

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

A Message from the Pastor

Love in the Family

The family and home setting has the greatest influence on the future of our children. Family is a gift from God. It is so important, then, that God's Word be central to our family life, revealing our sins, forgiving us in Christ, and enabling us to share with our children the Lord Jesus who brings happiness into hearts set aside for him.

Satan from the very beginning aims his fiery darts at the family. He knows that if he can cause cracks in the home, he will cause chasms in society. Today Satan seeks to fill mothers with self-pity and discontent, fathers with impatience and anger, young people with boredom and frustration. The hectic schedules of home life that allow little time for prayer and honest conversation, and the replacement of warm love and kindness with new gadgets for our kids to play with are two of many footprints of the evil one roaming through our homes.

But in Christ is victory for every Christian family! Colossians 3:12-15 gives us hope and life in Christ:

“As God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.”

The Lord offers this golden chain of Christian virtues to all. He prays that your home be filled with his love that is centered in his Son Jesus Christ, whose sacrifice on the cross cancels our sins and whose rising from the dead gives us power to rise up to live with 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 donations. You may bring the items to church and we will bring them to the food shelf. Thanks!
- ◆ Remember to keep checking your **church mailboxes!**
- ◆ **Attention Ushers!** Since we are going to one worship service on Sunday mornings and the Wednesday evening service, both teams will work together to cover the services. The head usher for your team can answer any questions you may have about the schedule.
- ◆ Would you like to have a **copy of our worship services** to give to family or friends? If so, we have both VHS and cassette tapes available for you to take. They are located on the shelf under the mailboxes in the narthex.
- ◆ **Membership Changes:** Kristi Durand and children, Bryce and Carter, received by Profession of Faith; Marella Ruesnick, transfer to Pilgrim Lutheran in Minneapolis; Dee McIntyre, received by Adult Instruction and Confirmation.



- ◆ **Summer Worship Schedule—Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Sunday, 9 a.m.**
(Note that the Wednesday worship coincides with the upcoming Sunday)
- ◆ **Sunday, June 1**
We join hearts with Lutheran congregation in Torreon, Mexico in worshipping our Lord (know Spanish?), and we give thanks to the Lord for blessing our Sunday School and staff this past school year.
- ◆ **Sunday, June 15**
Vacation Bible School Children bring songs of praise to our service.
- ◆ **Sunday, June 22**
Installation of Church Council
- ◆ **Worship the Lord Seven Days of the Week.**
Take time daily for prayer and devotion in God's Word.
- ◆ **Men's Choir** will meet at several times during the summer.
First rehearsal is June 8. First song in worship is June 15.



Reaching Out with the Gospel

- ◆ Join the “How to Share Your Faith” Training Course. Come to the next Class, Saturday, June 21 10:30 a.m.
- ◆ The “Baby Bottles” Program, designed to give support to the work of the Church and Christian Life Ministries to save the unborn from abortion and mothers and children for Christ, has so far gathered over \$700. Thanks be to God for opening our hearts of compassion on the vulnerable of our society.
- ◆ Christian Life Ministries – help is needed in the Mission Warehouse Thrift Store, as well as with counseling, hotlining, switching, mentoring, and more. Contact Cheryl Tembruell at 651-649-3538 or welslfitcc@usfamily.net.
- ◆ Vacation Bible School is Outreach to children of our community with God’s Word. Offer your help to teach, or assist in other ways. Offer your help to promote this ministry. See VBS Coordinators Jo Jaspersen or Jolene Funk, or Evangelism Chairman Daniel Francis.
- ◆ The Minnesota District of the WELS meets in Convention, June 9-12, at New Ulm’s Martin Luther College campus. The Convention reacts to Synod reports and makes recommendations to Synod action to advance the kingdom of God. Your efforts to make disciples of all nations, individually and as a congregation, are linked to the efforts of your District and Synod. Pray for God’s blessings upon the Convention. Pastor Kock will be attending as a pastor delegate. Trinity is still seeking a lay delegate (confirmed male).



Serving Jesus With Our Gifts and Talents—Serve the Lord with gladness!

- ◆ **God’s love** for us in his Son Jesus opens our hearts to gladly give offerings of our time and treasures to the praise of his holy name.
- ◆ **Income and expenditure** information for April:
Income: \$21,568 Expenses: \$17,998
- ◆ **Reminder:** The goal of our church is to receive monthly offerings of \$18,333.00. 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.
- ◆ Please consider the following **opportunities to use your God-given talents** to serve your Lord and his Church. Then, speak to the contact person. Thank you.
 - **Weed the flower beds around the church and the playpen area (see Colin Hendricks)
 - **Distribute flyers on VBS to neighbors (see Daniel Francis)
- ◆ **The Assistance Fund** is the name of the Fund our congregation operates to give financial support to those of our church in material need (in special cases we also give from this Fund to those of our community). Fred Loescher is entrusted with managing this Fund. It’s important that we continually supply the Assistance Fund with our gifts so that resources are there when needed to help those in need and to express the sincere love of Christ and his Church.
- ◆ **The Open Cupboard** has seen a rise in requests for assistance with utility bills from residents. This fact, along with indicators of rising unemployment in the community, has led Trinity to set a goal of doubling its gifts to the Open Cupboard annually. Please redouble your efforts to give to assist the needs of your fellow man. Scripture says, “As we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.” Galatians 6:10
- ◆ **The Trinity Quilters** are in need of more material for the quilts. If you are at any garage sales this summer and find sheets (any size, any color, any fabric) please bring them in! Call Marilyn Basham at 294-3172 for more information.



