

# The JOURNEY — Walking Daily with Jesus

## PASTOR JACK'S COLUMN

Not long ago, I was asked by a student, "What is Lent?" By the look on her face, my simple response obviously didn't offer a satisfactory explanation. So, here goes a more formal description!

Lent is observed Ash Wednesday, March 6 this year, through its conclusion on Easter Sunday. A 40-day period, not counting Sundays. During Lent people usually give up something normally done in excess, or a bad habit such as smoking, drinking, swearing, social media, chocolate, etc. Participants use it as a time to be self-disciplined and self-reflective.

According to historians, a preparation of fasting was observed by the apostles in the first century for the annual celebration of our risen Savior. It was made an official practice of the ecumenical Christian church in 325 AD by the Council of Nicaea. Originally, Lent was used as a way to remind Christians of the value of repentance, similar to Old testament times of Daniel (Daniel 9:3) and Jeremiah (Jeremiah 6:26).

Some mistakenly view Lent as an opportunity to give something up in order to achieve God's blessing or favor. This is not Biblical. Self-discipline is excellent practice, and certainly encouraged in scripture, Proverbs 25:28 "A man without self-control is like a city broken into and left without walls." However, our Bible is clear that blessing and grace cannot be earned by any means. It is a gift. As it is written:

*"For no one will be justified in His sight by the works of the law because the knowledge of sin comes through the law. But now, apart from the law, God's righteousness has been revealed—attested by the Law and the Prophets—that is, God's righteousness through faith in Jesus Christ, to all who believe, since there is no distinction. For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. They are justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus."* Romans 3:20-24

The key to observing Lent is focus on repentance of sin and dedicating ourselves to God. Lent is not a time to boast of what we give up or how we're trying to earn God's favor. God's love for you could not be any greater than it already is!

May He continue to use you to bless others, and guide you through His Word!

Pastor Jack

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## JOURNEY IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF JESUS - ISRAEL PILGRIMAGE

### 2020

Call our office or contact Pastor Jack for details if interested. Below is the itinerary. This will be a life and faith changing experience! January 25-February 4, 2020. \$4500/person. \$500 deposit.

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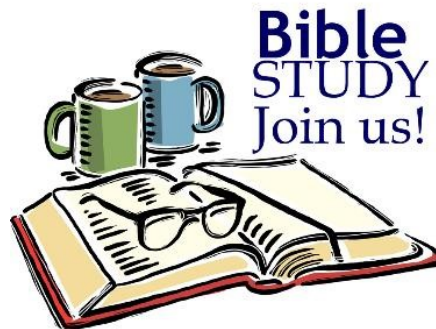
- **Saturday, Jan 25, 2020** Minneapolis-St. Paul Int'l Airport Departure
- **Sunday, Jan. 26, 2020** Morning arrival in Ben Gurion Airport. Elah Valley—David & Goliath. Negev & the Wilderness. Tel Beersheba. Overnight in Neg- ev.
- **Monday, Jan. 27** Masada. En Gedi Overview, Qumran of the Dead Sea Scrolls, Dead Sea, Jordan River— Joshua's Crossing & Baptismal. Over- night in Jericho.
- **Tuesday, Jan 28** Capernaum, Mt. Beati- tudes, Tel Dan, Caesarea Philippi, Boat Ride on Lake Galilee. Overnight in Gal- ilee.
- **Wednesday, Jan. 29** Mount Carmel, Caesarea, Megiddo/Armageddon, Naza- reth Village. Overnight in Galilee
- **Thursday, Jan 30** En Harod (Gideon's Spring), Samaria/Sebastae, Shechem (Nablus) & Jacob's Well, Shiloh. Over- night in Jerusalem.
- **Friday, Jan. 31** Israel Museum, Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial & Muse- um, Bethlehem, Sheperd's Field, Sab- bath Evening Meal. Overnight in Jerusa- lem.
- **Saturday, Feb 1** Mount of Olives, Gar- den of Gethsemane, Messianic Worship Service, Walk in the Old City. Overnight in Jerusalem.

- **Sunday, Feb 2** Mt. Zion & Jewish Quar- ter, Western Wall, Southern Wall Exca- vations/Davidson Museum, City of Da- vid (Hezekiah's Tunnel+Pool of Siloam), Temple of Mounth Sifting Project. Over- night in Jerusalem.
- **Monday, Feb 3** Garden Tomb, Jerusa- lem Seminary, Saxum Visitor Center, Yad HaShmona Biblical Garden, Jerusa- lem Center for Bible Translators, Yad HaShmona for Closing Meal.
- **Tuesday, Feb 4** Early morning departure to USA.

