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# Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church



**“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 Most-Traveled Path

What is true of golf is not true of spiritual growth. In the sport of golf the less often you use a golf club the better your score and your game. In our spiritual walk of faith the more often we use the Bible the better our spiritual growth.

**God promises, “My Word will not return to me empty but will accomplish my purpose.” Jesus said, “Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.” So, there we have God’s promise of benefit to our faith and our Christian life the more use we make of his Word.**

So how is your score on the subject of daily Bible readings? Is your Bible well –worn or does it still look brand new, not yet out of the wrapping paper?

**“Well, Pastor, what’s “par” for the course? How often should I read my Bible?” Let the Bible itself answer that question. Psalm 1 says, “Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers. But his delight is in the law of the Lord and on his law he meditates day and night.”**

When it comes to your spiritual growth in Christ your Savior, take the most-traveled path, the path that King David and thousands of other men and women of faith have walked. Read from your Bible **each day and let the good news of God’s love for you in Christ, the glad tidings of salvation in his death and resurrection, strengthen you in faith and impart to you courage and power to live a godly life.**

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Pastor Mark Kock

## Miscellaneous News

*Check out this website that offers a fresh approach to connecting people to Christianity, [www.WhatAboutJesus.com](http://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!
- ◆ **Trinity is no longer gathering Campbell's labels, box tops or milk tops.** Thanks to all those who saved them for us in the past.
- ◆ **Ladies Aid: On Thursday, August 21** Trinity Ladies Aid will have lunch out. All ladies of Trinity are invited! We will have lunch at **ARC Retreat Center** in Farmington at 12:00 noon. Meet at church at 11:30 am if you need a ride. Sign-up sheet is located in the church narthex.
- **Thanks to all who volunteered** at the WELS Polk County Fairbooth, Saturday, July 26th.
- **Mike Beck Address:** If you would like to send a letter to Mike, his new address follows. He is currently stationed in Japan:
 

Michael Beck  
NMCB-133 DET 8  
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## LWMS Annual Convention in June

**"Tell the Glory of His Kingdom"** was proclaimed in Arizona at the LWMS annual convention the last weekend in June. They heard from missionaries from Africa, Nigeria, and the United States. The workshops told us about the variety of ways used to meet the needs in different mission fields. They joined in Bible studies based on the theme of the convention. They gathered around the Word and Sacrament with 1052 registered attendees of fellow believers from around the world in Worship services and devotions. The Mission Projects that were selected by ballot are Home~Outreach to the Asians and World ~ Mozambique. The offering totals were \$71,491 from mission projects and \$29,011 from worship services.

## Summer Youth Retreat



High School youth, plan to attend the second annual Summer Youth Retreat, that takes place August 1 & 2 near Centuria. Camping, Bible study, food, games and fun await you at the Christensen Family Park, 1007 1st St. Centuria (corner of 200th St. and 170th Ave.)

### "Real Questions—Right Answers"

**How can I find out God's will for my life?**

Why does God allow so much evil in the world?

If God chose me for eternal life, why do I have to be good?

## Opportunities for Fellowship at Trinity

- Each Sunday God gives you opportunity to gather with your fellow believers and grow closer to each in Christian love. Take time after service to learn of one another and give encouragement in the Lord. The second Sunday of each month is our **"Trinity Connection"** where we meet in the Fellowship hall to receive updates on our church and mission life and hear of ways to serve our Lord with our abilities and time. Your brothers and sisters of Trinity look forward to seeing you.
- **David Sigrist** is a first-year student at the Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, whom our congregation has adopted to support with prayers and love. On Saturday, August 9, he will be joined in marriage to Kathryn Johnson, at North Freedom, WI.
- **The Second Annual WELS Annual Softball Tournament** took place, Sunday, July 20, and the hitting and fun was as hot as the weather. Four teams participated in the tournament—one from Grace and three from Trinity. Young and old also enjoyed a meal of hot dogs and other foods provided by members from both churches. Thanks to Ron and Jo Jaspersen for organizing this event!
- **Trinity's Annual Church Picnic—Saturday, August 16 at church.** The meal begins at 6:00 pm and the meat will be provided. Please bring a dish to pass. There will be games for kids, teens, and adults to follow the meal. Bonfire will start at 8:30 p.m.—campers are welcome! Bring your tent or camper for the night and extend the Christian fellowship. **The worship service on August 17 will not be outdoors, but at the regular time, indoors, at 9:00 am.**
- Grace Lutheran, Nye, invites you to a service of thanksgiving to the Lord for blessing Pastor William Staab with 50 years of service in the public ministry. The service is **August 10, 4:00 pm** with a meal to follow.
- **Brothers: All men of Confirmation age and up are invited to the Men's Breakfast, Saturday, August 16 at 8:30 am.** Enjoy good food, great company, and study in God's Word.
- **Pray for our members** in the service: Mike Beck is currently stationed in Japan. Also 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.
- **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. Enjoy some coffee, pop, and cookies. No appointment necessary. Just drop by.  
**Pastor's Day: Tuesday, August 12, 6:30 pm—8:00 pm**
- **Escape to Wild Mountain—for youth of 6th—12th grade, August 4.** Meet at Interstate Park at 9:30 am. Please sign-up on sheet in church narthex.



