

June 2011

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church



EPH 6:10-17

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Are all these pieces of armor really necessary? **Can't we Christians get by with less? Is Satan** really that challenging of an enemy?

God never stretches things when he speaks to us in the Bible. His illustration of arming ourselves against Satan like a soldier preparing for battle is right on.

Satan is a lying deceiver. His tactics are evil and deadly. He knows our weak points. What is yours? Do you tend toward lying? He will be right there when telling the truth might get you into trouble. Do you tend toward gossip? He will be at your side when the conversation

brings down someone else. Do you tend toward wandering eyes in marriage or wandering hands in the store? Satan will give you ample opportunities.

God is right on when he tells us to cover ourselves in the Word, and immerse ourselves in its truth so that we are ready to run from **sin with hearts filled with Jesus' love. Putting** on the armor of God must be our wakeup **routine until we stand safely at Jesus's side** in heaven.

Pastor Mark Kock



The Trinity Garden program began in the Spring of 2009 when three garden spots were tilled and offered for use by church members or neighbors to the church grounds. In 2010 we passed out flyers to the neighborhood surrounding the church grounds which generated an increase in garden interest. We ended up tilling a total of nine garden spots of which seven were used. This year we expanded our advertising of garden plot availability and have had outstanding reception. We have tilled 17 spots this year of which 15 spots have been spoken for.

There are currently two garden spots available. These spots are tilled and ready for planting by church members or anyone else that has an interest. The plots are 10' x 20' and can be secured by contacting Ron Jaspersen, Doris Martinson or the church office.



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Miscellaneous News

- 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 Food shelf** — The Open Cupboard is always in need of donations. Just take one of the grocery bags from the narthex, fill it up and return it to the church. We'll deliver it to the food shelf for you!
- **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!

June Worship Highlights

Come, let us worship the Lord!

Summer Worship Schedule:

Sunday 9:00 a.m.
Wednesday 7:00 p.m.



God's love for us in Christ leads

us to value weekly worship—no other event of the week matters as much to us as the opportunity to **come into the Father's house, receive his saving Word, and praise his holy name.**



"The Ascension of our Lord Jesus":

Area WELS worship is Thursday, June 2, at 7:30 p.m. at Zion Ev. Lutheran Church, East Farmington. Preaching the Word is Pastor Marcus Birkholz of Salem Ev. Lutheran Church, Stillwater. Meal begins at 6:00 p.m. Trinity members are to bring desserts; there is a sign-up in the narthex.

Rehearsal for a mass children's choir and mass' teen/adult choir is at 7:00 p.m.

Pentecost Sunday is June 12:

On this day the exalted Lord Jesus sent the Holy Spirit upon his disciples to equip them for the mission of going into the world and proclaiming the completed salvation achieved by Christ. In your baptism you received the Holy Spirit, sent to you by the Father and the Son, and for the purpose of equipping you to live your faith boldly, love your neighbor sincerely, and shout out the good news of salvation fearlessly.



Pastor Mark Kock is preaching a two-part sermon series on the **Lord's Supper, one of the chief Articles of Luther's Small Catechism.**

Reaching Out with the Gospel

“By Grace Alone” - Sundays 6-7:10 p.m.

A Bible Study for those looking to find out what the Christian beliefs are all about, or for members interested in receiving a good summary of what they've learned before.

Members, attend and invite along a friend who is without a church home.



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. Eight students attended the May Worship at the Cross service where we heard the story of Jesus sending the Holy Spirit who helps give us faith and helps us tell people about Jesus. Come and participate with your heart of worship and hands of love. Our next service will be held on June 11 at 10:00 a.m.



Our Spring Rally was held at Crown of Life, West St. Paul, starting with an opening devotion given by Pastor Sharein with the topic of Peace Be With You. There was a total attendance of 59 people with an offering amount of \$782. Our total mission box offerings were \$4774.33. We voted and our local Mission Projects will be WELS -Canada and Dominican Republic.

Our Fall Rally will be held on Saturday, October 8th at Mount Olive, St. Paul.

