

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

A message from Pastor Kock

A NEW CREATION

“He was lost and is found.”

Luke 15:24

“From now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old is gone, the new has come!”
2 Corinthians 5:16

Newsweek magazine has a cover story on “Single Boomers.” Apparently, the writers have discovered a trend in American life, that many in their 50s and 60s are single once again (due to divorce or death of a spouse) and they are back at the dating scene. It’s amazing how we love labeling people. We call one generation the “Boomers,” another generation the “Busters,” another the “X” generation, and another the “dot.coms.” What labels will we come up with for those just now entering kindergarten? The “Xboxers,” or the “iPoddlings”?

Call me “new creation.” That’s how Christians look at things. We are neither Jew nor Greek, neither slave nor free, neither rich nor poor, neither senior nor junior, we are in Christ a new creation. The old labels the world wants to pin on us are gone and buried. The new label that the Lord placed upon us in baptism remains: we are newborn creations, born again of water and the Spirit, children of the Father not by our will or decision but by his will to call us out of spiritual darkness to the knowledge of the light of Jesus Christ our Savior.

We are “new creation.” More new than a science fiction Matrix revolution. Newer than the brave new world can ever manufacture. Newer than all the gene therapy of science laboratories will ever produce. We are the newest of God’s models, washed clean of all sins, fresh out of the grave of our risen Jesus, bearing fruits of faith by the power of the ever-fresh and living Holy Spirit, heading toward the eternal life of heaven where all things will be new.

No matter what decade you were born in, let the Lord label you. You are not a boomer or a buster or an Xer but a “new creation.” That’s what we have in common, fellow baptized believers, at Trinity.

Pastor Mark Kock

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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.
- **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.
- Do you know of someone who would appreciate having a **cassette tape** recording of our Sunday worship service? Jim Brown will begin making copies of our services once again. If you would like a copy, please talk to Jim (651/257-5700).
- The Inner Court would like to thank all members of the congregation who joined us for **bowling** on February 19th. We had about 48 people participate! High scorers were Lyle Guggisberg (232) and Pastor Kock (198) for the men and Betty Thompson (163) and Marsha Guggisberg (157) for the women. Thanks for coming out!
- Everyone is invited to the **Salem Lutheran School's Open House** which will be held Sunday, February 26th from 1-3pm. You can tour the campus, meet teachers, visit with the principal and speak with other parents about the school which offers pre-K to 8th grade education with traditional values and a Christian environment. Salem is located 14940 62nd Street North in Stillwater, MN. Please call 877/439-7831 for more information.

All ages are invited to a Trinity Movie Night!

Movie showing: "Luther"

(2003 release starring Joseph Fiennes and Jonathon Firth)

Sunday, March 18

Please arrive at 6:30 pm—Movie to begin promptly at 7:00 pm

(Feel free to bring some snacks to share)

Contact Kevin Rogers at 294-2068 for more information.



The WELS Connection

CONGREGATION MISSION OFFERINGS REMAINS LEVEL

In 2005, Congregation Mission Offerings, the single largest source of support for the worldwide mission and ministry of WELS, remained at the same level as 2004—\$19.5 million. After growing in the early 2000s, Congregation Mission Offerings fell in 2004 and remains level this year. In order for the synod and its congregations to maintain ministry, offerings need to grow by five to six percent.

“We give thanks that the Lord’s people shared their wealth with his church,” says Dave Liggett, director of WELS Ministry of Christian Giving. “But we plead with our Lord to give us the strength to raise our Congregation Mission Offerings by 10 percent or more in 2006 to support ministry carried out by the synod on behalf of its congregations and members.” Congregations are still submitting their commitments for the 2006 Congregation Mission Offerings.

Congregation Mission Offerings accounts for more than 60 percent of the synod’s revenue. “Congregation Mission Offerings is the main fuel tank that runs this engine called the synod,” says Liggett. “It’s the congregation’s way of saying we’re interested in not only doing work locally but also worldwide.”

Other sources of synod revenue include gifts from individuals, foundation grants, and



Lutheran Women’s Missionary Society 43rd Annual National Convention

Hosted by the ladies of the Evergreen & Cascade Circuits

**June 22-25, 2006. Sheraton Tacoma Hotel
Tacoma, Washington.**

For more information, please go to www.lwmsconvention2006.org.

