

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church



“From infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.” II Timothy 3:15

“Let your light shine before others so that they may see your good works & give glory to your Father in heaven.”
Matthew 5:16

THE IMPORTANCE OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Martin Luther, the Reformer of the Church, understood that the Church had a mission to achieve: to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ, as given in his inspired Word. Luther realized that the Church could carry out this mission only if its members were well versed in the Scriptures themselves. For that reason he promoted Christian education in the home.

Luther wrote the Catechism so that parents could carry out their responsibility to bring up their children to know that the heavenly Father sent his Son to be our Savior – to live and die as our substitute. Luther assigned to the head of the house the task of teaching the children the Ten Commandments, the Apostles Creed, and the Lord’s Prayer. He wrote: “It is the duty of every head of a household at least once a week to examine the children one after the other and ascertain what they know.”

Our Lutheran Church recognizes the importance of Christian education. If we are going to benefit fully from Scripture, we need to be able to read that Word ourselves. Then the Holy Spirit may strengthen our faith and equip us to pass on the good news to the members of our house or to others outside our homes.

Read again from Luther: “The foremost reading for everybody should be Holy Scriptures, and for the children, especially the gospels...Is it not right that every Christian man know the entire gospel by the age of nine or ten?”

What’s it like in your home? Are you reading from your Bible daily? Are you teaching your children the Word of God? Do you have a Catechism that you use on a weekly basis? Are the gospels of Jesus Christ (Matthew, Mark, Luke,

Let us not pass up the opportunities to grow deeply in Holy Scripture. Luther wrote: “Buy while the market is at your door; gather in the harvest while there is sunshine and fair weather; make use of God’s grace and Word while it is there. For you should know that God’s Word and grace is like a passing shower of rain which does not return where it has once been.”

God in his grace continues to bless us with his Word so that we might remain his people and proclaim Christ to the nations. Make use of his Word in the home.

Pastor Mark Kock

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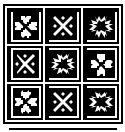
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Key People Birthdays

Attend a Bible Study at Trinity

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Quilters



Quilting has changed their fall return back to August instead of waiting for September. An invitation is extended to the ladies of Trinity to join us on Mondays, starting August 2nd from 1:00–3:00 pm to tie quilts with yarn. We break at 2:00 pm for coffee. If you would rather hem quilts at your home or donate material such as sheets, light weight draperies, regular fabric, yarn or thread, that is what keeps our project going, it is very much appreciated.

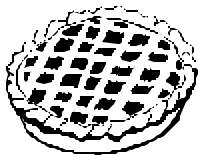
All you need to bring is a scissor or if you have a large eyed needle, otherwise all is furnished. If you cannot come every Monday just come when you can.

Places the quilts go are Mexico, Ukraine, New Beginnings in Colorado, Open Cupboard Food Shelf in Osceola for gifts, Area Nursing Homes, Northside Ministries in Milwaukee and wherever else they might be needed. Quilts may be purchased and all donations are put back into supplies. So come for good Christian fellowship while you are helping others with your talents.

Miscellaneous News



*Check out this website that offers a fresh approach to connecting people to Christianity,
www.WhatAboutJesus.com*



- 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 items! You may bring the items to church and we will bring them to the food shelf. Thanks!
- Remember to keep checking your **church mailboxes!**
- **Do you eat?** Polk County Christians in Action will provide a truckload of food on Saturday, July 10 at 9:00 am. Meet at the Congregational Church, 201 Harriman Ave North, Amery. Please call 715/268-7390 for more information. No income requirements.
- **Spiritual Renewal Weekend for Women:** Join us for a weekend of speakers, music, entertainment, and fun. Mark your calendars now! April 15-17, 2005. Kahler Grand Hotel in downtown Rochester, MN. Theme: "Jesus answered, 'The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent.'" John 6:29.
- **Pies Wanted!** Thrivent at Zion is again having their pie and ice cream stand at the Community Fair, Sept. 10th-12th. Please help by baking a pie or two. **No Cream Pies.** Sign up on the sheet on the counter in the narthex. Profit from the booth and also the pop route at the parade will go to the building fund for Camp Croix's new kitchen. If you are able to work at the booth or have further questions, please call Jackie Stelter at 294-3487 or LaVerne Renspe at 755-2800.
- **WELS Kingdom Workers (WKW).** Nancy Beck will share her time and talent for two weeks to serve one of the mission congregations in Salem, Oregon. The team will assist Immanuel Lutheran Church by reaching out to the unchurched of their community. Keep Nancy and the mission congregation in your prayers.

