

# ***Trinity Lutheran Church***

“Sharing the Caring Christ with All People”

2163 Mayhew Lake Rd. NE  
Sauk Rapids, MN 56379

## ***The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost***



**July 5, 2015**

**8:00 & 10:30 a.m.**

*Trinity is a member of the Prince of Peace Lutheran School Association  
and the Good Shepherd Community.*

# WELCOME!

We pray that your time in worship will encourage  
and strengthen you!

We share the greatest hope through the one  
who loves you most – Jesus Christ!

Preacher	8:00am &	10:30am	Rev. Harvey Ehlers
Liturgist	8:00am &	10:30am	Rev. Dave Strohschein
Organist	8:00am &	10:30am	Daniel Reineke
Soundboard	8:00am		Craig Cooper
		10:30am	
Lector	8:00am		Cindy Clitty
		10:30am	Karen Petron-Broda
Visuals	8:00am &	10:30am	Daniel Reineke
Acolyte	8:00am		Jaden Evenson, Krystene Wiese
		10:30am	Kelsey Kulow, Ashlyn Frey
Altar Guild			Diane Haffner, Jennifer Schlangen
Information Desk	8:00am	Zone - 3	Sue Kulzer
	10:30am	Zone - 4	Sandy Austin
Greeters	8:00am	Zone - 3	Shirley Skuza, Lori Zipp
	10:30am	Zone - 4	Nancy Cloeter
Ushers	8:00am	Zone - 3	Wayne Smolnik, Loren Tvrdik, Fred Joesting, John Heintze, Chuck Hoese, Jon Roesch
	10:30am	Zone - 4	John Hiltel, Marvin Neubert, Karen Petron-Broda, Wayne & Sue Kulzer, Janet Renn

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**AS WE GATHER** As we follow Jesus on this pilgrimage toward the kingdom of God, we encounter many obstacles along the way. The temptations and attacks of the devil, the allure of and rejection by the world, as well as the comfort and tyranny of our own sinful nature, all seem to conspire together to muddle us up, beat us down, and draw us away from the Lord. Whether our particular weakness is physical, mental, emotional, vocational, spiritual, or some combination of these, we are in good company. The prophet Ezekiel, the apostle Paul, the twelve disciples, and countless other saints have suffered and traveled this way before us with joy. Jesus himself promises to all who follow Him, “My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness” (2 Corinthians 12:9).

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### OPENING HYMN: “God of Our Fathers”

God of our fathers, whose almighty hand  
Leads forth in beauty all the starry band  
Of shining worlds in splendor through the skies  
Our grateful songs before Thy throne arise.



Thy love divine hath led us in the past,  
In this free land by Thee our lot is cast,  
Be Thou our Ruler, Guardian, Guide and Stay,  
Thy Word our law, Thy paths our chosen way.

From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence,  
Be Thy strong arm our ever sure defense;  
Thy true religion in our hearts increase,  
Thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.

Refresh Thy people on their toilsome way,  
Lead us from night to never ending day;  
Fill all our lives with love and grace divine,  
And glory, laud, and praise be ever Thine.

## INVOCATION AND OPENING SENTENCES

P: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: To You I lift up my eyes,

**C: O You who are enthroned in the heavens!**

P: Behold, as the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master,

**C: as the eyes of a maidservant to the hand of her mistress,**

P: So our eyes look to the Lord our God,

**C: till He has mercy upon us.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: Gracious Lord,

**C: We confess that the temptations and attacks of the devil, the allure of and rejection by the world, as well as the comfort and tyranny of our own sinful nature, all seem to conspire together to muddle us up, beat us down, and draw us away from faith in You, fellowship with Your people, and service to others. We ask You to forgive these sins for the sake of Jesus, who gave His body and shed His blood for us. Fill us with Your Holy Spirit that we may travel as faithful pilgrims, helping others along the way to Your eternal kingdom.**

*Silence for self-examination.*

P: Beloved in the Lord, Jesus promises, “My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness.” You have laid Your every weakness bare in the light of God’s mercy. Now therefore, hear the Word of His grace: As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

## INTROIT

P: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good!

