

# Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

*“We preach Christ crucified.” 1 Corinthians 1:23*

**“Then Jesus said to his disciples, ‘If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.’”**

Matthew 16:24

Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, is the central theme of our Christian lives and the focus of our preaching and worship at Trinity Lutheran Church.

Think of the many features of our worship that direct us to Christ crucified:

The cross in stain glass on the stone wall behind the altar, reminding of the accursed death God’s Son endured to redeem us from our sins

The altar – reminding us of the sacrifice Christ made as the ransom payment for the sins of the world

The symbols of the alpha and omega – the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet, teaching that Jesus is the beginning and end of our faith

The two candles on the altar on Communion Sunday, for the two natures of Christ, true God and true man, the Light of the world

The pulpit from which our Pastor proclaims the grace of our Lord Jesus

The baptismal font, where by the grace and kindness of God our children are baptized into Christ Jesus and clothed in the righteousness he won for us

We preach Christ crucified. May we give our hearts and lives to this divine and saving message, and share it.

Pastor Mark Kock



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## 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. Just take one of the grocery bags from the narthex, fill it up and return it to the church. **We'll deliver it to the food shelf for you!**
- **The Mission Wearhouse Thrift Store** needs your help! Volunteers are needed in a variety of ways. The store is located just off 35E and Little Canada Road in Little Canada, MN. To volunteer, please call Cheryl Tembruell at 651-649-3538. The thrift store supports Christian Life Ministries and other World Missions.



- The Library of Congress, in cooperation with the **Wisconsin Regional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped**, provides Braille and recorded books for Wisconsin residents who are visually or physically handicapped. With more than 60,000 book titles available in recorded formats, the FREE program is able to provide a range of books similar to that in any public library collection. The program also offers recordings of 46 national magazines such as Good Housekeeping, National Geographic, People, Sports Illustrated and U.S. News & World Report. Please call 800/242-8822 for more information.



- **Sunday school Fundraiser!** The Sunday school youth will be selling Christmas **Wreaths and Crosses for the Holiday Season. The 24" wreaths cost \$15.00. The 36" crosses cost \$20.00.** Please sign up in the narthex by **Sunday, November 16th**. The wreaths and crosses will be delivered on **Sunday, November 30th**. Proceeds go to the youth group for their activities.
- The Open Cupboard (Osceola Food Shelf) is sponsoring a **Thanksgiving Day Dinner at 12:30 at United Methodist Church**. Everyone is welcomed. To RSVP or if you need a ride, please call The Open Cupboard at 294-4357 or Roseanne at 755-3096.



- **It's time to get ready for the Blessing Baskets/Toys 4 Kids program.** If anyone will be in need of help at Christmas or if you know of a family that may need help, please call The Open Cupboard at 294-4357 or talk to Pastor Kock. All calls are kept confidential. The card tree at Trinity will be up **Sunday, November 23** and gifts and money is due on **Sunday, December 14th**. You can choose a card with a gift that you would like to purchase or money gifts are also welcome. Please call Nancy at 294-2828 with any questions.

Check out this website that offers a fresh approach to connecting people to Christianity,  
[www.WhatAboutJesus.com](http://www.WhatAboutJesus.com)

## Our Life of Worship

### November Highlights:

- ◆ **Wednesday, November 26—Thanksgiving Eve Service, 7 p.m. with Lord’s Supper.**
- ◆ **Every Wednesday Evening at 7:00 p.m.,** Trinity Lutheran Church provides you and your friends the opportunity to gather for a brief service of prayer, praise, and study in God’s Word. **This week’s lesson of faith centers on “The Gospel of John.”**
- ◆ **Worship Choir** is held on Thursday, at 7:00 p.m. to prepare music to sing to the worship of our Lord Jesus Christ in our worship services. Come! *“It is good to give thanks to the Lord and to praise his holy name.”*



