

The JOURNEY — Walking Daily with Jesus

May Journey

Pastor Dan Tabor

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for His name's sake. (Psalm 25:103)

Like many of you, I find comfort in the 23rd Psalm. This seems to be one of those Psalms that everybody knows. Its verses are spoken often in times of loss and grieving because of the words of promise in which they bring.

But I find that the 23 Psalm brings comfort for everyday living as well. Its words, “*The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want,*” tackle my wandering thoughts and redirect my focus on Jesus. We can find assurance that our focus on Jesus is not unwarranted, because, as He himself said in John 10: “*I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives his life for the sheep.*”

So many things seek to draw our attention away from Jesus on any given day. Sin, the ways of the world, and even the devil, all do their best to take our focus off Jesus. We often find turmoil in our family and in our relationships. Too often we find that we are drawn into the drama and brokenness in the lives of others, and we get tired. The reality is that we are daily drawn down the paths of unrighteousness.

In these times, I find true peace in knowing that Jesus is my Good Shepherd. Jesus makes me lie down in green pastures, providing for my needs graciously and abundantly. It is in Jesus that I am led to the still waters, where I can find a peace which is far beyond human understanding. It is through Jesus my soul is restored, through the forgiveness of sin found in His words and in His body and blood. And, through following Jesus, hearing and living in His words, I am led down the paths of righteousness.

In this time of Easter, as we celebrate in the resurrection of our Lord from the grave, we find yet another reason for rejoicing: “*The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.*”

Blessings on your May!!

Blessings, Pastor Dan

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President's Message

On May 7 and 8th, your TLC Leadership Team will be meeting for mediation, prayer and planning. We will be seeking the Holy Spirit's leading and guidance for His plan for our ministry for the next few years. One of our goals is to create a picture of what Trinity Lutheran Church should like in the future. Once we come up with this vision, we will create an action plan to see that God's plan is fulfilled. This may seem like a big task but we rely on the promise of God found in Romans 8.

"And we know [with great confidence] that God [who is deeply concerned about us] causes all things to work together [as a plan] for good for those who love God, to those who are **called** according to His plan and purpose." Romans 8:28 AMP

We as the family of TLC, we are all called to work together for the culmination of His plan. We need your involvement. The most important is to fervently pray for the Leadership Team to hear the voice of God at the Leadership Retreat. Secondly that God's Will be done. As scriptures say not the desires of men and women. Finally, please consider serving the Lord and his church in acts of service. Please consider helping with worship services. With the Outdoor Service starting up soon there is a need for greeters, communion assistants-and readers. There is also an immediate need for volunteers to help with: the upcoming Vacation Bible School; maintaining the church exterior, flower beds and lawns and joining Ministry Teams to help them delivering their programs.

Therefore, my beloved brothers and sisters, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the work of the Lord [always doing your best and doing more than is needed], being continually aware that your labor [even to the point of exhaustion] in the Lord is not futile nor

wasted [it is never without purpose]. 1 Corinthians 15:58AMP

I remember the first time I was asked to give a temple talk at my previous church. My heart raced and my hands were shaking. Pollsters say when asked what people hated to do the most, public speaking came before dying. My prayers for calmness and peace were answered and I was able to give the temple talk just fine. Throughout the years there have been acts of service that I didn't feel qualified to do but found that the desire to be obedient to God's

wishes was greater than my fear of failure. I still get nervous about doing things I'm not familiar with or don't have experience with, but I realize the experience will be rewarding and faith building. I remember the night that I was asked by a few well-meaning council members to agree to be president of this congregation. After hearing their voices of confidence, encouragement and 2 adult beverages I agreed. If I can do these types of things anyone can do the less threatening things I've mentioned above. It just takes time, some sweat and the desire to please God and your fellow Christians.

"Just as each one of you has received a special gift [a spiritual talent, an ability graciously given

by God], employ it in serving one another as [is appropriate for] good stewards of God's multi-faceted grace [faithfully using the diverse, varied gifts and abilities granted to Christians by God's unmerited favor]." 1 Peter 4:10 AMP.

We will be keeping you up to date on the results of our Leadership Retreat. If you have questions, concerns, comments or suggestions, feel free to contact me, a Council member or leave them with Julie in the office.

Grace and peace of our God and Father to you all.

Jim McGraw



Monthly Treasurer's Report

Trinity Lutheran Church

Monthly Treasurer's Report - March 2021

Summary

March 2021 results were improved from the previous months, which both had two weeks of closure. Income was higher than plan which helped close the shortfall and expenses were less than plan for the month.

