

# Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church



## STAY ON TASK

*Acts 20:22-24 And now, compelled by the Spirit, I am going to Jerusalem, not knowing what will happen to me there. I only know that in every city the Holy Spirit warns me that prison and hardships are facing me. However, I consider my life worth nothing to me, if only I may finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me – the task of testifying to the gospel of God’s grace.*

**“Worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness”**

**1 Chronicles 16:29**

The apostle Paul was quite a dedicated servant of the Lord, wasn’t he? On his third missionary journey that was mapped out with the destination of Jerusalem, he had received warnings from the Holy Spirit that prison and hardship awaited him. Yet, he pressed on. His earthly life mattered to him only in so far as giving him further opportunity to complete his calling from Jesus Christ his Savior – that of proclaiming the good news of God’s grace.

We don’t know what is going to happen to our lives in the next 24 hours or several months. What gives worth to your life on earth? If it were cut off today, what would be the unfinished business you were so conscious of completing? Would it be the task of testifying to the gospel of God’s grace?

We must confess to God that we lose sight of this calling. Many other things become the chief aim of our lives: spending money, taking trips, just living longer. If you have a “to do” list, it probably includes “mowing the lawn,” “driving a child to a baseball game,” “checking e-mails,” and others tasks like this, but does it include “testifying to the gospel of God’s grace”?

When you were baptized, you received a task from God. Peter describes it this way: “to declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.” Through the Holy Spirit you know of God’s grace, of his amazing love to forgive you of your sins because of the perfect payment for sin his Son made for you on the cross. You know also of God’s love that keeps on giving – giving strength to your faith, help for your daily living, and gospel nourishment to keep you on the path to heaven. Your task is to testify to others the good news of God’s grace. The race you are running is to help others learn of God’s love for them in Jesus.

May the Lord help each of us stay on task and complete this race. May his grace rule our hearts so that we second Paul’s declaration that the great worth of our earthly lives is found in testifying to the gospel of God’s grace.

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!
- **Trinity's SonshineFest** will be held Monday, August 7-10 from 6:30—8:00 pm. This is for ALL ages! Look for more information in this newsletter.
- 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.
- **National Night Out, August 1—5:00—9:00 p.m. needs volunteers.** Help will be needed before, during and after the event. Sign up in Fellowship Hall or talk to Rachel Hoverman.
- **Quilters will NOT meet during the month of July.** We will resume our regular schedule in August. If you are interested in joining the group, contact Pat Loney at 257-5920. Quilters meet on Mondays from 1:00—3:00 p.m.
- Would you like to have a copy of our worship services to give to family or friends? Both VHS and cassette tapes are available for you to take. They are located under the mailboxes in the narthex.



## News from the WELS

### SCHOOLS' "CALL DAYS" BROADCAST OVER WEB

This past May, people from the United States and 17 other countries were able to watch graduation and assignment services from Martin Luther College, New Ulm, Minn., and vicar assignment and pastor assignment services from Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, Mequon, Wis., live over the Internet at <http://streams.wels.net>.

The live video coverage was broadcast on Streams, WELS' biblically-based, interactive, Internet media network. This was the inaugural program for Streams as well as the first time these services have been shown online. The services were popular. One hundred forty-five viewed the graduation service and 300 the assignment service at the college. Two hundred sixty watched live streaming of the vicar assignment service and 490 the pastor assignment service at the seminary.

This fall will mark the official debut of the Streams network, which will include live and downloadable programming meant to educate, inform, and inspire. This programming may include workshops, training initiatives, news updates, Bible studies, and other live broadcasts of synod events. The Streams site also hosts "Radio WELS," a sampling of music from Christian singers and choirs. This network, supported by the 2005 synod convention, has been in the planning stages for a couple of years.

