

The JOURNEY — Walking Daily with Jesus

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

You are invited to celebrate the public affirmation of faith by Anna Will, Wyatt Sunderland and Logen Gindt before our Christian family on Sunday, May 6, at the 10 am worship service. Fellowship and Growth will be hosting a meal afterwards with families providing side dishes. A meal entrée and potluck will be provide by Trinity and confirmand families. following worship on Sunday, May 6. Please sign up at the information center by May 3rd if you are wanting to attend.



Review Night. All are invited to Review Night on May 2, beginning at 6 pm. This session is an opportunity for the confirmands to share the knowledge they have studied for the past three years of confirmation classes and one year of mentoring with Kathy Paquette (Anna), Wally Thom (Wyatt), and Dave Dhein (Logen).

If you are interested in monitoring a Review Station, contact Cindy Rubin at (507) 250-0628.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



Vacation Bible School is coming!! It will be held from 1-4 pm, JUNE 18-21! Under the direction of Jonathan Howard, the theme will be **The Serengeti** and he needs YOUR help to make this week a reality! If you are able to help with VBS, contact Jonathan at 715-410-0573, or the church office.



DONATIONS — Check out the Donation Board coming to the Narthex soon! Pick a “Donation Slip” for \$5–\$10–\$15–\$20, place the slip and your donation in the provided envelopes and turn into the church office or the offering plate! THANKS!

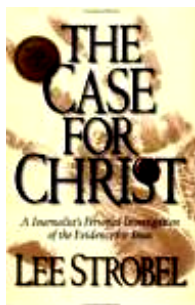
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PASTOR'S COLUMN

There are so many resources that are easily accessed and valuable for Christian living! This month I want to encourage you to seek out and explore at least one of these:

- ◇ During our Easter service I made reference to the book/movie "The Case for Christ." The author, Lee Strobel, is an atheist and award-winning investigative journalist. He attempts to disprove his wife's Christian faith, which creates a rift within his marriage. After completing a thorough investigation for almost two years he finds the historical evidence for Jesus undeniable, and becomes a Christian himself.



- ◇ RightNow Media: An online media source provided free by Trinity. Email our church if you're interested. Sign in, and you are just a few clicks away from gaining access to a huge library of discipleship content for pastors, leaders, small groups, adults, students and even kids. RightNow Media even offers an app for your tablet or smartphone. It's a great replacement for many secular and misguiding children's videos as well.



- ◇ YouVersion Bible App: It's a Christian ministry with the mission of helping people engage with the Bible. Easily read or listen to it in a variety of languages and versions. I personally appreciate the

HCSB, ESV, NLT versions. The Message version also provides a more simplistic commentary on some passages. There are also many personal Bible



studies offered within; all free! It's designed to easily integrate the Bible into your everyday life. It will even send Scripture to your phone home screen each morning, if you let it!

May our Heavenly Father continue to bless you with His truth, written fully in His Word. And may the Holy Spirit guide you in faithful discipline toward a more intimate relationship with our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Have a great Day! - Pastor Jack

INTERIM YOUTH & EDUCATION COORDINATOR

Hello! I am Cindy Rubin, interim coordinator for youth and education. You may not know me as my husband and I have only been members of Trinity for about one year. I was born and raised in North Dakota with my five brothers and sisters. I lived in Rochester, Minnesota for about 36 years.

My husband, Mike, and I retired to the Birchwood area last May. We have two adult children. Our daughter lives in St. Peter, Minnesota with her husband and two children. Our son and his wife live in Farmington, Minnesota. Our two grandchildren are wonderful!

Enough about me, our youth group is continuing their journey of study on their way to

being confirmed. We have four more Wednesday evening sessions this spring. Our main elements of study coming up are the Sacrament of Communion and The Lord's Prayer.

We still have a commitment of highway clean up, with a tentative date of May 23. We also would like to have a car wash as a benefit for Kathy Paquette, tentative date of May 19.



Thank you to the parents for making the commitment of bringing your children to confirmation class, and thanks to the kids for being awesome!

