

**October
2010**

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church



**“The fruit of the
Spirit is love.”**
Galatians 6:22

A Teddy-bear is lovable and huggable. So is a kitten. But a spouse that nags? A child that disobeys? A friend who breaks a promise? It's hard to love them. In fact, if left to ourselves it's easy to leave them, or hurt them, or stay angry at them. Our sinful nature doesn't waste a second in leading us into such actions. Even for us baptized into Christ and feeding on his holy Word, it's often very hard to love.

But God in his love for us did not leave us to ourselves. He connected us to his Son Jesus Christ and to the sacrifice of love he made for us. He poured the Holy Spirit into our hearts and gave us the knowledge of divine love that has loved us with an everlasting love, forgives us of all our sins, and promises to see us through all the trials of life, and then escort us to his home in heaven.

With the Spirit in our hearts, it's a whole new way of living, and of loving. “The fruit of the Spirit is love.” What God means by this statement is that love for others is not something that we have to manufacture on our own, it's not something that will come only if all the conditions are just right, it's not something that will come when the other person changes. No, love is something that the Spirit produces within us. It's a fruit of the Spirit, as naturally as apples are the

fruit of an apple tree. The Spirit promises that as we continue in Christ and the knowledge of Christ's love for us, love will show up in our lives and apply itself to each and every person we meet – even our enemies.

Isn't it amazing how much care God shows us, to fashion us according to his Son and lead us to live lives of love?

Pastor Mark Kock

Note that 3-minute devotions for families are available on line at:

<http://www.parentscrosslink.net>



**“Who Are We,
Members of Trinity
Lutheran?”**

We are a fellowship of believers in Jesus Christ, who gather to receive the gospel of our Lord and Savior in Word and Sacrament for the strengthening of our faith and equipping of our lives to serve in his world and to his glory.





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Bob Wells, Kevin Rogers, Rob Davis



Christmas Wreath Sale

The children of Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church that attend the St. Croix Lutheran Middle and High Schools will be selling Christmas Wreaths as a fund raiser to help with their tuition.

Wreath \$15.00
Cross \$20.00

There is a sign up sheet in the narthex. Please have your orders in by November 7th with delivery November 28th. We thank you for your support.

October Worship Highlights

Come, let us worship the Lord!

Sunday, October 3 Baptism Renewal & Celebration
Sunday, October 31 Reformation Sunday—we praise God for preserving his Word in its truth and blessing us with the core of the Word—the gospel that **declares us righteous in God’s** sight through faith in Jesus Christ.



Afternoon Joint Reformation Service
October 31, 2010
Redeemer Ev. Lutheran Church
St. Croix, Fall, WI

Other Worship Opportunities

If you are unable to attend either Trinity’s Wednesday or Sunday services of worship, note the following opportunities: Thursday worship 7:30 p.m. at Zion, East Farmington, and Saturday worship, 5:00 p.m. at Salem, Stillwater. **God’s love for us in Christ leads us to value weekly worship—no other event of the week matters as much to us as the opportunity to come into the Father’s house, receive his saving Word, and praise his holy name.**



“Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord.”

Ever since Pentecost, Christians have brought to their worship of the Lord music sung by choirs or played on **various instruments to add to the Church’s praise of the Lord Jesus.** Services in October will focus on the **privilege of being servants in God’s Kingdom and a celebration of the Lutheran Reformation.** You will have special opportunities to learn choir music or offer your instrument abilities to these services. Say with the apostles Paul and Peter, **“All that I am and have is by the grace of God. To him by the glory.”**

Adult Choir Rehearsal: Thursday, October 7, 7 p.m.
Thursday, October 21, 7 p.m.

Reaching Out with the Gospel

- ◆ **“I Have Some Good News for You!”** - Invite friends to join you in attending this Bible Study Course that covers the teachings of Jesus Christ that lead to eternal salvation.
Sunday, 9:25 a.m., Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.
- ◆ **The Mission Awareness Committee** meets Saturday, October 9, 11:30 a.m. Do you have mission spirit and a care for the spiritually lost of the world? Would you like to help promote support for mission work in our congregation? Please come!



