

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

February 25, 2007

Dear Friend in Christ and fellow member of Trinity Lutheran Church,

“I have been
crucified with
Christ . . .

Galatians 2:20

You may have heard of the Board of Elders but do you know what they do? The basic objectives of the Board of Elders, along with Pastor Kock, are to see that the spiritual, emotional, and physical needs of the congregation members are being met. This is an important function of the church and it is the pleasure of the Board of Elders to serve you in this way.

One of the ways the Board of Elders may serve you is through prayer; another way may be personal visits. While prayer may take place pretty much at any time and place, visits are a little harder to conduct. The past few years the Board of Elders have been making visits on a limited basis, primarily to our inactive members, encouraging them to return to the saving power of His word and join to us in worship. However, visits can be beneficial to us all. So, at this we would like to expand our efforts and make visits to every member, this year, and every year going forward.

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What can you expect from a visit by the Board of Elders? Christian fellowship and encouragement in His word are good places to start. With the many distractions in the world today, we can all use some encouragement in His word. This would also be a good time to ask questions or voice concerns or approval about things that are going on at church.

In some cases the Board of Elders may call to arrange a visit, others may receive a knock on the door. Either way, we hope that you will be accepting of our invitation. The Board of Elders would also like you to know that you do not have to wait for us to come to you. If you have a desire to talk to one of the Elders, please feel free to contact one of us at any time.

“I have much to write you, but I do not want to do so with pen and ink. I hope to see you soon, and we will talk face to face. Peace to you.” 3 John 1:13, 14

Yours in Christ,
Trinity Lutheran Church Board of Elders
Jim Brown
Ron Lueck
Kevin Rogers
Will Stob

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 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? If you would like a copy, please talk to Jim Brown (651/257-5700).
- Needed: caring volunteers! The **Interfaith Caregivers of Polk County** program is always recruiting caring people to join their team. Call 715/483-9263 to inquire.
- Upcoming **chats** on wels.net:
 - *March 6, 8-9:00 pm: “The Truth about Islam and How to Reach out to Muslims” with a former Muslim.
 - *March 13, 8-9:00 pm: “It’s All About Me: Self-esteems in Young People” with Pam Holz.
- Share this website address: www.WhatAboutJesus.com. People will get real answers about Christ, the Bible and Faith.



People News:

Baptisms:

Ella Kristine, daughter of Eric and Natalie Chinander
 Born 12/21/06 Baptized 2/4/07

Funerals:

Ella Demulling
 Died 12/30/06 Funeral 1/4/07

Charles Jensen
 Died 1/27/07 Funeral 1/30/07

Phyllis Jensen
 Died 1/30/07 Graveside Service 2/7/07

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Our Life of Worship At Trinity

March Highlights:

- The season of Lent continues through March.
- Wednesday Services, 7:00 p.m.
(Dinner 5:30-6:30 pm; Choir , 6:20 p.m.)
- The Children's Choir of Salem Ev. Lutheran Elementary School, Stillwater, will sing in both services, March 11.

Evangelism: Reaching Out With the Gospel

"We have the rock-solid truth, but keeping it to ourselves does not do anybody any good . . . Let's find ways that can energize our people to be evangelists in their own personal lives and on a daily basis. Our people are our best resources. What's most important is what our people are doing."

Joel Hochmuth, WELS Communication Director

- ♦ Visit new residents to our communities—Saturday, March 3, 12 noon.
- ♦ Saturday, March 31, 10:00 a.m. Neighborhood Canvass

Christian Worship Hymn #560 *"I Hear the Savior Calling"*, v 4

"I hear the Savior calling! He changes hearts for me.
From door to door I witness to share my Savior's plea.
Yet nothing can be added, no word on bended knee,
Beyond the simple gospel—My Savior calls for me!"

- ✓ Share the news of Jesus Christ your Savior and help this door-to-door canvass of a new neighborhood of our community.
- ✓ Or, meet at church for an hour of prayer for those going out and meeting people with the gospel invitation.
- ✓ Gather for a noon meal, to thank the Lord for the Bread of Life, Jesus Christ, who nourishes our souls with life ever-



We Grow Together in God's Word



Sunday School

The new mission designation, chosen by the children of our Sunday School, is to provide baby formula for dozens of children in a poor nation of Africa. Parents, help your child learn to be mission-minded. Remind your child each Sunday of the joy of giving, to serve others, for Jesus' sake.

Inner Court

The Inner Court (Bible Study for High School Youth) concluded a Bible study on the work of the Holy Spirit. Their next topic is looking at other religions of the world, from the light of Scripture.



