

# Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

A message from Pastor Kock

*"Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!"*

Mark 11:9

## A Riddle To Solve: What Is It?

It is refreshment in the heart of heartache  
It is a sword against the devil  
It is a consolation for the dejected  
It is a delight for the holy  
It upholds the world  
It follows God's gift of grace  
It quest the conscience  
It sends demons running

What is it? Prayer. God's children through faith in Jesus Christ will pray with a Child-like trust each day. Those in whom the Holy Spirit dwells will present offerings of prayer and praise continually.

You dear baptized believer, can be certain that God hears your prayers. God is infinitely kind. He loves pouring out blessings from his hand to your life. Think of how much he gives you without asking. (Your life, health, children, job, education). Certainly he will be happy to give when you do ask!

He already gave you his greatest gift—salvation through his son Jesus that blesses you with cleansing of all sins and the future glory of heaven. If God has so richly blessed you with gifts that lead to eternal life, truly he'll give you gifts for your temporal life. The Lord is perfect love toward you and has perfect power to do all his heart desires. As you approach him in faith in his Son Jesus, you can be certain that your Father will hear your prayers.

Psalm 145:18-19

"The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth. He fulfills the desires of those who fear him; he hears their cry and saves them."

Pastor Mark Kock



Inside this issue:

Membership Changes, Miscellaneous News	2
WELS Connection	3
Attend a Bible Study	4
Evangelism News Stewardship—Serving Your Savior M-Fund	5
Graduates Did You Know! LWMS Rally	6
Summer Worship Summertime with Jesus LWMS Rally	7
Key People, Birthdays, Anniversaries, Sacred Acts	8
Council Members, Elders, Special Dates, Offering Envelopes	9

## Membership Changes

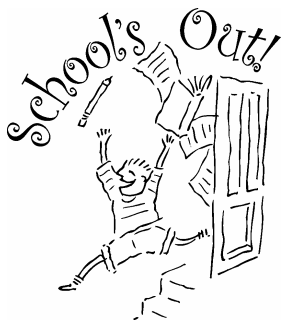


The following membership changes were approved at the April 18 Quarterly Meeting:

- Released from membership: Scott Moore, Teresa Rogers, Kristine Osborne, Paula Kammerud and children, Mel & Darla Warm.
- Received by confession of faith: Dane & Jennifer Dahl and daughter.

## Miscellaneous News

*Check out this website that offers a fresh approach to connecting people to Christianity,  
www.What.AboutJesus.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.
- **Trinity's Vacation Bible School** will be held in the evenings July 26-30.
- **Sonshine Festival** (a Christian rock festival in Wilmer, MN) will be held July 15-17. Charlie Beck would like to take a group of teens to the festival—please talk to Jerry Pieper (294-3836) if you would like to go!
- **HELP Supply the Foodshelf** – The Open Cupboard is always in need of donations. 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.
- Do you have any **old sheets or pieces of material** around your house that could be used to make quilts? If so, please call LaVerne Renspe (755-2800) - material is needed!
- Remember to keep checking your **church mailboxes!**
- **Dorothy Pieper's new address:** Oak Meadows, Apt 304, 8131 4th St North, Oakdale, MN 55128. She would love to hear from any of her Trinity friends!
- Polk County Christians in Action provide **food** each month on the second Saturday at 9:00 am at the Congregational Church in Amery. Please call 715/268-7390 for more information.
- Are you **missing a coat or other items**? We have an interesting collection hanging in our narthex! Please check the rack next time you're at church. Any items still left behind by the end of June will be donated to the Ukraine.
- There will be a **Head Usher Meeting** on Sunday, June 6 at 6:30 pm.
- We received a **special invitation** from the Rott family to celebrate Maricel's graduation from St. Croix Lutheran High School. There will an open house on Sunday, June 13 from 2:00-6:00 pm at their home in Stillwater. Their address is 5274 Stillwater Blvd N, Lake Elmo, MN (1 mile south of Hwy 36 on Hwy 5 in Lake Elmo). Maricel will be attending Wisconsin Lutheran College in Milwaukee in the fall. The Rott's email address is the\_rotts@msn.com
- There will be a **Christian Retreat on Single Parenting** at the Schwan Center in Trego, WI on July 30-August 1. There is more information about the retreat in the office or you can call 800/577-4848 or go to their website at [www.schwncenter.org](http://www.schwncenter.org)
- **Youth of 6th-8th grades** are invited to a fun outing at Bob and Kelly Babels, **June 25 at 6:30 pm.**

## The WELS Connection

### WELS Kids Connection

*WELS Kids' Connection* is making some exciting changes. Due, in part, to the death of former host, Chris Jagodzinski, but more so because of our desire to communicate the love of Jesus in the best possible ways, *Kids' Connection* will be taking on a little different look. As part of this new look, *Kids' Connection* is seeking new on-camera hosts.

