christians who have been instructed in the Chief Parts of Christian Doctrine: The Ten Commandments, The Apostles' Creed, The Lord's Prayer, The Sacrament of Holy Baptism, The Office of the Keys and Confession, and The Sacrament of the Altar.

Those attending the Lord's Supper have been formally admitted to the fellowship of the Altar and continue in that fellowship as a member of Trinity Lutheran Church or sister congregation of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod committed to rightly teaching the Word of God and administering the Sacraments according to Christ's institution. (Even children of Trinity congregation only come to the Sacrament after they have confirmed the confession of faith.)

While we acknowledge and appreciate the oneness of the Church which crosses denominational lines, we practice a confessional communion because attendance at the Altar is a declaration of oneness in doctrine. We would not want you to make that declaration without an opportunity of explaining what we believe, teach and confess. Therefore we ask that if you are not yet instructed, in doubt, or hold a confession differing from that of this congregation that you would refrain from receiving the Sacrament before first speaking with Pastor.

QUESTIONS FOR YOUR COMMUNION PREPARATION

- Q: Do you believe you are a sinner?
A: Yes, I believe it; I have failed God and others in my life. I am a sinner.
- Q: Are you sorry for your sins?
A: Yes, I am sorry that I have sinned against God.
- Q: Do you need God's forgiveness?
A: Yes, I need the gift of life He gives through Jesus Christ.
- Q: What has Christ done for you?
A: He died for me and shed His blood for me on the cross for the forgiveness of my sins.
- Q: How do you know this?
A: From the holy Gospel and the words of the Sacrament, and by His body and blood given me as a pledge in the Sacrament.
- Q: Do you believe that in communion you receive the true body and blood of Christ with the bread and the wine?
A: Yes, I believe it because of His Word and promises.
- Approach the altar with joy and thanksgiving as you receive Christ for your forgiveness and strength.

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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 14, 2007 – The featured speaker is Rev. Vernon Schindler of Zion Lutheran Church in Sioux Falls, SD. The sermon theme is “Fantastic Faith”

TODAY IN SUNDAY SCHOOL

Today's Sunday School lesson is one every young boy remembers vividly; the story of Moses and the plagues on Egypt (Exodus 5–10). Through a series of horrific plagues, God punished the Egyptians for their sinful treatment of His people and freed His people from bondage. Through His horrific suffering and death on the cross, Jesus took the punishment for our sin and freed us from sin's bondage. Talk with your children about what it means to be freed from the slavery of sin. Ask them to tell you about the plagues and talk about the power of God Almighty.

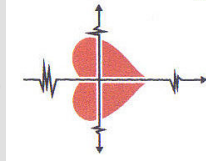
PICTORIAL CHURCH DIRECTORY

Trinity Lutheran Church will be taking family pictures for church directory on February 8-9, 2008. Volunteers are needed for sign-up, telephoning, host/hostess. Anyone interested in helping is invited to a church directory committee meeting on Thursday, November 1st at 7:00 p.m. For more information, speak to Ray Matthies (528-3457) or Laura Johnson (528-7260).

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

Reformation Sunday ~ Romans 3:19-28: The Epistle for Reformation Sunday reminds us Christian stewards that we do not do our stewardship with the motive of winning God's favor and blessings. Our good works can never save us, but because we are saved we will do good works, including all we do in the name of stewardship.

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 several classes. If you are interested in participating, please speak with Pastor Moeller.

CHRISTIAN OUTREACH

Reformation Sunday ~Romans 3:19-28: What a joy it is to remember that we are not saved Christians because of our own worthiness and good works! It is by the grace of God that we are Christians who now experience the forgiveness of sins and have a sure hope of salvation. This is really good news that we can share with other sinners so they can also rejoice in the same hope that we have.

LIFELIGHT BIBLE STUDY

The Good Samaritan. The Prodigal Son. The Pharisee and the Tax Collector. These stories from Jesus—recorded exclusively by St. Luke—are some of the most beloved in Holy Scripture. But despite the popularity of these passages, many students of Scripture would find it hard to describe what's unique about Luke's account of Jesus' life. They could not tell you what concerns drove Luke to take up his pen and write.

Please join the Lifelight Bible study each Wednesday at 9:30 a.m., as we study portions of the Gospel of Luke. This will not be a verse-by-verse commentary on the Gospel according to St. Luke, but will instead highlight key passages and emphases that distinguish Luke's account from the writings of the other evangelists. Most important, it will provide you with unique understanding of the birth, ministry, and passion of your Savior.

Divine Service

Hymn of Invocation.....#237
“All Glory Be to God on High”
The Order of Holy Communion.....p. 15-16
The Introit.....

P: I will speak of your statutes before kings,

[O Lord,]

C: **and will not be put to shame.**

P: God is our refuge and strength,

C: **an ever present help in trouble.**

P: Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way

C: **and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,**

P: though its waters roar and foam

C: **and the mountains quake with their surging.**

P: The Lord Almighty is with us;

C: **the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

The Gloria Patri, Kyrie, Gloria in Excelsis.....

The Readings Back of bulletin

The Nicene Creed p. 22

The Sermon Hymn#297

“The Gospel Shows the Father's Grace”

Sermon “By Grace, Through Faith”

The Offering.....

