

# *The JOURNEY — Walking Daily with Jesus*

## Diane Brask, Global Seed Planters to speak TRINITY WOMEN HOST SALAD LUNCHEON AUGUST 9

Come join the Trinity Women for Fun, Food and Fantastic Fellowship at the Salad Luncheon on August 9, beginning at noon! This bi-annual event is always well attended, so make your reservations by signing up at the Welcome Center. The suggested donation is \$6 and those who would be willing to provide a salad may sign up to do so also at the Welcome Center.

The guest speaker is Diane Brask, founder of Global Seed Planters, who will speak on "Trusting God in Uncertain Times." Diane Brask is an engaging, unforgettable, communicator with a passionate heart and a captivating personality.

God has consistently used her refreshing, down-to-earth storytelling style to inspire and challenge people in the U.S. and around the world.

Diane has a proven track record with 35 years of full-time fruitful ministry. Her diverse audiences have included: ministry to people in over 40 nations, churches of diverse denominations, youth events, women's conferences and retreats, international mission conferences, Bible Schools in several nations, Youth With a Mission (YWAM), governmental leaders and officials, and even remote, unreached tribal villages in many countries of the world. Diane is an untiring servant with a pioneer spirit.

She graduated in 1980 with a Social Work Degree from Bethel University in St. Paul, MN. Immediately after college she began to serve as Director of a rural youth ministry serving youth in a two county area. After 20 years of successful ministry, she was invited to become the National Rural Coordinator with the National Network of Youth Ministries. When she is not traveling she enjoys outdoor activities on the farm where she grew up, near Grantsburg, WI.

She has a NOW message for the church and a passion to pray for a spiritual awakening in the United States and around the world.



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## **ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC ON SEPTEMBER 11**

Our annual church picnic will be held immediately after the 10 am church service, in and outside of the Fellowship Hall. Hot dogs, hamburgers, buns, chips, and lemonade will be furnished. If you can bring a dish to pass, salads and desserts would be welcome. Please join us for this Growth and Fellowship Event.



**Summer Surprise Choirs**  
**Aug 7 & 21**  
**9:30 am in the Sanctuary** 

## PASTOR JON'S COLUMN – The Good Samaritan

On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

"What is written in the Law?" he replied. "How do you read it?"

He answered, "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind'; and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'"

"You have answered correctly," Jesus replied. "Do this and you will live."

But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

In reply Jesus said: "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper. 'Look after him,' he said, 'and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.'

"Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?"

The expert in the law replied, "The one who had mercy on him." Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise." Luke 10:25-27

If you actually read my newsletter articles you may notice that sometimes I write about a text that we have heard during a recent worship. I was planning to move away from that this month, but the Samaritan story has continued to haunt my mind over the last week. I, like many of you have heard this story many times. "Good Samaritan" is a phrase that is part of our language. It is burrowing into my very being - that is - two thoughts that I cannot let go of!

First of all, what struck me about this familiar story is not that it was the Samaritan who helped the Jew but rather the extent to which the Samaritan helped him. Our Samaritan *extraordinaire*, was not only willing to pull over, see what had really happened, and then engage. He went well beyond that. He took his charge to a nearby inn and gave the innkeeper what amounted to a blank check to do what-

ever made sense. "The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend'" (v. 35). Mr. Samaritan could have ended his involvement there but committed to returning after fulfilling another commitment.

The second thought about this parable may possibly come from what I believe the Lawyer may have been thinking. "I cannot possibly do this!" If he was thinking something along those lines, as I have on many occasions in ministry (can I get an AMEN!?) well - he was right. We cannot possibly show *that* kind of love ... We cannot possibly show that kind of love apart from our relationship with God!

This Samaritan was a person who knew the blessing of grounding one's life in faithful loving kindness to God and others. The lawyer whose original question prompted Jesus

to tell this story could not have missed this. The issue for our lawyer was not to understand the limit of his responsibility but rather the extent of his opportunity - opportunity to really love and be loved - rooted in this One who stood before him - Jesus the Christ.

