

# Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

## A message from Pastor Kock

### JESUS LEAD US ON

As the Father  
has loved me,  
so I have  
loved you.

John 15:9

*"Paul and his companions traveled throughout the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been kept by the Holy Spirit from preaching the Word in the province of Asia. When they came to the border of Mysia, they tried to enter Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus would not allow them to. So they passed by Mysia and went down to Troas. During the night, Paul had a vision of a man of Macedonia standing and begging him, 'Come over to Macedonia and help us.' After Paul had seen the vision, we got ready at once to leave for Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the Gospel to them." Acts 16:6-10*

The Book of Acts teaches us that Jesus Christ is the Lord of the Church who guides the direction of his people in carrying forward his gospel. We make our ministry plans and draft our budgets on the basis of what we believe is the best way to prepare for the future. In the end, however, Jesus Christ determines how we will serve him and his world with his Word. Our confidence is that Jesus will continue to guide our footsteps and will give us opportunities to live our faith and proclaim the salvation of our Savior. Our trust is that Jesus will bless the Gospel that we share with our neighbors to the goal he established in eternity before any of us were born of filling his Church with believers.

The questions that we must answer are these: Do we have the mission spirit to use the best of our resources to carry out Christ's will and preach his Gospel? Are we committed to sharing his Gospel no matter what new direction or well-worn path he wishes us to walk?

Our world is full of Macedonians, in need of the saving message of Jesus Christ. Let us be ready to go where Jesus leads us, confident that God has called us to preach the Gospel to them.

Pastor Mark Kock

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## Miscellaneous News




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*Share this website address:  
www.WhatAboutJesus.com*

*People will get real answers  
about Christ, the Bible and  
faith.*

- 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?
- **The Minnesota Circuit** invites you to the **42nd National LWMS Convention** at the
- 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.
- **Giving blood** gives each of us a chance to make a difference in someone's life. At our upcoming bloodmobile, each of you is invited to give blood and save a life. Please consider giving blood on Thursday, February 10th, 12:30-6:30 pm. For more information or to make an appointment, call Joann at 294-3108.
- Bethany Lutheran College invites juniors and seniors to spend a free weekend on our campus. Learn more about the Bethany Experience by participating in chapel, visiting with faculty and touring the campus. Whatever activities you choose you will be sure to feel like a college student. Bethany will offer this exciting opportunity on February 2-5, 2006. To register or obtain more information call Bethany's Admissions Office at 1-800-944-3066.

## Lutheran Women's Missionary Society 43rd Annual National Convention

Hosted by the ladies of the Evergreen & Cascade Circuits

**June 22-25, 2006. Sheraton Tacoma Hotel  
Tacoma, Washington.**

For more information, please go to [www.lwmsconvention2006.org](http://www.lwmsconvention2006.org).

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## The WELS Connection

### WELS EFFORTS IN NEW ORLEANS CONTINUE

Following Jesus' command to help others in need, WELS volunteers continue to head to New Orleans to help clean up or rebuild, and Luther Preparatory School (LPS) is providing accommodations for a second displaced family at its Watertown, Wis. campus.

Supported by funds from WELS Committee on Relief, Builders for Christ sent 14 couples in mid-January to start rebuilding Crown of Life Lutheran Church in New Orleans along with its parsonage and fellowship hall. As many as 40 volunteer builders will be assisting between now and April. Also, 10 volunteers arrived at the end of January with Faith in Action to help clean and rebuild homes (read about volunteer experiences at [www.wels.net/imprint](http://www.wels.net/imprint)). Both groups are divisions of WELS Kingdom Workers.

When LPS learned of the many homeless New Orleans residents, the school offered vacant faculty homes for use by the Red Cross. Students' families and the Watertown community generously provided furniture, appliances, bedding, clothing and cash for the hurricane victims. In September, the first family—the Emersons—moved in. They were amazed by the generosity of others and accepted an invitation to attend WELS church services in Watertown. They recently moved back to Louisiana, but a second family arrived in October and will be staying until May.

The loving actions of volunteers are a great witness to others. Julie Majerus works closely with Kingdom Workers and recently traveled to New Orleans. "There are opportunities everywhere," she said. "It starts on the plane—people ask why you're going and you can tell them it's for your church. Then you have the other cleanup crews, the Red Cross—you're working not just with members but with the community."

