

# Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

**A message from Pastor Kock**

## **CRUCIFIED WITH CHRIST**

*"I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God who loved me and gave himself for me." Galatians 2:20*

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There is nothing shallow about Christianity. Behind our faith is the Son of God who was crucified on the cross. God's Son gave himself into death for us – that is how much he loved us! He took our place and suffered the punishment of God toward sin that we had brought to ourselves. He saved us from eternal hell. We didn't deserve this; he did it out of love.

There is nothing shallow about Christianity. We don't walk away from viewing our Lord on the cross and take a casual attitude toward sin. Nor do we let our emotions or our personal wants set the course for our lives. We were crucified with Christ and we no longer live but Christ lives in us. We have pounded a nail through our self-centered ego; daily we drown the Old Flesh within us with its lusts. We have put on Christ. The risen Jesus now lives in us and rules our hearts, wills, and ambitions. All we do is for him, out of thanks for his loving sacrifice on the cross.

There is pressure today on churches to make it easy for people to join and become a member. We are told that people should be able to slide into active Christianity without having to make changes to their lives, except, perhaps, give up Sunday morning sleep for an hour of worship. How far this is from the truth. Christianity is not easy, in fact, it is impossible for us. Only through the working of God in our hearts through the power of the gospel do we participate in Christianity. But once the gospel gets a hold of us, there's no holding back. Once we see the Son of God on the cross for us, giving himself into death out of love that we might live forgiven, heirs of heaven! – this gospel captures our hearts completely, to give up everything of our past lives, to sacrifice all for Christ,

"On my heart imprint your image, blessed Jesus, King of grace, that life's riches, cares and pleasures have no power to hide your face. This the super-scription be: Jesus, crucified for me is my life, my hope's foundation and my glory and salvation." (Christian Worship #319)

Pastor Mark Kock

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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.
- **Youth 6th-8th Grade:** If music is your interest, the WELS offers a music camp at Martin Luther College, New Ulm, MN this June. Stop by the Martin Luther College website ([www.wmlc.com](http://www.wmlc.com)) for more info.
- **Staff, Lifeguards, Cooks, Nurses and Counselors** are all needed for Camp Croix this summer! There are applications in the narthex—they are due May 1. Weeks of camp this year are July 2-8; July 9-15; July 16-22; and July 23-29. Camper registration forms are also in the narthex.
- **Sonshine Festival** (Christian music for teens) will be held July 13-15 in Wilmar, MN.
- Is your child interested in attending a **Christian sports' camp** this summer? St. Croix Lutheran High School is sponsoring camps for basketball, football and soccer. Registration pamphlets are in the narthex for those interested.
- Don't forget to order your **Easter Flowers** before Palm Sunday, April 9th. There are sign-up sheets in the narthex. Lilies (\$9.00), Tulips (\$9.50) and Mums (\$9.50) will be offered again this year. Talk to Nancy (294-2828) with any questions.
- The **LWMS Spring Rally** will be held on Sunday, April 23 at Holy Trinity church in New Hope, MN. Please call Donna Cottor (294-3962) for more info or if you would like to carpool.
- Please take a look at the **small insert** in this newsletter. It is a list of the committees that will serve meals at such occasions as funerals. The committees will rotate throughout the year. You will receive a call from your Committee Leader when it is your turn to serve. Please note that this is the same list that was printed in your December newsletter. No changes were made; we just reprinted it for your convenience.



## The WELS Connection

### Congregation Mission Offerings Remains Level

In 2005, Congregation Mission Offerings, the single largest source of support for the worldwide mission and ministry of WELS, remained at the same level as 2004 – \$19.5 million. After growing in the early 2000s, Congregation Mission Offerings fell in 2004 and remains level this year. In order for the synod and its congregations to maintain ministry, offerings need to grow by five to six percent.