## WOMEN'S MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY:

**All women:** Welcome to our Monday night Women's Bible Study! At 6:30 pm- 8:00 pm in Trinity room (choir room). We are current- ly studying the book of John. (**Bring your bible-** no need to purchase a study guide) Please call Barb Kleven at 715-834-9988 for details as to what chapters we're study- ing each week.

*Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth. 2 Timothy 2:15*



## WOMEN'S THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Marcia Kampf will continue leading the Thursday Morning Women's Bible Study on John. Please join us Thursday's mornings at 9:30 in the Trinity Room. If you wish to join this group and would like a study guide, please contact Marcia at 715-354-3048

## THURSDAY EVENING GROUP BI- BLE STUDY

We have put the study on Revelation on hold until after Easter. We will resume meeting on Thursday, April 25 at 6:30pm. Anyone is welcome to join us!

## LIBRARY CORNER

The table of books will take a vacation for the time being...hoping you will all venture into the library itself and see what is there. The cupboard with glass counter is all Luther and bible study. On the out- side wall under the window is reading for the youth. Also on the top of that case are cds and poetry books to lift your spirits. In the tall cabinet is wonderful reading for all...separated into male and female but not limited to. There are novels and biog- raphies and other reading joys. In the far cabinet are devotional and uplifting materi- als and many of the books you have seen on the book table throughout the win- ter. Enjoy all books etc. as long as you wish...share them with others...return them when finished.



**MISSIONS AND OUTREACH**

Missions & Outreach will continue to collect items for the Health Kits until Palm Sunday. As in years past, if you have health products that aren't on the list of needed kit items, the Food Pantry is more than happy to accept those items.

If you are in the area of the collection baskets, please take a few minutes to look at the large poster from Lutheran World Relief. There you will see a list of all the quilts and kits that are made, where they are shipped out of and where they are sent to. If you aren't familiar with the process, everything that Trinity makes is loaded on a semi in Rice Lake and then sent on to Minneapolis, MN. Contributions from us are added to all the other churches who donate, both in Wisconsin and Minnesota.

Outreach is just one more way to put others before us. *To live third!*

**HERE'S ARE THE TIEMS NEEDED**

- One light-weight bath-size towel (52"x27"), dark color recommended.
- Two bath-size bars of soap equaling 8 to 9 oz., any brand, in original wrapping.
- One adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging or a business-size envelope.
- One sturdy comb.
- One metal nail clippers (attached file optional.)

Don't enclose Kit or any of the its contents in plastic bags. Fold the towel in half. Place the rest of the items in the towel, fold and roll so nothing falls out, and secure with yarn, ribbon, string or rubber bands. A basket will be in the narthex until Sunday, April 7. Unlisted personal or health care items

that are donated will be given to the Food Pantry, as there is a need for such things there also.

**WOMEN OF TRINITY HAPPENINS'**

The Women of Trinity met for their monthly meeting on March 21<sup>st</sup>. We missed our February meeting because of a snowstorm and bad weather.

- ◇ Altar Guild person for March was Dianne Buxton
- ◇ Altar Guild person for April is Cindy Rubin
- ◇ Jeanne Dahlby, altar guild chairperson, will be looking for someone to be responsible for communion at the 8:30 summer church services.
- ◇ Prayer shawls continue to move out to comfort those in need. We will be following up those distributions with a card, expressing concern, and love.
- ◇ We will be serving the April 10<sup>th</sup> Lenten Meal. Lasagna, salad, garlic bread, and three desserts will be offered. Anyone willing to help, please contact Marcia Kampf.
- ◇ Discussion held on how our group can help others. In 2018 President Ginger



LaMotte set guidelines in place for 'Stepping Out' (to serve others). We will continue that venue

- ◇ and will be considering how we can continue to help those in our church and community.
- ◇ Benjamin's House in Rice Lake needs church organizations to help keep one of their gathering rooms supplied. Our group volunteered, and Carol Addington will be their contact for our organization.
- ◇ The Pregnancy Help Center in Rice Lake has purchased and moved into a house, staffed by two adults. The idea behind this is to teach young pregnant women basic skills they'll need as a mother, and offer ways for them to 'earn' points to buy the items they need for their babies. There's a dinner at Turtleback Golf Club on April 8<sup>th</sup> to raise awareness, and money for their project. We will make a second donation to that organization, and three women from Women of Trinity will be representatives at that dinner.

