

The JOURNEY — Walking Daily with Jesus

September 2022

From the Pastor's Desk

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead...” (1 Peter 1:3)

Wow! Here we are in September already. Where has the summer gone? For Gelene and me, it has been a summer that has been consumed by ministry, building a home, welcoming a new daughter-in-law, and this list could go on. Each of these events is a blessing and each involves hope. I hope that I am doing all that I am being called to do in ministry. I hope that Gelene and I will eventually get into our new home. I hope that our son has a long and happy marriage full of many blessings.

But this is not the kind of hope that we as Christians are called to. We are not called to some wishy-washy, “I hope we have a nice autumn” kind of a hope. A pastor friend gave me a great image of Christian hope. He said: “A Christian hope is like the rope that connects to the ship’s anchor. The anchor holds secure to some solid ground, but the rope is what holds the ship to the anchor.” We are the ship, tossed about by the stormy seas of life. Christ alone is our Anchor. Our Christian hope holds us securely to Christ and to His promises.

“I will never leave you, nor forsake you,” is God’s promise found in Deuteronomy 31:8. As we go through this life, and as we face the various trials and tribulations which will come our way, some will challenge our faith. But as we look back on our lives and see how God has been faithful to carry us through those past trials, our faith is strengthened by the power of the Holy Spirit. Our hope that Christ’s promises are sure becomes more solid.

And now we can hold securely to a hope that clings tightly to the promises of Christ found in John 10:28, *“I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them from my hand.”*

As we move into the autumn, to a time when many of the Bible studies will begin again after a summer’s hiatus, I pray that you will take the opportunity to come, and to hear of the reason for your hope, Jesus Christ.

In Christ,

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Letter From Trinity President

Lessons from The Queen

With the big news on the death of Queen Elizabeth, Cyndi and myself were watching and reading everything available on the funeral of the queen. We even were up at 5:30 am the day of her funeral to watch the televised services at Westminster Abbey and St Georges Chapel. That made for a long day. Her death was the end to her amazing 70-year legacy as monarch of Great Britain. No British leader has even come close to this longevity record. That is an amazing record. Ex-Prime Minister Theresa May said the queen was very well respected around the world. QEII worked with and gave advice to 15 Prime Ministers including Winston Churchill and Margaret Thatcher. Her dedication to service and duty was second to none. Many times, her duty to service even came before family. The queen met 13 of the last 14 U.S. presidents. She led England through two world wars, the Falkland Islands conflict, big economic downturns, problems with her immediate family and recently the coronavirus pandemic. That is just a short list of her accomplishments. All these things are a great testimony to her dedication to service and duty but her greatest attribute is her public statement and demonstration of faith in Jesus Christ. It is so rare these days to be able to admire what a public official says and does. So, I thought it would be good to determine what we can learn from the life of Queen Elizabeth.

Throughout her life she gave public testimonies of her faith in Jesus Christ. As Queen she was the head of the protestant Anglican Church and defender of the faith. She was constantly under the microscope on what she would say or do. Even as a young queen at the age of 25, she gave us an example on how to behave and speak.

Lesson 1: Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. 1 Timothy 4:12

Every Christmas, Queen Elizabeth delivered encouraging messages to the British people and the World. Here is a quote from one of those messages.

“I know just how much I rely on my faith to guide me through the good times and bad. Each day is a new beginning. I know that the only way to live my life is to try to do what is right, to take the long view, to give of my best in all that the day brings and to put my trust in God”

Lesson 2: Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him and he will make your paths straight. Proverbs 3:5-6



Lesson 3: Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms. 1 Peter 4:10

Lesson 4: Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men Colossians 3:23

I wish all public figures and leaders that claim to be believers in Christ, would demonstrate it in their public and private lives. Queen Elizabeth would read the Bible every day and attend worship services every Sunday if her health allowed it. In the rapidly changing world, she had to deal with, she continued to have an unchanging reverence to God and to seek His direction through scriptures and prayer. Today’s worldview is vastly different than that of the biblical worldview. As more and more people accept a worldview on critical issues, it becomes more difficult for Christian leaders.

Lesson 5: For am I now seeking the approval of man, or of God? Or am I trying to please man? If I were still trying to please man, I would not be a servant of Christ. Galatians 1:10

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. Romans 12:2

The services for the Queen were unprecedented for a state funeral of a British monarch, who is also head of the Anglican Church of England. She planned her own funeral which included the involvement of 10 leaders of other faiths and many of other Christian denominations. Their task was to lead the congregation in prayer. Her planning highlights the late Queen’s commitment to interfaith dialogue and Christian church unity. She constantly strove for unity with the British Commonwealth, her family, and the Christian community in England.