We Grow Together In God's Word

- ◆ Sunday Adult Bible Class continues through the summer— 10:25 a.m.

Here are other opportunities for you to gather around God's Word:

- ◆ Tuesday Women's Bible Class, 7 p.m.: Book of Hebrews
- ◆ Wednesday Bible Class, 10:30 a.m. "Top 10 Questions You'd Like to ask God"
- ◆ Inner Court for High School Youth, Sunday, 10:25 a.m.
- ◆ Wisconsin Lutheran College is a four-year liberal arts college, affiliated with the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod, located in Milwaukee.



Opportunities for Fellowship at Trinity

◆ June 1 Sunday School End of Year Celebration with Meal and Games

The meal begins about 11 a.m. Games offer all ages plenty of fun. The whole congregation is invited to share time with our youth, and join them in thanking God for blessing their lives through Sunday School.

- ◆ **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 learn of one another and give encouragement in the Lord. The second Sunday of each month is our “Trinity Connection” where we meet in the Fellowship Hall to receive updates on our church and mission life and hear of ways to serve our Lord with our abilities and time. Your brothers and sisters of Trinity look forward to seeing you.
- ◆ **Brothers:** All men of Confirmation age and up are invited to the Men’s Breakfast, Saturday, June 21, 8:30 a.m. Enjoy good food, great company, and study in God’s Word.
- ◆ **School is out** and vacation season is here. This month we focus on LWMS (Lutheran Women Missionary Society) Spiritual Growth. Please go to the LWMS website at www.lwms.org and meditate on the devotion posted on the website.
- ◆ **Pray for our members in the service:** Mike Beck (currently stationed in Mississippi)
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **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. Enjoy some coffee, pop, and cookies. No appointment necessary. Just stop by. **Next Pastor’s Day is Monday, June 16, 5-7 p.m.**
- ◆ David Sigrist is a student of the Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, who is currently working in Torreon, Mexico, along with missionary Mike Hartmann to reach out to people with the good news of Jesus Christ. Pray for him; think of a personal item to forward to him, to help him understand and appreciate our support at Trinity. We have set June 1 as the day to include the Mexican mission in our prayers and worship.



People News

- ◆ **Confirmed on May 18, 2008:** Tina Milian, Ashley Pliscott, William Pool, Victoria Richter
- ◆ **High School Graduates for 2008:** Rick Bierbrauer, Kelsey Hendricks, Kyrsten Larrin and Katie Pool
- ◆ **Upcoming Weddings:** Charlie Beck, Michelle Getschel, Peter Wells
- ◆ **Funeral:** Norma Skifstad on Tuesday, May 20

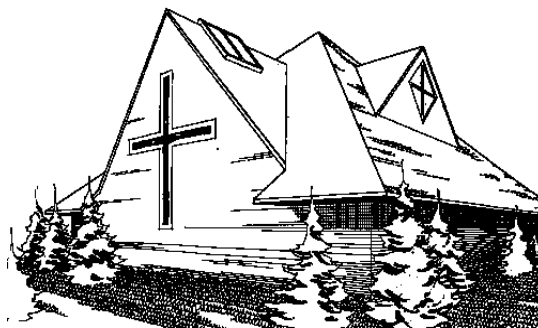


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2008 Trinity Church Council Members:

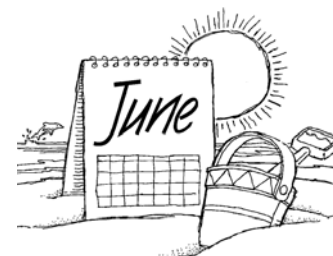
Curt Richter, President	Harry Beck, Vice-President	Ron Jasperson, Treasurer
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Colin Hendricks, Trustees	Jerry Pieper, Christian Education	Kevin Rogers, Elders

2008 Board of Elders:

Jim Brown	Kevin Rogers	Will Stob
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Special Dates!

- Sunday, June 1, 11:30 am—Sunday School Meal & Games
- Monday, June 9—Friday, June 13, 12:30—3:00 pm—Vacation Bible School
- Wednesdays in June, 7:00 pm—Summer Worship
- Saturday, June 21, 8:30—Men's Breakfast



Kids' Singing Contest

Hey kids—Have you always wanted to sing in front of an audience or win a singing contest? Now's your chance! Prepare a Christian song and perform it for a panel of judges. If needed, an accompanist will be provided. A winner will be awarded in three age groups: ages 5-7, 8-11 and 12-14. The winners will also be invited to sing as guest soloists at an event during the 2008/9 singing season of The Cantabile Singers. There is also a \$50 gift certificate to Schmitt Music for the winner in each age category.

The contest will be held on Saturday, June 21 at 9:00-1:00pm at Bloomington Lutheran Church, 9350 Portland Ave S, Bloomington, MN. Call Julie Christensen at (612)558-3687 or email singingcontest@cantabilesingers.com to schedule an appointment time.

There are flyers about the contest in our narthex for those interested.

Everyone is invited to the Trinity Sunday School End of Year Celebration!

Sunday, June 1, 2008

Meal begins about 11:00 am

Games offer all ages plenty of fun.



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and join them in thanking God for blessing
their lives through Sunday School.