

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

"Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation."

Mark 16:14

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

This week the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS) meets in convention, at New Ulm, Minnesota. Why is that important to me?

First, as a member of Trinity, I am also a member of the WELS.

Secondly, the WELS exists to preach the good news of Jesus Christ to all creation, and that is dear to my heart. The Lord has called me to **display my faith and speak of my Savior to my family and neighbors. "Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation,"** my Lord Jesus says to me. **I can't help but speak of what I have seen and heard.** God has shown me through Scripture that his Son gave his life into death on the cross to redeem me from sins. God has told me the good news that Jesus has risen from the dead and lives to all eternity. This knowledge is too good to keep to myself. I live to share Christ with others.

Mission work is dear to my heart. That is why I take interest in the work of the WELS. The people of the WELS are committed to the truths of **God's Word and want to share those truths with others. Together we train** workers for the kingdom work of the Lord - pastors and teachers. Together we carry on mission work in the world. Together we publish Christian materials that faithfully proclaim the gospel.

This month's convention of the WELS is connected to these activities. Our representatives gather to praise God for blessing us with his saving **Word and the riches of Christ's salvation. Delegates gather to humbly ask** God to graciously guide us to serving his world with the gospel and supply us with what we need to be his servants.

This year, the WELS celebrates the 50th anniversary of the Lutheran Evangelical Christian Church in Japan. It will also address the recommendation of closing a pastor/teacher preparatory school in Saginaw, MI, and at the same time strive to go forward with sufficient men and women to fill the pastor and teacher calls into kingdom work of the future.

I will be praying for the delegates to the Synod Convention and will be taking an interest in its worship, discussions, and decisions. I will be ready to go forward and offer my talents and treasures to its mission work so **that Jesus' glorious salvation may shine brightly over every nation of the globe.** I pray that you will, also.

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!

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.

Volunteers are Needed! Osceola Medical Center, LO Simenstad NCU. If you are interested, please contact Christy Johnson, Director of Volunteer Services at 715-294-5643 or CHRISTYJOHNSON@ECUMEN.ORG.

Women's Mini-Retreat Day held at Trinity



On June 9, the Tuesday night Women's Bible Study Group hosted a Saturday morning fellowship time for the women of Trinity (confirmed and older). Twenty-one women enjoyed fellowship time with each other and sharing the Word with guest leader, Valerie Johnson. Val is the Volunteer Coordinator for the True North Campus Ministry in Minneapolis. The morning went very quickly and enjoyably working through Val's "Beautiful Bloom" Bible Study. We then had a delicious lunch, followed by time to work on a church banner together.

We so enjoyed the time spent together. We will plan another one for in the near future. We hope the ladies (young and old) will join us next time!

Trinity and Grace Churches Play Softball



On July 15th God blessed us with another beautiful, sunny day. This also was the day that was selected to be our first annual WELS softball extravaganza. Although some of the softball that was played maybe couldn't be described as beautiful, it did give about 60 fellow believers a chance to break out the bats and gloves and give softball another try.

Four teams fought it out for softball bragging rights and after each team had played two games, a team from Trinity finished as the tournament champions.

A picnic lunch was served after the last games were played. Thanks to Gerry Pieper and Jo Jaspersen for putting the picnic together. The participants all played well but based on the talk that was heard after the games, they all used to play better.

Due to the excellent response, we expect this to become an annual event.

Our Life of Worship at Trinity



AUGUST HIGHLIGHTS:

Annual Outdoor Service, August 12, 10:00 am

with Grace Lutheran, Nye

Special Worship Music

by Chris Driesbach

Crown of Life Lutheran, New Orleans

August 26, Christian Education Sunday

Our worship includes prayers to the Lord to bless the coming school year!

Wednesday Worship, 7:00 pm



“I rejoiced with those who said to me, ‘Let us go to the house of the Lord!’”

Worship the Lord faithfully, every week, if you are able. Your faith needs to be fed God’s Word. The Lord Jesus deserves your thanks and praise. In Holy Communion He offers his body and blood to strengthen your faith, and says, “Do this in remembrance of me.” Your presence at worship is an encouragement to your brothers and sisters in faith.

Reaching Out with the Gospel

We have begun planning for the float to be in the Osceola parade, September 9th. There is time to get on board and help.

This month you’ll notice a sign-up for our church’s fair booth for the Osceola Community Fair. September 7-9. Many of you in the past have been a part of this opportunity to meet our neighbors and offer literature of our church. Do it again. We look for more of you to share a bit of your time at the fair booth.

Representatives of “WELS Jesus Cares” have informed you of this ministry that brings God’s saving Word to the developmentally disabled through Bible Classes and “Worship at the Cross” services. Trinity has decided to establish a “Jesus Cares” ministry to serve those of our community with developmental disabilities. Several members have volunteered to assist this ministry. You also believe that it is our mission to share Jesus Christ with all people. Show this faith of yours. Express your support for “Jesus Cares Ministries.” Encourage your fellow members to overcome their hesitation and volunteer. Pray that the Lord deepen and sustain our church’s commitment to this ministry.

Neighborhood Canvass Saturday, August 18, 11:30 am.

This is a great way to inform our neighbors of our coming Sunday School, high school Inner Court, and Adult Bible Classes, with an invitation to come.

We Grow Together in Studying God's Word



Sunday Adult Bible Class at 10:20 am

Topic: "God's Church: The Early Beginnings"

Learn the dramatic history of how God built his Church from a handful of disciples to thousands of believers through the western world.

Tuesday Women's Bible Class, 7 pm

Topic: "The Book of Jeremiah"



Wednesday Bible Class at 10:30 am

Topic: "God Our Father"

Sunday School and Inner Court begin September 9th, Catechism Class begins September 5th.

