

# The JOURNEY — Walking Daily with Jesus

## From the Pastor's Desk

Grace and peace to you from God the Father and from our risen Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

As I write this message, our congregation has again experienced the passing of another Saint into glory. It is both an honor and a privilege to journey with a family as they go through this time, to share words of hope, and the promise of a resurrection to eternal glory with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

At times, we all struggle with words to share with the family, and the church congregation as we all mourn the death of a brother or sister in Christ. Yet, when we search the scriptures, we find that the Holy Spirit Himself is able to provide the promises which we all seek for comfort.

Just such a promise is found in 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18, where Paul writes, *“But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. Therefore encourage one another with these words.”* (ESV, emphasis mine)

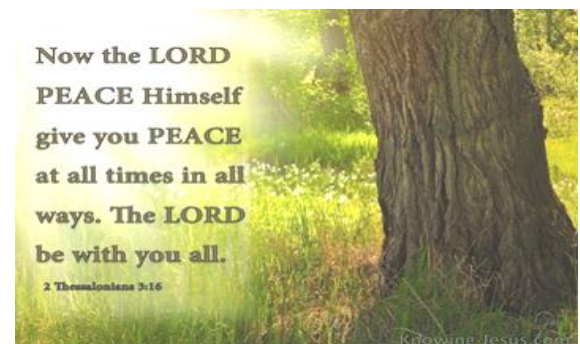
We do mourn for our loved ones, this is true. But our hope is in Jesus Christ and what He has done on the cross for each of us. For those who believe, even though we mourn, we trust in all of God's promises which have been fulfilled by Christ on His cross. First and foremost, is the promise of Jesus Himself: *“Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved...”* (Mark 16:16).

May the peace of God which surpasses all understanding guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Amen.

Pastor Dan

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### Letter from Trinity President

On May 19th and 20th, the TLC Leadership Team had their Annual Workshop. At the workshop, we had a couple of small group brainstorming sessions, discussion groups and team building exercises. As I looked around the room, I saw the Council, the church staff, pastors, several choir members, several Men's group members, several Women's group members, worship assistants, VBS volunteers and Bible study leaders. Do you know what was the common link with these groups? They were all the same people. This small core of people serves on several ministries at TLC. With these brothers and sisters doing much of the ministry at TLC, tiredness and fatigue and the possibility of burnout may occur. Burnout is common in most churches.

In an article entitled *Avoiding Lay Ministry Burnout* found on the Lewis Center for Church Leadership website, Marty Cauley listed three things to help churches avoid burnout.

1. Help church members discover their strengths, their gifts, and their divine calling. Sue Nilson Kibbey, in her book, *Ultimately Responsible*, discusses the importance of helping people live, work, and do ministry utilizing their strengths. You do not burn out doing what you love, only what you loathe. The first step to avoiding the cycle of ministry failure is to help people prayerfully discern their gifts, strengths, and divine calling.

*Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. - 1 Corinthians 12:4-7*

The Holy Spirit gives life to the church. Each of us needs to pray that the Holy Spirit will testify to our spirits what spiritual gifts we have that can support the ministries of His church. The last sentence of the 1 Corinthians scripture quoted above says each of us is given gifts to be used for the common good of the church.

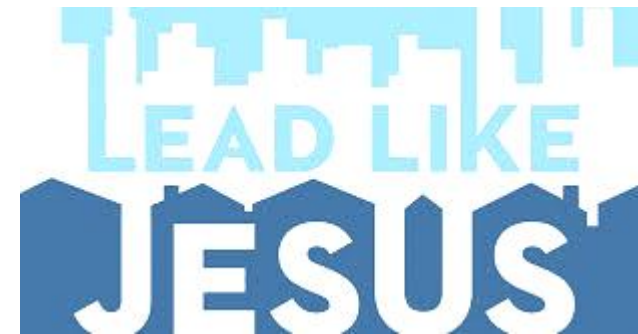
2. Encourage people to ask for help. So often pastors and paid staff do not pay enough attention if no one is complaining too loudly and the tasks are getting done. We really need to know if people are happy or

not. Leaders can create an environment where it is safe to ask for help. A leader is "ultimately responsible," as Kibbey writes, for providing assistance, keeping people from getting overloaded with too many jobs, or helping them transition to a new role. Here at TLC, it may be our lay leaders, volunteers and even our pastors who ask for help. My hope is that we answer the call for help from these brothers and sisters when asked.

