

April 2019

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church



What's New?

2 Corinthians 5:17 - "If anyone is in Christ, he is a **new** creation. The old has **gone**, the new has come."

Dear Members of Trinity,

"I need something **new** in my life," the woman said to her hairdresser. And two hours later, she emerged from the beauty salon with shorter hair, lighter color, and a readjusted outlook on life. This woman's need is basically the same as everyone's need. She was looking for something **new, different, and refreshing**. Over the years, the desire for **newness** has prompted people to make a change in their **career**, in their **hobbies**, in their **homes**, or even in their **friends**. When we ask someone, "What's **new**?" we hope they will tell us something we don't already **know** - something that will **fascinate** us, even if it's only for a moment or two. Newness is the universal antidote for **boredom**.

Maybe that's why **springtime** is so important to so many people - especially here in the colder regions of our nation. There are so many **new** things that happen in the **spring** of the year. Catalogs flash new **fashions**, tender green **shoots** promise to bring the flowers and plants which we haven't seen for a while. **Baseball** begins, and brings with it the hope of a successful season for the Milwaukee Brewers and the Minnesota Twins. But the problem is, nothing **stays** new. Colors **fade**, flowers **wither**, hair **grays** or **falls out**, metal **rusts**, and technology becomes **outdated**. Ironically in the end, the only thing which really remains new is our **desire** and **search** for newness itself

This quest for newness can be **frustrating**. But it can also help to direct us as we reflect on our **purpose** and **objectives**. As stated in Article 3 of our congregation's constitution, our congregation's **Mission Statement** reads:

The continuing purpose of this congregation, as a gathering of Christians, is to serve all people in God's world with the gospel of Jesus Christ on the basis of the Holy Scriptures (Matthew 28:18-20). The primary objectives of this congregation shall be:

- To proclaim the law and the gospel, to lead sinners to repentance and faith in Jesus Christ for life and salvation (2 Timothy 4:2; Luke 24:26-48).
- To strengthen believers in faith and sanctification through the means of grace (Romans 10:17).
- To equip believers as disciples, stewards and witnesses for sharing the gospel of Jesus with our fellow men (Ephesians 4:11,12).

This is the **purpose** for which our congregation **exists**. And these are the reasons we as **individuals** belong to this congregation. In order to keep our purpose **fresh** and **new** in our minds, it needs to be **repeated** often. With the **busyness** of life, things like these are so **easy** for us to **push off** to the side and **forget**. So, take a few moments to read through Trinity's mission statement and objectives again. Consider where **you fit** in the purpose of our congregation. Find your **niche**, and use your talents to **glorify God** with your life. There is no reason for **inactivity** or **boredom**. As our text says, "If anyone is in Christ, he is a **new** creation. The old has **gone**, the new has come."

The **newness** that comes from having Jesus Christ in our lives is unlike any other. The better we know our **Savior**, the **deeper** our relationship with Him becomes. With a growing knowledge of His **love, wisdom, and power** we receive **joy** which is **new** every day. Jesus is a **Friend** who keeps revealing new **compassion** for our pain, new **strength** for our weaknesses, and new **courage** for our fears. He is our **Savior** who offers new **forgiveness** every time we sin, no matter how **great** the offenses, or how **often** we have committed them. Join us every week in **worship** and **Bible study**, where we'll continue to find the **Good News** that **stays** new. And by the way, bring your **friends** too!

In Christ,
Pastor Rosenow



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Jesus Cares helps those in our community that have problems with communication. If we could not hear or speak we would be regularly ignored. These people assume that people don't care about them or their opinions. Put your tongue on the roof of your mouth and try to say something. The words you speak may be unintelligible to others. Imagine if you had to spend all day long trying to communicate that way. Those around you, and yourself would become frustrated.

This is the life of some of our participants. One way to help them is by using basic pictures.