## We Grow Together In God’s Word

### Sunday School News:

- ◆ All parents of Sunday school children are invited to attend a Sunday morning event, November 16, to receive an Advent calendar for home use to help the family focus on the coming of Jesus Christ.
- ◆ Rachel Hoverman will co-ordinate the 2008 Christmas Eve service that includes **the Sunday school children giving song and recitation to tell of the Savior’s birth.** Many volunteers are needed to help with this service for rehearsal, staging, lighting, and more. Please offer your help.
- ◆ **A children’s Bible will be presented the children of Trinity’s preschool Sunday school class, in worship on Sunday, November 2nd.**



### High School Youth

- ◆ **“Inner Court” fellowship and Bible Study is held each Sunday at 9:15 a.m.** The youth are fielding teams for the November 9th annual WELS Volleyball Tournament at St. Croix Lutheran High School.



### Adults

- ◆ **Jesus said, “Search the Scriptures.” Be sure to take time each week to read and study God’s Word. You are invited to attend one of the following Bible studies offered at Trinity:**

Sunday, 9:20 a.m.—Topic: **“Be Prepared to Give Answers”**

Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. **Women’s Bible Class**—Topic: Study of Angels Part II

Wednesday Bible Class, 10:30 a.m.—Topic: **“Putting your Faith into Practice”**  
7:00 p.m.—Topic: **“The Gospel of John”**



### Catechism Class

- ◆ **The first year students are continuing their instruction in God’s Ten Commandments. The second year students are concluding the study of the Third Article of the Apostles’ Creed, the work of the Holy Spirit to sanctify us.**

## We Grow Together In God's Word (Cont'd)

### Michigan Lutheran Seminary

- ◆ Michigan Lutheran Seminary is one of two high schools in the Wisconsin Synod's preparatory school system, located in Saginaw, Michigan. This school prepares young men and women for a lifetime of ministry as teachers and pastors.
- ◆ Did you know that the Wisconsin Synod offers free daily devotions through the internet? Check out [www.wels.net](http://www.wels.net) for more information.

### Tender Loving Care Preschool

- ◆ A committee appointed by the congregation to give advice on Trinity's Tender Loving Care Preschool has recommended that the congregation proceed toward the goal of calling a teacher and restart the preschool in the fall of 2009. Pray the Lord to guide us forward and make us servants of his gospel ministry,

## Serving Jesus With Our Gifts and Talents

### Serve the Lord with gladness!

- ◆ *God's love for us in his Son Jesus opens our hearts to gladly give offerings of our time and treasures to the praise of his holy name.*

BUDGET UPDATE	<u>Last Month</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Income:	\$17,955	\$56,814
Expenses:	\$19,388	\$53,725



- ◆ Reminder: The goal of our church is to receive monthly offerings of \$18,333.00. We pray that the Lord's grace will cause our hearts to overflow with generous donations of our time and offerings so that his saving Word may continue to be proclaimed.
- ◆ Every year in November, Trinity makes a donation from our Assistance Fund to the local food shelf, the Open Cupboard, to express our Christian care for the needy and testify to the Lord Jesus' loving concern for all people. Remember to support our congregation's Assistance Fund.
- ◆ Trinity Church has a Memorial Fund, ready to accept donations at any time from its members. You may designate your memorial offering to a specific project or purchase of the church (that has church approval) or leave your offering

## Reaching Out With the Gospel

### Lutheran Women's Missionary Society

- ◆ Our fall rally was held at St. Paul's Lutheran in Prescott, Wisconsin. There was a total attendance of 101 people with an offering amount of \$905. Our total mission box offerings were \$3745.75. It was approved that \$250 of the offerings would go to our speaker. We also voted that the Endresen Trust Fund will be used for travel vouchers for convention goers.

