

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

A message from Pastor Kock

“God has arranged the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. If they were all one part, where would the body be? As it is, there are many parts, but one body.” I Corinthians 13:18-20

“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

BODY PARTS

The other day at the store, one of my children reached onto the shelf to take a closer look at a toy. “Unless you have money to buy it, you need to put it back,” I said. He responded, “I was just looking.” I answered, “Since when do your fingers have eyes on them? I thought eyes were on your face, not your hands.”

It’s amazing how we like to rearrange body parts. I have a friend whose nose runs, not his feet.

Our Lord compares his church to a body. It is one body, made up of many parts. Some members have received from the Holy Spirit the gift to speak his Word and teach it to others. Other members have received from the Holy Spirit the gift to encourage the downcast, inspire the inactive, comfort the saddened. Some have the gift to lead; others to serve; others to proclaim the Word in music; others through art and architecture. Some members serve the body by speaking up, others by listening.

Not all members of Trinity have the same gifts. This is how God has planned it. This way there is a variety of gifts at work in our church. This way there is no jealousy of others, no pride in our self. This way we work together as one body as each part contributes according to the gifts of the Lord given.

Accept your gifts from the Lord and use them to the glory of your Savior Jesus Christ. He consecrated his body, from head to toe, to the will of his Father and through his perfect life and innocent death won freedom from sin for us all. “Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.” I Corinthians 13:27 “Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God’s grace in its various forms.” I Peter 4:10

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Pastor Mark Kock

Miscellaneous News

Check out this website that offers a fresh approach to connecting people to Christianity,
www.WhatAboutJesus.com

- 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.
- The **LWMS Fall Rally** of the St. Croix Circuit Lutheran Women's Missionary Society (LWMS) will be held Saturday, October 9th at Redeemer, 9200 Elm Creek Blvd. Maple Grove, MN. Registration will start at 9:00 am. Opening devotion at 9:30. Pastor Michael and Mika Borgwardt will tell of "Reaching Out to Japanese" here in Minnesota. An offering will be taken to support the work of the Circuit LWMS. A light lunch will be served. A vote will be taken to decide which projects will receive funding for 2005. Projects to be voted on are:
Home Missions: (1) Mission for the visually impaired and (2) Jesus Cares Ministries. *World Missions:* (1) Puerto Rico Newspaper and Radio Evangelism and (2) "Friends of China."
- Please save the entire label for **Campbell's soup labels and General Mills box tops for Education**. We will take care of trimming the parts we need. We appreciate your help in collecting the labels for preschool supplies.
- You are invited to join this year's **Celebration of Life Ball on November 13, 2004, 5:00 pm.** . Enjoy an evening of fine dining, dancing and fun while supporting Christian Life Ministries. For more information call the office at (651) 649.3538).
- The **Open Cupboard (Osceola area food shelf)** is in need of the following items: Jello pudding, cake mixes, Rice-a-Roni, crackers, BBQ Sauce, Pork & beans, roma noodles, soup, mustard, shampoo and deodorant. You can bring your donations to the church and we will deliver them to the food shelf for you. Money donations are also always helpful. Your donations are greatly appreciated!
- Would you like to volunteer to help **deliver a hot meal** with a warm smile to Polk County shut-ins? Volunteers are needed Monday through Friday of each week in the Osceola, Dresser and St. Croix Falls areas. The average meal route takes about one hour and mileage reimbursement is available. If you can help, please contact Kari Flom, Director of Aging Program for Polk County at 485-8599.
- The **October Annual Meeting of the Martin Luther College Auxiliary** will be held on Wednesday, October 13 at MLC, New Ulm, MN. Registration and coffee are at 9:00 am with opening devotion at 10:00 am. Lunch will be at noon in the college cafeteria for \$5.00. Election of officers, selection of new projects, faculty presentations and student entertainment are part of the day's agenda. Baby-sitting is available. You are encouraged to bring along non-perishable goods for the Married Students Food Shelf. The Auxiliary's goal is to raise awareness of MLC and to fund projects that will benefit faculty and students that are not a part of the regular budget of the college. Projects currently being funded are Furniture for the Children's Literature room, two Wireless Microphones, a tuba for the concert band and Ellison Cutting Dies for bulletin board displays. Donations may be sent to the treasurer: Arlene Post, 364 61st St, Chandler MN 56122.
- Join us for a weekend of speakers, music, entertainment and fun at the **Spiritual Renewal Weekend for Women**. It will be held April 15-17, 2005 at the Kahler Grand Hotel in downtown Rochester, MN. The theme is "Jesus answered, 'The work of God is this: to believe in the one He has sent.'" John 6:29. Mark your calendars now!



