

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

A message from Pastor Kock

“I am the Good Shepherd.”

John 10:14

In Bible days a shepherd provided his sheep with nourishment and protection. The nourishment came by leading them to pastures and fresh waters. The protection came by keeping the sheep near him and by warding off enemies such as wolves who had intentions of devouring a sheep or two.

Jesus is the Good Shepherd and we are his sheep whom he purchased by the shedding of his blood on the cross and gathered into his flock by the regenerating work of the Holy Spirit. He provides us with nourishment and protection, through his Word and those of his Church who are called to serve in his name.

Jesus nourishes our faith with his Word. It forgives our sins, strengthens us to trust in him, and feeds us a hearty meal of peace, hope, and joy in the Holy Spirit. Be sure to receive the nourishment of Jesus for your faith by faithfully attending worship and the preaching of the Word, partaking of his holy Supper, and reading your home Bible daily.

Jesus protects us from the harm of our enemies the devil and the ungodly world through his Word. It shows us the truth, warns us to avoid all false doctrine and those who wish to infiltrate our sheep pen with it. The Word gives us the strength of faith not to fall into temptation or misbelieve, to resist Satan, and love not the world. Be thankful for the protecting love of Jesus and heed his warnings to stay away from the wickedness of the world and the leaven of the Pharisees.

Jesus said, “I am the Good Shepherd.” Note that he speaks in the present tense, “I am.” He is present with you, for he lives, risen from the dead. He lives to walk with you day by day, he lives to provide for all your needs of body and soul, he lives to guide on the way that leads to the peaceful pastures of heaven. Follow him, listen to his voice, and stay near him and his flock.

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.
- Looking ahead to **Vacation Bible School**: Trinity will host our annual VBS June 9-13 from 12:30-3. Make plans now to attend! Kids will be able to be bussed to church from school.
- **Camp Phillip**, a WELS camp located in Wautoma, WI is offering many great camping opportunities for kids ages K-12th grade. There are pamphlets in the narthex for those interested.

LWMS Rally

The Lutheran Women's Mission Society of the St. Croix Circuit will hold its Spring Rally on Sunday, April 6 at Faith Lutheran Church in Prior Lake, MN. The guest speaker is Jacob and the theme for the rally is "Outreach to Muslims." Registration begins at 1pm with sessions throughout the day. Dinner will be served at 5pm.

Rallies are semi-annual gatherings where mission-minded women come together to encourage one another in spiritual growth and mission awareness. They are held in the spring and the fall. These are a wonderful opportunity to meet or join with women for worship, fellowship, and learning about missions at home and around the world.

Come and hear the blessings and challenges of reaching out to Muslims in Christ. There is a sign-up sheet for carpooling in the narthex. Please call Donna Cot-tor at 294-3962 for more information.

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Jim Brown	Kevin Rogers	Will Stob
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Opportunities for Fellowship at Trinity

Each Sunday God gives you opportunity to gather with your fellow believers and grow closer to each in Christian love. Take time after service to learn of one another and give encouragement in the Lord. The second Sunday of each month is our “Trinity Connection” where we meet in the Fellowship Hall to receive updates on our church and mission life and hear of ways to serve our Lord with our abilities and time. Your brothers and sisters of Trinity look forward to seeing you.

◆ Trinity Spring Rally/Open Forum and Church Dinner

Sunday, April 13, 11:45 am

Hear members share their faith and experiences in serving the Lord.

Receive a full report from the Church Council on the proposed mission goals and budget for the coming fiscal year. Ask questions, share input.

Sit down and enjoy a meal together.

Games are planned for all ages.

Be sure to come!



◆ Brothers: All men of Confirmation age and up are invited to the Men's Breakfast, April 19, 8:30 am. Enjoy good food, great company, and study in God's Word.

◆ Voters' Meeting, Sunday, April 27, 11:45 am

◆ Come Chat with Pastor Kock—Saturday, April 5, 10:00 am to Noon

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. Enjoy some coffee, pop, and cookies. No appointment necessary. Just stop by.

◆ Pray for our members in the service: Mike Beck (currently stationed in Mississippi).

◆ Pray for your fellow members who are shut-ins, hospitalized, or struggling with illness or other matters. Rejoice in the blessings of health, family, work, and accomplishment that the Lord gives your brothers and sisters. Love one another sincerely.

◆ Baptism: Connor Hunter Bader, son of Bart and Melissa Bader Birth date 12/13/07 Baptized 3/15/08

◆ 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 adult and junior staff are there to direct the week long program under the leadership of the Camp Director.

