

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

A message from Pastor Kock

“But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead!”

On March 4 the Discovery channel showed “The Lost Tomb of Jesus,” a documentary produced by James Cameron (“Titanic” and series of “Alien” films) that presented evidence that several limestone bone boxes of Jerusalem may have contained the bones of Jesus and his family. The show immediately spawned condemnation from both Christians and archaeologists. Archaeologists argued that there is no credible DNA testing on the bones that can prove it’s Jesus’ body. Christians were outraged that such a hoax even got air time. The Bible makes it clear that on the third day our Savior rose from the dead.

Perhaps the lesson we need to learn is that so many of our generation are getting their information from the media and forming their beliefs on what they receive from the media. You’ll be surprised how many people whom I speak with on evangelism calls do not believe Jesus bodily rose from the dead. Mention Easter to them and they will first think of Easter bunnies and reserving brunch at their favorite restaurant. Many of our neighbors make no connection between Easter and the bodily resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

But such an event of history is the heart of our faith and the foundation of salvation for all people. The apostle Paul wrote, “If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile. You are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost.” (I Co 15) Without a living Savior we have no one who paid for our sins; they are still held against us and will dismiss us from God’s sight into the eternal darkness of hell.

“But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep!” writes Paul. Christ’s bones are not in a box in Jerusalem. He is risen and with a glorious body fills the universe. He is with you always, wherever you are; he serves you with his forgiving love and death-destroying power. Because he lives, you will live, also.

This is the news to get out into the community and world. This is the gospel of salvation that every believer, from child to senior citizen, has the privilege of announcing. We may not have air time on a cable station to proclaim Christ’s victory, but we have this day and tomorrow in our homes, favorite coffee shops, lunchrooms and neighborhoods to tell the truth.

“Then sing your hosannas and raise your glad voice; proclaim the blest tidings that all may rejoice. Laud, honor, and praise to the Lamb that was slain, who now sits in glory and ever shall reign.” (CW 143, v5)

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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.
- Don't forget to order your **Easter Flowers** before Palm Sunday, April 1st. There are sign-up sheets in the narthex. Lilies (\$9.50), Tulips (\$9.50) and Mums (\$10.50), and Azaleas (\$14.00) will be offered this year. The lilies are white and Wildwood will choose the best color for the others. Please call Nancy (294-2828) with any questions.
- **Volunteers needed for the Easter Breakfast:** please come Saturday, April 7 at 4:00 p.m. to help get the church ready for our annual Easter Breakfast.
- **Upcoming Chats on wels.net:**
 - April 17, 8-9:00 pm: **Relax: Letting Go and Letting God** with Ann Ponath.
 - May 15, 8-9:00 pm: **Dealing with Teen Pregnancy and Abortion** with Mr. Paul Snamiska, Christian Life Resources Program Director.

Camp Croix—The Camp Beneath the Cross

A Christian Experience your child will treasure for a lifetime . . .

Camp Croix Youth Bible Camp offers a week long of fun of Christian fellowship in activities of devotion, Bible study, sports, swimming, canoeing, handicraft time and many other outdoor activities. Youth summer Bible camp is held four separate weeks for ages 9-14.

An efficient and dedicated ault and junior staff are there to direct the week long program under the leadership of the Camp Director.

Dates for camp: July 1-7; July 8-14; July 15-21; July 22-28.

Staff needed: Nurse for July 1-7
Camp Director for July 1-7
Bible Leader for July 1-7
Lifeguards needed for all weeks

Registration forms are available in the narthex for both campers and staff. Additional questions can be answered by the Camp Croix Registrar, Henry Hoeft, 651-437-8084.

The WELS Connection

\$22 MILLION DONATED TO WELS ENDOWMENT FUNDS SO FAR

More than \$22 million has been given to WELS Missions and Ministerial Education Endowments since the funds were created in early 2006. The total includes \$2.5 million in immediate gifts and \$19.8 million in deferred gifts (gifts through estate planning instruments).

Part of the total includes \$1 million from the Schwan Foundation. Schwan offered to match funds given by WELS donors during a target period of time. An additional dollar-for-dollar match will be donated by the foundation if WELS can bring in an additional \$500,000 by June 30.