We will be conducting an open audition for new hosts on Saturday, June 12th from 9:00 am to noon at the WELS Administration Building in Milwaukee, WI. (2929 N. Mayfair Road, about 1 mile north of Mayfair Mall). Those auditioning simply show up, do what we ask them to do, and that's it. No advanced preparation is necessary. They'll be informed in writing as to whether or not they made it. These are the kinds of individuals we are looking for:

- \* A Christian role model willing and able to share his/her faith
- \* A good communicator, able to memorize and speak clearly and expressively
- \* A poised and confident individual, comfortable in front of a camera
- \* A boy or girl entering 7th-10th grade.

If interested contact Bob Mateske (414)256-3274 or email [cyd@sab.wels.net](mailto:cyd@sab.wels.net).

*Kids' Connection* is a monthly video news magazine for children. It's seen in hundreds of WELS churches, Sunday schools, Lutheran elementary schools and homes. For the past ten years, *Kids' Connection* has helped to connect kids to Jesus and each other.

### Minnesota District Convention

Pastor Kock will attend the Minnesota District Convention in New Ulm, MN June 7-10. A key issue facing the WELS is a review of the Synod-sponsored Lutheran High Schools that currently serve to prepare youth for full time pastor and teacher ministry.

We have two such preparatory schools presently in Watertown, WI and Saginaw, MI. The questions to discuss are Retain the two schools? Downsize to one? Eliminate both?

### Russia Outreach

Mission work continues in Siberia through four congregations and several preaching stations. Last summer the first two national pastors were ordained in the Russia Lutheran Church and were called to serve the congregations in Novosibirsk and Iskitim. The training of more Russian workers continues to be a top priority.

Our missionary families have had another opportunity to share the Word in a unique way. Two of the schools attended by the missionaries' children have invited the church to periodically teach Bible stories to their children's classes.

In addition to bringing the Word to children, our missionaries continue to discover mission prospects through English classes and a radio broadcast in the Novosibirsk area. Work continues in the translating and publishing of Bible study and confessional materials in Russian.

---

*“As we have  
opportunity,  
let us do good”*

*Galatians 6:10*

## Congratulations, Graduates!

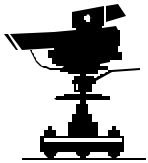


We congratulate the members from our church family that have graduated from high school this year! Please keep this young people in your prayers as they begin a new stage in their lives.

**Erin J. \*, Rachel H. \*, Jeremy P.,  
Steve W., Michelle G., Matt B.,  
Heather P., Rick F., Lindsey S., Tammy S.**

\* Erin is Valedictorian and Rachel is Salutatorian for this year's class

## Did you know? Useful info about Trinity!



We videotape every worship service here at Trinity. Copies are available to take to shut-ins or to use as you wish. The copies are stored on the shelf under our mailboxes in the narthex. If you have any questions about the tapes, call Jim Brown at 651/257-5700.

## Lutheran Women's Missionary Society (LWMS) Rally in Sioux Falls

***"I laughed, I cried, I sang, I prayed, I shared, I listened."***

These are the words of a woman who attended the 2003 LWMS convention in Madison, WI.

The LWMS is the Lutheran Women's Missionary Society and exists to share the love of our Savior and give support to foreign and home missions of the WELS. Each year women and men of the WELS are invited to an annual convention of the LWMS and this year the convention will be held in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Workshops presentations from missionaries, worship, and Christian fellowship and fun are offered all who attend

Registration forms may be picked up at the narthex display table at church.

- WHO: You, men and women of the WELS  
 WHAT: Lutheran Women's Missionary Society's National Convention  
 WHERE: Sioux Falls Convention Center, Sioux Falls, SD  
 WHEN: June 24-27, 2004  
 WHY: Learn about the missions work you are supporting and become spiritually renewed.

