

# Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

## A message from Pastor Kock

Acts 2:44-48 "All the believers were together and had everything in common. Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need.... They ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number those who were being saved."

**"Worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness"**

1 Chronicles 16:29

### FUNDAMENTALS OF A HEALTHY CHURCH -

#### #3 DISPLAYING THE LOVE OF CHRIST

Have you heard the phrase, "You are the only Bible many people will ever read"? It's true. Many people will never pick up a Bible and read it, even if it's the only literature in the motel room. The impression they will form of Jesus Christ will come from what they see and hear from those who call themselves Christians. Such a truth causes us to stand to attention. What is my life saying to those around me who do not know Jesus as their Savior? What does my attitude at work, or my attitude toward going to church on Sunday, or the way I discipline my children, or the way I talk about the price of gasoline tell others?

It is so important that we be doers of the Word and not hearers only. And what is the Word that our Lord shares with us? It is the Word that declares his great love for us. In love he sacrificed his only Son on the timbers of the cross to atone for the many sins we had done. In love he gave Christ's resurrection victory over sin and death to us so that through faith in Jesus we too have life everlasting. In the Word the Lord Jesus

lovingly guides us through our earthly journey, corrects, forgives and comforts us. He draws us to him as his family of believers who share in the blessings of salvation.

What a privilege to hear that Word and then live it and testify to others of our gracious Father and sweet Redeemer. By the power and help of the Holy Spirit this is the life Christ has called you to live. As with the early church in Jerusalem, your calling is to display to others the love of Christ.

Continue in the Word of Christ. Keep on worshiping and hearing the sermons of your Lord Jesus. And remember, that once that sermon ends, your service begins. May your praise of God be received with favor by all the people. May the Lord use your living and your speaking to bring many more to his Church.

Pastor Mark Kock

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## Miscellaneous News

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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.
- **Sonshine Festival** dates are July 15-17 in Willmar, Minnesota. Sonshine is an annual Christian Music Festival. Charlie Beck would like to take a group of teens to the festival—let Jerry Pieper ( 294-3836) know if you would be interested in attending!
- **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.
- **The Minnesota Circuit** invites you to the **41st National LWMS Convention** at the Sheraton & Sioux Falls Convention Center June 24-27, 2004. For more information visit the website at [www.goodshepherdwels.com/wms](http://www.goodshepherdwels.com/wms).
- **Be A Shining Star!** Minnesota District Regional Youth Rally July 11-13, 2004. Come to the 2004 WELS Youth Rally held at Cragun's Resort on Beautiful Gull Lake in Brainerd, MN. For more information contact Gerald Pieper at 294-3836.
- **Music Camps for the Summer of 2004.** Luther Prep School, 1300 Western Ave., Watertown, WI 53094—\$275—Prof Randy Bode—[musiccamp@lps.wels.net](mailto:musiccamp@lps.wels.net). Registration and payment due May 28. Martin Luther College, 1995 Luther Court, New Ulm, MN 5073—\$300—Prof John Nolte—[mlc=wels.edu/Special\\_camp04.htm](http://mlc=wels.edu/Special_camp04.htm). Registration and payment due May 1. Both camps will be held June 13-18 and are open to WELS/ELS youth completing grades 6,7, & 8 and two years of keyboard. Fees include dorm housing, meals, camp fees, and excursion fees.
- **Pregnant and need help?** There is help! There is hope at the Osceola LifeCare Center. We offer free: pregnancy tests; confidential lay counseling; baby and maternity clothing; 24 hour hotline Monday through Friday; brochures, books and videos to borrow; recommendations and referrals.
- **Dorothy Pieper's new address:** Oak Meadows, Apt 304, 8131 4th St North, Oakdale, MN 55128. She would love to hear from any of her Trinity friends!
- We need **people to help mow the lawn!** Please sign up in the narthex if you can.
- Polk County Christians in Action provide **food each month** on the second Saturday at 9:00 am at the Congregational Church in Amery. Please call 715-268-7390 for more information.

## Evangelism News—GO INTO ALL THE WORLD AND PREACH THE GOSPEL



Would you like to help with a summer outreach program that involves recreation and sharing a Bible devotion with children? See Evangelism Director, Curt Richter or talk to Pastor Kock.

The Easter for Kids event in early April allowed us to share the gospel of Christ's resurrection with 28 children.

## News from the WELS

### North American Outreach - Proclaim Peace through Jesus

In the months to come throughout the WELS we will focus on equipping God's people to reach out to those around us who are not yet experiencing the peace that only Jesus gives. In simplistic terms we'll assist congregations to strengthen those who already know Jesus and reach out to those who don't know Jesus. We know people are immigrating from Latin America, Asia, Africa and Europe. Today the US foreign born population exceeds 28 million. Multiple millions more are second and third generations of immigrants.

