

# The JOURNEY — Walking Daily with Jesus

September 2022

From the Pastor's Desk

*“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead...”* (1 Peter 1:3)

Wow! Here we are in September already. Where has the summer gone? For Gelene and me, it has been a summer that has been consumed by ministry, building a home, welcoming a new daughter-in-law, and this list could go on. Each of these events is a blessing and each involves hope. I hope that I am doing all that I am being called to do in ministry. I hope that Gelene and I will eventually get into our new home. I hope that our son has a long and happy marriage full of many blessings.

But this is not the kind of hope that we as Christians are called to. We are not called to some wishy-washy, “I hope we have a nice autumn” kind of a hope. A pastor friend gave me a great image of Christian hope. He said: “A Christian hope is like the rope that connects to the ship’s anchor. The anchor holds secure to some solid ground, but the rope is what holds the ship to the anchor.” We are the ship, tossed about by the stormy seas of life. Christ alone is our Anchor. Our Christian hope holds us securely to Christ and to His promises.

*“I will never leave you, nor forsake you,”* is God’s promise found in Deuteronomy 31:8. As we go through this life, and as we face the various trials and tribulations which will come our way, some will challenge our faith. But as we look back on our lives and see how God has been faithful to carry us through those past trials, our faith is strengthened by the power of the Holy Spirit. Our hope that Christ’s promises are sure becomes more solid.

And now we can hold securely to a hope that clings tightly to the promises of Christ found in John 10:28, *“I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them from my hand.”*

As we move into the autumn, to a time when many of the Bible studies will begin again after a summer’s hiatus, I pray that you will take the opportunity to come, and to hear of the reason for your hope, Jesus Christ.

In Christ,  
Pastor Dan

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### Letter From Trinity President

At the Little League Southwest Regional championship in Waco, Texas, the home team's 12-year-old pitcher Kaiden Shelton lost control of a pitch, hitting 12-year-old Oklahoma batter Isaiah Jarvis in the head, knocking off his helmet and sending him to the ground. Both boys were shocked. But instead of getting angry, after walking to first base, Jarvis headed to the mound to pull his opponent, who was visibly shaken, into an embrace. ...The boys have been featured on several major news outlets, hailed as models of kindness and sportsmanship.... Clearly, we could use some good news around here. At a time when there's so much in the world to feel scared of and threatened by -- the war in Ukraine, a former president under investigation, the first state to pass a restrictive law against abortions since Roe v. Wade was overturned, the latest Covid-19 wave, the list goes on -- displays of kindness and compassion feel rare, almost surprising. (CNN Opinion Page- Opinion by Peggy Drexler-August 11, 2022.)

Did you see this video that went viral on social media? It brought me to tears and touched my heart. I immediately was amazed how one act of kindness from a 12-year-old can positively affect this many people. He turned a potential act of division into an opportunity of encouragement and forgiveness. Paul writes this about kindness. *Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.* Ephesians 4:32

If one young man can affect the world around him, how can we as the church effect people's lives with our acts of

kindness? Not only with acts of charity and service but also with acts of forgiveness. Have we felt offended by someone? Have we complained about someone because they don't do things like we would? Have we gossiped about someone? Have we held on to grudge for years? I know I have. When the Holy Spirit reveals these sins to me, I ask for forgiveness but I need to also forgive those who offended me. Just as the Lord's Prayer says. Easier said than done. By forgiving one another we practice kindness and compassion and promote unity in God's church and kingdom. There was another young man, who 2000 years ago showed all of us kindness and compassion by taking our sins to the cross and releasing us from the burden of sin. Taking Isaiah Jarvis and Jesus' lead, we should turn the division and conflict we see in our world into kindness, hope and grace. It is a call from Christ.



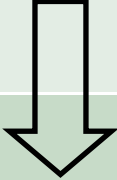
*Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.*  
Matthew 5:16

As we see opportunities for creating unity in our church or fulfilling a persons need, may God give us boldness to show an act of kindness.

*Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.* Philippians 4:8

Jim McGraw



 <b>September WORSHIP ASSISTANTS</b> 					
	<b>Sept 4 (8:30 am)</b>	<b>Sept 4 (10:00am)</b>	<b>Sept 11 (10:00 am)</b>	<b>Sept 18 (10:00am)</b>	<b>Sept 25 (10:00am)</b>
<b>GREETERS</b>	John & Janet Schieffer	Rose Cutsforth	Betty Blanch	Rose Cutsforth	Dan & Jacky Healy
<b>USHERS</b>		Mike Capra LeRoy Brensel	John Schieffer Wally Thom	Mike Rubin Jim McGraw	LeRoy Brensel <b>NEED</b>
<b>COMM. ASSTS</b>		<b>NEED</b>	Dan Dahl	Pat Mackey	Joanne Schilling
<b>READER</b>	Donnarae Carrell	Sue Capra	Janet Schieffer	Cindy Rubin	Carol Addington



David Dhein 9/1  
 Anna Will 9/03  
 Steven Kotel 9/8  
 Connie Larson 9/8  
 Kelsie Lavalier 9/8  
 Victoria Lindow 9/8  
 Tate Nordback 9/8  
 Rocky Strand 9/10  
 Logen Gindt 9/12  
 Becca Hedman 9/12

Ida Jahnke 9/15  
 Mariah Lightner 9/16  
 Brad Ivers 9/17  
 Edward Leader 9/19  
 Tony Kolodzinski 9/20  
 Lucas Gindt 9/21  
 Stan Dahl 9/22  
 Barb Kleven 9/22  
 Ryan Liermann 9/26  
 Kyle Roppe 9/26  
 Lauren Brunclik 9/29

### WHAT LUTHERANS BELIEVE

There is a new class beginning September 7 at 6:00 pm in the Trinity room.



### SMILE

It's That time again, we need to update our Church Directory. Over the Next few weeks we will be setting up to get your pictures and updated information for the new directory. So get ready!!



# Meeting

### NEXT MEETING OF . . .

- Birchwood Food Pantry Open . . . . . 10:30-12:30pm Sept 5, 19**
- Worship & Music Team . . . . . Sept 12, 10:00 am**
- Women of Trinity . . . . . Sept 13, 6:30 pm**
- Trinity Council Meeting . . . . . Sept 20, 6:30 pm**
- Men's Ministry of Trinity . . . . . Sept 15, 6:30 pm**

## Men's Ministry of Trinity

Hope everyone has had a wonderful summer. I know it isn't over yet but I can see the fall just over the hill. Just a reminder that the Men's ministry meeting will resume again on September 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.

The priority project will be the sidewalks at the church. Cost and timing are being considered now and at some point we will need to know who is willing to provide some labor. Watch your emails for any updates.

On a joyous note, the refurbished stained glass window was reinstalled August 25<sup>th</sup>. I was there to assist the installer but like any craftsmen this was not his first rodeo so my efforts were minimal. He did a beautiful job and it was reinforced to better handle the weather. Just some touch up painting on the window casing which I did the week of the 29<sup>th</sup> of August.

There are a number of capital projects (physical properties) that are in need to additional funds. If you're so compelled to participate, there will be posting in the Narthex of what the projects are, costs of those projects and where we are with giving. God bless all who have donated or are considering donating.

Yours in Christ,

Wally Thom



## Upcoming Capital 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.

### In Order of Urgency

1. The Fellowship Hall furnace is failing and a replacement has now been installed. A donation was given for the furnace.
2. 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 cost of the sidewalks are \$10,500.00. A \$3,100.00 donation was made towards the sidewalks.
3. Our Propane Challenge; the propane buy-ahead has been paid and the price is up significantly this year. Cost of propane \$8,000.00 we have \$3,000.00 towards propane.
4. The garage that was given to TLC will need to be placed in a permanent location on a foundation. Estimated cost of concrete, shingles, siding is \$6,700.00; we have \$1,500.00 towards the cost.
5. New carpet is needed for the fellowship hall.
6. 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.