## 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 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.

## Summer Worship Service to begin June 16 at 7:00 pm!

We will offer mid-week worship service again this summer beginning Wednesday, June 16. Some of you have told me that you have cabins up north that keep you out of town on week-ends. Others are gone for the weekend on camping trips or vacations. A few of you usually work on Sundays. Please take advantage of the Wednesday services if Sunday worship won't work for you. It will be a shorter service, with less singing, but it will be a full service in every sense, with prayer, praise and the saving Word of God. The Wednesday sermon and service will tie in with the upcoming Sunday service.



## Sunday—June 20—Pastor Dave Waege

On Sunday, June 20th, Pastor Dave Waege will lead worship and Bible Study. Pastor Waege is a Gifts Planning Counselor for the Minnesota District of the WELS. His Bible Class at 9:15 a.m. will focus on God-pleasing planning of our financial assets that help us carry out our desires to serve our Lord, our children and his Church.

## Sunday School ends; Summertime with Jesus begins!

**Sunday school ends June 6. Join me in thanking our Sunday School teachers** who faithfully give of their time to teach God's Word to our children. There will be picnic, games and recognition of the teachers at 11:35 a.m.

On June 8 we begin "**Summertime with Jesus.**" A variety of lessons are planned for the children, including crafts, and making a replica of Noah's ark. We offer summer lessons for children for their spiritual growth and as another way of encouraging parents to attend the Adult Sunday Bible Class.



## Tender Loving Care Preschool News

The first year of Tender Loving Care Preschool has come to a close. This year has been very successful with 15 children enrolled in our program. The children have been learning so many things over this past year and have grown tremendously. The most important thing they have learned is that God loves them and that Jesus, God's Son died for them to save them from their sins. It has been the greatest joy to see how much the children love learning about Jesus, and how they are going home and discussing Bible lessons with their parents.

We have truly touched 15 hearts this year with our preschool program. What an awesome opportunity we have here at Trinity to spread the word of God! Please keep our preschool in your prayers as well as the 15 beautiful children that attended this past year. May God bless you and keep you safe this summer!

Mrs. A. Schultz



## Attend a Bible Class at Trinity



### Grow together in studying God's Word

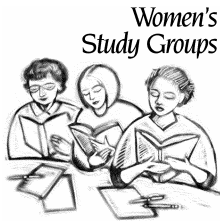
#### Attend the Sunday Morning Bible Study

#### "Change and Grow by the Power of the Holy Spirit"

The Word of God does more than give us information on God's work of redeeming us through Christ Jesus. The Word also works to produce change and growth in us by the power of the Holy Spirit. God wants to transform your mind, heart and life through his Word. He wants to strengthen you to live your Christian faith. Attend this Bible Study and learn of the power to live for Christ and the victory he gives you day by day.

### ATTENTION!

#### Ladies of Trinity



The Women's Bible Study Group meet every Tuesday in June at 7:00 p.m. We are done reading the Peritti book—now it's time to learn what the Bible has to say about demons. Please join us if you can!

### WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

10:30 A.M.

Enjoy the study of God's Word with good company! This group is for all ages and currently we are studying various topics under the theme, "I Always Wanted To Ask."



### The Good News of Jesus Christ

A Course of Instruction for Adults

Thursday at 7:00 p.m.—Trinity Fellowship Hall

This course covers the central teachings of the Bible and the Christian faith. Lessons teach:

- ? *the plan of salvation the Father revealed through his Son*
- ? *the life giving work of the Holy Spirit through the Word, Baptism and Communion*
- ? *the new life a Christian lives under grace*
- ? *prayer*

## Evangelism News

### GO INTO ALL THE WORLD AND PREACH THE GOSPEL

*“Love your neighbor as yourself.”*

Love your neighbor by helping him hear of Jesus Christ the Savior. Invite your neighbor to attend the Thursday night Good News Bible Class that covers the important and life-saving truths of God's Word.

Love your neighbor by visiting him on **Monday, June 14, at 6:00 p.m.** That evening, the members of the Board of Evangelism will visit new residents to Osceola. An hour of visiting goes by quickly but the message of Jesus that is shared can make an eternal difference in someone's life.



