

The JOURNEY — Walking Daily with Jesus

PASTOR JACK'S COLUMN

But Jesus told him, "People do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from God." Matthew 4:4

Every Sunday I encourage our church members to read their bibles, sometimes I even ask who actually did! Following Memorial Day weekend, we began our study in the book of Romans. I requested that the congregation read ahead, using a study bible and commentary. The following Sunday, when I inquired how many had read, only a couple hands were raised. I presented a message based midway in chapter 1 and concluded with another request to read ahead for next week. That next Sunday, when I asked who had read, I was pleasantly surprised to see many hands raised at each service. Thank you!!

As I write this, we're into chapter 2 of Romans. I still encourage you to read ahead, with trusted commentary beside you. As pastor, I hope our church gains as much as possible from a Sunday message. But I also hope each of you are in the Word, outside of Sunday morning, regularly. Ask one who is, and I'm confident they'll tell you their life has been changed as a result. I've asked you to be in the Word for my benefit as well; your pastor is not infallible, he makes mistakes, and at times may misinterpret. I'd like to rely on our congregation to hold me accountable to teaching truth and only truth.

Paul's letter to the Romans has been, and will continue to be, a compelling study. I'm grateful for the opportunity to go through it with you. There are many truths I hope we'll take away from our series. A few things I've learned, and look forward to sharing with you, include:

1.) All have sinned and continue to do so. (Chapters 1 & 2)

The Apostle Paul makes it clear that all sin is both intense and serious, worthy of God's judgment. No one is better than another in this, we are all equally in need of a Savior.

2.) The Saviors name is Jesus. (Romans 3-6)

In chapters 3 through 6, Paul delivers hope: Through our faith in Jesus, and His work on the cross, we are justified, redeemed and declared righteous! Our salvation is by grace alone, through faith alone, through Christ alone, to the glory of God alone!

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3.) God is with us, even in our sorrow. (Romans 5)

When God saved us from our sins, we escaped His coming wrath. But, we don't get to escape all the hardships that come along with this life. Instead, we get to live our lives with the presence of a loving Heavenly Father, who is always with us. He sent the Holy Spirit to guide, comfort, strengthen, and protect us. God loves us; this is made apparent in Jesus' death on the cross.

4.) Those in Christ will not be rejected. (Romans 7 & 8)

We will always fight our sin nature; we make mistakes, go astray and struggle a thousand times but there is still no condemnation for us. And, good works are not required to avoid punishment. We walk in the Spirit and obey God because we love him. In Christ we are forgiven, there is no rejection!

5.) God fulfills His promises! (Romans 9-11)

God is rich in love and mercy, for Israel and the Gentiles. Our job, *your* job as a believer, is to proclaim the gospel to others! They cannot believe unless we share the truth by our testimony and our lifestyle.

6.) Believers are called to love others and help the weak. (Romans 12-16)

When we accepted His grace through faith in Christ, we freely received God's love. In return, we are commanded to love others as we love ourselves; to Live Third. In these chapters we find out what living as a Christian really looks like!

Please read ahead! Your time in the word will be blessed. Many have said they appreciate going through a book, beginning to end; I do too. The content and context connect well and leave little to be mistaken. If

you are a church member, invite a friend to our Sunday morning service. They'll hear God's Word preached, feel the warm welcome of our congregation, and be blessed.

Jesus said, "Blessed are all who hear the word of God and put it into practice." Luke 11:28

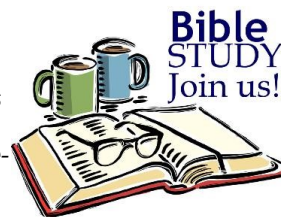
May God bless you as you read His word and apply what you learn!

Pastor Jack

WOMEN'S MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

All women: Welcome to our Monday night women's bible study at 6:30-8:00pm in the Trinity Room (choir room). We are currently reading and discussing the Psalms. Please bring your bible. (There's no study guide). Call Barb Kleven at 715-834-9988 for details of what chapters we are studying 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

Thursday morning bible study will not be meeting the month of July. Bible study will resume, August 1. If you have any questions or would like to join, please contact Marcia Kampf at 715-354-3048 .

THURSDAY EVENING GROUP BIBLE STUDY

Thursday Night Group study will be suspended for July and August. If you have any questions please call Pat Mackey 715-296-0309.