## We Grow Together in Studying God's Word



- Sunday Adult Bible class continues through the summer at 10:30 am. **Here are other opportunities for you to gather around God's Word:**
  - ◆ Tuesday Women's Bible Class, 7:00 pm: Book of Hebrews
  - ◆ Wednesday Bible Class, 10:30 am: The Study of the Prophet Micah
- Parents of Catechism Youth: Pastor Kock requests you meet with him after worship on **Sunday, August 17** to cover the purpose of Catechism Class and the responsibilities of youth and parents.
- Sunday School kicks off **September 7**. Our Sunday School Superintendent Jake Hoverman along with Pastor Kock and the Board of Education are working to fill all teacher positions. Are you interested in teaching **Jesus' Word to his redeemed children?**
- Luther Preparatory School is one of two high schools in the WELS preparatory school system, located in Watertown, Wisconsin. This school prepares young men and women for a lifetime of ministry as teachers and pastors.
- Tender Loving Care Preschool—it remains the aim of Trinity Congregation **to restart this ministry of Christ's Word to little children and their families.** May the Lord hear our prayers and grant us a servant of the Word to **teach lambs bought at the price of Jesus's blood.**

## Reaching Out with the Gospel

- The mission statement of Jesus Cares Ministries is **"In Christ's love our mission is to assist congregations in meeting their responsibility to share the Gospel with people who have a developmental disability, their families and their communities."** **Pastor Roger Vomhof has assisted our congregation in fulfilling this mission.** On July 19th we gathered for our first Bible class. Pastor Vomhof led a simplified service using symbols, songs and rhythm instruments. We had 4 attendees plus their caregivers. Our next gathering will be held on August 16th. Thanks so much to those who helped make this event successful.
- The WELS operates a Campus Ministry throughout our country, at various college campuses offering the members of our congregations the gospel in Word and Sacrament, and also using this campus presence as a way to reachout to those without a knowledge of the Lord Jesus. Trinity Church encourages all our college-attending members to become active at the nearest WELS church, and campus ministry, where provided, to grow in faith in the **Lord and to assist the church in proclaiming Christ's peace to all nations.** (Please notify the church office of the campus addresses of your family)



## 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.



	BUDGET UPDATE	
	Last Month	Year-to-Date
Income:	\$19,659	\$232,881
Expenses	\$16,097	\$217,198

**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.

The WELS Conference of Presidents has launched a Year of Jubilee celebration in response to the 2007 Synod Convention authorization of a **special offering to eliminate our synod’s debt**. This “special offering” is a one-time offering that will come to an end about a year from now at the 2009 Synod Convention.

**Christian giving is motivated by God’s love for us. The Year of Jubilee focuses on God’s love for us as shown by the Old Testament Year of Jubilee foreshadowing a Savior, Jesus, who frees us from the debt of sin.**

The Jubilee offering, with a goal of \$22.4 million, is a huge challenge, but it **also provides a huge opportunity for us. It is a time to hear about God’s love for us and truly put our faith in him to provide for all of our needs.** In doing so we can confidently make gifts beyond anything we have given before.

Reducing or eliminating the debt would free up to \$2.7 million a year to then **“proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor”** - the gospel—to so many in our world **who are prisoners of darkness because they don’t know God’s grace.** The closer we get to achieving our goal with this offering, the more resources we will have to carry out our ministry.

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Trinity Church has a **Memorial Fund**, ready to accept donations at any time from its members. You may designate your memorial offering to a specific project or purchase of the church (that has church approval) or leave your offering undesignated, to assist with future needs or specific project of the church



# Church Picnic



## Trinity's Annual Church Picnic Saturday, August 16th

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Games for kids, teen, and adults to follow



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## 2008 Trinity Church Council Members:

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Kevin Rogers, Elders

## 2008 Board of Elders:

Jim Brown

Kevin Rogers

Will Stob

## Special Dates!

- Wild Mountain for Youth, August 4.
- On Eagle's Wings High School Campout, August 1, 2
- Men's Breakfast, August 16, 8:30 pm at Trinity.
- Jesus Cares Ministry, August 16, 10:00 am
- Annual Church Picnic – August 16—Meal at 6:00 pm—Bonfire at 8:30 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 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.

