

# *Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church*

**“God loves a  
cheerful giver.”**

2 Corinthians 9:7

Our sinful hearts cannot give to God and his Church cheerfully. The flesh is hostile to God and is against everything God is for. It resents being asked to give his Church a portion of income. The flesh wants total control over finances - to buy, sell, give as it pleases, in whatever ways indulge its desires for more pleasures and more material goods. Our sinful hearts place no value at all on the things of God's kingdom, on matters of salvation and growing Christ's Church. It may give to the Church, but only begrudgingly, with a frown rather than a smile.

God has to perform radical surgery on us to make us cheerful givers. His Law cuts deeply into our hearts of sin and exposes our selfishness and greed, our failure to fear, love and trust in Him above all things. God's Law pronounces the judgment of eternal condemnation upon us for our sins. Then God's Gospel goes to work on our repentant hearts. It reveals God's grace to us, that his Son, though rich, became poor unto death on the cross, so that we through his poverty might be rich with God's forgiveness, Fatherly love, and the Holy Spirit's sanctification unto life eternal.

Through the Gospel our Savior frees us from the miserable rule of our sinful nature and from the appeals of the world. Jesus takes lordship of our hearts. He gives us a new spirit that is happy in God's love and excited about the eternity to come. Now we delight in the will of our beautiful Savior. We find joy in worshiping him, living for him, and in giving to his Church. Gladly we respond to the call to support the ministry of Christ's Word among us at Trinity Lutheran Church and the broader kingdom work of Christ that we carry out with our sister WELS congregations.

We give cheerfully.

**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.
- 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 with the bags 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!



- A note regarding **Campbell's Soup Labels**: we now need the **UPC** from the labels. If you are in doubt about what to save, just remove the whole label and we will cut out the portion we need to send in. We appreciate the efforts to collect the labels for us.
- **Do you have a red Trinity t-shirt at home?** If you do (and they are in good shape to be reused), please return them clean to the church office. We have a container of the shirts for volunteers to use at various events.



- **Please remember to keep our college students in your prayers** as they study away from home. Peter Wells has started his pastoral studies at Martin Luther College. His address is:  
Peter Wells  
1995 Luther Court  
MLC Mailbox #5-1092  
New Ulm, MN 56073-3300  
Email: wellspj@mlc-wels.edu
- **Volunteers needed!** The residents at the Simenstad Nursing Care Unit in Osceola would enjoy spending time with you. Please call Julie Beaver, NCU Volunteer Coordinator at 294-5643 if you have an hour or two to give each month. There are many activities to choose from—volunteering at the NCU could be for you!
- **Attention those with mite (or mission) boxes:** the boxes need to be returned by **October 2nd**, rather than October 8th as was previously listed.



QUARTERLY VOTERS MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION  
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2006 AT 11:30 A.M.

## WELS CONNECTION

### Missionaries Meet for Conference

More than 30 world missionaries, national pastors, seminary professors, and world mission committee members convened on the campus of Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, Mequon, Wis., for the World Seminary Conference during August. The conference opened with a worship service led by Pastor Salimo Hachibamba, a national pastor in the Lutheran Church of Central Africa.



The five-day conference, held every four years, was a chance for Bible institute and seminary instructors from around the world to discuss strategies and ideas in training nationals in each mission field for the public ministry. It also provided a forum to discuss how several of our world seminaries could work together to share resources and encourage one another.

In reflecting on the conference, Board for World Missions administrator Pastor Daniel Koelpin notes, "Many of the participants described the conference as the most helpful World Seminary Conference they ever attended. Significant guidance was presented by some of the best trained and experienced leaders in our confessional Lutheran circles on things like seminary curriculum development, translation, teaching, and communication across cultures."

Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary professor E. Allen Sorum, one of the organizers of the conference, says, "Not only did the conference allow our missionaries to share and see how our core curriculum is being taught in seminaries around the world, but it also gave them a process in which to develop additional materials that are relevant to their location and must be addressed by their curriculum."

### World Missions News Briefs

*Lutheran Church of Central Africa-Zambia:* A seminary class of 16 men completed their first year of studies in May. This is one of the strongest classes ever. The present vicar class of five students also graduated in May.

*Russia:* There are four organized congregations and several preaching stations serving the Russian state of Siberia. Outreach efforts in Russia include radio devotions broadcasted in Novosibirsk, the distribution of publications, and a Russian informational Web site. The most effective outreach, however, has been done when church members invite people to worship.

*Mexico:* Mexico recently adopted an aggressive five-year plan for ministry that calls for three more exploratory mission efforts. Mexico currently has six congregations, two established mission congregations, and five exploratory missions. Four students are training in the seminary in Torreón.

*Hong Kong:* Asia Lutheran Seminary will complete its first year of teaching soon and rejoices in its first graduate.

For more information:

- Discover more about WELS world mission fields at [www.wels.net/jump/bwm](http://www.wels.net/jump/bwm).
- Check out "Mission Connection," the official publication of Home and World Missions at [www.wels.net/jump/mc](http://www.wels.net/jump/mc).
- Learn more about missions and how you can partner with a specific mission/ministry project through financial offerings, prayers, communications, and encouragement at [www.wels.net/jump/mission-partners](http://www.wels.net/jump/mission-partners).

