

**August
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Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

FROM THE



PASTOR

...“to prepare God’s people for works of service so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God, and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.”

(Ephesians 4:12-13)

Imagine a construction team, equipped with all the right equipment, knowledge and blueprints, all doing their own thing at the wrong time. Imagine skilled construction men building the walls of a house before the foundation is in place. Or the dry-wallers doing their work before the roof is on. Or the nailers nailing before carpenters saw. Or the family moving their stuff into the house before the doors and windows are in place. It wouldn't produce a good final product. Shaky walls, uneven floors, doors that don't fit, broken windows, and water in the basement. The new house would be a condemned house.

Unity. Teamwork. That's what it takes with a construction crew, and that's what it takes in the building of God's Kingdom. Christians working to the glory of God and following his "Great Commission," work together as a team, not as 'rogue' disciples.

Christians become workers who lay the foundation of God's Kingdom in baptism. They nourish and tend those young souls in instruction and training, drawing out each tender nugget of the truth, nugget upon precious nugget until the walls of a spiritual fortress start to appear. As the Word takes its place in a person's life, the insulation of truth and the gifts of the Spirit are taught and practiced. The spiritual house becomes stout and strong against the winds of evil and Satan's temptations. Construction doesn't end with training and teaching just as building doesn't end when the last nail is pounded into it. The house is used. And the

Christian, nurtured and trained in the Word, strong and stout to withstand evil, becomes a witness prepared and equipped for works of service that God, the Master Builder, has in mind for him.

United in the truth and armed with knowledge of Law and Gospel we are able to witness to a world of its sin and offer it the sweet message of the eternal Gospel.

Imagine! Jesus' little group of 12 men dwindled down to 11 and then grew through Word and Sacrament, after he returned to heaven. Now it's an army of Christians worldwide who share Jesus' love. Equipped with One Truth, we equip as One Body of believers.



On August 28th, the members of Trinity will be hosting a **Garden Gathering** where we will open our Fellowship Hall for an evening meal and a casual get together of gardeners and our members. The special invited guests will be those gardeners and their families of our neighborhood using our garden plots. Trinity members may choose to bring a salad, side dish or desert. Gardeners can choose to donate extras from their garden. The Board of Evangelism will supply the hamburgers and hot dogs. Social time will start at 5:00 pm with food being served at 6:00 pm. Dinner will be followed by recognition of those who helped make the garden project a success. The goal is to help the gardeners to know each other as well as the members of Trinity Lutheran. Please take advantage of this opportunity to meet new friends of the area.



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August Worship Highlights



Come, let us worship the Lord!

Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.
Sunday, 9:00 a.m.

On August 14, Pastor Mark Kock continues his sermon series on the 12 disciples of Jesus Christ. Each one lived a unique life of faith; all of them were given the call to follow the Lord and serve in his kingdom. Sounds just like you and me. Come, learn of the **Lord's first disciples, and learn of what your discipleship is all about, too.**

August Worship Highlights Cont'd.

Camping out at Camp Croix one of the August weekends? Be sure to enjoy the outdoor worship offered each Sunday of the month.

Worship hours return to 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. on September 11.

Reaching Out with the Gospel



Jesus Cares Ministries

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

Trinity is offering a simplified worship service to the developmentally disabled in our community and the other communities nearby. Through this program, participants gain self-esteem and a sense of purpose and belonging while acquiring valuable social skills. This group meets the second Saturday of each month and is **taught the elementary principles of God's word.** They also enjoy music, crafts, and snacks with plenty of social time. We have a great group of students; we would love to have you watch and listen as they learn more about their Savior. Our next gathering will be held on August 13.



Lutheran Women's Missionary Society

United to Serve Jesus

The 48th annual convention was held in Milwaukee June 23-26 using the theme "*The Great Commission on a Great Lake*" which provided to meet missionaries and hear first-hand about the work being done in Southeast Asia, Mexico, Africa, Russia and many home missions. Other highlights of the convention included Bible studies, the presentation of over \$115,000 to WELS Home and World Mission projects and a variety of mission displays.

