

The JOURNEY — *Walking Daily with Jesus*

FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY BRUNCH/WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

September 9 is the first Sunday that we go back to one service. To celebrate reconnecting with fellow parishioners, who you may not have seen all summer and to celebrate our new members, there will be a SUNDAY BRUNCH POTLUCK on September 9 immediately following the 10am worship service. The Fellowship and Growth committee will provide beverages, savory ham and sausage. We hope that you can attend! Bring your favorite brunch item. It might be an egg bake, scones, fruit, breads/bagels, or fried potatoes. There is a sign-up sheet on the Welcome Center counter.



We will be welcoming new members: Rob and Terri Freeman and Jeff and Penny Bemis.

NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR CHURCH COUNCIL

Want to be involved in helping to lead our congregation onward into 2019? The Nominating Committee is looking for members interested in being candidates for various Council positions to be voted on at the Annual Congregational Meeting, November 4. So it isn't too soon to be looking for candidates for council positions opening up. Please prayerfully consider being nominated for one of these critical positions: Vice President, Treasurer, Financial Secretary, Congregational Care, Education, Youth & Family, Evangelism, Worship & Music.

If you are interested in being nominated, please contact the church office at 715-354-3790.



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PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

Anyone with gardening skills who would be interested in being a part of a committee who would regularly work to maintain the plants and shrubbery on our church property, please contact the church office, 715-354-3790.



PASTOR JACK'S COLUMN

“Let us hold tightly without wavering to the hope we affirm, for God can be trusted to keep His promise. ²⁴ Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. ²⁵ And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of His return is drawing near.”

Historians and theologians can't agree on the authorship of the book we call Hebrews, but there is no dispute of its impact in our lives as followers of Jesus. This scripture found in Chapter 10, verses 23-25 offers vital instruction. In it we're reminded of several truths. May they guide us as we transition from an active summer into a peace-filled fall season of ministry.

At least 3 truths are revealed in this passage:

1. God can be trusted to keep his promise. In our summer study of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount we learned of God's grand plan for His church and His children. We were assured of His promise of salvation, a se-

cure hope in Christ, and our important role as salt and light in this world today.

2. We are to motivate one another toward acts of love. At Trinity we see members that support and encourage each other. Brothers and sisters willingly serve in every capacity; from offering a shoulder to cry on to picking up a hammer and finishing a construction job, praying for others, teaching the Word, sharing fresh produce, even mowing lawns!

However, with these wonderful things happening, needs still present themselves: visiting shut-ins or the lonely, mentoring young people, guiding a new believer in reading their Bible. We're called to do these things. It's what we've been taught in putting God first, and the needs of others in front of our own; living a life in 3rd place.

3. Meeting is important! We are to encourage each other, especially knowing that Christ's return is near. On Sunday September 9th we will rejoice as our two summer services reunite into a single worship service at 10am. Let us join in celebration to recognize new members of our church and unite with old friends. After worship we'll extend our time together over brunch. It's an opportunity to share conversations and plans for future ministry, play outdoor games, and fellowship in the spirit of fun and delicious food in our Fellowship hall and church yard. All are invited! And all are invited to bring a neighbor, friend, and family members too!

Genuine love is abundant in our church members, and it spills into our Birchwood community as we practice serving daily and celebrating each 3rd Sunday to "Live as He lived". I'm really looking forward to seeing our church family together in 1 service again! Be sure to wear your Trinity logo or your "Be Third" shirt! Come to meet our ministry leaders and find out how you can get more involved in our church family. Get con-

nected with the Remind app, RightNow Media resources, and Simply Giving. May God continue to bless and guide you!

Pastor Jack

YOUTH AND FAMILY

Sunday School: Programming begins on September 9, during 10am worship services. High school Sophomore Anna Wills and retired teacher Cindy Rubin have partnered to develop and plan a fun, engaging curriculum for our kids! Bible stories, faith lessons, and a new fun craft each week will encourage our boys and girls in a loving relationship with our Savior. Anna and Cindy would also welcome another adult or confirmed youth to help teach 1 or 2 Sundays each month. Please contact Cindy Rubin (507) 250 - 0628 if you'd like to partner with them in this important ministry.