Last month we shared the lesson of "The Three Women" with 7 participants and their caretakers. Please join us this month, **April 13**, where we will share the lesson "Jesus Is Alive"



Maundy Thursday—April 18

Worship at 7 pm with Holy Communion

Good Friday—April 19

Worship at 7 pm

Easter Sunday—April 21

Sunrise Worship at 6:30 am

Easter Breakfast: 7:15-8:45 am*

Worship/Holy Communion at 9 am

***Boys (5th—12th grade) and men willing to help with the Easter Breakfast are welcome. Sign-up sheet is located on narthex table. Any further questions, see Kevin Rogers. Thanks!**

Christian Education

- ◆ **Sunday Adult Bible Class, Sunday, 10:30 am**
Topic: Book of Acts
- ◆ **Sunday School** for children Pre-K through 8th grade, Sunday, 10:15 am
- ◆ **High School Youth** "Inner Court," Sunday, 10:15
- ◆ **Women's Bible Study**, Tuesday, 7 p.m.
Topic: "To the Ends of the Earth" Through studying one of Paul's mission journeys, we see God's powerful activity of bringing even the most unlikely people to faith in him.
- ◆ **Thursday Ladies Bible Study**, 10 am
Topic: "Book of Leviticus."
- ◆ **Catechism Class**: 7th/8th grades, Wed. 5:30 pm
- ◆ **Men's Breakfast Bible Class**, 8 am. We will not meet in April. Our next Bible Study will be May 18th at Zion Lutheran Church.



The highlight of our week is to come into the Father's house, receive his saving Word, and praise his holy name.

Weekly Worship Schedule:

- ◆ Sunday Service, 9 a.m.
- ◆ Wednesday, 7 p.m.



Mission of the Month April 2019

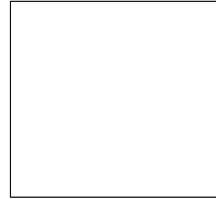
Our Mission for the Month of April is the **Lutheran Institutional Ministry Association (LIMA)**. LIMA exists to serve men, women, and children with the comforting truths of God's Word as they are visiting or institutionalized in hospitals, nursing homes, and correctional facilities in Minnesota. LIMA also assists campus ministries in guiding and serving college students during their formative years of higher education.

LIMA chaplains regularly visit the Mayo Clinic hospitals in Rochester, MN and the Twin Cities, bringing God's comforting Word and sacrament to patients and their families. Our Lord and Savior is always with us - guarding, protecting, and encouraging. His love surrounds us and His hope comforts. LIMA chaplains enjoy every opportunity to share that love and hope.

Opportunities also exist to regularly proclaim the Gospel to the incarcerated at county jails and state prison facilities. They have a wealth of wonderful resources to use and can connect individuals and teams to appropriate training. LIMA aims to expand this aspect of their ministry, please keep this effort in your prayers. Check them out online at limawels.com.



Mark your calendars to join us for the LWMS, St. Croix Circuit Spring Rally. It will be held Saturday, April 27th at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church, 7070 Bovey Avenue, Inver Grove Heights. Our guest speakers are Pastors Moua and Bare, will talk about Hmong Outreach in Vietnam. Registration begins at 9:00 am and lunch will be served about 12:15. See the flier on the bulletin board for more information.



Help...Help Used Spring & Summer Clothing Needed

April is here! Again, the Ladies Aid is collecting usable spring & summer clothes for Northside Ministries (NM) in Milwaukee. NM operates a church in a poorer section of Milwaukee and on days distribute food and clothing, free to anyone who attends their Bible Class that day. Since food is also distributed...money to buy food is also acceptable.

The difference between the collection for NM and the clothing collected for Mission Wearhouse (Christian Life Ministries) is that Mission Wearhouse needs clothing in good saleable condition whereas NM needs not perfect clothes, **but clean usable clothing suitable for warm weather**. The clothes can be for all ages and sizes. We have been asked if shoes are acceptable...yes, they are. Last fall, we had some bathroom towels donated and they were much appreciated.

The clothing may be left in the "storage" classroom or left at the office (Pastor said he would see that the clothing made its way to the classroom). The clothing will be taken to Milwaukee the first week



Trinity Spring Clean-up

Due to the late thaw of winter we plan to have the Spring clean-up on **Saturday, May 18**. There is work for everyone. We will be doing a variety of cleaning tasks. We need lots of help from children and adult alike. Your help is needed whether you can stay for an hour or until the jobs are done.

Don't hesitate; please come if you can. Contact John Schannach (612-845-2641) if you have questions. Beverages and snacks will be provided

Leadership & Kingdom-Work Assemblies

- **Congregation Open Forum Meeting**—April 14 at 10:30 am to receive budget and mission plans for July 1, 2019—June 30, 2020.
- **Quarterly Congregational Meeting**—April 28th at 10:30 am. We will be voting for the proposed budget and the open Council and Board Members.

