

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

A message from Pastor Kock

Reading from I Peter 2:11-20

“Show proper respect to everyone.”

I Peter 2 :17a

Dear friends, I urge you, as aliens and strangers in the world, to abstain from sinful desires, which war against your soul. Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.

Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every authority instituted among men: whether to the king, as the supreme authority, or to governors, who are sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to commend those who do right. For it is God's will that by doing good you should silence the ignorant talk of foolish men. Live as free men, but do not use your freedom as a cover-up for evil; live as servants of God. Show proper respect to everyone: Love the brotherhood of believers, fear God, honor the king.

Slaves, submit yourselves to your masters with all respect, not only to those who are good and considerate, but also to those who are harsh. For it is commendable if a man bears up under the pain of unjust suffering because he is conscious of God. But how is it to your credit if you receive a beating for doing wrong and endure it? But if you suffer for doing good and you endure it, this is commendable before God.

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Miscellaneous News

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about Christ, the Bible and
faith.*

- Would like to pray with us weekly? If so, 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.
 - **Camp Croix dates:** July 2-8; July 9-15; July 16-22; July 23-29. There are registration forms in the narthex for those interested. Camps fill up quickly!
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News from the WELS

Synodical Council Approves Financial Contingency Plan

The Synodical Council approved a financial contingency plan to balance the synod budget through 2007 at its February meeting. The plan, put together by WELS President Karl Gurgel in consultation with synod administrators, stated that WELS will forego internal repayments so that it can cover anticipated deficits at its ministerial education schools.

Although the synod's four ministerial education schools have collectively been blessed with more than \$3 million in gifts since the opening of advancement offices at each school in 2005, additional resources are needed. Michigan Lutheran Seminary will need \$1.7 million, and Martin Luther College \$900,000 through 2007. "In keeping with a synod convention resolution that affirmed the importance of the prep school system, we did not feel we could decline to cover the operating deficit at Michigan Lutheran Seminary," said Gurgel.

Payment on internal loans is being deferred so more mission and ministry programs won't have to be cut. "We could have balanced the budget by curtailing approximately \$1 million of ministry this and next year," said Gurgel. "However, that would have meant the loss of 20 positions, including professors and home and world missionaries. That was just too high a price to pay. As important as it is to balance the budget, it's even more important to use our best judgment in allowing as much mission and ministry to go forward as possible."

God continues to work through WELS to spread the gospel. Since 2004, Home Missions has partnered with congregations to help establish 19 new congregational groupings, 10 in places WELS has never been before. In India, 75 students are in WELS pre-seminary and seminary programs. In Ministerial Education, 1,600 students are preparing for full-time service in the church. About 40,000 prisoners are being served on a regular basis, and thousands of Christian leaders are being trained in congregations for a variety of ministries.

Gurgel will present a contingency plan for the next four years (2007-2011) at the Synodical Council meeting in late April. The plan will outline possible adjustments to each area of ministry depending on the amount of support received. Preliminary forecasts indicate that there could be a shortfall between \$3 and \$4 million annually beginning in 2007.

WELS Offering Church "Calling Cards"

WELS Communication Services is providing production resources to congregations looking to develop DVD calling cards of their ministry. These DVDs are used to promote a church within a community and can serve as a great outreach tool. A production crew spends two days on-site to shoot the material needed for the DVD – any aspects the church would like to highlight including worship and Bible studies, opportunities for involvement, information about Sunday school and Lutheran elementary school as well as interviews with members and church leaders.

Communication Services then edits the material into a 15 to 20 minutes DVD presentation including up to five separate chapters. A congregation receives 1,000 DVDs printed with four-color artwork and packaged in compact plastic holders for \$4,900.

About six congregations have used the service so far and feedback has been good. "The DVD brochure provides us with a new way to reach out to an increasingly technology savvy society," said Pastor Steven Pagels of St. John's, Wauwatosa, WI.

WELS offers other media-related services to churches and schools as well. Visit www.wels.net/jumpword/media for more information or to contact WELS Media Director Steve Zambo.

We Grow Together in God's Word



Adult Bible Classes

Sunday Adult Bible Class, 9:15 am

Topic: "Romans Chapters 9-16: More of God's Amazing Grace"

Tuesday Women's Bible Class, 7 pm

Topic: A study on the Apostle Paul

Wednesday Bible Class, 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

Thursday, 7 pm

Topic: "By Grace Alone", Bible Lessons that cover the spectrum of Christian faith



Sunday School News

The final day of Sunday School for this year is May 21. Parents, continue to support the teacher of your child, and express your appreciation.

Tender Loving Care Preschool

Barbara DeVries returned the calls as teacher for the preschools of Trinity and Grace Lutheran Churches.