PRAYER CHAIN:

Please contact Sue Svitak with any prayer requests. She can be contacted at sksvitak@hotmail.com or by cell at 715-651-3299.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Have you been anxious lately? Having trouble sleeping? Troubling thoughts racing through your mind? The Bible has help for you.

The Billy Graham Evangelistic Association published an article entitled **How to Overcome Fear, Anxiety and Worry(May 18, 2015)** on their website. Below are excerpts from that article.

"Historians will probably call our era "the age of anxiety." Anxiety is the natural result when our hopes are centered in anything short of God and His will for us. —Billy Graham

When Billy Graham wrote those words in 1965, no one knew how true they would be 50 years later.

At its best, anxiety distracts us from our relationship with God and the truth that He is "Lord of heaven and earth" (Matthew 11:25). At its worst, anxiety is a crippling disease, taking over our minds and plunging our thoughts into darkness. But God wants so much more for us than to walk through life full of fear, worry and anxiety.

“Do not be anxious about anything,” the Bible tells us in the book of Philippians, chapter 4, “but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”

Our instructions don’t stop there. The chapter goes on to tell believers exactly what we should focus on. And it’s not fear, terrorism, illness, death or evil.

“Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you” (Philippians 4:8-9, ESV, emphasis added).”

There are many more bible verses on fear, anxiety and worry. Barb Kleven created a list of 33 verses to remind us we don’t have to fear. Barb concluded in that document. *Be assured, He is with you in whatever we face, in turmoil and struggles, amidst the anxious thoughts and the worries of life.*

All that stuff on your mind? Give it to him—again. Replace those fearful thoughts with His words of truth. And sleep in peace tonight. He knows what concerns you. He’s got you covered.

In future editions of the Journey we will publish Barb’s list.

WOMEN OF TRINITY HAPPENINGS

- Our June meeting was held on the 20th, with vice president Cindy Rubin in charge of the meeting.

- July Altar Guild persons are: Jeanne Dahlby, indoor services. Ida Jahnke, outdoor services.
- Now that the new doors are in place for the Fellowship Hall, we voted to give our church a check for \$1,000.00 to put toward the cost of those doors.
- We received three newsletters from Timber Bay, Pregnancy Help Center, and Luther Bible Camp.
- Our monthly meetings will continue to be held the third Thursday of each month, beginning at 11:00 a.m., in the Fellowship Hall.
- The cleaning of the kitchen is complete, and it sure looks great!
- Our group gave a \$100.00 gift card to Jennifer and baby Isabella.
- We’re thinking of buying a dishwasher to use for smaller loads of dishes in the kitchen. This would eliminate the use of Styrofoam cups.
- There will be a ‘Celebration of Life’ ceremony for Merlin Jahnke on July 20th, and Service Committee #2 will serve the luncheon.



JULY BRUNCH SCHEDULE

- July 7**—Brenda Mackey, lead, Ruth Clausen and MaryAnn Cowans.
- July 13**—Ida Jahnke, lead, Penny Sevig-Bemis, and Dianne Buxton.
- July 21**—Sandi David, lead, Collette Sandow, Eleanor Kuula, and Becky Darkow.
- July 28**—Marilyn Brown, lead, Joanne Schilling, and Donna Soper

ANNUAL CHURCH RUMMAGE SALE SEPTEMBER 6 & 7

The Women of Trinity will hold the annual church rummage sale the weekend of September 6th and 7th, Friday and Saturday. This sale will coincide with the Birchwood Area Rummage Sales and is a really big deal. But to make it a success we need to have church members and friends save their valuable and usable items until the week of September 2nd, when items can be brought to the Fellowship Hall. We cannot accept items too large to move, and no computers, printers, televisions, etc. All money earned goes toward end-of-the-year local charities and support for our church projects.



LIFEST

A PARTY WITH A PURPOSE! Lifest 2019 fills 4 days full of live Christian music and ministry. Also enjoy other fun activities such as their bonfire worship, escape room, Ferris wheel, inflatable games, petting zoo, scavenger hunt, prayer journey, dance party, sports tournaments, and much more! We would love for you and your family to join us for this youth and family event. Check out www.lifest.com for more information. Camping and food are separate expenses, but discounted tickets are still available when booking through Birchwood Trinity Lutheran Church; \$49 for adults and \$24.50 for youth (plus tax). Please contact Ashley Beffa, Youth and Family Ministry Coordinator at 715-790-1491 if interested or you have further questions.