Trinity Youth: Students and their parents in grades 6 - 12 will meet Wednesday September 19th at 6pm in the fellowship hall for a pizza dinner and information about our new ministry year. Students are welcomed to invite friends as well; no church affiliation is required. Congregation members interested in mentoring our youth are also encouraged to attend. The 2018-2019 plan includes a new study bibles for each student, a focus on the Gospel according to John, Luther's catechism, a monthly serving/fellowship activity, and a summer youth mission trip. Trinity is still in search of a Youth and Family Ministry Coordinator. If you, or someone you know, would be interested in filling this vital role please call the Trinity office (715) 354 - 3790

**YOUTH & FAMILY COORDINATOR
JOB ANNOUNCEMENT**

Trinity Lutheran Church, Birchwood, WI, is accepting applications for the position of Youth & Family Coordinator. This is a part-time position, 40 hours/month (approximately 10 hours/week but will vary). Contact Pastor Jack Jorgensen for a detailed job description at (715)354-3790. Submit resume, cover letter & 3 references (names/contact information only) to Pastor Jack Jorgensen, P.O. Box 8, Birchwood, WI 54817 or by e-mail to tlcbirchwood@gmail.com. Applicants must agree to a criminal background check.

THURSDAY GROUP FAITH STUDY

We are currently studying the 1st, 2nd, & 3rd books of John from RightNow Media. Comfortable Christianity often means a weak Christianity. In this study on John's three letters, Dr. Tony Evans challenges Christians who have grown comfortable and complacent in their faith. Fellowship with God is the essence of our faith, and Tony walks through 1, 2 & 3 John to paint a picture of love, obedience, and truth. In a world that hates Jesus, we are called to love Him and His people with a fierce love.

**WOMEN'S THURSDAY MORNING
BIBLE STUDY**

Women are studying *Isaiah, Trusting God in Troubled Times*. Please join us each Thursday at 9:30 am in the Trinity Room and bring a friend.

WOMEN OF TRINITY HAPPENIN'S

The August 16th meeting was held in the Fellowship Hall, with treasurer, Marcia Kampf, leading the meeting.

Jeanne Dahlby, Altar Guild chairperson, reported that Eleanor Kuula stepped forward to take over Altar Guild duties for the month of August. The month of December is still not filled, but Jeanne thinks we can divide those weeks up with four of us volunteering for a week each.

Thanks to Ida Jahnke for making eight new, colorful cloth Busy Bags for children to use during the indoor church service, and thanks to Cindy Rubin for buying new toys and snacks to fill them.

Our September 'Step Out and Serve' activity will be to volunteer at the Birchwood School as Book Buddies. This is a very needed program to help children learn how to read, and actually read to you. It runs Tuesdays through Thursdays, starting at 8:30 a.m., and Rose Cutsforth from our church is volunteer coordinator at the school. Please go on over to the school, see Rose, and witness what a wonderful thing it is to help a child read.

All Women of Trinity will be working on the September Rummage Sale to make it a success, as this is the big money raiser for the year. All proceeds go toward making donations to charitable needs at the end of the calendar year.

Our October 'Step out and Serve' activity will be to make pillowcases to donate to the Birchwood Food Pantry for sale during the weekend of the Birchwood Bluegill Christmas event.

The September 7th and 8th church rummage sale is well into planning, thanks to Cindy Rubin and Dianne Buxton, co-



chairpersons. An article on that appears elsewhere in this 'Journey.'

Our September 20 meeting was changed to **September 13**, in order to avoid a conflict with the Senior Center fall trip on the 20th. Plans remain the same, with a meeting at 11:00 am, followed by a potluck lunch, and then a program with Theresa Johnstad giving her faith talk.

A new Prayer Chain Starter is needed as Sue Jostad has resigned at that position as of August 30th. Sue has done a wonderful job, and we thank her for her time and dedication. Anyone interested and willing to consider this, please call Cindy at the church office.



Since the Women of Trinity provide and serve the Summer Brunches, we will look into having the donations offered for the brunches to be put in our treasury so they can be used for end of the year charitable donations to local charities.

MISSION AND OUTREACH UPDATE

The Trinity family welcomed Gladys Mungo on July 29, when she spoke of her wonderful mission at both worship services. Her words were inspiring and left many with a renewed sense of how to "Live Third."

We were able to donate two huge boxes of clothes for her kids and some adult clothing. Also, she received school supplies to take back to Haiti with her.