Parents, check out the website: "parentscrosslink.net." This is a WELS site to serve families in Christ.

Nine high school members of Trinity attended a WELS Youth Retreat, July 6, 7 at the Rapp farm, north of Taylor Falls. Bible topics centered on making God-pleasing decisions in dating, fashion, and music, Games included volleyball and "Survivor" contests. Thanks to Pastor Eugene DeVries, Barbara DeVries, and Pastor Mark Kock for leading this retreat.



All parents with children enrolled in Salem Ev. Lutheran School and St. Croix Lutheran High School and who are interested in car-pooling for the coming school year are invited to meet Tuesday, August 14, 6:15 pm at Trinity.

All parents of Catechism Youth are asked to meet with Pastor Kock, Sunday, August 19, after worship to discuss the goals and policies for this coming Catechism year.



Serving Jesus with our Gifts and Talents

Serve the Lord with Gladness!

God's love for us in his Son Jesus opens our hearts to gladly give offerings of our time and treasures to the praise of his holy name.

Income and expenditure information for July were not available at press time.

Reminder: The goal of our church is to receive monthly offerings of \$18,333.00. 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.

Support Trinity's College Student Fund. It provides assistance to our members who receive higher education at one of our Synod's schools, toward the preaching or teaching ministry of the WELS. Currently, Peter Wells is attending Martin Luther College, New Ulm.

Trinity is in need of the following, to assist her in carrying our Christ's mission:

- ◆ Sunday School Teachers
- ◆ Jesus Cares helpers and teachers
- ◆ Visitors to new members (1 hour a month)



Opportunities for Fellowship at Trinity

Annual Campout, Bonfire and Outdoor Service

Saturday, August 11 and Sunday, August 12, 2007

(See flyer included in this newsletter for detailed information!)

Wild Mountain—August 6 for Youth of 6th—12th Grade

Sign-up sheet and permission slips are located on the table in the narthex. We need a count of youth and adults participating by **August 3rd!**



Pray for our members and member relatives in the service:

Mike Beck

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!



WELS News, August 2007

North American Outreach Emphasis Draws to a Close

Under the banner “Proclaim Peace through Jesus,” WELS has been emphasizing North American outreach for the past four years. In each of the themes—Every church a mission, Every soul a treasure, Every member a missionary, and Every life for Christ—“the word every is really important,” says former WELS President Karl Gurgel. “It reminds us of the individual opportunities that we all have to be a witness for Christ.”

The goal of North American outreach was to equip and involve every WELS church—and every member—in outreach. “Mission work is done not just by Home Missions or World Missions or the synod. It’s done by each and every one of us individually and in our congregations,” says Bruce Becker, administrator of WELS Parish Services and North American outreach coordinator. “North America is a growing mission field because the world is coming to us. And that mission field begins right next door to where we live.”

To equip and prepare congregations for outreach in their own communities, worship and outreach resources were provided for each phase. Materials included Bible studies, videos, devotions, and witnessing tools. “The resources and materials from each of the four years will still be available online for any congregation that wants to utilize them in the future,” says Becker.

Although congregational participation in this initiative seemed to wane in the past two years, Becker encourages churches and individuals to continue reaching out. “Even though the four-year emphasis of North American outreach is over, it still remains a top priority in our synod to proclaim the living Jesus to a dying world.”

Pastors are encouraged to utilize resources and incorporate materials from all four phases into their worship plans. To access these resources online, visit www.wels.net/jump/nao.

WELS’ International Youth Rally a Success

More than 1,500 teens and 500 leaders attended the WELS International Youth Rally, held July 4-7 in Dallas, Texas, under the theme “Laugh out loud.” During the course of the rally, teens were given opportunities for large-scale worship, education, fellowship, and recreation. Approximately 200 teens also participated in service projects.

“This rally witnessed hundreds and hundreds and hundreds of teens and leaders having fun, learning, speaking their minds, singing, worshiping, serving others, and growing in their faith,” says Dr. Joel Nelson, administrator for the Commission on Youth Discipleship. “I and many others inside and outside of our rally population have been truly amazed, impressed, and humbled by the spirit, attitude, and faith shown.”

For more rally highlights, visit www.welsyouthrally.net.

WELS Connection Featuring New Leadership Resources

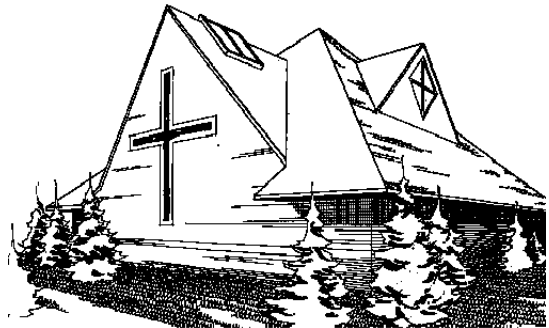
WELS Connection, the monthly video of news and stories in WELS, now features a new section aimed at congregational leaders. Congregational Leadership Resources includes short informational segments appropriate for a council or board meeting—or any gathering of leaders. This tool was designed to help decision-makers learn more about the resources WELS provides to individual congregations. The first segment highlights WELS Investment Funds, Inc. To subscribe to WELS Connection contact Joyce Tucek at 800-827-2237 or joyce.tucek@sab.wels.net.



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Special Dates!

- Family Camping at Camp Croix, August 3-5
- Camping & Bonfire on Trinity grounds—Saturday, August 11, 4:00 set-up
- Outdoor Worship, Picnic, Games, Congregational Picture—Sunday, August 12, 10:00 am



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 spring 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.

