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# Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church



**“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

*“Come now, let us reason together,” says the Lord. “Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow. Though they are red like crimson, they shall be like wool.”* Isaiah 1:18

## The Church’s Coloring Book

**It’s time to make a coloring book. Do you have any children around to join you? You need five sheets of paper, each of a different color. Ready?**

The first page is black, a reminder that our hearts and lives have been darkened by sin and that death is what we deserve for our disobedient lives.

The next page is red, which tells us that the blood of Jesus has washed away all our sins. His blood flowed from his sacred veins, while hanging on the cross of Calvary, and flows to you, to me, to all.

The third page is white. We are clean and spotless before God through faith in Jesus Christ who rose from the dead to be our living Savior.

The fourth page is gold. It reminds us of heaven and of the crown of eternal glory we will wear. Our ascended Lord Jesus promises us this!

The final page of this book of colors is green, representing the growing, new life that we have through the sanctifying work of the Holy Spirit in our lives by the Gospel. As grass and trees develop and bear fruit, we also find joy and direction in life through our Savior and the light of his Word.

Now take the five pages and staple them together, and there you have **the Church’s Coloring Book. Be sure to explain each page to your children, or keep a copy on the living room end-table as a conversation starter with friends. Color your world with the message of God’s saving grace.**

Pastor Mark Kock

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## Miscellaneous News



### Food Shelf



Check out this website that offers a fresh approach to connecting people to Christianity, [www.WhatAboutJesus.com](http://www.WhatAboutJesus.com)

- 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 **Osceola Fair is drawing near**. Zion church is again having their pie and ice-cream stand. They would like us to help by **donating pies as we've done in the past. No cream pies!** The proceeds will be donated to the new ambulance building. Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex if you can bring pies or would like to help in the stand. Bring your pies to the Zion pie stand on Friday or Saturday, September 11 & 12. If you have further questions, contact Jackie Stelter at 294-3487 or Iris Bierbrauer at 294-3674.
- **Christian Life Ministries:** Help is needed in the Mission Warehouse Thrift store, as well as with counseling, hot lining, switching, mentoring and more. Contact Cheryl Tembruell at 651-649-3538 or [welslftcc@usfamily.net](mailto:welslftcc@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 9 and 23rd from 1:00—3:00 pm at their office in Balsam Lake, 215 Main Street. If you have further questions, contact Interfaith Caregivers @ 715-485-9500.
- Please keep supporting our **Osceola Food Shelf!** Bring your donation to the church and we'll get them to the food shelf.
- **E-Mail Address:** If you have a new e-mail address or have changed your e-mail, please notify the church office so we can keep our records up to date. Thank you!



## September Worship Highlights: Come let us worship the Lord!

### Worship Schedule:

- ◆ **Beginning September 13**, we return to our regular worship schedule of services at 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
- ◆ **Wednesday Evening:** Each Wednesday of September, Trinity offers an opportunity to gather for worship and growth in God's Word. Our Wednesday "Bread of Life" begins at 7:00 p.m.
- ◆ **September 13**—Installation of Sunday School and Inner Court Teachers
- ◆ **September 20**—Presentation of all Catechism Youth



### Evangelism: Reaching Out with the Gospel

- ◆ **Osceola Community Fair:** Serve at our Church's Fair booth. Greet the people, hand out materials, and put a face to our church's mission to serve people with the good news of Jesus Christ. See the sign up sheet in the narthex to indicate which hours of September 11, 12 or 13 you'd like to serve.
- ◆ **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.** Our next gathering will be held on September 12th. There are other people with developmental disabilities in our communities who need to hear about Jesus' love for them and become part of a faith community. They need us to put our love into action. 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. All are welcome to join us.
- ◆ **Old Meditations:** If you have copies of old Meditations that you no longer need, we are asking if you would bring them to church to be used to serve inmates of our US penal institutions.



## We Grow Together in God's Word—Search the Scriptures



- 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.

**Tuesday Women's Bible Class, 7:00 p.m.**

Wednesday Bible Class, 10:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

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



- Sunday School at Trinity Lutheran Church for children of pre-K through 8th grade begins September 13. Parents, be sure to check out the narthex registration table and update information on your child. Each child may take home a free gift. Be sure to take a few flyers with you to pass out to friends with an invitation to join in Sunday school. 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 for 7th and 8th grade youth begins Wednesday, September 9 at 3:45 p.m. Pastor Kock has important information to share with all parents in preparation for this year's study. If you did not attend the August 30 presentation at church, be sure to contact him.



- The Inner Court— Sunday Bible Study for high school youth. The Inner Court starts September 13 at 9:20 a.m. All high school youth of Trinity are invited to make Inner Court a weekly part of their life. You gather with friends to grow in faith, to discuss living your faith in your world, and to plan other events that serve God's people.

## Serving Jesus with our Gifts and Talents

### Serve the Lord with Gladness!



#### BUDGET UPDATE

	<u>Last Month</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Income:	\$16,342	\$16,342
Expenses:	\$14,967	\$14,967

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

## Opportunities for Fellowship at Trinity

- ◆ **A “Special Thanks”** to all who planned the church campout and outdoor picnic on August 23 and 23.
- ◆ **Brothers: All men of Confirmation age and up are invited to the Men’s Breakfast, Saturday, September 19 at 8:30 a.m.** Enjoy good food , great company and study in God’s Word.
- ◆ **LWM (Lutheran Women’s 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 every day. We need to go and tell of his truth and love to the world. 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 Shoreview for our October rally.,** We are now collecting monies for our fall mission box offering. The boxes are located on the table in the narthex.
- ◆ **“Befriend a Mission” Pray for out “Befriend a Mission”**

Home Mission:            Pastor Aaron and Abbie Strong  
6936 Brier Creek Lane  
Las Vegas, NV 89131

World Mission, Mexico:  
Ronald & Karen Baerbock  
PO Box 43683



## Pray for Our Members

- ◆ 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.





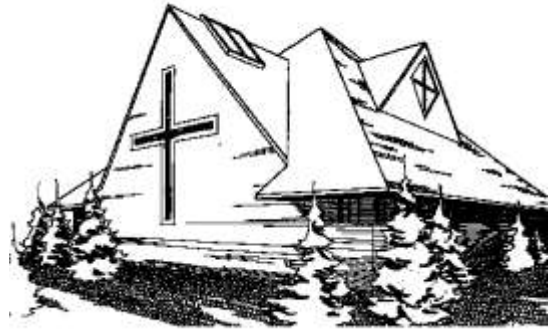
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### 2009 Trinity Church Council Members:

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### 2009 Board of Elders:

Jim Brown                                      Kevin Rogers

## Special Dates!

September 1—Sunday School Teachers Meeting 7:00 p.m.  
September 7—Labor Day  
September 11, 12, & 13 Osceola Fair booth  
September 12—Jesus Cares Ministry, 10:00 a.m.  
September 13—Sunday School & Inner Court begin  
September 13—Installation of Sunday school & Inner Court Teachers  
September 15—**Pastor's Conference in Almena**  
September 17—Ladies Aid—noon  
September 19—**Men's Breakfast, 8:30 a.m.**  
September 20—Presentation of all Catechism Youth



## 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.**

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