

The JOURNEY — Walking Daily with Jesus

“If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.” (Colossians 3:1-3)

Summer is here! Most of the COVID restrictions have been lifted and worship is finally returning to normal. Praise be to God. Yet, in watching the news, we hear that we may not be out of the woods yet. So, as the church leadership, we remain diligent as to what is happening with COVID around us. And in our diligence, our trust remains in the Lord.

Even as this COVID pandemic takes less and less time in the news, there are still so many other events going on in this nation, and in the world, which seek to draw our attention away from Christ. These occurrences seem to encourage division and fear in us individually and as a nation. Division and fear are not of God and are contrary to God’s will for our lives.

As we hear of the events of the world, we should not fear. The scriptures have told us that these things shall occur. Jesus tells us in Matthew 24:6, 7, *“And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not alarmed, for this must take place, but the end is not yet. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be famines and earthquakes in various places.”*

Instead of fear and division, we can rejoice that God is still in control. In our reading today, we are encouraged by the Apostle Paul to *“seek the things that are above.”* When we are seeking these things ‘above’, we realize that the darkness which seems to be taking hold of everything around us is not a reason for us to fear. For we have God’s promise found in Psalm 27:1, *“The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the strength of my life: of whom shall I be afraid?”*

May God bless your summer.

Pastor Dan

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President's Message

With summer upon us, nature is bursting out. Trees, plants and flowers are in full bloom. That is the case for TLC also. We put the winter of the pandemic behind us and are seeing more and more activity in and around our church. The Council and especially myself want to thank all the volunteers who step up to help where help is needed. There is so much that happens behind the scenes here at TLC, so I'll ask for forgiveness now if I don't mention all the members that serve TLC in this short article.

Our weekly attendance is rising and we are seeing new bright shiny faces at Sunday worship services and at the coffee and treat time between services. Many thanks to those who serve TLC as worship

assistants and the Women of Trinity Service Teams for serving during the Sunday coffee time.

Thanks to the Vacation Bible School Teams that planned and pulled off VBS this year. It takes a large number of volunteers to pull off this week-long production. And

it is a like a theatrical production! These teams have such a passion for the youth of our community.

Speaking of flowers, thanks to all those that helped with the landscaping and preparing the Adopt-A Flower pots. Thanks to those who adopted a pot and planted colorful flower arrangements. The flowers and arrangements are beautiful and adds so much to the curb appeal of our church. It makes TLC so inviting. There are many other projects in the works to make the exterior of our Church and Fellowship Hall look nice. Thanks to all the guys



who keep our lawns cut and trimmed and looking great. We also have a new fire pit, pumpkin gardens and plans to renovate the Memorial Garden. All these new things require more individuals to step up and help. We have fine group of volunteers that will always do what needs to be done, but we don't want to have these brothers and sisters to get burned out.

In the early Christian Church as we read in Acts, the church was growing so rapidly that 7 spirited disciples were selected to distribute food to the followers, so the apostles could dedicate their time to preaching and teaching.

So taking a page out of the early Church, we are starting a Grounds Beautification Team. We need people to volunteer to keep the exterior of our church beautiful and

well maintained. We need to trim bushes and weed landscapes around the church. This team frees up those members who are called to do other important things. Prayerfully consider being a member of this new team. Along these same lines, Kevin Sunderland, Pastor Dan and myself will be working to organize the Men of Trinity

Group. This men's group will do special projects, socialize, drink coffee, plan fun activities and have short Bible Studies and devotions. Men, if you are interested in getting together with other men and being part of this group, please contact me.

May the wonders of God's creation make your heart joyful this day.

Jim McGraw

Playground Repairs



The Men of Trinity have been really busy this past month. They made some necessary repairs to the playground to keep our kiddos safe.

Thank you looks great!!

Our worker bees have been busy!!

The planters by the road have been installed and they are complete with all the beautiful flowers. The colorful varieties of plants are a warm and beautiful welcome when entering Trinity Lutheran Church.

When The little worker bees come to water, remember that the water spicket and hose if needed are located under the office window.

Women of Trinity Happenings

Our meeting was held in the Fellowship Hall at 6:30 PM. We opened with prayer. 11 women were in attendance. Devotions were presented by Di Hubbard.