So too, it is for us. We cannot do anything, any of this *love thing*, without the Spirit of the Living God within us - prayer, study, communion with others in faith - It just does not happen automatically! It is funny (and sad) to me that this outsider, this Samaritan, seems to know this when often I do not!

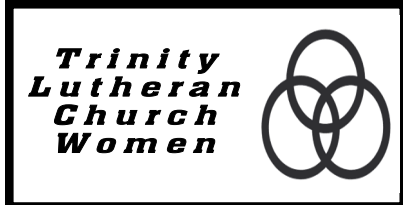
So I am asking myself (and ask you to ask yourself): Where do my gifts, vocation, and avocation create opportunities to bless the lives of others with the steadfast lovingkindness of the gospel of the kingdom of God? Where does my church's time, talent, and treasure offer corporate opportunities for the same? Where these answers lead is where we can validate God's steadfast love to us by extending it to others!



*Janitor/Clown/Pastor Jon*

**TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN HAPPENINGS**

- † President Marcia Kampf presided over the meeting on July 21, with nine women present.
- † August Altar Guild persons are Jean Jastram with Ida Jahnke helping her.
- † Continue to save cancelled stamps, which we send to Germany to a charitable organization. Turn them in at the desk in the narthex.



Hall are desperately needed, along with new casings, and most likely, insulation, as well. We voted to donate \$1500 toward the total cost of \$2709 for this work.

- † Prayer Shawl Ministry will move from Congregational Care to TLC Women.

President Kampf will renew interest in this by offering patterns to make shawls by both knitting and crocheting, and bring attention to

this ministry once a month by asking for donations for yarn. We need people to volunteer to make these shawls as well as little baby blankets which are given to babies at their baptism. Women of Trinity will be responsible for this ministry in the future.

- † The August 9 Salad Luncheon is full speed ahead with a sign-up sheet for those willing to make and donate salads and bars for desserts. We need workers as well for setup and for cleanup. Diane Brask, founder and director of Global Seed Planters, will be our speaker following the luncheon. She has made it her mission to bring the love of Jesus and plant HOPE in the hearts of people in the most remote parts of the world. Cost of the luncheon is \$6, and a free-will offering will be taken for the mission work.
- † New windows for the Fellowship

- † Our next meeting is Thursday, August 18.
- † At our meeting on September 15, we'll invite a speaker from Saving Grace Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, to speak to our group about yard crosses. A luncheon will follow the speaker's presentation.



Support the Birchwood Food Pantry! Check out their Bake Sale on the 2nd Saturday of the month at their location on Main Street, next to the Bluegill Bar.

8-11:30 AM \* AUG 13

Proceeds go towards food purchases and operating expenses. Want to donate baked goods for the sale? Call Charlotte

at (715) 354-7077.

**SPECIAL "CALLED" CONGREGATIONAL MEETING - SEPT 18**



As a result of the Supreme Court action concerning same-sex marriage and to avoid successful lawsuits to both the congregation and to the pastor we are in need of updating our constitution and bylaw language, to reflect a scriptural understanding on marriage.

We are aware that personal opinions on this matter may vary within the Trinity Community. Please know that the additions put forth will provide protection in the event of legal actions that could or may be taken against Trinity Lutheran Church and/or Trinity Lutheran Church's Pastor. The additions recommended will help clarify and ensure cohesion between Trinity Lutheran Church and Church Leadership, and Trinity Lutheran Church and its relationship within the community it serves.

The additions to our Constitution and Bylaws reflect much work and effort on the part of the participants, utilizing language already adopted by many sister LCMC congregations under the guidance of legal aid attorneys. The Special Congregation Meeting will be held September 18, 2016.

If you would like to review the additions to the Constitution and Bylaws, copies will be available on the Welcome Center Table. Please give careful review to the additions put forth and any comments or questions may be forwarded to Pastor Jon.

