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# Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

## ***“I forgot my mom’s birthday!”***

How could you?

*“I don’t know. I just forgot.”*

I mean this is your mom, who gave you birth, life – and you forgot her birthday!

*“You’re right, I feel so bad. I’ll tell her I’m sorry. I’ll make sure this never happens again.”*

Your mom. Without her you would not exist. Without her love you would have died long ago. She has loved you so much. She has been patient, kind, and compassionate to you, bandaging your skinned knees, holding you when you were afraid, comforting you when you felt no one loved you.

*“That’s right. She has done so much for me. I can’t put a price tag on her worth to me. I want to remember her, I want to tell her how thankful I am for all she’s done, I want to tell her that I love her. I am going to do that right now.”*

Who can argue with the feelings expressed in this conversation? A relationship as valuable and important as that of mother and child deserves a response of remembering and thanking. And when we’ve overlooked this relationship, how quick we are to realize our wrong and to set out on the path that rightly expresses our heart.

Now let’s examine another relationship with someone of great value. He is often overlooked. When we realize we’ve been forgetting him, is there sorrow? A recognition of the great value he has in our lives and eternity? A desire to express our thanks? May God give us a good memory, a thankful heart, and a joyful spirit to tell him our love.

***“I forgot the Lord this week!”***

How could you?

*“I don’t know. I just forgot.”*

I mean this is your Lord, who gave you birth and life, not just human birth and life, but gave you new life and a spiritual birth in baptism to be his child. And you forgot him?

*“You’re right. I feel so bad. I’ll tell him I’m sorry. I don’t want this to ever happen again.”*

Your Lord. Without him you’d be dead in your sins. Without his love you’d have died spiritually and been facing eternal death in hell. He has loved you so much. God so loved you that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ to come into the world and die on the cross for your sins. Every day the Lord has been patient with you, forgiving your sins, giving you the Holy Spirit to believe in Jesus and by believing in him have eternal life. His mercies are new every morning. Great is the Lord’s faithfulness.

*“That’s right! The Lord has done so much for me! I can’t put a price tag on his worth to me! I want to remember him, I want to tell him how thankful I am for all he’s done, I want to tell him that I love him. I am going to do that right now.”*

**“Praise the Lord, O my soul, all my inmost bring, praise his holy name. Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits - who forgives all your sins, and heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion, who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle’s.” Psalm 103.**

*Pastor Mark Kock*



## 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.
- **Thanks to all who generously donated pies** to the fair booth—it was a great success again this year!
- Please keep supporting our **Osceola Food Shelf!** Bring your donation to the church and we'll get them to the food shelf.

## Our Life of Worship at Trinity—October Highlights

### October 25 WELS Reformation Worship 4:00 p.m. at Zion Lutheran Church East Farmington—Dinner to Follow **Adult & Children's Choirs**



Come and participate in this event of worship of the Lord and fellowship with sister believers of our neighboring WELS congregations.

- ◆ Worship Schedule: Sunday 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
- ◆ Each Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. is **Vespers** (“evening devotion.”) Vespers is a time for prayer and meditation on the Lord, with a lesson of Scripture to learn and live. You are invited to come.
- ◆ **“Gospel Singing”**: There are various types of genres of worship music—traditional hymns, Psalms, liturgical songs. Another form of sacred music is gospel music. Many of the songs have their roots in America’s heartland and serve Christian hearts with the comfort and joy of Jesus. Want to learn a few gospel songs? Interested in singing some for worship? Pastor Kock invites you to attend “Gospel Singing,” Wednesdays, October 14 and 21 at 6:15 p.m.

## Serving Jesus with Our Gifts and Talents

Income and expenditure information for August.

BUDGET UPDATE	<u>Last Month</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Income	\$19,910	\$36,252
Expenses:	\$16,298	\$31,266



Reminder: The goal of our church is to receive monthly offerings of \$19,167.00.

The free, dedicated, generous, cheerful giving of money and service are the marks of Christian stewardship. God’s love to us in Christ works within our hearts thankfulness to the Lord, love to Jesus, and a zeal to spread his gospel. 2 Corinthians 8:7 *“Excel in the grace of giving.”*



QUARTERLY VOTERS MEETING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18 AT 11:45 A.M.

## Evangelism: Reaching Out with the Gospel

### The ABCs of Christianity

A course of instruction in the basic teachings of the Christian faith. begins Saturday, October 24, 10:00 a.m. Runs for 8 weeks for members and for our friends who have questions of religion or are not currently attending a church or Bible Study.

**Come! Invite a friend to join you!**



#### ◆ Search the Scriptures—Grow in God's Grace

Trinity offers you several opportunities to be part of a Bible Study and grow in the knowledge of Jesus Christ and his holy Word. Check them out and make room in your weekly schedule to attend.



Sunday, 9:20 a.m. "Teaching Christian Values to our Children"

Tuesday Women's Bible Class, 7:00 p.m. "I Timothy"

Wednesday Bible Class, 10:30 a.m. "Elijah and Elisha"

Vespers, 7:00 p.m.

Saturday Men's Breakfast, 8:30 a.m. (3rd Saturday of the month)

#### ◆ Sunday School

Sunday school for children of pre-K through 8th grade occurs each Sunday at 9:15 a.m. Sunday school is a ministry of our church where Jesus meets our children, takes them into his arms and blesses them with his Word. Commit yourself and your family to faithfully receiving the blessings of Sunday school.

