

June 2010

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church



In so many ways, the world tries to redefine the gifts of God. It seeks to redefine marriage – so that the “two who become one” might be a man and man, or a woman and a woman, instead of what God determines, a man and his wife. The world also seeks to redefine the Christian congregation. Have you noticed? The voices cry out, “The congregation must re-image itself. The teachings of the past won’t work any more. We need to teach what is popular. We must create events – how will people know we are alive?” What is the Christian congregation? How does God and Scripture define it? Let’s take a look:

“In spite of severe suffering, you welcomed the message with the joy given by the Holy Spirit. And so you became a model to all the believers in Macedonia and Achaia. The Lord’s message rang out from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia – your faith in God has become known everywhere.” Paul to the Church of Thessalonika, First Epistle, 1:6-8

Members of a Christian congregation suffer because they do not conform to the world’s ways but are transformed by the Holy Spirit to be holy offerings of their entire lives to their Lord Jesus Christ.

Members of a Christian congregation welcome the message of God’s unchanging Word with the joy given them by the Holy Spirit. They receive it “not as the word of men, but as it actually is, the Word of God, which is at work in us who believe.” (see I Th 2:13)

Members of a Christian congregation live by faith in God. Theirs is a faith that was created in them by the Holy Spirit in baptism, and is

sustained in them by Word and Sacrament. That’s why they say, “I was glad when they said to me, ‘Let us go to the house of the Lord.’” They are happy to hear the Gospel preached to them. They receive the invitation from Christ to “take, and eat,” “take, and drink,” as a high privilege, and with joy dine at the Lord’s Supper.

Members of a Christian congregation ring out the message of sin, grace and salvation, not just in their community but everywhere they can. They are not ashamed of the gospel but proclaim it clearly and widely, to as many as possible.

God’s definition of the Christian congregation is simple: a fellowship of believers in Jesus Christ, who gather to receive strength for their faith and life from the gospel; who encourage each other to endure in this time of suffering; who spur one another on toward love and good deeds; and who make the commission of Christ their chief mission: “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.” May God help our congregation live up to this.

Pastor Mark Kock

Check out our church web page each week for highlights and spiritual messages.
www.telcoswi.org.





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Reaching Out with the Gospel

Website Help: The Website Committee will meet Thurs. June 3 at 7:00 p.m. and are looking for some folks who would be interested in working on the committee. Contact Curt Richter.

Jesus Cares Ministries: I praise! I learn! I serve! We teach how Jesus loves them, cares for them, listens to them, forgives them and will take them to heaven. We share the gospel with people who have a developmental disability and their caretakers. Continue to pray **for the Lord's blessing upon this ministry to the developmentally disabled.** Eleven students attended the May Worship at the Cross service. Come and participate with your heart of worship and hands of love. Our next service will be held

Lutheran Women's Missionary Society



School is almost out and vacation season will be here. This month we focus on

Lutheran Women's Missionary Society Spiritual Growth. Please go to the Lutheran Women's Missionary Society website at www.lwms.org and meditate on the devotion posted at this website.



Minnesota District
of the
Wisconsin Synod

The Minnesota District of the Wisconsin Synod will be in Convention, June 15-16, at Martin Luther College, New Ulm, MN to receive reports on the kingdom work of the Lord as carried out by our church body and make recommendations on future efforts to share Christ with the world. Pastor Kock will be attending as Pastor delegate and Bob Wells will attend as our lay delegate.



Saturday Movie Night
June 19th- 5:30-9:00 p.m.
5th-8th Graders

Join us for fun and fellowship at church Saturday, June 19th. Pizza and beverage will be served. Also, bring a blanket or comfortable chair. See you there!

E-Mail Address: If you have a new e-mail address or have changed your e-mail, please notify the church office so we can keep our records up to date. Thank you!

Search the Scriptures



Grow in God's Grace

Here are some opportunities for Bible Study at Trinity!

- Sunday, 10:20 a.m.—10:50 a.m.
- Wednesday Bible Class—10:30 a.m.
- “Marriage, Divorce, and Remarriage”
- **Saturday Men's Breakfast**—8:30 a.m.
- (3rd Saturday of the Month)
- “Making God-pleasing Decisions”
- **Tender Loving Care Preschool**
- Teacher Paulette Enerson
- Now taking enrollment applications for next school year (morning session, Tuesday and Thursday, 9-11:30 am and afternoon session Tuesday and Thursday, 12:30—3:00 pm)





June 21-25—12:30—3:00 p.m.
For ages Preschool through 6th Grade

Children, come and join your friends in learning more about Jesus Christ your Savior. You will make crafts to bring home, sing songs to the Lord, play games, enjoy refreshments—5 days! Tell your friends about VBS and ask them to come with you.

The Osceola School District offers bus service from school to Trinity Church to children attending Summer school. Please call the church office (715-294-2828) for the bus #

Serving Jesus with our Gifts & Talents

Serve the Lord with gladness!

- Income and expenditure information for December year to date.

BUDGET UPDATE		
	<u>Last Month</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Income	\$16773	\$171,840
Expenses:	\$17,414	\$179,452

- **Reminder:** The goal of our church is to receive monthly offerings of \$19,167,00.

Opportunities for Fellowship



Sunday, June 6

Close of Sunday School & Preschool Year

After worship we will gather in the Fellowship Hall for Teacher Appreciation Day when we will recognize our Sunday school teachers for their service and all children will receive a free gift from a table display of gifts based on the number of classes attended during the year.

10:30 a.m.—Games for children, parents & teachers

11:00 a.m.—Lunch for everyone





4th Annual WELS Softball Extravaganza

Back by popular demand the annual softball tournament is the planning stages. Watch for details and date for this event in upcoming bulletins.

Pray for our members in the service:
Mike Beck stationed in Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri and Gregg Traylor.



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.