

The JOURNEY — *Walking Daily with Jesus*

Get involved with Youth Connections Program!
WOMEN OF TRINITY'S APRIL "STEPPING OUT TO SERVE" ACTIVITY

Youth Connections Program (YCP) is an after-school academic program that assists any students at Birchwood School District who need extra support to get that support, four days a week, Mondays through Thursdays, from 3:30 pm. to 5 pm.

Grades K-5th grades take part in activities that are centered on reading, math, science, technology, engineering, recess, and drama club. They work at these subjects through crafts and games, have a snack, but also have access to tutoring, and homework assistance when needed. This program is led by Rose Cutsforth (YCP Coordinator) and backed up with volunteers from the community, and student helpers from the Birchwood School.

Middle school and high school stu-



dents meet in the library, supervised by Birchwood teachers, or before school in a teacher's room. They have access to a study hall where they can catch up on homework and guided enrichment focusing on the curriculum of their current classes and are able to get academic help when needed.

The school and YCP program are

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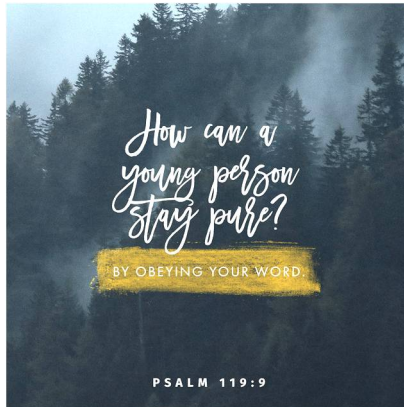
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HOLY WEEK SERVICES

March 29	Maundy Thursday Worship	6:30 pm
March 30	Good Friday Worship	6:30 pm
April 1	Easter Sunrise Worship w/Communion	7 am
	Easter Celebration Worship w/Communion	10 am

PASTOR JACK'S COLUMN



"How can a young person stay pure? By obeying your word." (Psalm 119:9) How will our children and grandchildren know His word if they're not taught through the lives of those who claim to be His people?

I've asked a few about this reality, both young and old. A common response was, "Pastor, it's your job to teach our kids" or "We need a Sunday school program for that." They claimed they didn't know the Bible well enough, and didn't go to school for that.

That sort of response gets me a little fired up...I want to say, "Really? You've been following Jesus for how long? 2yrs, 20yrs, 40yrs? You don't know enough? I wonder if you could tell me of a job that one has been doing for 2yrs, 20yrs, or 40yrs where they don't know enough to teach others about it." But I don't say that. 😊 I'd rather give a few concrete ideas to move them to action:

1. Let others see your genuine faith lived out. Our young people, and those un-churched in our community should see us as different. The Bible calls this being holy (set apart), and believers are to be holy because He is holy (1 Peter 1:16). This should make a potential mentor easy to identify. How would it impact Birchwood if a new Christian walked up to you and said, "I just started following Jesus. Can I shadow you, and learn how this is done?" Our answer can't be, "I'm no master...I don't know much at all...go ask the pastor."

2. Read your Bible. It's God's truth, cover to cover. It's the easiest way we have to get to know the God we follow and trust. I love the picture of the floating iceberg: What you hear in a Sunday morning sermon is just the tip, there is infinitely more if you seek. Read your bible, and let others SEE you reading your Bible! Install a Bible application on your smartphone. Text meaningful scripture as encouragement to others, share it on social media.

3. Pray. Jesus did this often, and usually on his own (Luke 5:16). Lift everything, good and not so good, to God in prayer (1 Thessalonians 5:17) Ask for opportunity to be used as you begin your day, "Heavenly Father, I love You and I want to be useful to You today. Guide me, and give me courage to begin new and renewed relationships that center on You." I'm confident He will open your eyes to the needs of those around you, especially those of undeveloped Christians.

Thank you for choosing to be used to help a young person stay on the path of purity! May God continue to bless and guide you.