**C: Blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him!**

P: For the Lord has chosen Zion;

**C: He has desired it for His dwelling place:**

P: “This is My resting place forever;

**C: here I will dwell, for I have desired it.**

P: I will abundantly bless her provisions;

**C: I will satisfy her poor with bread.**

P: Her priests I will clothe with salvation,  
**C: and her saints will shout for joy.**

**ALL: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

P: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good!  
**C: Blessèd is the man who takes refuge in Him!**

### **SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray... God of grace and mercy, You powerfully come to the aid of weary travelers through the gracious means of Your Holy Word and Sacraments. Grant that we who walk the path of life by faith in Jesus may do so in honesty; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

### **OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Ezekiel 2:1-5**

He said to me, "Son of man, stand up on your feet and I will speak to you." As he spoke, the Spirit came into me and raised me to my feet, and I heard him speaking to me. He said: "Son of man, I am sending you to the Israelites, to a rebellious nation that has rebelled against me; they and their fathers have been in revolt against me to this very day. The people to whom I am sending you are obstinate and stubborn. Say to them, 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says.' And whether they listen or fail to listen--for they are a rebellious house--they will know that a prophet has been among them.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

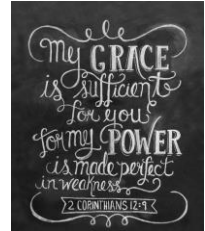
**C: Thanks be to God!**

**HYMN: (10:30am only)** "Let us Ever Walk with Jesus" LSB 685

### **EPISTLE: 2 Corinthians 12:1-10**

I must go on boasting. Although there is nothing to be gained, I will go on to visions and revelations from the Lord. I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven. Whether it was in the body or out of the body I do not know--God knows. And I know that this man--whether in the body or apart from the body I do not know, but God

knows-- was caught up to paradise. He heard inexpressible things, things that man is not permitted to tell. I will boast about a man like that, but I will not boast about myself, except about my weaknesses. Even if I should choose to boast, I would not be a fool, because I would be speaking the truth. But I refrain, so no one will think more of me than is warranted by what I do or say. To keep me from becoming conceited because of these surpassingly great revelations, there was given me a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.



L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God**

**HOLY GOSPEL:** Mark 6:1-13

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixth chapter.

C: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

**Jesus left there and went to his hometown, accompanied by his disciples. When the Sabbath came, he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were amazed. "Where did this man get these things?" they asked. "What's this wisdom that has been given him that he even does miracles! Isn't this the carpenter? Isn't this Mary's son and the brother of James, Joseph, Judas and Simon? Aren't his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. Jesus said to them, "Only in his hometown, among his relatives and in his own house is a prophet without honor." He could not do any miracles there, except lay his hands on a few sick people and heal them. And he was amazed at their lack of faith. Then Jesus went around teaching from village to village. Calling the Twelve to him, he sent them out two by two and gave them authority over evil spirits. These were his instructions: "Take nothing for the journey except a staff--no bread, no bag, no money in your belts. Wear sandals but not an extra tunic. Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you leave that town. And if any place will not**

welcome you or listen to you, shake the dust off your feet when you leave, as a testimony against them." They went out and preached that people should repent. They drove out many demons and anointed many sick people with oil and healed them.

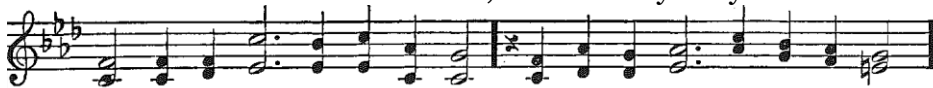
P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

## APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

## SERMON HYMN: "Lord of the Church, We Humbly Pray"



1 Lord of the Church, we hum-bly pray For those who guide us in Thy way  
2 Help them to preach the Truth of God, Re-demp-tion thro' the Savior's blood,  
3 So may they live to Thee a-lone, Then hear the welcome word "Well done,"



And speak Thy ho-ly Word. With love di-vine their hearts in-spire  
Nor let the Spir-it cease On all the Church His gifts to show'r—  
And take their crown a-bove; En-ter in-to their Mas-ter's joy



And touch their lips with hallowed fire And needful strength af-ford.  
To them a mes-sen-ger of pow'r; To us, of life and peace.  
And all e-ter-ni-ty em-ploy In praise and bliss and love. A-men.

