

The JOURNEY — Walking Daily with Jesus

From the Pastor's Desk:

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ:

"I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber. Behold, he who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade on your right hand. The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night. The Lord will keep you from all evil; the Lord will keep your life. The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore. (Psalm 121, ESV)

This has been a very busy summer here at Trinity. Many of us have been traveling, camping, and visiting friends and family. But there are some of us who are staying home, entertaining visitors who have travelled here to spend time in the woods, in the sun, and on the water. In our congregation alone, many brothers and sisters have faced life changing events in recent weeks.

There have been deaths, injuries, illnesses, job concerns, financial problems, just to mention a few. This time of year, which is supposed to be a time of relaxation and vacations, has become a time of great trial and anxiety for many. We are overwhelmed by the cares of this world.

As I pondered these things this morning, I recall the words of Psalm 121. I find that this Psalm brings more peace and assurance into my life in times of trial than any other Scripture.

Why? I believe that this Psalm brings peace and assurance because we can find the promises of Jesus throughout its words. In those times that we face trials, we can lift our eyes to the cross of Jesus on Mount Calvary. On that hill our Savior died for our sins. Because Jesus chose to do this for you and me, no matter what we might face on this day, we have the full assurance that God goes with us. He will not lose sight of us, no matter what challenge we might face. Our God does not slumber nor sleep. He is our keeper. He is our shield and protector. Christ alone will keep us whether we are coming or going, always.

Are you stressed, facing trials, feeling overwhelmed with everything that is going on in this world? Lift your up your eyes to the hills. See the cross of Jesus and recall His promises, especially the promise: *"I will never leave you nor forsake you"* (Hebrews 13:5). You do not travel this journey of life alone. Christ goes with you.

In Jesus' name, Pastor Dan

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You are the light of the world. Jesus tells us, *“You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead, they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house.”* Matthew 5:14-15

The picture I get here is a lighthouse sending out a beacon of light illuminating everything in the path of the light. Recently I saw an interview on the Today Show with freelance NBC photographer, Dave Zapata. The interview highlighted Dave's love and passion for photographing lighthouses at night. He described the light captured by digital photos going out from the beacon as God-like. The light Dave explained was the light source being focused, magnified and intensified by the Fresnel lens in the lighthouses. We are like the Fresnel lens magnifying and focusing Christ's light to those that don't know him. When Cyndi and myself lived in Brooklyn Center MN, a neighbor near our church told us that the church was like a beacon of light to the neighborhood. This was both a spiritual and physical light, it was how the church lived the gospel and shared it with others. At our leadership retreat there was talk about us becoming a beacon of light to one another and our communities. Verse 16 of Matthew 5, is something we hear at each baptism in the Church. *“In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.”*

How can we be the light of the world and glorify God in what we do? How can we show God's love, grace, peace, comfort and empathy to our world? We all need to work on this together.

Jenna Brooke Carlson wrote for The Crosswalk Devotional a podcast entitled, **4 Ways Christians Can Let Their Light Shine in a Very Dark World.** She said let's examine four ways that you can let your light shine, starting today.

1. Examine Your Heart- Wisely share your hurts and struggles with God or a trusted confidant. When our burdens are brought to the light, they can't hide anymore. The darkness flees, allowing us to be who we are and show that reality to others.
2. Be Authentic- We've all gone through trials. The façade of perfection can diminish the impact of our light since it's easy to see the rays when the sun is already out. Our light shines bright when we wisely share our struggles with others, showing it's possible to have hope amongst sorrow and hardship.
3. Encourage Others- One way to let your light shine is to be an encouragement to the world. Reach out to friends and family with a positive text or phone call. Slip a card in the mail or use your social media influence as a beacon of hope. Really listen to others. One way to encourage is to simply be there for one another and show we care.
- 4- Read the Word- When we read the Bible, we can immerse ourselves in God's rich words and illuminate them to others. When we show up as our authentic selves, we demonstrate to the world that light is possible in the darkness. We can ingest God's truth through his words and then share his brightness to encourage others. We have many opportunities to show our light here at TLC. We showed our light to youth and parents during Vacation Bible School. This experience for the kids might have change their lives forever. In conjunc-