The May minutes and treasurer's reports were accepted as presented

Altar Guild—June—Terry Freeman, Ida Jahnke (early service)
July—Carol Addington, Ida Jahnke (early service)

Old Business

Funeral/event plan group has not yet met
Cards to shut ins/members will be sent. March, June September and December



Storage rental is ready for rummage sale items
Library organization falls under congregational care. Barb Kleven will oversee.
Summer Memorial services—June Ehrich, June 12-service committee 1 Larry Sibley, June 23-service committee 2

Pink Box mission project materials were received. Di Hubbard will spearhead this project. Saturday, October 9th will be the tentative work day. WOT would meet in the AM, have lunch and then work on the Pink Box project in the afternoon.

New Business

Discussion of providing childcare so that mothers with small children could attend our meetings
Discussion of having an inspirational speaker quarterly.
Motion to provide up to \$300 for topsoil and gravel for planter for the front of the church. 2nd and approved.
Barb Kleven will present information on pastoral partners at the July mtg
During July there will be a collection barrel for shoes to be given to students at the Birchwood school.

Next meeting will be July 6 at 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

JULY WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

	July 4 (8:30AM)	July 4 (10 AM)	July 11 (8:30 am)	July 11 (10:00 am)	July 18 (8:30 am)	July 18 (10:00 am)	July 25 (8:30 am)	July 25 (10:00 am)
GREETERS	Stacy Kolodzinski family	Joanne & Eldon Kvale	John & Janet Schieffer	Betty Blanch	Jim & Cyndi McGraw	Kathy Thom	Bob & Karen Scott	Kathy Thom
USHERS	↓	LeRoy Brensel Dan Dahl	↓	LeRoy Brensel Need 1 more	↓	Wally Thom Pat Mackey	↓	Tom Svitak LeRoy Brensel
COMM. ASSTS	↓	Kathy Thom Connie Dahl	↓	Need 2	↓	Kathy Thom Brenda Mackey	↓	Sue Svitak Kathy Thom
READER	Joanne Schilling	Aliya & Arielle Tabor	Karen Hayes	Gelene Tabor	Donnarae Carrell	Need	Jimmy Kolodzinski	Katrina Gustafson

BIBLE STUDY

Monday night Women's Bible Study will be meeting through-out the summer months. We read, study, and talk about our Sunday scripture texts for the following Sunday. Please note that we will NOT be meeting on July 5th
Please, call Barb Kleven at 715-834-9988 if you have any questions.



- Lois Gronberg 7/1
- Jerry Janetski 7/1
- Grace Kotel 7/2
- William Moline 7/3
- Hannah Hayes 7/3
- Melinda Pedersen 7/5
- Robert Gindt 7/6
- Don Zillmer 7/9
- Wyatt Sunderland 7/9
- Eric Anderson 7/11
- Joshua Brown 7/11
- Karen Hayes 7/11
- Chuck Ede 7/12
- Alijah Braden 7/13
- Jake Deutsch 7/13
- Missy Robotka 7/13

- Sue Svitak 7/13
- Linda Zillmer 7/13
- Penny Sedvig-Bemis 7/14
- Anna Leamy 7/14
- Lisa Applebee 7/17
- Otto Nordback 7/18
- Tina Tainter 7/18
- Elaine Yndestad 7/20
- Lorie Piram 7/21
- Adara Glenz 7/23
- Eric Ivers 7/23
- Rebecca Miller 7/24
- Arthur Kordus 7/27
- Stephanie Liermann 7/27
- Jonas Connell 7/28
- Kevin Sunderland 7/31

WEEKLY TEXT STUDIES WITH PASTOR DAN

Want to help focus Pastor's sermon? Then come to the weekly text studies on Mondays at 1 pm, where Pastor and those present will dive into the Scripture texts for the coming Sunday.

Copies of the Scriptures are available outside Pastor's office door. Pick one up and join the text study



Meeting

NEXT MEETING OF . . .

- Birchwood Food Pantry Open 10:30-12:30pm. July 5,17,19**
- Worship & Music Team 10 am, July 13**
- Women of Trinity. 6:30pm, July 6**
- Trinity Council Meeting. 6:30 pm, July 20**



GREAT NEWS!

Trinity has set a date of July 4th to return to the rail for Communion. This will happen with some minor changes from what we have done in the past. Please watch the bulletin for the update on these changes.

All available ushers are invited to a short meeting with Pastor and Kathy Thom after the 10:00 service on Sunday, June 27th. In this meeting we will discuss commun-

ion changes. Be prepared for a **brief** meeting, as changes are few.