"In a world of instant communication, we have to be prepared to utilize the God-given tools, and one of these is the Internet . . .," says Steve Zambo, WELS media director. "[Web broadcasting] can be a way for us to create a first line of communication with ourselves—to make sure that we encourage and strengthen each other—but also a first line of communication to those seeking their Savior both here in the United States and around the world."

### MULTI-LANGUAGE PUBLICATIONS CELEBRATES 10<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

This summer marks the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of WELS Multi-Language Publications. The program and its committee were established by the Board for World Missions to provide a comprehensive listing and to assist in the production of confessional Christian literature or other mass-media in the languages of countries where WELS is working and in other areas or language groups where we may never work.

The goal is to reach out way beyond available manpower to bring many more people throughout the world to faith in Jesus by the printed word. Since 1996, the total print count has been more than one million copies in 40 different languages.

Multi-Language Publications has involved the work of many people in cross-cultural missions in the United States and other countries. These people have aided the development of books, pamphlets, CDs, and videos that have been distributed around the globe, many times by mission agencies of other church bodies. They have also conducted workshops and seminars on translation, English as a Second Language, Sunday school, writing, and Bible storying (verbally telling Bible stories).

Multi-Language Publications plans to move forward with a focus on materials for the 60 percent of the world's population considered illiterate. Also, whereas past materials were meant for evangelism and instruction, next they would like to release doctrinally-focused literature to serve as a foundation for future generations.

*Learn more about the ministry of Multi-Language Publications in the August issue of Forward in Christ.*

## Our Life of Worship at Trinity



### JULY HIGHLIGHTS:

#### SERMON SERIES ON THE LORD'S PRAYER

July 2	The Address
July 9	The 1st Petition
July 23	The 2nd Petition
July 30	The 3rd Petition



#### SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday, 9:00 a.m.

Wednesday, 7:00 p.m. (This is the same service as the following Sunday)

## 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.



- ◆ Volunteers are needed now to step forward and assist with two out reach events of August. On August 1, we serve as host site to our neighbors for National Night Out. August 7-10 is our evening VBS or SonshineFest. Both events tie in with our mission to speak to people of our Savior. Speak to Rachel Hoverman of your offer to help with National Night Out, and give your name to Scott Pool for VBS.
- ◆ Join the New Resident Visitation Corps that visits our new neighbors with an invitation to join us in hearing the Word of God.  
**Next opportunity: Saturday, July 1, 10:30 a.m.**
- ◆ Help out at the WELS Polk County Fair booth, June 27-29. Volunteers are needed to hand out literature and greet the people.



Trinity's Mission Awareness Committee presents information to us on mission fields that we support. You are invited to come to the next meeting and learn of what God is doing for souls throughout the world.

**Next Meeting: July 8, 9:30 a.m.**

## We Grow Together in Studying God's Word

**Sunday Adult Bible Class: 10:20 a.m.**

*Topic: "Fifth Pew from the Front: That's Easy for You to Say!"*

**Tuesday Women's Bible Class: 7:00 p.m.**

*Topic: "Right Questions, Wrong Answers: A Study of World Religions"*

**Wednesday Bible Class: 10:30 a.m.**

*Topic: "The Book of Acts" Follow the growth of the Christian Church.*

**Wednesday Evening Bible Study: 7:35 p.m.**

**Catechism Class Update:**

On Sunday, July 30, Pastor Kock requests parents of both 7th and 8th grade students to meet with him briefly after worship.

**Parents, check out the Website:** "parentscrosslink.net" This is a WELS site intended to serve families in Christ.

**Hang Your Hat On the Cross—Saturday, July 8, 7:00 p.m.**

For those entering the freshmen year of college, to learn from college students the kinds of experiences challenging to your Christian faith that await you.

**Inner Court Youth Hiking and Camping Weekend**

Plans are in process for Inner Court Youth Hiking and Camping weekend for July 15 & 16. Watch for more information coming soon! Please call Jerry Pieper (294-3836) if you have any questions.