Our next meeting is Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. All women are invited to attend.

**NEXT MEETING OF . . .**

- **Birchwood Food Pantry Open..... 10:30 am, Apr 3, 8, 20, 22**
- **Worship & Music Team..... 9:30 am, Apr 1**
- **Mission & Outreach..... 10:00am, Apr 17**
- **Trinity Lutheran Church Women.....11:00 am, Apr 18**
- **Congregational Council ..... 6:30 pm, Apr 16**
- **Christian Life.....No Mtg in April**

### *Palm Sunday Breakfast*



The men of Trinity are planning to prepare and serve Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast on April 14, prior to worship service. But they need HELP!

**SO MEN OF TRINITY!!** If you would like to help cook, serve or clean up, please sign up at the Welcome Center. There will be a Free Will Offering with the funds going towards the Fellowship Hall basement repairs.

If you need more information, please call Kevin Sunderland at 715-418-0119 or Kyle Hubbard at 715-790-1401.

### There's Still Time!

#### **LILIES FOR EASTER**

Help beautify the Sanctuary for Easter, April 21.

Order a pot of white Lilies *In Memory of* or *In Honor of* a Loved One. Forms available at the Welcome Center. Cost is \$17 per pot.



**ORDER BY APRIL 12!**

#### **WORSHIP ASSISTANTS NEEDED!**

Worship Assistants for March are needed! Please see the sign-up sheet on the Welcome Center!

All Are Welcome!!!

## Trinity Lutheran Church Happenings for April

**Movie: Mel Gibson's  
The Passion of the Christ**  
April 10<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 PM

**Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast**  
Served by Men of Trinity  
April 14<sup>th</sup> @ 8:15 AM

**Maundy Thursday Service**  
(1<sup>st</sup> Communion Recognitions)  
April 18<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 PM

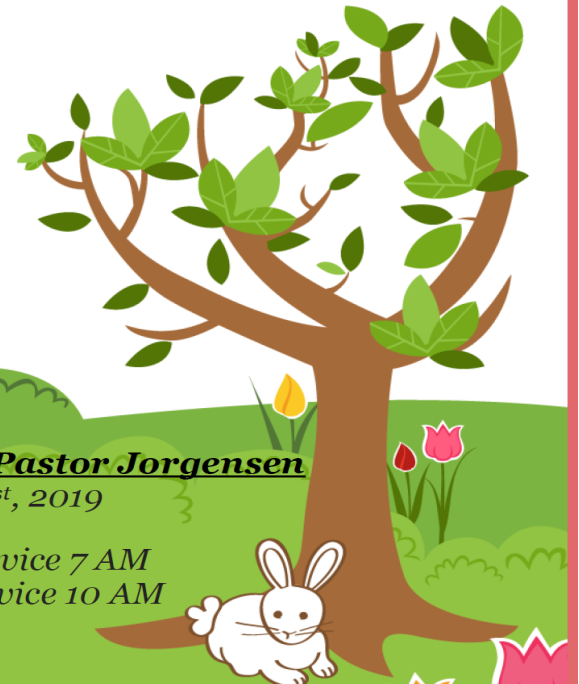
**Good Friday Shadow Drama**  
Performed by The Cross  
Youth and Confirmation  
April 19<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 PM

**Easter Service by Pastor Jorgensen**  
April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019

Sonrise Service 7 AM  
Regular Service 10 AM

*Egg Hunt following Easter Regular Service*  
*Hosted by Trinity Youth and Family*

**TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH 501 E CHETAC AVE, BIRCHWOOD, WI**



**THIRD WEDNESDAY SERVING AND/OR FELLOWSHIP**

On March 20th The Cross Youth Ministry brought fellowship to Elaine Yndestad, who is home bound but welcomed the youth and their mentor to come visit her for an hour and Kirk Kotel was picked up from his assisted living apartment in Rice Lake and brought to our church for the Lenten meal and service. The



Youth learned to extend the love of the Christian fellowship to those who otherwise might lose touch with the church and were blessed by their experience. Each resident also received a prayer shawl as a gift from Trinity Lutheran Church.

