

The JOURNEY — Walking Daily with Jesus

June 2022 Journey

From the Pastor’s Desk:

Jesus prayed, *“I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me.”* (John 17: 20, ESV)

Do you ever wonder what it would be like to have “unity” in the Church of Jesus Christ? That was the desire of our Lord. Yet, “unity” in the Church is something that can be fragile, if it exists at all. In most churches, even in early Christian history, “unity” was difficult to find. You can find conflict in Acts Chapter 6, Acts Chapters 11-15, and Galatians Chapter 5 as examples.

Trinity Lutheran leadership met at Hunt Hill Audubon Nature Center for a retreat just a few weeks ago. Our topic of discussion revolved around “unity.” We know that Trinity Lutheran has had a number of years of turmoil. The reasons for this are varied and many are valid. However, none of the reasons are insurmountable.

Jesus prayed *“...that they may all be one...”* With this goal in mind, Trinity Lutheran Church is planning a Church Picnic on June 26th. Every ‘member’ of the congregation will be receiving an invitation in the mail shortly. It is my prayer that you would respond to this invitation, and reach to those whom you know in our fellowship. Please mark your calendars and join us for a great time of reunion.

Blessings on your summer! See you in church for our 8:30 outdoor worship, or at our 10:00 service!

In Christ,
Pastor Dan

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On May 14 & 15th, your Council and church staff met for the spring retreat. Friday, we spent the evening getting to know each other better and preparing for the Saturday session. Part of that preparation was looking at Revelation 2&3 where Jesus tells each of the seven churches in Asia Minor what he sees as problems with those churches. After this discussion we had a time of personal mediation on if we see anything causing Trinity not following Christ alone and is there anything in our Church causing disunity. After this we had a time of Confession of Sin and Absolution. The evening wrapped up with a time of games and fellowship. The more time I spend with your leadership team, the more I see their passion and love for Christ, for the church and for you. It is a joy just being around these brothers and sisters. On Saturday, we had brainstorming sessions to answer the following questions:

Question #1-How do we effectively reach out to those members who have fallen away from fellowship with Trinity?

To address this question, we started planning for our church family reunion picnic. At this event it is our desire to invite all members on our church roster. This includes current, new and past members that haven't returned to fellowship for a number of reasons. The intent is to celebrate our church's legacy much in the same manner as a family reunion does. In order to undertake this big event, the Christian Life Team created a Picnic Planning Team, consisting of Cheri Anderson, Fellowship and Cindy Rubin, Education, Youth and Family acting as co-chairs. Other team members are Diane Hubbard, Mission/Outreach, LeRoy Brensell,

Evangelism and staff members Joann Schilling and Ashley Beffa. All ministry teams will be involved in the picnic preparations.

You may ask what is this Christian Life Team? The Christian Life Team concept allows ministry teams who have upcoming events or activities to enlist the assistance of other ministry teams, staff and volunteers to make sure event goals and timelines are met. This is necessary to make sure all ministry teams work together in meeting the TLC vision statement, To know, love and share Christ.

Question #2 How can we as leaders open doors to the congregation so that we are able to "hear" what their concerns and needs are? How do we make every member feel valued, loved, included, wanted and needed?

As the early church grew rapidly and the Greek followers thought that their widows were being excluded from the distribution of goods. Since the apostles didn't have the time for both spreading the Gospel and handling the distribution of goods, they appointed seven faithful men to take on the distribution of goods. Kind of sounds like ministry teams, doesn't it? TLC's leadership's goal is to follow Jesus' example and be servant leaders and make sure no member feels excluded from anything. We had many great ideas during this brainstorming session. It is good having ideas but we need to bring those ideas into action. A few of these action items we came up with were:

Fellowship and Missions/Outreach are working on events and activities specifically for our "more experienced" church family members.

Establish a phone tree system so we can communicate with our entire congregation.

The Men's Ministry of Trinity are in the discus-

sion on how to best assist with some of the physical needs of our widows, home bound, and elderly.

Look into the Stephens Ministry program to train caregivers to help Congregational Care with their mission. Schedule listening sessions for groups or one on one to hear needs, concerns and ideas from our congregation.