## 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 by.

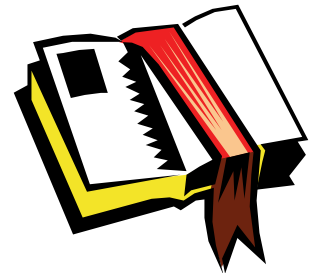
**Pastor's Day: July 10, 6:30 p.m.—8:00 p.m.**

**Pray for our members and member relatives in the service:**

Steve Winkelman    Mike Beck    Jeffrey Mortenson

**Welcome to New Members:**

Milo and Ramona Hendricks



## Planned Giving—A Final Gift of Love

### Leaving Your Mark

How will I be remembered? When all is said and done, what will I have accomplished with my time on earth? Will I have made a difference or just fade away like a vapor or morning fog?

Tough questions, aren't they? And they all drive toward a central point: leaving a mark on this world after we're gone. As a child of faith we know this concept carried a deeper spiritual message compared with how the average person on the street might answer it. We want to know that we have made a spiritual difference on the world around us—a lasting legacy of love.

We are writing that legacy right now with every day, month, and year that passes by. We etch that legacy into the minds of family members around us with our spiritual words and examples. We shape that legacy without witness to the lost and spiritually wandering souls around us. And we have one final opportunity for that legacy as we leave this world and share our last will and testament.

Your estate plan is your last opportunity in serving in the Church militant as you are discharged into the Church triumphant. Wouldn't it be wonderful to leave with a loud bang—a giant shot across Satan's bow—as the Lord's Church is blessed with a legacy gift to support gospel proclamation.

Sisters and brothers, in love you return gifts to the Lord in support of sharing Jesus' love and forgiveness with your regular offerings. Have you given that last powerful shot, your estate gift, serious consideration?

As your WELS Christian giving counselors, we stand by ready and willing to assist you as you select the ministries, the gifting vehicles, and the specific ways in which you leave your mark, a gospel mark, on this world.

Here are just a few of the special paths for sharing that gift:

- Directly through your will or living trust
- Beneficiary designation on your retirement plan (very tax efficient!)
- Insurance policy
- Pay/Transfer on Death (POD or TOD) Designation on a bank/mutual fund/brokerage account
- Charitable Remainder UniTrust (CRUT)
- Charitable Gift Annuity (CGA)
- Life estate (gift of your house or other property while still living in it)

You have the victory over death through your Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and are more than a conqueror. With a legacy gift, the Lord gives you one last time to leave a lasting mark on this world, one parting shot that proclaims loud and clear to the people of this world: "Jesus loves, Jesus forgives, Jesus saves!"

Do you ever dream about the things that might happen to you when you are in heaven? Picture this: somebody comes up to you in heaven and shares their personal thanks with you. You might ask, "Why me?" and they will reply, "Because of the ministry you funded after you left for heaven, I heard about Jesus, and the Spirit made me a child of God. Thanks for doing that. Your gift left a powerful mark on my life.

Will you leave your mark?

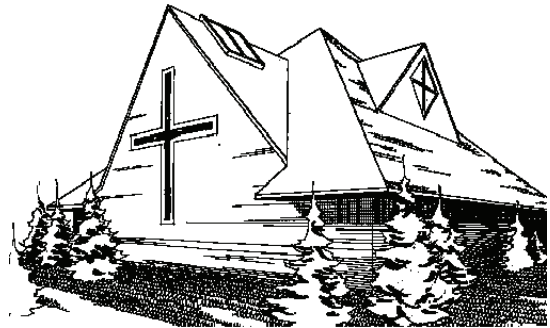
## **Planned Giving—A Final Gift of Love**



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### Special Dates!

- Sonshine Fest July 25—July 28—6:30—8:00
- Mid-week Worship July 5,12,19,26—7:00 pm
- Voters Meeting July 17—11:00 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, mop-ping...

If you've got a job to do, the Trinity Youth Group will help you do it. From spring 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.