There were 1284 registered attendees with 1542 people attending the opening services. We are dedicated to serving Jesus by increasing awareness of, interest in, and support of the mission outreach of WELS. The two missions that were selected by ballot are Home Mission—Vicars in Mission Setting and World Mission—Japan. The mission projects to be voted on in 2012 are Home Missions—First Public Service Assistance & World Missions—Zambia Projects and Thailand Projects. The 49th Annual LWMS Convention will be held in Winston-Salem, North Carolina on June 21-24, 2012 hosted by the **Heritage Circuit. Theme will be "Our God Reigns."**

Christian Education and Growth of Faith in God's Grace



Here are some opportunities for Bible Study at Trinity!
For Adults:

- ◆ Sunday, 10:20 a.m.—11:00 a.m.
Schedule of Lessons: August 14, 28
“Connecting to Communities: How does God fit me and my unique personality, gifts and work into sharing my faith with my community?”
- ◆ Wednesday Morning Bible Class, 10:30 am.
“I Samuel” What happened in history has lessons for our lives today. There is much to learn about and prayer, faithfulness to the Word, and God's grace from I Samuel. Come, join the Wednesday morning group.

For Children PreK-8th

- ◆ Sunday school starts up September 11.
Would you like to teach Jesus to God's children?

For 7th/8th Graders:

- ◆ Catechism Class, Wednesday 3:45 pm starts September 7th. Parents will meet with Pastor on Sunday, August 14 at 10:15 am in the Library. It will be a brief presentation from Pastor on the goals and purposes of Catechism and the responsibilities of parents and students.

For High School Youth:

- ◆ Inner Court, a Sunday Bible Study and Fellowship, begins September 11. We'd like to have several men and women participate in this service of love in working with our youth. How about you?

Church Library:

- ◆ Have you checked out the new chairs in the Library?

Opportunities for Fellowship



ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC, CAMPOUT & CAMPFIRE August 20 & 21

Saturday—August 20th

The church grounds available for camping (please setup in the rear of the grounds near the gardens) Volleyball and other games starting at 7:00 pm. The bon-fire starting at 8:00 pm.



Sunday, August 21st

Picnic starting at 11:00 am following Worship. Brats and hotdogs will be provided. If you are able, please bring a salad or desert to share. Anyone interested in helping is asked to sign up on the sheet in the narthex.



Camp Croix weekend of camping, swimming, boating, and fellowship with other WELS members and friends—August 5-7. Check out the Camp display in the church narthex.



The fourth Sunday of each month is our “Trinity Connection” Sunday where we receive updates on our church and Mission life and hear of ways to serve our Lord with our abilities and time.

Our fellowship time in the Fellowship Hall is expanded to allow for further conversation in Christ and our mission as God's people. We are looking for people to host the August extended fellowship. How about you?

Opportunities for Fellowship Cont'd.



**Youth: Escape to Wild Mountain
August 1st**

This event is open to 6th–12th Grade youth students. Special rate of \$13.75 for canoeing and water slide. Super day combo rate of \$15.25 which includes alpine slides and go-karts. Sign up sheet on narthex table. The deadline to sign up is July 27 to reserve a spot. Bring a friend and sign up.

Serving Jesus with our Gifts & Talents

Serve the Lord with gladness!

Income and expenditure information for June and for the fiscal year.

BUDGET UPDATE

	<u>Last Month</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Income:	\$12,979	\$180,052
Expenses:	\$14,124	\$200,591

Reminder: The goal of our church is to receive monthly offerings of \$19,167.00. 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.

Pray for our members in the service:

Mike Beck, Gregg Traylor—Thanks for your gifts and letters to our servicemen. 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 accomplishments that the Lord gives your brothers and sisters. Love one another sincerely.



Miscellaneous



Interested in being a Sunday School Teacher?

It is a great privilege to teach children the lessons of salvation from the Bible and help them know more of Jesus Christ their Savior. Talk to Christian Education Chairman, Randy Getschel of your interest to teach in the coming Sunday school year.

Ladies Aid: Lunch will be on August 18 at the American Family Restaurant in New Richmond at 11:45 a.m. Anyone can attend. Car pooling is available. Please sign the list located in the narthex.

Campus Members: If your son or daughter will be attending college away from home this fall, please submit to the church office the school name and address, student cell phone, and their personal address. Thanks!

Special Birthday: Iva Hanson will turn 90 years old on August 29th.

Prayer Chain: 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!