Income for the first quarter 2021 was less than plan at about \$39,000, against our plan of \$44,000. Expenses for the quarter were on plan at \$44,155.48.

For the year, TLC has brought in about \$5,200 less than has been spent.

Thanks to all members for their continued generosity in 2021.

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Rubin



If you are not able to attend church in person, please mail or drop off your offerings to the church office!

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Women of Trinity Happenings—

Women of Trinity Happenings—April, 2021

-Our meeting was held on April 13 in the Fellowship Hall with 10 women in attendance.

The March minutes were accepted as read. The treasurers report was accepted as presented.

-Altar guild. April—Cindy Rubin. May—Char Mohns.

-Correspondence—received Pregnancy Help Center newsletter. Letter from LAMP. Thank you received for a prayer shawl.

-Old Business—

2021 service booklet is completed.

Student meals for Wednesday night, The Cross, are needed.

Group to meet to update the funeral/event plan. Group: Karen

Hayes, Julie Sunderland, Gelene Tabor, Cindy Rubin

Craft group meeting will be set up.

Cards to shut-ins/members not able to come or South for winter.

Cards to be sent at March, June,

September and December. Kringle sale will be planned for the spring.

Storage rental for rummage sale items. Sue & Tom Svitak will donate storage space. We will accept Tom & Sue's offer.

Cindy will write an article for the Journey and bulletin requesting donations. Sale is tentatively scheduled for September 10 & 11.

-New Business—

Library care—will be brought up at April Council meeting.

Summer schedule for between services. Will be discussed at Council for their input.

Donna Rae will replace some mulch in the front yard and be reimbursed by WOT. Need a committee to plan for the care of the yard. This is under the prevue of Operations.

Volunteers are needed for Vacation Bible School.

Next meeting will be May 11th at 6:30 in the Fellowship Hall.



May WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

	May 2 (10 AM)	May 9 (10 AM)	May 16 (10 AM)	May 23 (10PM)	May 30 8:30	May 30 10:00
GREETERS	Mike & Cindy Rubin	Wally & Kathy Thom	Joanne & Eldon Kvale	Melinda Pedersen	Sunderland's	Melinda Pedersen
USHERS	Wally Thom Need 1 more	Mike Capra Wally Thom	LeRoy Brensel	LeRoy Brensel	Sunderland's	Need 2
COMM. ASSTS	Kathy Thom	Karen Scott June Bibeau	Kathy & Wally Thom	Di & Kyle Hubbard	Sunderland's	Kathy & Wally Thom
READER	Marcia Kampf	Sue Capra	Gloria Widiker	Gloria Widiker	Karen Hayes	Melinda Pedersen

Women's Monday night bible study is held in the Trinity room at 6:00 pm.

We welcome all women at Trinity and the community to join us.

I look forward to the wonderful fellowship and friendship we have in Jesus.

God bless you!
Barb Kleven 715-834-9988



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|---------------------|------|------------------|------|
| Cindy Gilgenbach | 5/05 | Jeanne Dahlby | 5/18 |
| Nicole Breed | 5/06 | Wayne Palm | 5/24 |
| Lucas Dahl | 5/06 | Bob Robotka | 5/25 |
| Benjamin Will | 5/08 | Gloria Widiker | 5/27 |
| Billy Nordback | 5/08 | Julie Sunderland | 5/28 |
| Phyllis Nelson | 5/09 | Shannon Gindt | 5/31 |
| Kirk Kotel | 5/13 | | |
| Benjamin VandeVoort | 5/13 | | |
| Lou Anne Kristensen | 5/14 | | |
| Mary Stoeklen | 5/16 | | |
| Jason Ufferman | 5/17 | | |

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. May 3,15,17**
- Worship & Music Team 10 am, May 3**
- Women of Trinity. 6:30pm, May 11**
- Trinity Council Meeting 6:30 pm, May 18**



Dear Family and Friends,

June had a wonderful long life with new friends and old, from near and far. There are not enough words to fully express our heartfelt thanks for the sympathy, love and support our family has received during this time of loss. June has had so many wonderful loving family members and friends. We would like to thank all of you for being there for her over her 97 years. She will be missed by many. We would like to thank all who blessed us with cards, calls of concern, flowers, and memorials. The memorials will be donated to the Memorial Garden and the Women of Trinity at Trinity Lutheran Church.

