

April 2010

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church



"I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Matthew 16:19

In your house, do you ever hear someone ask, "Where's my keys?" Without keys you can't drive the car. But if you have keys, you can power that machine down the road, or you can open the door to the cabin up north, and then lock it when you head back home. The person who has keys has a certain amount of authority.

God has given his Christian people some keys. He calls them "keys of the kingdom of heaven." They are keys that open the door to God's grace and forgiveness, and open the door to heaven itself. They also shut that door. God wants us to use these keys in our everyday life with one another.

"I don't see anything wrong with my lying (or disrespect, stealing, adultery)." LOCK

"I can get to heaven on my own good works, without needing a Savior." LOCK

"Lord, I have sinned against you. Have mercy on me a sinner." UNLOCK

"Lord, in you I trust for full salvation. You are my righteousness." UNLOCK

The keys to the kingdom of heaven are Christ Jesus'. He earned them by making the sacrifice that paid for the sins of the world and by conquering death and proving it in his resurrection. "All authority in heaven and earth belong to me," he says. He has given the keys of heaven to his Church of believers. As we preach and teach his holy Word, as we

share Christ's Word among ourselves to forgive and comfort, as we baptize and partake of Holy Communion, the keys of heaven are at work among us, powerfully forgiving our sins and giving eternal salvation to all believers!

Lord help us to use the keys to God's kingdom faithfully, wisely, and to God's glory.

Pastor Mark Kock

"Who Are We, Members of Trinity Lutheran?"

We are a fellowship of believers in Jesus Christ, who gather to receive the gospel of our Lord and Savior in Word and Sacrament for the strengthening of our faith and equipping of our lives to serve in his world and to his glory.

Check out our church web page each week for highlights and spiritual messages.
www.telcoswi.org





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Jim Brown, Kevin Rogers

Miscellaneous News

- 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 Food shelf** — The Open Cupboard is always in need of donations. Just take one of the grocery bags from the narthex, fill it up and return it to **the church. We'll deliver it to the food shelf for you!**
- **E-Mail Address:** If you have a new e-mail address or have changed your e-mail, please notify the church office so we can keep our records up to date.
Thank you!

April Worship Highlights

Come, let us worship the Lord!

Holy Week and Easter

Maundy Thursday, April 1, 7 p.m. with Holy Communion—the night Jesus was betrayed and instituted the Lord's Supper.

Good Friday, April 2, 12 noon and 7 p.m.—the day our Lord gave the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the world.

Easter Sunday, April 4, Sunrise at 6:30 a.m. and Regular at 9:00 a.m. with breakfast from 7:15 a.m. to 8:45 a.m.—**the day of our Lord's Resurrection from the dead.**

These are the great festival services of the Christian Church year for Holy Week. The Lord is your maker and redeemer and you are by grace a member of his Church. Let the people praise the **Lord and give thanks for God's great salvation!**

Please note the change from our regular **Holy Communion** pattern for the month of April. Holy Communion will be served in the 8:00 a.m. service on April 11, and in the 10:30 a.m. service on April 18.

Chapel Dedication Service, at Martin Luther College, April 10, 11. It is necessary that you reserve a place, if you plan on attending this event. Go to www.mlc-wels.edu.

The **Mission Awareness Committee** has designated displays and information on several missions that your Wednesday offerings will support. Please check out the displays in the fellowship hall.

The **Ladies Aid** maintains four emergency committees. These committees rotate to serve for funerals. Members of the Ladies Aid chair these committees. From time to time, these committees need to be updated...for one reason or another some people can no longer serve. Please help the Ladies Aid out in its intended revision of these committees by completing the form that is on the narthex table and return to the church office. Men are encouraged to volunteer to help, as often we need to move tables and chairs; also large coffee makers.

Search the Scriptures

Grow in God's Grace



Here are some opportunities for Bible Study at Trinity!