Please remember that we not only support missionaries but **we are missionaries!** God has given us so much work to do and as we go about our lives, we can see many people who do not know the Lord. God has given us mouths

Reaching Out with the Gospel cont'd

to witness with and lives to model so that others can see the Risen Savior living in us.

“You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” Acts 1:8

We thank Dave Malnes of “Truth In Love Ministries” for his presentation, May 18, on efforts made to reach Mormons with the saving gospel. Trinity has several books and publications to inform you of the Mormon cult, and how to share the love of Jesus with them. See display in Library. Check out this letter from a former Mormon, won for Christ:

Last Sunday afternoon, I was surprised when two well dressed men, not missionaries, came knocking on my door. When I answered, they introduced themselves as my in-home teachers, and one just happened to be the Bishop of the ward the other in the Bishopric.

I was very polite and cordial to them. They asked why I hadn't been in church, I explained to them that I was a Christian and a member of a Lutheran church and was very happy. They asked me why I changed. I explained to them that I did not agree with the LDS doctrine and that my sins were already paid for by Jesus and I am perfect in his eyes. I explained that I believed whole heartedly in the grace of God and that salvation is a gift and cannot be earned.

They listened, and said they hear this often. The Bishop then told me if I wanted to permanently remove myself and my daughter from the LDS records, I needed to send him a letter of explanation and sign it. My daughter had to do the same.

This is where it became interesting. He told me that by doing so, that I completely remove myself from salvation and I would have no chance in any. He wanted to make sure I understood this. I told him that I understand that to be an LDS belief, but was not mine!

Thank you TILM for teaching me. I may not have come off as well as one may think with all the information I have in my hands, but I was armed with some knowledge when faced with witnessing to LDS leaders. God's blessings and keep on doing what you are doing.

Christian Education and Growth of Faith in God's Grace

For Adults:

Sunday, 10:20 am 11:00 am Adult Bible Study

Schedule of Lessons:

- June 5 No Class—Sunday School Appreciation Event
- June 12,19 **“Faith is the Victory in Overcoming Anxiety”**
- June 26 **“Connecting to Communities: How does God fit me and my work and hobbies into my community?”**

Wednesday Morning Bible Class 10:30 a.m.—
“2nd Peter”

For Children PreK-8th

Sunday School is in recess until September
The total offerings of the children for the year is \$325.09.

Kids and Parents, check out the display of gifts in the Fellowship Hall. Each child has the opportunity to select a gift from the church, as a gesture of support from the members of Trinity **to your child's growth in Christ Jesus. The value of the gift each child may select is based in part on the number of Sunday school days of attendance.** The purpose of these gifts is to put into the hands of children and families like yours items that will enhance your Christian faith. We pray that the gift will help generate interest and **excitement on your child's behalf to keep on attending Sunday school.** We believe that in Sunday school God gives children the greatest gift of all: his love in his Son Jesus Christ and the promise of eternal life.

Appreciation to Sunday School Teachers and Congregation Fun Event, next Sunday, June 5th at 10:15 a.m.



For all ages. Games indoors and outside. Lunch at 11:00 a.m. Be sure to thank our teachers for their service to the Lord. Sign cards in the Fellowship Hall.



June 13-17—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. Bus #29.

Confirmation Youth: The Inner Court has a special Welcome and Get-together for you next Sunday, June 5th, beginning at 10:15 a.m. with games and refreshments.



Attention Inner Court Youth:

Mark your calendars for a fun day at Inner State Park on June 26th with our neighboring WELS churches. Watch for more details in the upcoming bulletins.

Serving Jesus with Our Gifts & Talents

Income and expenditure information for April for the fiscal year.

BUDGET UPDATE		
	<u>Last Month</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Income	\$14,170	\$150,502
Expenses:	\$14,777	\$162,348

The amount of \$514.00 was sent to each of the six (6) missions that were designated from the Lent offerings.

Installation of new Church Council Boards of Evangelism, Property, Stewardship, Education and Elders occurs on Sunday, June 26th.

Pray for our members in the service:
Mike Beck, Gregg Traylor