

# The JOURNEY — Walking Daily with Jesus

## WHAT'S INSIDE

### From the Council President:

On September 15th, Trinity Lutheran Church held your Ministry Fair. It was a great time of fun, fellowship and good food. You'll notice I said it was YOUR Ministry Fair. Everything we do at TLC is for every member and visitor who blesses us with their presence in our facilities. It is always our hope that everything we do has 100% participation. The Ministry Fair was also a time of discovery. Fair attendees were able to see and hear what each of our ministry teams do and the number of people we reach in Christian love and community. It also gave attendees an opportunity to sign up to help out with our ministries. We want to thank those caring and loving people who saw a need and felt God was leading them to volunteer at His church. Your ministry teams still need more volunteers for us to deliver our ministries to those in need. Listen to what God's Word says about serving others.

*"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms"* 1 Peter 4:10

The Ministry Fair theme symbol was a jigsaw puzzle. Each of us are jigsaw pieces. Until all jigsaw pieces are connected, the jigsaw isn't complete. There are also biblical depictions of the need for people serving the church.

*"You yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ."* 1 Peter 2:5 ESV

We are called to be living stones (building blocks) to build up the church with Christ being the cornerstone. We get and give support to those around us to build up what we call Trinity Lutheran Church.

The more recognizable scripture depicting the church is Paul's letter to the Corinthian church. *"But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many parts, yet one body."* 1 Corinthians 12:18-20 ESV

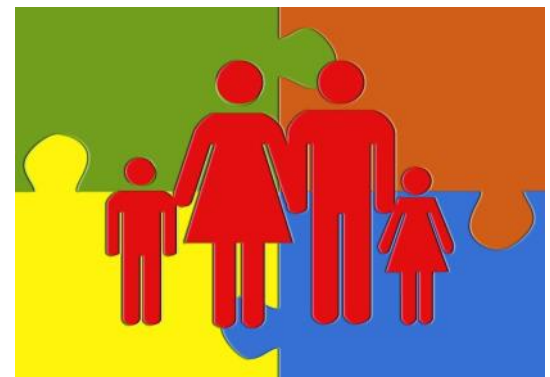
I've heard some people say, they don't think they have anything to offer. I know that's not true. You been given spiritual gifts by God. Look at the impact the 12 disciples had on the early Christian church. They started out as a group of untrained, uneducated men. They were trained by Jesus and received spiritual gifts from the Holy Spirit. Serving the church in smaller groups is rewarding and a chance to get to know other TLC members better. Try it. You'll like it.

For those who weren't able to attend the Ministry Fair, we will be posting information about your ministry teams on the bulletin boards in the church's narthex.

Trinity in the past called the Ministry Fair, Rally Sunday. So, let's put on our rally hats and fully staff our ministry teams to fulfill God's plan for TLC.

Blessings , Jim McGraw

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**OCTOBER WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

	<b>Oct 6 9:00a</b>	<b>Oct 13 9:00a</b>	<b>Oct 20 9:00a</b>	<b>Oct 27 9:00a</b>
<b>GREETERS</b>	Terri Freeman	Eldon & Joanne Kvale	Kathy Thom	June Bibeau
<b>USHERS</b>	Rob Freeman Wally Thom	John & Janet Schieffer	Janet Schieffer Wally Thom	Janet Schieffer Tom Svitak
<b>COMM. ASSTS</b>	Dan Dahl	Ellen Ehrich	Pat Mackey	Joanne Schilling
<b>READER</b>	Ellen Ehrich	Dan Dahl	Kathy Thom	Joanne Schilling

Missions & Outreach will be partnering with Thrivent and begin collecting canned goods and nonperishable food items for the Birchwood food pantry



10/3 Cheri & Eric Anderson  
10/3 Janet & John Schieffer



10/1 Kathy Thom  
10/5 Kenya Anderson  
10/12 Brenda Mackey  
10/14 Allan Widiker  
10/24 Joanne Schilling  
10/26 Dan Dahl  
10/26 Mike Rubin  
10/30 Katrina Gustafson



Dessert and Coffee will be served!  
**Snacks and Facts**  
 Second Tuesday at 2 pm  
 Join us for **"Fire Safety"**  
 Ken George Birchwood Fire Chief  
 October 8th, 2024, at 2 pm

Trinity Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall  
 Birchwood, WI  
 Join in a short Devotion  
 Everyone Welcome!

