

The JOURNEY — Walking Daily with Jesus

From the Pastor’s Desk

November 2021 Journey

“Rejoice always pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.” (1 Thessalonians 5: 16-18, ESV)

As I am writing this, we are about to enter the month of November. November is the first anniversary of my call to serve with you in the Kingdom of Christ. It really does not seem possible that an entire year has passed already, does it? As we are also entering the month when our nation celebrates Thanksgiving, I think it is appropriate to center this message on things that we can give thanks for.

Foremost on the minds of many people has been COVID, which has continued to plague the nation, and the world. In His mercy, God has been with Trinity during this time. We have been able to continue in worship, to begin singing with the Choir again, and we have returned to communion at the rail. Though these seem to be simple blessings, they truly are blessings from God. The Christian Church is centered around fellowship with one another, and in hearing of *“Christ, and Him crucified...”* (1 Corinthians 2:2) So, for each time of gathering for worship, we give thanks to the Lord.

Another reason to give thanks is that God has blessed us with so many opportunities to dig into His Word. There are options to study the Scripture texts for each week’s service, there are women’s studies, and there are men’s studies. The youth have opportunity to gather to fellowship, and we have youth who have begun their journey to confirmation in the faith. For each of these, we give thanks to the Lord.

Finally, opportunities are opening for members of Christ’s body in this place called Trinity Lutheran to gather in times of fellowship. Whether it is in gatherings among our members for group dinners, or gathering in service here at the church, or in members going out into the community to serve others, for each of these, we give thanks to the Lord.

Gelene and I have been blessed to be called into fellowship with each of you. For us, this year has had times of trial, but each trial has shown us that we are thankful to be here at Trinity Lutheran. Each of you has given us opportunity to give thanks to the Lord.

In Christ’s service,

Pastor Dan

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A Letter from Council President

At a recent session of “What Do Lutherans Believe”, we learned about the faith vs works debate during Luther’s time. Scriptures tell us salvation is by faith alone and not by works. Salvation is by faith in Jesus Christ and good works are evidence of faith. Pastor Dan told us God doesn’t need our works but our neighbors do. The power of what neighbors can do for one another was in the news last week. Kenny Jary of Wiilernie, Minnesota is an elderly disabled veteran whose motorized scooter quit working and he couldn’t get around for several weeks. Amanda Kline, Kenny’s friend, neighbor and owner of the coffee shop Kenny frequented set up a GoFundMe campaign and posted Kenny’s story on Tik Tok. The fund raised enough money for him to buy a new red scooter— and then some. As of now, Kenny and Amanda have raised over \$100,000. Jary announced rather than using the funds for new teeth or a new home, he’s paying it forward. Together, they

plan to buy 10 additional scooters for other deserving veterans in need. “Ever since I went back to church, my whole life has changed,” Jary said. “I got angels all over, especially these angels.” Kenny’s angels had the faces of his neighbors. Amanda saw a neighbor in need and followers of Tik Tok were touched by Kenny’s need and contributed to the “PatrioticKenny” GoFundMe account. In return Kenny saw the need of other disabled veterans and paid it forward.

At the first meeting of the new Men’s Group, we drafted a list of “neighbor” services we want to provide as part of our mission. At the top of that list was to help widows, widowers, single mothers and other people in need. Examples of what we will provide is help with fall yard cleanup, small handyman repair projects and any service we are capable of helping with.

Additional service events on the Men’s Group List are:

- + Bluegill Festival Tents help

- setup/take down
- + Bluegill Festival Food Tent serving and preparation
- + Cemetery Gravestone Cleaning
- + Community Spring Cleanup
- + TLC Maintenance and Repairs
- + Transport to Medical Appointments

If you or anyone you know are in need of this type of assistance, contact Wally Thom or myself.

Yours in Christ,

Jim McGraw





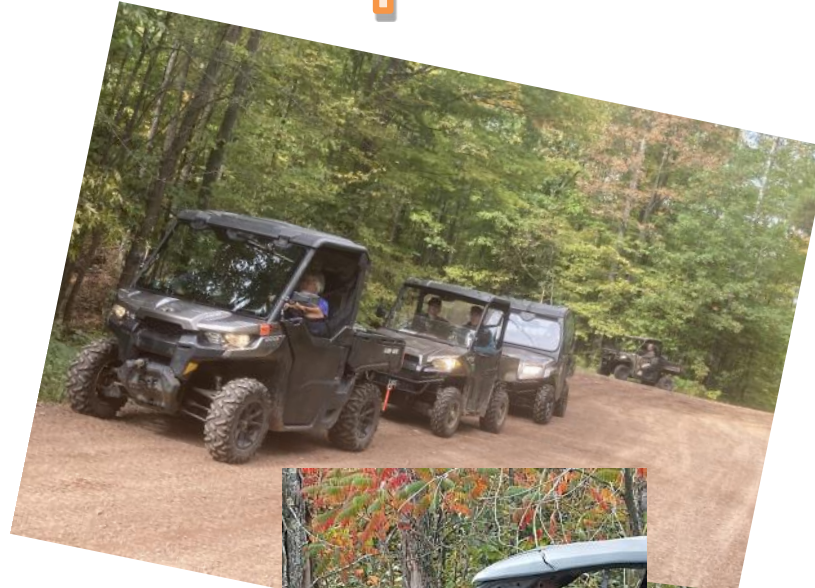
October Outreach started collecting items needed for Embrace.