3. Put time limits on the length of expected service. The "elected until death" expectation common in so many churches is a sure recipe for lay ministry burnout. Create a leadership covenant that allows lay leaders to opt in or opt out annually or at least every two years. While it can be frustrating to see effective people decide to take a breather, it's much better than having them burn out later. Caring for those you expect to care for others is an important pastoral (and leader) responsibility. TLC has been fortunate to have a few new leaders come forward recently to serve on the TLC Council. They have been a great asset to your leadership team. Our Constitution and Bylaws does have term limits for congregational officers. With that in mind the President, Vice President and Secretary terms will end in December. Please prayerfully consider to serve God's church in this capacity. We all are leaders in some capacity or another.

Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. *Philippians 2:3-4*

Jim McGraw





## June WORSHIP ASSISTANTS



	June 4 8:30a	June 4 10:00a	June 11 8:30a	June 11 10:00a	June 18 8:30a	June 18 10:00a	June 25 8:30a	June 25 10:00a
<b>GREETERS</b>	Jim & Cyndi McGraw	Terri Freeman	Kevin & Julie Sunderland	Betty Blanch	Karen & Bob Scott	Brenda Mackey	Barb & Rolf Kleven	Sue Svitak
<b>USHERS</b>	↓	Rob Freeman Wally Thom	↓	Mike Capra LeRoy Brensel	↓	LeRoy Brensel Mike Rubin	↓	LeRoy Brensel
<b>COMM. ASSTS</b>	↓	Kathy Thom	↓	Ellen Ehrich	↓	Pat Mackey	↓	Joanne Schilling
<b>READER</b>	Donnarae Carrell	Gloria Widiker	Dianne Buxton	Sue Capra	Jimmy Kolodzinski	Eric Anderson	Di Hubbard	Joanne Schilling

### Happy Birthday

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

**SUMMER WORSHIP!** Although the temps haven't felt very summery lately, we are starting our summer worship schedule of TWO services on May 28 with the outdoor service at 8:30 am (see note below), and indoor service at 10 am.

If you come to the outdoor service, bring a lawn chair and (depending on the temperature) a jacket! In event of inclement weather (or too cold!), the early service will be held in the sanctuary.

**COFFEE FELLOWSHIP** will be held between the two services to keep our congregation "connected." So, stay a little later after the early service or come a little early before the late service and share a cup of coffee and a little snack with your Trinity Family members!

# Meeting

### NEXT MEETING OF . . .

- Birchwood Food Pantry Open . . . . . 10:30-12:30pm June 5,19**
- Worship & Music Team . . . . . June 5, 10:00 am**
- Women of Trinity . . . . . NO Meeting**
- Trinity Council Meeting . . . . . June 20, 6:30 pm**
- Men's Ministry of Trinity . . . . . June 15, 6:30 pm**

**A letter from our Associate Pastor Barb**

Spring is beautiful here in Northwest Wisconsin. The leaves are fresh and new, most of the docks are in the lakes, gardens are lovely and refreshing.

2 Corinthians 5:17 says:

*Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.*

As God’s children we are refreshed like spring when we meet for worship, lovingly greet, and care for one another, and bring that refreshment to our community and everywhere we go.

If you need to be refreshed, remember that God is here to pour out His love and compassion on you, because He cares for You. He tells us in Isaiah 44:3:

*“For I will pour water on the thirsty land, and streams on the dry ground; I will pour my Spirit upon your offspring, and my blessing on your descendants.”*

Be blessed today as you cast every burden on the Lord because He cares for you! Psalm 55:22; .... you will find rest for your soul. Matthew 11:28:

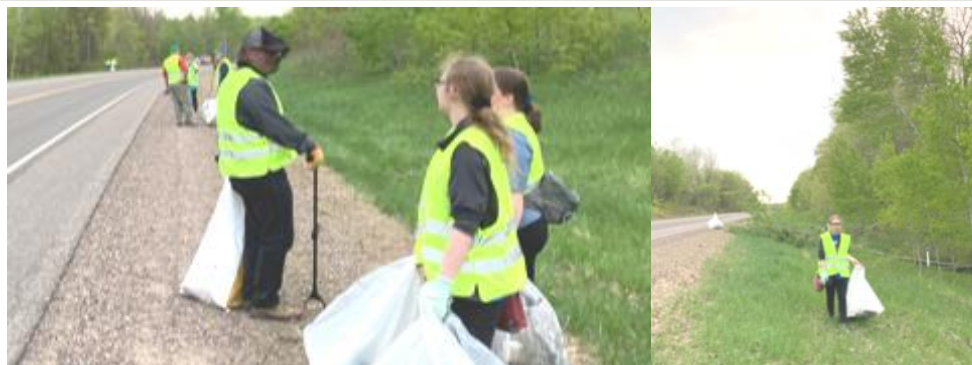
Be refreshed and join us for Bible Studies listed in our church calendar!