WELS administrators hope to stabilize the funding of long-term ministry through these endowment funds. Many synod programs require predictable financial support, but funding often drops with the economy and ministerial education school enrollments. To ensure ongoing support, the principal of the endowment funds is maintained while only a portion of the interest is used on a regular basis to fill funding gaps.

The goal of the Ministry of Christian Giving is to have \$300 million in endowments by the end of 2018. WELS is already able to utilize additional funding through these endowments for the 2007-08 fiscal year.

For more information on WELS endowment funds, visit www.wels.net/jump/endowment.

A MILESTONE FOR MEDITATIONS

To commemorate the 50th anniversary of *Meditations*, Northwestern Publishing House is creating a special book of *Meditations* devotions. With selections from some of the first volumes, this compilation represents a small fraction of the thousands of devotions printed in this publication during the last half century. The book will be available in summer 2007.

First published by Northwestern Publishing House in 1957, *Meditations* quickly became a widely-used resource for daily devotions. Printed quarterly in correlation with the church year, the booklet has remained relatively unchanged since its beginning. Scripture passages often correspond to current church readings, and extending beyond Sunday's sermon, *Meditations* is an accessible outreach tool for witnessing and evangelizing.

Pastors, missionaries, and professors across the United States and the world contribute to *Meditations*, allowing them to preach to an audience of nearly 150,000. Pastor Curtis Jahn, editor of the anniversary edition, says, "*Meditations* is second only to the *Christian Worship* hymnal in the number of people it puts into direct contact with God's Word on a weekly basis as a published material." More than 75,000 copies reach Christian households through church, school, and individual subscriptions.

To subscribe to *Meditations*, go to www.nph.net/periodicals or call Northwestern Publishing House at 1-800-662-6022.

WELS BLUE STAR FAMILIES OFFER SUPPORT

Since World War I, families of military personnel have displayed Blue Star flags—the unofficial representation of a child serving in America's Armed Forces—in the windows of their homes. Many WELS military families have continued this tradition as a sign of pride and patriotism.

In addition to pride and patriotism, however, families experience separation, anxiety, and uncertainty. The WELS Blue Star Families organization was formed to connect the families of those serving in the military.

In addition to discussing the immediate, physical needs of the troops, members of WELS Blue Star Families work to help the troops spiritually. They send care packages and raise awareness in their communities. These families also support and encourage each other by phone, e-mail, and in person. Through this connection, they can share their concerns and fears as well as their faith and parental pride.

WELS Blue Star Families is founded on common faith and Christian kinship. Just as the Blue Star in the window unites military families in the unique challenges they face, the cross of Christ unites these families with the heavenly assurance and spiritual comfort only God can provide.

To donate items for care packages or to learn more about WELS Blue Star Families, go to www.wels.net/jumpword/military or contact Special Ministries at 414-256-3241.

Our Life of Worship at Trinity

April Highlights:

- ◆ The Brass Choir of St. Croix Lutheran High School will assist our praise of our Redeemer in both services, Palm Sunday, April 1.

Holy Week Services:

- ◆ April 5 Maundy Thursday, 7 p.m. (with Holy Communion)
- ◆ April 6 Good Friday, 7 p.m.
- ◆ April 8 The Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ (Easter)
Worship 6:30 a.m. and 9:00 a.m.
Breakfast 7:15 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.

Evangelism: Reaching Out with the Gospel

New Bible Class to invite your friends to attend:

“Christinmylife” Bible Study



“Risk taking: What are your odds? Are you beating them?”

Risky behavior with money, drugs, relationships vs
the life of absolute certainty through Jesus Christ

“It’s Good for the Environment”

Global warming, depleting resources of the planet . . . Who’s in
charge? How do we treat the Earth?

“Pornography’s Flood Keeps Rising”

Is lust or agape love driving our lives?

These topics are presented on three successive Wednesdays,
7:05 p.m. April 11, 18 and 25

We Grow Together in God's Word

The Inner Court (Bible Study for High School Youth) is currently in a Bible study on Christianity and other religions.

Adult Bible Class

- ◆ Sunday Adult Bible Class, 9:25 a.m. "The Church that will Never Perish!"

Do you know what the Church is? What are her blessings? Marks? Purposes? Do you know why holding to the true teachings of God's Word is so important? Attend this Bible class and learn of the one worldwide body that will never perish.