# Meeting

**NEXT MEETING OF . . .**

- Birchwood Food Pantry Open . . . . . Oct. 7 & 21, 10:30-12:30pm**
- Worship & Music Team . . . . . Oct. 7, 10:00am**
- Women of Trinity . . . . . Oct.14, 10:00am**
- Men's Ministry of Trinity . . . . . Oct.17, 6:30pm**
- Trinity Council Meeting . . . . . Oct. 21, 6:30pm**

*A letter from our Associate Pastor October 2024*

*Fall is here and soon trees will be glowing with brilliant fall colors! As the church, we are called to be aglow with God's love and light so that our light shines before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. Matthew 5:16*

*Last month we had the opportunity to see a wonderful exhibit of God's love and light as our Ministry Fair here at Trinity. It's exciting to see all the different ways that God shines through His people here at Trinity.*

*John the Baptist said that Jesus would baptize His followers with the Holy Spirit and with fire! (Luke 3:16) The Holy Spirit gives us a fervent spirit to serve the Lord.*

*Romans 12:11*

*The apostle Paul tells us in Romans 12:1-2 to present our bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God. He also wrote "Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind". What renews our minds? God's Word renews our minds and*

*hearts and studying it helps to light our path in this dark world Psalm 119:1-5 and brings transformation to equip us to shine for Him.*

*Come and join us as we learn from God's Word on Sunday mornings at 8 am for men and women; For women- Mondays at 3:30 pm and Thursdays at 10 am; and for men- on Wednesday mornings at 6:30 am*

*This dark world needs to see His love and light ablaze in us, just like the beautiful fall colors. Join us for worship and for Bible Study and let's grow together and believe for God to ignite our faith and glow brightly for Him!*

*Lord, help us to be aglow with your love and light that others may know You and give glory to You, in Jesus' name, amen.*

*Pastor Barb*



**Women of Trinity – September Happenings**

After a Summer break – we're ready to launch into Fall!

- ✦ The Annual Rummage Sale was held September 6 & 7 and was extremely successful! Proceeds from sale was \$1787.50, from BBQ was \$417.50, for total of \$2,205. This fundraiser allows Women of Trinity to financially assist the many organizations we support! Thanks to all who made it happen!
- ✦ September 15th was the Ministry Fair! Thanks to all the Women of Trinity who provided goodies for the Continental breakfast.
- ✦ The Secret Sister Luncheon will be held October 12, after the Women of Trinity meeting. Secret Sisters is in its 2nd year. Women are paired up and asked to pray for each other throughout the year, occasionally sending notes or cards of encouragement. Join us for The BIG REVEAL and consider being a Secret Sister yourself next year if you haven't participated before! Sign-up postcards and a sign-up sheet for salads and desserts will be available soon.
- ✦ Operation Christmas Child shoe box packing will be after the Women of Trinity meeting November 9. Maranatha Church will collect the boxes the week of November 18-24. Please save your average-sized shoe boxes this summer! We will start collecting for the shoeboxes the month of October. Joanne Schilling will put together a Shoebox Board for donations.



**Upcoming Dates:**

- ✦ Trunk or Treat: Halloween is on Thursday, so Christian Life plans to hold it on the Saturday before, Oct. 26.
- ✦ Violin/Piano Concert sponsored by WMMT – Nov 9 at 2 pm, with dessert reception afterwards
- ✦ Lefse Making – Wednesday, Nov 20, with sale on following Sunday, Nov 25
- ✦ Christmas Fest Chili & Craft Fair – Dec 7. Chili will be made on Dec 5 at 9 am. [Please note that the Red Cedar Choir Concerts are that day as well.]
- ✦ Christmas Bake Sale – Dec 15, in conjunction with the Christmas Cantata. Set up on Dec 14, following WOT mtg, and filling shut-in cookie boxes.

**CALLING ALL WOMEN OF TRINITY! Our next meeting is October 12 at 10 am followed by our Secret Sister Luncheon! Please join us for fellowship, support of our sisters and our church, and planning future events!**



### Missions and Outreach - Baby shower

There were 20 women that attended the Baby Shower luncheon and were able to provide the Pregnancy Help Center with 5 boxes of needed items, \$330 from donations and then \$250 donation from Mission and Outreach.

### LET'S TRY THIS AGAIN... TIN CAN ART THURSDAY OCTOBER 24, 2024

Join in the fun of creating tin can pocket art! This art will be Christmas themed with most supplies provided.

When: Thursday, October 24 Time: 1-3:30 pm  
Where: Fellowship Hall

Most supplies will be provided. If you have Christmas picks, ribbon, flowers, greenery or napkins and are willing to provide, please bring them along. We will teach you how to create these ornamental art pieces. A sign-up sheet is in the Narthex. Any pieces left behind will go into the Chili and Crafts Sale on December 7. Proceeds from the sale will go to specified WOT community organizations. Snacks will be provided.



