

# Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

A message from Pastor Kock

“Show proper respect to everyone.”

I Peter 2 :17a

## The Pastor’s Study

The Pastor’s Study is a symbol of the calling of the Christian minister to be the shepherd of a flock of God.

Here sermons are prepared to feed the congregation on God’s Holy Word.

Here the work of the Church is planned so that the congregation may grow in grace and bear fruit in fellowship, teaching, and witnessing.

Here you will always find a friend and counselor in time of need.

He will not be surprised at your sins, nor will he judge you in them, but he always invites you to share in the wisdom and love of God, the knowledge of forgiveness of sins, and the saving grace of God in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

You are always welcome.

(reprinted, author unknown)

“I invite you to receive the ministry of Christ’s gospel that he offers, in part, through me, your called Pastor. Worship the Lord Jesus every Sunday. Attend a Bible Class at church, and don’t forget to read your Bible at home. Feel free to visit with me; let me know how I can serve you in Jesus Christ and his sure Word. You can reach me at the church office, or call me at these numbers: office 294-2828; home 294-2979; cell phone 715-781-8318.”

Pastor Mark Kock

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## Miscellaneous News

Share this website address:  
[www.WhatAboutJesus.com](http://www.WhatAboutJesus.com)

People will get real answers  
 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 1-7; July 8-14; July 15-21; July 22-28. There are registration forms in the narthex for those interested. Camps fill up quickly!
- **Upcoming Chats on wels.net:**  
 May 15, 8-9:00pm—Dealing with Teen Pregnancy and Abortion with Mr. Paul Snamiska, Christian Life Resources Program Director.

## Christian Life Ministries “Walk For Life”

Christian Life Ministries sponsors “Walk for Life,” May 20, 2:00 p.m. at Casey Lake Park in North St. Paul. Proceeds go toward supporting women and couples in crisis life situations who have nowhere else to turn. Christian Life Ministries shares our Lord’s love and the message of life here and in the world to come. Help this ministry by walking or sponsoring a walker for the event. Check out the narthex table for registration/commitment forms. Participants of the Walk for Life are invited for a potluck picnic after the walk.



### High School Graduates

Tyler Dehmer, Chelsea Getschel, Clayton Hendricks,  
 Jake Hoverman, Melissa Hubred, Mychal Rydeen

### Confirmands

Gilbert Brown, Mirelle Francis, Randi Funk, Marissa  
 Haroldson, Jacobi Kock, Ashley Pool, Lisa Rydeen,  
 Seren Thorman (Grace), Dan Wells



We pray for God’s continued blessings on our High School Graduates and Confirmands for 2007:

## News from the WELS

### WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE TO BE HELD JULY 7, 2007

All WELS women are invited to attend the 2007 National WELS Women's Leadership Conference, to be held July 7 at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, in Mequon, Wis. The conference will encourage and edify WELS women through discussions, skits, worship, and the introduction of a new Bible study, "Heirs Together—Serving Together." The keynote discussion titled "A leader . . . Who? Me?" will be led by Kathie Wendland, women's Bible study writer and leader. Other conference speakers include Bruce Becker, Board for Parish Services; Richard Gurgel, Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary; Dave Kehl, Commission on Adult Discipleship; Sarah Owens, Wisconsin Lutheran Institutional Ministries; and Jane Schlenvogt, Westside Christian School. For more information or to register, contact 800-567-8669 or visit [www.wels.net/jump/womenconf](http://www.wels.net/jump/womenconf).

### SYNOD ADDRESSING FINANCIAL CHALLENGES

The Synodical Council—the synod's governing board made up of both called workers and laymen—has recommended closing one of two prep schools WELS operates as part of its ministerial education program. The synod's projected budget deficits in each of the next four years would be anywhere from \$2 million to \$4 million if both schools were to stay open.

The resolution, if passed by the synod convention this summer, would close Michigan Lutheran Seminary in Saginaw, Mich., at the end of the 2007-08 school year. The school first opened in 1885.

WELS President Karl Gurgel has begun discussions with Michigan Lutheran Seminary administrators about what will happen if the school does close. Of special concern are workers and staff who would be displaced.

"Our brothers and sisters at Michigan Lutheran Seminary are hurting, pained by the potential upset in their lives," says Gurgel. "We need to empathize with them, allowing our words and actions to show Christian understanding and kindness."

President Gurgel has also begun the challenge of developing additional budget support for the other schools in the synod's ministerial education program—Luther Preparatory School in Watertown, Wis.; Martin Luther College in New Ulm, Minn.; and Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary in Mequon, Wis.

The challenge has been made more difficult by the latest figures on commitments from individual congregations to fund synod work, known as Congregation Mission Offerings.

Those figures show Congregation Mission Offerings increasing only 1.4 percent over receipts for the previous calendar year, which doesn't even keep up with inflation.

"If challenges were always humanly achievable, we might develop a misplaced self-confidence," says Gurgel. "When they seem way beyond the realm of possibility, we're reminded to trust nothing is impossible with our God."

The president is to present a budgeting plan at the next Synodical Council meeting April 27 and 28 in Milwaukee.