Dates for camp: July 6-12; July 13-19; July 20-26; July 27-August 2.

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 or Ryan Conlon, 651/336-8375.

Our Life of Worship at Trinity



April 6—Good Shepherd Sunday

April 13—Walking Together Sunday, praising God for the fellowship of our synod in which we stand in agreement in the teachings of God's holy Word and work together to make disciples of all nations.

April 13—St. Croix Lutheran High School Anniversary Service, 3 pm.

April 29, 9:00 pm on WELS "Streams", the 50th anniversary service of the WELS mission work in Japan.

Wednesdays Vespers/Bible Class, 7:00 pm (except for April 2) - an additional opportunity for Trinity members to gather in the Father's house to pray, praise and receive the proclamation of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Church Choir rehearses on Thursday, 7:00 pm. Come, sing to the Lord and prepare music to bring to the Sunday worship of our Savior. Prepare songs for Ascension and Pentecost.



We Grow Together in God's Word



- ◆ Sunday Adult Bible Class, 9:25 a.m. Next Sunday Adult Bible Class: **"Apocalypse Now?"**

Why the run of movies on the theme of the end of the world where only a few survive? Is there a recognition that our world needs to be cleansed of litter and evil? Can we really return the world to its original state, to a paradise? But even if there's just one family living on the planet, does that guarantee a better human life? (Remember the story of Noah?)

- ◆ Tuesday Women's Bible Class, 7:00 pm—Book of "Hebrews" begins on April 8
- ◆ Wednesday Bible Class, 10:30 am: "Top Ten Questions You'd Like to Ask God"
- ◆ Sunday School for children pre-K through 8th grade, 9:15 am

The Sunday School children's offerings are now going toward mission work in the nation of Indonesia.

- ◆ Inner Court for High School youth, Sunday, 9:15 am
- ◆ Catechism Class for 7th and 8th graders, Wednesdays
- ◆ The Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary

The seminary of the WELS is located in Mequon, WI just north of Milwaukee. This school trains Lutheran men to be among the world's most well prepared and Biblically sound pastors and theologians.



Serving Jesus with our Gifts and Talents—Serve the Lord with gladness!

God's love for us in his Son Jesus opens our hearts to gladly give offerings of our time and treasures to the praise of his holy name.

Income and expenditure information for February:

Financial Update for February 2008:

Income: \$17,003 Expenses: \$18,322

Financial Update Year to Date:

Income: \$154,670 Expenses: \$143,827

Reminder: The goal of our church is to receive monthly offerings of \$18,333.00.

We pray that the Lord's grace will cause our hearts to overflow with generous donations of our time and offerings so that his saving Word may continue to be proclaimed.

If you would like to help the Lord's work with special gifts, perhaps with appreciated stock or real estate, or if you need to make special gift arrangements to accommodate your tax situation, you may want to speak with one of the Christian Giving Counselors serving our district, Pastors Mike Hatzung and Jon Rossman. They are specially trained to help WELS members make such gifts. You may contact them at michael.hatzung@sab.wels.net or 612/280-4491 or jonathan.rossman@sab.wels.net or 414/559-6731.

Please consider the following opportunities to use your God-given talents to serve your Lord and his Church. Then, speak to the contact person. Thank you.

- ◆ Vacation Bible School—Jerry Pieper (294-3836)
- ◆ Be coordinator for summer Vacation Bible School (June, early afternoon, one week)
- ◆ Be teacher or teacher's helper for Vacation Bible School
- ◆ Be craft leader or crafts helper for Vacation Bible School
- ◆ Assist with music or games for Vacation Bible School
- ◆ Assist with Catechism Youth trip to Martin Luther College (chaperone, drive—Pastor Kock at 294-2828)
- ◆ Coordinate Sunday School closing picnic and games (early June) - Jerry Pieper (294-3836) or Jake Hoverman (755-2762)

Reaching Out with the Gospel

The "How to Share Your Faith" Training Course began March 15. The next session is Saturday, April 19, 10:30 am. There's still time to come and get on board and grow in learning how to sow the seed of God's Word.

The Board of Elders, Kevin Rogers, Will Stob and Jim Brown, along with Bob Wells and Ron Lueck are visiting members of Trinity who have been absent from the gospel of Christ in Word and Sacrament. Pray for their work of serving under Christ and calling on several of our church family to return to the Lord and be restored to his Word.