- ◆ Tuesday Women's Bible Class, 7:00 p.m. "The Book of Jeremiah"

- ◆ Wednesday Bible Class, 10:30 a.m. "The Gospel of John, 1-10"

John's Gospel stands out as containing some of the most beautiful sermons and works of our Savior. Come to this Bible study and learn of Jesus, along with many of your friends in Christ.

Parents, check out the website: "parentscrosslink.net." This is a WELS site to serve families in Christ.

The women from Salem Lutheran, Stillwater, are hosting a **Women's Enrichment Weekend**, April 20-22. Registration forms are located on the display tables of the church entrance. One of the topics is "Being a Spiritually Uplifted Woman in Today's Society."

"A woman who fears the Lord is to be praised." Proverbs 31:29

Serving Jesus with our Gifts and Talents

Financial Update for February 2007

Income: \$14,259 Expenses: \$24,182

Financial Update for end of 2006:

Income: \$249,428 Expenses: \$252,749

Opportunities for Fellowship at Trinity

Do you wish to receive this newsletter by e-mail instead of hard copy in your mail slot? If so, please notify the office, along with your e-mail address.

Come Chat with Pastor Kock

Each month Pastor Kock sets 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.

Pastor's Day: April 23, 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Brothers!

Men's Breakfast, Saturday, April 21, 8:30 a.m. Come for fellowship in Christ and growing in his grace.



We Grow Together in Studying God's Word

On Sunday, April 15 Trinity Church will host the Spring Rally of
The Lutheran Women's Missionary Society

Key Speaker: Pastor Dallas Miller, from the Lutheran Home,
 Belle Plaine, MN

All women of Trinity are asked to mark this date and attend to learn firsthand from missionaries the blessings of God upon his Word in people of other lands.

Volunteers are needed for registration, welcoming, displays, table centerpieces and set-up, kitchen tasks, prepare food, usher, and clean up. Please speak to Pat Loney (651/257-5920) of your willingness to serve.

Pine Car Time!

It's pine car time once again. We will have a work day, Sunday, March 25th at 4:00 pm in the fellowship hall. Supper will be served . . . So bring your creative ideas and let's put them into car form.



The next work day will be on Saturday, April 21st at 3:00 p.m. We will serve supper again, and put the finishing touches on your cars.

Races are slated for Sunday, April 22nd at 1:00 p.m. in the church entry. We be have two different classes for competition. Those of you that are not confirmed will be in one class and the rest of you will be in a class of your own.

Please join us for our day at the races!

Open Forum Day, April 22 at 11:45 a.m.

Please join fellow Trinity members for our annual informational day to tell us about our upcoming year and budget.

Lunch will be served!

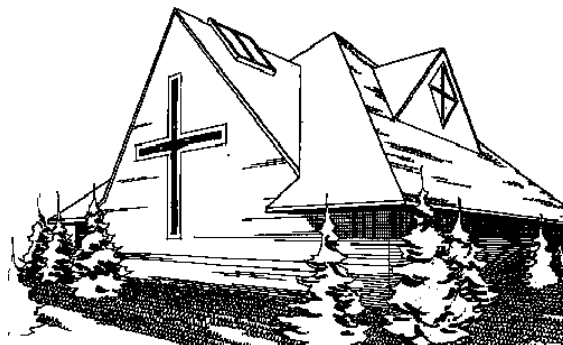


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Special Dates!

- * Sunday, April 1—Palm Sunday
- * Thursday, April 5—Maundy Thursday Worship w/Lord’s Supper, 7:00 pm
- * Friday, April 6—Good Friday Worship, 7:00 pm
- * Saturday, April 7—set up for Easter breakfast, 4:00 pm
- * Easter Sunday, April 8—Worship 6:30 am, Breakfast 7:15 am, Worship 9:00 am
- * Wednesdays, April 11, 18, 25—Christformylife Bible Study, 7:05 pm
- * Sunday, April 15—LWMS Spring Rally at Trinity, 2:00 pm
- * Saturday, April 21—Men’s Breakfast 8:30 am
- * Sunday, April 22—Open Form 11:45 am; Pine Car Races 1:00 pm
- * Sunday, April 29—Quarterly Voters’ Meeting 11:30