There are many more things we have to work on. We are asking for your help on several fronts. We need to enlist you all as our communication network. We need to hear of any needs of our church and community family. Illness, hospitalization, need of prayer, small household and yard chores, loneliness or depression. We also are in great need of volunteers to help our Fellowship, Evangelism, Stewardship, and Operations (Facilities and Church Grounds) Ministries. You all have skills and talents that God can use for his Church and glory. Good things are happening at Trinity be part of it.

"There may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together." 1 Corinthians 12:25-26 ESV



Men's Ministry of Trinity

What's with the garage?

The garage has not been dropped. There is work being done to get estimates for the concrete floor, siding, roofing and other misc. parts before we humbly put out a fund-raising request for construction dollars. The Men's ministry of Trinity is looking into donations and is negotiating to secure some of the building components prior to the fund-raising request. This project is a much-needed storage room for all ministry teams to use. Please be patient as we put together the final project plan.

The Men's ministry is also actively working with other ministry groups involved with VBS props, summer Congregation picnic, lawn care at the church, and participating at the food tent during the annual Blue Gill fest.

Yours in Christ, Wally



A Big THANK YOU to all who helped with the grounds clean up day. With spring comes all the yard work that is needed to help keep Trinity looking it's best. We also have a few planters up for adoption to help beautify the area out by the road. There is a sign up sheet in the Narthex.

The Cross Youth offer to serve

With their new business opening Mothers Day weekend Unique Designs Bakery accepted The Cross Youths help getting the walkway ready. What a blessing it is to give back to the community and support a local business.





JUNE WORSHIP ASSISTANTS



	June 5 (8:30 am)	June 5 (10:00am)	June 12 (8:30 am) Indoors	June 12 (10:00 am)	June 19 (8:30am)	June 19 (10:00am)	June 26 (8:30am)	June 26 (10:00am)
GREETERS	Jim & Cyndi McGraw	Joanne & Eldon Kvale	John & Janet Schieffer	Alyce Tracey	Wes & Char Mohns	Brenda Mackey	Karen & Bob Scott	Sue Svitak
USHERS	↓	Rob Freeman Mike Capra	John & Janet Schieffer	Steve Tracey LeRoy Brensel	↓	Wally Thom NEED 1	↓	Tom Svitak Mike Rubin
COMM. ASSTS	↓	NEED	Rolf Kleven	NEED	↓	Pat Mackey	↓	Joanne Schilling
READER	Karen Hayes	Sue Capra	Janet Schieffer	Gloria Widiker	Dianne Buxton	Kathy Thom	Eric Anderson	Cindy Rubin



Janet Schieffer	6/01	Barb Hinderman	6/17
Bob Scott	6/01	Payton Baribeau	6/18
Dianne Buxton	6/08	Sharon Gary	6/19
Karl Kristensen	6/08	Leigh Hedman	6/19
Barb Deutsch	6/09	Carol Addington	6/20
Rhonda Schultz	6/10	Roger Blanch	6/23
Hailee Lindow	6/11	June Bibeau	6/24
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

The Trinity Choir and Praise Team are on hiatus for the summer. But if you would like to provide Special Music during the summer months, vocal or instrumental, please contact Joanne Schilling at 715-651-4875.
 P.S. A HUGE Thank You to the choir for the beautiful fuchsia plant -- I hope it survives the sudden cold temps!! Joanne Schilling, Choir Director

Pastor's New Contact Number

I have a new telephone number! And it is a local number!! Pastors' emergency contact number is now 715-416-4966.

In addition, I will be setting new office hours to allow for me to take advantage of additional congregational visitation opportunities. My plan is to be in the office:

- ✦ Monday: 8:00am—4:30 pm.
- ✦ Wednesdays and Thursdays, 8:00—11:30 am

I am available outside of these officer hours as well by appointment. In Christ, Pastor Dan



Meeting

NEXT MEETING OF . . .

- Birchwood Food Pantry Open 10:30-12:30pm June 6, 20**
- Worship & Music Team. 10 am, June 6**
- Women of Trinity 6:30 pm, June 14**
- Trinity Council Meeting 6:30 pm, June 21**
- Men's Ministry of Trinity 6:30 pm, June 23**

MONUMENTAL VBS is just around the corner! Thank you to everyone who donated towards our various decoration needs!! WOW! \$450 was donated to cover the cost of purchasing our decorations and supplies!

