

February 2010

# Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church



## Why Do We Call Ourselves “Lutherans”?

Not because we worship the man Martin Luther, who was a pastor in Germany in the 1500s. But because we anchor our faith in the teaching that Luther was led by the Lord God to make the heart of his preaching: “The righteous will live by faith.” (Romans 1:17)

This truth is revealed in the Scriptures but for many centuries was covered up by man-made teachings in the church. God granted Luther to raise it back to the surface as the central teaching of the Christian faith. What is it all about?

Let’s first ask, How can I be righteous and acceptable to God so that he receives me and one day lets me into his heaven? The fact is that I am a sinner, and no one with unclean hands and heart can stand before God almighty. The Bible says that “the wages of sin is death.” If God were to pass judgment on me on the basis of my life, I could not stand. I would be dismissed from him eternally to hell.

But let’s ask, What about doing good deeds? Won’t they make up for my sins and “butter up” God enough to accept me? This is how I so often feel, but that’s because of my pride. My sinful nature is always looking to build my case before God on my own “good” life. But God says, “All our righteousness are as filthy rags.” No one is declared righteous in his sight by their own works.

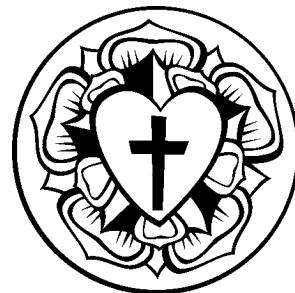
So how can I be righteous before God? It can only happen if God himself presents me righteous before him. And that is exactly what

God has done through his Son. Jesus Christ took on our humanity and then lived a sinless and righteous life. He then took all the sins everyone had done to the cross, and was punished for the sins we had done. His resurrection from the dead on the third day was God’s way of announcing to the world that Jesus had paid in full for our sins by his sacrifice at Calvary, and that we are forgiven. On Easter Sunday, God justified every person to ever live; he declared us just and righteous.

How does that righteousness of God become mine personally? By faith. “The righteous will live by faith.” In other words, we do nothing to get this righteousness of God - it’s a free gift. Because it is God’s gift to us on the basis of what Christ did for us – we are absolutely certain of our standing before God. His Word says that Christ died for our transgressions and was raised to life for our justification. All who trust in Christ for salvation can be absolutely assured that their sins are forgiven and that they are going to heaven. “The righteous will live by faith.”

This truth is the heart of our faith and the heart of the teachings of our Lutheran Church. We are not ashamed of this gospel truth. We cherish it and muster our best efforts as God’s people to teach it to the next generation and proclaim it to the world.

Pastor Mark Kock





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## Miscellaneous News

- 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!

## February Worship Highlights

Come, let us worship the Lord!



- In addition to the regular divine services on Sunday at 8:00 and 10:30 a.m., beginning February 17 Trinity offers you Wednesday Lent Worship at 7:00 p.m.
- Wednesday Lent, 7:00 p.m.  
Theme: **“Glorified in His Passion”**  
Pastor Kock will rotate with Pastor DeVries of Redeemer, St. Croix Falls, and Pastor Weigand of Zion, East Farmington.
- The message of God’s Word takes us to the heart of our Savior and to the passion and crucifixion he suffered for our salvation. You will learn of the reason for his passion, the willingness of his passion, the high-priestly heart of his passion, and the fruit and depth of his passion. Please set aside the Wednesdays of Lent to ponder your Savior and grow in faith, love and service.
- Lenten suppers will be served before each service, starting February 17 beginning at 5:30 p.m. Watch for opportunities to serve your Lord by helping out with the suppers.
- A Lenten/Easter Choir will rehearse at 6:30 pm.
- The Mission Awareness Committee has designated displays and information on several missions that your Wednesday offering will support. Among them are Mission to the Children and Nigeria.