### MISSION PARTNERS TO TOUR APACHELAND AND MEXICO

WELS Mission Partners, a Ministry of Christian Giving program, is sponsoring a trip to Apacheland and Mexico for interested WELS members. Coordinated by Gift Planning Counselor Dennis Kleist, the tour will visit a number of mission fields during nine days beginning April 29.

Mission Partners is an ongoing way of personally being involved in one of more than 60 WELS mission and ministry projects across the United States and around the world. Its goal is to connect people and congregations to missions that they are specifically interested in and to raise awareness of the missions.

This is just the second trip that the Ministry of Christian Giving has sponsored, but it hopes to do more in the future. Says Kleist, "We use former missionaries as tour guides because they know the culture and can help explain the purpose of the mission."

Most often, those who travel on a Mission Partners trip go back to their districts and do presentations to help seek support for the missions they visited. "Trips like these enable laypeople to see firsthand the missions they are supporting and then take that experience and excitement back to their congregations and community," says Kleist.

The upcoming trip can accommodate 25 to 30 people and will include visits to Arizona missions in San Carlos, Bylas, Peridot, East Fork, Whiteriver, Dove Mountain, and the Mexican mission in Altar/Caborca. In addition, participants will also have time for sightseeing.



## Our Life of Worship at Trinity—February Highlights

### Evening Devotions—Wednesdays, 7:00 pm to 7:15 pm

A time for meditation on God's Word, prayer, and praise, and to receive the shelter, refuge, strength and grace of God's for daily living. Pastor Kock especially invites the 8th Grade Catechism Class and parents to attend.

### Adult Choir Update

Rehearsals occur Wednesdays, at 7:15 pm. In February the choir will learn worship music that ties in with the Epiphany and Lent seasons of the church year. Make use of the music gifts the Lord has given you.



### February 12 Youth Sunday

Our high school youth will assist in preparing the worship of our Lord. The service will also focus on the issues of faith and life our youth face as Christians, matters that each of us will take to heart, as we strive to build each other up in the Word of Christ.

### February 26

Wendysue Fluegge, who sang at last summer's National Night Out, will bring several contemporary songs to our worship this day. In the afternoon, beginning at 1:30 pm, she will present a music worship that will add to our understanding of worship music to today's world.



**Lent begins March 1, Watch for sign-ups for the Lenten dinners.**

## Evangelism: Reaching Out with the Gospel

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

- Live your faith 24 hours a day.
- Invite a friend or neighbor to join you in Sunday worship.
- Go out with Pastor Kock on February 25, 12:30 pm and meet new neighbors with a friendly welcome to our church.
- Say hello to a new face at church this Sunday. How would you feel if you were visiting for the first time.
- Pray for the men and women of Trinity who have committed to a year of service of visiting neighbors with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
- Think of ways to help parents and young children come to learn of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Our church has children's Bibles that might make a great gift to a family near.



## Mission Awareness Committee

The Mission Awareness Committee will be informing you of the missions our Lenten offerings support and the opportunities you have to directly support these missions, with your offerings as well as your abilities. The committee continues to research the feasibility of starting a Jesus Cares Ministry at Trinity to bring God's Word to the mentally



## Marriage and the Bible

### What Does the Bible Say About Marriages?

Bible Topic for Members and Neighbors  
Thursday, February 2nd—6:30 pm (Part II)  
Fellowship Hall at Trinity Lutheran

Let's face it: marriage, what it is, why we need it, how we honor it, is everyday news and conversation. Many turn to opinions or what their friends say to grasp marriage and its meaning for today. But there is a better way: The Lord who created marriage in his Word guides us in how to use this gift, even in the year 2006.



## 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 in.

Pastor's Day: February 18, 12:30 pm—2:30 pm



### 2nd Annual Bowling Event

The Inner Court invites all members to join them for bowling at the Osceola Lanes on Sunday, February 19th, from 1:00—4:00 pm. Each game is \$2.50. Shoe rental and food are also available. Please sign up on sheets in the narthex.



Church Dinner—February 26, 12:00 Noon  
(Watch for more details!)

## We Grow Together in Studying God's Word



### Sunday Morning Bible Class

Attend the Sunday morning Bible Class at 9:15 a.m.

