Grant native-, Pastor David Buss, will serve as guest speaker. Visit the church website for information on activities www.trinityog.org

Pastor David Buss will be the guest speaker at Trinity Lutheran Church of Rural Ogallala on June 12 as part of activities commemorating the 125th anniversary of the congregation.

The special worship service will be held at 10 a.m. followed by a noon lunch and afternoon program.

The theme of the anniversary year comes from Psalm 145:3-4 "Great is the Lord . . .and one generation shall praise your works to another."

For its anniversary, Trinity Lutheran Church of Ogallala has been conducting various activities throughout the year, including slide presentations and publication of an anniversary year calendar.

More details on the anniversary activities are available at the church website at www.trinityog.org or by contacting Lloyd or Becky Dahlkoetter at 308-352-2127 for more information.

About the Speaker

Pastor Buss is a baptized and confirmed son of Trinity Lutheran Church and the son of Norbert and Mary Buss of Grant.

David Buss graduated from Perkins County High School in 1979. He served in the Army in Panama and Colorado prior to attending the University of Nebraska, studying Business Administration. He later completed his business degree in Hotel Administration from Cornell University.

Buss spent 10 years as an employee of Hyatt Hotels Corporation around the country before entering Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Mo., graduating in 2004.

Pastor Buss then served as associate pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church, Baton Rouge, La. until 2006. He led response efforts at Trinity organizing some 33,000 volunteers over five years in disaster response to Hurricane Katrina beginning in August 2005.

In 2006, Buss became coordinator of RAI Ministries, a non-profit organization with the mission to "Restore Faith, Home and Community to Survivors of Katrina in the Name of Jesus." Since August, 2010, Buss has served as interim pastor at St. James Lutheran Church in Gonzales, La.

Pastor Buss married Lynette Bauer, daughter of Joe and Bernice Bauer of Ogallala, in 1985. The couple has three children. Elizabeth will be a senior in education at Concordia University, Seward. Joe is a junior at Creighton University and Jake will enter high school in the fall.

Trinity Church History

With its church building located between Grant and Ogallala, the congregation is a member organization of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod.

Trinity Lutheran Church was founded in 1886 by primarily German immigrants. Several visiting Lutheran missionaries and pastors served the congregations for several years. In early years, the attending pastor was shared with St. John Lutheran Church of Ogallala.

Trinity called its own pastor in 1921. Trinity also maintained a parochial school until 1966. Trinity has also collaborated with Zion Lutheran Church in Grant, sharing a pastor for a period of

time and coordinating various activities together. Pastor Wayne Pick currently serves Trinity as Pastor of the congregation.