The WELS Connection

NORTH AMERICAN OUTREACH

One reason for our existence

When it comes right down to it, once God has worked faith in our hearts there is really only one reason for our existence. God has a unique plan for each of us. We who know of this great and loving God have a mission and a great responsibility to tell more and more people about the peace we have through Jesus, our Savior. At the end of our days, that will be the reason God placed us on this earth.

Off the drawing board

During the month of June, our synod's districts had the opportunity to meet in convention. One message that was common in each district was the message to these district representatives that *Proclaim Peace through Jesus* is off the drawing board and heading for each local congregation. This is the theme for the next four years in our outreach to North America, and this is the theme for each WELS member, congregation, and our synod.

Visits of encouragement

Beginning in September visitors will be invited to your congregation. These will be visits of encouragement as each individual member of WELS finds new ways to tell more people about Jesus—in their homes, in their communities, and, in tandem with their congregation and synod, to the far reaches of North America and the world.



Join the Choir

No place in God's Word does He give us an excuse not to carry out His purpose for our life. What is that purpose? Why are we here? Very simply—to praise Him. How can I do that? Psalm 63.5 says "*with singing lips my mouth will praise you.*" Can you think of an easier or more fun way to carry out your purpose? In planning your fall and winter schedule don't forget to "write God in" for His fair share of your time. Choir will begin in September and meets on Wednesday evenings from 7:00–8:00 pm. for practice. Please seriously consider joining us in raising our voices to sing His praise. It's easy and fun!!



Tender Loving Care Preschool

TLC Open House will take a place from 4:00 pm–7:00 pm on Tuesday, August 24. We invite interested parents and members to walk through our rooms, and to meet our teacher, Annette Schultz. Come see what we've accomplished this past year. Refreshments will be served.

Stewardship & Serving Your Savior

Here are some opportunities for you to serve:



- ? Build a float for the Osceola September parade. Serve as a builder or supervisor. Speak to Curt Richter.
- ? Teach Sunday School. Speak to Bob Wells, Education Director.
- ? Help the youth as a volunteer to plan and organize events for high school youth. See Pastor Kock.
- ? Assist our ministry to campus students of our church, living from home. Make contacts to encourage them; plan events to gather them for a church-sponsored event during school breaks. See Pastor Kock.

BUDGET UPDATE

	<u>Last Month</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Income:	\$15,655	\$109,808
Expenses:	\$18,296	\$114,958

Mission Awareness



Ukraine:

Donations for Ukraine have been filling the garage. They are being packed at Northwire for shipping to Milwaukee by Dean Dehmer and Mark Gustafson. Donations will be taken ongoing.

Mission for the Children in Mexico:

A project by Rachel Hoverman was done at the end of the school year to collect leftover school supplies from high schoolers. These items will be sent with the help of Inner Court youth for school supplies. After Sunday School starts children will be given opportunity to prepare and donate gift boxes for Christmas.

Somalian Exploration:

Mission Awareness Group will continue to explore the needs and possibilities for outreach to the growing Somalian population in the Barron area..

Northside Ministries in Milwaukee:

This mission is requesting MORE QUILTS! (Quilting will resume the first Monday in August.) Donations of material are gladly accepted. Storage and workspace concerns were discussed. Please see Pat Loney's article about quilting in this newsletter.

A **Missions Money Drop Box** for donations toward missions was discussed.

Home Missions/North American Outreach:

Hosting work to encourage establishing a mission church in the Somerset/New Richmond area was discussed. Pastor is meeting with the Circuit Pastors soon.

Mission Awareness Group will meet August 7th at 9:30 a.m. Interested members are invited and encouraged to come!

