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“Vespers” – that’s the church’s name for “evening service.” At times during the year, Trinity offers an evening service that includes prayer, praise, and the Word; for example, Advent and Lent Wednesday services. But the Lord gives us the privilege of closing each day of our lives with “Vespers,” with evening prayer, praise, and the Word. I urge you to make it your daily practice, before retiring for sleep to set aside a few minutes for closing devotion with your Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Here are some suggestions for such a devotion:

“In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Let my prayers be set before you as incense, and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

O Lord God, all my life is your gift to me, and to you I now humbly bring this day that is soon to close. I present to you my thanks for making me your own, redeeming me by the blood of your Son Jesus, baptizing me into your holy family, and giving me this day to live for you. I thank you for protecting me through dangers and guarding me from evil.

Lord, I confess to you with deep humility my sins of today. I often forgot my high calling as your child. I served myself instead of you and my neighbor. I failed to do all that you commanded me to do. I am an unworthy servant; yes, for my sins, I don’t deserve to be called your child. But I know you as the merciful Lord, and I ask that you forgive me my sins for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ and his suffering and death on the cross that atoned for my sins and the sins of the world. I also pray that your grace and forgiveness strengthen me for tomorrow, so that with firmer resolve I live that day for you.

I offer you my heart and life, O Lord. Cleanse it of all sin and pour your Holy Spirit within. Increase my trust in you and my love to you, my family, and neighbors.

Let your faithful love be the light that guards me through the night.

Dear Lord, I commit my loved ones into your keeping. Let your holy angels stand guard over them; defend them from the evil one.

In your grace, and in Christ Jesus my Savior, I am ready for your coming.

I will lay me down in peace and sleep, for it is you only, Lord, who makes me dwell in safety. Amen.”

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.
- **Pies Wanted!** The Osceola Fair is drawing near. Zion church is again having their pie and ice-cream stand at the fair September 5, 6 and 7. Please help by baking a pie or two. **No Cream Pies.** Sign up on the sheet on the counter in the narthex. The profit will be donated to the new ambulance building.. If you are able to work at the booth or have further questions, please call Jackie Stelter at 294-3487 or Iris Bierbrauer at 294-3674.
- **Christian Life Ministries:** Help is needed in the Mission Wearhouse Thriftstore, as well as with counseling, hotlining, switching, mentoring and more. Contact Cheryl Tembruell at 651-649-3538 or welsflttcc@usfamily.net.
- **The Library of Congress**, in cooperation with the **Wisconsin Regional Library for the Blind & Physically Handicapped**, provides Braille and recorded books for Wisconsin residents who are visually or physically handicapped. With more than 60,000 book titles available in recorded formats, the FREE program is able to provide a range of books similar to that in any public library collection. The program also offers recordings of 46 national magazines such as Good Housekeeping, National Geographic, People, Sports Illustrated and U.S. News & World Report. Please call 800/242-8822 for more information.
- **Reliable Drivers Needed Weekdays:** Share your time, Make a difference. Help your neighbors maintain their independence in Polk County. Elderly and adults living with disabilities need: transport to appointments; help with shopping and errands; rides for chemo & radiation. Orientation will be held on September 23 from 10:00-12:00 noon at their office in Balsam Lake, 215 Main Street. If you have further questions, contact Interfaith Caregivers @ 483-9263.
- Please keep supporting our **Osceola Food Shelf!** Bring your donation to the church and we'll get them to the food shelf.
- **Christian Life Ministries** are once again offering a dinner boat cruise Sunday, September 21, 2008—5:00—8:30 pm. Tickets are \$40 per person for cruise and dinner. This year the cruise is on the Jonathan Padelford, which leaves from 100 Yacht Club Rd. on Harriet Island in St. Paul. For more information call (651)649,3538. Hurry! Space is limited.

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



Our Life of Worship at Trinity

September Highlights:

- ◆ **Fall Worship Schedule** begins on September 7th. Worship will resume at 8:00 am and 10:30 am with fellowship following each worship service.
- ◆ **Wednesday Evening Praise and Bible Study**, 7:00 pm. A brief order of service of prayer and praise with a special focus on Bible Study. The Bible Study for September: **“From Promise to Glory—an Overview of the Scripture’s History of Salvation.”**

“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, with gratitude in your hearts to God.”

