

# Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

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I Corinthians 1:23

Our modern world weakens the impact of important truths. Children watch so many violent acts on television that they fail to grasp how evil are the real blows human fists deliver to another’s face. Music videos and other forms of entertainment present so many scenes of unmarried couples in sex that our society openly calls is “recreation,” puts it on a par with tennis, and fails to see anything sacred and covenantal of the intimacy of husband and wife.

The truths of salvation itself have been weakened by our world. Sin is regarded as nothing more serious than speeding and the punishment no more weighty than a traffic fine. Where is the shame and the guilt and the just reward of hell? Oh, hell itself has been minimized to nothing more than a Halloween stage prop to create a scary ambience. And salvation? This, too, our modern world has cheapened to such an extent that everyone is entitled to it at the end of their life no matter how they lived or what they believed; and many who call themselves “saved” wonder what all the fuss is about in going to church. In other words, the salvation God won for us through Christ has become a yawn for even church-goers, as if it took place quietly and sweatlessly and deserves no better announcement than God dropping a post card in the mail box next to the advertiser flyer inviting us to a summer sale.

The apostle Paul wrote, “We preach Christ crucified.” Think of what that statement means. Our sins are so bad and damning that death is our just punishment. We are so completely lost in sin and incapable of freeing ourselves from its web of hell that only the death of God’s holy Son could redeem us. God’s love for us is so great that he willingly sacrificed his Son for our salvation. The highest price was paid to save us; Christ died on the cross and shed his innocent blood to atone for our sins. It is so vital that we hear of this salvation that God preaches it to us – he has his messengers stand on the mountain tops, on the forest ranger towers, atop the Statue of Liberty, and there they blow a loud trumpet and summon all creation to listen up and with all their hearts rejoice in what Christ has done for them.

Clearly God’s salvation is huge, not little, worthy of each of us stopping in our tracks each day and confessing our sins to the Lord, turning to Christ for forgiveness, and coming to his house of worship to give him our thanks and praise and the commitment of our entire lives.

Pastor Mark Kock

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## 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!
- **We received word from Ken and Dianna Rott**, past Trinity members, that their son, Marlon has begun his basic training with the Navy. The next eight weeks will be very demanding for Marlon. Please keep him in your prayers. His address until the first week of September is:

SR Rott, Marlon P.  
DIV 287 SHIP 12  
Recruit Training Command  
3515 Sailor Drive  
Great Lakes, IL 60088-3515



- **In March of this year, Trinity member, Will Stob** was in a snowmobiling accident that severely broke his leg. Will has undergone several surgeries and physical therapy and has not yet been able to return to work. The whole Stob family would like to thank everyone for their generosity and prayers over the past several months. A fund has been set up to help Will and his family with medical expenses and everyday living expenses. Donations can be made to:

William Stob Medical Fund  
The RiverBank  
PO Box 188  
Osceola, WI 54020

- **The Board of Elders** will meet on Monday, August 14 at 6:30 pm.
- **Thanks to those who have been helping to care for our grounds and property**, in the mowing, weeding, landscaping, and other tasks. If you would like to pitch in, speak to Property Director Colin Hendricks.

## Mission Work



The National Church in Indonesia, supported by the Wisconsin Synod, has grown about 100 souls per year for the past four years in spite of the heavy Muslim influence and opposition.

This year our Synod has opened new missions in Columbia and Hong Kong. This month we plan to send additional workers to the mission fields of China and Thailand, raising our total of overseas teachers to 35 who have graduated from Martin Luther College.

Saving the lives of the unborn from abortion: "Because of what God has done, what he continues to do today, and what he promises to do in the future, we can say that all human life is worthy of life. No matter what age, what stage of development, what condition that life may be in, ALL human life is precious in God's eyes. And we, as his children, need to protect ALL human life." Ed Szeto, Lutherans for Life.

## The WELS Connection News

### DISTRICTS WEIGH IN ON SYNOD ISSUES AT SUMMER CONVENTIONS

In June, delegates representing pastors, teachers, and lay members met in convention in each of the synod's 12 districts. These district conventions, held in even numbered years, allow discussion on pertinent synod-wide matters prior to the 2007 synod convention. Two of the biggest issues considered at conventions were a proposal to restructure synod administration with the intention of improving operational efficiency and another to allow the Commission on Parish Schools to support their consultation work by charging a fee.