Our Life of Worship at Trinity—March Highlights

March 1, Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday ushers us into a new season of Lent. This is the season of the church year that gives special attention to the suffering our Lord experienced to obtain our redemption from sin.

The Wednesdays of Lent provide us with an opportunity to worship our Lord by gathering for the 7:00 pm Lenten Services. This year's theme:

“The Passion of our Lord According to the Gospel of Luke”

Pastor Mark Kock will be worship leader for the services.

Lenten Dinners occur each Wednesday from 5:00 pm-6:30 pm

Plan on attending the services to receive the nourishing gospel of your suffering Lord, to grow in the knowledge of your gracious Savior, and to encourage each other in Christian fellowship.

Sunday School Children and Catechism Youth

PARENTS PLEASE NOTE: The Sunday School Children and Catechism Youth are asked to participate in the Wednesday services by bringing special music to the glory of our Lord.

Adult Choir Update

Rehearsals occur on the Wednesdays of Lent at 6:20 p.m. Come add your voice to the choir and learn music to present in worship to the Lord Jesus.

Evangelism: Reaching Out with the Gospel

Here are some opportunities for you to share your faith in Jesus and help; others learn of their Savior:

- * Let your light shine, as you walk your faith every day of the week.
- * Invite a friend to join you in Sunday worship or to Wednesday Lent services.
- * Be friendly to visitors at our services. Your efforts to welcome them go a long way to inviting them to return and hear more of God's Word.

Attend the Minnesota District Parish Workshop, March 4, at Belle Plaine, MN. Several of the sessions focus on bringing the news of Jesus Christ to the spiritually lost so that they may know Christ and be saved. See the sign-up form in the church narthex.

Jesus says, “You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” We can't wait for perfect conditions in our congregation before we commit our talents and treasures to reach the billions of spiritually dying in our world. We need to do it now. Also be concerned about the billions of spiritually dying in distant countries. Let your love expand into an ever-widening circle.

The way to reach the ends of the earth is to combine your support with those of Trinity and with all the congregations of our Wisconsin Synod. Then we can reach peoples far away through the missionaries working on our behalf who are proclaiming Christ's Word.

Have you noticed the display on Northside Ministries, put up by our Mission Awareness Committee? Throughout the coming weeks look for other displays of mission work that our Lenten offerings will support.



We Grow Together in Studying God's Word

Sunday Morning Bible Class

Attend the Sunday morning Bible Class at 9:15 a.m.

Topic: "Suffering" Learn how even in our suffering our gracious Father is at work to bless us with eternal salvation

Wednesday Morning Bible Class

The Wednesday morning Bible Class at 10:30 am.

Topic: "The Book of Acts" Join in following the early years of the Christian Church as it moved forward the gospel ministry of our Lord Jesus.

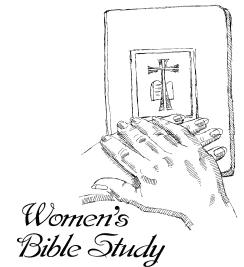


Sunday School News

The children's offerings are to support the teaching of Christ to children of the Lutheran Church of the Ukraine.

Women's Bible Study

Please accept this invitation to join our Women's Bible Study group. We meet on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 pm in the Trinity Church library. A new series to prepare for Lent will be "The Glory of Jesus' Suffering, Death and Resurrection." Please join us! Call Nancy or Pastor at 294-2828 if you have any questions.



Catechism Class Update

Members of the 8th grade class toured St. Croix Lutheran High School on February 11.

The Inner Court (High School Members)

The high school youth are concluding a Bible study entitled, "Walk in My World." Pray for the teens of our church. Encourage them in the faith, and give them opportunities to serve beside you. The Inner Court Bible occurs each Sunday at 9:15 am. This is a great opportunity for teens to stay connected to Christ and his Word.



Tender Loving Care Preschool

Pray the Lord to answer the request of Trinity and Grace Lutheran Churches to receive a teacher to share the Word of Christ with children whom our Lord brings to our preschools. With God's blessing, our preschool will begin the school year in September..

Opportunities for Fellowship at Trinity

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. No appointment necessary. Just stop in.