#### ◆ Catechism Class—7th and 8th grade youth meet Wednesdays at 3:45 p.m.

#### ◆ The Inner Court—Sunday Bible Study for High School Youth—9:20 a.m.

All high school youth of Trinity are invited to make Inner Court a weekly part of their life. Gather with friends and gain insights into applying your faith to your daily life and serving Christ and his people.

#### ◆ Tender Loving Care Preschool

Our pre-school began Tuesday, September 22, with four children attending, under the teaching and care of Paulette Enerson. **Pray the Lord's blessing and favor upon this ministry and our children.** If you know of a family with a preschool age child not attending a preschool, mention Tender Loving Care. The preschool is for 3-5 year olds, and meets Tuesday and Thursday, 9:00—11:30 a.m.

#### ◆ High School Game Night—October 10, 7:00 p.m.

#### ◆ Jesus Cares Ministry

God makes the messages simply beautiful. We make the learning beautifully simple. Simplified church services for the developmentally disabled are our common goal as we gathered for another JCM service on September 12th. Spread the word to others who are in the community and have intellectual and developmental disabilities. These events give people with developmental **disabilities the opportunity to enjoy fellowship and for us, through God's grace,** provide spiritual training. Our next gathering will be October 10th at 10:00 a.m.

## Opportunities for Fellowship at Trinity



# October 11 Harvest Meal and Fall Mission Rally

The meal is to give thanks to the Lord for blessing our gardens and work. Members are encouraged to bring vegetables and fruits from home to share for the meal. The Mission Rally allows us to reflect on the blessings of God to our congregation, and to unite in carrying on the work and ministry he has given us to do. Also, a ping pong tournament for youth and adults.

## Couples' Game Night Saturday, October 17—6:00 p.m.



Our church is a family of members of various ages and circumstances—children, teens, singles, married couples and seniors. May the Lord make us mindful of each one and supportive in the walk of faith. May he also make us mindful of the special challenges that come to husbands and wives. Remaining faithful and loving, working as one in the raising of children—all this for married couples takes work, prayer, and the help of the Lord. Getting together for fun and support helps, too! Trinity invites couples to Game Night, Saturday, October 17. Come at 6:00 p.m. or any time after and play games, have some food, and enjoy a night with each other. If you wish, bring your favorite game or treat to share. For more information speak to Kevin Rogers.

**Brothers:** All men of Confirmation age and up are invited to the Men's Breakfast, Saturday, October 17, 8:30 a.m. Enjoy good food, great company, and study in God's Word.

## Pray for Our Members in the Service

- ◆ Pray for our member in the service: Mike Beck, currently stationed at Fort Leonard Wood in Missouri.
- ◆ 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 accomplishment that the Lord gives your brothers and sisters. Love one another sincerely.



## Opportunities for Fellowship at Trinity Cont'd

MARK YOUR CALENDARS TO JOIN US!

**LWMS (Lutheran Women's Missionary Society)**

**ST. CROIX CIRCUIT FALL RALLY**

Saturday, October 10—New Life Lutheran Church, Shoreview, MN

Guest Speaker: Linda Liesener

Theme: Central Africa Medical Mission

Registration: 8:30—9:00 a.m.

Linda Liesener from the Central Africa Medical Mission will give a presentation on the current clinic services being provided in Malawi and Zambia. She will also give insight into the lives of the African families CAMM reaches spiritually and physically.

Did you know the ladies in Malawi requested Terri Unterholzner, one of the current CAMM staff, to **photograph the ladies at the national LWMS rally in Denver because they couldn't believe so many ladies** were supporting and praying for them? You do make a difference! Whether this is your first or fortieth rally, come for a little while to hear about your mission work in Africa.

This medical mission has been a service for 48 years in Zambia and Malawi. They work in one of humility, patience, commitment, and sacrifice for people that they may never see again. It is leaving a place of comfort and entering one that brings constant reminders of pain, disease, sorrow, and loneliness. Yet, it also brings the blessings of new friendships, lessens in perseverance and character, and a strengthened faith in the One who sustains, cares for, and loves each of us the same.

The Medical Mission is a program in which WELS or ELS health care professionals can use their God-given abilities to spread His love in a different area of the world. This ministry of love is a tremendous benefit to the Lutheran Church of Central Africa and our fellow sisters and brothers in Jesus.

**LWMS has their Mission Project Offering Boxes** for the fall rally on the table in the narthex. The money that is collected, 75% remains with our local circuit, to be divided between the home and world mission projects, and 25% is to be divided between the two National home and world mission projects.

The idea of the Mission Box is to pray for a mission/missionary as you drop in your coins. You may drop your box, or if you prefer to write a check, on the desk in the church office. Please consider giving a gift of love to your brothers and sisters of faith at home and around the world.

### **"Befriend a Mission" Pray for out "Befriend a Mission"**

Home Mission: Pastor Aaron and Abbie Strong  
6936 Brier Creek Lane  
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## Special Dates in October

- October 10—LWMS Fall Rally
- October 10—Jesus Cares Ministry, 10:00 a.m.
- October 10—High School Game Night, 7:00 p.m.
- October 11—Harvest Dinner & Fall Mission Rally, 11:45
- October 17—**Men’s Breakfast, 8:30 a.m.**
- October 17—Couples Game Night, 6:00 p.m.
- October 18—Voters Meeting, 11:45 a.m.
- October 25—Reformation Service & Dinner—Zion Lutheran Church, 4:00 p.m.

