

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

A message from Pastor Kock

Acts 2:46 "Every day the believers continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts."

FUNDAMENTALS OF A HEALTHY CHURCH - #2 GROWING TOGETHER!

In every high school basketball tournament, either girls or boys, there seems to be one team that is a complete surprise. At the start of the season the team was not picked to go anywhere but as the season progressed the players bonded with each other and the team grew – all the way to Madison or St. Paul. The players "jelled." They formed a closeness on and off the court and their level of teamwork prevailed over tougher competition.

God never intended Christians to go it alone. He never intended that a congregation

".Worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness"

1 Chronicles 16:29

Did You Know??? Read on for useful Trinity information!

Him and to the other members. He wants us to jell and grow together.

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Look again at the Bible verse on top and count how many times the word "together" is used. The early Christians of Jerusalem came together for worship and Bible study; and they ate together. Note how Paul described the church in Ephesians 4:16: "From Christ the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work." Catch the togetherness mentioned by this verse from Hebrews 10: "Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another."

Growing together – it's not just for basketball teams but also for congregations, for Trinity Lutheran Church. We have something that draws us together – the love of our Savior Jesus. You and I walk to Calvary's holy mountain and view the sacrifice he made to free us from our sins. You and I peer into his empty tomb and celebrate the news of everlasting life. You and I enter the Lord's house to hear his gentle voice; we step to the altar to receive his body and blood. As we walk toward Jesus we can't help but walk closer to each other. His love binds our hearts in sincere love for each other. We grow together.

May the Lord give us one mind and one appetite – to feast on his Word and Holy Supper with glad and sincere hearts.

Pastor Mark Kock

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Hebrews 6:19

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Miscellaneous News

*Share this website address:
www.WhatAboutJesus.com*

*People will get real answers
about Christ, the Bible and
faith.*

- If you would like to pray with us weekly, there are copies of the **prayer chain requests** in the church office every Sunday morning. If you would like to make a request for prayers, please call Pastor Kock at 294-2828 or 294-2979.
- **HELP Supply the Foodshelf** – The Open Cupboard is always in need of donations. You may bring the items to church and we will bring them to the food shelf.
- Would you like to know more about **Alzheimer's Disease**? If so, Polk County UW-Extension is offering a video teleconference on Wednesday, April 28 from 12:30 pm to 3:00 pm. It will be held at the Polk County Government Center in Balsam Lake. To reserve a place or for more information, please call Polk County UW-Extension at 715/485-8600.
- **The Minnesota Circuit** invites you to the **41st National LWMS Convention** at the Sheraton & Sioux Falls Convention Center June 24-27, 2004. For more information visit the website at www.goodshepherdwels.com/wms.
- **Be A Shining Star!** Minnesota District Regional Youth Rally July 11-13, 2004. Come to the 2004 WELS Youth Rally held at Cragun's Resort on Beautiful Gull Lake in Brainerd, MN. For more information contact Gerald Pieper at 294-3836.
- **Financial Ministry Director - Position Available.** Christian Life Ministries—Twin City Chapter is accepting applications for a part-time position of Financial Ministry Directory. This position is responsible for maintaining and enhancing current positions as well as developing new support opportunities. This is an hourly paid position with the amount dependent on the selected applicant's qualifications. Interested individuals (male or female) can mail their letter of interest resume to: Christian Life Ministries, Attn: Cheryl Tembreull, 2756 Kaje Shore Ave. Little Canada, MN 55117 or Fax: 651-917-4151.
- **Now Hiring:** Interfaith Caregivers of Polk County, Inc. is seeking a new Program Director. This is a part-time position that entails managing connections between community groups, training volunteers and educating the public, and further development of the mission. The mission of Interfaith Caregivers is to provide volunteers who assist elderly and disabled person to maintain their independence. A copy of the position description is at your church office. For more information contact: Interfaith Caregivers of Polk County, Inc. PO Box 388, St. Croix Falls, WI 54024, 715-483-9263.
- **New Candle Stands!** As you may have noticed we have new candle stands behind the altar. At least three years in the making, we can finally say good-bye to dripping candles. We want to thank Willis and Pat Loney for the oak, Lute Pettis for some steel work, Dick Anderson—a friend of Harry's who did some critical machine work, and Harry Beck, who designed and built them. The candles use a special paraffin oil and should work great. The candles and hardware were purchased with memorial funds.
- **The Pascal Candle has been donated in memory of Donald Glunz** by his wife, Lorraine.