Cindy Rubin

DATES TO REMEMBER:

April 25, May 2, May 9, May 16:
Confirmation class (5:30 pm)

May 19: Car wash (tentative date)

May 23: Highway clean up (tentative date)

HAVE A LITTLE COMPUTER KNOWLEDGE?

Then WE NEED YOU! Our weekly worship service uses PowerPoint to project slides for all the elements of the service. We are looking for people to help create the weekly PowerPoint show and to run it at the worship service. If God calls you to volunteer to help in this ministry area, please contact Joanne at 715-651-4875 or the church office. Training WILL BE provided!

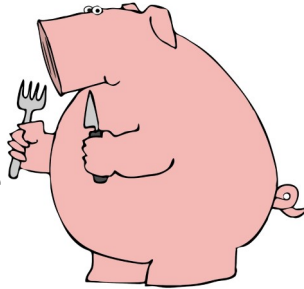


RIGHTNOW MEDIA

If you wish to receive access to RightNow Media, please email the church office. RightNow Media is like the Netflix of Bible study videos. You will have FREE access to thousands of video resources to help you with parenting, marriage, discipleship and more. It includes content for all ages and stages of life.

IN THE COMMUNITY

FOOD PANTRY PIG ROAST is Sunday, April 29, from 11am-3pm at Cheers at Tagalong. Tickets in advance are \$12 and \$15 at the door. Kids under 7 eat FREE. [Due to the Food Pantry having their pig roast, the Fifth Sunday Potluck has been cancelled. All are encouraged to attend and support the Food Pantry.]



FOOD PANTRY SUMMER BAKE SALES

Love to bake or make treats or crafts? Birchwood Area Food Pantry needs YOU for its Summer Bake Sales. These monthly bake sales are held on the 2nd Saturday of each month from May to September, plus July 4 in Mikana, from 8–11:30 am.



If you would be willing to donate baked goods to any of these, it would be greatly

appreciated. Items can be dropped off at the Food Pantry on the day before, from 4-6 pm, or the morning of the bake sale, from 7-8 am. The Food Pantry will price the items for you.

Questions or offers to donate items may be made to Cheri Weingartner (651-492-7289) or Deb Garson (608-797-1294).

Bake Sale dates are: May 12, June 9, July 4 (in Mikana), July 14, August 11, and September 8.

MOVIE NIGHT!

Movie & Popcorn & Snacks
Saturday, May 12
Fellowship Hall

We invite you to join us for a PG movie and a snacks. The snacks will be served prior to the movie, beginning at 6:45 pm, and the movie will begin at 7 pm. This movie is held indoors but if desired, bring a blanket for floor lounging or a comfy lawn chair!

INVITE YOUR MOTHER (Mother's Day is the next day!), BRING A FRIEND OR INVITE YOUR NEIGHBOR. This event is free and is sponsored by the Fellowship & Growth

committee. Please call Melinda Pedersen at 715-296-2073 or the Trinity office at 715-354-3790 with any questions or additional information. No need to sign up and we hope that you can join us!



SERVE OUR YOUTH A MEAL!

This service ministry requires one or two people to host a meal for our youth on May 2 and 9. The meal costs are paid for by the church. The meal is served at 5:30 pm, and is generally a light meal. You will be serving 3-6 youth and 1-2 adults who study God's Word on Wednesday for middle school confirmation faith formation. Please contact Cindy Rubin at (507) 250-0628, if able to serve!



THURSDAY GROUP FAITH STUDY

Please join us as we journey through a 7-week study by Pastor Rick Warren titled *Anything is Possible with God*. We begin at 6:30 pm at the church. This study involves a short video, study guide, scriptures, prayer and great conversation /discussion. All are welcome!!



LIBRARY GOODIES

Our church library is bulging at the seams, so we will be offering up goodies for free. Each week a table will be set up with freebies from the library. The selected books will be centered around a different topic each month. May's topic will be devotions. Now, some of our devotional books are

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“dated” but if you just ignore the exact date, you can still enjoy some wonderful reflections on the timeless Bible. And if you have book donations for the library, please don't put them on the shelves. There is a basket on the bottom shelf of the left-hand bookcase mared “RETURNS.” Thanks!!



