

The JOURNEY — Walking Daily with Jesus

“Take care lest you forget your God by not keeping His commandments and His rules and His statutes, which I command you today, lest, when you have eaten and are full and have built good houses and live in them...then your heart be lifted up, and you forget the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery...Beware lest you say in your heart, “My power and might of my hand have gotten me this wealth.” You shall remember the LORD your God, for it is He who gives you power and wealth.” Deuteronomy 8:11-12, 14, 17-18

Here we are, moving into the summer months already. It has been a while since Gelene and I have lived in the Northland, but I seem to recall that this season passes us by too quickly. We see that we are in an area where so many people come to vacation. We are surrounded by vacation homes, ATV trails, and boats of all styles and sizes. We see expensive cars in the area which we don't tend to see in the cooler months. In short, we live in an area where people come to play and to relax. But do the people who come up here for pleasure, or do we for that matter, take time to think about the fact that all of our blessings are from God.

You and I, whether we have many material things or few, are exceedingly blessed by God in far greater and eternal ways. While we were not slaves in the land of Egypt, we each find that we have been slaves to sin. Jesus tells us in John 8:34, *“Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin.”*

But we rejoice that we who believe in the name of Jesus Christ have been saved from the power of that sin in our lives. The Apostle Paul tells us in Romans 6: 22-23: *“But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”*

What a blessing we have in Christ! As we go through these few sunny and warm months, and as we spend time enjoying the things that bring us joy as we are living in such a beautiful area, let us always remember that we are blessed all the more by the free gifts of God, found in His grace and mercy poured upon us, through Jesus Christ.

Have a blessed summer!

Pastor Dan

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President's Message

This month I'm giving you an update of recent Council activities. On May 7th and May 8th, the TLC Council, Pastor Dan and Gelene Tabor, Joanne Schilling and Julie Sunderland met for the Leadership Retreat. We spent time in prayer and meditation seeking God's Future Plan for Trinity. Friday's icebreaker and team building games allowed us to get to know each other better and set the stage for creating a vision statement.

You may ask why do we need a vision statement when we already have a mission statement? What is the difference between a mission statement and a vision statement?

Anthony Hilder, a church leadership consultant tells us the church mission is what you do – “we exist to...” The mission is focused on the present and what we need to be doing. A church mission is functional and purposeful. A mission makes today clear and is like a job description, bringing direction to what needs to be done.

The vision is where you are heading – “we will be/we will see...” Vision is future-orientated and focuses on where we are going. A church vision is an idealistic dream, so it inspires and speaks to the heart. A vision is ‘seen’ with eyes of faith and is ‘felt’, bringing shape to tomorrow. The vision reveals the destination, to be steered and moved towards.

During the retreat's vision small group and brainstorming sessions, we searched for answers to the following questions to help us determine our vision statement.

What are the needs of the congregation? What are barriers to reaching these needs? Where does God want us to work? What does God want to accomplish through us? Where do we

see God leading us? What will our church look like in 3-5 years?

In the end, the Holy Spirit united and led the Leadership Team to draft this new vision statement for Trinity Lutheran Church.

“To be people that know, love and share Christ.”

Looking at our mission statement and the Great Commission given to us by Jesus, you'll see that our new vision is in complete agreement with them. Also notice that our mission statement says who we are at this present time and the vision says who we will be in the future. Now that we have set the target

to shoot for, we all need to help out with our ministries. The Ministry Teams along with your help will begin to set goals, objectives and action plans to reach those goals.

On Pentecost Sunday, we were privileged to receive 9 new members into our congregation. I felt a spirit of unity, love and fellowship as the new members agreed to worship, share time, talents and treasures in support of the mission of Christ's through TLC and proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ

though daily words and deeds. Next, we as the congregation of Trinity agreed to pray, support and work side by side with these new members with the help of God. As we move forward in completing God's plan and vision for TLC and our communities, the Leadership Team will look forward working with you.

“Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us,” Ephesians 3:20



Jim McGraw

Monthly Treasurer's Report

Trinity Lutheran Church

Monthly Treasurer's Report - April 2021

Summary

April 2021 results were improved from the previous months. Income was higher than plan which helped close the shortfall and expenses were less than plan for the month.

Income for the April, 2021 was more than plan at about \$16,500, against our plan of \$14,500. Expenses for the month were under plan at \$12,100 versus a monthly plan of \$14,700. Note: larger expenses are expected later in the year for LP gas etc.

For the year, TLC has brought in about \$700 more than has been spent.

Thanks to all members for their continued generosity in 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Rubin, Treasurer



Our worker bees have been busy!!