“We give thanks that the Lord’s people shared their wealth with his church,” says Dave Liggett, director of WELS Ministry of Christian Giving. “But we plead with our Lord to give us the strength to raise our Congregation Mission Offerings by 10 percent or more in 2006 to support ministry carried out by the synod on behalf of its congregations and members.” Congregations are still submitting their commitments for the 2006 Congregation Mission Offerings.

Congregation Mission Offerings accounts for more than 60 percent of the synod’s revenue. “Congregation Mission Offerings is the main fuel tank that runs this engine called the synod,” says Liggett. “It’s the congregation’s way of saying we’re interested in not only doing work locally but also worldwide.”

Other sources of synod revenue include gifts from individuals, foundation grants, and bequests. All of these sources put together fund the synod budget, which for fiscal year 2005-06 (July 1, 2005–June 30, 2006) is \$32.3 million. Almost 75 percent of this budget goes to support Home and World Missions and Ministerial Education.

### How To Have Your Gifts to WELS Matched

For Christians, it is a true joy to sacrifice some of what God has given us in order to share the gospel with others. It is even nicer when our offerings are stretched further yet with a matching donation from another organization. The WELS.net online gift site now has a link that allows visitors to check if their employers have a matching gift program. Many do!

Visit [www.wels.net/jumpword/donations](http://www.wels.net/jumpword/donations) to search by a company name. The Match Finder software will give you a general idea of what your employer offers and who to contact for more information. WELS Christian giving counselors can also provide details (call 800-827-8482). Gifts to WELS schools in particular are usually eligible for some type of match.

### Mission Partners Connects Members with Missions

You probably know how the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod is involved in work way beyond the upper Midwest – there are WELS missions across the United States, in Africa, Europe, Asia, South America and the Caribbean – but how much do you know about any one of these missions? There is so much to learn, including details of life in another culture and the amazing ways in which the Holy Spirit is working through WELS.

The synod developed the Mission Partners program in 2003 as a way to allow individuals, churches or WELS organizations to connect with called workers serving at 65 of these missions. As part of the program, a person will receive regular updates from his/her prayer missionary and can support the mission with encouragement, prayers and financial gifts. Members should be sure to share their lives with the missionaries as well—both sides benefit from hearing about God’s blessings on his Church. To get started in the program visit [www.wels.net/jumpword/mission-partners](http://www.wels.net/jumpword/mission-partners).



## Our Life of Worship at Trinity—April Highlights



### April 5—Lent Wednesday Worship, 7 pm

- ◆ The Passion of our Lord According to the Gospel of Luke
- ◆ Lenten dinners occur each Wednesday from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm

### April 9—Palm Sunday

- ◆ On this day Jesus entered Jerusalem on a donkey to fulfill the Scriptures and humble himself unto death on the cross and by this sacrifice destroy the power of sin and Satan. Cheer on Jesus as he comes to you.
- ◆ The Sunday School Children sing in the 10:30 am Service.



### April 13—Maundy Thursday Worship (Holy Communion), 7 pm

- ◆ This is the night our Lord instituted his Supper to nourish our faith with his grace and strengthen us to be his holy people. It is the night of his betrayal unto death on the cross.



### April 14—Good Friday Worship, 7 pm

- ◆ On this day Jesus was crucified and laid in the tomb. See the cost that was paid to redeem you from your sins.

### April 16—Easter Sunday, 6:30 am, 9:00 am

- ◆ This is the day the Lord has made, the day of Jesus' resurrection from the dead. All life and salvation comes from the risen Christ. All heartaches of earthly life meet their Victor in Him who lives. Praise him for his triumph.
- ◆ The Sunday School Children sing in the 9 am Service.
- ◆ The Adult Choir, a special Men's Choir, and several instrumentalists bring their gifts to the worship of the Risen Lord, in the 9:00 am Service.
- ◆ Easter Breakfast will be served from 7:15 am to 8:30 am



### Adult Choir Update:

- ◆ Rehearsals occur on the Wednesdays of Lent at 6:20 pm. Come add your voice to the choir and learn music to present in worship to the Lord Jesus. Rehearsal will return to the normal time of Wednesday, 7:15 pm, following Easter Sunday.