WELS CONNECTION

How Christians React Amidst Turmoil

"I guess it's at a time like this when you realize the significance of spiritual values – when everything else has been blown away." These words come from Pastor Leroy Martin who serves at Christ the King Lutheran Church in Port Charlotte, FL. The Martins rode out Hurricane Charley in their home, saying afterwards that the eye of the hurricane went directly over them. "It was astounding to hear the extremely high wind suddenly stop for a minute or two and then come full force from the opposite direction!"

In the aftermath of the storm, Pastor Martin posted a sign in front of Christ the King that read, *Thanks, Lord, for our lives!* He then set up several dozen chairs and laid Bibles on them outside of the building because he wasn't sure if the darkened church was safe.

Others who also experienced Charley's force have written: "*Through it all, it is great to know that the Lord has watched over us and will continue to do so in his mercy and grace. May the Lord continue to watch over all who have felt the effects of Charley.*" and "*Thanks be to God for his protective care!*"

Keep checking WELS web site www.wels.net, jumpword "hurricane" for up-to-date information about how our churches and members were affected by the hurricane and how WELS is responding. Donations for disaster relief can be sent to WELS Committee on Relief, 2929 N Mayfair Rd, Milwaukee WI 53222.

North American Outreach

The congregation visits have begun! Across our synod congregations are beginning to hear about our WELS North American outreach emphasis entitled, *Proclaim Peace through Jesus*. Early in August materials went out to all the district leaders for this outreach initiative. "Visitors" have been recruited and are contacting every congregation to arrange a time to talk about what each of us can do to tell more people about Jesus. **Now is the time to *Proclaim Peace through Jesus!***

Tragedy Brings Witness Opportunity

On Sunday, August 8, following the recent brutal slayings of six young people in Deltona, FL, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church received an unexpected 800+ visitors, in a church built to hold no more than 270. The crowd, made up of mostly unchurched people, showed up there for a vigil that was meant to be held at the nearby high school. When it began to rain the crowd looked for the closest shelter – Good Shepherd Church. Pastor Todd Denoyer, who was at the church for a council meeting, seized the opportunity to speak of sin, death, and God's grace to those present.

On the next Wednesday, Pastor Denoyer was privileged to bring the good news of the gospel to more than 400 people at a memorial service for one of the victims. Several people have since inquired about worship at Good Shepherd.

Special Worship Events—October 31st is Reformation Sunday!



In addition to the normal worship in the morning, a special service for the area WELS churches will occur October 31, at 4:00 pm with a dinner to follow.

Reformation Sunday is dedicated to praising God for preserving his gospel among us so that by his Word we can know the truth and be free from all shame and guilt, and from all schemes and wiles of the devil.

Plan to attend the special afternoon service. Guest preacher and liturgist, special choir music and Christian fellowship afterwards will make this a day of blessing.

Mission Awareness—Highlights from the September 11 meeting

- * Nancy Beck is willing to give a presentation about her time in Oregon working for Kingdom Workers. TBA
- * Somalian outreach awaiting contact with Pastor in Rice Lake.
- * A donation of \$100.00 in meats from the Turkey Store in Barron was recently given to the Osceola Food Shelf. Organizers there express concern about the lack of emergency housing in this area. Somerset has emergency housing called "Grace Place" at St. Joe's previous nuns' housing. A field trip to see Grace Place has been arranged for 10/04/04.
- * The Quilting group is sending quilts to New Beginnings home in Colorado. There are currently seven babies there. The six girls will also receive doll blankets.
- * Circuit Pastors' meeting will occur in October and Pastor Kock will be involved in discussions about exploratory outreach. Trinity will be offered as a host site for discussions with area WELS churches about continued outreach.
- * A Christmas gift project for 'Mission to the Children' in Mexico will be underway in October. Our Sunday School kids will have opportunity to bring small gifts for individual boxes to be given to kids through this mission. This opportunity will also be extended to kids from Zion, Redeemer, Grace in Nye, Grace in Clear Lake, and Emmanuel in Hudson. Prepared boxes will be collected in time for the Reformation Service on October 31st. Interested adults may also participate. These will be given to kids between 1 year old – 15 years old. Givers should mark box for a boy or girl and an age range. Recommended gifts should fit in 12" x 6.5" x 4" boxes; be \$5.00 - \$10.00 in value; and require NO batteries. Games with instructions that are not in Spanish are discouraged also. Use your imaginations and have fun. A few ideas are: colored pencils (with sharpener), puzzles, dolls, purses, little vehicles, beanie babies, gum, (nothing that melts), lip balm, makeup kits.