They come seeking the good life. But what they need the most is peace through faith in Christ. Peace of sins forgiven. Peace in good times and difficult times. Peace when dying. This is one reason we need to further equip and strengthen God's people in their Christian faith and life, that they may be motivated and confident to speak of their reason for their hope in Jesus.

America is increasingly a pagan nation. The majority of Americans of all nationalities and cultures do not believe in Jesus Christ and have no peace. It's truly a vast mission field! Because of this, and because our WELS membership has begun to decline, North American outreach is the number one priority for the next four years. North American Outreach is our ministry focus!

Today is our opportunity to bring true peace to America by proclaiming Christ as Lord and Savior of all—by being a witness for Christ, by being involved in our congregations, by praying for our brothers and sisters in Christ.

#### **WELS Hires Chief Financial Officer**

Following a seven month search by the administration, the WELS Synodical Council announced, on February 28, the hiring of Todd Poppe as the Chief Financial Officer for the Wisconsin Synod.

Poppe, the vice president of finance and chief financial officer of Milwaukee Area Technical College in Milwaukee, WI and a Certified Public Accountant, comes with outstanding credentials and a tested work ethic. He has a comprehensive background in accounting, auditing, budgeting, banking and investing, financial reporting, procurement, risk management, information technology, buildings operations, and strategic planning. He has received financial reporting awards from national and state programs. Poppe is a WELS member at Bethlehem in Menomonee Falls-Germantown, Wisconsin.

#### **Did You Know??? Read on for useful Trinity information!**

Our Wednesday evening offerings during Lent are not used in our budget for the year, rather they are given to various mission opportunities. Milwaukee Northside Ministries, Mission to the Children in Mexico, Friends of China, East Fork Apache High School, Hmong Mission in St. Paul and a new Iowa mission church are some of the missions that were highlighted this Lenten season with bulletin inserts and will be receiving funds. Thanks to everyone who gave so generously!



## Attend a Bible Class at Trinity

### Grow together in studying God's Word

*New Class Starts May 9*

## "Change and Grow by the Power of the Holy Spirit"



The Word of God does more than give us information on God's work of redeeming us through Christ Jesus. The Word also intends to produce change and growth in us by the power of the Holy Spirit. God wants to transform your mind, heart and life through his Word. He wants to strengthen you to live your Christian faith. Attend this Bible Study and learn of the power to live for Christ and the victory he gives you day by day.



## ATTENTION!

### Ladies of Trinity

#### Women's Study Groups

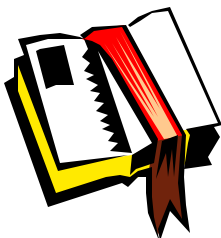


You are invited to join us as we begin an exciting and interesting new study! We will read Frank Peritti's book "The Oath" this summer. In conjunction with reading the book, we will also use a Northwestern Publishing House study guide, "Angels and Demons" to help us better understand what the Bible says about this topic.

The cost is \$13.00 but we can help you get the book if the cost is prohibitive for you. Meet Tuesday, May 4 at 7:00 pm in the church library to get started with us.



## Wednesday Morning Bible Class 10:30 A.M.



Enjoy the study of God's Word with good company!  
This group is for all ages and is currently studying the Second Epistle of Peter.

## Special Worship Events in May

### Examination Sunday of the Confirmation Class May 2—10:30 AM Service

Let this service help you review the central teachings of the Christian Faith as taught in Luther Catechism.

### Confirmation Sunday May 16—10:30 AM Service

Add your prayers and blessings to our youth as they testify of the Faith the Lord has kept them in. A reception in the Fellowship Hall follows the service.

### A Joint Ascension Service With Sister WELS Churches May 20, Thursday—7:00 PM

Forty days after his resurrection Jesus ascended into heaven to prepare a place for us. At the right hand of the Father our Savior is seated, and he now rules the world with all authority for the good of the Church.

*Preacher*                      *Pastor Ellery Groth*  
*Liturgist*                     *Pastor Tom Kutz*

*Special music from adult and children's choirs*

*Come, join the assembly of worshippers  
and give praise to the ascended Lord!*

### Baccalaureate Sunday & Preschool Recognition Day May 23—10:30 AM Service

Our high school graduates are invited to dress in their graduation gowns for the service. We gather with them to pray for them and commend them to the continuing care and shepherding of their Savior.

We express our thanks to the Lord and appreciation to our Tender Loving Care Preschool Teacher, Annette Schultz. The preschool children will sing.

A reception for graduates and Teacher Schultz will take place in the Fellowship Hall following worship.