**Men's Choir Rehearsal:** Sundays April 2 and 9, 9:05 am in the sanctuary.



**Installation service of Pastor Eugene DeVries** occurs April 2, 4 pm at Redeemer Lutheran Church, St. Croix Falls, with a dinner to follow.

## Serving Jesus with our Gifts and Talents

### Budget Update

	February 056	Year-to-Date
Income:	\$17,089.37	\$36,665.80
Expenses:	\$16,430.74	\$31,785.44

“Proclaim Peace through Jesus” is the theme of our Wisconsin Synod. We recognize that every soul is a treasure, needing to receive the peace which comes through Jesus. How are you doing in your efforts to proclaim peace through Jesus? God’s grace pardons our shortcomings. His grace also empowers us to see his mission more clearly and willingly and generously to support that mission. Recognizing the price he paid to make our souls a treasure, may we treasure the opportunities he gives us to say thanks, proclaiming peace through Jesus everywhere we can.

### Martin Luther College, New Ulm, Minnesota

In the past, WELS budgetary subsidy and student tuition covered the costs for educating future called workers at MLC. Today the combination of higher educational costs and lower WELS subsidy has led to severe budgetary measures. But even with increased costs to students, personnel, cutbacks, and spending needed reserves, serious challenges remain. At present, MLC is facing a \$3.6 million shortfall for the 2006-07 school year. The WELS College of Ministry needs your support to provide the reliable supply of prepared workers you have come to expect.

Will you help us?

With a regular outpouring of gifts from you and other WELS members, the college can continue to prepare men and women for public ministry, and you can continue to depend on Martin Luther College for your next pastor, teacher or staff minister.

### “By Grace Alone”

A course of instruction in the teachings of the Christian Faith

Thursdays, 7 pm beginning April 20

A refresher Course on your Confirmation Lessons

A great way for your friends or acquaintances to learn the full message of Christ and our walk of faith



The grace of the  
**Lord Jesus Christ,**  
the love of **God,**  
and the communion  
of the **Holy Spirit**  
be with all of you.  
2 Corinthians 13:13

## Come Chat with the Pastor

Each month Pastor Kock will set aside a day to give you an opportunity to visit with him at church, ask him questions, talk the spiritual talk of Christ, or whatever is on your mind. No appointment necessary. Just stop by.

April Pastor’s Day: Saturday, April 29, 11:00 am to 1 pm



## We Grow Together in Studying God's Word



Our study continues..

Attend the **Sunday morning Bible Class at 9:15 am**

Topic: "Romans Chapters 9-16: More of God's Amazing Grace"

**Women's Bible Study, Tuesdays, 7:00 pm**

Topic: "The Glory of Jesus' Suffering, Death, and Resurrection"

**Wednesday Morning Bible Class at 10:30 am**

Topic: "The Book of Acts". Join in following the early years of the Christian Church as it moved forward the gospel ministry of our Lord Jesus.



**Thursday, 7 pm**

Topic: "By Grace Alone"

Bible lessons that cover the spectrum of Christian faith. Great to refresh your Confirmation lessons.

**Catechism Class Update:** For the 2nd year Confirmation students:

Examination Sunday, May 7

Confirmation Sunday, May 21

**The Inner Court**

The high school youth recently studied the first three chapters of I John and learned that faith is not just head knowledge but a real fellowship with Christ that shows itself in brotherly love.

The Inner Court Bible Study occurs each Sunday at 9:15 am. This is a great opportunity for teens to stay connected to Christ and his Word.



**Sunday School News:** Parents, teach your children the importance of respecting the house of the Lord as a place where God through his Word makes us holy people. Pray for your child's Sunday School teacher.

Special Project: Pine Car Derby. Talk to Jim Brown (651/257-5700) to learn how your child can participate.

**Tender Loving Care Preschool**

Pray the Lord answers the request of Trinity and Grace Lutheran Churches to receive a teacher to share the Word of Christ with children whom our Lord brings to our preschools. With God's blessing, our preschool will begin the school year in September.