Sincerely,

Elaine Ploessl and Ellen Ehrich (Daughters)



Notice To Members:
As we were not able to hold our annual rummage 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



Ready for the voyage of a lifetime? VBS High Seas Expedition begins June 21 - June 25. We are looking for Volunteers to help out with VBS this year .

Check the bulletin board by the sanctuary, we have sign up sheets for volunteers, registration forms for the kids and donation slips to help make VBS possible.

Contact Ashley with questions

715-790-1491

Happy Days!

There is a different feel to life lately, a feeling that shows a little light at the end of a dark tunnel.

It is wonderful to see our Trinity Brothers and Sisters finding their way back to attending church in person. Yes, the masks are still part of our lives, but as we see more and more of us returning, it is assuring to know that we want to worship together, face to face, in spite of masks and social distancing.

We have received gifts during Covid-19 tribulation. I am especially thankful for the strength that has been gifted to us, as we endured and rolled with the punches. We have relied on our faith to see us through. Wish I could say it was without complaint, but even with that humanness, we have become resilient, stronger, closer as brothers and sisters. We are grateful Lord, thank you Lord!



Nehemiah 8:10 Do not grieve, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.

Exodus 15:2 The Lord is my strength and my song; He has given me victory.

The summer worship schedule starts in May. We will be having both our outdoor and indoor services, starting with May 30th.

WMMT and Trinity Council will be vigilant in discussing safety with masks, sanitizer, social distancing and getting “back to normal” as soon as possible. Please stay tuned for updates.

The Worship Assistant schedule for the summer months will start in May. There are 5 Sundays as well as the first outdoor service in May. So many of you have been wonderful with accepting roles as worship assistants throughout the pandemic and I sin-

cerely thank you. With the interruption to our way of worshipping due to Covid-19, our worship assistant roster is not accurate anymore, and having each of you be so willing to assist, well that willingness is one of the gifts that resulted from this time of pandemic.

In the past, we had developed a process of placing assistants on the calendar and then sending out the calendar notifying those brothers and sisters of their duties. Included was a roster of assistants who could be notified for a switch or substitution if you would be unavailable for your assigned date.

Starting with June, I am planning to prepare the monthly schedule in this manner once again, placing the brothers and sisters who have so faithfully served onto the calendar. I will update the roster of available brothers and sisters to serve if you are unavailable and provide this to all who serve. The roster will be updated frequently as we continue to return to services.

I joyfully accept any ideas or advice that may further improve the provision of worship assistants at Trinity. If you are new to worship assisting and feel called to participate, please call, text or email me. You get a great return from your investment.

Thank you to all who serve.

Your Sister in Christ,
Kathy Thom
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May 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
2 10a - Worship	3 9:00 Quilters 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	4	5 5:30p-The Cross	6 10:00a—Women's Bible Study	7 OFFICE CLOSED	8
9 10a - Worship	10 9:00 Quilters 1:00 pm Text Study 6p—Women's Bible Study-Trinity Rm 7p—AA, Fellowship Hall	11 Women of Trinity Mtg - 6:30 pm	12 5:30p-The Cross	13 10:00a—Women's Bible Study	14 OFFICE CLOSED	15 10:30a-12:30p—Food Pantry Open
16 10a - Worship Love Fund/Food Pantry Offering	17 Journey Deadline 9:00 Quilters 10:30a-12:30p—Food Pantry Open 1:00 pm Text Study 6p—Women's Bible Study-Trinity Rm 7p—AA, Fellowship Hall	18 6:30p - Council Meeting	19 5:30p-The Cross	20 10:00a—Women's Bible Study	21 OFFICE CLOSED	22
23 10a - Worship	24 9:00 Quilters 1:00 pm Text Study 6p—Women's Bible Study-Trinity Rm 7p—AA, Fellowship Hall	25	26 5:30p-The Cross	27 10:00a—Women's Bible Study	28 OFFICE CLOSED	29
30 8:30 Outdoor Worship 10a - Worship	31 9:00 Quilters 1:00 pm Text Study 6p—Women's Bible Study-Trinity Rm 7p—AA, Fellowship Hall					

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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

05/2 — 10 am Worship w/Communion
05/9 — 10 am Worship w/ Communion
05/16 — 10 am Worship w/ Communion
Love Fund Offering
05/23 — 10 am Sunday Worship w/
Communion- Prayer Shawl Sunday
05/30 — 8:30 am Outdoor service & 10
am indoor service



KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Debbie Davis	Rebecca Langham	Timothy Wallace
Annette Gentile	Ed Leader	Elaine Yndestad
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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.