## Stewardship & Serving Your Savior—Financial News

**“Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others.”**

What are your gifts? How are you putting them to use to serve others? How can you use your gifts at Trinity? Consider the following:

- ? Build a float for the Osceola parade in September. Serve as a builder supervisor. Speak to Curt Richter.
- ? Help with the special week of Bible Class, song, craft and fun July 26-29 (VBS). Be a teacher, song or craft or game leader or helper. See Bob Wells.

Year to date giving to budget =	\$73,999
Year to date expenses =	\$75,507
2004 Budget =	\$229,363

- ? After adjustments for one time expenses, we are less than 1% off our budget.
- ? This years Lenten givings = \$5,789.19

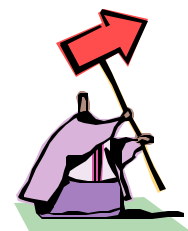


## M-Fund Created

In April it was decided to create a fund to collect money for a new sign to be located along County Hwy M. This new sign will help us reach the lost souls of the Osceola area by making us more visible.

This fund is a non-budgeted fund. Those members moved by the need can designate additional offerings to this fund. It is our goal to break ground in 2004. Please consider contributing to this M-Fund in the next few weeks. We appreciate the donations that have already come in to the fund.

May God bless our efforts to reach those that still need to learn of the salvation that Christ earned for them.



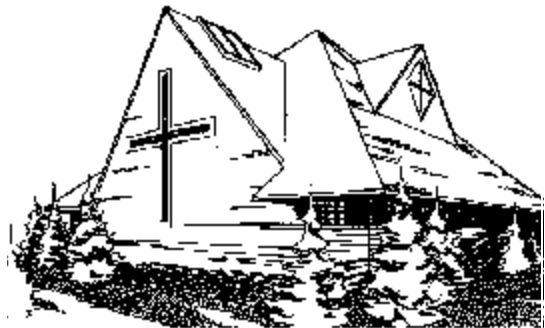


**Trinity Evangelical  
Lutheran Church**

300 Seminole Ave      Church Office Hours:  
Osceola, WI 54020      Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 9 am-3 pm  
Phone & Fax—715/294-2828

Email: [telc@centurytel.net](mailto:telc@centurytel.net)  
Web-site: <http://www.telcosc.wi.org>

Mark Kock, Pastor ([pastorkock@centurytel.net](mailto:pastorkock@centurytel.net))  
Chris Riba, Council President  
Scott Doerr, Treasurer  
Nancy Beck & Carol Jensen, Church Secretaries  
JoAnne Johnson, Altar Guild—294-2020  
Ken & Lorna Stob, Fellowship Coordinators—715/248-7244



**2004 Trinity Church Council Members:**

Chris Riba, President      Wayne Riba, Vice-President  
Dick Durand, Secretary      Curt Richter, Evangelism  
Will Stob, Trustees      Bob Wells, Christian Education

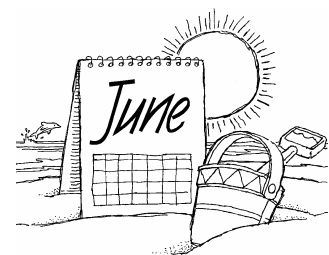
Scott Doerr, Treasurer  
Dean Dehmer, Stewardship  
Kevin Rogers, Elders

**2004 Board of Elders:**

Jim Brown	Steve Gustafson	Randy Getschel	Roger Howard
Mike Plaster	Kevin Rogers	Don Rogers	Ken Stob

**Special Dates!**

- **June 6**—Last day of Sunday School & Teacher Appreciation Day
- **June 6**—Head Usher Meeting—6:30 pm
- **Tuesdays in June**—Women’s Bible Study—7:00 pm
- **June 16**—Wednesday night summer worship begins—7:00 pm
- **June 24-27**—LWMS Rally in Sioux Falls, SD



**When you mark your offering envelope “Other”:**

As you are filling out your offering envelope each Sunday, if you are donating to one of the “Other” funds, please specify which fund you want your offering to go toward. Some of the special funds of our congregation are: Expansion Fund, Scholarship Fund, Assistance Fund, Library Fund, Preschool Fund and M Sign Fund. If you do not specify a fund, your offering will go to Church Ministry.

Also remember that our the “Church Ministry” fund includes our Synod mission commitment and our Christian Education funds. You do not need to specify those funds as “Other” on your envelope.

If you have any “other” questions, please talk with Scott Doerr, our treasurer.

