

March 2011

# Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church



A Pastor's Daily Prayer  
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O Lord, graciously take into your fatherly care the sick and the needy, all widows, and all who are in any trouble, temptation, or danger. Comfort them with your Holy Spirit that they may patiently endure their hardships and recognize them as manifestations of your fatherly will. Preserve their souls from despair and help to see you as their great Physician. If any pass through the valley of the shadow of death, do not let them fall away from you; let your everlasting arms uphold them and give them a peaceful departure, and a happy entrance into your eternal kingdom.

I pray that you will at all times fill the offices of this congregations with upright, honest, and sincere men and women, who have the welfare of this congregation at heart and are able to help me with their counsel and actions. Unite their hearts with me in love for the Truth; give them the spirit of prayer for me and their congregation, so that we may in unity and harmony build your kingdom in this place.

Preserve and keep the youth of our church from falling away and joining the world, and keep them from the many sins of youth. You, O Lord, know how difficult it is lead the young on the right paths and to divide the word of Truth with respect to them; therefore give me particular wisdom and skill to be firm without exasperating their hearts, and mild and charitable without strengthening them in sin.

Mercifully bless the education and instruction of the children that they may grow up in your reverence to the praise of your name. I commend to you the Sunday School ministry of our church. Give our congregation able and faithful teachers. Preserve them from behavior that offends your name. Bless their work and help them to lead the

little ones into the Savior's loving arms.

To your grace and mercy I commend all my brothers in the pastoral ministry. Grant us harmony and mutual support.

Keep the teachers and officers of our Synod true to your Word. Cause the work of our Synod to grow. Guard and protect all members of our church body from sinful ambitions, division, and indifference to doctrine and practice. Bless all higher institutions of learning - our college and seminary. Accompany all missionaries on their dangerous ways and help them to perform their work. Gather the elect from all nations into your Holy Christian Church, and bring them at last into your Church Triumphant in heaven.

Grant also health and prosperity to all who are in authority in our country, especially to the President and Congress of the United States, the Governor and Legislature of this State, and to all judges and magistrates. Cause them to rule after your good pleasure, to the maintenance of righteousness and to the punishment of wickedness, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.

Hear me, most merciful God, in these my humble requests that I offer to you in the name of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit be all honor and glory, world **without end. Amen."**

*Pastor Mark Kock*

God's  
Answers  
Prayers



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### 2011 Trinity Church Council Members:

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### 2011 Board of Elders:

Kevin Rogers, Harold Brown

### 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.
- **Quilters:** The quilters are in need of fabric (sheets) for the backing of quilts. If you would like to donate toward their need, please bring them to the Fellowship Hall at church.
- **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!
- **Check out our church web page** each week for highlights and spiritual messages. [www.telcoscwi.org](http://www.telcoscwi.org)

### March Worship Highlights

#### Come, let us worship the Lord!

- Holy Communion: March 6, early service  
March 20, late service
- **Communicant's Prayer:** *"Enlighten me by the Holy Spirit that I may rightly know and willingly confess my sins. Enable me also with true faith to embrace my only Redeemer, Jesus Christ, that I may obtain both pardon and peace and be prepared to partake worthily of your holy supper to my soul's health. Strengthen me through this salutary gift in faith toward you and in fervent love toward all people. Create in me a clean heart and renew a right spirit within me. Amen."*



#### LENT BEGINS

#### Lent begins March 9th, Ash Wednesday.

This begins a six week journey of worship that follows our Savior as he suffered willingly for our salvation. Worship begins at 7:00 p.m. This year, Pastor Kock will participate in a preaching rotation with Pastor Weigand, Zion, East Farmington, Pastor DeVries, Redeemer, St. Croix Falls, and Pastor Staab, Grace, Nye.

Dinner is served on each of our Lenten Wednesdays, beginning at 5:30 p.m. If you want to help serve for the Lenten meals, a sign up sheet inslocated on the narthex table or talk to Meal Coordinator, Rachel Rixmann.

Take advantage of this opportunity from the Lord to gather for fellowship and a meal, and more importantly, to feed on the Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ. There is a reason why the Lord placed into Scripture so many chapters and verses on the suffering of his Son. He invites you to learn the full cost of sin, the price that had to be paid. He invites you to learn of how great is his love, that his holy Son willingly gave himself into suffering and death for your salvation. Come to the Wednesday services!

