

**February
2011**

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church



A Pastor's Daily Prayer
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"O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess to you all my sins and iniquities; especially do I acknowledge my lack of prayer, my neglect of your Word, and my seeking after ease. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them; and I pray you, of your boundless mercy and for the sake of his holy, innocent, bitter suffering and death of your beloved Son, forgive me all my sins, and be gracious and merciful to me. Yes, cleanse me though your Spirit by the blood of Jesus Christ, and give me more and more power and willingness to strive after holiness, for you have called me that I should be holy and blameless before you in love.

I thank you also, O faithful God, for my family, my wife and children, and for all my relatives. You have given them to me purely out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. Preserve them in good health, and give them their daily bread. But above all, keep them in your grace and in the true confess of your name unto the end.

You, O God of all grace and mercy, have also called me, a poor unworthy sinner, to be a servant of your Word, and have placed me into that office that preaches the reconciliation and has given me this flock to feed. In and by myself I am wholly incompetent to perform the work of this great office, and therefore, I pray you, make me an able minister of your Church. Give me your Holy Spirit, the Spirit of wisdom and

knowledge, of grace and prayer, of power and strength, of courage and joy, of sanctification and the fear of God. Fill me with the right knowledge and open my lips that my mouth may proclaim the honor of your name. Fill my heart with a compassion for souls and with skillfulness to give to each and every sheep or lamb entrusted to my care what is due to it at the proper time. Give me at all times sound advice and just works; and wherever I overlook something or in the weakness of my flesh speak or act wrongly, set it right and help that no one may through me suffer harm to his soul.

Glory and honor, praise and thanks be to you, God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, for all the mecy and faithfulness you have shown to this congregation. Your Word has not returned to you empty, but you have here gathered a people that know you and fear your name. Give me your Holy Spirit, that I may at all times see the good things in this congregation and praise and thank you for them. Bless your Word in the future, that it may preserve the believers in your grace, convert those who are not yet yours and bring back the erring and straying. Gather your people as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and be a wall of **fire around your congregation."**

(to be continued next month)

Pastor Mark Kock

3 minute devotions for families are available online at <http://www.parentscrosslink.net>.

**Check out our church web page each week for highlights and spiritual messages.
www.telcoscwi.org**



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2011 Board of Elders:

Kevin Rogers, Rob Davis, Harold Brown

Miscellaneous

Nancy Beck, as some of you may already know, after 20+ years of faithfully serving as secretary at Trinity Lutheran Church, has made the decision to resign as secretary. Nancy was the first secretary hired by Trinity and pretty much defined the role. In fact secretary may not be a fair description; church manager probably better describes what she did for the church. If something needed to be done around the church it seems Nancy could and would do it. Many of us have relied on Nancy over the years. Her presence around the church office will be missed by all. We are glad to know that she will still be around to answer a question from time to time.

February Worship Highlights

Come, let us worship the Lord!

- ◆ Holy Communion: February 6, early service
February 20, late service
- ◆ **Communicant's Prayer:** "Enlighten me by the Holy Spirit that I may rightly know and willingly confess my sins. Enable me also with true faith to embrace my only Redeemer, Jesus Christ, that I may obtain both pardon and peace and be prepared to partake **worthily of your holy supper to my soul's health.** Strengthen me through this salutary gift in faith toward you and in fervent love toward all people. Create in me a clean heart and renew a right spirit **within in me. Amen.**"
- ◆ **If you are unable to attend either Trinity's** Wednesday or Sunday services of worship, note the following opportunities:
Thursday worship, 4:30 p.m. at Zion, East Farmington
Sunday worship, 5:00 p.m. at Salem, Stillwater
- ◆ **God's love for us in Christ leads us to value weekly** worship—no other event of the week matters as much to us as the opportunity to come into the **Father's house, receive his saving Word, and praise his holy name.**
- ◆ Worship the Lord seven days of the week. Take time **daily for prayer and devotion in God's Word.**
- ◆ Commissioning of Terry Schultz as missionary-at-large to Latin America, with initial placement in the Dominican Republic/Haiti.
Mt. Olive in St. Paul
Worship service at 7 pm Wednesday Feb. 23
Dinner provided by the ladies at 5:30 p.m.
- ◆ The Season of Lent begins March 9th.



LENT BEGINS

Reaching Out with the Gospel



Jesus Cares Ministries

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

- ◆ 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 and especially those in our hidden community. God has blessed our congregation. **He has shown us where we have a need, we're able to meet the need, and with the Lord's help, it will continue to grow.** Our next meeting Worship at the Cross Service will be held on **February 12 at 10:00 a.m.**



- ◆ **Don't miss the 48th Annual Lutheran Women's Missionary Society Convention** that will be held on June 23-26, 2011, at the Frontier Airlines Center in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Please join us to **carry out the Lord's Great Commission—together!** Check out the bulletin board in the narthex for more information.
- ◆ Remember to pray for WELS schools that share **God's Word with others; for God's continued blessings** to keep us steadfast in his Word; for our Befriend a Mission assignments Pastor Aaron and Abbie Strong and Pastor Ronald and Karen Baerbock; and all other missionaries.