News from the WELS

MISSION PARTNERS . . .

Things you—maybe—don't know, but ought to or want to know ...

Details! Details! Yes, there are lots of details associated with Mission Partners, all important to our understanding and participation. So here you have it: Mission Partners 101.

- **Missionaries truly appreciate Mission Partners ...**

Here are two quotes, typical of many we receive:

"Thank you so much for your generous support of our church. We are so thankful to the Lord that we have an 'extended family' of faith, and treasure the unity we share." (Home missionary)

"I just got word that you joined the Mission Partner program ...

This program actually helps us realize the many people who are rooting for us back home."
(World missionary)

- **Congregation members appreciate a more personal view of the missions they support**

Just ask members of St. John's, Oak Creek, WI who participated with their Mission Partner in a video broadcast during a worship service. Smiles and words of appreciation filled the narthex afterward.

There are unlimited ways to build partner relationships.

Our CCFS office provides guidelines and gets you started with basic communication. Then creativity takes over, like a pen pal program for children of the Sunday Schools or a weekend

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- ~~There are an sorts of ways to participate in Mission Partners~~

Sponsors can be your congregation...or an organization of the congregation...or a group of families. We have presenters who will meet with any group you designate to inform and encourage participation. Just give us a call at 800-827-5482 or email loryy@sab.wels.net.

- **Mission Partners funds approved projects**

Hundreds of administrators elected by grass roots membership participate in building a ministry program for WELS every two years. This ministry program is built upon the guidelines of our synod's mission, objectives and major emphases. Mission Partners gives us the opportunity to express our particular love and interest for a part of that ministry program while still retaining the valued meaning of synod ("walking together"). **You can select any project in this ministry program as your Mission Partner.**

- **The first year goal of Mission Partners is \$3 million**

A forecast of income from various sources—congregation mission offerings, student tuition, bequests, individual mission offerings, grants, etc.—determines how much of the approved ministry plan will be

Mission Partners has been added as a new source of income.

When adjustments are made to the overall forecast, ministry activities are adjusted. It is important that the amount of the forecast not be decreased because that means core ministry of synod is decreased. Proceed in this way: It would be nice for a mission to have a van to bring young and old to the mission, but good is the van if there is no missionary to preach and teach. The synod budget funds core ministry such as missionaries, and Mission Partners is a valuable source for that funding.

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Hebrews 6:19

Mission Partners is all about growth

It is about growth in understanding, in relationships, in support of one another, in commitment, in mission accomplishment, in Christian giving, and in joy! Congregations may determine to seek such growth via the traditional and time honored way of congregation mission offerings. That's fine! Such decisions are best made by those who know and are entrusted with leadership for the congregations!

Grow Together in Worship. Attend the Holy Week Services

“CROSS EXAMINATION”

April 4	8:00 am & 10:30 am	Palm Sunday
April 8	7:00 pm	Maundy Thursday Worship with Holy Communion* <i>“Surely Not I, Lord?”</i>
April 9	7:00 pm	Good Friday Worship <i>“My God, My God, Why Have You Forsaken Me?”</i>
April 11	6:00 am & 9:00 am	Easter—The Resurrection of Jesus Christ <i>“Why Do You Look for the Living Among the Dead?”</i>



- * There will be a supper at 5:45 pm on Maundy Thursday, April 8 before the 7:00 pm Worship.
- * Easter Breakfast will be served Easter morning at 7:15 am following the Sunrise

Evangelism News

On April 3, help us get the word out to our neighbors about the special Easter events at Trinity. We will hand out invitations to our Easter services and to the special Easter for Kids event for children on April 10 from 10:30 am to noon. See you Saturday morning!

Sharing Easter Joy

“I know that my Redeemer lives. What comfort this sweet sentence gives.”

Would you like to share the Easter joy with members unable to get out for worship? On Saturday, April 10, 1:00 pm–2:30 pm, members will car pool and visit several of our shut-in members and share God’s resurrection victory in words and songs. Kids are invited to come too!



Easter for Kids—Saturday, April 10—10:00 am—Noon

Easter for Kids will help your children see the full meaning of Christ’s resurrection while having fun. There will be an Easter egg hunt (with treasures inside that last!), Bible lesson, songs, crafts to bring home.