Colossians 3:16

- ◆ **Worship Choir** begins Thursday, September 25 at 7:00 pm. It is open to those who’ve sung in the past and to those who’ve never sung before, to young and old. The purpose of the Choir is to glorify God by bringing to our worship hymns, liturgical songs, and chorales sung to praise the Lord our Creator and Redeemer and to assist worshipers in lifting up their hearts with joy to the Lord. The choir sings a variety of music—traditional hymns in alternate settings, new contemporary songs, psalms, songs that include a children’s choir, song with instruments, gospel music, and more. **“It is good to give thanks to the Lord and to praise his holy name.”**



Evangelism: Reaching Out with the Gospel

- ◆ **Osceola Fairbooth**—Once again, we will have a fairbooth at the Osceola fair, September 5-7th. We hope to meet fairgoers, put a face to our congregation that smiles and is willing to talk about our wonderful faith in Christ, and offer free materials that can be a blessing to people. Stop by. How about taking an hour or two of the fair week and helping out? Rachel Hoverman is coordinating our fairbooth and would be glad to hear of your interest to help.
- ◆ **Good News 4U**—Pastor Kock will be offering an 8-week course on the teachings of Scripture that gives an overall presentation of the good news of salvation. He particularly invites Sunday school parents to come—they **send their children to Sunday school because they believe God’s Word is good for them; parents, too, need to know God’s Word. If you are not attending a Bible Study at Trinity, come to this one.** It begins on Monday, September 15 at 7:00 pm.
- ◆ The total number of abortions performed since 1973 is greater than the current population of California. Today, about 25% of all pregnant women choose to end the life of their unborn child through abortion. We have our work cut out for us! God has called you to shine the light of his Truth that declares all life sacred. Testify at every opportunity concerning life—that in Jesus Christ there is forgiveness for sin, baptism for our babies, and new life for all who live under the guidance of Him who died and rose for us.



We Grow Together in God's Word



- ◆ **Sunday School at Trinity Lutheran Church** begins September 7 at 9:15 am. We offer classes for all children of preschool through 8th grade. Under the guidance of a caring teacher, children learn of Jesus the Savior, and of God's love for the world. They learn to open their hearts with love to their Lord and to each other. For more information about our Sunday school or church, call Pastor Mark Kock at 294-2828, or Sunday school Director Jake Hoverman, at 755-2762.
- ◆ **All Sunday School and Inner Court teachers** will be installed at the 8:00 am worship service on September 7th.
- ◆ **High School Youth:** Inner Court is a fellowship and Bible study for High School youth, begins Sunday, September 7, 9:15 am. Get ready for a new year of growing in Christ and in your faith, learning how to walk your faith in your daily life, and discovering new ways to serve in God's world.
- ◆ **Adult Bible Classes at Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church:**
 Sunday, 9:20 am. Topic: "Fifth Pew from the Front: Someone's Sitting in my Pew!"
 Tuesday Women's Bible Class, 7:00 pm—Study on Angels
 Wednesday Bible Class 10:30 am—"Putting your Faith into Practice"
 7:00 pm—"From Promise to Glory: An overview of Scripture's History of Salvation."
- ◆ **Catechism Classes** being Wednesday, September 3rd.
 1st year Class—3:45 pm 2nd year Class—5:45 pm
- ◆ **Bethany Lutheran College** is a four year liberal arts college in Mankato, MN, that is affiliated with the Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS) - a sister synod in fellowship with the WELS. Contact their Web Site at www.BLC.edu

Opportunities for Fellowship at Trinity



- ◆ **Brothers:** All men of Confirmation age and up are invited to the Men's Breakfast, Saturday, September 20 at 8:30 am. Enjoy good food, great company, and study in God's Word.
 - ◆ **Pray for our members in the service:** Mike Beck (currently stationed in Japan)
- Pray for your fellow members who are shut-ins, hospitalized, or struggling with illness or other matters. Rejoice in the blessing of health, family work, and accomplishment that the Lord gives your brothers and sisters.