SUMMER HAPPENINGS

Outdoor Worship Service

Our traditional outdoor worship service at 8:30 am will begin on May 27. So bring your lawn chair and a jacket and come on out to the back of the church. In inclement weather, the 8:30 am service will be held in the Fellowship Hall. The 10 am worship service will continue to be held indoors.



Coffee Fellowship Time

Our regular coffee time expands a bit during the summer with coffee, breads, muffins, and fresh fruit served between the two worship services. So stay after the early service, or come early to the late service to stay connected with those who attend the different services.



Summer Special Music

The Trinity Choir and Praise Team will be on hiatus over the summer, but Special Music will be on the 1st and 3rd Sundays, by soloists, duets, instrumentalists. If you would like to share your musical talents and provide the special music during the summer, please contact Joanne (715-651-4875) or the church office.



GRADUATION SUNDAY

Trinity would like to bless and recognize our community Seniors. All graduating Seniors wishing to be recognized and blessed are welcomed to attend our worship service on Sunday, May 20, at 10 am. Please contact the church office at 715-354-3790 to let us know if we can plan on you.



PLEASE JOIN US FOR A CAKE RECEPTION HELD IN HONOR OF OUR BIRCHWOOD GRADUATES. This will be held in the narthex following worship.

MISSION/OUTREACH UPDATE

Mission/Outreach Ministry Team kept up donation baskets for Health Kits until after Easter. The team met on Wednesday April 4 to pack up the kits. Thanks to a generous donation they were able to put together 20 kits! It felt great to surpass last year's giving.

THANK YOU!

According to Karen Hayes, M/O team leader, this was the most given since she's been involved with the Mission/Outreach Ministry Team. New goals for the future!

Due to the water damage/leaking in the storage area where the team keeps their kits until they are shipped, they are keeping the finished kits in plastic totes.

Last year there were rodent problems when they had cardboard boxes that were chewed through. (Guess towels make good nesting materials. Who knew?) Another plus for using the totes after the rodent incident saved them from incurring water damage when the season's first ice melt happened.



The Mission/Outreach team were scheduled to feed Timber Bay on April 16, but due to weather conditions it was canceled. May 21 will be the last time to feed them until September.

Excitement ahead? The team is looking forward to having Gladys Mungo (Haiti's Children, Inc.) visit Trinity again sometime this summer. More info coming. So as garage sales start, don't forget that Mission/Outreach Ministry Team will be doing baby kits plus collecting clothing for Gladys' Kids!

Next meeting May 9, at 10 am.



A LOOK AT TRINITY'S PAST

[Editor's Note: This is the start of a new column focusing on the history of Trinity Lutheran Church]

OUR CHURCH HISTORY BEGAN in 1902 when the first religious services conducted in Birchwood were presided over by three women in the ladies waiting room at the Omaha Depot. Mrs. Huss and Mrs. Wise taught Bible stories to the children. Mrs. Loomis carried her folding organ to the depot and taught songs to the children.

Because the land companies were anxious to entice land buyers, they pushed for a church and a school to be built in Birchwood.

Several German immigrants were among the first to settle here.

First Building. . .

IN 1903 GEORGE HUSS donated land for the school and for Methodist and Lutheran churches. He and other founders built a new frame church building. It was a simple building, 20 feet by 36 feet, without a tower, with three windows on each side, each with colored glass. There was no altar but a raised platform for the pastor. There was no basement or entryway.



The church was dedicated in May 1904 under the name, Slovak Zion Lutheran Church. Services were held in both German and English. There were fewer than twenty members. At first, mission ministers came about

once a month and conducted services in German.

IN 1904 THE FIRST congregational meeting was held. At this time they voted on a new name for the church – Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church. Pastor Johannes Wolff was the traveling district preacher sent by the Iowa synod to serve in the Wisconsin district. Our congregation was accepted into the Iowa synod in June 1905.

First Pastor. . .

THE CONGREGATION SENT A call to Pastor Q. C. Bierman in July 1905. He received \$60 a year. Our first second-hand organ was purchased for \$15. Pastor Bierman served for two years with all services and records in German.