DECORATION HELP. Our dynamite Decoration Team is making great strides toward creating cool cacti and other southwestern desert decor, but YOU can still help make more at the remaining Sunday night sessions on **June 5 and 12, from 6-8 pm.**

HELP! Volunteers are still needed to sign up for to be Crew Leaders and Assistant Crew Leaders. NO advance preparation needed for these roles, just a love of the Lord and a love of children! During Monumental, you'll visit different activities with your Crew of children. You're not in charge of preparing or teaching activities; you just get to be there and help kids enjoy them as you shepherd the members of your Crew.



And finally, we need **KIDS** to register to come to VBS! Sign up you kids, your grandkids, tell your neighbors! Register online at: <https://vbspro.events/p/events/trinitybirchwood>

SUMMER WORSHIP! Although the temps haven't felt very summery, we are starting our summer worship schedule of TWO services on May 29 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.

NOTE: On the second Sunday of each month, the early service will be held in the sanctuary using the A.M.P.L.I.F.Y. (All My Praise, Lord, Is For You) liturgy on projected slides.

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!



Women of Trinity Lutheran Church HAPPENINGS April 2022

Our meeting was held on April 9 with 12 women in attendance. We opened with devotion and prayer.

Altar Guild April—Cindy Rubin May—Char Mohns

Thanks to those who assisted with the meal for Elaine Yndestad’s funeral.

Eight women attended the Women of the Word retreat at Camp Forest Springs on April 22-23.

The Women’s Tea event on May 7, by Ashley Beffa and Di Hubbard. Was well attended and a great success.

Volunteers are needed for VBS—June 20-24, 12:45-3:45. There are sign ups boards in the Narthex.

Volunteers needed to prepare and serve meals for Wednesday evening youth meetings

Closed with prayer.



Eggcellent

The Leadership retreat held at Hunt Hill was loads of fun and fellowship. Pictured here in the team building challenge are the winners of the Egg Drop challenge. Each team was given a bag of random supplies and they had to build something to protect an egg as it was dropped from various heights. Di Hubbard, Cheri Anderson, Joanne Schilling and Wally Thom emerged as the Eggcellent winners of the Eggstreme Egg Drop Challenge. Congratulations!!

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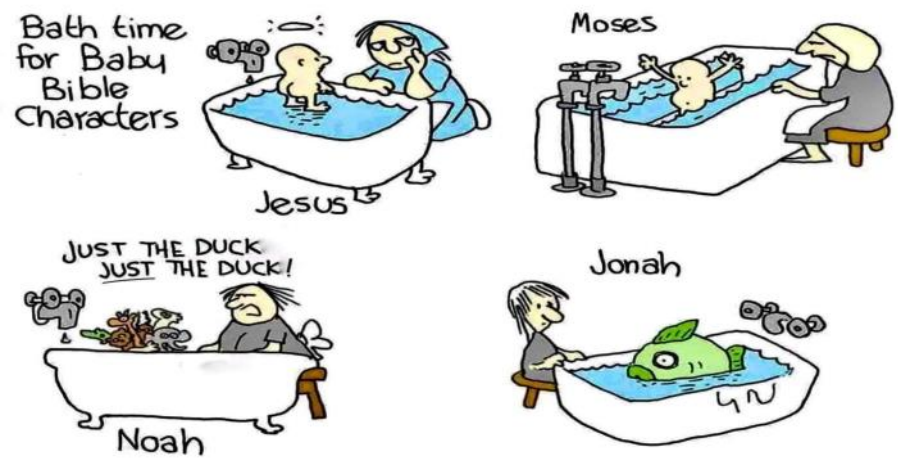
REUNION

You're Invited to a Picnic

26 JUNE **11:30 A.M.**

BURGER BAR • BOUNCY HOUSE
ICE CREAM • OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES • BONFIRE

You're invited to Trinity Lutheran's 1st Annual Reunion. Fun for the entire family including food, prizes, activities, and fellowship.
Trinity Lutheran Church 501 E Chetac Ave, Birchwood, WI



Mission and outreach Report May 2022

Trinity Women presented the Women's Tea Party "Steeped into God's Word on May 7th. It was a good success. We have had many positive comments on the event and will be holding it again next May (not on Mother's Day weekend though)

I attended the Women of the Word Retreat this weekend a few weekends ago and will be attending again next year. (Call Di if you would like information on this event for next year)

Trinity held its annual Council Retreat May 13-14 and it was a good meeting and successful retreat.