Stewardship and Serving Your Savior

If any of the following service opportunities piques your interest, speak to Pastor Kock:

- ? Co-ordinate the December Christmas for Kids evangelism program.
- ? Be a part of the Christmas Eve children's service (help with sound, lighting, scenery, music, recitation, planning).
- ? Co-ordinate a nature walk and Interstate Park shelter foodfest, to occur in October
- ? Contact teenagers who have been absent from worship and Bible study, and show you care.

BUDGET UPDATE

	<u>Last Month</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Income:	\$20,185	\$163,393
Expenses:	\$21,160	\$168,288

Evangelism News

GO INTO ALL THE WORLD AND PREACH THE GOSPEL

"North American Outreach" is the theme our Wisconsin Synod adopted at its recent convention, to direct all congregations to give greater focus on sharing the gospel with those in our own backyard. On October 17, Mark Carlson of Emanuel Lutheran, Hudson, will conduct a portion of the Sunday Bible Class to present information on this outreach campaign.

Where do you fit in with outreach? The Lord has called you to be his prime people in taking his Word to others. The Lord has equipped you for this task. He trusts you to do the right thing with his Word.

Participate in the October 17 Bible Class. Share your faith in Jesus. Look for opportunities from our Board of Evangelism to help spread the news of the Lord Jesus.

Attend a Bible Study at Trinity

"Grow together in studying God's Word."

Attend the Sunday morning Bible Class at 9:30 a.m.

"Deepening Our Understanding of the Love of Husband and Wife"

Whether you are married or not, as a child of God your faith gives thanks to God for his gift of marriage. Blessings of our Lord flow to us through this sacred institution of his. The Sunday morning Bible Class will lead you to a deeper understanding of marital love.

Women's Tuesday Bible Class

The Women's Bible Study group meets the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 7:00 pm. We're starting a Bible Study about Abundance and Emptiness.

Ladies of Trinity, please join us!



Parenting Enrichment Night

October 10th at Trinity

(Come early for Pizza at 5:30 pm—free will donation)

TOPIC AT 6:30 PM

***"Spiritual Talk in the Home Between Parents & Kids:
Now Here's an Interactive 'Game' for all Ages!"***

Babysitting services offered at church
Movies and other activities for the children
Q & A discussion time

Parents and children of all ages are invited to come. Invite your friends to join you.
Presented by the Board of Elders of Trinity Lutheran Church

TLC Preschool News

Preschool is off to a great start this year. There are 23 children enrolled in our program this year already. God has truly blessed us and given us a great opportunity to spread his Word through these children and their families.

This month we have been learning about God's creation, Adam and Eve, Noah's Ark and the Birth of Isaac. The children have been doing art projects, singing, and acting with these Bible lessons. The children love learning God's word and are very engaged in the stories. It has been great to see them go home and share these stories with their families.

We have also begun learning our alphabet and numbers. Our theme for the month of September is Reptiles and Amphibians. We have read many books about all these wondrous creatures God created. Through creative activities, finger plays, acting and song the children are learning what these animals eat, where they live, what they look like and various other details about them.

Thank you for all the various donations that have been given to Tender Loving Care. We greatly appreciate them and put them to use. Have a Blessed Fall Season. In His service, *Annette Schultz., Preschool Teacher*

A reminder to church members . . .

The state laws for preschools require us to adhere to the following rules regarding our facility:

- 1) Electrical outlets covered with plastic plugs when not in use.
- 2) Hallways clear of obstructions.
- 3) Cleaning products are out of children's reach.
- 4) Bleach solutions are out of children's reach.
- 5) Balloons are not permitted due to the possibility of small pieces or rubber being aspirated.
- 6) Matches and lighters are inaccessible to children.
- 7) Exits are free of clutter.
- 8) Ice melt products need to be stored in storage room.

Also, please note that our parking lot is extremely busy with children especially during pickup/drop off times.

Please help us in following these rules and cautions.

