

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

A message from Pastor Kock

Isaiah 58:5-8

“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

Is this the kind of fast I have chosen, only a day for a man to humble himself? Is it only for bowing one's head like a reed and for lying on sackcloth and ashes? Is that what you call a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD?

"Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke to set the oppressed free and break every yoke?

Is it not to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter--when you see the naked, to clothe him, and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood?

Then your light will break forth like the dawn, and your healing will quickly appear; then your righteousness will go before you, and the glory of the LORD will be your rear guard.

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.
- You are invited to join this year's **Celebration of Life Ball on October 1, 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 always in need of items. There are paper bags in the blue food shelf container in the narthex. There is a shopping list on each bag so you can fill up the bags with the items needed the most. 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.
- For an update on the WELS chaplain, **Pastor Zeimer in Kuwait** and a picture of our own Capt. Harry Beck, check out the WELS website! Go to www.WELS.net; click on Military Services; click on Read all the latest updates; click on "The Gates Swung Open" from 9/19/05 and you'll be able to see Harry and the Pastor and read Pastor Zeimer's messages. The area WELS members were able to worship together while the Pastor was there.
- The Community Referral Agency's annual fundraiser, **Beans-n-Jeans** will be held on Saturday, October 15th at JJ's Club 35, south of Luck on Hwy. 35. The day will include auctions, bake sale, brats, raffles, Talent Show and Spaghetti Dinner. The activities begin at 10:00 am. Proceeds will benefit the Welcome Home Shelter in Milltown.



- Kirk and Alyssa Winkelman's son, **Steven** is now serving his country in Iraq. Please keep him in your prayers. If you would like to write to him, his address is:

PFC Steven L Winkelman

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- We are still collecting **Campbell's Soup Labels** and other proofs of purchases from various products. We can send these in and save our points from year to year. Enclosed in this newsletter is an information sheet about what we are asking you to save. You can keep this for a handy reference throughout the year.



WELS CONNECTION

WELS Agencies Move Quickly to Help Victims of Katrina

Members of the body of Christ worked in symmetry through various WELS agencies to share Jesus' love with those victimized by one of the largest natural disasters in US history. Soon after the hurricane hit on Monday, August 30th, WELS Communication Services began putting out news updates, the South Atlantic

District was sending a response team to the affected region with supplies, and members' donations began pouring into WELS Committee on Relief (COR).



Following are other ways Christians reached out in love:

- Builders for Christ suspended all projects during the winter months so that it can travel to New Orleans and assist in rebuilding and repairing Crown of Life Lutheran Church, the church's parsonage and church members' homes.
- Luther Preparatory School in Watertown, WI collected donations, offered schooling for displaced high school students and worked with the Red Cross to provide housing for up to six families. The local newspaper covered the story of at least one family being housed by LPS.
- Manitowoc Lutheran High School offered free tuition, room and board to any high school aged students affected by the hurricane, and MLHS families offered to open their homes for any displaced students.
- Northwestern Publishing House donated thousands of devotional materials to be handed out by volunteers.
- WELS Kingdom Workers coordinated volunteers to distribute donations to those in need, as well as spiritual gifts and cards inviting people to church. Kingdom Workers was also given funds by COR to help rebuild homes, provide counselors, clear debris and give spiritual support.
- WELS members contributed more than \$721,000 to the COR. This total is through September 16th and does not include matching funds from Thrivent.

Wisconsin Lutheran College in Milwaukee worked with the Red Cross to provide students as tutors to children being housed at Wisconsin State Fair Park.

"It's encouraging to see God-inspired faith in action," said WELS president, Rev. Karl Gurgel. "Reflecting Christ's love, God's people are doing good to all people, especially remembering those who belong to the family of believers."

Special Announcement::

Mrs. Steve Cambrice, an original board member of the local Twin Cities Chapter of WELS Kingdom Workers, was recently elected to the National WELS Kingdom Workers Board. Steve's responsibilities will include serving in the area of advancement and chapter development. Congratulations to Mr. Steve Cambrice.

Steve and his wife, Michelle, have also recently accepted a call to Hope Lutheran High School in Milwaukee. We wish him all God's blessings in his new endeavors.