Pastor Jack

Thank you to everyone for loving me, praying for me and for keeping me in your family.

I appreciate all of you and the gifts you share with me during my battle with cancer.

I am humbled yet again by God's great blessings.

Kathy Paquette

[Editor's note: Come to the Easter Pancake Breakfast and give to the free-will donation for Kathy.]



Can YOU help?

SUNDAY SCHOOL RETURNS!

Sunday School ministry will begin soon. Anna Will is going to provide leadership to this ministry with support and resources from the Education, Youth and Family Team. We are looking for adults to partner with her.

If you are willing, please contact Melinda at 715-296-2073.



WOMEN'S THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY

The Thursday morning women's Bible study will NOT meet April 5 and 12. It will resume on April 19, at 9:30 am.

If you have any questions, please contact Jean Jastram, 715-354-7100.





GOD IS LOVE

Thank you chaperones, Pastor Jack and Shannon Gindt for hosting the Middle and High School Youth Retreat!

Thank you congregation for your financial support and prayers! Please read about the weekend on the Youth and Fellowship bulletin board at church.



Upcoming Youth & Family Events

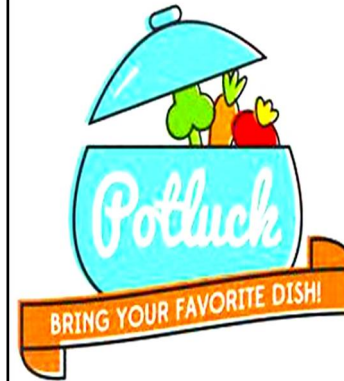
- ☞ Confirmation Sunday will be held on May 6
- ☞ Honoring Graduates Sunday will be May 20
- ☞ Sunday School Ministry will begin soon!
- ☞ Vacation Bible School planning has begun!

YUM-YUM!! 5TH SUNDAY POTLUCK APRIL 29

Let's gather together for a potluck meal and fellowship. Please sign up at the information center.

Bring a brunch dish to share and enjoy great eats immediately after the 10 am worship service.

Bring your family and friends.



Pictured are middle school youth serving our Lenten fellowship supper. The funds raised were given to Kathy Paquette.

Serving our Community:

Middle and High School youth have been serving!

High school youth, Wyatt Sunderland and Logen Gindt, along with mentors Wally Thom, Dave and Sharon Dhein, served an evening meal at Benjamin's House in Rice Lake.

The residents appreciated a nice hot meal. One of them commented that this meal was the best following a really rough day!



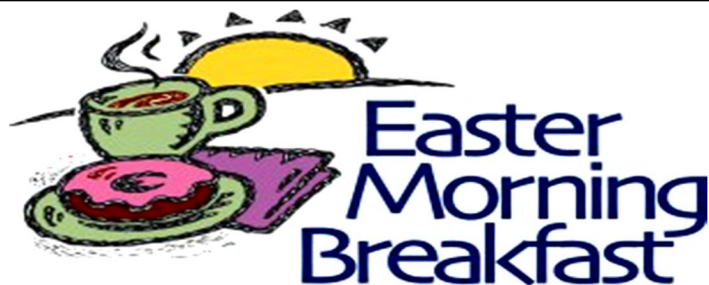
MISSION & OUTREACH UPDATE

The Missions and Outreach Committee met March 14, with Rolf Jostad and Pastor Jack joining them. Pastor offered some suggestions to the committee that were very helpful.



The Committee fed about 25 kids and adults of Timber Bay on March 19. They will feed them on April 16.

Their next meeting is Wednesday, April 11 at 10 am.



Let's celebrate our Risen Lord in fellowship with one another! The men of our congregation will be serving pancakes, sausage, eggbakes, fruit, and beverage.

Come anytime between 8:15 - 9:45 am! This is a free-will donation — for Kathy Paquette

Worship services on Easter are at 7 am and 10 am.

BULLETIN BOARD ARTICLES WANTED



On your way into the sanctuary, on the left side of the entry hall, is a large bulletin board. Ever stopped to read it? There's a lot of information on it.