## Mission Awareness

Have you noticed the displays on Martin Luther College and the WELS Prison Ministries, put up by our Mission Awareness Committee? Throughout the coming weeks look for other displays of mission work that our Lenten offerings will support.

The Mission Awareness Committee meets Saturday, April 1, at 9:30. Its purpose is to plan ways to show the blessings of God upon our church and Synod's missions, and to provide opportunities for you to use your time and talents in directly sharing the Word with souls.



## Evangelism: Reaching Out with the Gospel

Here are some opportunities for you to share your faith in Jesus and help others learn of their Savior:

- ◆ Join the New Resident Visitation Corps that visits our new neighbors with an invitation to join us in hearing the Word of God. Next opportunity: Saturday, April 8, at 10:30 am
- ◆ Invite a friend or acquaintance to join you in Sunday worship. Remember the Special Easter Time, of 6:30 am and 9 am.
- ◆ Be friendly to visitors at our services. Your efforts to welcome them go a long way to inviting them to return and hear more of God's Word.
- ◆ Teens, invite a classmate to come to the Inner Court Bible Class.
- ◆ Children, invite a friend to come to Sunday School with you.
- ◆ Pray for those who are living without hearing the Word of Christ. No matter how much they look happy and healthy on the outside, without the Word of Christ dwelling in their hearts they are without the forgiveness and salvation of Christ. Pray that the Lord converts them to saving faith.



# Easter Breakfast

## April 16, 7:15 am to 8:30 am

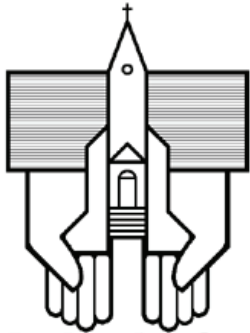
Sponsored by the men and boys of Trinity.  
See Kevin Rogers of the Fellowship Committee if you would like to assist.





## Spring Mission Rally Sunday, April 2

An opportunity to gather with your family of believers, enjoy a meal and conversation, and hear from your fellow members how God is blessing our church and ministry and the opportunities we have to go forward for our Lord Jesus Christ and serve his world of people.



*Lord, you have been  
our dwelling place  
in all generations.  
Psalm 90:1*

### **Church dinner at 11:45 a.m.**

The dinner will be hosted by the Girls of Trinity.

NO need to bring anything! All food will be provided – come for fellowship and to eat submarine sandwiches.

### **Church Life to Focus on:**

New members will be introduced.

There will be information on our worship life and ways we can serve.

### **Pine Car Derby at 1:00 p.m.**

Come for the races!



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Wayne Riba, Council President  
Scott Doerr, Treasurer  
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JoAnne Johnson, Altar Guild, 294-2020



#### 2006 Trinity Church Council Members:

Wayne Riba, President	Curt Richter, Vice-President
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Colin Hendricks, Trustees	Jerry Pieper, Christian Education

Scott Doerr, Treasurer  
Stewardship (open)  
Kevin Rogers, Elders

#### 2006 Board of Elders:

Jim Brown	Kevin Rogers	Ron Lueck
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### Special Dates!

- Tuesdays in April, Women's Bible Study, 7:00 pm
- Spring Rally Day! Sunday, April 2, 11:45
- Sunday, April 9—Palm Sunday
- Thursday, April 13—Maundy Thursday Worship, w/Lord's Supper, 7:00 pm
- Friday, April 14—Good Friday Worship, 7:00 pm
- Sunday, April 16—Easter Morning!
- Thursdays, April 20, 27—"By Grace Alone" Bible Class, 7:00 pm
- Sunday, April 23—Voters Meeting, 11:45
- Sunday, April 23—LWMS Rally in Andover, MN
- Saturday, April 29—Pastor Chat, 11 am—1 pm



Pray for our members in service: Mike Beck and Steve Winkelman

Pray for our campus members. On your behalf the church will be forwarding a gift to each of our campus members, with a letter of support and encouragement.