## We Grow Together in God's Word



### Sunday School

The last Sunday for Sunday in this school year is May 20. Children, parents, teachers, and all members of Trinity—mark June 3 as the day to have a formal close to the Sunday School year, with games and picnic to follow the service.

### Catechism Class

The final day of classes is May 16.

Reminder to Confirmands and parents:

May 12, 9:00 a.m. Special Catechism Class

May 13, 10:30 a.m., Service, Examination

May 19, 9:30 a.m. Confirmation Pictures

May 20, 10:30 a.m. Confirmation



### The Inner Court (Bible Study for High School Youth)

We are currently in a Bible study on Christianity and other religions.

### Adult Bible Classes

Sunday Adult Bible Class, 9:25 am

*Topic: The Environment, Global Warming, Pornography*—these are some of the contemporary topics we will study on the basis of God's Word. Join us!

Tuesday Women's Bible Class, 7 pm

*Topic: The Book of Jeremiah*

Wednesday Bible Class, 10:30 am

*Topic: "The Augsburg Confession"* - Learn of one of the great confessions of faith of the Christian Church, God gift to us through the believers of the past who met at Augsburg, Germany in '1530.



Parents, check out the website: "[parentscrosslink.net](http://parentscrosslink.net)." This is a WELS site to serve families in Christ.

Martin Luther College graduation service is May 19, at 10:00 a.m.



Pray for our members and member relatives in the service:  
Mike Beck and Jeffrey Mortenson.

## Our Life of Worship at Trinity: May Highlights

**May 6**

### Walking Together Sunday

God has established a partnership in the gospel among us. Let's live it!

**May 13**

### Baccalaureate Service—8:00 a.m.

All 2007 high school graduates are invited to attend this service. A reception will be held at 9:15 a.m.

### Examination Service—10:30 a.m.

The 2007 Confirmands will have opportunity to share their knowledge of God's grace as learned from their study of Luther's Catechism through questions presented by Pastor Kock



**May 17**

### Ascension Service—7:00 p.m.

Join the WELS Ascension Service, at Trinity with sister WELS congregations.

Meal served beforehand. Come anytime from 6-6:45 p.m.

Activities for kids and adults, prior to service

Children's Choir Rehearsal at 6:40 p.m.

Offering to Martin Luther College, New Ulm

This is the day the Christian Church observes the Ascension of her Savior Jesus Christ. His ascension assures us that he completed his mission on earth to redeem us from sin, and that there is a home in heaven prepared for us by our exalted Lord Jesus who rules the world for the sake of his believers.



**May 20**

### Confirmation Service—10:30 a.m.

Reception follows this service.

**May 23**

### Wednesday Worship—7:00 p.m.

We begin offering Wednesday services through the summer. The Wednesday services present the same sermon that is preached at the upcoming Sunday service. Fellowship follows the service.

**May 27**

### Pentecost Sunday

The Christian Church celebrates the day on which the exalted Lord Jesus poured upon his people the Holy Spirit, to strengthen us in faith and equip us to proclaim his saving gospel to the world.



## **WORSHIP TIME CHANGE**

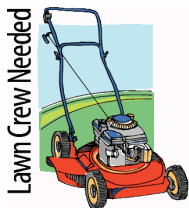
Beginning May 27, Trinity offers one Sunday service at 9:00 a.m.

## Serving Jesus with our Gifts and Talents



BUDGET UPDATE:	Jan 2007	Year-to-Date
Income:	\$16,024	\$265,452
Expenses:	\$19,360	\$272,109

Support Trinity's College Student Fund. It provides assistance to our members who receive higher education at one of our Synod's schools, toward the preaching or teaching ministry of the WELS. Currently, Peter Wells is attending Martin Luther College, New Ulm.



It's that time of year to sign up on the lawn mowing team at Trinity. Bob Bantz will once again head up our lawn mowing crew.

## 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 drop by.

**Pastor's Day: May 19, 10:30 a.m. to noon**



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## Sacred Acts for April



Baptism: Tessa Rae Richter, daughter of Curt and Bonnie Richter on April 15, 2007





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#### 2007 Trinity Church Council Members:

Wayne Riba, President	Curt Richter, Vice-President
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Scott Doerr, Treasurer
Daryl Klawitter, Stewardship
Kevin Rogers, Elders

#### 2007 Board of Elders:

Jim Brown	Kevin Rogers	Will Stob	Ron Lueck
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### Special Dates!

- Tuesdays in May, Women's Bible Study, 7:00 pm
- Sunday, May 13 —Examination of the Confirmands, 10:30 am
- Sunday, May 13—Baccalaureate Sunday, 10:30 am
- Thursday, May 17—Ascension Service Supper, 6-6:45 p.m.
- Thursday, May 17—Ascension Service, 7:00 p.m.
- Saturday, May 19—Confirmation pictures taken, 8:30 am
- Saturday, May 19—Chat with Pastor, 10:30 am—Noon
- Sunday, May 20—Confirmation, 10:30, Reception, 11:30; Last day of Sunday School
- Wednesday, May 23—Summer Worship Services begin, 7:00 pm
- Sunday, May 27—Summer Worship Schedule begins: One worship at 9:00