3rd Annual Bowling Event, Sunday, March 4th—1:00 p.m.

Our High School youth will host the 3rd annual bowling event at the Osceola Lanes. Sign yourself up on one of eight teams. Sign-up sheet is located in the narthex.

Adult Bible Class

Sunday Adult Bible Class, 9:25 a.m. "The Church that will Never Perish!"

Do you know what the Church is? What are her blessings? Marks? Purposes? Do you know why holding to the true teachings of God's Word is so important? Attend this Bible and learn of the one worldwide body that will never perish.



Tuesday Women's Bible Class

Every other week at 7 p.m.: "The History of the Church"

Wednesday Bible Class, 10:30 a.m.:

"The Gospel of John, 1-10" John's Gospel stands out as containing some of the most beautiful sermons and Works of our Savior. Come to this Bible study and learn of Jesus, along with many of your friends in Christ.

Parents, check out the website: "parentscrosslink.net." This is a WELS site intended to serve families in Christ.



Women's Enrichment Weekend—April 20-22.

The women from Salem Lutheran, Stillwater, are hosting a Women's Enrichment Weekend, April 20-22. Registration forms are located on the display tables of the church entrance. One of the topics: "*Being a Spiritually Uplifted Woman in Today's Society.*" Registration must be received by March 20th.

"A woman who fears the Lord is to be praised." Proverbs 31:29

Serving Jesus With Our Gifts and Talents



BUDGET UPDATE:	Jan 2007	Year-to-Date
Income:	\$17,548	\$17,548
Expenses:	\$17,220	\$17,220

Lenten Sacrifices

February 21st was Ash Wednesday. Lent is one of the most special times of the Church Year. It gives us the privilege of pondering the sacrificial work of our one and only Savior, Jesus.

In response to this wonderful gift of God's grace, as believers we have the privilege of responding to God's goodness with our lives. Romans 12 summarizes it well: *"Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship."* As living sacrifices God empowers us to willingly offer our entire selves to him.

Stewardship is our life as Christians. We cannot isolate our financial gifts, or our time gifts, or our talent gifts as our sole sacrifice to our Savior. "I am already serving on the "____" board. That is my gift to God. I don't need to do anything else." Stewardship is the combination of every fiber of our being, joyfully returning to God the best we have to offer in every facet of our lives.

That holds true as individuals and congregations. Be living sacrifices as you serve your families, your employment, and your church. God will give us the strength through his empowering word to *"offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship."*

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. 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

Opportunities for Fellowship at Trinity

Mychal Rydeen, son of Jack and Terri Rydeen, was chosen to participate in "Bandfest", at Fox Valley Lutheran High School, Appleton, WI., March 9-11.

Do you wish to receive this newsletter by e-mail instead of hard copy in your mail-slot? If so, please notify the office, along with your e-mail address.

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 by.

Pastor's Day: March 26, 6:00 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Brothers!

Men's Breakfast,

Saturday, March 3, 8:30 a.m.

Come for fellowship in Christ and growing in his grace!



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2007 Trinity Church Council Members:

Wayne Riba, President	Curt Richter, Vice-President	Scott Doerr, Treasurer
Robert Jensen, Secretary	Open, Evangelism	Darryl Klawitter, Stewardship
Colin Hendricks, Trustees	Gerry Pieper, Christian Education	Kevin Rogers, Elders

2007 Board of Elders:

Jim Brown	Kevin Rogers	Will Stob	Ron Lueck
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On Sunday, April 15 Trinity Church will host the Spring Rally of

The Lutheran Women's Missionary Society

All women of Trinity are asked to mark this date and attend to learn firsthand from missionaries the blessings of God upon his Word in people of other lands.

Volunteers are needed for registration, welcoming, displays, table centerpieces and set-up, kitchen tasks, prepare food, usher, and clean up. Please speak to Pat Loney of your willingness to serve.

A graphic featuring the word "Lenten" in a large, black, calligraphic font. Below it, the word "Worship" is written in a smaller, black, sans-serif font. At the bottom, the word "Schedule" is written in a white, sans-serif font on a black rectangular background. The entire graphic is set against a white grid background.

Lenten
Worship
Schedule

Lenten Mid-Week Worship Services

Wednesdays—7:00 p.m.

Soup/Sandwich Supper—5:30—6:30 p.m.

Maundy Thursday—April 5th

Worship with Holy Communion—7:00 p.m.

Good Friday—April 6th

Worship—7:00 p.m.