### Quilting

Quilting at Trinity Lutheran Church began in the mid 1970's and continues to this day. While the members have changed over the many years, we continue to enjoy the fellowship of quilters from the surrounding communities.

The quilters gather at 9:00 on Mondays (Labor Day off) They take a break around 10:15 and they bring a lunch if you would like to quilt into the afternoon. There is no time clock so quilt as your time permits.

#### How Can You help?

We are looking for new quilters and former quilters to join us on Mondays starting September 12. Quilt with



us at your convenience. We are looking for donations of Material and bed sheets which are used for backings for quilts and inside liners. The quilters would like to thank all who have donated their time and those who have donated material and bed-sheets to help us make these beautiful quilts.



We would like to say good bye and wish Ashley well on her next adventure. Ashley has taken a position as a youth director in Shell Lake.

Good Luck and Congratulations Ashley!!

Last Month the winds did a number on our stained glass window in the entry and we had to have it repaired. We got it back and it is reinstalled and looking good again. What a blessing!



## 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)



Missions/Outreach is grateful for the congregation's phenomenal support of this and all other projects  
Thank You again for your Support - Diane Hubbard

## 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. There is a sign up board in the Narthex. Thanks for your support!

Cindy Rubin -WOT President

If you have a container or dish on the table leading into the Fellowship Hall, please get it or it will be sold at the Rummage Sale!



## Women of Trinity



### Happenings—August

Our meeting was held on Aug 9 at 6:30. There were 12 women in attendance. The meeting opened and closed with prayer.  
Altar Guild: August: Eleanor Kuula Early Service: Ida Jahnke, September: Sue Capra.  
Discussion of the picnic. Meat was donated so there was no cost to WOT.  
New officers will be elected in November, 2022. Looking for candidates who are willing to serve.  
Annual rummage sale will be held September 9 & 10. Work days to prepare for the sale are September 6-8.  
Discussion of summer coffee hour.  
Next meeting will be September 13, at 6:30p. There will be a short Bible study following the meeting for those who wish to attend.

## 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



# September 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2 OFFICE CLOSED	3
4 8:30 LAST Outdoor Worship 10a - Worship	5 <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b> <b>In observance of Labor Day</b> NO Quilters 10:30a-12:30p—Food Pantry Open 7p—AA, Fellowship Hall	6	7 6:30 am Men's Bible Study 6:00p Class-What Lutherans Believe 7:00 Trinity Choir Rehearsal 8:00 Praise Tm Reher.	8 10a Women's Bible study	9 OFFICE CLOSED	10
11 10a - Worship	12 9:00 Quilters 10:00a - WMMT Mtg 3:30 pm Woman's Bible Study 7p—AA, Fellowship Hall	13 6:30p - Women of Trinity Meeting	14 6:30 am Men's Bible Study 6:00p Class-What Lutherans Believe 7:00 Trinity Choir Rehearsal 8:00 Praise Tm Reher	15 10a Women's Bible study 6:30 pm Men's Ministry Mtg	16 OFFICE CLOSED	17
18 10a - Worship Love Fund/Food Pantry Offering	19 9:00 a Quilters 10:30a-12:30p—Food Pantry Open 7p—AA, Fellowship Hall	20 6:30p - Council Meeting <b>Journey Deadline</b>	21 6:30 am Men's Bible Study 6:00p Class-What Lutherans Believe 7:00 Trinity Choir Rehearsal 8:00 Praise Tm Reher	22 10a Women's Bible study	23 OFFICE CLOSED	24
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**WOMEN OF TRINITY RUMMAGE SALE  
SEPTEMBER 9 & 10**



# The JOURNEY September 2022

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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 <sup>rd</sup> week of the month
Pastor's Office Hours	Mondays (8 am—4:30 pm) Wednesdays & Thursdays (8—11:30 pm)

## SUNDAY WORSHIP THIS MONTH

9/4 — 8:30 am Outdoor Worship w/ Communion  
10 am Worship w/Communion  
9/11 — 10 am Worship w/Communion  
9/18— 10 am Worship w/Communion  
9/25— 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, and all those serving in the military.