

January 2011

# Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church



*Let's enter the new year 2011 with the pledge to make faithful use of the Lord's Supper.*

The Lord's Supper is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ himself for us Christians to eat and drink.

Matthew records the words of Jesus when he began this meal on the Thursday of his betrayal: **"Take and eat; this is my body."** **"Drink from it, all of you. This is my blood."** **There is no meal like the Lord's Supper! In it** Christ gives us his body and blood that on the cross paid for our sins and won our salvation! In this meal we have the most intimate fellowship with our Lord Jesus – one that our minds cannot grasp. In simple faith we stand **in awe of God's gracious ways, that here Jesus** comes to me and gives me the most personal assurance that he went to the cross for me, gave himself into death for me and my forgiveness, and is truly my Savior from all sin and death.

This is a meal of pure grace! God sets the table, God invites me to be his guest, God is host, God feeds, nourishes and strengthens me in faith. He then dismisses me from his holy banquet with the promise that as I now remain in Christ and he in me I will surely bear much fruit to the glory of my heavenly Father. Forgiven and strengthened by his love I skip my way home consecrated to serving my Lord with a new and holy life.

**There's more to this wonderful meal:** Through our participation in the Lord's Supper, we proclaim Christ's death as the one and

ourselves to be Christ's Church, his people of faith who are united in his Word and give tender love to one other. This meal is the life-blood of our congregation! It is the foundation of our togetherness, mutual care, prayer, and **working together for the exalting of Christ's** name.

What Christian, instructed in the Word and **the knowledge of the Lord's Supper, can** shrug this meal off as of little importance? Certainly, of all the things we commit to in the **new year regular participation in the Lord's** Supper will be at the top of the list. Make that commitment to your Lord and enter the new year with the assurance that the gospel of Jesus Christ in Word and Sacrament will bless you with all the blessing of salvation to life everlasting.

**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](http://www.telcoscwi.org).





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### 2011 Trinity Church Council Members:

Will Stob, President  
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### 2011 Board of Elders:

Bob Wells, Kevin Rogers, Rob Davis

## Search the Scriptures



- **Sunday, 9:15 a.m. Bible Study**
- **Tuesday Women's Bible Class,**  
7:00 p.m.  
January 4th—"Women's Gifts as We work  
Together in God's Church"
- **Wednesday Bible Class,** 10:30 a.m.
- **Sunday School,** 9:15 a.m.
- **The Inner Court,** Sunday Bible Study for High School youth at 9:15 a.m.
- **High School Youth,** Planning is underway for the Annual Winter Retreat at Camp Croix. Watch for details. Want to help?
- **Church Library**—check out the resources for spiritual growth, check out a book or CD.

## Blessing Baskets

The Blessing Basket program helped 112 families, 255 children this year. With the help of many volunteers and donations, many children were blessed.

While waiting for a few families to pick up their Christmas gifts at Trinity Lutheran I read one of their literature magazines. It talked about glorifying God, not St. Nicholas. It went on to tell the story of how St. Nicholas is remembered for dropping three bags of gold down the chimney of a man who was about to sell his three daughters because he could not raise enough money for their dowries. This act saved the daughters, **earning St. Nicholas the father's gratitude and establishing him as a compassionate friend of children.** In many countries St. Nicholas Day is remembered by gift-giving orphanages, hospitals, and other places.

I truly believe in my heart that your generous giving to these 255 children (112 families) does **glorify God, and is keeping St. Nicholas' compassionate manner alive.** Thank you all for your kindness and sharing of your treasures. A special thanks to Trinity Lutheran for allowing us to use their center for distribution of the gifts.

Rosanne A. Anderson



## Voters Meeting January 23, 2011

At the January Voters meeting we will be voting on Bylaw changes. Copies of the Bylaw changes are available on the narthex table.

The Board of Stewardship has made a recommendation which was approved by the Church Council as to how best use the monies received from the Mineral Right Lease. Included in the Newsletter is the Project Proposal. An information meeting is scheduled for January 16, 2011 at 11:45 a.m.

## Serving Jesus with our Gifts & Talents

### *Serve the Lord with gladness!*

- Income and expenditure information for November and up to date for the year.

| BUDGET UPDATE |                   |                     |
|---------------|-------------------|---------------------|
|               | <u>Last Month</u> | <u>Year-to-Date</u> |
| Income        | \$12,195          | \$76,756            |
| Expenses:     | \$16,489          | \$79,598            |

**Reminder:** The goal of our church is to receive monthly offerings of \$17,433.

- Over the past number of years the Board of Education has been overseeing the Scholarship Fund for Trinity Lutheran Church. We as a Board feel that we have not kept the congregation informed on what is being done with this fund. The Scholarship Fund is set up to award students with a scholarship to help with their tuition and book costs. These students are continuing their education at Martin Luther College or Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary for teaching or preaching the Word of God.

The scholarship fund was started back around 1980 or so, and is funded with the offerings from the bread run that the Church has on Sunday mornings.

Five years ago we here at Trinity had our first student attending MLC, last year a second student and this year a third. The students are Peter Wells, Rebecca Wells and Thomas Stob. Remember to keep these students and all students attending MLC and the Seminary in your prayers.

- Please Note:** We are looking for a couple of volunteers that would be willing to work on a project for a ball field on the church grounds. If you are interested, please contact the church office or Wayne Riba.

## 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 gathering will be held on January 8th at 10:00 a.m.



Attend the LWMS (Lutheran Women's Missionary Society) Convention! The Milwaukee Circuits invite you to attend the 48th Annual Lutheran

**Women's Missionary Society, June 23-26, 2011**, at the Frontier Airlines Center in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. This where our WELS and our LWMS Home offices are located. Gather together with your sisters in Christ and worship our Lord, serve our Lord through missions, motivate others to serve, and enjoy the fellowship and fun! The convention begins with a worship service on Thursday evening and ends with a worship service on Sunday morning. Friday and Saturday are filled with a mixture of mission speakers, workshops, devotions, and entertainment. Please join to carry **out the Lord's Great Commission together!** More information can be found at our Web site ([www.lwms.org](http://www.lwms.org)) or contact Donna Cottor or Melinda Brown.

Pray for our members in the service

**Mike Beck** stationed in Fort Leonard, 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. Love one another sincerely.