

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church



He will be called Prince of Peace." Isaiah 9:6



Jesus foretold that until his return at the end of time there would be war and rumors of war. Our times see the fulfillment of his words. The War on Terrorism has drawn our nation into conflicts in distant nations like Iraq and Afghanistan. The daily news declares the casualties of war as well as the political debates concerning our continuation in it. War testifies to another truth our Lord spoke: "Out of men's hearts come evil thoughts ... murder ... greed, malice." How terribly tragic is sin's corruption of the human race that our hands become accustomed to weapons to use on other people and that our chests become accustomed to body protection from other people. Would it not be sad if there were no one greater than humanity to rule this world?

Thank God is there is one whom He placed on the throne to rule this world and your life for all eternity. This one needs no weapons to force his way on us. His very life draws us to gladly fall before him. He came to free us from the slavery of sin. That called for war against Satan. Jesus fought the battle, with obedience and through his death on the cross defeated the evil one. It was a crushing victory, as the Easter trumpets make clear. Now he rules as the Prince of Peace. He ended our struggle against God by atoning for our sins and reconciling us to the Father. His Gospel gently silences our accusing conscience and wins our hearts to love one another. On the final day, after he has shut the devil inside the prison of hell forever, he will bring to paradise his followers of faith and there we will enjoy perfect peace. David described the scene in Psalm 23, "He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters."

May the peace of Christ rule your heart and mind. May you dedicate your life to serving him.

Pastor Mark Kock

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Miscellaneous News



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



- 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 items! You may bring the items to church and we will bring them to the food shelf. Thanks!
- The Polk County Human Services Department offers **emergency mental health services**. If needed, you can call 715/485-8460, 24 hours a day, seven days a week to talk with a Crisis Counselor.
- Remember to keep checking your **church mailboxes!**
- **Trinity's SonshineFest** will be held Monday, July 25-28 from 6:30–8:00 pm. This is for ALL ages! Look for more information in this newsletter.
- **There will be a Youth Rally Recap** on the WELS Live Chat for the month of July. It will be held on Sunday, July 24 from 8:30-9:30 pm CST. This gives children a chance to chat with students from all over the WELS. If you are under 13 years of age, you must have the consent of at least one of your parents to participate. The LIVE Chats will be monitored and everyone is asked to refrain from posting any inappropriate messages. The website is www.KidsConnection.tv to take part in the chat .
- If adults are interested in **WELS Live Chats**, several will be held in July.
 - July 24, 7:00-8:00 pm CST—Pastor Karl Gurgel, WELS President
 - July 25, 12:15-12:45 pm CST—Pastor Charles Westra, Chairman of the Special Reports Floor Committee (responsible for the Prep School Study Report)
 - July 26, 12:15-12:45 pm CST—Pastor Timothy Gauger, Chairman of the Ministry Direction Floor Committee
 - July 27, 12:15-12:45 pm CST—World Missionaries

DigiChat is used for the chats and requires a Java Compatible web browser. This can easily be downloaded off the web but can take a few minutes to install.
- Another **Sonshine Festival** (the rock music fest and camping at Wilmar, MN) will be held July 14-16. If you would like to attend, please contact Pastor Kock ASAP. This is for teenagers only.
- The **Mission Wearhouse Thrift Store** needs your help! This store supports Christian Life Ministries and other world missions. Volunteers are needed to work in the store as little as two hours per week. Some of the duties include: cashier, sort and price items, arrange items on shelves, put clothing on racks, cut buttons off discarded clothing, dust and clean, arrange furniture, polish shoes and decorate. To volunteer, please call Charlene at 651/917-4149. Check in with Nancy at the church office as well—there may be other Trinity members you can carpool with.

The WELS Connection

MEMBERS CONTRIBUTE GENEROUSLY TOWARDS WALKING TOGETHER

In mid-April, materials including a video and brochures were mailed out to the approximately 1,200 synod congregations, encouraging them to hold a Walking Together Sunday on or around May 1. The service was intended to inform members of the work that WELS carries out as a synod and to celebrate what has been accomplished up to now by the grace of God.

As of mid-June, love for Christ compelled offerings of nearly \$522,000 among WELS members. About \$404,000 of that amount was given through 423 congregations and there are high expectations of still hearing from most of the 800 others. The remaining gifts came from individuals, many of whom learned about Walking Together through WELS Planned Giving mailings and staff.

In addition, WELS has received plenty of helpful feedback about the service. A large majority of the 70 people polled online by Planned Giving said they either learned from the service, were motivated by the Christian message or both. A number of bloggers contributed their input as well at www.wels.net/imprint:

“It is our powerful and loving God who has blessed our humble efforts to remain faithful to the true Word! Let us rejoice at how richly and broadly he has expanded our efforts! We truly have a treasure in our church body,” wrote a blogger identified as “Naomi.”