Jesus Cares Ministry

- ◆ The mission statement of Jesus Cares **Ministries** is **“In Christ’s love** our mission is to assist congregations in meeting their responsibility to share the Gospel with people who have a developmental disability, their families and their communities.” On August 16th we gathered for our second Bible class. Pastor led a simplified service using symbols, songs and rhythm instruments and a lesson on sin and grace, by Doris Martinson. Our next gathering will be held on September 20th. There are other people with developmental disabilities in our communities who **need to hear about Jesus’ love for them. They need us to put our love into action.** The joy of volunteering for such a program can be fully realized only when one personally witnesses. No words can truly express the feeling that those of us in attendance experienced. For as they learn about Jesus they can also teach us about love like that of Jesus – without hesitation, without fear, and letting their faith pour out. Pray for us as we learn more about this event and the possibilities of special needs in our congregation.

Lutheran Womens Mission Society

- ◆ Every Spring and fall we have a rally that includes a featured speaker. Many people find this to be an awesome part of our rally. This organization allows us to focus on missions both here and far away. As mission-minded women, you and I have mission opportunities everyday. God wants us to make disciples of all nations, and these nations are in our **backyard too. Do what God has commanded us to do, which is to “Go, tell.” Anyone is welcome to attend these rallies so please consider joining us in Prescott on October 11th for our fall rally.**

Come Chat with 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. Enjoy some coffee, pop, and cookies. No appointment necessary. Just stop by:



Pastor’s Day: Saturday, September 20



Serving Jesus with our Gifts and Talents



Serve the Lord with Gladness!

God’s love for us in his Son Jesus opens our hearts to gladly give offerings of our time and treasures to the praise of his holy name.

Income and expenditure information for July:

	BUDGET UPDATE	
	<u>Last Month</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Income:	\$16,381	\$16,381
Expenses:	\$18,041	\$18,041

We thank the Lord for inspiring us to give cheerful offerings to his Church.

Reminder: The goal of the church is to receive monthly offerings of \$18,333.00. **We pray that the Lord’s grace will cause our hearts to overflow with generous** donations of our time and offerings so that his saving Word may continue to be proclaimed.

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.

People News



- ◆ Received Bill Johnson and daughter Emily via transfer from another WELS church.
- ◆ Received Ron and Tonya Feidt and children Devin, Rebecca, Samantha and Ethan by Profession of Faith.





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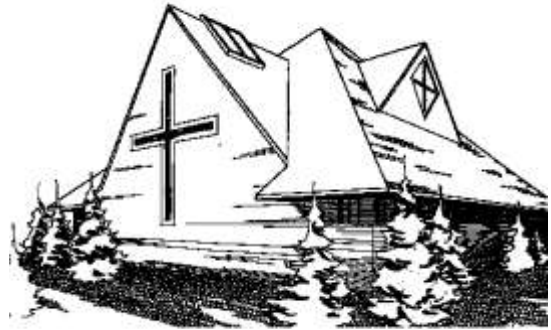
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Special Dates!

- **Women's Bible Study, Tuesday evenings, 7:00 pm in the church library**
- Confirmation begin September 3—7th Grade at 3:45 & 8th Grade at 5:45 pm
- Wednesday Worship/Bible Study, begins September 3, 7:00 pm.
- Osceola Fair September 5, 6, 7
- Sunday School begins September 7 at 9:15 am
- Good News 4U 8-week course Bible Study begins Monday, Sept. 15, 7:00 pm
- Ladies Aid on September 18 at noon
- Quilting—Mondays at 1:00 pm
- **Men's Breakfast, September 20, 8:30 am.**
- Jesus Cares Ministries, September 20th



Membership Information

In order to keep our membership information up to date, we are asking for the current changes and or additions for your household:

- Birthdays and anniversaries if we do not have them.
- E-mail addresses if we do not have them or if it has changed recently.
- **College student's addresses—just a reminder if they haven't sent them to us yet.**

Thank you for taking the time to update this information for our records.