Have your children come (ages 3–14 years old). To register, just bring the children on April 10 at 10:00 a.m. Be sure to Invite friends to come along!



Mission Awareness Committee

Trinity's Mission Awareness Committee serves the congregation by providing information on missions that we support with our offerings, blankets or other materials. Displays in the church narthex and articles in the bulletin help you see the blessings of the Lord upon our mission work.

The Mission Awareness Committee is looking for more of you to join them. They will meet Saturday, April 3 at 9:30 a.m. Do you have a heart for missions? Would you like to help promote understanding of our missions? The Mission Awareness Committee may be for you.



Christian Stewardship—Serving Your Savior

Volunteers are needed to help with the following projects:

- Teach a student lessons from Luther's Catechism; summer only. See Pastor Kock..
- Assist the Tender Loving Care Preschool Committee. See Curt Richter

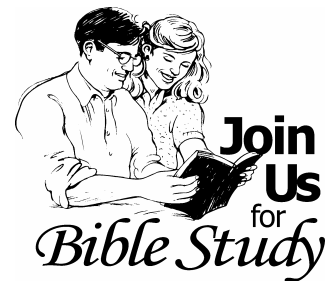


Attend a Bible Class at Trinity

“Grow together in studying God’s Word”

Come and receive strength for your faith as you learn that Jesus experienced human life in every way. He can relate to you and can help you when run down, wrestling with temptation, or grieving.

Please accept our invitation to join our Women’s Bible Study group. We meet twice a month on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 pm in the Trinity Church library. All you need to bring is yourself and your bible. The study includes Bible study, video portions and music. Now is a great time to join the group!



A Word from the Loneys and Builders for Christ

We are back in Trail Riders RV Park until April 3 or sooner. Then on to San Carlos. We finished the church from concrete to putting in the pews in 8 weeks at Fort Mohave. AZ. The Lord really blessed the project. Yours in Christ, Willis & Pat.



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Tender Loving Care Preschool News

This has been an exciting month. For the first two weeks, the child brought their pets to school. We had many dogs and cats come visit, as well as a hamster. We talked about how to care for our pets and different varieties of pets you can have.

Farm was the theme for the last half of the month of March. We made farm animal mobiles. We also visited the Traiser farm. We saw many cows, a horse and a dog. The children had a great time.

Date to remember:

April 11 Happy Easter—*Jesus Is Risen*”

April 18 The children sing at the 10:30 am Worship Service.



Parents of Preschool Age Children

The Tender Loving Care Preschool is now accepting registrations for next school year's program. Children ages 3-5 are eligible. Three day morning, three day afternoon and two day morning programs are available. Sign up today! Speak to Curt Richter or Pastor Kock for more information. Registration forms may be obtained from the church office.

Did you know... Read on for useful family information: Camp Croix

Junior Youth Group is going to Camp Croix. The dates are April 16-18. There is a \$10.00 per person fee for food. Those names on the sign up sheet will be contacted with updated information. So, sign up even though you are not sure. Any questions see Kathy Hendricks.

The boys will be staying in the Lodge which will be used for cooking and eating. The girls will be staying in the 1st Aid Building.

Camp Croix is our WELS Bible Camp. It is located south of Webb Lake on Rooney Lake. The camp has many buildings including the Lodge, 1st Aid Building, Craft Building, Summer Kitchen, 31 four person cabins and others.

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...eers have gone to Camp Croix for about 7 years and the Girl Pioneers just one time. Some of the activities that have happened over the years are fishing, hiking, learning how to use a compass, crafts, how to make campfires, playing basketball, riding bikes, building camp fires.





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Special Dates!

- Thursday, April 8—Maundy Thursday—Supper 5:45
- Thursday, April 8—Maundy Thursday—Worship with Holy Communion 7:00 pm
- Friday, April 9—Good Friday Worship—7:00 pm
- Saturday, April 10—Easter for Kids—10:00 am—Noon
- Sunday, April 11—Easter: Sunrise Service 6:00 am & 9:00 am Worship
- Sunday, April 11—Easter Breakfast—7:15 am
- Thursday, April 15—Ladies Aid—Noon
- April 16 & 17—Kids Camp Croix Weekend
- April 19 & 20—MN District Pastor's Conference



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am the
RESURRECTION
and the
LIFE.

He who
believes in
me will
LIVE,
even though
he dies.
John 11:25



REMEMBER!

SPRING AHEAD APRIL 4TH