

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

A message from Pastor Kock



Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love he predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will— to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace that he lavished on us with all wisdom and understanding. And he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, to be put into effect when the times will have reached their fulfillment—to bring all things in heaven and on earth together under one head, even Christ. *Ephesians 1:2-10*

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REACH OUT—SHARE YOUR FAITH!

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

- ◆ Visit new residents to our communities—Saturday, December 2, at 10:45 a.m.
- ◆ Be sure to tell the children the real meaning of Christmas. It is the day the Christian Church celebrates the birth of her Savior, Christ Jesus..
- ◆ Invite your friends to Sunday worship and to the Christmas Eve service.
- ◆ Sing the gospel message to nursing home residents, December 17, when we go caroling.

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Offering
Envelopes

- 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 donations. You may bring the items to church and we will bring them to the food shelf.
- Have you looked in your **church mailboxes** lately?!
- Do you need help paying for your **heating costs**? Wisconsin's Home Energy Assistance Program (WHEAP) helps you pay for the cost of heating your home. To make an appointment to learn more about this program, please call Polk County Human Services Department at 715/485-8876 or 485-8400.
- The **Blessing Baskets** program began on Sunday, November 26. The Blessing Basket program started many years ago to help area families in need at Christmas time with food and gifts for their children. Our Card Tree is in the narthex, decorated with gift cards. You choose a card from the tree, buy the gift listed on the card and return the wrapped gift (with the card on the outside of the package) to Trinity. All gifts must be returned by Sunday, **December 10**. Please NO toys! Toys are collected at the RiverBank in Osceola. The baskets will be assembled on Thursday, December 14 at 6 pm in Trinity's fellowship hall. Help is greatly appreciated on that night. If you have any questions, please talk with Pastor or Nancy.
- Everyone is invited to the **Ladies Aid Christmas Party!** The party will be held on Thursday, December 21 at noon in our fellowship hall.
- **Please pick up your set of 2007 offering envelopes**, located in the narthex of church. If you do not find a box there with your name on it, please talk to Scott Doerr or Nancy.
- **Interfaith Caregivers** provides volunteers to assist seniors and adults living with disabilities. The services are provided free of charge by caring volunteers from churches in Polk County. If you need their help or could volunteer to help others, please call 715/483-9263 for more information.

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



Our Life of Worship at Trinity



Holiday Schedule

December Highlights:

Advent Wednesday Services—December 6, 13, 20, at 7:00 p.m.

The services provide us with an opportunity to gather in our Father's house to receive rest for our souls and ponder the promises of our Savior's return to the world. We are his bride who eagerly await his coming. Let us worship the Lord and pray, "O Come, O Come Emmanuel!"

Christmas Eve Worship, December 24, 7:00 p.m.

With recitation and songs by Sunday School Children

Rehearsal dates for the Sunday School Children:

Thursday, December 21, 6:00 p. with dinner

Saturday, December 23, 9:00 a.m.

Christmas Day Worship, December 25, at 9:00 a.m.

"Joy to the World, the Lord Is Come"

New Year's Eve, December 31, 7:00 pm

We close the year with a Communion service that thanks God for his faithfulness to his covenant of grace.

Adult Choir Update:

Rehearsals for Advent music with the Adult Choir occur at 6:20 p.m. on the Advent Wednesdays before the Worship.

Families: be sure to pick up your Advent Calendar, Sunday, December 2 to use with your home devotions.



We Grow Together in Studying God's Word

Trinity offers you these opportunities to study God's Word:



Catechism Instruction: The classes will recess during the Christmas break. However, any student who has not completed all assignments will be asked to attend special classes on December 27 and 28.'

Sunday School: The children rehearse the Christmas Eve recitation and song Thursday, December 21 at 6:00 p.m. and Saturday, December 23, at 9:00 a.m.

Sunday Adult Bible Class at 9:25 am

Tuesday Women's Bible Class—7:00 pm

"Attention Ladies": We will meet the first two Tuesdays in December, the 5th and the 12th for our Women's Bible Study. We will study a different woman of the Bible each week. Please join us at 7:00 p.m. in the church library. We will begin a new topical study in January.

Wednesday Bible Class—10:30 am

"A Study of Christian Church Bodies"

Parents, check out the website: "parentscrosslink.net."

This is a WELS site intended to serve families in Christ. The WELS also publishes a quarterly newsletter, "Parents Crosslink." Both resources celebrate the blessings God gives our children and families, and encourages and supports Christian parents as they navigate the challenges of raising children in today's world. To order



WELS International Youth Rally, Dallas, TX, July 4-7, 2007

The purpose of this rally is to provide youth from across the Synod a large-scale worship, education, fellowship, recreation and service opportunity that deepens commitment to Christ and his Church.

The WELS Connection

Planning Begins for Synod Convention 2007

The 59th biennial convention of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod will be held July 30-Aug. 3, 2007, at Martin Luther College, New Ulm, Minn. President Karl Gurgel notes, "We will celebrate the many opportunities and the means God gives us to 'Declare His Praises' (the convention theme). We will again be setting direction for the next two years. And, under God's hand of blessing, we will wrestle ongoing financial challenges, especially as they relate to funding Ministerial Education."