JULY WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

	JULY 7	JULY 7	JULY 14	JULY 14	JULY 21	JULY 21	JULY 28	JULY 28
	(8:30 AM)	(10 AM)	(8:30 AM)	(10 AM)	(8:30 AM)	(10 AM)	(8:30 AM)	(10 AM)
GREETERS	John & Janet Schieffer	Ruth Clausen Carol Addington	Jim & Cyndi McGraw	Youth	Rolf & Barb Kleven	Betty Blanch Need 1 More	Bob & Karen Scott	Terri & Rob Freeman
USHERS		LeRoy Brensel Rob Freeman		Youth		Joanne & Eldon Kvale		Wes & Char Mohns
COMM. ASSTS		Penny Sedvig-Bemis Jeanne Dahlby		Youth		Ginny Johnson Joanne Schilling		Dianne Buxton Melinda Pedersen
READER	Dianne Buxton	Marcia Kampf	Janet Schieffer	Youth	Karen Hayes	Leo Diehl	Donnae Carrell	Carol Addington

TRINITY YOUTH SERVING

Trinity Youth continues their mission "Live as Jesus lived. Be third." 2 miles of rock picking in fellowship with the Birchwood Bobcat Riders Club was a great experience and fun! We were truly blessed with the beautiful weather and scenery. Thank you David Zemaitis for helping make this serving event a success!



Trinity Youth helped with spring cleaning by washing 200 chairs from the Fellowship Hall.



WOODLAWN CEMETERY CLEAN-UP

Trinity Lutheran Church practices the mission to "Live as He lived. Be third" inferred from Luke 10:27. This means putting God first and the needs of others in front of our own. Each month, scheduled on the third Sunday, Trinity's congregation participates in an opportunity to serve the community. Trinity's youth and confirmation program, The Cross, coordinates a separate serving event on the third Wednesday of each month for teens to live out this mission.

Trinity extends a special thanks to Lisa Damon and her family for the inspiration to serve the Woodlawn Cemetery, and donating lunch to the volunteers. Trinity Lutheran Church (LCMC) is led by Pastor Jack Jorgensen, and located at 501 East Chetac Avenue, just off the main street in Birchwood. They offer worship every Sunday at 10 am. Outdoor worship meets onsite at 8:30 each Sunday, Memorial Day to Labor Day. All are welcome to attend or listen online at TrinityLutheranBirchwood.com





ELAINE YNDESTAD TURNS 100!

In celebration of Elaine's 100th Birthday, Fellowship & Growth would like to invite everyone for cake and finger sandwiches immediately following the 10am worship service on Sunday, July 21. Everyone is asked to bring a dish to pass. Elaine will also be in the Blue Gill Festival Parade!



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| Jerry Janetski 7/1 | Missy Robotka 7/13 |
| Grace Kotel 7/2 | Sue Svitak 7/13 |
| William Moline 7/3 | Linda Zillmer 7/13 |
| Hannah Hayes 7/3 | Penny Sedvig-Bemis 7/14 |
| Melinda Pedersen 7/5 | Anna Leamy 7/14 |
| Robert Gindt 7/6 | Lisa Applebee 7/17 |
| Don Zillmer 7/9 | Otto Nordback 7/18 |
| Wyatt Sunderland 7/9 | Tina Tainter 7/18 |
| Trent Stanley 7/10 | Elaine Yndestad 7/20 |
| Joshua Brown 7/11 | Lorie Piram 7/21 |
| June Ehrich 7/11 | Adara Glenz 7/23 |
| Karen Hayes 7/11 | Eric Ivers 7/23 |
| Chuck Ede 7/12 | Rebecca Miller 7/24 |
| Alijah Braden 7/13 | Arthur Kordus 7/27 |
| Jake Deutsch 7/13 | Stephanie Liermann 7/27 |



Vacation Bible School

July 22nd—July 25th, 2019 ♦ 1 pm - 4:30 pm

Don't miss out! Signup to be part of VBS!