This is your touchstone to keep track of people who have been to our church, have moved, or are present members. They may be in the newspaper article, and maybe deserve a pat on the back. Or maybe they need a note of condolence.

Any news you find in the papers about past or present members can be shared by giving that article to Cindy in the church office, and she'll post it for you.

WOMEN OF TRINITY APRIL HAPPENIN'S

- ❖ Cindy Rubin, vice president, ran the March 15 meeting, in the absence of Ginger LaMotte, president.
- ❖ We take a donation at every monthly meeting, saving up for three months, then sending that money to two alternating youth groups to help pay for food at their evening meals. Those groups are: Timber Bay Kids, and L.I.G.H.T. Keepers.



- ❖ April Altar Guild person is Cindy Rubin.
- ❖ Pastor Jack attended the first part of our meeting to find out more about us, and our organization. He shared some insight he has on our church, our group, and the community. The bottom line is, we must all work together.
- ❖ The 2018 Women of Trinity Service Book is out. You can't miss it....it has a bright orange cover! It can be picked up at the service desk in the narthex of our church. Thanks to Ginger LaMotte for her work in putting the information together and typing it up for publication. There are jobs for all you women in that booklet, so please check it out and put dates in your calendar.
- ❖ The Women's LCMC Spring Retreat is April 27 and 28 at Forest Springs Camp, Westboro, WI. Reservation forms available from our office. It's a good thing....GO!
- ❖ Funeral luncheon guidelines are now

noted and typed up in the Funeral Luncheon Book in the kitchen. Thanks to Donnarae Carrell for talking with Appleyards on this subject.

❖ Look....at the church LIBRARY! It's clean, organized, and much, much better. Thanks to Carol Addington and Donnarae for doing this. Confirmation photos from many decades

were discovered, and are in the process of being sorted, and put in an album, or displayed in some way.

❖ WOT and the Thursday morning Bible Study group each served a Lenten meal that was delicious and well received. All food was donated.

❖ Thanks to the two Cindys (Rubin and Westphal) for providing breakfast to the 18 students from Birchwood High School who came over for the ACT tests in March.

❖ Our Stepping Out to Serve project for April will be to work with the YCP (youth connections program). An article appears on page 1.

❖ Our next meeting is Thursday, April 19, at 11 am. We invite the men from our church to join us, since they have been volunteering and helping us in the kitchen, and with meals. A noon potluck luncheon will be served immediately after the meeting.

Thank you for all your great work!

Dear Trinity Family,

Serving God with you as the Youth and Family coordinator for the past 7 years has been a blessing! For a few months, I have been discerning how best to serve God in this congregation. I have made a decision to resign as the youth and family coordinator with my last day being Wednesday, April 11. The overwhelming joys of the youth and families that I have served with and for is written on my heart. I ask forgiveness for the times that I have offended or caused strife for

any of you. Thank you for your grace while giving me this wonderful opportunity to serve.

When I was seeking scripture to write this letter, my *YouVersion* Bible app on my phone highlighted my devotion history of Psalm 143:8 from 21 weeks ago. God's word states, "Let the morning bring me word of your unfailing love, for I have put my trust in you. Show me the way I should go, for to you I entrust my life." I trust in Him that all my needs for my family are provided as they always have been.

In closing, some of the moments in our faith history as a congregation have been less desirable but I embrace them all because God is always good! The tomb is empty and therefore I am not! I look forward to volunteering with Pastor Jack and all of you in any capacity that God has called me to. All is well! Let us serve our Lord and Savior in all that we do!

Contentment and peace,
Melinda Pedersen



Cindy Rubin, vice president of the Women of Trinity, made sure that the Birchwood students who took the ACT test at Trinity in February were fed well.

The Women of Trinity are reaching out to serve the community and our church with acts of goodness and kindness.

From Ginger LaMotte, president of Women of Trinity, she has this to say: "For all that you do, thank you."