## SERMON: "Trained to Serve" (Ezekiel 2:1-5, 2 Cor. 12:1-10, Mark 6:1-13)

**OFFERING** *(Please sign and date the Rite of Friendship pad located in the pew.)*

## PRAYERS

### LORD'S PRAYER

**ALL:** Our Father Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.



*(10:30am service continues on pg. 9)*

## Holy Communion

**P:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** **And also with you.**

**P:** Lift up your hearts.

**C:** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**P:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C:** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**



### PROPER PREFACE

**P:** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who invites all people to follow Him traveling along the pilgrim way, promising to provide for all our needs along the way. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

*(Sung)*

**C:** **Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of Sabbaoth, Heaven and earth are full of Thy glory! Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!**



## **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

P: Thank You, Father, for the gift of Jesus. Thank You for the forgiveness of sins we have received through faith in His name. Thank You for outfitting us with all we need for our journey as we travel following His way. Thank You for the robe of His righteousness we are clothed with in Baptism. Thank You for the living voice of Jesus we hear and obey in Your Word. Thank You for the body and blood of Jesus we now receive in Holy Communion. Now to Him, to You, and to the Holy Spirit be all worship, adoration, thanksgiving, and praise, both now and forever. In Jesus' name,

**C: Amen.**

## **WORDS OF OUR LORD**

### **PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST**

P: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. *1 Corinthians 11:26*

**C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.** *Revelation 22:20*

### **THE PEACE OF THE LORD**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: Amen.**

*Sit*

**About Holy Communion**—The Lord's Supper is celebrated here in the belief and glad confidence that our Lord gives us as He says, not only bread and wine, but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and forgive and love as He forgives and loves us. If this is your belief, we welcome you to join us at the Lord's table.

Because we are called to examine ourselves before receiving the Lord's Supper (I Corinthians 11:28-29), we encourage you to consider the questions on p. 329-330 in the front of the hymnal. If you are communing with us for the first time, or if you would like a fuller understanding of what we as Lutherans believe about the Lord's Supper, please pick up a copy of "**What is the Lord's Supper?**" at the Information table in the entryway.

Please reserve the white grape juice cups in the center of the communion trays for those who for health reasons are unable to drink wine. Our pastors are happy to speak to you further if you have any questions.

**DISTRIBUTION HYMN: “Let us Ever Walk with Jesus” LSB 685**

*Stand*

**POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

P: Let us pray...Almighty God, thank You for providing this rest stop along the journey of our life following Jesus. Weary travelers need nourishment, and You have fed us richly with resurrection fare to sustain our faith, strengthen our fellowship, and energize our service to others. For Your kindness to us both now and always, we thank You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

*(10:30am service continues here)*

**VIDEO: “An Independence Day Prayer”**

**BENEDICTION**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you,  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you;  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN: “God Bless Our Native Land” LSB 965**

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**Prince of Peace Lutheran School** is seeking applicants for the position of Before School/After School care. This job entails supervising our students who need to come to school early or who need to remain after school until their parents are off from work. Hours are 7:15 to 8:15 a.m. and 2:45 to 5:30 p.m. each day school is in session. Compensation is hourly. Applicants must pass a background check. Contact Pastor Dave Strohschein ([admin@princeofpeacels.org](mailto:admin@princeofpeacels.org) or 251-1477) for further information or to apply.