## Search the Scriptures

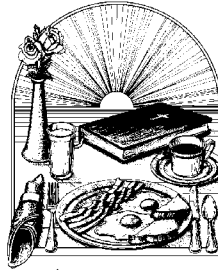
### Grow in God's Grace



### Here are some opportunities for Bible Study at Trinity!

- **Sunday, 9:20 a.m.** "What must I do to be saved?"
- **Tuesday Women's Bible Class, 7:00 p.m.** - Continue study of "Second Timothy"
- **Wednesday Bible Class, 10:30 a.m.** "Responding to Challenges"  
7:00 p.m. "What does it mean to be a Lutheran Christian?"
- **Saturday Men's Breakfast, 8:30 a.m.** (3rd Saturday of each month) "Making God-pleasing Decisions"
- **Sunday School**—meets each Sunday 9:15 am
- **Catechism**—Parents of the 8th Grade students are asked to meet with Pastor Kock, Wednesday, February 17, at 6:15 p.m. to discuss plans for Confirmation.
- **The Inner Court**— Sunday Bible Study for High school youth at 9:20 a.m.
- **High School Youth**—Winter Retreat at Camp Croix, February 5,6. See narthex table at church for registration forms.
- **Tender Loving Care Preschool**  
**Teacher Paulette Enerson** - there are openings for more children, ages 3-5. Meets Tuesday and Thursday 9:00—11:30 a.m.
- Trinity is looking for a member to assume the position of **Tender Loving Care Preschool Administrator**. See Randy Getschel for a description of this part-time position.
- **Church Library**—check out the resources for spiritual growth, check out a book or CD.

## Opportunities for Fellowship



MEN'S BREAKFAST

### Brothers:

All men of Confirmation age and up are invited to the Men's Breakfast, Saturday, February 20, 8:30 a.m.



A new church directory of our church family has been scheduled. The dates for photography and viewing are Thursday, February 18 and Friday, February 19 from 3:00—9:20 pm and Saturday, February 20 from 10:00—5:00 pm. Please participate! If you have question, contact Lowell Enerson, Board of Stewardship Chairman at 715-294-1732. We look forward to seeing everyone in the directory.

### Pray for our members in the service:

**Mike Beck** stationed in Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri



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.



## Serving Jesus with our Gifts & Talents

### *Serve the Lord with gladness!*

- Income and expenditure information for December year to date.

BUDGET UPDATE		
	<u>Last Month</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Income	\$24,689	\$112,411
Expenses:	\$21,723	\$110,860

- Reminder:** The goal of our church is to receive monthly offerings of \$19,167,00.
- Consider helping the Church: Pastor Marc Schroeder, President of the WELS, recently notified us and every WELS congregation that it looks like not all teacher graduates from Martin Luther College will be assigned calls. They are state certified and licensed. He would like to assemble information regarding employment and part-time ministry opportunities to assist candidates who may not be assigned in May. Is ours an area where local school districts are hiring? Would we be willing to help an interested candidate make arrangements for an interview, or make us of him/her for gospel work in our area? Bring your thoughts to Pastor Kock. (See letter posted in church narthex.)

## Reaching out with the Gospel

- On Sunday, January 24, a presentation was made to the congregation on recognizing new technology that can assist the church in sharing the gospel. The congregation is asked to put together a technology committee to oversee and improve our website, develop video technology for internet streaming, and maintain updated e-mail addresses of everyone. Want to help? Please speak to Council President Curt Richter.

## Reaching out with the Gospel

- Jesus Cares Ministries**—exists to bring the saving, loving message of our Lord and Savior to children and adults with special needs, and their families, through Christian support, education, worship, fellowship and evangelism. Our programs warmly reach out to welcome and share the Gospel with everyone. Our next Worship at the Cross service will be held on February 13 at 10:00 a.m.

### Lutheran Womens Missionary Society (LWMS)

*Show me your ways O Lord.* (Psalm 25:1) The 47th Annual LWMS Convention will be held June 24-27, 2010 at the Millennium Hotel, St. Louis, Missouri—hosted by Mid-America and Missouri Valley Circuits. Join us in the “**show me**” state. The convention will **show you** a wonderful mix of home and world missionaries sharing experiences with informational displays as they **show you** mission fields. Workshops will **show you** how we can support our missionaries. Worship services, devotions, and fellowship times will **show you** how much Jesus loves all his children. Don't miss it! Check the website at [www.lwms.org](http://www.lwms.org) for more details or contact Donna Cottor.