We have flattened out the old flower beds by the road and have installed Planters. We are offering these to be adopted out and each individual is responsible for the plants and the upkeep of their planter. A lot of work has gone into this project already. Just wait till we see all the colorful varieties of plants as the planters begin to bloom. There is a sign up sheet on the welcome center if you would like to adopt a planter.



Women of Trinity Happenings

-Our meeting was held in the Fellowship Hall on May 11. There were 7 women in attendance.
 -The April minutes were accepted as read. The treasurers report was accepted as presented.
 -Altar Guild—May, Char Mohns June, Terry Freeman, Ida Jahnke (Early Service). There is a protocol in place for the services and communion for outdoor service (8:30). Refreshments will be resumed between services. The schedule is listed in the service booklet.
 -Old Business—
 Group to meet to update funeral/event plan. Group: Karen Hayes, Julie Sunderland, Gelene Tabor, Cindy Rubin.
 Storage rental for rummage sale items. Will begin accepting items in the Fellowship Hall as of June 1, 2021
 Library care has been referred to Council, email sent to congregation about position.
 Summer schedule of snacks between services has been approved by Council. Serving teams are listed in the service booklet.

Women of Trinity



New Business—
 funds will be approved for flower beds and the memorial garden. That project is being worked on, but there is no estimate at this time.
 Tentative funerals scheduled. There are 3 upcoming possible funerals. Serving will possibly be requested.
 June 12—June Ehrich Service commit-

tee 1

June 18—Thor Skar

July 23—Larry Sibley

Meeting date. There is a conflict with the Birchwood Historical Society meeting on the 2nd Tuesday of the month. The WOT will meet on the 1st Tuesday of the month.

Sharing of Women of the Word Retreat—Gelene Tabor reported on the retreat at Camp Forest Springs, Westboro, WI. She felt it was a wonderful experience and encouraged others to go next year. The service project completed there was for Pink Box Purpose—women's hygiene kits for mission in Honduras. A handout was shared with the group, the website for more information is pinkboxpurpose.org. Susan J will order a template/kit and bring it in to the next meeting. Motion made and seconded for this.

Discussion of having an inspirational speaker at our next meeting. Gelene will contact Pregnancy Help Center to see if someone could come.

The Council is planning for the gardens and Memorial garden update. There will be a meeting on May 12 to begin to create a plan to be put into place. This may be a 2-year plan. There will be work for many hands.

Next meeting June 1 at 6:30 in the Fellowship Hall.

The meeting was closed with prayer and adjourned at 7:45.

JUNE WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

	June 6 (8:30AM)	June 6 (10 AM)	June 13 (8:30 am)	June 13 (10:00 am)	June 20 (8:30 am)	June 20 (10:00 am)	June 27 (8:30 am)	June 27 (10:00 am)
GREETERS	Wes & Char Mohns	Joanne & Eldon Kvale	Bob & Karen Scott	Betty Blanch	Rob & Terri Freeman	Rose Cutsforth	Jim & Cindy McGraw	Eleanor Kuula
USHERS	↓	Mike Capra Need 1 more	↓	Wally Thom Pat Mackey	↓	Tom Svitak Kyle Hubbard	↓	Mike Rubin LeRoy Brensel
COMM. ASSTS	↓		↓		↓		↓	
READER	Karen Hayes	Sue Capra	Janet Schieffer	Marcia Kampf	Donnarae Carrell	Katrina Gustafson	NEED	Cindy Rubin

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 the following dates:

1. May 31st
2. June 7th
3. June 21st
4. July 5th

Please, call Barb Kleven at 715-834-9988 if you have any questions.



Janet Schieffer	6/01	Leigh Hedman	6/19
Bob Scott	6/01	Carol Addington	6/20
Dianne Buxton	6/08	Roger Blanch	6/23
Karl Kristensen	6/08	June Bibeau	6/24
Barb Deutsch	6/09	Gerald Dolen	6/25
Rhonda Schultz	6/10	Lou Sandow	6/25
Hailee Lindow	6/11	Mary Diehl	6/26
Morgan Lobitz	6/14	Brian Beffa	6/26
Harry Deutsch	6/15	Tom Svitak	6/29
Kyle Bratvold	6/16		
Amanda VandeVoot	6/16		
Hailey Hayes	6/17		
Barb Hinderman	6/17		
Payton Baribeau	6/18		
Sharon Gary	6/19		

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. June 7,19,21**
- Worship & Music Team 10 am, June 7**
- Women of Trinity. 6:30pm, June 1**
- Trinity Council Meeting 6:30 pm, June 15**



American Red Cross

June 10

11 am—5 pm

Trinity Lutheran Church

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Redcross.org



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.



