

THIS WEEK IN SUNDAY SCHOOL

Today is Transfiguration Sunday, and the account of Jesus' transfiguration is the Bible lesson (Luke 9:28-36) in Sunday School. On the Mount of Transfiguration, God showed that His Son, Jesus, is the fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets, declaring that we should listen to Jesus, our Savior. In discussing this Bible story, ask family members to consider how they are like Peter, not always understanding Jesus' ways and purpose. In His Word, Jesus patiently instructs me about Himself by the power of the Holy Spirit. Ask the children to recall their favorite Bible stories about Jesus.

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY LEARNING CENTER

This week we talked about Jesus' calling of His disciples. It had been a long fruitless night of fishing for Simon and his partners. Having just finished cleaning their nets, Jesus came and asked Simon to take his boat out a little ways from shore so that he could teach the crowd that had gathered. When He finished speaking, Jesus told Simon to go out into the deep water and cast his net. This order went against Simon's years of experience, but he did so at Christ's instruction. When they brought the nets in, they were amazed at the large number of fish. Simon fell at Jesus' feet in repentance. The Lord called him to follow Him and be fishers of men, that is, men who would catch others for the Gospel.

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

MAIN STREET LIVING

Main Street Living's mission is to produce a quality Christian program, which brings the message of Jesus Christ to homebound individuals. It 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

February 21st ~ *Kid's Crossing* – The story of the transfiguration of Christ. The featured speaker is Rev. Kenneth Soyk from Faith Lutheran Church in Parkston, SD. The sermon theme is "God's Powerful Word."

FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Join us on February 20th, from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall for a Family Fun Night! Everyone is invited. You can invite your friends and neighbors as well! We plan to play board games, video games, watch movies, eat and enjoy some fellowship during these cold winter months. If you have a favorite family movie or game, bring it along to share. We will have pizza and juice provided. Please bring some snacks to share. We look forward to seeing everyone in our Church family there!

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 solid food instead of baby food, you'll enjoy the study of this book. This first-century letter is heavy on theology and is filled with all kinds of practical applications for Christian life today. 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.

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 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. to 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!

ISSUES, ETC. JOURNAL

Looking for a great resource that addresses the spiritual dangers of modern American Christianity? Check out the newest *Issues, Etc. Journal*. This latest editions contains Pastor Todd Wilken's article titled "Legalism & License," in which he explores how Legalism and License are really the same error expressed two different ways. Both are equally dangerous, both rob us the comfort of Christ's cross, both are cured by a careful handling of God's Word. In "The Simplicity of Christ," Pastor Bryan Wolfmueller tells the story of learning to trust the external, objective promises of God in Holy Scripture, after years of liberal Lutheranism and navel-gazing in American Evangelicalism.

The best thing about the *Issues, Etc. Journal* is that **it's free!** Just pick up you copy from the table in the entryway of the church sanctuary or send an email to journal@issuesetc.org.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

In order to prepare for next week's worship service you may study the assigned readings for the First Sunday in Lent:

- First Lesson: Deuteronomy 26:1-11
- Second Lesson: Romans 10:8b-13
- Gospel: Luke 4:1-13

Divine Service

Hymn of Invocation..... #359
"Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies"
 The Order of Holy Communion..... p. 15-16
 The Introit.....

P: The Lord reigns;
C: let the peoples tremble!
 P: He sits enthroned upon the cherubim;
C: let the earth quake!
 P: The Lord is great in Zion;
C: he is exalted over all the peoples.
 P: Let them praise your great and awesome name! Holy is he!
C: The King in his might loves justice.
 P: You have established equity;
C: you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.
 P: Exalt the Lord our God;
C: worship at his footstool! Holy is he!
 P: Moses and Aaron were among his priests,
C: Samuel also was among those who called upon his name.
 P: They called to the Lord,
C: and he answered them.
 P: In the pillar of the cloud he spoke to them;
C: they kept his testimonies and the statute that he gave them.
 P: O Lord our God, you answered them;
C: you were a forgiving God to them, but an avenger of their wrongdoings.
 P: Exalt the Lord our God, and worship at his holy mountain;
C: for the Lord our God is holy!