Jesus did not come to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many (Mark 10:45). When we value the Giver over gifts and serve Him with them, we are blessed to delight in Him forever. (James Banks).

### Make Quilt Tops at Home

Do you enjoy sewing but aren't able to join us on Mondays for quilting? Here's your chance to get involved at home and still make a difference in the lives of those less fortunate.

If you're interested in sewing blocks together, grab a bag with the pre-cut squares (5-1/2" or 10-1/2") and follow the included directions. Once sewn together, return the finished top to one of the quilters or to Julie in the office. We'll then add batting, back it, stitch it closed, tie it, and add it to the rest of the beautiful quilts sent to Lutheran World Relief.

We'd love to have you be a part of the quilting group, even if you're not able to join us in person.

Quilting is held every Monday throughout the year in the Fellowship Hall starting at 9 a.m. If, by chance, you're able to join us and plan to stay into the afternoon, bring a lunch. If you don't sew, that doesn't exclude you. There are many aspects of putting a quilt together that do not involve any sewing. Come check us out. We'd be happy to have you!

**Christmas ALREADY?! Well, yes, for Cantata (a fancy word for musical!) singers, Christmas is just around the**

**corner . . . so mark your calendars for OCTOBER 16, for the first Cantata rehearsal.**

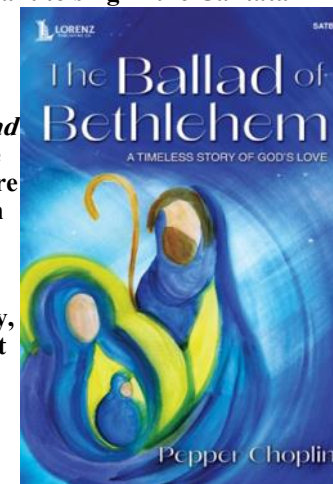
**This is the perfect opportunity for those who aren't able to make the year-long commitment to sing with the Trinity Choir.**

**If you are high-school age or older, and want to sing in the Cantata Choir, just show up on October 16, at 7 pm — no auditions required!**

**Ballads can tell the meaningful stories of our faith through music. The cantata, *Ballad of Bethlehem* by Pepper Choplin brings the timeless story of Christmas to life once more that dramatically moves from a recollection of ancient prophecies through the quiet manger scene to its joyous conclusion.**

**The Cantata will be performed on Sunday, December 15, at 2 pm, followed by a dessert reception.**

**Questions? Ask Joanne . . . 715-651-4875.**



**Trinity Lutheran will participate in  
Operation Christmas Child Shoebox  
Packing on November 9**

Bins will be available for donations (including boxes) the week of Oct 28 and Nov 4 as well as completed boxes your family creates in advance!

The Samaritan's Purse project Operation Christmas Child collects shoebox gifts filled with fun toys, school supplies and hygiene items—and delivers them to children in need around the world to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way. Each box packed full of quality toys, school supplies and personal care items becomes a physical expression of God's love for the child. For many, it is their first gift ever! Delivered by local church partners, shoebox gifts provide an opportunity to present the Gospel to boys and girls in a clear, child-friendly way. Box Labels will go on average sized shoeboxes for Girls and Boys 2-4 yrs old, 5-9 yrs old and 10-14 yrs old. You may gift wrap the box and lid if you choose. Consider including a WOW item, personal care items, school supplies, clothing or accessories, craft and activities and toys.



**A WOW item:**

Girl: Doll, Large Toy, Soccer ball/pump, stuffed animal, musical instrument

Boy: Soccer ball/pump, stuffed animal, musical instrument, large toy truck or car

Don't forget to also include a personal note and photo – sometimes these are the child's favorite things to receive!

**Personal Care Items:** comb or brush, toothbrush, washcloth, fun adhesive bandages, eating utensils, nail clipper and file

**School Supplies:** pencils/sharpeners, pencil case, erasers, pens, crayons, markers, notebooks, index cards, calculator, scissors, ruler, glue stick, small adhesive tape

**Clothing and Accessories:** clothing and undergarments, flip-flops or shoes, cold weather items, sunglasses, bags, backpacks or purses, hair accessories, hats, wristwatch or jewelry, flashlight with batteries

**Crafts or Activities:** puzzles, binoculars, compass, chalkboard and chalk, fishing kit, jump rope, coloring books or pads, dry watercolor set, playdough, stickers, craft kits or colorful rope/twine, books or picture books

**Toys:** ball, frisbee, building blocks, finger puppets, slinky, yo-yo, magnets, kaleidoscope, interactive toys, small figurines

**Pray:** for the child receiving the box to be receptive to the Holy Spirit and the Good News of Jesus Christ, for the pastor of the church delivering your box and the child's community.

