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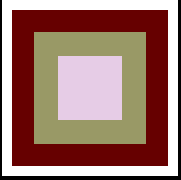


### JULY GREETER SCHEDULE

Thur.	July 2	7:00pm	Rich & Charlotte Zahrobsky
Sun.	July 5	9:00am	Jackie Wegner & Doris Dittmar
Thur.	July 9	7:00pm	Rich & Peggy Rahmlow
Sun.	July 12	9:00am	Jeff & Debbie McCarey
Thur.	July 16	7:00pm	Gerald & Doris Schnelle
Sun.	July 19	9:00am	Wendy Radder & family
Thur.	July 23	7:00pm	Dennis & Teresa Egerer
Sun.	July 26	9:00am	Dwayne & Brenda Beckmann
Thur.	July 30	7:00pm	Donald & Imie Fictum

### 2015 CHURCH COUNCIL

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# CHIMES



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*News and events of interest and importance from your brothers and sisters in the faith at Trinity.*

## WELS STATEMENT OF SUPREME COURT SAME-SEX MARRIAGE RULING



We are saddened that today the United States Supreme Court issued a ruling requiring all 50 states to allow same sex marriage. In its ruling the Court took the position that the right of same sex couples to be legally married is a right guaranteed by the Constitution.

Of course, even though the highest court in the land has changed the legal definition of marriage, it has not succeeded in changing the essence of the institution that was created by God and given by him as gift and blessing.

At this time, we do not know what all of the ramifications of this ruling will be for our congregations and schools. We will need to be looking at these issues carefully in the coming weeks, identifying the potential threats to our freedom to teach and practice our faith in keeping with God's Word, and providing advice and guidance to congregations as those threats become reality.

In the meantime, we pray:

Lord God, we are grieved that an institution of our government has taken an action which undermines the precious institution of marriage in our country. More important, it is an action which takes a wonderful gift that you created and distorts it into something you, the Giver, never intended. We pray today for our country, asking that you would have mercy on a nation that has once again ignored your Word and will. We pray for our churches and schools, asking that you would give them courage, wisdom,

and strength to continue to hold true to your teachings. And we ask that you would bless all the members of our synod with a continuing commitment to hold fast to the truth that you have taught us, no matter what kinds of pressure or temptations this sinful world places on us.

Above all, help us to continue to use Law and Gospel, not to change society or laws, but to change hearts. Use our faithful witness to bring others to true repentance and to find perfect healing and forgiveness at the foot of our Savior's cross.

As we live in these last days, Lord, we pray with believers of all time, "Come quickly, Lord Jesus!" Amen

You can read a [statement about marriage](#) recently sent to pastors to guide congregations as they address this new reality in our country.

*WELS President Mark Schroeder*

## SERMON SERIES

With the recent discussions regarding same-sex marriage, it is more important than ever for Christians to be clear about what the Bible says about marriage and related topics. While most of us are used to hearing sermons preached on the lessons for the week (known as lectionary preaching), there are times when topical preaching is important and appropriate.

In 2009 Pastor Laabs and Pastor Cares preached a series on such topics. In July, Pastor Laabs intends to repeat his sermons from that series. On July 12, the theme will be "Is Divorce Right or Wrong?" On July 19, the theme will be "What to Do About a POSSLQ." You will have to attend that week to be reminded what a POSSLQ is. The final sermon, July 26, will have the theme "God Settles the Battle of the Sexes."

Please plan to be there to be reminded from God's Word what his unchanging will really is. The sermons will be posted on the web site after they are preached.



## NEW TEACHER AT TRINITY



Trinity Lutheran School is welcoming a new teacher for the 2015-2016 school year. Miss Rachel Petermann accepted the call to teach 3rd and 4th grade and serve as our music coordinator for the upcoming school year. She moved to Kiel at the end of June and is excited to begin her ministry here.

Miss Petermann previously served at St. Marcus in Milwaukee where she taught kindergarten for several years. She brings an enthusiasm for reading and a love of music. We pray God blesses her service to us here at Trinity.

