

April 2011

# Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church



## Serving your Savior with the joy of salvation

Serving. Giving. Answering the call or challenge to step forward and help your church get done the things of Christ. What lies behind this? The love of Jesus Christ. *"Christ's love compels us...that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again."* 2 Corinthians 5:14. Out of love for you Christ died on the cross and suffered the punishment of your sins. Out of love he finished his assignment and conquered sin, death, and the devil. He has become your Lord forever. This love of Christ is not only saving but also a power in your heart that compels you to live for him.

What else lies behind being an active, giving member of the Church? A response of faith, thanks, and love. *"I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God – this is your spiritual act of worship."* Romans 12:1 We do not need to make an offering for our sins. Jesus' one offering on the cross has paid them off in full. But the offering that we can give to God day after day is the offering of thanks and love. *"Thousand, thousand thanks shall be dearest Jesus unto Thee."*

The appeal you receive from me and from the leaders of Trinity is to raise your lives in Christ and experience the truth that it is better to give than to receive, better to serve than to be served. Have you experienced that yet? I pray that it is with the joy of salvation that you

present your abilities, time and gifts to the Lord, singing, "We give Thee but Thine you, whate'er the gift may be; all that we have is Thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from Thee."

What else lies behind the contributing, active member of our Church? The goal behind all activity is that of glorifying Jesus Christ and helping to carry out his mission of sharing the Gospel with all nations of the world. If the goal of our activity at church were making ourselves look good or merely meeting a budget, it would be a goal to drop and bury. But the goal Jesus puts before us is to use our lives and all that we possess to glorify him and in his name minister to lost souls with his saving Word. Now that is a goal to carry out with all our heart!

*Pastor Mark Kock*

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

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*Serve the Lord with Gladness*



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### 2011 Trinity Church Council Members:

Will Stob, President  
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### 2011 Board of Elders:

Kevin Rogers, Harold Brown

### 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 Communion: April 3, early service  
April 17, late service
- **Communicant's Prayer:** *"Enlighten me by the Holy Spirit that I may rightly know and willingly confess my sins. Enable me also with true faith to embrace my only Redeemer, Jesus Christ, that I may obtain both pardon and peace and be prepared to partake worthily of your holy supper to my soul's health. Strengthen me through this salutary gift in faith toward you and in fervent love toward all people. Create in me a clean heart and renew a right spirit within me. Amen."*



### Lent Continues on Wednesdays April 6 and 13, 7:00 p.m.

Our services follow our Savior as he suffered willingly for our Salvation. This year Pastor Kock participates in a preaching rotation with Pastor Weigant, Zion, East Farmington, Pastor DeVries, Redeemer, St. Croix Falls, and Pastor Staab, Grace, Nye. Dinner is served on each of our Lenten Wednesdays, beginning at 5:30 p.m.



### Maunday Thursday

7:00 p.m. Worship with Holy Communion

### Good Friday

12:00 noon Worship  
7:00 p.m. Worship



### Easter Joy—The Resurrection of Jesus Christ

6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service—outdoors, weather permitting

9:00 a.m. Service indoor

Breakfast served between services

## Search the Scriptures

### Christian Education and Growth in God's Grace

For Adults:



- Sunday, 9:25 a.m. Adult Bible Study - "Creation and the Book of Genesis" Don miss this Study that gets at the heart of the world's origin and the awesome beauty and wisdom of God seen in creation.
- Tuesday Women's Bible Class, 7:00 p.m. All confirmed women of Trinity and guest are encouraged to gather together to study God's word. The series will begin April 26th on Kremer Publication short course on cults or the end of times and run 4-6 weeks.
- Wednesday Morning Bible Class, 10:30 a.m. "The Gospel of Matthew" - Read the early chapters of this book on the life of Jesus Christ and learn what true discipleship means for followers of our Savior and King.

For Children PreK-8th:

- Sunday School, 9:15 a.m. for children ages PreK-8th grade.

For 7th/8th Graders:

- Catechism Class, Wednesday, 3:45 p.m.

For High School:

- The Inner Court—Sunday Bible Study for high school youth at 9:15 a.m.  
Teacher: Paulette Wentzlaff

Church Library:

- Check our resources for spiritual growth. Really! Check out a book or CD. We have materials for adults, teens, and kids. See the display of books in the church narthex.



**NOTE!** Can you help? Curt Richter is looking for a member or two to regularly put up new messages on our M-Sign for motorists.

## Reaching Out with the Gospel



**Jesus Cares Ministries**

*Where the Care of the Soul is the Soul of Care®*

- Serving the developmental disabled population with the Word of Christ.  
**Next Event:** Saturday, April 9, 10:00 a.m. "Worship at the Cross" Come and join this hour of worship, crafts, and fun!
- Sure Foundation Lutheran Church New York City  
Pat Schlosser, member of our WELS church in Menominee, WI will be with us to present information on the Sure Foundation Lutheran Church, New York City on April 3rd. Pat Schlosser is a registered nurse who worked with WELS Kingdom Workers after 9/11. Following Hurricane Charlie, Pat traveled to Florida and after Hurricane Katrina she went to New Orleans. Last March she traveled with a group of nurses to Haiti where she worked with people injured and displaced by the earth quake.



### Lutheran Women's Missionary Society 48th Annual Convention-Milwaukee, WI June 23-26, 2011

Gather with your sisters in Christ to worship our Lord, serve our Lord through missions, motivate others to serve and enjoy fellowship and fun! Please join us to carry out the Lord's Great Commission—together! For more information go to [www.l2ms2011convention.com](http://www.l2ms2011convention.com)

**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  
Tucson, AZ 85733

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	\$12,363	\$122,654
Expenses:	\$16,924	\$132,728

- 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. If you have need of material assistance, do not hesitate to speak to Fred Loescher. Your conversation will be kept confidential.
- Quarterly Voters Meeting, - April 17—11:45 a.m.**

Opportunities for Fellowship




**Spring Retreat for Youth**

Calling all 7th-12th graders and Inner Court Alumni. It is time for our annual trek to Camp Croix. Trinity youth have the opportunity to use Camp Croix April 8-10th. We are excited to plan a weekend filled with adventure and spiritual growth.

So pack a bag and bring a friend and join us. Registration forms are on the information table. Registration deadline is April 4th. Cost is \$10 per person to help cover food and camp donation. Contact Pastor Kock with any questions. If any additional adults would like to volunteer to assist with this weekend, that would be great!

**Opportunities for Fellowship Cont'd**



**Trinity Youth Go Italian & Learn New (old) Game!**

The March 6th Youth Outing involved a number of Trinity's youth meeting at the home of Paulette Wentzlaff in East Farmington for dinner, with everyone bringing something Italian. Italian neighbors came over with authentic Italian music, candles, center-piece, two of their youth and helped. An awesome meal was shared followed by a trek to Zion Lutheran in East Farmington to learn the game of Dartball.

Dartball involves the use of some seriously sized darts that are thrown underhanded at a board in the shape of a baseball diamond. What a lot of fun! Sure beats the typical bulls eye dart game. We had a great time striking out, fouling out, getting the occasional base hit or homerun, and pulling darts out of the ceiling (thank goodness for replaceable ceiling tiles). Pastor Weigand and the Youth Leaders of Zion were wonderful hosts and graciously accommodated the large group of Trinity and Zion youth by getting out another dart board so we could have four teams going. After determining a winning team, Zion Youth Leaders served us another wonderful Italian meal of spaghetti and pizza.

Pray for Our Members



Pray for our member in the service:

**Mike Beck** stationed in Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri and Gregg Traylor stationed in Afghanistan

**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.