Trinity gave Gladys \$500 for her organization, Haiti's Children LLC, and an additional \$300 was given to sponsor Alexa Alexandra for another year of schooling.

Baskets have been put out to collect school supplies for school bags. The last week of September, the School Kit collections will

end and then begin for Embrace. Items not needed for bags will go to Birchwood School or to Embrace Abuse Shelter.

BIRCHWOOD SCHOOL SUPPLIES NEEDED

The Birchwood School needs supplies for students for all grade levels. Please consider donating and brighten a child's first day of school with new school supplies. In the Narthex is a school supply list for Birchwood School. We will collect supplies until the middle of September.



SCHOOL KITS for Lutheran World Relief (LWR). Below is a list of what will go in to each backpack for LWR.

LWR requirements per kit are:

- * Four 70 sheet notebooks, wide or college ruled
- * One ruler (cm. on one side)
- * One blunt scissors
- * One Pencil sharpener
- * Five unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers
- * Five black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink)
- * One box of 16 or 24 crayons
- * One 2 1/2" eraser

We need sewers to make the backpacks for these kits. You may find directions on the table in the Narthex.

RUMMAGE SALE IS HERE!!!

This sale is put on by the Women of Trinity, and is the major fund raiser for our annual charitable donations, including improvements to our church and church kitchen.

This date coincides with the annual Birchwood City-Wide Rummage Sale on Sept. 8th

Date and time for the sale:

- Friday, Sept. 7th – 8:00 – 4:00
- Saturday, Sept. 8th – 8:00 – 4:00
- Dollar bag sale, Sept. 8th, 3:00 – 4:00

Drop-off days for your precious 'stuff': Sept. 2, after church, or Sept. 4, 5, & 6, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Items that sell well: clean clothes and linens; small working appliances, games, puzzles, (especially) baby and children's clothing, garden perennials and indoor plants, dishes, lamps, books, knick-knacks, craft items, sporting equipment, small tools, and??? (your decision).



Please DO NOT bring: televisions, large appliances, computers, printers, magazines and very large items.

A sign-up list for helpers is posted in the narthex. Many volunteers are needed. Jobs include:

- September 4,5, & 6, 9:00 – 4:00, sort and display donations on tables
- Be in charge of the perennials and house plants
- Set up the tool and sports section
- Cashiers for sale (3 to 4-hour shifts)
- Bake bars and/or cookies for sale
- Make the BBQ's and buy food supplies
- Box up, clean-up, Saturday, after 4:00 p.m.
- Bring what didn't sell to donation center in Rice Lake

PLEASE NOTE: *As is the tradition, any unclaimed, unmarked items in the kitchen or containers or dishes that were left on the table in front of the Fellowship Hall, should pick them up, or they become sacrificial offerings for the rummage sale.*

Chairpersons for this sale are Cindy Rubin, and Dianne Buxton

CHOIR & PRAISE TEAM START SEPT 5

SING IN THE PEW?! Join the Choir or Praise Team! NEW VOICES NEEDED! NO AUDITIONS! You don't need to read music . . . We'll make sure you learn your part!

High-school age or older, just show up on September 5, at 7 pm, for choir rehearsal.

NEXT MEETING OF . . .

- Birchwood Food Pantry Open 10:30 am, Sept 1, 3, 15, 17**
- Worship & Music Team 9:30am Sept 10**
- Mission & Outreach 10:00am Sept 12**
- Trinity Lutheran Church Women 11 am, Sept 13**
- Congregational Council 7:00 pm, Sept 18**

The returning members will make you feel very welcome! Rehearsals run from 7 – 8:30 pm, and the choir usually sings the first and third Sundays of each month.

Just interested in singing with Praise Team? Come rehearse at 8 pm, September 5, and the Wednesday before every 2nd Sunday, as Praise Team leads the music on the second Sunday of each month.

Questions? Call Joanne Schilling, 715-651-4875.



Join the Choir...
You'll Be Glad
You Did!

FAREWELL FROM JOURNEY EDITOR

Twelve years ago, I took on the role of editor of the Trinity monthly newsletter, *The Journey*. As Fred and I deal with his health issues of Parkinson's and dementia, we have recognized that my expanding role as his caregiver means I must relinquish more and more of the various tasks I have done at Trinity. And so, effective this month, I step down as *The Journey* editor and turn that role over to Cindy Westphal.