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**Thank you to all who helped with the MSYG trip to Valley Fair last Monday. Several people chaperoned, drove the students and/or donated funds to cover cost for scholarships. God bless you. We had a great day!!!**

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# TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR July 5, 2015

### Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

TODAY Worship (HC) Z3 8:00am  
 Bible Study 9:15am  
 Youth Bible Study 9:15am  
 Worship Z4 10:30am  
 Anyuak Worship 12:00pm

MONDAY Worship (HC) Z5 6:00pm

TUESDAY Friends in Harmony 7:00pm

WEDNESDAY Men's Bible Study @ GS 7:00am  
 Finance Team Mtg 8:30am  
 HS Youth Night 6:00pm  
 Ladies Leaning on Christ 6:15pm

THURSDAY Sewing and Crafts 9:00am

FRIDAY Parish Workers 9:00am

SATURDAY Altar Guild 9:00am  
 Traditional Music Rehearsal 6:45pm



### IN OUR WORSHIP SERVICES NEXT WEEK

#### Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

8:00am Worship Z1  
 9:15am Bible Study  
 9:15am Youth Study  
 10:30am Worship (HC) Z2  
 12:00pm Anyuak Worship

#### Scripture Lessons:


*Amos 7:7-15, Ephesians 1:3-14  
 Mark 6:14-29*

#### Church Office Hours:

M-F 8:30am-2:30pm  
 Open during the noon hour.  
*Church Office Phone 252-3670*

WEEK OF	TIME	ATTENDANCE	OFFERINGS	
6/28/15	8:00am	114	General Fund Offerings	\$7,879.55
6/28/15	10:30am	119	Building Debt Offerings	\$645.00
6/29/15	6:00pm	21	Total	\$8,524.55
	TOTAL	254		
<b><u>Missions</u></b>				
Missions this Week		\$620.50	<b><u>Weekly Budget Needs</u></b>	\$11,371.00
Received to-date		\$15,535.27		
Annual Funds Promised		\$27,500.00		

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**Today's Radio Broadcast is sponsored** in gratitude for the radio ministry and blessings by Don and Irene Zwick. We thank them for making today's broadcast possible. **We have sponsorship openings in August and September.** If you would like to sponsor a broadcast please complete a form and turn it in. Forms are available in the church office. The radio transmission enables our shut-ins, as well as others in our community to hear and participate in our worship. The service airs on WVAL 800 on the AM dial, at 8:00am, and live on the internet at [www.800wval.com](http://www.800wval.com). 



**ChristCare Small Group Ministry** The vision for ChristCare Ministry is that: *"ChristCare Groups are caring communities that transform lives by personalizing God's Word."* All of the ChristCare groups are the same in that they are involved in four ministry activities.

**Community Building and Care.** "Therefore encourage one another and build each other up..." (1 Thess. 5:11) Group members care for each other and experience Christian community as they share life's ups and downs.


**Biblical Equipping.** "Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly..." (Col. 3:16) Members not only study the Bible together but also take that Word into their daily lives by continuing to Obey, Meditate and Reflect on His Word when apart.

**Prayer and Worship.** "Speak to one another with psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs." (Eph. 5:19) Members not only pray together but also sing the doxology and speak the psalms and listen to Christian music together to praise and Worship God.

**Missional Service.** "And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works." (Heb. 10:24) All the groups are involved in bringing God's love, in a practical way, to others outside of the group by meeting needs in both the congregation and community.

If you'd like to learn more about ChristCare Small Group Ministry contact one of our ChristCare Equippers: Connie Mooney, 563-508-1295, [mooney.connie77@gmail.com](mailto:mooney.connie77@gmail.com) or Craig Cooper, 237-5507, [dco@trinitysr.org](mailto:dco@trinitysr.org).

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**Sunday Morning Fellowship** Our servers for July are the members of Salt & Pepper. Members who have last names beginning with the letter "M" are asked to bring treats for our fellowship time during the month. If you can help, please sign up on the bulletin board. 

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**Voter's Assembly Meeting on July 19<sup>th</sup>** There will be a Voters Assembly Meeting between services on Sunday July 19<sup>th</sup>, specifically for making the "Formal Call," to add an additional Pastor at Trinity. Please plan on joining us! Prayerfully, Trinity Leadership Team

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**Pray-ers Needed!** If you would like to join the prayer chain, if you feel moved to pray for your brothers and sisters in Christ when they have a need, please call Delores Volkers at 320-252-2101.

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**Salt and Pepper** invites you to join us on July 10th, for lunch at Nelson's Clearwater Travel Plaza in Clearwater. Meet at 11 am for lunch after which we will remember "the good old days at the pump" by going to see a collection of old gas pumps, phone booths, etc. just outside of Clearwater. This promises to be a great outing and we invite all Trinity members to join us.