Evangelism News

Go Into All the World and Preach the Gospel

Evangelism depends on relationships. For example, in China, an American teacher from our church body sent to teach English, was treated like royalty. The students who came to her first few classes spread the word. Soon the classes were overflowing. They could see that she was a tremendous teacher. She was showing them by her attitude and conduct that she was not wild or weird but a moral person who truly cared for them. This teacher's conduct on the job is helping to build toward the day when the students will take her up on the invitation to attend Bible classes with her.

The lesson for us is this: We want to invite people to worship and Bible study, for we know that only through the Word of God can anyone hear of their Savior Jesus Christ and be saved. But our conduct and attitude toward work, children and spouse, money and recreation, is so crucial to doing this.

Examine your faith and your life. Let it shine before men and prepare the way for your invitation to others to come hear the saving Word of God.



Attend the Sunday Morning Bible Class at 9:30 am

"Change and Grow by the Power of the Holy Spirit"

The Word of God does more than give us information on God's work of redeeming us through Christ Jesus. The Word also works to produce change and growth in us by the Power of the Holy Spirit. God wants to transform your mind, heart and life through his Word. He wants to strengthen you to live your Christian faith. Attend this Bible Study and learn of the power to live for Christ and the victory he gives you day by day.



ATTENTION!

Ladies of Trinity

The Women's Bible Study Group meets every other Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. The group will not meet during the month of August. It will resume in September. Please join us for interesting discussion and good Christian fellowship.

THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS CHRIST!

A Course of Instruction for Adults

Thursdays at 7:00 pm—Trinity Fellowship Hall

A Bible Study that reviews all the central teachings of the Christian faith.



Catechism Report

Catechism Class for seventh and eighth graders begins Wednesday, September 8th. All students are required to have their own Catechism book, which may be purchased through our church office. Seventh grade meets after school, at 3:40 pm and Eighth grade meets at 5:45 pm

LWMS Annual Convention

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Special Worship Events in August

LET'S GET TOGETHER!!!

CAMPOUT
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August 21st and 22nd
At Trinity

Campout begins after 6:00 pm on Saturday.

Bonfire begins at dark.

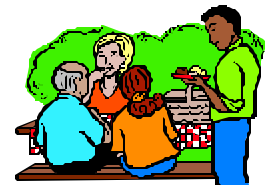
Bible Study Sunday Morning at 8:00 am.

Outdoor Service at 10:00 am,

Picnic to follow with food and fun for all!

Extra Details:

All activities (except bonfire) are rain or shine. For picnic lunch we are firing up the grills for burgers! Gardeners are asked to bring fresh produce for enhancements, even flowers. Bring a salad or dessert to pass. Bring a lawn chair only if it is easy for you. Please plan to stay and play!



SUMMER WEDNESDAY WORSHIP 7:00 PM

Perhaps you plan to be out of town the following week end, or your employer insists you work next Sunday. You have Wednesday Worship to hear the Word of God and praise your Savior! Each Wednesday of the summer provides an added worship opportunity for you. The service begins at 7:00 p.m. Invite a friend to join you!



SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE

September 15 marks the start of a new year of Sunday School at Trinity. Parents, with the Lord begin your tasks and today make the commitment to have your children regularly attend our Sunday School.





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2004 Board of Elders:

Jim Brown	Steve Gustafson	Randy Getschel	Roger Howard
Mike Plaster	Kevin Rogers	Don Rogers	Ken Stob

Special Dates!

- Wednesdays in August—Mid-Week Worship Service, 7:00 pm
- Sunday, August 22—Outdoor Worship Service, 10:00 am
- Tuesday, August 24—TLC Open House, 7:00 pm



Here am I, send me!

Mowing, raking, scrubbing, baking, cleaning, shopping, hauling, mopping . . .

If you've got a job to do, the Trinity Youth Group will help you do it! From summer cleaning or yard work to clearing out the attic or running to the store, call on us for a helping hand.

No fee—just a free-will offering if you can!

If you need help with a project, please leave a note in Barb Hoverman's church mailbox or call her at 755-2762.