Midweek Lenten Offering: For orphans in Haiti, the situation is bleak. Their homeland is the poorest nation in the western hemisphere. Haiti's 48% illiteracy rate dags down dreams of a better future. With a high incidence of AIDS, many children are infected from birth or lose their parents to the disease. The practice of Vodou permeates the culture and contributes to exploitation, terror, and despair. Because Haiti is 98% deforested and its surrounding reef is dead, fishing and farming are difficult and the island is subject to weather extremes and natural disasters. In 2010 Haiti was devastated by a severe earthquake followed by a cholera epidemic. An estimated quarter of a million people lost their lives and many children were orphaned. The situation is bleak—but far from hopeless. Today more than 650 children will experience hope in the Gospel, empowerment through literacy and the life-changing advantage of a Christ-centered education at Branch Lutheran Sxschools of Haiti. This year our Lenten Offerings from the Wednesday Lenten services will go to Branch Lutheran Schools of Haiti, Inc.



Spring Cleaning

The Ladies Aid has designated May 7 as the day to do the Spring cleaning of the church kitchen and fellowship hall.

We will start at 9 a.m. and everyone is invited to come and lighten the load. Please bring along a sack lunch, so we can enjoy some

Pray for Our Missionaries

Pray for our "Befriend a Mission" missionary

Pastor Philip & Christa Gurgel
Hispanic Minister at Trinity, Waukesha
418 Peters Drive
Waukesha, WI 53188



Rob & Judy Siirila
55 Beacon Hill Rd. Apt. 11/D
Kowloon Tong, Hong, Kong



Nominating Committee



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The Nominating Committee is looking for members to serve on our Church Council and Boards for the coming year. If you know of someone who would have an interest in serving, please contact a member of the Nominating Committee: Will Stob, Jake Hoverman, or Pastor Rosenow.

Key People for April



Fellowship:

- April 7—Jim & Corinne Rogers
- April 14— Tim & Leanne Stob
- April 21— Easter
- April 28— Nathan & Rachel Rixmann

Greeters:

- April 3—Eddie & Peggy Johnson (**Lent**)
- April 7—Jeff & Peggy Rydeen
- April 10—Jim & Corinne Rogers (**Lent**)
- April 14— Stephanie Brown
- April 18—Harold & Jean Brown **Maundy Thurs**
- April 19— Nate & Rachel Rixmann **Good Friday**
- April 21—Jake Hoverman, **Easter**
- April 28—JP & Amber Hoverman

Ushers: Team 2

- *Eric Martinson April 3 (**Lent**) - **Team 3**
- Chuck Martinson April 10 (**Lent**) -**Team 2**
- Mike Johnson April 18 (**Maundy Thurs.**) - **Team 1**
- Stuart Kuske April 19 (**Good Friday**) - **Team 2**
- Bob Jensen April 21 (**Easter Sunrise**) - **Team 3**
- * **Lead Usher**

- Communion:** April 7—Jo Jasperson
 April 18—Peggy Rydeen—(**Maundy Thursday**)

Birthdays for April



Betty Rogers	Apr. 6
Nicholas Pool	Apr. 7
William Pool	Apr. 10
Allison Stob	Apr. 12
Lucy Merila	Apr. 20
Stephanie Brown	Apr. 21
Mason Johnston	Apr. 22
Lester Mortenson	Apr. 23
Myra Bader	Apr. 24
Cheryl McCoy	Apr. 26
Willis Loney	Apr. 26
Randy Getschel	Apr. 27
Elisabeth Thurber	Apr. 29
Al Hubred	Apr. 29
Katie Hansen	Apr. 29

Anniversaries in April

Steve & Rita Link	Apr. 9
Bob & Irene Bantz	Apr. 19
Doug & Linda Less	Apr. 21
Randy & Trudi Getschel	Apr. 25
Mike & Lynn Plaster	Apr. 30

Please Note: If we have missed your name for a birthday or anniversary, we apologize. Please call the church office at 715-294-2828 and we will make the correction. Thank you!

Serving Jesus with our Gifts & Talents

Serve the Lord with gladness!

Income and expenditure information February and for the Fiscal year.

Budget Update:

	<u>Last Month</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Income:	\$13,724	\$151,404
Expenses:	\$14,205	\$132,808