In general, the Parish Schools proposal was met with approval while restructuring was not received as well. "I think it was objectively presented and it had a fair hearing," said WELS President Karl Gurgel. He expected many of the concerns to be addressed by further details. "It was [the Ministry Operations Team] choice to have some basic concepts brought to the people first to see if the concepts were worth pursuing any further. If they were, then for the [2007 synod] convention, we would have details clearly spelled out." Going forward, synod administration will consider the input from the district conventions as they decide what will be presented to the 2007 synod convention.

For more information on the district conventions, see [www.wels.net/convention](http://www.wels.net/convention). The site includes minutes from each of the conventions, links to the district's Web sites, details of the restructuring proposal, and synod administration's *Report to the Twelve Districts*.

### NEW COURSE GUIDES FRIENDSHIP EVANGELISM

WELS Commission on Evangelism in May released a course called "Sharing Jesus with Friends: Practicing Friendship Evangelism." There are four parts:

1. Getting to Know People Who Need Jesus
2. Starting a Spiritual Conversation
3. Sharing the Savior
4. Follow-up with Our Friends

The workbook with CD-ROM offers personal evangelism resources that churches can use to educate members on friendship witnessing. "It is my prayer that this material will help to encourage and equip members of our congregations to share the good news of Jesus with people that they know," said Mike Hintz, Administrator of the Commission on Evangelism. There is also a step-by-step guide for conducting a Festival of Friendship Sunday, a service planned around members inviting un-churched friends to worship with them.

Visit [www.wels.net/evangelism](http://www.wels.net/evangelism) for information on ordering "Sharing Jesus with Friends." The Web site also includes other helpful evangelism resources including the four-part series on confidently sharing Jesus with friends (click on "Personal Evangelism Tools") that is wrapping up this month in *Forward in Christ* magazine.

## Our Life of Worship at Trinity

### AUGUST HIGHLIGHTS:

Sermon Series on the Lord's Prayer

Aug 6—The 4th Petition  
 Aug 20—The 5th Petition  
 Aug 27—The 6th Petition



### SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday Worship—9:00 am

Wednesday Worship—7:00 pm  
 (This is the same service as the following Sunday.)



Worship at Camp Croix, August 6, is at 9 am.,  
 for those attending the weekend campout.

Annual Outdoor Service, August 20, 9 am

## Evangelism News

Here are some opportunities for you to share your faith in Jesus and help others learn of their Savior:

- Help us host the August 1 National Night Out event, that invites our neighbors to our location to meet each other to work toward neighborhood safety, and to meet us, a church in their neighborhood eager to serve them with the gospel of Jesus Christ. Speak to Rachel Hoverman of your offer to help.
- Help us conduct the August 7-10 evening Vacation Bible School, for children and adults to learn of the food of salvation that is in Christ the Bread of Life. Mention to Scott Pool that you'd like to assist.
- Build a float for the Osceola parade. Talk to Pastor.
- Hand out literature at our Osceola Faith Booth, in September.

## Christian Education News



- Parents, check out the website "parentscrosslink.net" This is a WELS site intended to serve families in Christ.
- Sunday School is drawing closer! Watch for the narthex registration display.
- The voters of Trinity decided to suspend the Tender Loving Care Preschool for this fall, due to the fact that the Lord has not given us a teacher for this ministry. We continue to pray the Lord Jesus to guide us in ways to serve children and families with the gospel that blesses lives with eternal life.

## Opportunities for Fellowship at Trinity

### Come Chat with Pastor Kock

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. No appointment necessary. Just stop by.

Pastor's Day: August 21, 6:30 pm-8 pm

### Pray for our members and member relatives in the service:

Mike Beck, Steve Winkelman, Jeffrey Mortenson, Marlon Rott.

**Annual Campout and Bonfire on Trinity grounds, August 19th.** Set-up at 4 pm. Pitch your tent (or RV) in the churchyard on Saturday evening. Enjoy a bonfire and the fellowship of your friends, then rise and shine with a casual outdoor service, followed by lunch and games on Sunday morning.