For those of you not familiar with Embrace, it was formerly known as the Time Out Abuse Shelter. They have a series of "safe houses" for battered women and their children. They have expanded their area and services dictated by our fast-changing world. For them to keep going there are many things they need for day-to-day operations. There are printed lists by the collecting baskets of items needed. The baskets will remain up until mid-November.

On another note, we are still looking for more hands to join in Monday quilting. If the term "quilting" scares you (as it did me the first time) don't let that intimidate you. If you can sew that's a plus but not necessarily needed.



Fellowship and a Fall Ride



November WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

	Nov 7 (10:00 am)	Nov 14 (10:00 am)	Nov 21 (10:00 am)	Nov 28 (10:00 am)
GREETERS	Eleanor Kuula	Betty Blanch	Cheri & Eric Anderson	Cheri & Eric Anderson
USHERS	Rob Freeman LeRoy Brensel	Rob Freeman LeRoy Brensel	Jim McGraw Kevin Sunderland	Jim McGraw Kevin Sunderland
COMM. ASSTS	June Bibeau Karen Scott	June Bibeau Karen Scott	Kathy Thom Julie Sunderland	Kathy Thom Julie Sunderland
READER	Gloria Widiker	Gloria Widiker	Carol Addington	Carol Addington

THURSDAY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Thursday Morning Women's Bible Study has begun a new study on the book of Galatians.

But it isn't too late to join! The group meets at 10:00 am in the Trinity Room. All women are welcome to join!



Look for our Thanksgiving Service Information.

The Date will be in the bulletin or call the church office for information.

715-354-3790



Happy Birthday

Roy Kuula	11/01	Diane Brensel	11/17
Lisa Bratvold	11/02	Karl David	11/19
Mark Roppe	11/03	Jill Lavigne	11/20
Eleanor Kuula	11/03	Cassandra Sweeney	11/21
Susan Janetski	11/09	Mary Arveson	11/22
Connie Leader	11/11	Marcia Kampf	11/22
Michael Hedman	11/12	Becky Christensen	11/23
Ginger LaMotte	11/12	Jim LaMotte	11/23
Amber Jutila	11/13	Emma VandeVoort	11/28
Wyatt Gargulak	11/15	Lane Healy	11/29
Wes Mohns	11/17	Phillip Subrt	11/30

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 group.



Meeting

NEXT MEETING OF . . .

- Birchwood Food Pantry Open. 10:30-12:30pm Nov 1, 15**
- Worship & Music Team. 10 am, Nov 1**
- Women of Trinity 10 am, Nov 13**
- Trinity Council Meeting. 6:30 pm, Nov 16**

Trinity Lutheran Church Treasurer’s Report

Trinity Lutheran Church

Monthly Treasurer’s Report – Month of September 2021 - Summary

For September, 2021 expenses far outpaced income. Income was down from August and below plan, at \$11,600 (plan is an average of \$14,700). Expenses were higher than planned due to our purchase of gas for winter and necessary replacement of the obsolete microphone systems. We spent \$7,800 more than was brought in.

For the year, TLC has brought in about \$2,300 less than has been spent.

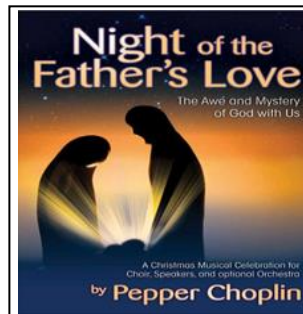
Thanks again to all members for their continued generosity in 2021. As noted, we have lost a little ground overall for the year, but we will all have an opportunity to help with our gas challenge that is just starting.

Respectfully submitted, Mike Rubin,



Support the Birchwood Area Food Pantry—if the Birchwood area can collect 500 cans of non-perishable food for the Food Pantry before November 30, Thrivent Financial will donate

\$500 to the Birchwood Food Pantry—Plus it gets all the food collected! That’s a Win-Win!! Please donate items if you can.