Lesson 6: I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another in what you say and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly united in mind and thought. 1 Corinthians 1:10

As you, a member of Christ’s church, fill out your personal Time and Talent surveys, I would ask that you pray and think about what spiritual gifts and talents you have that can help TLC meet its plan for this next year. I hope we would use Queen Elizabeth as an example, who did not look at service being a choice but a duty. Grace, love and peace to you from our God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Jim McGraw

OCTOBER WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

	Oct 2 10:00 am	Oct 9 10:00am	Oct 16 10:00 am	Oct 23 10:00am	Oct 30 10:00am
GREETERS	Terri Freeman	Karen & Bob Scott	Brenda Mackey	Betty Blanch	Joanne & Eldon Kvale
USHERS	Wally Thom Rob Freeman	Mike Capra Tom Svitak	Wally Thom LeRoy Brensel	Wes Mohns Mike Rubin	John & Janet Schieffer
COMM. ASSTS	June Bibeau	Kathy Thom	Pat Mackey	Joanne Schilling	Dan Dahl
READER	Joanne Schilling	Sue Capra	Karen Hayes	Carol Addington	Janet Schieffer




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| Kathy Thom | 10/01 | Christian Lindow | 10/22 |
| Alyssa Langham | 10/02 | Dawson Flora | 10/22 |
| Jolene Scribner | 10/04 | Steve Kotel | 10/22 |
| Kenya Anderson | 10/05 | Joanne Schilling | 10/24 |
| Alex Roppe | 10/11 | Mike Rubin | 10/26 |
| Benda Mackey | 10/12 | Dan Dahl | 10/26 |
| John Kristensen | 10/13 | Katrina Gustafson | 10/30 |
| Al Widiker | 10/14 | Jacob Colbert | 10/30 |



**Want to donate candy
for Trunk or Treat?
Drop your candy
donations off in the
church office**

SMILE

It's That time again, we need to update our Church Directory. Over the Next few weeks we will be setting up to get your pictures and updated information for the new directory. So get ready!!



Meeting

NEXT MEETING OF . . .

- Birchwood Food Pantry Open 10:30-12:30pm Oct 3, 17**
- Worship & Music Team Oct 3, 10:00 am**
- Women of Trinity Oct 11, 6:30 pm**
- Trinity Council Meeting Oct 18, 6:30 pm**
- Men's Ministry of Trinity Oct 20, 6:30 pm**

Men's Ministry of Trinity

Already late fall, where have the days gone. The good news is we are going to have a Men's Ministry meeting *October 20th at 6:30*. Hopefully by then the new sidewalk will have been completed but not without considerable coordinating and let's not forget funding.

This summer reprieve from meetings should have revitalized us and fired us up for serving the lord and his flock. I know there need out there for helping our church family. If you are aware of anyone needing our help, please contact Julie in the office or myself and we will see what we can do. As always watch your e-mails for any updates or needs that come up in between our meeting dates.

Yours in Christ,
Wally Thom



Propane Challenge

It's that time of year and we don't want to be left out in the cold. As in previous years, we are holding a propane matching challenge. The propane prepay this is \$8000.00. (Last year we bought \$6000.00 prepay) \$3500.00 has been donated as a matching challenge to cover the cost.



We have already paid for the propane as a necessary expense and have started a drive to cover the cost.

Please consider contributing.



GARAGE PLACEMENT

The garage that we received free from the Dollar General site is planned for secure storage on our property. Placement will require about \$6,700 for foundation and finishing work. \$1,500 out of \$6,700 has been donated.



SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT

The sidewalks into the church and fellowship hall need replacement before winter.

The cost is estimated to be about \$3,200. Donations have covered this cost.

FELLOWSHIP HALL FURNACE

We had an unplanned expense when replacement of the Fellowship Hall furnace was required. This cost was about \$5,800. Donations have covered this cost.



Christmas ALREADY?! Well, yes, for Cantata (a fancy word for musical!) singers, Christmas is just around the corner . . . so mark your calendars for OCTOBER 12, for the first Cantata rehearsal.


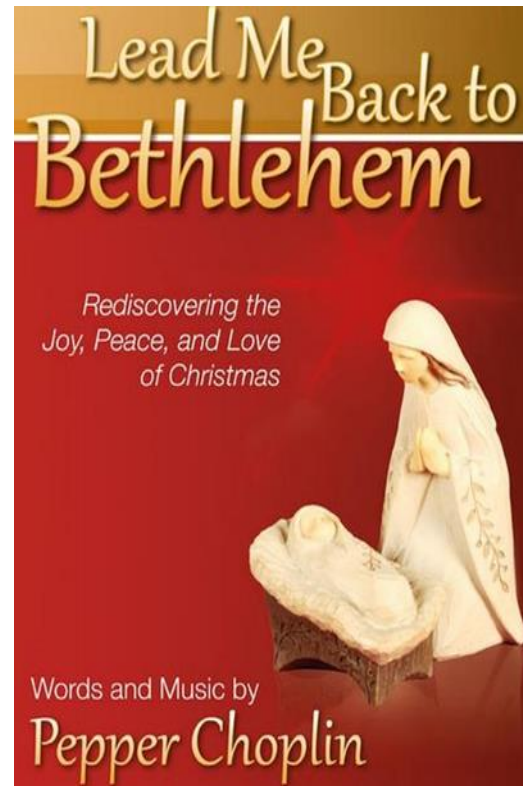
This is the perfect opportunity for those who aren't able to make the year-long commitment to sing with the Trinity Choir.