Trinity church is here for you. You can call our church office at 715-354-3790 or me, at 715-834-9988.

Pastor Barb Kleven



Get ready for a Church picnic Sunday June 18, after the second worship service. All the dads can come relax and enjoy Father’s Day.



The Trinity Youth along with congregational members helped clean up garbage along highway 48 in Birchwood. They came back after cleaning and enjoyed a Pot Luck! Thank you to all involved in helping keep our community beautiful!

**Missions & Outreach**

The Missions team is collecting Baby Kit supplies. Stop out in the Narthex to see a list of items that are needed for the Baby Kits. If you can’t get anywhere to pick up these items and would rather make a monetary donation, the team will use the money collected to buy the supplies to finish the Baby Kits.



**Up Coming Events**

Monday’s - Women’s Bible study 3:30pm

Wednesday’s - Men’s Bible study 6:30 am

Thursday’s - Women’s Bible study 10:00 am has resumed and starting with a study on the book of John.

Women's Tea - June 3; 11 am

VBS - June 12-26, 12:30p - 3:30p

Church Picnic - June 18



### We're going to the MOON for STELLAR VBS!

Launch kids on a cosmic quest where they'll have a blast shining Jesus' light to the world. STELLAR VBS rockets kids on an out-of-this-world adventure that's light years of faith-building fun.

STELLAR Vacation Bible School will "launch to the moon" June 12-16, from 12:30 to 3:30 pm, here at Trinity Lutheran Church Birchwood. All children aged 3 (by 09/01/2022 & potty-trained) thru 5th grade are invited to register for STELLAR VBS.

Registration forms are available at the church and online at [vbspro.events/p/tlcbirchwood](https://vbspro.events/p/tlcbirchwood).

The cost is \$10 per child, and no more than \$20 per family. Scholarship funds are available so that every child can take part in VBS.

**Volunteers.** We need YOU to volunteer to serve as station leaders and assistant station leaders to lead the different stations, and crew leaders and assistants to guide the children from station to station. Please consider volunteering! A Volunteer Sign-up Board is located in the narthex.

**Donations.** We have received a generous \$450 donation from the Lions Club but will need additional funds. A donation board is located in the narthex. We thank you in advance for your donations.

**Decorating Session.** We invite young and old to help create some of the decorations. Join us at our last session on June 4 from 6 to 8 pm (Wear grubby clothes as we might be doing some painting!) We will be creating our lunar world on Sunday, June 11, following worship. Come help us!

For more info, contact Joanne Schilling at 715-651-4875 or the church office at 715-354-3790.

## Women of Trinity



The Youth Cleanup of the Hwy 48 between the Giant Bluegill Fish and the bridge was completed Youth and members of the congregation gathered at the church and then started clean up, and had a pot luck following clean up. Barb Kleven has discovered that some people may not be attending church due to hearing issues. The hearing amplifiers will be checked for the quality of the batteries and earbud size (are they too large for women?)

Discussion on the importance of staying in contact with shut-ins or others who are in need of assistance. if we know of anyone who needs attention let us know.

Vacation Bible School – The flyers are available and an announcement will be made at the Spring Tea on June 3rd.

Marcia Kampf is Starting Bible study 10am May 25. Let her know if you want to attend the new study on John.

T-shirt bags (approx. 12) were made and filled with goods at the Women Of the Word retreat. Joanne Schilling will bring them to Embrace in Spooner. Karen Hayes advised that a shopping bag containing articles for the baby kits is missing. It was located behind the partitions and contains sweaters and baby caps. If anyone sees it, please let her know.

Women of Trinity will not be meeting through the summer months; they will resume meetings in August.