Prayers

Each petition will end:

P: God, our refuge and strength,

C: **in Your mercy, hear our prayer.**

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

The Distribution Hymns

#377 “Salvation Unto Us Has Come”

#261 “Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Thy Word”

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

The Closing Hymn#262

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

STUDY OF THE FORMULA OF CONCORD

Martin Luther died on February 18, 1546. A year later, in the Smalcald War, Lutheran princes were defeated by Catholic forces. The Lutherans all too quickly fell to squabbling about doctrine.

The Formula of Concord, published in 1577, helped the Lutheran Church deal with the previous three decades of internal conflicts. Perhaps the Lutheran Church would not have survived the sixteenth-century doctrinal wars without the Formula of Concord. This study will help us to discover anew how the Formula of Concord helps the Church today with theological, doctrinal, and daily life issues. All adults and High School students are invited to join us each Sunday at 10:45 a.m.

OFF THE EDGE—FAITH, SCIENCE, AND THE FUTURE

Off the Edge looks at the creation of the universe, the end of the universe, and the possibility of life on other planets.

Topics include:

- The relationship between faith and science
- Scientific cosmologies
- The origin of life
- Extraterrestrial life
- Contact with aliens
- The Gospel and the end

Please join us for this interesting and informative Bible study each Tuesday night at 7:00 p.m.

THIS WEEK IN TLC PRESCHOOL & DAYCARE

This week our lessons were based on Genesis 6-9, where we learned how God saved Noah and his family in the worldwide flood, even as it swept away a world and people filled with sin. Through faith, Noah believed God's promise of rescue and salvation, and by God's grace it was credited to him as righteousness. Pastor Moeller talked about how God has saved us in another flood—our Baptism. In Baptism, our sin is washed away, Christ's righteousness is credited to us, and we are brought to safety in God's church. Chapel is each Monday at 9:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome to join us!

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

"We believe that God created everything in six, twenty-four hour days."

"You've got to be kidding! So, you don't believe in evolution."

"Microevolution, yes; macroevolution, no."

"And you maintain that position, in view of modern science, is tenable?"

As Lutherans interact with other Christian, they often find themselves struggling to explain their beliefs and practices. When confronted, they cannot clearly state their faith, much less understand the differences. Because of insecurities about explaining particular doctrines or practices, some may avoid opportunities to share what they have learned from Christ and His Word.

Our Men's Bible study is exploring "Creation: The Lutheran Difference" to identify how Lutherans differ from other Christians on the teaching of creation and will use the Bible to show why we differ. All men of the congregation are invited to join us each Monday morning at 6:00 a.m. for breakfast and Bible study.

MEN'S CLUB DARTBALL TOURNAMENT

The Men's Club is sponsoring a dartball tournament on Sunday, October 28th. All groups and organizations in the congregation are invited to form a team. A freewill offering will be taken for the noon meal and food and drinks during the afternoon. Contact Bob Moore for more information (526-6633).

I'M GROWING!

During the sixth month of pregnancy the baby can now roll over inside the womb. She can now respond to sound and her lungs are fairly well developed. Check out the poster in the hallway to see what else happens during this time and drop your pennies in the milk jug. Remember all pennies collected will go to the Alpha Center's ultrasound machine. It has been shown that mother's who see their babies via ultrasound are more likely to continue with the pregnancy. Our first checkup has shown we have "one baby!" Only a few months left until we see if we deliver twins!!

THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF HARVEY & LARAYE REHFELDT

Harvey and LaRaye Rehfeldt will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary at an open house in the fellowship hall at Trinity Lutheran Church on Sunday, November 4th, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend!

"LIFE QUOTES" FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

"Abortion is the most tragic consequence of a culture that is infatuated with sex, youth, and immediate gratification. Ours is a culture with little regard for the weakest, the most vulnerable, the most needy. Make no mistake, this view of life as disposable has tremendous consequences also for the elderly! Some 80 percent of the elderly cared for in nursing homes are visited by virtually no one! No wonder there is a constant and steady push to liberalize laws to "euthanize" (put to death) the incapacitated elderly. Jesus has a different viewpoint. Life is a blessed gift, from conception to natural death, and it is to be valued and treasured. 'Whatever you have done to the least of these my brethren, you have done it also unto me'" (Matthew 25:45). *Rev. Matthew Harrison, Executive Director, LCMS World Relief and Human Care*
www.lutheransforlife.org / **888-364-LIFE**

THANK YOU

Thank you to LaRaye Rehfeldt and Donna Bowden for cleaning the carpet in the fellowship hall.

MIDWEEK WORSHIP SERVICE

We are holding mid-week services each Wednesday night at 7:30 p.m. Each week we have a light meal from 6:30 to 7:00 p.m. If your family or group would like to serve one of these, please contact Dale Snyder or Pastor Moeller.

YOUTH EDUCATION SUMMIT

What are the struggles of our youth today? How can we better equip our kids today to function in a lost and sinful world? How can we better connect them to the only hope for this lost world, Jesus our Savior? These are questions we will discuss at the Youth Education Summit (YES). This meeting is open to all youth, parents, teachers, pastors, and anyone else that is concerned about our youth. The purpose and goal of YES is to help guide and direct the structure and format of youth ministry of the South Dakota District. Join us at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, November 26th at Zion Lutheran Church, Mitchell. If you have any questions contact Reverend Randy Sturzenbecher at divineshepherd@midconetwork.com