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waiting to hear if a grant which was applied for will be awarded, which will give them a better opportunity to meet their academic standards, provide healthy academic enrichment, and develop positive youth behavior while attending the after school program.



Rose Cutsforth, who is a member of our church, invites any interested persons from our church to contact her at 715-977-2905 for additional information. Or call her at the school: 715-354-3471. She can use more volunteers to work with YCP, as well as the Book Buddy program.

She informed us that last month (February) she gained two more volunteers for the Book Buddy program at school because of the Women of Trinity's "Stepping Out" program. More book buddies are still needed. This program runs Tuesday through Thursday at the school, 8:30 am. to 10:50 am.

Why not give one of these programs a try?

NEXT MEETING OF . . .

- Birchwood Food Pantry. 10:30 am, Apr 2, 7, 16, 21
- Worship & Music Team. 10 am, Apr 5
- Mission & Outreach. 10 am, Apr 11
- Congregational Council 6:30 pm, Apr 17
- Trinity Lutheran Church Women. 11 am, Apr 19

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



Can you run your home DVD player? Great! Then you can help run the Sunday PowerPoint slide show or record the worship service on CD!

If you are interested in this volunteer opportunity, please contact Joanne at 715-651-4875. Training will be provided!

APRIL WORSHIP ASSISTANTS						
	APR 1 7 AM	APR 1 10 AM	APR 8	APR 15	APR 22	APR 29
Greeters	Karen Scott Eleanor Kuula	Sue Svitak	Donna Willis Joan Fuller	Carol Addington Ruth Clausen	Wally & Cathy Thom	Pat & Brenda Mackey
Ushers	John Schieffer	LeRoy Brensel John Schieffer	Kevin & Shay Sunderland	Wes & Char Mohns	Bob & Karen Scott	Mike & Cindy Rubin
Communion Assts	Karen Hayes Jeanne Dahlby	Leo Diehl, Norm Jastram & Jeanne Dahlby	Rolf & Barb Kleven	Mary & Dave Webster	Ken & Jeanne Dahlby	Art & Ginny Johnson
Reader	Dianne Buxton	Leo Diehl	Barb Kleven	Dave Webster	Jim Gronberg	Jim Gronberg

APRIL KITCHEN CLEANING AND INSPECTION

Service Committee #2, co-chaired by Kathy Thom and Sue Jostad, will be serving their second month for kitchen inspection and cleaning, in April. They may be calling anyone on their list for help in cleanup and maintenance. This work is to be shared by all members on their list, so be prepared to help.

Men! Come Join Us!
WOMEN OF TRINITY INVITE MEN TO APRIL 19 MTG

It is indeed a happy occasion that men of our church have been volunteering to help in the kitchen. From washing dishes to serving prepared food and beverages, more men are stepping forth to help. We're even considering changing our group's name to include everyone in our church for service projects.


MEN, PLEASE ATTEND OUR APRIL 19 MEETING to see what our meetings are all about. We'll be serving a potluck luncheon after the April 19 meeting.



You're invited!

- HAPPY BIRTHDAY**
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| Sue Jostad 4/1 | Sterling Sweeney 4/12 |
| Jeremy Lobitz 4/2 | Corbin Nordback 4/13 |
| Bill Lambrecht 4/3 | Mark Soper 4/13 |
| Jeff Parenteau 4/3 | Adam Anderson 4/14 |
| Louis DeVries 4/3 | Bradey Gottwald 4/14 |
| Aurora Kolodzinski 4/5 | Marlys Poff 4/14 |
| Karisa Scribner 4/5 | Amber Brantner 4/15 |
| Donna Soper 4/5 | Brayden Anderson 4/17 |
| Mitchell Hayes 4/6 | Jody Anderson 4/17 |
| Sharon Klabunde 4/6 | Sharon Dhein 4/17 |
| Josh Brantner 4/7 | Don Subrt 4/17 |
| Douglas Matts 4/7 | Mary Webster 4/17 |
| Taylor Schultz 4/8 | Neva Slayton 4/18 |
| David Dakins 4/9 | Jim Gronberg 4/21 |
| Brittany Boumeester 4/10 | Dave Webster 4/23 |
| Leslie Carlson 4/11 | Chris Iverson 4/26 |
| Kaitlyn Roppe 4/10 | Selene Johnson 4/27 |
| Denise Deraitus 4/11 | Eric Moline 4/29 |
| Todd Hogen 4/11 | Pat Brenn 4/30 |
| Stacie Deraitus 4/12 | Kris Gottwald 4/30 |