Next installment – The Norwegians Move In

WOMEN OF TRINITY HAPPENINGS

The Women of Trinity April 19 meeting was held in the Fellowship Room, with Vice President Cindy Rubin presiding, and giving the devotion.

The Secretary's and Treasurer's reports were reviewed, and approved. It was noted we gave money this month to Sue Jostad to be used for meals for her kids in L.I.G.H.T. Keepers, which meets at our church.

Altar Guild report was given by Jeanne Dahlby, who informed us that as of April 1, all communion in the sanctuary will be by kneeling at the communion railing, using

the individual communion cups, and a loaf of bread, which Pastor will break off and hand to each communicant. When the outdoor services start May 27, wafers and intinction communion will take place. One more person is needed on Altar Guild for the month of June. Call Jeanne at 715-205-1194 for more information. May Altar Guild person is Char Mohns.



The Prayer Shawl Ministry continues with prayer shawls and kits being handed out the last Sunday of each month. Many thanks to Marcia Kampf who sees this ministry continues.

We urge members to pick up a Women of Trinity Service Booklet, which has a bright orange cover, and is in the tract rack at the greeting area in the narthex of our church. This booklet has the schedule for when you serve for Summer Refreshments, and tells you which Service Committee you are on.



The Library is so neat and organized. We find we have a number of books to give away, so thanks for Carol Addington and Donnarae Carrell, who will again sort through books and Bibles and place them on a FREE BOOKS table in the narthex.

We welcomed one male visitor to our meet-

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MAY WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

	GREETERS	USHERS	COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	SCRIPTURE READERS
MAY 6	Carol Addington Ruth Clausen	Eldon & Joanne Kvale	Mary & Dave Webster	Dave Webster
MAY 13	Wally & Kathy Thom	Wes & Char Mohns	Sharon & Dave Dhein	Dave Dhein
MAY 20	Art & Ginny Johnson	LeRoy Brensel John Schieffer	Rolf & Sue Jostad	Rolf Jostad
MAY 27 – 8:30 AM	Jim & Cyndi McGraw	Jim & Cyndi McGraw	Jim & Cyndi McGraw	Dianne Buxton
MAY 27 – 10 AM	Norm & Jean Jastram	Bob & Karen Scott	Norm & Jean Jastram	Donnarae Carrell

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ing who came to see what our organization is all about; plus, he made some good contributions to our discussions. The men of our church are welcome to join us for any meeting, or function. We welcome and need all the help we can get.

After our meeting we enjoyed a luncheon, with Pastor Jack joining us, and we had another good discussion.

The next meeting for Women of Trinity is Thursday, May 17, at 11

NEXT MEETING OF . . .

- Birchwood Food Pantry.10:30 am, May 5, 7, 19, 21**
- Worship & Music Team. 11 am, May 3**
- Mission & Outreach.10 am, May 9**
- Congregational Council6:30 pm, May 15**
- Trinity Lutheran Church Women. 11 am, May 17**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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|------------------|------|--------------------|------|------------------|------|
| Sharyl Miller | 5/3 | Kirk Kotel | 5/13 | Tayber Morrell | 5/24 |
| Angel Laone | 5/3 | Ben VandeVoort | 5/13 | Larry Sibley | 5/24 |
| Delilah Snowbank | 5/3 | LouAnne Kristensen | 5/14 | Bob Robotka | 5/25 |
| Nicole Breed | 5/6 | Meg Olson | 5/14 | Gloria Widiker | 5/27 |
| Lucas Dahl | 5/6 | Mary Stoeklen | 5/16 | Jacob Lavalriere | 5/29 |
| Cindy Gilgenbach | 5/6 | Shane Hodgson | 5/17 | Molly Parkos | 5/30 |
| Steve Soltis | 5/7 | Jason Ufferman | 5/17 | Shannon Gindt | 5/31 |
| Billy Nordback | 5/8 | Jeanne Dahlby | 5/18 | Ruth Clausen | 5/31 |
| Matthew Jefson | 5/9 | Charise Helland | 5/19 | | |
| Phyllis Nelson | 5/9 | Sonja Flora | 5/23 | | |
| Ron Larson | 5/10 | Austin Parenteau | 5/23 | | |
| Carley Levake | 5/11 | Wayne Palm | 5/24 | | |



