

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

“For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.”

I Corinthians 1:18

God’s Foolish Message

Ever since Eve looked at the forbidden fruit and saw that it was desirable for gaining wisdom, our corrupted minds assume we can match wits with God’s. But God does not think like us. We think that if we live right we can impress God and coax him into loving us. We think somehow we ought to get some credit for our salvation. Not! God says we cannot possibly make up for our sins or earn our salvation with him. He thinks it’s the highest form of human arrogance to think like that.

Our minds don’t think like God’s. Thank God! This is how he thinks: “I love them, in spite of their sins. I will have my own Son die for them so that they won’t have to pay in hell for their sins. I will accept my Son’s perfect life and sacrifice on the cross and then credit it to them.” That’s how God thinks, and we call it “the message of the cross.” God meets us at the cross of Calvary and there shows us his grace, his love to forgive us our sins freely for Jesus’ sake.

Foolish? Some might think so. But when you’re trembling over your sins and thinking about the day you face your Maker, then you’re happy for such a message. For the message of Christ on the cross takes away all fear. He died so we might live eternally. To us who are being saved, this message is the power of God.

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Pastor Mark Kock

Miscellaneous News



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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.
- **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.
- **Northwestern Publishing House** will be at Salem Lutheran Church in Stillwater on Friday, April 24th starting at 8:30 am going through Sunday, April 26th at noon. They are giving a 20% discount on all merchandise. Items for sale include: books for all ages, clothing, jewelry, sheet music, cds, dvds, toys, confirmation gifts, paper goods, invitations, etc. Special store hours include Friday 8:30-4:30 pm and throughout the weekend during the Women's Enrichment Retreat. NPH will be set up in the Family Center (gym) just inside the doors, so feel free to stop in to shop anytime!
- We have a new address for **Mayme Pettis** who moved recently to Eau Claire as she recovers from an injury. Write to her at: 1405 Truax Blvd, Eau Claire, WI 54703. Her phone number is 715/552-1030.
- The St. Croix-Wisconsin Conference of the **Martin Luther College Ladies Auxiliary** will hold their Annual Spring Rally on Saturday, April 25 here at Trinity at 9:00 am—noon. All are welcome to attend and learn more about the work of the auxiliary. Please contact Jean Brown at 294-4566 for more information.
- Looking ahead to summer: the annual **Sonshine Fest** will be held in Willmar, MN on July 15-18. The festival highlights Christian music over the course of several days.
- We are no longer collecting **Campbell's Soup labels** or Box Tops for Education.
- **Sacred Act:** Former Trinity member, Earl Hanson was called to his eternal rest on Monday, March 16. His funeral was held in Mequon, WI on Thursday, March 19. A graveside service, officiated by Pastor Kock was held at Pleasant Prairie Cemetery, Osceola on Saturday, March 21.

**HE IS NOT HERE;
He IS RISEN!**

April Worship Highlights

- ◆ **April 1, Wednesday Lent Service, 7 p.m.** “Father, Forgive Them.”
Dinner will be served from 5-6:30 p.m.
Worship Choir meets before the Wednesday service, at 6:25 p.m.



Holy Week Services

- ◆ **Palm Sunday, April 5, 8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m.**
- ◆ **Maundy Thursday, April 9th, 7:00 p.m.** with Lord’s Supper
- ◆ **Good Friday, April 10th, Noon and 7:00 p.m.**
- ◆ **Easter Sunday, April 12th**
Worship Services, 6:30 a.m. and 9:00 a.m.
Breakfast served from 7:15-8:45 a.m.



We Grow Together in God’s Word

- ◆ **Sunday School:** Tyler Dehmer and Jake Hoverman are making plans for the annual pine car races for our Sunday School children, May 3. They’ll have more information for you soon.
- ◆ **High School Youth:** Sherry Lueck has been teaching our youth what the Bible says about angels, at the Sunday Bible Class and Fellowship, “Inner Court,” at 9:15 a.m.
- ◆ **Rebecca Wells** recently attended a mission to Arizona, with other classmates of St. Croix Lutheran High School.
- ◆ **Bible Study for Adults:** Jesus says, “Learn of me.”
Sunday, 9:20 a.m. Topic: “What Does it Mean to be Justified?”
Tuesday Women’s Bible Class, 7 p.m. Topic: History of Beloved Hymns
Wednesday Bible Class, 10:30 a.m. “The Glory of Jesus’ Suffering, Death, and Resurrection”
- ◆ **New, starting April 15th: Wednesday Service and Bible Study, 7 p.m.**
Receive the solid meat of God’s Word and let the Holy Spirit deepen your faith and knowledge of your Lord. The Bible Study includes prayer and songs of thanks to our Father in heaven.
Topic for April: “God Bless our Families: Instruction for Healthy Christian Families”



Reaching out with the Gospel

Tender Loving Care Preschool—Trinity

Through the ministry of our preschool, we intend with God’s grace to reach young children and families with the message of the love of Jesus Christ. Paulette Enerson has accepted the Call to serve as our Preschool teacher.