Catechism Update

Examination Sunday for Confirmation Class: May 7, 10:30 am Service

Picture Day, May 20, 9:00 am

Confirmation Sunday, May 21, 10:30 am Service

For 1st year students: Class continues through May 24



The Inner Court (High School Members)

The High School youth continue to meet each Sunday, at 9:15 am in the back room of the grade. They look forward to welcoming this year's Confirmation Class, May 21.

"By Grace Alone"

A course of instruction in the teachings of the Christian Faith:

- The Thursdays of May, 7 pm
- A refresher Course on your Confirmation Lessons
- A great way for your friends or acquaintances to learn the full message of Christ and our walk of faith

Our Life of Worship at Trinity: May Highlights

May 7, 10:30 am—Worship
The Examination of the Confirmation Class

May 14—Worship
Thanks to God for his blessings upon our High
School Graduates

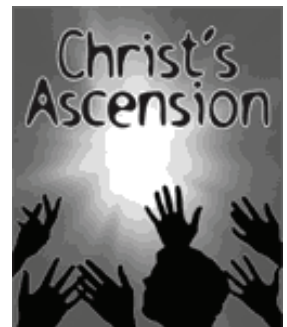
May 21, 10:30 am—Worship
Confirmation

May 25, 7 pm—Worship
Join WELS Ascension Service, at Trinity

May 28, 9:00 am—Worship
Note the Schedule Change, One Service, 9 am

May 31, 7:00 pm—Wednesday Worship

Adult Choir Update:
Rehearsals occur on Wednesdays, at 7:15 pm.
Come add your voice to the choir and learn music to
present in worship to the Lord Jesus.



We pray for God's continued blessings on our
High School Graduates and Confirmands for 2006:

High School Graduates: Robb Funk, Travis Hubred, Jennifer Johnson,
Todd Jaspersen, Danielle Spengler and Peter Wells. The Baccalaureate Service will be
held on Sunday, May 14 at 10:30 am.

Confirmands: Thomas Stob, McClayne Rydeen, Matthew Johnston, Leah Kock, Brianna
Munthe, and Katie Bantz. Confirmation will be held on Sunday, May 21 at 10:30 am. A
reception will be held in the fellowship hall following the ceremony.



Serving Jesus with our Gifts and Talents

“Proclaim Peace through Jesus.”

Recognize that every soul is a treasure, redeemed by the blood of Jesus Christ and in need of hearing the gospel of peace which the risen Lord obtained for all. Recognizing the price he paid to make our souls a treasure, may you treasure the opportunities he gives to say thanks, proclaiming peace through Jesus everywhere you can.

Giving for March	\$19,480.94	Giving January-March	\$56,152.03
Expenses for March	\$20,341.13	Expenses January-March	\$53,028.26

Help keep our church and grounds beautiful, fitting for the glory of our Lord and Savior. Consider signing up to be part of a cleaning schedule for the church, or sign up to join the lawn-mowing schedule.

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:

- Attend the Thursday Evening Bible Class, “By Grace Alone,” and bring a friend with you.
- Tell people the difference between the fiction of “The DaVinci Code” and the truth of Christ as revealed in Holy Scripture.
- Join the New Resident Visitation Corps that visits our new neighbors with an invitation to join us in hearing the Word of God. Next opportunity: Saturday, May 6, 10:30 am.
- Offer to supervise aspects of the August National Night Out. Speak with Evangelism Director Doug Gray of your willingness to serve.



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 by.

Pastor's Day: May 15, 7-8 pm

Reception for High School Graduates: May 14, 9:15 am

Reception for Confirmation Class: May 21, 11:30 am

Ascension Night Refreshments, following Worship: May 25

Pray for our members in service: Mike Beck, Steve Winkelman



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Church Office Hours:
Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 9am-3pm



2006 Trinity Church Council Members:

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

Scott Doerr, Treasurer
Daryl Klawitter, Stewardship
Kevin Rogers, Elders

2006 Board of Elders:

Jim Brown	Kevin Rogers	Ron Lueck
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Special Dates!

- Tuesdays in May, Women's Bible Study, 7:00 pm
- May 4, 11, 18, 24 & 31—"By Grace Alone" Bible Class, 7:00 & 7:30
- Saturday, May 6—8th Grade Confirmation Class, 9:00
- Sunday, May 7—Examination of the Confirmands, 10:30 am
- Sunday, May 14—Baccalaureate Sunday, 10:30 am
- Saturday, May 20—Confirmation pictures taken, 9:00 am
- Sunday, May 21—Confirmation, 10:30, Reception, 11:30; Last day of Sunday School
- Thursday, May 25—Ascension Service, 7:00
- Sunday, May 28—Summer Worship Schedule begins: One worship at 9:00
- Wednesday, May 31—Summer Worship Services begin, 7:00



*We would like to thank Lorraine Glunz
for donating the Pascal Candle,
in memory of her husband, Don.*