tion with VBS, the Renew and Refresh Reunion Picnic brought together over 100 Congregational members, friends and families. What a joyful expression of our fellowship. Thanks to all who helped pulling these events off. There are many needs in our community. Coming alongside our friends and church family going through grief, aging and loneliness show our love and concern for them. Let's not leave anyone behind. Many of our flock have physical limitations and might need the assistance to do everyday activities and chores. The Men's Ministry of Trinity is trying to fill some of these needs. They are working on a process identifying things they can do and a procedure where those in need can request assistance. The women of our congregation have supplied meals and aid to those recovering from surgeries or illnesses. If you know of anyone going through hospitalization or is in need of help, contact the church office or myself. The most important part of giving people help is the opportunity to share Christ and his light. All this talk of light reminds me of the song I sang when I went to VBS. (A very long time ago). I've abridged the lyrics for impact

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. For you and me, Let it shine for you and me. I'm gonna let it shine, Everywhere I go.

Blessings and Peace. Jim McGraw

Aug WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

	Aug 7 (8:30 am)	Aug 7 (10:00am)	Aug 14 (8:30 am) Indoors	Aug 14 (10:00 am)	Aug 21 (8:30am)	Aug 21 (10:00am)	Aug 28 (8:30am)	Aug 28 (10:00am)
GREETERS	John & Janet Schieffer	Dan & Jackie Healy	NEED	Betty Blanch	Barb & Rolf Kleven	Brenda Mackey	Char & Wes Mohns	Terri Freeman
USHERS	↓	Mike Rubin LeRoy Brensel	NEED	Mike Capra Wally Thom	↓	Wally Thom LeRoy Brensel	↓	LeRoy Brensel Rob Freeman
COMM. ASSTS	↓	Dan Dahl	June Bibeau	Kathy Thom	↓	Pat Mackey	↓	Joanne Schilling
READER	Jim McGraw	Cindy Rubin	Kyle Hubbard	Carol Addington	Donnarae Carrell	Donnarae Carrell	Eric Anderson	Stacey Kolondzinski



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| Matt Jasper 8/1 | Zach Liermann 8/14 |
| Brent Anderson 8/1 | Kyle Scribner 8/14 |
| Andrew Flora 8/1 | John Schieffer 8/15 |
| Colleen Gindt 8/4 | Sharon Ivers 8/16 |
| Julane Boesen 8/6 | Marie Poulter 8/16 |
| Ron Nelson 8/6 | Mary Subrt 8/18 |
| Eric Seelnacht 8/6 | Marly Applebee 8/22 |
| Katelyn Bratvold 8/8 | Ken Krattiger 8/28 |
| Chris Suriano 8/11 | Shanna Darkow 8/29 |
| Ginny Hurckman 8/12 | Steve Janetski 8/29 |
| Skyler Robotka 8/13 | Rose Cutsforth 8/31 |
| Saige Buchholz 8/14 | Mark Larson 8/31 |
| Sandi David 8/14 | Angela Sweeney 8/31 |

The Trinity Choir and Praise Team are on hiatus for the summer. But if you would like to provide Special Music during the summer months, vocal or instrumental, please contact Joanne Schilling at 715-651-4875.