Trinity seeks a member to serve as our Tender Loving Care Preschool Administrator. This person will be key to the preschool ministry of our church in bringing the love of Jesus to children, in bringing his saving Word to families, and promoting the preschool among our congregation and community. Qualifications include a devotion to the Lord Jesus, a love for children, interest in the education of children, ability to work with parents, clerical skills, and a willing spirit to assist the preschool teacher and Preschool Committee. Are you interested? Please speak to either Pastor Kock or Church President Curt Richter of your interest or of any questions you have concerning this position. Pray that the Lord will lead a member of our church to willingly serve, so that Christ’s name may be proclaimed and his salvation magnified in the hearts of children and families.



Jesus Cares Ministry: How does one share God’s Word with people having different cognitive abilities from what we call the norm? God instructed and invited us to “make disciples of all . . . “ And He did not add “All except . . . “ Jesus Cares Ministries (JCM) Worship at the Cross simplified service is the answer to this question. Please consider joining us for our next gathering which will be held on April 11th at 10:00 a.m.

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

Income and expenditure information for February:

Income for February:	\$16,508	Income Year to Date:	\$148,542
Expenses for February:	\$19,214	Expenses Year to Date:	\$155,008

Reminder: The goal of our church is to receive monthly offerings of \$19,167.00. 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. Pray that our offerings give glory to God. Solomon wrote, “Honor the Lord with your wealth.” Proverbs 3:9



Serve the Lord with Gladness

The Assistance Fund is the name of the Fund our congregation operates to give financial support to those of our church in material need (in special cases we also give from this Fund to those of our community). Fred Loescher is entrusted with managing this Fund. It’s important that we continually supply the Assistance Fund with our gifts so that resources are there when needed to help those in need and to express the sincere love of Christ and his Church.



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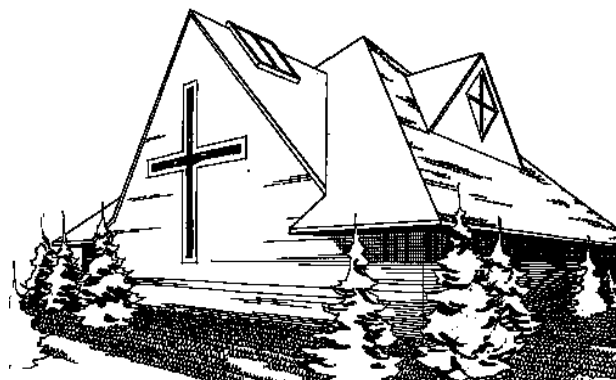
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Sherry Lueck (651/433-2943)



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Opportunities for Fellowship at Trinity

- ◆ **Sacred Easter Concert, April 5**, at St. Croix Lutheran High School, 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Open House from 2:30-4:30 p.m. Spaghetti Supper from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.
- ◆ **Women's Enrichment Weekend** will be held at Salem Lutheran Church, Stillwater, MN beginning Friday, April 24th and continuing through the weekend. There are registrations forms in the narthex for those interested. Registration forms are due April 1st.
- ◆ **Camp Croix Spring Cleanup Weekend**: April 25, 26
- ◆ **Youth Bible Camp** for ages 9-14, at Camp Croix: July 12-18, July 19-25, July 26-Aug 1. Registration forms are in the narthex.
- ◆ **LWMS—St. Croix Circuit Spring Rally**, Sunday, April 26 at Faith Lutheran, River Falls, WI. Guest Speak is Dr. Scott Gostachock. The rally's theme is "Cross Cultural Outreach." See the poster in the narthex for more detailed information. 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 (and men) for worship, fellowship, and learning about missions at home and around the world. The rally begins with registration at 2:00 and ends with dinner at 6:00.
- ◆ **College Members of Trinity**: Attend the 2009 WELS National Campus Ministry Retreat, May 18-21, in Eau Claire. The theme is "Walk HIS Way." All college age members, including incoming freshmen to graduating seniors, are urged to attend this opportunity for entertaining fellowship and faith-strengthening seminars and activities. Cost is only \$125. Registration closes in April. Go to www.campusministryrally.com for more information and to register
- ◆ **Camp Croix** is looking for a nurse for July 19-25, and for July 26-Aug. 1, and for lifeguards all weeks. Contact Ryan Conlon at ryanconlon78@msn.com for more information.
- ◆ **Camp Croix is in need of new hymnals**. If you would like to help purchase some, contact Pastor Eugene DeVries, at pastordevries@centurytel.net
- ◆ **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.