Thank you to those who have provided me information for each month's issue: Mission & Outreach team leaders, Youth & Family Coordinator Melinda Pedersen, all the Pastors, Women of Trinity secretaries, Cindy Westphal, and so many others. Don't stop providing information!

In addition, I cannot thank enough the two ladies who faithfully turn out each month to assemble the pages of the newsletter, slap wafer seals and address labels on each, and bundle them up for mailing: June Ehrich and Ruth Clausen. You both are gems!

A LOOK AT TRINITY'S PAST

[Editor's Note: This is a continuing column focusing on the history of Trinity Lutheran Church. If you have an article to submit, PLEASE send it to Cindy]

1940-1945 - The War Years

In the spring of 1941, the newly remodeled church (located next to the present-day parsonage) was dedicated. In 1942, the congregation voted to change its name to "Trinity Lutheran Church" and voted to join the Norwegian Lutheran Church of America, which in 1960 became part of the American Lutheran Church.

1945-1967 - Years of Growth

At the end of June 1945, Pastor Van Tassel came from Exeland to build up membership, hold Bible classes, and make personal calls. On September 2, 1945, the congregation voted to join in cooperation with his Blue Hills and Exeland Lutheran Churches as on circuit.

In 1946, Trinity Lutheran Church asked to be allowed to join with Long Lake Church as a new parish with one pastor serving both.

In 1947, the church purchased a small parsonage. Student Pastor Arthur Gronberg (yes! Jim Gronberg's father) was the first to move into the parsonage in 1947, and served here with two other students during a three-year period.

On November 6, 1949, Pastor John Ritland was installed to serve the Long Lake and

Trinity parishes. He had previously served as Trinity's pastor from 1912-1918.

Groundbreaking for a new parsonage next to the church took place on September 15, 1950. Completed in 1951, it wasn't until 1952, that a pastor lived in the house – Pastor Robert H. Arneson. It was formally dedicated on July 31, 1955.

SIMPLY GIVING PROGRAM

The Simply Giving Program provides a secure electronic donation solution for individuals to make weekly or monthly offerings to churches and other nonprofit organizations. Please call Cindy in the church office at (715) 354-3790 for more information, or to have an Authorization Form sent to your home. You can also log onto the church website, www.tlcbirchwood.com and signup there by clicking on Resources. When you sign up for Simply Giving, you will receive a free gift or lunch with Pastor Jack! Thank you!



HAVE TRINITY'S LOGO EMBROIDERED ON YOUR JACKET/SHIRT!

Bring in a clothing item of your choice and you can have the Trinity Lutheran Church logo embroidered on it. Bring the item of choice (and it does not need to be new) to the church office. The cost per item is \$6. To see this on a jacket or have any questions, please stop by the church office.



SEPTEMBER WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

	GREETERS	USHERS	COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	SCRIPTURE READERS
SEPT 2—8:30 AM	Kevin & Julie Sunderland	Kevin & Julie Sunderland	Kevin & Julie Sunderland	Donnae Carrell
SEPT 2—10 AM	Mike & Cindy Rubin	LeRoy Brensel Need 1 More	Dave & Mary Webster	Dave Webster
SEPT 9—10 AM	Marcia Kampf Ruth Clausen	Wes & Char Mohns	Norm & Jean Jastram	Jean Jastram
SEPT 16—10 AM	Pat & Brenda Mackey	Jim & Cyndi McGraw	Barb & Rolf Kleven	Barb Kleven
SEPT 23—10 AM	Bob & Karen Scott	Wally & Kathy Thom	Dave & Sharon Dhein	Dave Dhein
SEPT 30—10AM	Eleanor Kuula Joan Kuula	LeRoy Brensel Norm Jastram	Melinda Pedersen Jean Jastram	Melinda Pedersen

WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS ON SEPTEMBER 9!

The Freemans

After years of vacationing in the area, Rob & Terri Freeman, made plans to move here after retirement. Which brought them closer to their 5 children and 15 grandchildren.



Terri was a Lean Manufacturing leader for a large manufacturer of sophisticated storage shelving. She enjoys gardening, crafting, and kayaking. Rob was a Senior Buyer for a worldwide food and beverage company. He enjoys fishing, hunting, atving, and sledding.