QUARTERLY VOTERS MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION

OCTOBER 16TH (Following the second service)

Our Life of Worship at Trinity

Mission Festival

Sunday, October 2nd

Worship Leader: Pastor Tom Kutz

Church potluck dinner follows the service

Be sure to take the Tour of Missions, following worship, and learn of missions that you can support with your prayers, treasures and hands-on participation.



Reformation Rally

Sunday, October 30th—4:00 pm

At Trinity, and hosted by the sister WELS congregations of the eastern portion of the St. Croix Conference, of the Minnesota District.

Mass adult and children's choirs

Instrumentals

Fellowship meal to follow the service

Reformation Sunday recalls God's blessing to his Church in restoring the gospel of Jesus Christ in its full truth and beauty so that souls may live with the assurance that by faith in Jesus Christ they are just and righteous in the sight of God. The Lord in his grace continues to preserve his Word and gospel among us, and we his people pledge to faithfully confess our faith to God's glory.

Opportunities for Fellowship at Trinity

- Church Dinner on Mission Festival Sunday, October 2nd.
- Men's Camp Croix Weekend, October 7 and 8th.
- Church Dinner on Reformation Sunday, October 30th.



Come Chat with the Pastor

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: October 29, 1—3:00 p.m.

Our Mission to Reach Out with the Gospel

There are plenty opportunities for you to share your faith in Jesus and help others learn of their Savior:

- ✚ Tell a friend about the Good News Bible Class Pastor teachers every Wednesday at 7:35 p.m.
- ✚ Invite a child whose family is without a church to attend our Sunday School.
- ✚ Testify of Jesus Christ your Savior to those trusting in luck or their moral character to get them to heaven. Tell them of their sins and of the great Savior God put on the cross to free them from death and open the door to heaven to all who believe. Remember that evangelism is not a program or event but personal testimony from believer's reborn hearts.



Thanks to all who assisted in the Fair float and Fair booth, at the Osceola Fair on September 9-11.

Remember to reach out to visitors at our worship services. Put yourself in their shoes and think of how appreciative you would be of a friendly welcome and invitation to return.

Serving Jesus with Our Gifts and Talents

BUDGET UPDATE

	<u>Last Month</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Income:	\$20,302	\$174,876
Expenses:	\$21,704	\$185,215

The financial update from January through August of 2005 shows that we are averaging \$500.00 below our needed offerings per week.

Surely the Lord has blessed us. Consider the outpouring of provisions to the WELS Committee on Relief and to the Red Cross and other organizations helping the victims of Hurricane Katrina. We have so much when it comes to material blessings. But especially consider the blessings in Jesus Christ the Lord has graciously given to us. He has made us rich with the knowledge that all our sins have been erased by the holy, precious blood of Jesus. In Christ crucified and risen you possess the favor, the treasures and the heavenly mansion of the Lord God.



It is this grace of God, this overwhelming generosity of our heavenly Father, that teaches us to give freely and joyfully to honor his name, support the work of his Church, and provide for the preaching and teaching of his Holy Word. Pray that God do his sanctifying work among us and lead us to worship him with our offerings that declare him first in our hearts and lives. *“Christ’s love compels us.”* 2 Corinthians 5:14

EVERY SOUL’S A TREASURE—JOIN US FOR STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16TH!

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 undesignated, to assist with future needs or special projects of the church. Some of the designated projects that money in the Memorial Fund are presently designated for: sliding glass doors for the fellowship hall; landscaping around the M-church sign.



Attend a Bible Study at Trinity

“Grow together in studying God’s Word.”

Adults: Pastor Kock urges you to attend one of the Bible Classes offered throughout the week.



Attend the Sunday morning Bible Class at 9:15 a.m.

We are studying the book of Leviticus and receiving beautiful shadows of Christ and lessons on our lives of faith.

Wednesday Bible Class at 10:30 am

We are studying “Angels and Demons.” Come!

Wednesday Evenings Bible Class at 7:15 pm

Folks gather around the Word on the theme, “GOOD NEWS.” This class is a comprehensive course of instruction on the foundational truths of the Christian faith.



Women’s Tuesday Bible Class

The Women’s Bible Study group meets Tuesday evenings at 7:00 pm. We just started a NEW study on September 20th so now would be a great time to join us! We will be reading the books of Ezra, Nehemiah and Esther from “The People’s Bible” series. We have reading assignments for each week so you could still easily participate even if you cannot come every week. Please call Nancy at 294-2828 with any questions.