If you are high-school age or older, and want to sing in the Cantata Choir, just show up on October 12, at 7 pm — no auditions required!

The cantata, *Lead Me Back to Bethlehem* by Pepper Choplin, leads us through this Bethlehem story using carols, familiar folk songs with new seasonal texts, and original music and narrative. Rediscover the joy, peace, and love that Christmas offers to all of us.


The Cantata will be performed on Sunday, December 11, at the 10 am worship service.

Questions? Ask Joanne . . . 715-651-4875.



American Red Cross

Oct 11
11 am–5 pm
Trinity Lutheran Church
Make your appointment today
Redcross.org



TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
OCTOBER 29 * 2 – 4 PM
Decorate your car and hand out treats!

Missions & Outreach

The school supply drive was successful, and several students were able to benefit from the school supplies gathered.

I propose that we do a food drive 1 Sunday a month for the Food Drive and ask each person to bring a can good or boxed item Every 3rd Sunday.

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. They are interested in working with the community and are willing to come to discuss the ways Birchwood could assist them with the needs of their clients and provide program information and areas for volunteers and donations they have. In the meantime any new clothes are being accepted with All Tags on them Especially Warm clothing for the Fall/Winter Season. All children's sizes and young adults as well. There is also an opportunity to attend or start a chapter of Celebrate Recovery there is a chapter in Hayward and they are open to members or starting a chapter here in the area. They meet at 7:00on Tuesdays. Anyone interested in attending we can carpool. Let Diane Know I will get a list and coordinate the date/travel etc.

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

Di Hubbard



Women of Trinity



Happenings—August

Women of Trinity Happenings—September 2022

Our meeting was held on September 13 in the Fellowship Hall. There were 13 women in attendance.

Altar Guild: September, Sue Capra October, Julie Sunderland

Rummage sale was a great success. Proceeds will fund various local charities

Cards were sent to shut-ins.

Kitchen supplies need to be organized and reordered

Women of the Word conference will be March 31 -April 1, 2023 at Camp Forest Springs in Westboro.

Volunteers are needed to make a meal for the Wednesday night youth meeting.

Trunk or Treat will be held Saturday, October 29—2-4PM

Next meeting will be held October 8 @ 10:00 am.

TLC Annual Rummage Sale

Our annual rummage sale was held on September 9 and 10. There were a lot of volunteers to help make our sale a huge success. Both the men's and women's groups conducted this effort together this year, sharing workload and proceeds. This year our totals were \$1592.25 for the sale and \$370.25 for the luncheon. The funds we raise are used to support area nonprofit programs. We typically make yearly donations to the Birchwood Food Pantry, The Rice Lake Pregnancy Help Center, support a child from Haiti, and other entities. It is a gift from God to be able to lend support to areas of need in our church from the fruits of our labor also.



CHOIR & PRAISE TEAM REHEARSALS have started, but you're not too late....

DO YOU SING IN THE PEW?! Then join the Choir or Praise Team! We need **NEW VOICES** in the Trinity Choir and Praise Team! **NO AUDITIONS!** And you don't need to be able to read music . . . We'll make sure you learn your part! If you are high-school age or older, just show up on **Wednesdays at 7 pm.** The returning members will make you feel very welcome! Rehearsals run from **7–8:30 pm**, and the choir sings the first and third Sundays of each month. The Praise Team will rehearse at 8 pm. They lead the music on the second Sunday of each month.

Questions? Call
Joanne Schilling, 715-651-4875



October 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
2 8:30 Adult Sunday School 10a - Worship	3 9:00 a Quilters 10:30a-12:30p—Food Pantry Open 7p—AA, Fellowship Hall	4	5 6:30 am Men's Bible Study 6:00p Class-What Lutherans Believe 7:00 Trinity Choir Rehearsal 8:00 Praise Tm Reher.	6 10a Women's Bible study	7 OFFICE CLOSED	8
9 8:30 Adult Sunday School 10a - Worship	10 9:00 Quilters 10:00a - WMMT Mtg 3:30 pm Woman's Bible Study 7p—AA, Fellowship Hall	11 11:00 am Blood Mobile	12 6:30 am Men's Bible Study 6:00p Class-What Lutherans Believe 7:00 Trinity Choir Rehearsal 8:00 Praise Tm Reher	13 10a Women's Bible study 6:30 pm Men's Ministry Mtg	14 OFFICE CLOSED	15
16 8:30 Adult Sunday School 10a - Worship Love Fund/Food Pantry Offering	17 9:00 a Quilters 10:30a-12:30p—Food Pantry Open 7p—AA, Fellowship Hall	18 6:30p- Council Meeting Journey Deadline	19 6:30 am Men's Bible Study 6:00p Class-What Lutherans Believe 7:00 Trinity Choir Rehearsal 8:00 Praise Tm Reher	20 10a Women's Bible study	21 OFFICE CLOSED	22
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October 2022

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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

9/4 — 8:30 am Outdoor Worship w/ Communion
10 am Worship w/Communion
9/11 — 10 am Worship w/Communion
9/18— 10 am Worship w/Communion
9/25— 10 am Worship w/Communion

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

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

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