Sign-Up Online To Volunteer

<https://vbspro.events/p/kingdomrockvbsbirchwood>

Students, Parents, Neighbors, Friends and Family
Come find out how you can be a part of this years VBS!
Can you help 1 day in the snack area? Recreation? All 4 days?
How about being a crew leader or helping with arts/crafts, music, games, etc

Great opportunity for youth service hours!



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Questions? Contact Me!



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Ready for the adventure of a lifetime?

Enter the epic adventure that empowers kids to stand strong. Here, God's victorious power isn't a fairytale-it changes kids forever. Join this royally-rockin' realm—register (Pre-K thru 5th grade) to be part of this Kingdom Rock VBS!



Registration Available

Online at www.trinitylutheranbirchwood.com

- Or -

At Birchwood School and Trinity Lutheran

A suggested donation of \$10 per child will help defray costs and can be collected on the first day. So that every child can take part in VBS there are scholarship funds available.

Questions? Contact Ashley at (715) 790-1491

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

A SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR JULY 7 IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE 10:00 AM SERVICE. THIS MEETING IS FOR TRINITY VOTING MEMBERS. THREE ITEMS WILL BE ON THE AGENDA.

1. THE COUNCIL MEMBERS WILL EACH BE INTRODUCED AND GIVE A REPORT ON THEIR POSITION AND ACTIVITIES.
2. A VOTE WILL BE TAKEN TO CHANGE THE TERM OF OFFICE FOR THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT FROM 1 YEAR TO 2 YEARS.
3. ADDRESS THE OFFER TO PURCHASE LAND FROM TRINITY BY TIMBER BAY.

IT IS ENCOURAGED THAT ALL MEMBERS OF TRINITY ATTEND THIS IMPORTANT MEETING.

**DAD'S AND DONUTS REMINDS US
OUR FATHERS ARE...**

- ◆ Dependable
- ◆ Obedient, a man that is
- ◆ Unique. So
- ◆ Generous and
- ◆ Hard-working, both on and off your feet.
- ◆ Nurturing
- ◆ Unselfishly whenever I'm in need.
- ◆ Trustworthy and
- ◆ Supportive of my many earthly deeds.



Dad's were celebrated between services on June 16.

PARISH ADMINISTRATOR JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

Trinity Lutheran Church, Birchwood, WI is accepting applications for Parish Administrator. Part-time position, 24 hours/week. Contact church office for detailed job description at 715-354-3790. Knowledge of Microsoft Office, QuickBooks, Excel and Publisher a plus. Submit resume, cover letter and 3 references (names/contact information only) to Pastor Jack Jorgensen, Trinity Lutheran Church, P.O. Box 8, Birchwood, WI 54817, or via e-mail to tlcbirchwood@gmail.com. Applicants must

agree to a criminal background check. July 5 application deadline. Salary commensurate with experience. Trinity Lutheran Church is an equal opportunity employer.

PRAYER SHAWL SUNDAY

For the summer months, Prayer Shawls will be available in the Fellowship Hall on the 4th Sunday of the month during Coffee/Refreshment time!

MISSIONS AND OUTREACH

I visited Kansas once again to find goods to send back with Gladys Mungo and things for assembling LWR baby kits. I meant to count the number of items that I purchased but forgot to. I spent \$21. All items were priced \$.25 \$.50 or \$.75 cents. I came out with 2 large paper grocery bags of clothing.

The clerks assisting us were commenting on the fact that somebody was getting quite a wardrobe. I told them the majority of the items were going to a missionary from Haiti that was visiting our congregation. One of them told me that her church did a yearly trip to Haiti. We shared our joys in the work each other did.

As I was putting the bags in the car, she came out and asked if I could use shoes. I told her sure, all the while calculating if I would have

room in my suitcase. She gave me another bag filled up with shoes at no cost!

I was pleasantly surprised when I returned to find all the clothes for both Gladys and LWR baby kits! The most needed for the baby kits are cloth diapers. Even though the shower crib is back in its place, we will still accept items needed for the baby kits.

I would like to thank Marcia Kampf for not only providing lodging for Gladys Mungo, but also giving her a tour of Long Lake by pontoon!

Missions and Outreach will also need ladies to make school bags for LWR school kits. We are so thankful that again Bonnie VanGilder is busy over the summer months making school bags. She has promised Missions and Outreach 30 bags!! We would like to have more if possible. Anyone interested in helping with this project can contact me. I have the instructions available.