Jesus Cares Ministries
Where the Care of the Soul is the Soul of Care®

God makes the messages simply beautiful. We make the learning beautifully simple. Simplified church services for the developmentally disabled are our common goal. 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, to provide spiritual training.** Our next gathering will be held on October 9th at 10:00 a.m.



College Companion

Would you consider volunteering to be a College Companion to one of our Trinity members who are attending college? We know that the young people away from home will greatly appreciate this friendship. The purpose of the College Companion is to keep our students encouraged in their faith and connected to Trinity Church.

You will find a sign up sheet in the narthex with a list of student names. Sign up for a student and pick up a packet with the student's name with some suggestions and the student's address and phone number. If you were a companion last year you are welcome to once again sign up for that student.

Search the Scriptures & Grow in God's Grace

Opportunities for Bible Study



- ◆ **Sunday, 9:25 a.m. Adult Bible Study**
“I Have Some Good News for You!”
This course reviews the main teaching of Jesus Christ that lead to eternal salvation and equip the believers for lives of service to their Lord and Savior.
- ◆ **Tuesday Women's Bible Class—7:00 p.m.**
The Women's Bible Study will begin October 5th. Topic: “Heirs Together”
- ◆ **Wednesday Morning Bible Class - 10:30 a.m.**
“The Life of David”
- ◆ **Wednesday Evening Bible Class—7:00 p.m.**
(Lesson is same as Sunday morning)
- ◆ **Sunday school, 9:15 a.m.—for children ages Pre-K-8th grade.**
See the display table of gifts the children may save up for through their attendance at Sunday school.
A gift Bible from the church will be presented to all 4th graders, and a Children's Bible to all preschool children on Sunday, October 17th.
- ◆ **Catechism—Wednesday, 3:45 p.m.**
- ◆ **The Inner Court—Sunday Bible Study for high school youth, at 9:15 a.m.**

Church Library

Check out a book or CD for spiritual growth. Our records show some materials were checked out quite a while ago and not yet returned. Please check if you have any overdue materials.




“Go By Grace”

Tuesdays, 7:00 p.m.
October 5 & 12

Something New: For Congregation leaders and others interested in growing in faith and the growth of our church

Opportunities for Fellowship

- ◆ Each Sunday God gives you opportunity to gather with your fellow believers and grow closer to each in Christian love. Take time after service to talk with your fellow members, learn of their lives, and share mutual support in faith and care.
- ◆ **The fourth Sunday of each month is our “Trinity Connection”** Sunday where we receive updates on our church and mission life and hear of ways to serve our Lord with our abilities and time. Our fellowship time in the Fellowship Hall is expanded on the 4th Sunday to allow for further **conversation in Christ and our mission as God’s people.**



The Church Council will provide a brunch on October 24th between services for an extended fellowship time.

Women’s Fall Fellowship

Ladies Guild of Hudson invites the women of Trinity to join them for fellowship and a Bible Study on sharing your faith. Pat Schlosser, a RN from Menomonie will present her experiences of sharing her faith during times of disaster. Saturday, October 16, 9:15 a.m.—11:30 a.m. at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Hudson. See copies of this notice on the narthex display table.

Serving Jesus with our Gifts & Talents

Serve the Lord with gladness!

Income and expenditure information for August and year to date..

BUDGET UPDATE

	<u>Last Month</u>	<u>Year To Date</u>
Income	\$18,083	\$33,219
Expenses:	\$15,446	\$29,571

Pray for our members in the service:

Mike Beck stationed in Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri and Gregg Traylor.

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.



“Befriend a Mission”

Home Mission: Pastor Aaron & Abbie Strong
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Las Vegas, NV 89131

World Mission: Ronald & Karen Baerbock
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The Shepherd Visits the Sheep

Pastor Mark Kock continues with his every-member visits. He looks forward to visiting with each of you, to learn of your lives and concerns and share the encouragement of Christ.