Pastor's New Contact Number
 I have a new telephone number! And it is a local number!! Pastors' emergency contact number is now 715-416-4966.
 In addition, I will be setting new office hours to allow for me to take advantage of additional congregational visitation opportunities. My plan is to be in the office:
 ✦ Monday: 8:00am-4:30 pm.
 ✦ Wednesdays and Thursdays, 8:00-11:30 am
 I am available outside of these officer hours as well by appointment. In Christ, Pastor Dan



Meeting

- NEXT MEETING OF . . .**
- Birchwood Food Pantry Open 10:30-12:30pm Aug 1, 15**
Worship & Music Team 10 am, Aug 8
Women of Trinity Aug 9, 6:30 pm
Trinity Council Meeting Aug 16, 6:30 pm
Men's Ministry of Trinity No Mtg in August

Men's Ministry of Trinity

Welcome to the days of summer, Cool, hot, warm, windy, let's just call it a summery mix. This is a busy time for all with picnics, camping, golf, vacations, family gathering and let's not forget time to worship the Lord. Men's ministry is taking time off from summer meetings in July and August. Hopefully by September things will slow down and the men can re-connect. But in the meantime, men, watch for e-mails from me. We still have outstanding projects and commitments pending and will be working on coordinating and formulating plans.

Projects like: The sidewalk to the main entrance, final placement and minor construction to the garage. These are a few of the things we will be involved in, so watch your email and of course the church bulletin.

I will be putting together a flip chart specifically on the garage project highlighting the remaining cost to complete the new storage area. I hope to get the flip chart put up in the narthex soon. Storage is at a premium and we have stuff stored in places where we didn't know we had places, and not so convenient. The end result will be a super place for storage and a venue for outdoor activities.

On July 27, we loaded all the VBS props and hauled them to First Lutheran in Rice Lake. When we opened the trailer at their church, they were pleasantly surprised at the number of things we had. Their VBS program is this next week and with the same theme. Joanne collaborated to share our VBS props. God is good.

As the Men's Ministry is currently in a hold pattern, that doesn't mean we can't be doing things. If there is a need, we can be of service. Please feel free to call me to discuss whatever you might need. We will do our best to accommodate. My phone number is 715-651-3880.

Have a great rest of the summer,

Yours in Christ, Wally Thom



Upcoming building repair needs for Trinity Lutheran Church

Looking ahead to the rest of 2022, TLC has several physical/operations needs that we need to address this year.

- The sidewalks need replacing due to cracking and spalling. They will be a tripping hazard this winter and make the sidewalks unsafe in bad weather.
- The garage that was given to TLC will need to be placed in a permanent location on a foundation.
- The Fellowship Hall furnace is failing and a replacement has been ordered.
- The New Memorial Garden is in the planning stages and monies will be needed to help address the foundation issues, this may take place in two phases.
- New carpet is needed for the fellowship hall
- Our Propane Challenge

A generous donation has provided seed money for fundraising for several of these items, but additional funds are needed.

Information will be posted soon in the narthex regarding each item and its cost. Please consider supporting these important efforts.

Bible Word Search: CROSS, TOMB, & RESURRECTION

Z C W B D M L O K S S Y Y H X
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 CRUCIFIXION
 FORGIVENESS
 MAGDALENE
 RESURRECTION
 SINS

ASCENSION
 DISCIPLES
 HEAVEN
 NICODEMUS
 ROMANS
 THORNS

CROSS
 EASTER
 JESUS
 REDEMPTION
 SALVATION
 TOMB

Mission and Outreach

IT'S SCHOOL TIME!

WOW! Summer is almost over! The beginning of school is right around the corner! So the school supplies are sitting on the shelves of area stores just waiting to be purchased and put to good use! During August the basket will be again in the narthex for school supplies.



Once again Trinity's Outreach/Missions will be collecting school supplies for our students here in Birchwood

Items we are typically in need of each school year include:

folders
glue sticks
spiral notebooks
blue or black pens (no other colors please)
pencils #2 lead
glue sticks
Kleenex
antibacterial wipes
Elmer's glue
Crayons 24 pk
scissors
colored pencils
washable markers
blunt end scissors
markers (both thin and thick)



Thank You again for your support
Diane Hubbard

Outreach/Missions is grateful for the congregation's phenomenal support of this and all other projects!