**Lenten Missions:** Each year Trinity designates the offerings of our Wednesday Lenten services to various missions of our Wisconsin Synod. This year the missions are: Jesus Cares Ministry, Outreach to Muslims, Support for a Church in Mexico, Mission Work in Korea, Christian Life Ministries and Sure Foundation Lutheran Church, New York City

## Christian Education

### Growth of Faith in God's Grace



#### For Adults:

- **Sunday, 9:25 a.m.** Adult Bible Study—"I Have Some Good News for You! This course reviews the main teachings of Jesus Christ that lead to eternal salvation and equip us for lives of service to our Lord.
- **Tuesday Women's Bible Class, 7-8:30 p.m.** All confirmed women of Trinity and guests are **encouraged to gather together to study God's word.** "Intrepid Heroes of the Faith" will introduce you to the cultural settings and life stories of Moses and Aaron; Joshua; Gideon; Samson; Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego; and Daniel.
- **Wednesday Morning Bible Class, 10:30 a.m.** "The Gospel of Matthew" - Read the early chapters of this book on the life of Jesus Christ and learn what true discipleship means for followers of our Savior and King.

#### For Children Prek-8th Grade:

- Sunday school, 9:15 a.m. for children ages PreK-8th Grade.

#### For 7th/8th Graders:

- **Catechism Class, Wednesday, 3:45 p.m.**

#### For High School:

- **The Inner Court, Sunday Bible Study** for high school youth at 9:15 a.m.  
Teacher: Paulette Wentzlaff

#### Library:

- Check our resources for spiritual growth. Check out a book or CD. See the display of books in the church narthex.



## Reaching Out with the Gospel



- Serving the developmental disabled population with the Word of Christ. Next Event: Saturday, **March 12, 10:00 a.m.** "Worship at the Cross". Come and join this hour of worship, crafts, and fun!
- On March 27, we will welcome Pastor Dallas Miller to Trinity to bring us the message of **God's Word and to make a presentation** between services. Pastor Miller works for Jesus Cares Ministries in Belle Plaine, MN.

## Pray for Our Members

### Pray for our member in the service:

**Mike Beck** stationed in Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri and **Gregg Traylor** stationed in Afghanistan

**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. Love one another sincerely.

### Pray for our "Befriend a Mission" missionaries:

Home Mission: Pastor Aaron & Abbie Strong  
6936 Brier Creek Lane  
Las Vegas, NV 89131

World Mission: Ronald & Karen Baerbock  
PO Box 43683  
Tucson, AZ 85733



## Serving Jesus with our Gifts & Talents

### *Serve the Lord with gladness!*

- Income and expenditure information for January and for the fiscal year.

BUDGET UPDATE		
	<u>Last Month</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Income	\$17,316	\$110,065
Expenses:	\$14,116	\$116,084

- Reminder:** The goal of our church is to receive monthly offerings of \$19,167.00.
- 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. If you have need of material assistance, do not hesitate to speak to Fred Loescher. Your conversation will be kept confidential.

## Church Council

In light of the recent meetings of the congregation, the Council has decided to make themselves available between the Sunday services for any members who have questions or concerns. They will be willing to listen to any member about any concerns that they might have about the congregation.

Respectfully submitted,

Will Stob, Chairman

## Opportunities for Fellowship

### Trinity High School Youth:

Zion Ev. Lutheran Church, East Farmington invites our 7th–12th grade youth to a dartball event on Sunday, March 6 at 3:00 p.m. (rescheduled from February 20th). Bring a friend. Pizza will be served.

### *2011 Minnesota District Church Leaders Workshop*

Date: March 5, 2011  
 Time: 9:00 a.m.  
 Place: Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church  
 Belle Plaine, MN

Keynote Speaker: Pastor Paul Prange,  
 Administrator of WELS  
 Ministerial Education

#### Workshop Topics:

Worship: Traditional, Blended  
 Worship, Contemporary Worship  
 Strange Bedfellows?

Youth Ministry: Sunday School,  
 Teens

Congregation and Called Workers:  
 Pastoral evaluations, congregational  
 assessments, and good planning .

Stewardship: All About Christ-  
 Centered Church Budgets.

Registration material will soon be available  
 on line.

For Councilmen, Members of Boards and  
 Committees.



**Church Leadership**