*Ladies – You are invited to the Women's Tea  
June 3, at 11 am*

*Speaker: Michelle Rayburn*

*"Ordinary Women, Extraordinary God"*

*Luncheon of sandwiches, salads & desserts*

*\$6 at the door*

*Please RSVP @ 715-354-3790*



**2023 REGISTRATION FORM**  
**One per child please**

OR Register online at:  
[vbspro.events/p/tlcbirchwood](https://vbspro.events/p/tlcbirchwood)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Gender \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_ Last grade completed \_\_\_\_\_

Name of parent(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency contact person \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Child \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone \_\_\_\_\_ Alt. Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Food allergies or other medical problem **NO or YES** (circle)  
Explain \_\_\_\_\_

**USE THE BACK OF THE FORM IF NECESSARY FOR EXTRA EXPLANATION**

Family Doctor \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Siblings or other family members attending VBS (names)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Home Church: \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent or guardian signature**

*So we can make plans, please return this registration to the  
**STELLAR VBS Drop Box** at either Trinity Lutheran Church or  
Birchwood School as soon as possible. Thank you.*

***Walk in registrations are welcomed!***

**SUBMIT THIS PART FOR REGISTRATION!**

**Send your kids on an out-of-this-world adventure!**

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**Register your children for this life-changing adventure!**

**Trinity Lutheran Church**  
501 East Chetac, Birchwood

**June 12 thru June 16**  
**12:30 - 3:30 PM**

Vacation Bible School registration  
is for kids aged 3 (by 09/01/2022  
& potty-trained) thru 5<sup>th</sup> grade!



**To register:**

- ✓ Fill out the attached Registration Form and return it to the church or bring it to the Birchwood school office. Both locations will have a designated **STELLAR VBS Drop Box**.
- ✓ Mail it to Trinity Lutheran Church, PO Box 8, Birchwood
- ✓ Or call to register by calling the Trinity Lutheran office at (715) 354-3790
- ✓ Or register online at: [vbspro.events/p/tlcbirchwood](https://vbspro.events/p/tlcbirchwood)

A suggested donation of \$10 per child, but not more than \$20 per family, will help defray costs and can be collected on the first day. Scholarship funds are available so that every child can take part in VBS.

We invite all the VBS kids (and parents, as well!) to come to Sunday's 10 am worship service on June 18 to sing some favorite VBS songs and attend our Annual Trinity Picnic afterwards. For any additional information, please contact the office of Trinity Lutheran Church at (715) 354-3790.

**POST THIS REMINDER ON YOUR FRIDGE!**

## June 2023

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>SATURDAY</b>
				1	2 <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	3 11a—Women's Tea
4 8:30 am Outside Worship 10:00 am Worship	5 9:00a Quilters 10:00 WMMT 10:30a-12:30p—Food Pantry Open 1:00p Christian Life Mtg 3:30p Women's Bible Study  7p—AA, Fellowship Hall	6	7 6:30a Men's Bible Study	8	9 <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	10
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18 8:30 am Outside Worship 10:00 am Worship Love Fund/Food Pantry Offering  Church picnic following 10:00 service	19 9:00a Quilters 10:00 WMMT 10:30a-12:30p—Food Pantry Open  3:30p Women's Bible Study 7p—AA, Fellowship Hall	20 <b>Journey Deadline</b>  6:30p - Council Meeting	21 6:30a Men's Bible Study	22	23 <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	24
25 8:30 am Outside Worship 10:00 am Worship	26 9:00a Quilters 3:30p Women's Bible Study  7p—AA, Fellowship Hall	27  6:00p - Birchwood Historical Society Potluck & Mtg	28 6:30a Men's Bible Study	29	30	

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**VBS WILL BE STELLAR!**



# The JOURNEY

## June 2023

**TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH**

*Rev. Daniel Tabor—Pastor*

*Barb Kleven—Associate Pastor*

*Julie Sunderland, Parish Administrator*

*Joanne Schilling, Choir Director*

*Betty Blanch & Donnarae Carrell, Custodians*

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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 Services

**June 4 — Outdoor Worship w/Comm. @ 8:30 am**  
Worship w/communion @ 10 am

**June 11 — Outdoor Worship w/Comm. @ 8:30 am**  
Worship w/communion @ 10 am

**June 18 — Outdoor Worship w/Comm. @ 8:30 am**  
Worship w/communion @ 10 am

**June 25 — Outdoor Worship w/Comm. @ 8:30 am**  
Worship w/communion @ 10 am

### **KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS**

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

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