TLC Annual Rummage Sale

Our annual rummage sale will be held this year on September 9 and 10. We will be accepting items you wish to donate starting September 4.

We will be looking for volunteers to help with set up on September 6-8, and helping with the actual sale and clean up. There is much to do to make this sale a success and remember many hands make light work. The men's and women's groups will be conducting this effort together this year, sharing workload and proceeds. The funds we raise are used to support area nonprofit programs. We typically make yearly donations to the Birchwood Food Pantry, The Rice Lake Pregnancy Help Center, support a child from Haiti, and other entities. It is a gift from God to be able to lend support to areas of need in our church from the fruits of our labor also. Please be looking for a sign up sheet for workers in a few weeks, and start gathering unneeded items for donation. Thanks for your support!

Cindy Rubin - **WOT President**



CHOIR & PRAISE TEAM REHEARSALS START SEPTEMBER 7

DO YOU SING IN THE PEW?! Then join the Choir or Praise Team! We need NEW VOICES in the Trinity Choir and Praise Team! NO AUDITIONS! And you don't need to be able to read music . . . We'll make sure you learn your part! If you are high-school age or older, just show up on September 7, at 7 pm. The returning members will make you feel very welcome! Rehearsals run from 7 - 8:30 pm, and the choir sings the first and third Sundays of each month. The Praise Team will rehearse at 8 pm, September 8. They lead the music on the second Sunday of each month, and will start on September 11. Questions? Call Joanne Schilling, 715-651-4875



August 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5 OFFICE CLOSED	6
7 8:30 Outdoor Worship 10a - Worship	8 9:00 AM Quilters 10:30a-12:30p—Food Pantry Open 7p—AA, Fellowship Hall	9 WOT Meeting 6:30 pm Blood Mobile 11-5	10 6:30 am Men's Bible Study	11 No Women's Bible study	12 OFFICE CLOSED	13
14 8:30 Inside with Amplified Worship 10a - Worship	15 9:00 Quilters 10:00a - WMMT Mtg 7p—AA, Fellowship Hall	16 6:30p - Council Meeting Journey Deadline	17	18 10a Women's Bible study 6:30 pm Men's Ministry Mtg	19 OFFICE CLOSED	20
21 8:30 Outdoor Worship 10a - Worship Love Fund/Food Pantry Offering	22 9:00 a Quilters 10:30a-12:30p—Food Pantry Open 7p—AA, Fellowship Hall	23	24 6:30 am Men's Bible Study	25 10a Women's Bible study	26 OFFICE CLOSED	27
28 8:30a—Outdoor Worship 10a - Indoor Worship	29 9:00 Quilters 7p—AA, Fellowship Hall	30	31 5:30p The Cross			30

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Sunday School	10 am (Sept – May)
Office Hours	8 – 11:30 am, 12:30 - 3:00pm (M-Th)
Bulletin deadline	9 am Tuesdays
JOURNEY deadline	Monday - 3 rd week of the month
Pastor's Office Hours	Mondays (8 am—4:30 pm) Wednesdays & Thursdays (8—11:30 pm)

SUNDAY WORSHIP THIS MONTH

8/7 — 8:30 am Outdoor Worship w/ Communion
10 am Worship w/Communion
8/14 — 8:30 am **inside** Worship w/ Communion
10 am Worship w/Communion
8/21— 8:30 am Outdoor Worship w/ Communion
10 am Worship w/Communion
8/28— 8:30 am Outdoor Worship w/ Communion
10 am Worship w/Communion

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Debbie Davis	Ed Leader	Ro Sackmann
Annette Gentile	Lora	Carter Sackmann
Andy Hedman	Sharon Mackey	Timothy Wallace
Barb Hinderman	Tracy Reid	Donna Willis
Eunice Kuntz	Bill Rice	

In the military: Rigil Christensen, Bennett Jorgensen and all those serving in the military.