There will be not event in April as we will have our final dress rehearsal for the youth's shadow drama on April 17th.

**THIRD SUNDAY SERVING AND/OR FELLOWSHIP**

"Not Lucky, I'm Blessed!" welcomed all ages to join in the Fellowship Hall for a potluck lunch and t-shirts of their own making assisted by Trinity Youth and Family Ministry. Kids also had the opportunity to color and make their own trinity shamrocks. Thank you to all those who supported this event and all proceeds were donated to support The Youth Missions! Also a special thanks to Fellowship and Growth for providing the food for our Potluck meal and those who donated funds for the kids to make their own t-shirts.



**THE CROSS YOUTH AND CONFIRMATION**

All Youth interested in being part of the Shadow Drama on Good Friday MUST attend rehearsal on each Wednesday, starting March 27th through April 17th. Youth will also continue attending Lenten meals and services through April 10th, then perform their shadow drama April 19th, and pick back up on John chapter 10 and 11 Wednesday, April 27th at 5:15 p.m.



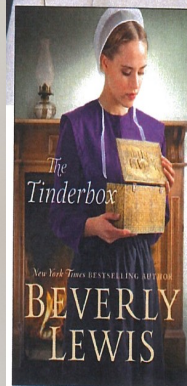
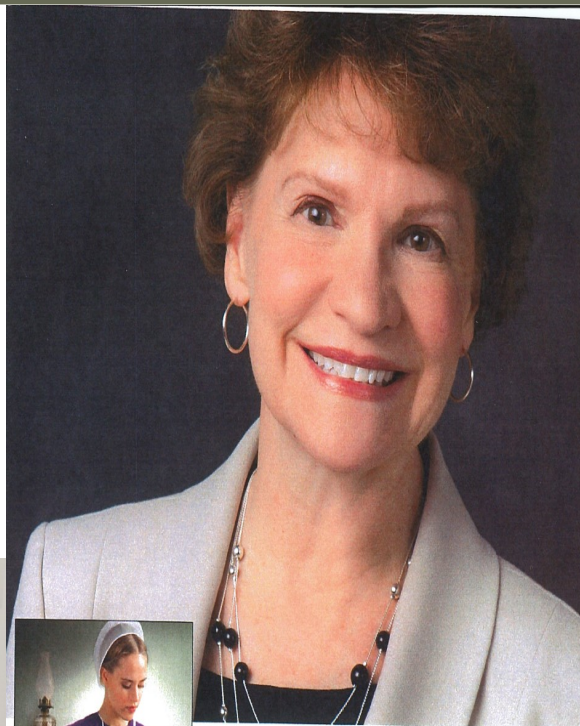
**SECOND SUNDAY SERVICE YOUTH ASSISTANCE**

Youth and family will be assisting with Palm Sunday as they will be handing out palm branches to parishioners as they enter the sanctuary. They will also assist with service as scheduled in April. If you any youth or family is unable to fill their important role please contact Ashley Beffa at 715-790-1491.



**YOUTH MISSION FUNDRAISER**

Please consider helping our youth's mission of bringing fellowship and serving others through events and retreats by ordering from our FIRST fundraiser Cards for a Cause! Check out their display in the Narthex and the youth's Walk By Faith Mural. There are five boxed sets of beautifully embellished cards with matching envelopes displayed and orders will be received through March 31st. \$30 per box of 30 cards, that's only \$1 per card! This is an exciting and generous fundraising program for each box sold \$14 is raised to support the Youth Missions! Check out our Facebook Event page for more details. Make checks payable to Trinity Lutheran Church to be turned into Ashley Beffa or Cindy Westphal.



Meet Bestselling Author  
**BEVERLY LEWIS!**

**BOOK SIGNING**  
Tuesday, April 9 • 7PM  
King's Way Bible and Gift  
711 S. Main St.  
Rice Lake, WI 54868  
715-234-2396

**RICE LAKE WOMEN'S CONNECTION BRUNCH**

RLWC Brunch will be Tuesday, April 16 at 9am at Lehman's. Special Speaker will be Bonnie Lutz of Ashby, Minnesota "Living Happily Ever After!" Special Feature "A Stitch In Time" by Sarah Haglund of Rice Lake will be demonstration counter cross stitching. Reservations are necessary and must be made by April 12. Please call Janelle Peterson at 715-458-3566. Cancellations essential and may be made up until 7am the morning of the Brunch.