*Topic: "God's Word: The foundation of family life and parenting"*

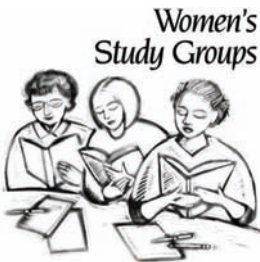
### Wednesday Morning Bible Class

The Wednesday morning Bible Class at 10:30 am.

*Topic: "Christianity, Cults, and Other Religions"*

### Women's Bible Study

Please accept this invitation to join our Women's Bible Study group. We meet on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 pm in the Trinity Church library. A new series to prepare for Lent will be "The Glory of Jesus' Suffering, Death and Resurrection." The first week of this study will begin on January 31st. Please join us! Call Nancy or Pastor at 294-2828 if you have any questions.



### Catechism Class Update

The 8th grade class will tour St. Croix Lutheran High School, February 11, leaving church at 10:00 am.

### The Inner Court (High School Members)

Bible Study and Christian fellowship for the high school youth of Trinity occurs each Sunday at 9:15 am. This is a great opportunity for teens to stay connected to Christ and his Word. The Inner Court will assist Pastor Kock in preparing the worship of February 12, Youth Sunday. They are sponsoring the 2nd annual bowling outing that occurs February 19.



### Tender Loving Care Preschool

The Preschool Committee met with Grace Lutheran, Nye, January 24, to discuss ways to go forward in bringing the Love of Jesus Christ to preschool children. Jesus said, "You cannot enter the kingdom of God, except as a little child." Children are sinners at birth and need the gospel of Jesus Christ. The Lord has generous portions of love to give each of them.

## Serving Jesus with Our Gifts and Talents



#### BUDGET UPDATE:

	Last Month	Year-to-Date
Income:	\$23,347	\$228,569
Expenses:	\$13,608	\$236,066



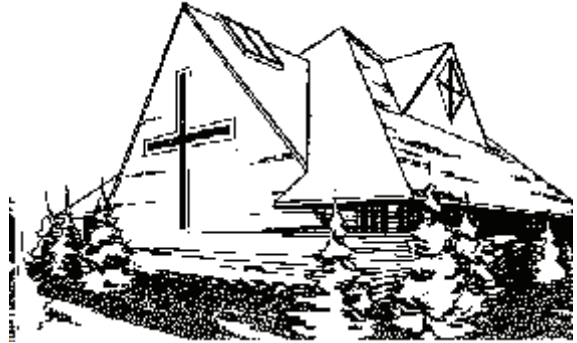
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### 2006 Trinity Church Council Members:

Wayne Riba, President	Curt Richter, Vice-President	Scott Doerr, Treasurer
Robert Jensen, Secretary	Doug Gray, Evangelism	(Vacant), Stewardship
Colin Hendricks, Trustees	Gerry Pieper, Christian Education	Kevin Rogers, Elders

### 2006 Board of Elders:

Jim Brown	Kevin Rogers	Will Stob	Ron Lueck
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## New Church Officers and Elected Board Members

God's blessings to the following people elected at the Annual Meeting on January 22.

<b>Elders:</b>	Kevin Rogers, Will Stob
<b>Secretary:</b>	Bob Jensen
<b>Education:</b>	Gerald Pieper, Randy Getschel
<b>Evangelism:</b>	Mark Dobberpuhl, Robert Luhman, Scott Pool
<b>Stewardship:</b>	Ron Jaspersen, Eric Martinson
<b>Trustees:</b>	Colin Hendricks, Bob Bantz, Larry Johnson, Lester Mortenson



## Special Dates!

- **Ash Wednesday Worship Service**—March 1, 7:00 pm with Lord's Supper
- **Lenten Dinners begin on Ash Wednesday**, 5:00-6:30 pm
- **Visit St., Croix Lutheran High School**—February 11 at 10:00 am
- **Chat with Pastor**—February 18—12:30 pm—2:30 pm
- **Church Dinner**—February 26—11:45 am
- **Music Presentation with Wendy sue Fluegge**—February 26—1:30 pm

**PRAY FOR OUR MEMBERS IN SERVICE**  
**Mike Beck and Steve Winkelman**