Ladies of Trinity, we’d love to see you on Tuesday evenings!

‘BROTHERS’



Men’s Breakfast was held at Trinity, Saturday, September 17 and included a Bible Study on the high influence men have on children when it comes to the spiritual lives of youth.

October 7,8 is a weekend outing at Camp Croix for all men of Trinity (anyone confirmed) and sons. Arrive at the Camp any time after 6:30 pm. Leave when you please on Saturday. The purpose is to use the beautiful setting of Camp Croix and the time with each other and God’s Word to strengthen each other in Christ. Please speak to Pastor Kock or Will Stob if you are not familiar with Camp Croix or want more information about this event.

Sunday School News

The Sunday School offerings gathered in September and October go toward the victims of Hurricane Katrina.

Parents, take the lead when it comes to faithful attendance at Sunday School, and make regular participation of your children a priority in the Lord Jesus.

Their God and Savior speaks directly to their hearts with his saving, powerful Word. He makes new creatures out of them. Treasure this gift of God for your family—the opportunity to hear God’s Word and grow in faith.



Sunday School

“Grow together in studying God’s Word.” Cont’d.

Tender Loving Care Preschool

The Congregation has decided to suspend the start of the school indefinitely, due to the fact that the Lord has not yet provided this ministry with a Called teacher. In the coming months, the congregation will examine the Call position and consider other possibilities regarding it. “Pray the Lord of the harvest that he send workers into his harvest field.”

Tender Loving Care Preschool is a ministry of our church that not only serves our children with God’s Word but serves children of our community who are not learning of their Savior Jesus. A family recently moved into the area, and as they search for a church home specifically are praying for one that emphasizes Christian education for their young children. May the Lord help us to re-establish our preschool and ring out the Gospel of Jesus.

A meeting of the preschool administrative staffs at Trinity and Grace, Nye, will occur October 6th at 7:00 p.m.

Catechism Class Update

Instruction of our youth in God’s Word and toward participation in the Lord’s Supper is a joint effort of parents and church. Parents first teach the lessons of faith and the church reinforces them. Parents first worship with their young in the home (prayers, Bible readings) and then gather with their extended spiritual family at church in worship.

(Parents, help provide for the prompt pickup of your children at the end of class time. Please call the office if you cannot arrive to pick up your child within 10 minutes of the end of class time.)

The Inner Court (High School Members)

Bible Study and Christian fellowship for the high school youth of Trinity occurs each Sunday at 9:15 a.m. This is a great opportunity for teens to stay connected to Christ and his Word.

A message from CYD Administrator, Dr. Joel A. Nelson:

The new WELS Web site for parents called [Parents Crosslink](http://www.parentscrossline.net) (www.parentscrossline.net) is live. The Web site is the on-line companion of the print periodical of the same name. WELS Youth Discipleship, Adult Discipleship, Parish Schools, Web Services and Northwestern Publishing House partnered together to make it all happen. Check it out today and see how Parents Crosslink and parentscrosslink.net will link parents to each other and the cross.



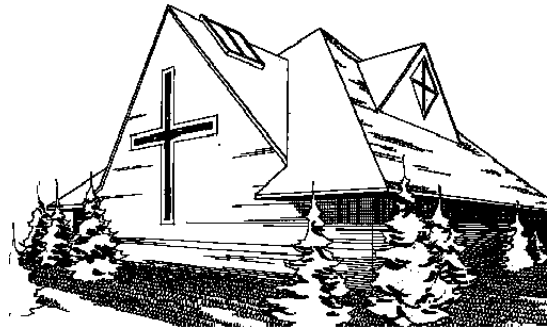


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Special Dates!

- Friday, October 7,8—Men’s & Boys’ Campout at Camp Croix
- Sunday, October 23, 11:45 am—Quarterly Voters’ Meeting
- Saturday, October 29—Change clocks!!!!
- Sunday, October 30, 4:00 pm—Reformation Service and Dinner
- Tuesdays, 7:00 pm—Women’s Bible Study
- Wednesdays, 7:00 pm—Evening Devotion
- Wednesdays, 7:15 pm—Bible Class

PRAY FOR OUR MEMBERS ATTENDING A COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY

Be sure to provide our church office with updated information on the address of your son or daughter who may be living away from home. The church recently mailed out a devotional book to all students who we have on our campus directory.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!



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