Notice To Members:

As we were not able to hold our annual rummage sale in September of 2020, we are already looking forward to preparing for this year's sale. It will be held September 10 and 11, 2021. Since we realize people have been accumulating items to donate, we have a plan. We have secured a storage place

through the generosity of one of our members and consequently we will begin accepting donations for the sale on June 1. Items may be left in the Fellowship Hall and we will transfer them to our storage place. Thanks for your support to this fundraising event as this enables us to donate funds to area nonprofit organizations and pay for needs in our church.

Cindy Rubin - Rummage Sale Co-Chair



WE NEED VOLUNTEERS to Help with VBS

Ready for the voyage of a lifetime? VBS High Seas Expedition begins June 21 - June 25 from 1-4:30 pm. volunteers, registration forms for the kids and donation slips to help make VBS possible. Contact Ashley with questions -715-790-1491-**Limited Spaces**

Memorial Garden



The Memorial garden team has met a couple times and will be working out some details to share with you in the near future.

There is damage happening to the structure and water seepage, so we will be landscaping and redesigning the memorial garden.

We will also be holding a fund raiser for the new redesigned Memorial Garden.

It is the team's vision to utilize this space as the NEW outdoor worship area in the summer months.



Alyce & Steve Tracey

“We moved permanently to Birchwood in 2017 from Hudson, WI. We have 3 children and 6 grandchildren. We are both retired. We enjoy spending time with family and friends, activities on Red Cedar Lake, golfing , reading and traveling. We are looking forward to becoming members of Trinity Lutheran Church, Birchwood.”

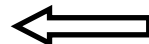


Welcome New Members

Cheri & Eric Anderson



Dan & Connie Dahl



Dan is from Northfield, MN, Connie is from Eau Claire, WI. Lived in Burnsville MN until moving to WI. Retired from our real jobs as accountants, both working part time. Met at work in Hopkins, MN. Married in Eau Claire May 30th 40 years ago. One surviving son, Jacob, married last October. Love the lake, cruising around, fishing, golf, bowling, and singing, anything Minnesota pro sports. Although Connie is a Packer “fan”, Dan says can’t have everything.



Katrina Gustafson

I enjoy gardening,, flowers, landscaping, outdoor sports, swimming ,camping, riding bike, skating, volleyball ,horseshoes, puzzles and board games.



Mary & Jeff Arvesen

We are a retired couple that reside in the town of Cedar Lake . We were members of Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Campia before transferring to Trinity. We have 2 children and 3 grandchildren. We enjoy watching old TV shows, listening to music , fishing boating and trying new recipes.



June 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 6:30p Women of Trinity mtg	2	3	4 OFFICE CLOSED	5
6 10a - Worship	7 10:00 WMMT Mtg 10:30a-12:30p—Food Pantry Open 1:00 pm Text Study 6p—Women's Bible Study-Trinity Rm 7p—AA, Fellowship Hall	8	9 5:30p-The Cross	10 10:00a—Women's Bible Study	11 OFFICE CLOSED	12
13 10a - Worship	14 1:00 pm Text Study 6p—Women's Bible Study-Trinity Rm 7p—AA, Fellowship Hall	15 6:30p - Council Meeting	16 5:30p-The Cross	17 10:00a—Women's Bible Study	18 OFFICE CLOSED	19 10:30a-12:30p—Food Pantry Open
20 10a - Worship Love Fund/Food Pantry Offering	21 Journey Deadline VBS 10:30a-12:30p—Food Pantry Open 1:00 pm Text Study 6p—Women's Bible Study-Trinity Rm 7p—AA, Fellowship Hall	22 VBS	23 VBS 5:30p-The Cross	24 VBS 10:00a—Women's Bible Study	25 VBS OFFICE CLOSED	26
27 10a - Worship	28 1:00 pm Text Study 6p—Women's Bible Study-Trinity Rm 7p—AA, Fellowship Hall	29	30 5:30p-The Cross			

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June 2021

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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

- 6/06 – 8:30 Outdoor early service w/communion - Coffee fellowship between services 10 am Worship w/Communion
- 6/13 – 8:30 Outdoor early service w/communion - Coffee fellowship between services 10 am Worship w/Communion
- 6/20 – 8:30 Outdoor early service w/communion - Coffee fellowship between services 10 am Worship w/Communion - Love Fund Offering
- 06/27 – 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
Dan Gowan	Lora	Donna Willis
Andy Hedman	Sharon Mackey	
Barb Hinderman	Rusty Morrell	
Eunice Kuntz	Tracy Reid	
Roy Kuula	Bill Rice	
Joan Kuula	Ro Sackmann	
Joyce Lambrecht	Carter Sackmann	

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