

# Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

A message from Pastor Kock

## FOUND (Part 4)

“He was lost and is found.”

Luke 15:24

The pocket New Testament loaned to him by Paul became Jonah’s prized possession. He placed it beneath a rock during the day to keep it dry in case of sudden rain. At night he read it by lantern light.

The picture of his life became clearer. Jonah saw where he had drifted away from the Lord and made light of the need for his Word. An evil force had quietly and gradually taken control of his heart – his sinful heart, and would have separated him forever from his God except for grace. The Lord in his unconditional love had brought Jonah to this island where his only comfort and hope was found in the pages of the Bible. From it he re-acquired the joy of salvation. Jonah’s eyes were opened to the fact that the Lord had never left him but had remained the same God who had baptized him and brought him the blessings of Christ’s crucifixion and resurrection. The Lord had preserved the promise, “Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved.” Jonah once again had that salvation.

When the helicopter landed on the island beach the cheers of the island team rang out for several minutes. Rescue had arrived; they were going home. The crude shelters, mats, and utensils could stay. Only memories would travel with them. For Jonah, the step off the island turf onto the chopper was just the first of many steps of a new life. He was bound to serve his living Lord. Ahead for him were opportunities to further grow in the knowledge of his Savior and his love for him; opportunities to get involved in people’s lives and help them – people in worse shape than he had ever been on the island.

The survivors were heading home changed; some leaner, others meaner. The biggest change is the one that happened to Jonah. “He was lost, and is found.”

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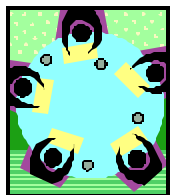
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## Miscellaneous News

*Share this website address:*

*www.WhatAboutJesus.com*

*People will get real answers  
about Christ, the Bible and  
faith.*



- 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.
- **We welcome to our congregation the family of Lon and Ruth Novak and children, Abigail, Elizabeth, Becky, and Stacie.** May the Lord bless their faith through the gospel ministry of Trinity Church, and may He add their gifts and service to ours to grow God's kingdom.
- **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.
- **Note: Correction under membership changes to the Annual Report:** Dawn Johnson was accepted as a member by Profession of Faith. We apologize for her name being omitted.
- **New to the Trinity Library:** "Prepared to Answer" and "More Prepared to Answer" aim to strengthen your voice by providing a helpful model for defending and sharing your faith. Through a unique narrative approach, author Mark Paustian shows how to turn every religious question into an opportunity to share a gospel story about Jesus.
- **Camp Croix is seeking qualified certified lifeguards** for the four weeks of youth camp beginning in July. The lifeguard is responsible for supervising the lake front during open swim, canoe instruction, and all other water front activities. Lifeguards serve for just one week. For more details and an application, please contact Tim Schultz at 651/777-5771 or [timschultz@christlutheran-wels.org](mailto:timschultz@christlutheran-wels.org).
- **"Let All the People Praise You" is the new songbook that will** be included in our worship life at Trinity. It is published by Northwestern Publishing House, of the Wisconsin Synod and contains songs and hymns for various settings (worship, Sunday School, etc.) that are rooted in the faith of our Lutheran Church. The songbooks are donated anonymously by a couple from our congregation in loving memory of their mothers, to the glory of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ
- There will be a **Chili Feed** on Sunday, March 13, 11:00-2:30 pm at the Luck Senior Center. The proceeds will benefit the Polk County Homeless Shelters located in Amery and Luck. There will also be a silent auction that day.
- The **Spring Area meeting of the Martin Luther College Auxiliary** will meet Saturday, March 12 at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 4240 Gettysburg Ave N, New Hope, MN. Registration is at 9:45 am, with opening devotion at 10:00 am and concludes with a lunch at noon. You are encouraged to bring a non-perishable item for the Married Students Food Shelf. Please call Pat Parker 651/426-8488 for more information.
- The Minnesota Circuit invites you to the **42nd National LWMS Convention** at the Sheraton Bloomington Hotel June 23-26, 2005. For reservations call 952/835-7800. For more information visit the website at [www.stpaulscannonfalls.org/lwms](http://www.stpaulscannonfalls.org/lwms)

## Greetings from Kuwait from Captain Harry Beck

Dear Trinity family-

My good wife reminds me that it is now 35 days since I left home for my big adventure, so time to let you know what's up. I must admit I feel like I'm in some sort of a twilight zone - far from home, different living conditions, schedule, the Army - everything. What can I tell you about living on an Army base, in the desert, in a foreign country and culture?

I'll try.

After 2 weeks processing in Gulfport, MS we flew to Kuwait on January 26th - 16 hours, including a layover in Germany, where we could get out and stretch our legs. We left at 1:30 am Central time and arrived in Kuwait 2:30 am Arab standard time - 16 hour flight and a 9 hour time change. I had to chuckle - this was a contracted commercial flight - Continental Airlines B-777. We had to go through the usual baggage check and restrictions (although not in an airport terminal) - you know the drill - no sharp objects, no pocket knives, no nail clippers, knitting needles, etc - we get on the plane and there are already about 40 Army folks on board, all carrying their M-16's and combat gear!