Another blogger, a pastor’s wife named Shanna wrote “Personally, I enjoyed hearing an example of the Holy Spirit working . . . that is always very encouraging.”

Finally, Dick Gleich, a member at St. Peter’s in Savanna, IL, submitted the following e-mail describing his congregation’s creative twist on the Walking Together service:

In honor of the event, volunteers from the church participated in a morning walk from the church to the river in downtown Savanna. They visited the riverfront green space where some of them had helped plant trees the day before. By walking together and working together in service to God they hoped to demonstrate their partnership in carrying out the mission of the church.

“I’ve been a WELS member all my life,” said Ron Roth, administrator of WELS Communication on Financial Support who directed Walking Together. “I’ve served as a parish pastor for 24 years and as a synod administrator for 17 years. And still I have those ‘Oh, wow!’ moments when I learn something new about our synod’s ministry. I pray that our Walking Together Sunday emphasis has been an ‘Oh, wow!’ experience for all of us and that we will be moved to support his work of the Lord in thankfulness and joy!”

SYNOD CONVENTION COVERED ON WEB

Don’t forget—if you’re interested in the happenings of the WELS Synod Convention that will be taking place at the end of July, everything is covered on the Web at www.wels.net/convention.

At the site, members can access delegate interviews, video coverage, podcasts, fun interactive polls and a photo gallery. They can get involved in convention happenings through participating in online chats and reading and commenting on delegate Web logs. In addition, members can subscribe through the site to receive daily convention e-mail news updates. Two different types of news will be offered via the e-mails. Headline news will include breaking news briefs that give you up-to-the-minute happenings from the convention. Daily news will feature a top story and links to other in-depth stories.

(not just) Vacation Bible School—July 25-28 All ages invited!



NOT just for kids!
“Sonshine Fest”
 July 25—28, 2005
 6:30-8:00 PM
 For All Ages
 Including Teens and Adults!



BIBLE LESSONS

CRAFTS

SONGS

FUN

FREE!



FOR YOUTH OF 7TH—12TH GRADES

WILD MOUNTAIN CANOE AND WATER SLIDE
JULY 25TH, 9:30AM—3:00PM
 SPONSORED BY THE ST. CROIX CONFERENCE AREA YOUTH
 ASSOCIATION OF THE WELS

SIGN UP IN THE CHURCH NARTHEX BY JULY 24TH!
WE NEED ADULTS TO ASSIST!

Our Mission to Reach Out with the Gospel

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

- Tell a friend about the Good News Bible Class Pastor teaches every Wednesday at 7:35 pm.
- Invite a family to join you for the “Jesus” Bible Study each Sunday at 10:15 am.
- Volunteer to Curt Richter to help out with National Night Out, an event on August 2 to promote community safety and open our doors to our neighbors for them to learn more of us.
- Volunteer to Evangelism Chairman Doug Gray to help out at the fair booth in September.
- Volunteer to Evangelism Chairman Doug Gray to help out with the float project for the Osceola Parade in September.
- Join Pastor Kock in visiting new members to the community, Saturday, July 9, at 11:00 am.
- Invite friends to join you in attending the Sonshine Fest, July 25-28, from 6:30 pm to 8:15 pm for evenings of the Word, fun and songs.



The Board of Evangelism is seeking members to visit new neighbors of our community and give them a warm invitation to worship with us. Each month over 25 families move into our area, each of them in stage of transition, looking to establish a new family doctor, place to bank and a place to worship.

Trinity Lutheran Church is committed to doing all we can to bring the saving message of Jesus Christ to people. By visiting our new neighbors we have the opportunity to introduce ourselves to them and put the name of Christ before them. If the Lord is moving your heart to do more for him in sharing his gospel, now is the time to come forward and help your church spread the Word. Please speak to Evangelism Chairman, Doug Gray if you desire to serve.

Stewardship & Serving Your Savior

Giving for April = \$23,417

Expenses for April = \$21,385

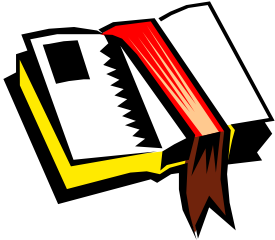


We Grow Together in Studying God's Word

Attend the Sunday morning Bible Class at 10:15 am.

"JESUS"

Through Bible study, video and illustrations for children, members of all ages will come to have a better understanding of the life of their Savior, Jesus Christ.



WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS

10:30 AM

"Book of Revelation"

'GOOD NEWS" BIBLE STUDY

WEDNESDAY—7:35 PM

A comprehensive course of instruction on the foundation and truths of the Christian Faith.



Women's Bible Study

Tuesdays—7:00 PM

We have just begun a new study, "How to Study the Bible."

Catechism Class Update:

All parents of 7th and 8th graders are asked to meet with Pastor Kock Sunday, July 24 at 10:15 am to discuss the coming Catechism year of instruction.



Inner Court

(High School Members)

On Sunday, June 12 several high school youth biked the Gandy Dancer Trail from St. Croix Falls to Centuria and back, with a picnic in between at the Centuria Park.

Our Life of Worship at Trinity

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Wednesday Worship—7:00 PM

Sunday Worship—9:00 am

- ▶ **If you would like to sing in an accapella choir** (singing without accompaniment) for the summer months, come to practices each Wednesday at 6:00 pm. Choir co-coordinator is Melinda Wells.
- ▶ **July 10 is “Sanctity of Life” Sunday**, focusing on God’s word that proclaims that all life is sacred, including the life of the unborn and those critically ill. A new program will be presented to you that offers the opportunity to give financial support to efforts of our Lutheran Church to save the lives of our neighbors and to share the soul-saving message of Jesus Christ.
- ▶ **July 24 is “Jesus Cares” Sunday**. Pastor Roger Vomhoff will lead the worship and familiarize you with a format of worship geared for those who are mentally challenged. “Jesus Cares” is the name of a ministry of our Wisconsin Synod that shares God’s Word with those of mental disabilities.
- ▶ **Do you have musical talents that would enhance our outdoor service in August** (voice or musical instrument?). Pastor Kock is making plans for the outdoor service and would like to hear from you and your willingness to contribute your gifts of the Lord to praise him in the assembly of his people.



We are compiling an email address list here at the church to notify people of significant events (such as a funeral). If you would like to be included, please leave your email address in the church office.

Mission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

(Reprinted from “Ephphatha” a newsletter of the WELS...)

Dear Pastor,

I am almost embarrassed to tell you this. You see, I have kept my secret hidden. My family and husband don’t even know. My secret is not obvious. It’s just one of those things that happens and you learn to bluff your way through it.

However, I just can’t keep my secret hidden anymore. Pastor, I just cannot hear well anymore and I’m getting more frustrated every Sunday. I’m sure this is the last thing you thought about since I don’t have gray hair yet.

I know you dislike showing the captions on the WELS Connection Video, but they really help me hear and understand better. I am really embarrassed to make this request since I’ve heard you and even my husband complain about the captioning on the screen. I realize I am one person, but it would help me so much if you would show the words when showing WELS Connection.

It would also help me if you could print out sermons and prayers so I can read along. I don’t mean to be such a bother, but I really would prefer to get something out of church instead of daydreaming because I cannot hear.

Could you please turn on the captioning for me, one of Jesus’ little lambs. Could you provide printed sermons and prayers in the narthex. I know it’s just for me, but it sure would help me a lot.

Please stop by the church office for a catalog for the Lending Library from the WELS Mission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing



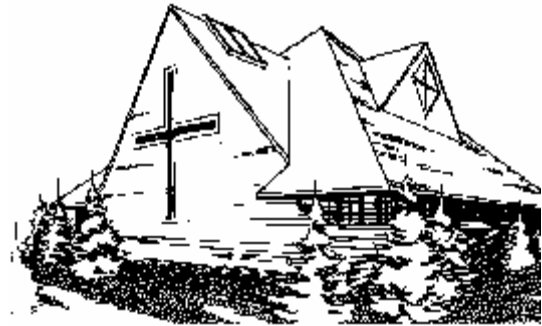
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Wayne Riba, President	Curt Richter, Vice-President	Scott Doerr, Treasurer
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2005 Board of Elders:

Jim Brown Kevin Rogers Don Rogers Ron Lueck

Special Dates!

- Sonshine Fest July 25—July 28—6:30—8:00
- Mid-week Worship July 6,13,20,27—7:00 pm
- Voters Meeting July 17—11:45 am.
- Pastor on Vacation July 10—July 17.
- Wild Mountain Youth Event—July 25



Here am I, send me!

Mowing, raking, scrubbing, baking, cleaning, shopping, hauling, mopping . . .

If you've got a job to do, the Trinity Youth Group will help you do it! From summer cleaning or yard work to clearing out the attic or running to the store, call on us for a helping hand.

No fee—just a free-will offering if you can!

If you need help with a project, please leave a note in Barb Hoverman's church mailbox or call her at 755-2762.