Memorials may be submitted anytime before the 2007 convention begins. A memorial—usually composed in the format of "whereas" and "resolved"—is a formal petition to the synod convention that asks consideration for a particular item of business. Memorials to be included in the *Book of Reports and Memorials* need to be submitted to the President's Office by Feb. 1, 2007. Send memorials to the President's Office, 2929 N Mayfair Rd, Milwaukee WI 53222; carla.martin@sab.wels.net.

The Synod Nominating Committee will meet at the synod administration building on January 3 and 4, 2007, to begin to prayerfully consider whose names should appear on the ballots at synod convention. Descriptions of positions are available at www.wels.net/jump/nc. Any synod voting member is invited to send names with pertinent information by December 10, 2006, to Pastor Robert Pasbrig, 876 Fairview Dr, Hartford WI 53027. Or you can fill out the online form at www.wels.net/jump/nomform. The list of candidates nominated will be posted online by May 15, 2007, at www.wels.net/convention. The delegates will elect one candidate for each position at the synod convention.

Opportunities for Fellowship at Trinity

- ◆ December 6, 13, & 20
REFRESHMENTS AFTER ADVENT WEDNESDAY WORSHIP
- ◆ December 8
DECORATE THE CHURCH AND TREE FOR CHRISTMAS
(Come anytime after 5:00 pm—Meal at 6:00 pm)
- ◆ December 17
CHRISTMAS CAROLING—ALL AGES—SING THE GOSPEL TO MEMBERS AND NURSING HOME RESIDENTS OF TRINITY
Meet at church at 4:00 pm
Refreshments upon return
Everyone is invited to join in singing the good news of Christ's birth.



Serving Jesus with Our Gifts and Talents

BUDGET UPDATE

	<u>Last Month</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Income:	\$20,534	\$174,059
Expenses:	\$23,004	\$177,406



Please note: Our giving for the year to date is about \$20,000 below the anticipated giving that we projected in January, when we prayerfully adopted mission plans and a budget for this year. The above figures that show giving to be only \$3,000 below expenses is due to the fact that our expenses for the year are much below January projections.

There is much kingdom work to do for the Lord! We want to do as much as we can so that our Lord may be glorified by the clear and loud trumpeting of his salvation. Pray that the Lord sanctify us by his Holy Spirit to be servants whom he uses to proclaim Christ to more people of the world.

Support the Drive Humanitarian Relief for Gifts of Life Ministry Ukraine Lutheran Church. (Deadline, November 30) Gift of Life's mobile medical clinics in the Ukraine serve to saves lives, physically and spiritually.

"Care Packages" will be sent to our military and college members, the first week of December. Include your prayers with each mailing.

High School members will meet Saturday, December 9, at 5:00 p.m. to bake cookies to be handed out to many of our senior members



Our Mission to Reach Out with the Gospel



WELS Mission Work

In India, a total of 75 students are enrolled in seminary courses in Guntur in the state of Andra Pradesh. Rev. David Beckman has accepted the call as our third counselor in India.

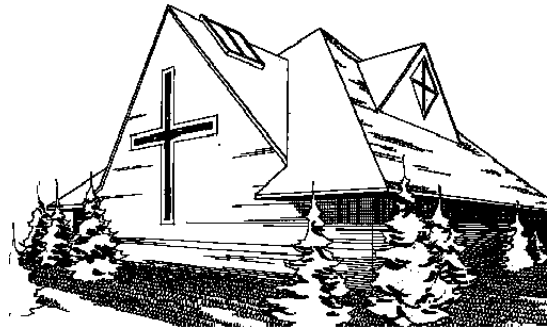


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2006 Trinity Church Council Members:

Wayne Riba, President	Curt Richter, Vice-President	Scott Doerr, Treasurer
Bob Jensen, Secretary	Open, Evangelism	Jerry Pieper, Education
Daryl Klawitter, Stewardship	Colin Hendricks, Trustees	Kevin Rogers, Elders

2006 Board of Elders:

Jim Brown	Kevin Rogers	Ron Lueck	Will Stob
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Special Dates!

- ◆ Wednesdays, December 6, 13, 20—Advent Worship at 7:00 pm
- ◆ Friday, December 8—Chili dinner & decorate church at 6:00 pm
- ◆ Saturday, December 9—High School Youth Cookies Bake at 5:00 p.m.
- ◆ Tuesdays, December 5, 12—Women’s Bible Study at 7:00 pm
- ◆ Thursday, December 14—Assemble Blessing Baskets at 6:00 pm
- ◆ Sunday, December 17—Caroling at 6:00 pm
- ◆ Thursday, December 21—Ladies Aid Christmas Party at Noon
- ◆ Sunday, Christmas Eve—Worship at 7:00 pm
- ◆ Monday, Christmas Day—Worship at 9:00 am
- ◆ Saturday, New Year’s Eve—Worship with Lord’s Supper at 7:00 pm