After several hours getting checked in and processed in Kuwait, we settled into temporary barracks - I literally lived for 5 days in a warehouse building with over 1,000 other men. Our entire medical contingent numbers about 370 and we are spread out over 8 sites in Kuwait - mostly small TMC's (Troop Medical Clinics) with anywhere from 8 to 20 doctors, dentists, nurses, PA's, and corpsmen (the Navy's version of Medics if your background is Army). The main hospital and clinic is on a large Army base of about 8,000 troops. I am currently on a somewhat smaller base about an hour north, working in a TMC where we have space for the long dark room I like to work in. This base was originally a large complex of warehouses at the outskirts of Kuwait City, so everything is built into warehouses - the clinic, housing, offices, PX, chapel, everything. The Kuwaitis want the warehouses back, so this base is soon closing and I expect to be moving back down to the main base, near the hospital, in 3-4 weeks - another new living arrangement!

Clinically I see a wide variety of things. We schedule routine eye exams and do the vision part of the physical exams. I am also the only military eye doctor in Kuwait, so am "on-call" for anything involving eyes, anytime of the day or night. I had my first experience as a "Combat Optometrist". We got a call from the hospital on a Saturday night - they had flown in a British soldier who had been struck flush on the eye with a brick and needed me to take a look. So off we went - four of us, 1 hr 10 min drive, at night, wearing flack jackets and carrying 9mm Berettas - just like answering a call from the Osceola E.R.! The young Brit had a pretty nasty injury, but something we could manage in our hospital, and he went home after a week.

There is definitely an international feel to things - I have seen soldiers from Britain, Australia, Denmark, Canada, as well as Americans from all 5 branches of the military, including the Coast Guard. There are a number of contracted civilians as well and the folks who work around the base are called TCN's - Third Country Nationals. I'm not sure if I've actually seen a Kuwaiti citizen, because they evidently don't work, at least not the common jobs - the country is so wealthy that I'm told welfare amounts to \$250,000 per year(!).

The weather has been quite cool - 40's at night, 60-70's during the day, which means most people around here (except for the guy from Wisconsin) are cold. I'm enjoying it, because I know that in a couple months it will be more like 80-90 at night and as high as 130-140 during the day. I'll let you know.

I'm still sorting out what God's plan for me is here. Time alone and away leads me to more time in the Word and prayer, so that is good. There is a chapel on base and I have been to a couple different services, enjoying the different "flavors" of worship. In addition I have been receiving regular emails from WELS military ministry in the person of Pastor Zeimer. He has plans to travel over here, so that would be interesting. In the meantime I try to listen to God's call to serve my fellow man, and there is ample opportunity for that.

Thanks for your thoughts and prayers - I am doing fine. I especially thank you for watching out for Nancy.  
Love, Harry

## New Church Officers and Elected Board Members

God's blessings to the following people who will be serving in the coming year:

2 yr. President:	Wayne Riba
2 yr. Vice-President:	Curt Richter
2 yr. Board of Elders:	Ron Lueck, Jim Brown
1 yr. Education:	Tim Loescher, Colin Hendricks
1 yr. Evangelism:	Dave Pettis, Mark Dobberpuhl
1 yr. Stewardship:	John Harvieux, Ron Jaspersen
1 yr. Trustees:	Dan Kroening, Jeff Rydeen
Acting Chairman of Evangelism:	Curt Richter
2 yr. Treasurer:	Scott Doerr



## Come Chat with the Pastor

Each month Pastor Kock will set 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.

**March Pastor's Day: March 14, 3 pm to 8 pm**

## Our Mission to Reach Out with the Gospel

We thank Curt Richter for his evangelism presentation on February 6.

On Saturday, March 19, the congregation is invited to assist the Board of Evangelism in distributing invitations to our Easter services to new residents.



## We Grow Together in Studying God's Word

**Attend the Sunday Morning Bible Class at 9:15 am**

### God's Help for Today's Christian

We turn to God's Word for guidance in living our Christian faith today. Come, join the fellowship and study with your family of believers.

\*\*How to Save a Troubled Kid?

\*\*Why has Sports and Play Become so Rough?

\*\*The Purpose-Driven Church

\*\*Jesus' Birth: Truth of Scripture vs the Trappings of the World

### Attention, Women of Trinity!

Please join us Tuesday evening at 7:00 pm in the library for Bible Study, quiet time and Christian fellowship. Contact Nancy Beck at 294-3065 for more information.

### Catechism Class Update:

For the 2nd year Confirmation Students: Examination Sunday, May 1  
Confirmation Sunday, May 15

**The Wednesday Morning Bible Class** at 10:30 am continues to read through the Gospel of Luke. Join us!

## Serving Jesus with our Gifts and Talents

Thanks to all who served as hosts of our Cottage Meetings and to all who attended.