**Backpacks needed for local students, too . . .  
TIME FOR PUTTING TOGETHER SCHOOL KITS!**



School's out for the summer...oh, wait summer is almost over? The beginning of school is right around the corner? Well, the schools supplies are sitting on the shelves of area stores just waiting to be purchased and put to good use!

Once again Trinity's Outreach/Missions will be collecting school supplies to be put in handmade book bags and sent off to needy children in other parts of the world. The items for the schoolbags are:

- ✂ Four 70-sheet notebooks (wide ruled)

- ✂ One ruler (cm. on at least one side)
- ✂ One pencil sharpener
- ✂ One blunt scissors
- ✂ Five unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers, secured together with a rubber band.
- ✂ Five black or blue ballpoint pen
- ✂ One box of 16 or 24 crayons
- ✂ One 2-1/2" eraser

Other school items that are purchased and not on the schoolbag list will be given to Birchwood School as there are always needs there as well. Outreach/Missions is grateful for the congregation's phenomenal support of this and all other projects! In August the basket will be again in the narthex for school supplies.

**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS NEEDED**

Summertime is a busy time for all of us as we plan trips, go fishing, golfing, whatever. But when you are in town and at church, please sign up to be a Welcome Assistant! Whether as a greeter, an usher, communion assistant, or lay reader — **WE NEED YOU!**

**greeter**  
**USHER**

**Communion Assistant**  
**LAY READER**



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An Open House is scheduled Wednesday, September 14, from 5-6 p.m. At the open house parent(s)/guardian(s) and children can find out more about the L.I.G.H.T. Keepers program.

A fun weekly Wednesday night program is beginning in Birchwood — L.I.G.H.T. Keepers (Learn In God's House Together)! The program will meet at Trinity Lutheran Church. It is for any 3rd, 4th, or 5th grade child in the community.

Come from 5 pm to 6:30 pm for games, Bible lessons, videos, crafts, a light supper and FUN!! The L.I.G.H.T. Keepers program will meet every Wednesday evening and will follow the Birchwood school calendar.

The Thursday morning Women's Bible Study group will complete their study of Cultivating Contentment on Thursday, July 28. This study has been a blessing to each of the women attending. We will take a brief hiatus from the Thursday morning study for the month of August.

But continue your time in Bible study, perhaps with Portals of Prayer, and watch for a new Thursday morning study in September! Please call me at 715-354-7100 if you would like me to order a new study guide for you, or send me an e-mail at normjas@skcable.com.

Jean Jastram



**BACKPACK PROGRAM NEEDS SPONSORS FOR NEW SCHOOL YEAR**

The Birchwood School District currently has 76% of its students receiving free or reduced cost lunches, which ranks the District as the 14th highest rate of 436 school districts. The Birchwood Food Pantry Backpack Program (entering its sixth year) was initiated to provide food to those students for weekends and other times school is not in session during the school year.

A "Backpack Pal" sponsors a student by donating \$197.50/year (or \$21.95/month for 9 months). If you would like to be a Backpack Pal for the 2016-17 school year, contact the Birchwood Food Pantry at P.O. Box 201, Birchwood, WI 54817, or by email at info@birchwoodareafoodpantry.com



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

Brent Anderson	8/1	Theresa Stanley	8/12	Billy Gentry	8/19
Theresa Riewestahl	8/3	Skyler Robotka	8/13	Tate Nordback	8/19
Colleen Gindt	8/4	Saige Buchholz	8/14	Marly Applebee	8/22
Ori-Anne Pagel	8/5	Sandi David	8/14	William Bhend	8/22
Richard Pax	8/5	Pam Landes	8/14	Joshua Lobitz	8/23
Art Johnson	8/6	Zach Liermann	8/14	Kris Dahl	8/24
Ron Nelson	8/6	Merle Ries	8/14	Kimberly Lane	8/25
Dale Olson	8/6	Kyle Scribner	8/14	Brynn Hayes	8/27
Eric Seelnacht	8/6	Brian Schaefer	8/15	Charity Knauff	8/28
Katelyn Bratvold	8/8	John Schieffer	8/15	Ken Krattiger	8/28
Tara Stanley	8/10	Sharon Ivers	8/16	Steve Janetski	8/29
Ginny Hurckman	8/12	Marie Poulter	8/16	Mark Larson	8/31