CHRISTMAS CANTATA REHEARSALS will begin October 13 at 7 pm, followed by the regular Trinity Choir rehearsal at 8 pm. It’s not too late to join us. So if you just want to sing the cantata, come join us at 7!

The cantata will be performed on December 12, during the worship ser-

Advent Candle Lighting

Sunday, November 28th is the start of the wondrous and joyful Advent season.

We begin to anticipate the coming of our Lord and Savior, the birth of Jesus.

This is a wonderful opportunity to light an Advent candle during Sunday service.

Contact Kathy Thom, (715-296-0114) or call Trinity, (715- 354-3790) to sign up. As an individual, family members, or as friends, it's a wonderful way to celebrate and anticipate this joyous season.

Please call or check the sign-up sheet at the visitor's center at Trinity and choose your date.

Thank you.

Your Sister in Christ,
Kathy Thom



Women of Trinity Lutheran Church HAPPENINGS

Our meeting was held on October 9 with 15 women in attendance.

Discussed increased cost of sending our collected, used stamps to German organization – over \$100 and decided to discontinue this. We will research whether there is any other organization in the US that can use the stamps.

Summer Treat schedule was discussed and committee lists were reviewed to remove names of people who aren't attending anymore, have moved, etc. Recognized we need to make better effort to welcome new women to WOT.

Kitchen cleaning—table until January to pick dates.

Rummage Sale: Discussed not accepting clothing, combining with Fall Fest and splitting the money instead of doing it on area Rummage Sale date.

Discussed forming an Ad-Hoc committee (Christian Life) to help with Fall Fest.

Lefse Making in November is set for November 18, with sale on November 21. Barb will talk to Carpenter's Sons of Trinity to request their help.

Christmas Bake Sale set for December 12, in conjunction with Cantata. Also will conduct pre-sale/order of centerpieces.

December 15 is date to assemble cookies for shut-ins.

Next meeting will be November 13, 2021 at 10 AM



Join us after a Pot Luck luncheon on November 14 after worship service

To help celebrate Pastor Dan and Gelene's 1 year Anniversary here at Trinity Lutheran Church we are having a pot luck luncheon. Stay for lunch and enjoy some fellowship.



Baby It's Cold outside

We still need your help to donate towards the Propane Challenge. We are almost there and the \$2500.00 match will kick in!!!

November 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5 OFFICE CLOSED	6
7 8:45-9:45a Adult Sunday School 10a - Worship 11:30 Confirmation Class	8 WMMT Mtg 10:00 am 10:30a-12:30p—Food Pantry Open 1:00 pm Text Study 7p—AA, Fellowship Hall	9	10 4:30p-The Cross 7 pm Cantata Rehearsal 8:00 Choir 8:30 p Praise Team	11 10:00 Women's Bible study	12 OFFICE CLOSED	13 WOT Meeting 10 am
14 Pastor Dan & Gelene 1 year Anniversary @ Trinity w/POT LUCK 18:45-9:45a Adult Sunday School 10a - Worship	15 1:00 pm Text Study 7p—AA, Fellowship Hall	16 Journey Deadline 6:30p - Council Meeting	17 4:30p-The Cross 7 pm Cantata Rehearsal 8 pm Choir	18 10:00 Women's Bible study 6:30 pm Carpenter's Son's mtg	19 OFFICE CLOSED	20
21 Love Fund/Food Pantry Offering 8:45-9:45a Adult Sunday School 10a - Worship 11:30 Confirmation Class	22 10:30a-12:30p—Food Pantry Open 1:00 pm Text Study 7p—AA, Fellowship Hall	23	24 4:30p-The Cross 7 pm Cantata Rehearsal 8 pm Choir	25 OFFICE CLOSED Thanksgiving 10:00 Women's Bible study	26 OFFICE CLOSED	27
28 1st Sunday of Advent 8:45-9:45a Adult Sunday School 10a - Worship Prayer Shawl Sunday 11:30 Confirmation Class	29 1:00 pm Text Study 6:00 pm MONDAY NIGHT Women's Bible Study 7p—AA, Fellowship Hall	30				

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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

11/07— 10 am Worship w/ Communion
11/14 — 10 am Worship w/Communion
11/21 — 10 am Worship w/Communion
Love Fund Offering
11/28 — 10 am Worship w/Communion
Prayer Shawl Sunday

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Debbie Davis	Rebecca Langham	Carter Sackmann
Annette Gentile	Ed Leader	Timothy Wallace
Andy Hedman	Lora	Elaine Yndestad
Barb Hinderman	Sharon Mackey	Donna Willis
Eunice Kuntz	Rusty Morrell	
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In the military: Rigil Christensen, Rochelle Fabrizio, Tim Groth, John Hughes, Cody Davis, Bennett Jorgensen and all those serving in the military.