Thank you!

Thanks to our Sunday School teachers for dedicating a portion of their time to teaching God's Word. Thanks to all parents for committing your family to growing in God's Word by attending worship and Bible Study. Believe that the Holy Spirit through the Gospel is helping your children to grow in faith and Christian love.

**Hayride & Bonfire for the Senior Youth Group—at the Pieper's farm!
Saturday, October 16 at 4:00 pm—9:30 pm**

Library Update

With our shorter fall days and longer, cooler evenings why not curl up with a warm blanket in a comfy chair and enjoy a good book. May we suggest one of the following new selections from the Trinity Church Library:

The Name

Before offering a prayer at the inauguration of President George W. Bush, Franklin Graham was asked by a fellow participant if he intended to pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Graham assured him that he would. As Graham reminded him, "That's the only thing we've got". In days of religious confusion and cultural relativism, Franklin Graham reminds us that there are absolutes in the kingdom of God. The Name explains the significance of names in the Hebrew culture, centering on the meaningfulness of the name Jesus.

More Than a Slave

Though born a slave, Katherine Ferguson attained freedom and the means to live free. The vision of her grandmother, the courage of her parents, and the help of those who could easily have oppressed her make up the ingredients of her story. As a free woman, she dedicated her life to relieving suffering among children and leading them to a better life through faith in Jesus Christ. In so doing, she founded the first Sunday School in the state of New York.

While Mortals Sleep

Thrilling World War II fiction from Jack Cavanaugh. Josef Schumacher, a pastor in Berlin, witnesses the increasing influence of the Nazi youth movement on the young people of his church. Fearful of the sway of prevailing rhetoric and misguided patriots, Josef risks everything to counteract the lies of a Fascist government and the charismatic power of the Fuhrer. When Nazi doctrine manifests itself within his own congregation, Josef can no longer remain silent.

The Children's Book of Virtues

The stories selected for this book are divided into categories of "Courage", "Responsibility", "Compassion", and "Honesty". The Children's Book of Virtues is an enduring treasury of literature and art that will help lead young minds toward what is noble and gentle and fine.

Don't miss the two new Max Lucado additions -

He Still Moves Stones Author Max Lucado relates real-life stories of people who needed and received miracles to remind us that the God who spoke still speaks, that He comes to move the stones you can't budge.

When God Whispers Your Name Do you find it hard to believe that the One who made everything keeps your name on His heart and on His lips? Did you realize that your name is written on the hand of God (Is.49:16)? Perhaps you've never seen your name honored. And you can't remember when you heard it spoken with kindness. In this book, Lucado offers the inspiration to believe that God has already bought the ticket with your name on it.

Do you enjoy a challenge? Check out "Bible Crossword Puzzles, "Bible Quizzes and Puzzles", "Bible Quizzes and Puzzles", "Bible Brain Teasers for Adults", or "Bible Word Search Puzzles".

If you enjoy Janette Oke books you'll be excited about many new additions that have been donated recently. These inspirational stories are sure to warm your heart during the cold months ahead.

Don't forget about our children's section. Lots of good reading, bedtime stories, craft ideas, music tapes and family videos are available. Some of the new books include:

Moses Parts the Sea

Children's Bible Stories

The Boat of Many Rooms: The Story of Noah in Verse

The Story time Craft Book

Table Talk

A Church mouse Christmas

The Lords Prayer

The 23rd Psalm

Also available for all ages: music cds, family movies, devotionals, Bible reference materials and lots more!



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Special Dates!

- Wednesday, October 6, 5:00 pm—Band Practice begins!
- Saturday, October 9, 9:00 am—LWMS Rally
- Sunday, October 10, 5:30 pm—Parent Enrichment Night
- Saturday, October 16, 4:00 pm—High School Hayride & Bonfire
- Saturday, October 23, 10:30 am—Outreach Event
- Sunday, October 24, 11:45 am—Voter’s Meeting
- Sunday, October 31, 4:00 pm—Reformation Rally & Dinner



Here am I, send me!

Mowing, raking, scrubbing, baking, cleaning, shopping, hauling, mopping . . .

If you’ve got a job to do, the Trinity Youth Group will help you do it! From spring cleaning or yard work to clearing out the attic or running to the store, call on us for a helping hand.

No fee—just a free-will offering if you can!

If you need help with a project, please leave a note in Barb Hoverman’s church mailbox or call her at 755-2762.