- Sunday, 9:20 a.m. "What must I do to be saved?"
- **Tuesday Women's Bible Class**, 7:00 p.m. "Outspoken Hero's of Faith"
- Wednesday Bible Class, 10:30 a.m. "The Holy Spirit"
- **Saturday Men's Breakfast**, 8:30 a.m. (3rd Sat. of each month) "Making God-pleasing Decisions"
- Sunday School meets each Sunday at 9:15 a.m.
- Catechism, Wednesdays, 3:45 - 5:00 p.m.—please note the change in time! Also, 8th grade members of Catechism Class have additional classes scheduled for April—Sunday, April 11, 18, and 25, at 9:30 a.m.
- **The Inner Court**, Sunday Bible Study for high school youth at 9:20 a.m.
- **Tender Loving Care Preschool**, Teacher Paulette Enerson—there are openings for children, ages 3-5. Meets Tuesday and Thursday, 9 - 11:30 a.m. Now taking applications for next school year (includes an afternoon session on Tuesday and Thursday, 12:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m.)

Church library – check out the resources for spiritual growth. Really! Check out a book or CD.

Podcasts for parents are available at <http://www.parentscrosslink.net>. Check out segments on "The Christian's view of wealth and possessions," and "What Children eat and drink impacts their brain development."

Pray for our member in the service:
Mike Beck stationed in Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.

Opportunities for Fellowship

Camp Croix Spring Cleanup is being held on April 24-25 and May 1-2. Raking leaves around camp and clean up tasks are done to get the camp ready for the upcoming season.

We also have two cabins that we "adopted" and need some work. Please share your time, money and craftsmanship to help update and maintain these.

If you like to work with kids, you can volunteer to be a camp counselor for one of our three summer Bible Camp weeks. Campers are ages 9-14 years old. Staff are needed for counselors, directors, cooks, camp nurse and lifeguards.

The 2010 Youth Bible Camp weeks are July 11-17, July 18-24, and July 25-31.

Women's Enrichment Weekend will be held at Salem Lutheran Church, Stillwater, MN beginning Friday, April 23rd and continuing through the weekend. There are registration forms in the narthex for those interested. Registration forms are due April 10th.

Thank you to all who donated items for the **Ukraine Ministry** during November 2009. Unfortunately we found out too late that this ministry was discontinued. The items collected have not gone unnoticed. Several car loads of clothing and other items were transported to the **Mission Warehouse** in Little Canada, MN to be sold to help support Christian Life Ministries. Some of the medical supply items have yet to be inventoried and donated to an organization that can make use of them. That organization has yet to be determined. If anyone has any ideas, please contact Harold Brown.



Pray for our "Befriend a Mission" missionaries:

Home Mission: Pastor Aaron & Abbie Strong
6936 Brier Creek Lane
Las Vegas, NV 89131
World Mission: Ronald & Karen Baerbock
PO Box 43683

Serving Jesus with our Gifts & Talents

Serve the Lord with gladness!

- Income and expenditure information for February and for the fiscal year.

BUDGET UPDATE		
	<u>Last Month</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Income	\$18,421	\$130,832
Expenses:	\$15,689	\$125,416

- Reminder:** The goal of our church is to receive monthly offerings of \$19,167,00.
- Open Forum,** Sunday, April 11, 9:20 a.m. and 11:45 a.m.—To discuss the proposed mission plans and budget for the 12 month period of July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011. All members are invited to attend.
- Quarterly Voters Meeting,** Sunday, April 18, 11:45 a.m.
- Mission Meetings**—Following the April voters meeting, Trinity will be conducting several “mission” gatherings at members’ homes, to inform everyone of our church mission and goals for the next 12 months. We hope everyone will attend. Specific dates of the meetings are yet to be determined. We are looking for members to host our gatherings. The host offers his/her home for a gathering of 8-14 people and provides refreshments. Please speak to Council President Curt Richter or Pastor Kock of your willingness to be a host.

Reaching out with the Gospel

The Gospel of Matthew Bible Class, Wednesday, 7 p.m. beginning April 14.—Study the Good News Book that Matthew wrote on the life of Jesus Christ. You will not only learn of the Savior but of all the central teachings of faith in Christ. Come! Invite a friend or relative who is searching for a greater knowledge of Jesus, or does not presently have a church. Light refreshments will be served prior to the Bible Study.

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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 10th at 10:00 a.m.



Lutheran Women's Missionary Society

St. Croix Circuit Spring Rally
 Saturday, April 10, 2010
 Grace Lutheran Church,
 South St. Paul, MN
 Theme ~ Using St. Croix for Community and International 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 **Quilters** are looking for donations of used/new sheets. Please consider this as you do your spring cleaning.