Pastor's Day: March 27, 6:00—8:00 pm



The Lord Will Bless Us

The spring area meeting of the Martin Luther College Auxiliary, St. Croix Conference will meet on Saturday, March 18, 2006, at Pilgrim Lutheran Church, 3901 First Ave. So, Minneapolis, MN. Registration is at 9:30 a.m. with opening devotion at 10:00 a.m. It concludes with a lunch at 12:00 noon. It is the goal of the auxiliary to fund projects that will benefit faculty and students that are not part of the regular budget of the college. Speak to Jean Brown for more information.

Trinity Church Membership Changes for 2005

Transfer Out—To WELS:

Jonathan Nippoldt and family

Transfer In:

Jack, Terri, Mychal and Mclayne Rydeen
 Ruby Payton
 Lon, Ruth, Abigail, Rebecca and Stacie Novak
 Lyle & Marsha Guggisberg

Received by Profession of Faith:

Todd Plaster
 Margaret Viebrock
 Steve, Rita, Sara and Samantha Link
Adult Confirmation: Rita Link

Released:

Sally Rossi	Dan Kroening
Brent Zehm	Mark & Lois Gustafson and family
Todd Mortenson	Terry Viebrock
Cher Ekstrand	Wilfred & Alice Pieper
Jim Martinson	Rhonda Dill
Dennis Basham	LaVonne Ellingson
Lana Kroening	Ira Smith



Membership Transfers

Serving Jesus With Our Gifts and Talents

BUDGET UPDATE:	Last Month	Year-to-Date
Income:	\$19,576	\$19,576
Expenses:	\$15,354	\$15,354



Trinity Church has a Memorial Fund, ready to accept donations at any time from its members. You may designate your memorial offering to a specific project or purchase of the church (that the church has approved) or leave your offering undesignated, to assist with future needs or special projects of the church. Memorial funds provided for the landscaping around the M sign. The project will be completed in the spring.



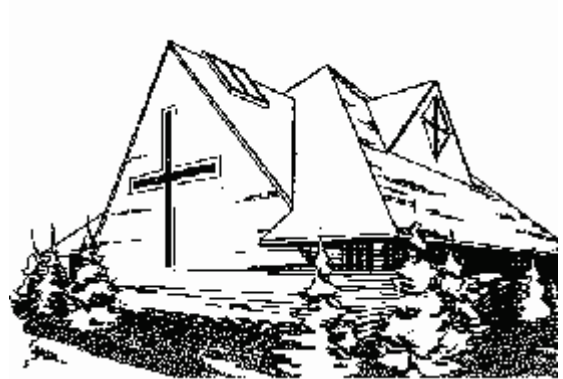
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Wayne Riba, Council President
Scott Doerr, Treasurer
Nancy Beck & Carol Jensen, Church Secretaries
JoAnne Johnson, Altar Guild, 294-2020



2006 Trinity Church Council Members:

Wayne Riba, President	Curt Richter, Vice-President
Robert Jensen, Secretary	Doug Gray, Evangelism
Colin Hendricks, Trustees	Gerry Pieper, Christian Education

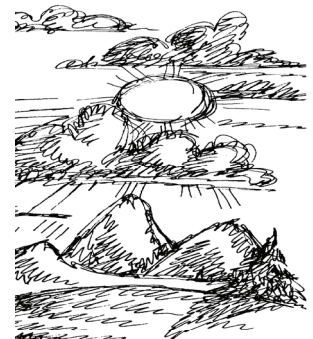
Scott Doerr, Treasurer
(Vacant), Stewardship
Kevin Rogers, Elders

2006 Board of Elders:

Jim Brown	Kevin Rogers	Will Stob	Ron Lueck
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Special Dates!

- Ash Wednesday Worship Service—March 1, 7:00 pm with Lord's supper.
- Lenten Dinners begin Ash Wednesday, March 1, 5:00—6:30 pm.
- Saturday, March 4—District Workshop Belle Plaine, MN 9:00 pm.
- Saturday, March 11—Trinity Council Workshop.
- Sunday, March 12—Family Lenten Movie Night "Luther".s
- Saturday, March 25—Pastor/Elder Visits—12:30 pm
- Monday, March 27—Chat with Pastor—6:00—8:00 pm



Let light
shine out of
darkness...

2 Corinthians 4:6

PRAY FOR OUR MEMBERS IN THE SERVICE:

MIKE BECK AND STEVE WINKELMAN