Our presentation was from Rev. Mark J. Cares who shared his presentation on **"Speaking the Truth in Love to Mormons."** He gave us some brief history of the Mormons and then spoke about basic witnessing. We should always remember to share that we are the church that preaches forgiveness and that we should **rely on the power of God's word rather than human reasoning.**

### Jesus Cares Ministries

- ◆ This month we would like to recognize the volunteers for our JCM and invite others to serve in this ministry to people with special needs. Those that have served are: Trudi Getschel, Al Hubred, Jody Hubred, Hunter Hubred, Doris Martinson, Eric Martinson, Lucy Merila, Terri Rydeen, Wendy Steinbruckner and Donna Cottor. They serve in various ways some of which are: promoting events, music, teaching bible lessons, crafts, snack preparation and making name tags. Please take time to thank them.

This organization asks its volunteer staff to be concerned about the faith and lives of the people served by them and nurture their growth in Christ; prepare for service by attending training sessions and meetings; and serve the organization **as an example of Christian conduct.** If you're interested in taking part in future JCM events please drop a note in Pastor's mailbox. No job is ever too large or too small to be pleasing to God - and you just may be surprised how pleasing it is to you!

**Please help us by accepting to serve to the glory of God's holy name, the advancement of his kingdom, and the welfare of his people in your community.**

"Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms." (1 Peter 4:10)

### New Residents

- ◆ We will visit new residents to the Osceola area with an invitation to join us in hearing the Gospel and giving thanks to the Lord on Saturday, November 15 at 10:30 a.m.

### Christmas for Kids

- ◆ **"Christmas for Kids"** is a one-day outreach event, planned for December, to help our neighborhood children learn the true meaning of Christmas and receive the most valuable gift anyone can receive—the knowledge of Christ the Savior. Want to help out with this event? Please speak to either Daniel Francis, Evangelism Chairman or Pastor Kock.





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## 2008 Trinity Church Council Members:

Curt Richter, President  
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Harry Beck, Vice-President  
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## 2008 Board of Elders:

Jim Brown

Kevin Rogers

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## Special Dates!

- November 8—High School Game Night, 7:00 p.m.
- November 8—Jesus Cares Ministry, 10:00 a.m.
- November 9—Youth Volleyball Tournament/St. Croix Lutheran, 1:00 p.m.
- November 15—**Men's Breakfast, 8:30 a.m.**
- November 15—Chat with Pastor, 11:00 a.m.—Noon
- November 20—Ladies Aid, Noon
- November 26—Thanksgiving Eve Service with Holy Communion, 7:00 p.m.



## Opportunities For Fellowship at Trinity

- ◆ **Brothers:** All men of Confirmation age and up are invited to the Men's Breakfast, Saturday, November 15th at 8:30 a.m. Enjoy good food, great company, and study in God's Word.
- ◆ **Advent Services:** This year, we will offer meals before our three Wednesday Advent services of December 3, 10, and 17. It will be a great time to gather for food and conversation and then contemplation of the grace of God whose Son came to us in lowliness and will come again in majesty. Speak to Kevin Rogers if you are interested in helping with the Advent meals.
- ◆ **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. Enjoy some coffee, pop, and cookies. No appointment necessary. Just stop by.

**Pastor Day: Saturday, November 15, 11:00 a.m. to 12 noon**



## Pray for Our Members

Pray for our members in the service: Mike Beck who is currently stationed in Japan.

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 accomplishments that the Lord gives your brothers and sisters. Love one another sincerely.



## People News

### Baptisms:

Keighley Ann Brunn, daughter of Jennifer Lynn Plaster and great-granddaughter of Mike and Lynn Plaster

Dale Lynn Drinkwine, great-grandson of Melba Drinkwine.

### New Members:

Bill Johnson and daughter Emily

Ron and Tonya Feidt and children Devin, Rebecca, Samantha, Ethan

Steve and Lynn Merila and children, Lucy, Thomas, Max

### Members Released or Transferred:

Rachel Sollman released by request

Shari Pennison released by request

Lorna Stob transferred to Grace Church in Nye

Phil Martinson and family released

Mel and Dorothy Landin released