## Our Life of Worship at Trinity

### Mission Festival

Sunday, October 8th

Worship Leader: Pastor Arnold Lemke of  
Christian Life Resources

### Wednesday Evening Devotion at 7:00 pm



Here is an opportunity for our 8th grade catechism students, their families, and others of Trinity to gather in the Father's house for prayer and meditation on God's saving Word

Adult Choir Rehearsal is every Wednesday,  
at 7:15 pm



### Afternoon Reformation Rally

Sunday, October 29

4 p.m. with Dinner

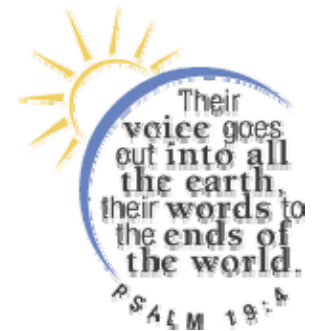
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WELS Congregations

## Evangelism: Reaching Out with the Gospel

God alone can build his Church. He alone can convert unbelievers to saving trust in his Son Jesus Christ. Our role as his Church is to live our faith, love our neighbor, and testify of Christ's Gospel. We must get the Word out. God gives us opportunities to do that personally and directly. Do you know of a new neighbor, or a friend, co-worker, or relative who is not attending worship or a Bible study? God also gives us the opportunity to proclaim his Gospel together as a congregation. Here are some of the ways you can join Trinity in proclaiming Christ:

- ◆ Visit new neighbors to our community and share a friendly invitation to our worship. See Daniel Francis or Pastor Kock for more on this.
- ◆ Attend a Bible Class at Trinity so you are prepared to apply God's Word to the real-life situations of people around you. Do you know what to say to someone dying? Considering a divorce?
- ◆ Give cheerfully to support the kingdom work of our congregation and the missionaries throughout the world who serve on our behalf.



### MISSION WORK

Our Synod, the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod, supports the Asia Lutheran Seminary in Hong Kong. It is training pastors and lay leaders to reach out to the ethnic Chinese in numerous regions. It is also publishing materials in the Chinese language to bring the Gospel to people throughout the Chinese-speaking world.



### THE LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY (LWMS)

LWMS Rally, St. Croix Lutheran High School, West St. Paul, MN  
 Topic: Cross-Cultural Missions  
 Saturday, October 14, 9 am–2:00 pm



### STAND UP FOR THE SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE

## Serving Jesus with Our Gifts and Talents

### BUDGET UPDATE

|           | <u>Last Month</u> | <u>Year-to-Date</u> |
|-----------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Income:   | \$30,452          | \$163,274           |
| Expenses: | \$30,722          | \$158,204           |

The Assistance Fund is the name of the Fund our congregation operates to give financial support to those of our church in material need (in special cases we also give from this Fund to those of our community). Fred Loescher is entrusted with managing this Fund. It's important that we continually supply the Assistance Fund with our gifts so that resources are there when needed to help those in need and to express the sincere love of Christ and his Church. Scripture says, "As we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers." Galatians 6:10



## We Grow Together in God's Word



### Catechism Instruction for Youth:

- ◆ Pray for our 7th and 8th grade youth.
- ◆ A trip to Martin Luther College is being planned. Would you like to help?

### Sunday School:

- ◆ Annual Hayride Event at Jim and Melinda Brown's, October 22. Meet either at church at 2:30 pm for a ride to the Brown's, or at the Brown's at 3 pm

### Inner Court (Bible Study for High School Youth): Sunday, 9:15 am

### Adult Bible Class:

- ◆ Sunday Adult Bible Class, 10:20 am  
Topic: "God's Word on Marriage, and the Light it Shines on Living Together, Homosexuality, and Divorce"
- ◆ Tuesday Women's Bible Class, 7 pm  
Topic: Zechariah, Malachi with The People's Bible Series
- ◆ Wednesday Bible Class, 10:30 am  
Topic: "Cheerful Giving"
- ◆ Wednesday Bible Class, 7:30 pm—"Life's Big Questions"

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

## Opportunities for Fellowship at Trinity



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

### Members to keep in your prayers:

**Shut-ins:** Lorraine Glunz, Melba Drinkwine, Phyllis Jensen, Ella Demulling, Norma Skifstad, Emma Thill, Dorothy Pieper, Margaret Viebrock, Mabel Erickson, Marella Ruesink, Edna Denkers, Joyce Hanson, Don Jasperson.

**Come Chat with Pastor Kock:** Pastor's Day, October 7, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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.



### Men's Retreat at Camp Croix, October 13,14

For all men and boys of Trinity.

Camp Croix is an hour and a half drive to the northeast of Osceola. It has a lodge and several cabins.

This retreat's purpose is to strengthen the bonds of Christian fellowship among us.

Hayride for High School Youth, at Jerry and Emmy Pieper's. October 21, 3 p.m.



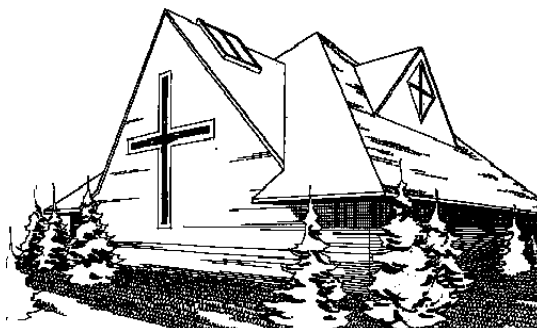


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## 2006 Trinity Church Council Members:

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## 2006 Board of Elders:

Jim Brown                      Kevin Rogers                      Ron Lueck

## Special Dates!

- Sunday, October 8—Mission Festival & Dinner
- Friday, October 13,14—Men’s & Boys’ Campout at Camp Croix
- Sunday, October 15, 11:30 am—Quarterly Voters’ Meeting
- Saturday, October 21—High School Hayride, 3:00
- Sunday, October 22—Hayride for all ages, 4:00
- Saturday, October 28—Change clocks!
- Sunday, October 29—Reformation Rally and Dinner, 4:00
- Tuesdays, 7:00 pm—Women’s Bible Study
- Wednesdays, 7:00 pm—Evening Devotion
- Wednesdays, 7:30 pm—Bible Class