**Outdoor Service, Picnic & Games, August 20th, 9:00 am.** Please bring a salad or dessert to pass.

**Congregational Picture taken on Sunday, August 20, 10:00 am.** One big picture of us all to be hung in the fellowship hall.



## Can you keep a secret?

Would you like to be a Secret Prayer Partner for a young person enrolled in Trinity's confirmation classes? Trinity would like eleven volunteers who are willing to commit one year (for an 8<sup>th</sup> grader) or 2 years (for a 7<sup>th</sup> grader) to pray daily for one of these students and to send cards or notes throughout the year.

- The goals of this program are:
- To pray each day for the young people of Trinity Lutheran Church enrolled in 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade confirmation classes that they may grow strong in their faith through the study of God's Word.
- To support and encourage these young people by sending cards and/or letters for special events in their lives.
- To have each youth pray daily for their prayer partner even though they don't know his/her identity.
- To establish lasting Christian friendships between mature members of the Church and the confirmation youths just beginning to mature in their faith.

We'll begin in early September when confirmation classes begin. Prayer Partner identities will be revealed at the time of confirmation.

Please pray about becoming a prayer partner. If you have questions about this program or would like to volunteer, contact Sherry Lueck at (651) 696-6578 or [lueck@macalester.edu](mailto:lueck@macalester.edu).



## We Grow Together in Studying God's Word

### Sunday Adult Bible Class at 10:20 am.

Topic: "Precious in the sight of the Lord are the death of his saints: A Christian's View of Death and the Life to Come"



### Tuesday Women's Bible Class, 7 pm

Topic: "Right Questions, Wrong Answers: A Study of World Religions"  
(No classes August 1 and August 8)

### Wednesday Bible Class at 10:30 am

Topic: "Saving Souls"

### Wednesday Evening Bible Study, 7:35 pm

## Vacation Bible School, August 7-10, 6-8 pm

Church dinner from 5:30 pm to 6:00 pm

VBS is for all ages and includes songs, Bible lessons, crafts, games, and refreshments.

"How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!" Psalm 119:103

Be sure to invite your friends to join you!

## Serving Jesus with our Gifts and Talents

### BUDGET UPDATE

	<u>June</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Income:	\$15,892	\$113,345
Expenses:	\$23,963	\$110,405



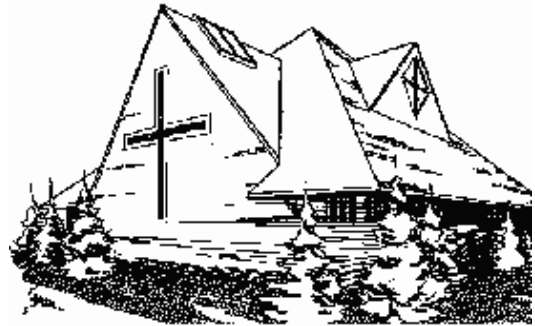
**The Assistance Fund** is the name of the fund our congregation operates to give financial support to those of our church in material need (in special cases we also give from this fund to those of our community). Fred Loescher is entrusted with managing this fund. It's important that we continually 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. Scripture says, "As we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers." Galatians 6:10



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## 2006 Trinity Church Council Members:

Wayne Riba, President	Curt Richter, Vice-President	Scott Doerr, Treasurer
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Colin Hendricks, Trustees	Jerry Pieper, Christian Education	Kevin Rogers, Elders

## 2006 Board of Elders:

Jim Brown	Kevin Rogers	Ron Lueck	Will Stob
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## Special Dates!

- Tuesday, August 1—National Night Out at Trinity, 5:00-9:00
- Family Camping at Camp Croix, August 4-6
- Vacation Bible School at Trinity, August 7-10, Dinner at 5:30; Classes begin at 6:00
- Ladies Aid Annual “Eat-Out”, Thursday, August 17 at 11:30 at Adventures
- Camping & Bonfire on Trinity grounds—Saturday, August 19, 4:00 set-up
- Outdoor Worship, Picnic, Games, Congregational Picture—Sunday, August 20, 9:00 am



## Ladies Aid

Trinity Ladies Aid invites all Trinity members to join them at Adventures Restaurant in Osceola for their annual “Eat-Out” on Thursday, August 17 at 11:30 am.

We ask anyone attending to please sign-up on the sheet on the counter in the narthex.

Please join us!