**Donate:** Each box needs a \$10 donation to cover shipping and project costs. Information will be provided regarding the donation. If an online option is used, you can Follow Your Box and discover the destination of your gifts! A Donation Box will also be provided in the Narthex!

**Do not include:** Candy; toothpaste; gum; used or damaged items; scary or war-related items such as toy guns, knives, or military figures; chocolate or food; seeds; fruit rolls or other fruit snacks; drink mixes (powdered or liquid); liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers; aerosol cans.

**SECRET SISTERS REVEAL LUNCHEON  
OCT 12 AT 11 AM**

**Sisters in Christ are participating in the Secret Sisters program! We have been praying for our secret sisters, and possibly send a note or two. Now it's time to do the "Big Reveal!"**

**Mark your calendars for October 12, (our regular Women of Trinity meeting date, at 10 am), and join us for a Reveal Luncheon. If you've been part of the Secret Sister program, you'll find out who has had your name as a Secret Sister, and draw again for a new Secret Sister for the following year.**

**NOTE! ALL TRINITY WOMEN are invited to attend this luncheon, even if they were not participating in the Secret Sisters program, and to consider participating in the new year's program.**

**The luncheon will consist of small sandwiches, assorted salads and desserts. A signup sheet for those attending and to bring a salad or dessert will be available at the Welcome Center.**



**Join us for  
Trunk or  
Treat  
October 12  
from 1-3 pm  
Trinity Lu-  
theran  
Church  
Parking Lot**

**Candy donations can be dropped off at the church office**

# October 2024

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>SATURDAY</b>
		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 6:30a Men's Bible study  7p Choir Rehearsal	<b>3</b>  10a Women's Bible Study	<b>4</b>  <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> 8a Text Study 9a Worship w/communion	<b>7</b> 9:00a Quilters 10:30a-12:30p—Food Pantry Open  3:30p Women's Bible Study 7p—AA, Fellowship Hall	<b>8</b> 2:00p Snacks & Facts	<b>9</b> 6:30a Men's Bible study 10:00a Christian Life Mtg  7p Choir Rehearsal	<b>10</b>  10a Women's Bible Study	<b>11</b>  <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	<b>12</b>  10a WOT Mtg 11a Secret Sister luncheon
<b>13</b> 8a Text Study 9a Worship w/communion	<b>14</b> 9a Quilters 3:30p Women's Bible Study 7p—AA, Fellowship Hall	<b>15</b> 6:30p Council Mtg	<b>16</b> 6:30a Men's Bible study  7p Choir Rehearsal 8p PT Rehearsal	<b>17</b>  10a Women's Bible Study 6:30p Men's Ministry Mtg	<b>18</b>  <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b> 8a Text Study 9a Worship w/communion  Love Fund/Food Pantry Offering	<b>21</b> 9a Quilters 10:30a-12:30p—Food Pantry Open  3:30p Women's Bible Study 7p AA, Fellowship Hall	<b>22</b>  <b>Journey Deadline</b>	<b>23</b> 6:30a Men's Bible study  7p Choir Rehearsal	<b>24</b>  10a Women's Bible Study	<b>25</b>  <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	<b>26</b>  1-3 pm TRUNK OR TREAT
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**TRUNK OR TREAT  
OCT 26TH  
1-3PM**



# **The JOURNEY October 2024**

**TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**Rev. Daniel Tabor—Pastor  
Pastor Barb Kleven—Associate Pastor  
Julie Sunderland, Parish Administrator  
Joanne Schilling, Choir Director  
Donnae Carrell, Custodian**

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Sunday School	9am (Sept – May)
Office Hours	8 – 11:30 am, 12:30 - 3:00pm (M-Th)
Bulletin deadline	9 am Tuesdays
JOURNEY deadline	Tuesday - 3 <sup>rd</sup> week of the month
Pastor's Office Hours	Mondays (8 am–3:00pm) Wednesdays (8–11:30 pm) other days by apt.



## **September Worship Services**

**Oct 6 – Worship w/communion @ 9 am**

**Oct 13 – Worship w/communion @ 9 am**

**Oct 20 – Worship w/communion @ 9 am**

**Oct 27– Worship w/communion @ 9 am**

### **KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS**

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

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