Thank you.

ROMANS 15:13

' May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.'

Your Sister in Christ, - Kathy Thom

Wearing of Masks Optional

Trinity Lutheran Church Council met on Tuesday evening where a major topic of discussion was the recent changes where the mandates requiring all people to wear masks have ended. While the CDC still suggests that those who are not fully vaccinated wear masks in public settings, we as leadership understand that we are unable to determine who is and is not vaccinated. As members of the body of Christ, we trust that each person will make the appropriate decisions as they come in contact with other members of Trinity.

As mentioned in last month's Journey, we are currently accepting donations for our fall rummage sale on September 10 and 11. Through the generosity of one of our members, we have a location to store items until the week of our sale. Once a week, on Tuesday's, items will be transported from the Fellowship Hall to storage.

Please remember we are not able to accept large items (such as furniture), electronics or appliances. If you are questioning the acceptability of an item, please contact Cindy Rubin (507-250-0628) or Dianne Buxton (715-475-1395). We ask that questions about how to get an item to storage be directed to Cindy and Dianne also.

We appreciate your support of this effort as it is one of our main fundraisers each year. Our funds are distributed to area nonprofits and pay for needs of our church.

Cindy Rubin, Dianne Buxton



Eagle Project Completed at Trinity



Ethan Thom has completed a fire pit project at Trinity. The completion of this project awards him the rank of Eagle Scout in Boy Scouts of America. Ethan would like to Thank Trinity this opportunity. Please feel free to use and enjoy the fire pit.





We have been busy at Trinity Lutheran Church



Barrels to Pots

What should we call it, barrels or pots? decided that weeding the front flower beds was not bulbs were dug up and available in the narthex for all to plastic barrels and cut them in half. This spring the old flower beds done by putting down edging, weed proof plastic, then rock. Drain holes were drilled in the pot bottoms, rocks in the pot for drainage and finally top soil. Pots were offered up for adoption and planting began. I was so amazed at how fast the adoption of the pots went and how beautiful the variety of plants look. This project was a culmination of many hands and of loving care. When we all work together there is nothing we can't accomplish. I want to thank everyone who helped with the project and all who adopted a planter. God bless you all and may the beauty begin.

Well, last fall the men of Trinity going to happen again. The flower take home. We got a hold of white were stripped off, landscaping was

From plain white barrels to beautiful flower pots- just like the transformation of a butterfly.
Yours in Christ - Wally

Missions & Outreach

Outreach Committee met on June 1st. After a long hiatus we are eager to get involved in a service project.

After seeing an ad in the Birchwood News, we decided to help collect gently used sneakers or new ones for Birchwood School.

According to the ad, gym teachers Ms. Birdsill and Mr. Gilles are looking gym shoes (sneakers). School policy states that kids have a pair of shoes used solely on the gym floor. Sadly, many of Birchwood's students aren't lucky enough to have a second pair of shoes. Gym teachers have pairs that can be used so kids don't miss out on a Phy Ed class.

According to the ad "Our gym supply is running low and looking a bit run down. If you have extras or would like to donate, we are looking for sizes 11(children) and up."

Outreach also decided to collect socks also for the school. So, if they are needed the school has them. An inside source tells us they are always in high demand.

Starting the first Sunday in July and continuing through the entire month, there will be baskets or totes in the narthex for shoes and socks.

Looking ahead to August Outreach will be collecting school supplies. At this time, Outreach is unsure if we will be putting together School Kits for Lutheran World Relief or simply giving the supplies to Birchwood School.

Thank you for thinking of those less fortunate.

Karen Hayes
Outreach



In Search of a Live -In Caregiver - Birchwood

Looking for Live-In or FT Caregiver for Funny, Loving Stroke Victim Our Mother/Wife has suffered strokes that affect the usage of her right side, complete mobility, and her speech. She continues to laugh and is kind and easy going. We want to keep her at home where she is loved and cared for round the clock by family and a helper. You may be a PCA who needs a break out in the country, a healthy retiree looking for a place to stay, a college student studying from home or someone who reads this and it just feels right.