APRIL 2018

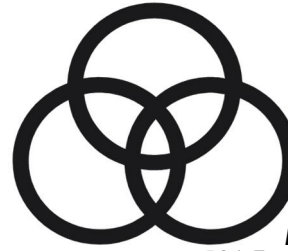
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 EASTER 7a - Easter Sunrise Worship w/Communion 8:15a - Pancake Breakfast 10a - Easter Celebration Worship w/Communion	2 9:30a - Quilters 10:30a-1:30p - Food Pantry Open 6:30p - Bible Study 7p - AA, Fellowship Hall	3 5p - L.I.G.H.T Keepers	4 5:30p - Confirmation 7p - Trinity Ch Reh 8p - PT Rehearsal	5 NO Women's Bible Study 10a - Worship & Music Mtg	6 OFFICE CLOSED	7 10:30a-1:30p - Food Pantry Open
8 2nd Sunday of Easter 9:30a - COFFEE TIME 10a - Praise Worship w/ Communion	9 9:30a - Quilters 6:30p - Bible Study 7p - AA, Fellowship Hall	10 5p - L.I.G.H.T Keepers	11 10a - Msn/Outreach Committee mtg 5:30p - Confirmation 7p - Trinity Ch Reh	12 NO Women's Bible Study	13 OFFICE CLOSED	14
15 3rd Sunday of Easter 9a - Choir Warm-up 9:30a - COFFEE TIME 10a - Worship w/Communion Love Fund/Food Pantry Off	16 Journey Deadline 9:30a - Quilters 10:30a-1:30p - Food Pantry Open 5:30p - M/O provides meal for Timber Bay 6:30p - Bible Study 7p - AA, Fellowship Hall	17 5p - L.I.G.H.T Keepers 6:30p - Council Mtg	18 5:30p - Confirmation 7p - Trinity Ch Reh	19 9:30a - Women's Bible Study 11a - WOT Mtg MEN INVITED!	20 OFFICE CLOSED 11:30a - Community Blood Drive @ Birchwood HS Gym	21 10:30a-1:30p - Food Pantry Open
22 4th Sunday of Easter 9:30a - COFFEE TIME 10a - Worship w/Communion	23 9:30a - Quilters 6:30p - Bible Study 7p - AA, Fellowship Hall	24 5p - L.I.G.H.T Keepers	25 1p - Journey Assembly 5:30p - Confirmation 7p - Trinity Ch Reh	26 6:30p - Maundy Thursday Worship w/communion and foot washing	27 OFFICE CLOSED	28
29 5th Sunday of Easter 9:30a - COFFEE TIME 10a - Worship w/Communion 	30 9:30a - Quilters 6:30p - Bible Study 7p - AA, Fellowship Hall					

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**EASTER PANCAKE
 BREAKFAST—APRIL 1**



**The JOURNEY
 APRIL 2018**

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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 info deadline 9 am Wednesdays
 JOURNEY deadline Monday of 3rd week of the month

WORSHIP THIS MONTH

- 4/1 7 am Easter Sunrise Worship w/Communion
 10 am Easter Celebration Worship w/Communion
- 4/8 10 am Praise Worship w/Communion
- 4/15 10 am Worship w/Communion
- 4/22 10 am Worship w/Communion
- 4/29 10 am Worship w/Communion

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

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

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.