Gladys again had a moving message along with slides showing her work in Haiti. Trinity will this year be sponsoring Rose-Berline Cadet. She will be attending a new school for the first time this year! She has dreams of becoming a nurse. Her picture will be on the bulletin board in the narthex.


Next Outreach mtg is Tues. July 2 at 10:30am.

Karen Hayes

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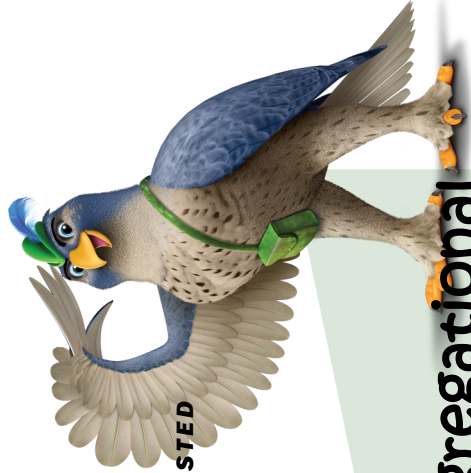
- **Birchwood Food Pantry Open.....10:30 am, July 1, 6, 15, 20,**
- **Worship & Music Team..... 9:30 am, July 1**
- **Mission & Outreach..... 10:30am, July 2**
- **Trinity Lutheran Church Women.....11:00 am, July 18**
- **Congregational Council 6:30 pm, July 16**
- **Christian Life.....4:00 pm, July 10**

JULY 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 Altar Guild Jeane Dahlby (10am) Ida Jahnke (8:30am)	1	2 10:00a—Missions & Outreach Meeting	3	4	5	6 10:30a-1:30p - Food Pantry Open
7 4th Sunday After Pentecosts 8:30a—Outdoor Worship w/ Communion 9:30a - COFFEE TIME 10a - Worship w/ Communion 11a—Special Congregational Mtg Power Point: Melinda Pedersen Money Counters: Char Mohns & Joan Fuller	8 9:30a—Worship & Music Mtg 10:30a-1:30p Food Pantry Open 6:30p— NO Wmns Bible Study 7p - AA, Fellowship Hall	9 4:00p—Staff Meeting	10 4:00p—Christian Life Meeting	11 9:30a—Women's Bible Study 6:30p—Group Bible Study	12 OFFICE CLOSED	13
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21 6th Sunday After Pentecost 8:30 a—Outdoor Worship Service w/ Communion 9:30a - COFFEE TIME 10a - Worship w/ Communion 11a—Elain Yndested 100 B'day Celebration/Cake & Potluck 2pm—VBS Decorating Love Fund & Food Pantry Offerings Power Point: Rob Freeman Money Counters: Jeane Dahlby & ?	22 Journey Deadline 10:30a-1:30p Food Pantry Open 1-4:30pm VBS 6:30p—Wmns Bible Study 7p - AA, Fellowship Hall	23 1-4:30pm VBS	24 1-4:30pm VBS	25 9:30a—Women's Bible Study 14:30 VBS 6:30p—Group Bible Study	26 OFFICE CLOSED	27
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⇒ Special Congregational
Meeting, July 7
⇒ VBS—Kingdom Rocks!
July 22-25

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The JOURNEY JULY 2019

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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 Wednesdays

SUNDAY WORSHIP THIS MONTH

7/7 – 8:30 and 10am Worship w/ Communion
7/14 – 8:30 and 10am Worship w/ Communion (Youth Sunday)
7/21– 8:30 and 10am Worship w/ Communion
7/28 – 8:30 and 10am Worship w/ Communion

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Tom Allard	Roy Kuula	Jean Petersen
Vicki Busick	Bill & Joyce Lambrecht	Jim Pravda
Ray Buxton	Rebecca Langham	Tom Reed
Debbie Davis	Ed Leader	Bill Rice
Barb Fegan	Lora	Buddy Robotka
Annette Gentile	Sharon Mackey	Ro Sackmann
Dan Gowan	Rusty Morrell	Carter Sackmann
Ron Hartzell	Leonard Nysted	Collette Sandow
Andy Hedman	Mary Nysted	Cindy Schaan
Art Johnson	Betty Orsund	Timothy Wallace
Eileen Koefler	Kathy Paquette	Elaine Yndestad
Bill & Eunice Kuntz	Fred Peck	

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.