There is a plan to start **post service prayer** groups again and I will confirm with Pastor Dan to get the date of first session. I believe it will be starting 4th weekend^h. Sign up sheets are on the Narthex table to sign up if you are comfortable praying with others. Or call Di to discuss. This will be a weekly option with Prayer offered after the services.

Red Boots Mission for Jesus is a way to share your Testimonial of What Jesus has done for You or in Your life! Your chance to Share your story and your reason you Believe in Our Savior Jesus. Sign up sheet is in the Narthex please sign up to provide your testimonial of how Jesus has impacted your life. Tell us Your Story!

Trinity is in the Planning stages of a All Community Picnic June 26th with support of the Mission and Outreach team. Please plan the afternoon to attend and enjoy fellowship, free food, games and Music.

I spoke with Wisconsin Foster Care System regarding the needs we may be able to help fill with Prayer and Mission Outreach projects on a local level. Also we are in contact with Global seed planters mission and outreach and are hoping to connect with them for future projects.

I am looking for ideas and suggestion for **Additional Mission and Outreach** events. Please feel free to call me with your ideas.

Di Hubbard - 941-893-0311

The Women's afternoon bible study will be on hiatus until August 1, 2022. We will look forward to seeing you in August. Have a great summer!!



Woman's Tea Party



2022 REGISTRATION FORM
One per child please

OR Register online at:
<https://vbspro.events/p/events/trinitybirchwood>

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
MONUMENTAL 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 a desert adventure!

At Monumental, kids explore the sunbaked Southwestern desert as they dig into God's great love! Kids participate in memorable Bible-learning activities, sing catchy songs, play teamwork-building games, devour yummy treats, experience one-of-a-kind Bible Adventures, learn about Bible Memory Buddies to remind them of God's love, and make crafts that they'll take home. Plus, kids will learn to look for evidence of God all around them through something called God Sightings.

Register your children for this life-changing adventure!

Trinity Lutheran Church
501 East Chetac, Birchwood

June 20 thru June 24
12:45 - 3:50 PM

Vacation Bible School registration
is for kids aged 3 (by 09/01/2021
& potty-trained) thru 5th 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 **MONUMENTAL 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:

<https://vbspro.events/p/events/trinitybirchwood>

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.

Please join us at the Post - **MONUMENTAL VBS Celebration Program** on **Friday, June 24 at 4 pm**. For any additional information, please contact the office of Trinity Lutheran Church at (715) 354-3790.

POST THIS REMINDER ON YOUR FRIDGE!

June 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 5:30p The Cross	2 10a Women's Bible study	3 OFFICE CLOSED	4
5 8:30 Outdoor Worship 10a - Worship	6 9:00 a—Quilters 10:00a - WMMT Mtg 10:30a-12:30p—Food Pantry Open 7p—AA, Fellowship Hall	7 WOT Meeting 6:30 pm	8 5:30p The Cross	9 11a-5:00p Blood Mobile 10a Women's Bible study	10 OFFICE CLOSED	11
12 8:30 Inside with Amplified-Worship 10a - Worship	13 9:00 Quilters 7p—AA, Fellowship Hall	14	15 5:30p The Cross	16 10a Women's Bible study 6:30 pm Men's Ministry Mtg	17 OFFICE CLOSED	18
19 8:30 Outdoor Worship 10a - Worship Love Fund/Food Pantry Offering	20 VBS 12:45-3:45 10:30a-12:30p—Food Pantry Open 7p—AA, Fellowship Hall	21 VBS 12:45-3:45 pm 6:30p - Council Meeting Journey Deadline	22 VBS 12:45-3:45 pm 5:30p The Cross	23 VBS 12:45-3:45 pm 10a Women's Bible study	24 VBS 12:45-3:45 pm OFFICE CLOSED	25
26 8:30a—Outdoor Worship 10a - Indoor Worship All Church Picnic to follow service	27 9:00 Quilters 7p—AA, Fellowship Hall	28	29 5:30p The Cross	30 10a Women's Bible study		30

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The JOURNEY

June 2022

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

SUNDAY WORSHIP THIS MONTH

6/5 — 8:30 am Outdoor Worship w/ Communion
10 am Worship w/Communion
6/12 — 8:30 am **inside** Worship w/ Communion
10 am Worship w/Communion
6/19— 8:30 am Outdoor Worship w/ Communion
10 am Worship w/Communion
6/26—8:30 am Outdoor Worship w/ Communion

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

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

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