### Budget Update

	January 05	Year-to-Date
Income:	\$23,335.43	\$23,335.43
Expenses:	\$26,534.41	\$26,534.41



## Spiritual Renewal Weekend for Women

The theme for this year’s Spiritual Renewal Weekend for Women is **Work for What Endures, John 6:29.**

The weekend is scheduled for Friday, Saturday and Sunday, April 15-17 at the Kahler Grand Hotel in Rochester, MN. The annual event is sponsored by Women of Saint Peter Ev. Lutheran Church-WELS in St. Peter, MN.

Registration deadline is March 11. There are registration forms in the narthex for those interested in attending.



## The Inner Court (for High School Members)

All high school youth—attend the Bible Class that meets each Sunday at 9:25 am. It’s just for you!

## Opportunities for Fellowship at Trinity

All are invited to attend the pre-service suppers offered before the Mid-Week Wednesday Lenten services at 5:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. A different soup will be served each week with sandwiches and bars. There will be a free-will offering basket.



## Did You Know??? Your Lenten Offerings at Work

Occasionally we have been providing some extra info for everyone at Trinity. It is designed to give us all useful bits and pieces of information about our church and how we do things. Let us know if there are any items you’d like to know more about! Read on for this month’s items:

- Our Wednesday evening offerings during Lent are not used in our budget for the year, rather they are given to various mission opportunities. The recipients vary from year to year. Lutheran Institutional Ministries (LIMA), The Lutheran Home, Northside Ministries in Milwaukee and Mission for the Children in Mexico are some examples of the organizations that we have gifted.
- LIMA, Lutheran Home-River Falls, Wisconsin Lutheran Child and Family Services (WLCFS), Apache Christian Training School (ACTS), Indonesia and St. Sophia Seminary are the missions that will be highlighted this Lenten season. Please prayerfully consider these missions as you contemplate your Lenten offerings this year.



## Forward with Lutheran Schools—Consultants here March 11-13

Continuing with our process to decide about having a Christian Day School at Trinity, the Parish Assistance Program through our (WELS) synod will conduct an 'Onsite Analysis' March 10th–13th. Program consultants, Dr. George LaGrow and Jeffrey Inniger will have a full schedule during their days here, meeting with Trinity members and various people throughout our community.

Friday, March 11 will be "Community Day."

Saturday, March 12 is "Congregation Day"

Sunday, March 13 is "Worship, Work and Reporting Day" which will also include a potluck dinner when a preliminary oral report will be presented to the congregation.

**We invite everyone to the potluck dinner on Sunday, March 13.** We also ask every member to pray that the Lord guide us during this process for His will to be done.



## We See Jesus

The season of Lent continues through March 26. Throughout Lent, Wednesday services occur at 7 pm with dinner in the fellowship hall preceding worship, from 5:30-6:30 pm. The Wednesday services teach us the depth of Jesus' suffering to achieve our redemption. We learn not to take our sins lightly—how can we do that when we see the agonizing death the innocent Son of God suffered because of our sins laid upon him? We learn to treasure Jesus and our salvation highly—surely He who willingly suffered for us deserves our highest praise, and every moment of our lives in thankful and obedient living.



### Holy Week Worship

March 20—Palm Sunday, 8 and 10:30 am

March 24—Maundy Thursday, 7 pm (Holy Communion)

March 25—Good Friday, 7 pm

### Easter Services, March 27

6:00 am

9:00 am

Easter Breakfast at 7:15 am





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## 2005 Trinity Church Council Members:

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

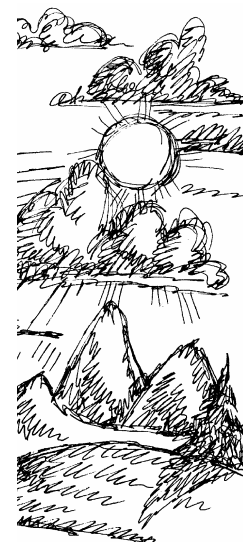
Scott Doerr, Treasurer
Dean Dehmer, Stewardship
Kevin Rogers, Elders

## 2005 Board of Elders:

Jim Brown	Kevin Rogers	Don Rogers	Ron Lueck
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## Special Dates!

- Wednesday, March 2, 9. 16—Lenten Worship, 7:00 pm
- Saturday, March 5—Belle Plaine Workshops
- Sunday, March 6—Work on Pine Cars, 3:00 pm
- Friday, March 11-13—Parish Assistance Study days
- Sunday, March 13—Pot-luck Dinner, 11:45
- Monday, March 14—Come Chat with the Pastor, 3 pm to 8 pm
- Saturday, March 19—New Resident Visits, Easter Invitations
- Saturday, March 19—Pastor and Elder Visits, 10:30
- Saturday, March 19—Game Night
- Maundy Thursday, March 24—Worship w/Lord's Supper, 7:00
- Good Friday Worship, March 25—Worship at 7:00
- Saturday, March 26—Set-up for Easter Breakfast, 3:00 pm
- Easter Sunday, March 27—Worship at 6:00 am and 9:00 am
- Easter Breakfast, Sunday March 27, 7:15 am
- Tuesdays in March—Women's Study, 7:00 pm



Let light  
shine out of  
darkness...

2 Corinthians 4:6