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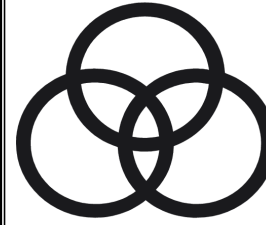
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
PIG ROAST @ Cheers		1	2 5:30p - Confirmation 6p - Confirmation Review Night 7p - Trinity Ch Reh	3 9:30a - Women's Bible Study 11a - Worship & Music Mtg 6:30p - Group Faith Study	4 OFFICE CLOSED	5 10:30a-1:30p - Food Pantry Open	
	6 6th Sunday of Easter 9a - Choir Warm-up 9:30a - COFFEE TIME 10a - Worship w/Communion Confirmation Sunday	7 9:30a - Quilters 10:30a-1:30p - Food Pantry Open 7p - AA, Fellowship Hall	8	9 10a - Msn/Outreach Committee mtg 5:30p - Confirmation 7p - Trinity Ch Reh 8p - PT Rehearsal	10 9:30a - Women's Bible Study 6:30p - Group Faith Study	11 OFFICE CLOSED	12 8-11:30a - Food Pantry Bake Sale 6:45p - Movie Night
	13 7th Sunday of Easter 9:30a - COFFEE TIME 10a - Praise Worship w/ Communion	14 9:30a - Quilters 7p - AA, Fellowship Hall	15 7p - Council Mtg	16 5:30p - Confirmation 7p - LAST Trinity Ch Reh	17 9:30a - Women's Bible Study 11a - WOT Mtg 6:30p - Group Faith Study	18 OFFICE CLOSED	19 10:30a-1:30p - Food Pantry Open (T) Car Wash by Confirmation Youth
	20 PENTECOST 9:30a - COFFEE TIME 10a - Worship w/Communion <i>Love Fund/Food Pantry Off</i> Graduation Recognition Sunday	21 Journey Deadline 9:30a - Quilters 10:30a-1:30p - Food Pantry Open 5:30p - M/O provides meal for Timber Bay 7p - AA, Fellowship Hall	22	23 5p - Confirmation Highway Cleanup (T)	24 9:30a - Women's Bible Study 6:30p - Group Faith Study	25 OFFICE CLOSED	26
	27 1st Sun after Pentecost 8:30a - OUTDOOR Worship w/Communion 9:30a - COFFEE TIME 10a - Worship w/Communion	28 9:30a - Quilters 6:30p - Bible Study 7p - AA, Fellowship Hall	29	30 1p - Journey Assembly	31 9:30a - Women's Bible Study 6:30p - Group Faith Study		

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Sunday Worship 8:30 am outdoor (Memorial – Labor Day)
10 am indoor (Year-round)
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

5/6 10 am Worship w/Communion
5/13 10 am Praise Worship w/Communion
5/20 10 am Worship w/Communion
5/27 8:30 am Outdoor & 10 am Indoor Worship w/Communion

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Tom Allard	Becky Hunt	Kathy Paquette
Amelia	Merlin Jahnke	Chuck Peck
Pr. Warren Baker	Kirk Kotel	Fred Peck
Betty Blanch	Eileen Koefel	Jim Pravda
Hazel Bonkrud	Bill & Eunice Kuntz	Bill Rice
Bryar	Roy Kuula	Buddy Robotka
Vicki Busick	Bill & Joyce Lambrecht	Ro Sackmann
Barb Fegan	Ron Larson	Carter Sackmann
Annette Gentile	Ed Leader	Collette Sandow
Dan Gowan	Lora	Cindy Schaan
Laine Guttenberg	Helen McClyman	Joe Spafford
Ron Hartzell	Susan Molin	Marlene Wendt
Candy Hayes	Lee Namtvedt	David Yndestad
Gorman Hayes	Leonard Nysted	Elaine Yndestad
Andy Hedman	Mary Nysted	Anna Westphal
McKel Heebink	Betty Orsund	

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.