Nomination Committee

Nomination Committee was formed and consists of Ron Jaspersen, Lyle Guggisberg, Wayne Riba, Pastor Kock and Will Stob; Chairman. Nominations for the open positions will be received. Please submit your request no later than March 22, 2011.

Open Positions:

Elders—2 year term	Board Members
Visiting Elder—1 year term	1 year term
Treasurer—2 year term	Education
Stewardship Chair—2 year term	Evangelism
	Stewardship
	Trustee

Christian Education & Growth of Faith in God's Grace



Opportunities at Trinity

For Adults:

- ◆ **Sunday Adult Bible Study—9:25 a.m.**
"I Have Some Good News for You!"
This course reviews the main teaching of Jesus Christ that lead to eternal salvation and equip the believers for lives of service to their Lord and Savior.
- ◆ **Tuesday Women's Bible Class—7-8:30 p.m.**
All confirmed women of Trinity and guests are encouraged to gather together on **Tuesday evenings to study God's Word.** A new six-week session will begin Feb. 8th. ***Intrepid Heroes of the Faith***—will introduce you to the cultural setting and life stories of Moses and Aaron; Joshua; Gideon; Samson, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego; and Daniel. These lessons will examine the joys and challenges they faced, and show how God forgave, sustained, and empowered them to serve Him. Concluding activities **will lead you in reviewing God's blessings in your life.**
- ◆ **Wednesday Morning Bible Class - 10:30 a.m.**
"The Gospel of Matthew" - Read the early chapters of this book on the life of Jesus Christ and learn what true discipleship means for followers of our Savior and King.
- ◆ **For Children PreK-8th**
Sunday school, 9:15 a.m.—for children ages Pre-K— 8th grade.
- ◆ **For 7th/8th Graders**
Catechism Class—Wednesday, 3:45 p.m.
- ◆ **For High School:**
The Inner Court—Sunday Bible Study for high-school youth, at 9:15 a.m.
Teacher, Paulette Wentzlaff
- ◆ **Church Library:**
Check out resources for spiritual growth. Check out a book or CD. See the display of books in the church narthex.

Serving Jesus with our Gifts & Talents

Serve the Lord with gladness!

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

BUDGET UPDATE

	<u>Last Month</u>	<u>Year To Date</u>
Income	Data Not Available	
Expenses:	Data Not Available	

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.

Are you a nurse? Since the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod began doing work in Haiti last March, it has been striving to create a WELS nursing organization. An event is scheduled in Milwaukee, February 2nd, for anyone looking to do some volunteer work on a day at a time basis—possibly a short term mission trip or serving in Haiti with Christian Aid and Relief. If you are interested, please contact Pat Schlosser at 715-664-8816

Opportunities for Fellowship

- ◆ Trinity High School Youth: Zion Ev. Lutheran Church, East Farmington invites our youth to a dart ball event, Sunday, Feb. 20 at 3:00 p.m.
- ◆ 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 talk to your fellow members, learn of their lives, and share mutual support in faith and care.
- ◆ 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.

Pray for Our Members In the Service

Pray for our members in the service:

Mike Beck stationed in Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.



Pray for your fellow members:

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, Some of our shut-in members are: Lorraine Glunz, Mabel Ericson, Joe Lindau, Joyce Ekstrand, Bob Seiberlich, Donnie Hanson, Marvin Pieper, Evenlyn Jurgenson, Bev Lee, Marlene Letch and Carmen Mallin.

"Thank you!" - Pastor Mark Kock, Ruth, and children express sincere thanks to the congregation for the many cards and gifts (and meat) given at the **Christmas season. God's gift of love through his Son Jesus Christ our Brother** guides us to give brotherly love to one another.

2011 Minnesota District Church Leaders Workshop

Date: March 5, 2011
 Time: 9:00 a.m.
 Place: Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church
 Belle Plaine, MN



Keynote Speaker: Pastor Paul Prange, Administrator of WELS Ministerial Education

Workshop Topics:

- Worship: Traditional, Blended Worship, Contemporary Worship—Strange Bedfellows?
- Youth Ministry: Sunday School, Teens
- Congregation and Called Workers: Pastoral evaluations, congregational assessments, and good planning .
- Stewardship: All About Christ-Centered Church Budgets.

Registration material will soon be available on line.

For Councilmen, Members of Boards and Committees.

"Building the Leaders of our Churches to Grow In Carrying out Christ's Commission"