Expectations are limited and include:

- Pericare/diapering
 - Cleaning (Mom and her areas as well as your bedroom and light cleaning of common areas)
 - Feeding (3 meals a day, many are made by Dad/Daughter)
 - Helping get out of bed in morning and to bed at night
 - Medications (twice a day at meal times)
 - Assistance with Physical / Speech therapy
 - Activities of daily living (bathing, hand washing, teeth brushing,)
 - Ideally no job outside the house, though on weekends or days off or online work would be ok. At the moment online is 10mbs
 - Keeping mom company and comfortable
- These expectation care times are busy but are within a set timeframe in a routine. Busiest times are 8-9, 1:30-2:30, 6-8:30. Compensation is negotiable and is in the form of:
- Room & board — you'll have a bedroom and food supplied
 - Country Living — fresh air, lots of wild life, nearby hiking trails, camping, & fishing
 - Scheduled day(s) off each week / available time off

Mom is staying at our countryside home with Dad who does all the heavy lifting and most of the cooking. Although retired he continues to "work the farm" and stays busy outdoors all day. He is funny, sometimes sarcastic, and straightforward and will be very direct with you, hopefully you are similar. Currently Mom's oldest daughter is at the house during the week and her younger daughter is there some weekends. While we love this time with Mom, we look forward to welcoming you to our home.

Questions Contact Dave Dakins - 715-931-0751



Treasurer's Report

Monthly Treasurer's Report - May 2021

Summary

May 2021 results continued to show progress from the previous months. Income was at plan which helped close the shortfall and expenses were less than plan for the month.

Income for May, 2021 was at plan at about \$14,760, against our plan of \$14,700. Expenses for the month were under plan at about \$13,100 versus a monthly plan of \$14,700.

For the year, TLC has brought in about \$3,000 more than has been spent.

Thanks again to all members for their continued generosity in 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Rubin,

Treasurer



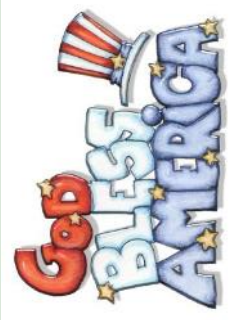
July 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 NO 10:00 Women's Bible study	2 OFFICE CLOSED	3
4 8:30 am Outdoor Worship 9:30 Coffee fellowship 10a - Worship	5 OFFICE CLOSED 10:30a-12:30p—Food Pantry Open 1:00 pm Text Study NO MONDAY NIGHT Woman's Bible Study 7p—AA, Fellowship Hall	6 Women of Trinity meeting 6:30 pm	7 5:30p-The Cross	8 NO 10:00 Women's Bible study	9 OFFICE CLOSED	10
11 8:30 am Outdoor Worship 9:30 Coffee fellowship 10a - Worship	12 WMMT mtg 10:00 am 1:00 pm Text Study 6p—Women's Bible Study-Trinity Rm 7p—AA, Fellowship Hall	13 6:30p - Council Meeting	14 5:30p-The Cross	15 10:00a—Women's Bible Study	16 OFFICE CLOSED	17 10:30a-12:30p—Food Pantry Open
18 8:30 am Outdoor Worship 9:30 Coffee fellowship 10a - Worship Love Fund/Food Pantry Offering	19 Journey Deadline 10:30a-12:30p—Food Pantry Open 1:00 pm Text Study 6p—Women's Bible Study-Trinity Rm 7p—AA, Fellowship Hall	20	21 5:30p-The Cross	22 10:00a—Women's Bible Study	23 OFFICE CLOSED	24
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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 - 3rd week of the month

SUNDAY WORSHIP THIS MONTH

- 7/04— 8:30 Outdoor early service w/communion - Coffee fellowship between services 10 am Worship w/Communion
- 7/11— 8:30 Outdoor early service w/communion - Coffee fellowship between services 10 am Worship w/Communion
- 7/18— 8:30 Outdoor early service w/communion - Coffee fellowship between services 10 am Worship w/Communion - Love Fund Offering
- 7/25— 8:30 Outdoor early service w/communion - Coffee fellowship between services 10 am Worship w/Communion

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Debbie Davis	Rebecca Langham	Timothy Wallace
Annette Gentile	Ed Leader	Elaine Yndestad
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Roy Kuula	Bill Rice	
Joan Kuula	Ro Sackmann	
Joyce Lambrecht	Carter Sackmann	

In the military: Wyatt Sunderland, Rigil Christensen, Rochelle Fabrizio, Tim Groth, John Hughes, Cody Davis, Bennett Jorgensen and all those serving in the military.