## Tender Loving Care Preschool News

The grass is green, the weather is warmer, and the birds are singing. This means that the school year is winding down for most of us. There is only one month left of preschool for the year. Remember that the last day will be May 27th.

During the month of April, the children have shown growth in the way they are writing their letters and numbers. I am pleased with the progress they have made. Keep up the good work at home! We will be continuing to review the letters of the alphabet during the month of May.

We have been working with a unit on transportation and safety. We have read books and talked about the different ways in which people go places. The children enjoyed acting out train, bus, and boat rides. They have wonderful imaginations!

This month was also very special because of the death and resurrection of our Savior, Jesus. The preschoolers learned about the stories of Easter and how Jesus died and rose from the dead. WE also made art projects and had a fun egg hunt around church.

Some important dates to remember are:

May 23rd—The children sing the last time in church. Please have your child arrive by 10:15 am so that we can warm our voices. We will be singing "Father I Adore You" and "This is the Day."

May 27th—The last day of Preschool.

Have a blessed spring!

Mrs. A. Schultz



## Church Library—Check out some new books at Trinity!

### Then Sings My Soul

Ever wonder about the history behind some of your favorite hymns. This book contains 150 of the world's greatest hymn stories.



### Fantasy and Your Family

Take a closer look at the Lord of the Rings, Harry Potter, and Magick in the modern world. You may be surprised.

### This Present Darkness by Frank Peretti

This work of fiction draws a picture of the underlying spiritual powers at war in this world in the constant battle between good and evil.

### God's Smuggler

True story of an ordinary man who told God "If you will show me the way, I will follow you", and from that point on his life became the stuff of spy novels as he smuggled Bibles into Eastern Europe and China.



### The Covenant and The Betrayal

Follow the story of Abram's daughters, Sadie and Leah, in these two novels about life among the Amish.

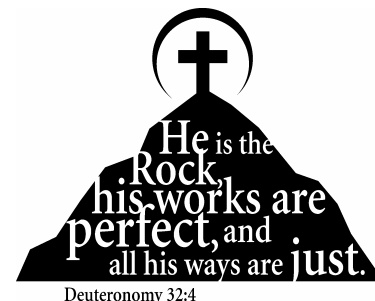
## Stewardship & Serving Your Savior—Financial News

Year to date giving to budget =	\$54,558
Year to date expenses =	\$57,577
2004 Budget =	\$229,363

+After adjustments for one-time expenses, we are less than 1% off our budget.

+Year to date giving is up 18% over last year.

+To date, Lenten giving = \$4,226. The final amount will be announced soon.



## Lutheran Women's Missionary Society (LWMS) Rally in Sioux Falls

***"I laughed, I cried, I sang, I prayed, I shared, I listened."***

These are the words of a woman who attended the 2003 LWMS convention in Madison, WI.

The LWMS is the Lutheran Women's Missionary Society and exists to share the love of our Savior and give support to foreign and home missions of the WELS. Each year women and men of the WELS are invited to an annual convention of the LWMS and this year the convention will be held in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Workshops presentations from missionaries, worship, and Christian fellowship and fun are offered all who attend.

Registration forms may be picked up at the narthex display table at church.

- WHO: You, men and women of the WELS
- WHAT: Lutheran Women's Missionary Society's National Convention
- WHERE: Sioux Falls Convention Center, Sioux Falls, SD
- WHEN: June 24-27, 2004
- WHY: Learn about the missions work you are supporting and become spiritually renewed.



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**2004 Trinity Church Council Members:**

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**2004 Board of Elders:**

Jim Brown	Steve Gustafson	Randy Getschel	Roger Howard
Mike Plaster	Kevin Rogers	Don Rogers	Ken Stob

**Odds & Ends!**

- On the weekend of April 16-19, members of our congregation visited the ever-famous campsite that is known as **Camp Croix**. While there, several traditional/conventional activities were held, such as basketball, biking, swimming, and several other not so common activities such as Koosh Ball and squirrel hunting. They were served good food, and had excellent devotions while there. All together there were about 22 people at Camp Croix and they had an exciting and fun weekend. (Submitted by Gregg Kroening)
- Thanks to **everyone** who helped prepare and serve our Lenten suppers! It is always very much appreciated by all who get to enjoy the meals and treats.
- The **last day** of Sunday School is Sunday, June 6!
- In other **Camp Croix** news, Dean Dehmer and Jim Brown attended a meeting last Sunday regarding a building proposal for the camp. The Camp Croix board was seeking support from the area churches to begin the process of securing financing to fund a much-needed expansion and upgrade to the lodge at the camp. At the meeting, it was unanimously approved to seek the funding necessary. Now, donations and financing will be investigated by the Camp Croix board. There will be more information soon!