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**Prince Of Peace Lutheran School** - Prince of Peace Lutheran School, your church school, is NOW ENROLLING NEW STUDENTS for KINDERGARTEN, PRESCHOOL, and FIRST through EIGHTH GRADES. Want a quality education for your children where Christ is at the center of all we learn and do? Want a small, secure setting with caring teachers who pray for their students each and every day? Prince of Peace Lutheran School offers all that and more for your children! Come visit our school...sit down and visit...let's see if we can do this! 251-1477, 4770 Co. Rd. 120 ~ St. Cloud. We'll be looking for you! :)

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**Contemporary Music Director:** Trinity is looking for a musician who can plan, lead instrumental, and vocal music in weekly contemporary worship. It would be a plus if this person could also assist in directing the traditional choir. Contact the church office for more information. 320-252-3670.

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**THE GARDEN LOOKS GREAT!** WE NEED EACH FAMILY TO CHOOSE A MONDAY THROUGH THE SUMMER. Duties during that week will be to check in on the garden, any watering to be done or adjusted ( there is an automatic sprinkler system ), and weeding and harvesting. It is expected that even though you choose your WEEK it should require only one to two visits that week to the garden. Much is also being done by the Girl Scouts and some monitoring by the Green Team at Church as well. Thank you to those who have already volunteered!

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**Great News for Golfers at Trinity!** On August 24th, Prince of Peace Lutheran School is sponsoring a Best Ball Golf Outing. Prince of Peace is our K-8 Christian Day school in St. Cloud. All money raised will be solely used for tuition assistance scholarships for the coming school year. So if you have always wanted to play at the St. Cloud Country Club (a private Members only facility), this is a great opportunity for you to play golf for a FANTASTIC and worthwhile cause. The cost is \$75.00 per golfer or \$300.00 per team. Cost includes golf cart and dinner. For more information and to register your team or yourself, please contact Charlie Luedtke at 267- 4708 or [eyeguy@cloudnet.com](mailto:eyeguy@cloudnet.com).

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## Welcome to Trinity Lutheran Church

Church Office .....	252-3670
E-mail & Website: .....	<a href="mailto:office@trinitysr.org">office@trinitysr.org</a> <a href="http://www.trinitysr.org">www.trinitysr.org</a>
Pastor Paul Cloeter: .....	333-6319
Pastor Harvey Ehlers: .....	282-1931
Director of Christian Outreach – Craig Cooper: .....	237-5507
Vicar – John Bakou: .....	217-8254
Administrative Assistants: Judy Rehwaldt & Katie Meemken .....	252-3670
Music Director – Daniel Reineke: .....	656-0963
Prince of Peace School: .....	251-1477
Youth Ministry - Terry Kurash: .....	251-4071
Parish Nurse - Jennifer Machula: .....	267-1587
Prayer Chain – Delores Volkers: .....	252-2101

### WE WELCOME FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN

We are glad you are here! If there is a time during the Worship Service that you feel your child (or you) needs a “time out,” please feel free to leave the service.

If you leave the service you can go to the **lobby** or use the **large conference room** across from the church office. The conference room has speakers and one-way glass so you can still participate in Worship. During the 10:30am worship service the **nursery is also available for 0-3 years old**. It is not staffed but you are welcome to stay in the room with your child. It is the first classroom on the left as you enter the Preschool parent lounge area. There are also speakers in the nursery so you can listen to the service.

**Activity bags** for young children to use are in the plastic tub outside the church office.

### FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE, WE OFFER THESE AND OTHER SERVICES:

**Large Print Editions** of our bulletins are available from our ushers by request.

**If you need further information**, ask any usher or church member. Also be sure to stop by the Information Desk in the lobby. Your needs are important to us!

**Bible Study for Adults on Sundays:** we start at 9:15am in the fellowship hall.

**Coffee & Fellowship** – after the 8:00am service, come by the kitchen, have a cookie, coffee and time for fellowship. Come and meet old friends and make new friends!