The Bemis'

Jeff is retired from working in IT. He traveled throughout his life, but grew up in Birchwood and returned here 10 years ago. (Jeff was baptized and confirmed at TLC.) Music is important to him, especially harmonizing on Barbershop. Jeff has 2 daughters and one granddaughter. He enjoys outdoor activities including fishing, hunting, camping and golf. Penny grew up in South Dakota. At age 20 she moved to Peshtigo, WI., where she lived until 2014. Penny has 1 daughter. She believes that God has chosen to guide her in the health care field and is currently in the infusion room at Spooner Health. Penny enjoys photography, hunting, fishing and most outdoor activities.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- David Dhein 9/1
- Jenny Dahl 9/3
- Anna Will 9/3
- Dee Cartwright 9/5
- Linda Schuh 9/5
- Merlin Jahnke 9/6
- Steven Kotel 9/8
- Connie Larson 9/8
- Kelsie Lavalier 9/8
- Victoria Lindow 9/8
- Tate Nordback 9/8
- Rocky Strand 9/10
- Brett Westphal 9/10
- Becca Hedman 9/12
- Logen Gindt 9/12
- Ida Jahnke 9/15
- Chris Smith 9/15
- Brody Snowbank 9/15
- Mariah Lightner 9/16
- Misstie Anderson 9/17
- Brad Ivers 9/17
- Onalee Boumeester 9/18
- Edward Leader 9/19
- A. Kolodzinski 9/20
- Lucas Gindt 9/21
- Stan Dahl 9/22
- Abigail Harder 9/22
- Barb Kleven 9/22
- Fred Peck 9/25
- Ginny Johnson 9/26
- Tessa Kato 9/26
- Ryan Liermann 9/26
- Kyle Roppe 9/26
- Lauren Brunclik 9/29
- Payton Schultz 9/30



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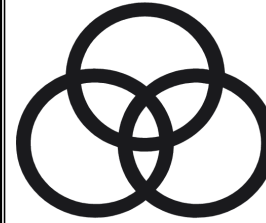
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 10:30a-1:30p – Food Pantry Open
2 15th Sun after Pentecost 8:30a – OUTDOOR Worship w/ Communion 9:30a – COFFEE TIME 10a – Worship w/Communion	3 OFFICE CLOSED 10:30a-1:30p – Food Pantry Open 7p - AA, Fellowship Hall	4	5 7p—Choir Rehearsal 8p—Praise Team Reh	6 9:30a—Women’s Bible Study 6:30p - Group Faith Study	7 OFFICE CLOSED 8-4p—Rummage Sale	8 8-4p Rummage Sale
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16 17h Sun after Pentecost RALLY SUNDAY 9:30a – COFFEE TIME 10a – Worship w/Communion Love Fund & Food Pantry Offerings	17 Journey Deadline 9:30a—Quilting 10:30a-1:30p – Food Pantry Open 5:30p—M&O Feed Timber Bay 7p - AA, Fellowship Hall	18 7:00p - Council Mtg	19 6p—Trinity Youth 7p—Choir Rehearsal	20 9:30a - Women’s Bible Study 6:30p - Group Faith Study	21 OFFICE CLOSED	22
23 18th Sun after Pentecost 9:30a – COFFEE TIME 10a – Worship w/Communion PRAYER SHAWL SUNDAY	24 9:30a—Quilting 7p - AA, Fellowship Hall	25	26 10a - Journey Assembly 6p—Trinity Youth 7p—Choir Rehearsal	27 9:30a - Women’s Bible Study 6:30p - Group Faith Study	28 OFFICE CLOSED	29
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September 9**



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Sunday School 10 am (Sept – May 21)
Office Hours 8 – 11:30 am, 12:30 – 3:00pm (M-Th)
Pastor's Hours 8a – noon, M-Th
Bulletin deadline 9 am Wednesdays
JOURNEY deadline Monday of 3rd week of the month

WORSHIP THIS MONTH

9/02 8:30 am Outdoor & 10 am Indoor Worship w/Communion
9/09 10 am Indoor Worship w/Communion
9/16 10 am Indoor Worship w/Communion
9/23 10 am Indoor Worship w/Communion

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

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

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.