Mrs. Amanda Endorf will continue to teach 7th and 8th grade in the afternoons as a part time teacher. This position allows Mr. Glodowski to focus on his administrative responsibilities in the afternoon. We are happy to have Mrs. Endorf remain on our staff next year.

## SCRIP UPDATE

Our Scrip Program just paid out \$17,558 toward tuition for the 2015-2016 school year! Some families didn't have to make any tuition payment themselves. The Trinity Tech Committee is also in the process of increasing the computer supply for school. More of the curriculum is utilizing computers and this way they don't need to be shared. "This program has truly been a success!"



Support our School!

If you are a seasoned user of scrip and would like to get a little more computer savvy – in the school hallway Scrip Box, toward the back, is a packet of information for setting up an account in ShopwithScrip.com so that you can purchase and print your own scrip certificate. This would come in handy if you're shopping or you're shopping on-line and don't have any scrip on hand. The Scrip Program gets a notice of purchases and those dollars earned get added to your account.



### Bible Information Class

**BIBLE INFORMATION CLASS** Summer is a good time to look ahead to opportunities in the fall of the year. Last fall Trinity had a Bible information class of 14 people. As of mid-summer, all of those class members will be a part of the Trinity family as communicant members. Praise God for his goodness!

There are plans for another class in the fall of 2015. We will work through the book "Basic Bible Christianity" by Pastor Jon Buchholz. The class will be conducted during 10 consecutive weeks starting the week of September 13 and ending before Thanksgiving. The time and date will be determined by the class members, perhaps Wednesday or Thursday evenings at 6:30 p.m.



**VISIT WELS CHURCHES**



As you travel, take Jesus with you. Load a Bible onto your smartphone, take a devotion book in the glove box of the car or on your ereader. Check the [WELS locator](#) to find WELS or ELS congregations where you'll be visiting so you can be fed by Word and Sacrament even when away from home.

**WEDDING BELLS**



This month we see two weddings taking place at Trinity involving members of our congregation. On July 10, Ben Ruh and Jamie Hynek will be joined in marriage. Later this month, Kelsey Stevens will marry Silas Stuebs on July 25. We rejoice with these couples who are beginning their lives together and pray that God will bless their unions.

**JULY CHURCH EVENTS**

- July 1—Fun Day
- July 1—Outreach Committee
- July 3—Office Closed for Holiday
- July 12-16—Vacation Bible School
- July 27-30—WELS Synod Convent.
- July 28—Elders' Committee



**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

We would like to invite you to join us for our "Making Tracks" Vacation Bible School this summer. It will take place July 12-16th from 5:30-7:30 P.M. To enroll you can go to [www.trinitykiel.com](http://www.trinitykiel.com) and click on youth and children's ministry in the Church section or go to [goo.gl/PMNp9c](http://goo.gl/PMNp9c). You will also have the opportunity to sign up at the table in the narthex after church services or you can call the church office. It is open to children 3yrs to 4th grade. Please join us for train related Bible stories, games, and crafts. *Anyone who said they would furnish snacks for VBS can find a sign-up sheet on the counter in the church library. People that volunteered to distribute posters can find them in the back of church.*



**WELS CONVENTION** The 63rd biennial convention of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod will be held at Michigan Lutheran Seminary (MLS) in Saginaw, Mich., July 27-30, 2015. The theme is "One in Christ." The synod's first vice president, Rev. James Huebner, will present an essay on the theme.

During the convention, called workers and lay members will hear presentations, discuss issues, and make decisions related to the synod's work, including setting a ministry plan (budget) for the next biennium. Two offices to be filled by election are the synod president and second vice president, positions currently held by Rev. Mark Schroeder and Rev. Joel Voss, respectively. Both are eligible for re-election to another four-year term.

John Meiselwitz will represent Trinity at the convention. Congregations have the opportunity to send a delegate approximately every 12 years.