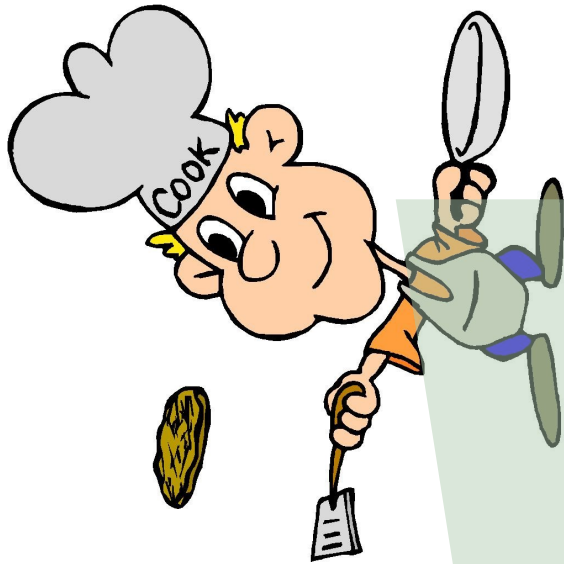
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| Jeremy Lobitz 4/2        | Marlys Poff 4/14      |
| Bill Lambrecht 4/3       | Amber Brantner 4/15   |
| Jeff Parenteau 4/3       | Brayden Anderson 4/17 |
| Louis DeVries 4/3        | Jody Anderson 4/17    |
| Aurora Kolodzinski 4/5   | Sharon Dhein 4/17     |
| Karisa Scribner 4/5      | Don Subrt 4/17        |
| Donna Soper 4/5          | Mary Webster 4/17     |
| Josh Brantner 4/7        | Jim Gronberg 4/21     |
| Douglas Matts 4/7        | Dave Webster 4/23     |
| David Dakins 4/9         | Chris Iverson 4/26    |
| Brittany Boumeester 4/10 | Selene Johnson 4/27   |
| Kaitlyn Roppe 4/10       | Eric Moline 4/29      |
| Todd Hogen 4/11          | Pat Brenn 4/30        |
| Stacie Deraitus 4/12     | Kris Gottwald 4/30    |
| Sterling Sweeney 4/12    |                       |
| Corbin Nordback 4/13     |                       |
| Mark Soper 4/13          |                       |
| Adam Anderson 4/14       |                       |
| Bradey Gottwald 4/14     |                       |





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**FORWARDING SERVICE  
 REQUESTED**



**Palm Sunday Breakfast  
 Fundraiser 8:15am**

Non-profit Org.  
 U.S. Postage  
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 Permit No. 3  
 Birchwood, WI  
 54817



# The JOURNEY APRIL 2019

**TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**Jack Jorgensen, Pastor**  
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Sunday School 10 am (Sept – May 21)  
 Office Hours 8 – 11:30 am, 12:30 - 3:00pm (M-Th)  
 Bulletin deadline 9 am Wednesdays  
 JOURNEY deadline Monday of 3<sup>rd</sup> week of the month

## SUNDAY WORSHIP THIS MONTH

- 4/07 – 10am Worship w/ Communion
- 4/14 – 10am Palm Sunday Worship w/ Communion (Youth Sunday)
- 4/21 – 7am Sunrise Service w/ Communion  
 10am Easter Service w/ Communion
- 4/28 – 10am Praise Worship w/ Communion

## KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Tom Allard	Art Johnson	Fred Peck
Vicki Busick	Eileen Koefler	Jean Petersen
Debbie Davis	Bill & Eunice Kuntz	Jim Pravda
Barb Fegan	Roy Kuula	Tom Reed
Annette Gentile	Bill & Joyce Lambrecht	Bill Rice
Dan Gowan	Rebecca Langham	Buddy Robotka
Laine Guttenberg	Ed Leader	Ro Sackmann
Ron Hartzell	Lora	Carter Sackmann
Andy Hedman	Leonard Nysted	Collette Sandow
McKel Heebink	Mary Nysted	Frank & Linda Starca
Becky Hunt	Betty Orsund	Cindy Schaan
Merlin Jahnke	Kathy Paquette	Timothy Wallace

**In the military:** Rigil & Randy Christensen, Rochelle & Alex Fabrizio, Eric Bebee, Tim Groth, John Hughes, Cody Davis, Bennett Jorgensen and all those serving in the military.