Gloria Patri, Kyrie, Gloria Excelsis..... p.16-19
 The Readings..... Back of bulletin
 The Nicene Creed.....p.22
 The Sermon Hymn..... #135
"Tis Good, Lord , to Be Here"
 Sermon
 The Offering & Prayers
 The Service of Communionp. 24-30
Visitors: Please refer to the insert entitled "The Confession Declared at Communion"
 The Distribution Hymns.....
 #307 *"Draw Night and Take the Body of the Lord"*
 #294 *"O Word of God Incarnate"*
 #657 *"Beautiful Savior"*
 The Collect, Benedictionp. 31
 The Closing Hymn.....#54
"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

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 another new class in February. If you are interested, please speak with Pastor Moeller.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

Transfiguration Sunday ~ Hebrews 3:1-6: On this Transfiguration Sunday we reflect on the truth that Jesus proved Himself to be God’s Chief Steward by fully giving Himself to doing that which was pleasing to His Father in heaven. God’s grace in Christ enables us to live as children of the Heavenly Father who use all that we are and have for His glory and purposes.

LIFE BY HIS WORD ON EZEKIEL

The workman’s trowel slathers mortar across the face of a mud brick. The trowel clinks and scrapes the excess from the brick’s edges. Brick by brick, the workman slowly raises the walls of a new home. When he pauses for a drink, he stares westward, away from the village. Babylon’s horizon appears as flat as a brick. He thinks of Judah’s distant hills, the walls of stone his family raised there. Then he remembers how the walls toppled, the beams burned, and the people fled. He wonders if they will ever be restored.

From the plains of Babylon, the priest Ezekiel looked back upon the defeat of Judah and prophesied the destruction of Jerusalem and its temple. He explained to the exiled Judeans that God’s glory had departed from them because they had abandoned Him. But the Lord also showed Ezekiel a new day when His glory would return and the kingdom would become an everlasting blessing to the nations. Like all of the prophets and all of Scripture, Ezekiel points to Jesus Christ and the coming of His kingdom through His life, death, resurrection, ascension, and return to judge the living and the dead.

Please join our Life By His Word Bible study each Wednesday morning at 9:30 a.m. as we explore this fascinating Old Testament book.

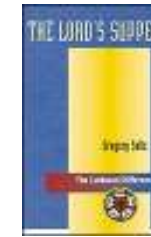
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL PLANNING

It is once again that time of year when we begin planning for our Vacation Bible School Program (June 7th – 11th). VBS is a phenomenal ministry and opportunity to teach many children about their Savior and His great love for us.

Each year our numbers have grown and we anticipate an even greater number this year. Unless we are able to find enough teachers and other support staff, we will have to limit the number of children that we allow to be in our program. We especially could use someone who would volunteer as director, to help coordinate our plans.

We will be meeting on Thursday, February 25th at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to join us. Please prayerfully consider the ways in which you may be able to help us out this year. For more information, please speak with Pastor Moeller.

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY: THE LORD’S SUPPER



As Lutherans interact with other Christians, they often find themselves struggling to explain their beliefs and practices. Although many Lutherans have learned the “what” of the doctrines of the church, they do not always have a full scriptural foundation to share the “why.” When confronted with different doctrines, they cannot clearly state their faith, much less understand the differences between denominations. This is particularly true when it comes to understanding the Lord’s Supper.

Because of insecurities about explaining particular doctrines or practices, some Lutherans may avoid opportunities to share what they have learned from Christ and His Word. This Bible study will identify how Lutherans differ from other Christians in the teaching on the Lord’s Supper in order that we might share our faith and help others understand the scriptural teachings on this wonderful sacrament.

All high school students and adults are invited to join us each Sunday at 10:45 a.m. as we study the wonderful gift Christ has given us in His Sacrament of the Altar, the Lord’s Supper.

OUTREACH SENTENCES

Luke 9:28-36: Jesus was so human that even His disciples were tempted to forget that He was indeed the perfect and holy Son of God. As He was changed (transfigured) before Peter, James and John they saw a sight that would stay with them for the rest of their lives. We have not seen the transfigured Jesus with our human eyes, but we have seen Him with our eyes of faith, and that vision of a beautiful, powerful Savior helps us to share clearly and boldly the hope we have in Jesus.

LIFE QUOTES FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

“God will help us make choices that are pleasing to Him regarding our sexuality and help us save sex for marriage. God ordained marriage to be a lifelong commitment between one man and one woman. He also placed all sexual activity within the bonds of marriage ... So, rather than saying, ‘How far can I go?’ we should say, ‘How much can I, and will I, save for my future spouse?’” *Donna Zuehlk, Lutherans For Life of Michigan* **This “Life Quote” is from Lutherans For Life – www.lutheransforlife.org.**

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