**IN OUR PRAYERS**

1 - Shirley Sorenson	17 - Sue Svitak
2 - Alice Stanford	18 - Tom Svitak
3 - Gavin Stanley	19 - Angela Sweeney
4 - Jeff Stanley	20 - Cassandra Sweeney
5 - Tara Stanley	21 - Jeanne Sweeney
6 - Theresa Stanley	22 - Kevin Sweeney
7 - Trent Stanley	23 - LaRae Sweeney
8 - Nadine Williams	24 - Sterling Sweeney
9 - Stewart Williams	25 - Ted Wuebben
10 - Mary Stoeklen	26 - Kathy Thom
11 - Billy Strand	27 - Wally Thom
12 - Rockell Strand	28 - Amanda VandeVoort
13 - Julie Sunderland	29 - Benjamin VandeVoort
14 - Keven Sunderland	30 - Emma VandeVoort
15 - Shay Sunderland	31 - Scott VandeVoort
16 - Wyatt Sunderland	

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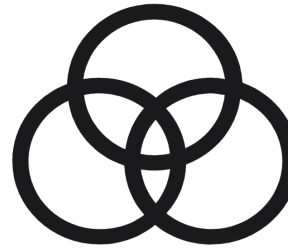
<i>SUNDAY</i>	<i>MONDAY</i>	<i>TUESDAY</i>	<i>WEDNESDAY</i>	<i>THURSDAY</i>	<i>FRIDAY</i>	<i>SATURDAY</i>
	<b>1</b> 10a - Worship & Music Mtg 10:30a-1:30p - Food Pantry Open 6:30p - Book Study 7p - AA, Fellowship Hall	<b>2</b> 9a - Prayer Session	<b>3</b> 9:15a - Video Series 10:30a - Staff Mtg	<b>4</b>   6:30p - Women's Bible Study	<b>5</b> OFFICE CLOSED	<b>6</b> 10:30a-1:30p - Food Pantry Open
<b>7</b> 9th Sunday after Pentecost 8:30a - OUTDOOR Worship w/Communion 9:30a - Surprise Ch Reh 9:30a - COFFEE TIME 10a - INDOOR Worship w/Communion	<b>8</b>  NO Book Study 7p - AA, Fellowship Hall	<b>9</b> 9a - Prayer Session NOON- TLCW Salad Luncheon 6:30p - Council Mtg	<b>10</b> NO Video Series 10:30a - Staff Mtg	<b>11</b>   6:30p - Women's Bible Study	<b>12</b> OFFICE CLOSED	<b>13</b> 9-11a — Food Pantry Bake Sale
<b>14</b> 10th Sunday after Pentecost 8:30a - OUTDOOR Worship w/Communion 9:30a - COFFEE TIME 10a - INDOOR Worship w/Communion	<b>15</b> Journey Deadline 10:30a-1:30p - Food Pantry Open 1p - Outreach Mtg 6:30p - Book Study 7p - AA, Fellowship Hall	<b>16</b> 9a - Prayer Session	<b>17</b> 9:15a - Video Series 10:30a - Staff Mtg	<b>18</b> 11a - TLCW Mtg 6:30p - Women's Bible Study	<b>19</b> OFFICE CLOSED	<b>20</b> 10:30a-1:30p - Food Pantry Open
<b>21</b> 11th Sunday after Pentecost 8:30a - OUTDOOR Worship w/Communion 9:30a - Surprise Ch Reh 9:30a - COFFEE TIME 10a - INDOOR Worship w/Communion Love Fund & Food Pantry Offerings	<b>22</b>  6:30p - Book Study 7p- AA, Fellowship Hall	<b>23</b> 9a - Prayer Session	<b>24</b> 9:15a - Video Series 10:30a - Staff Mtg 1p - JOURNEY Assembly	<b>25</b>   6:30p - Women's Bible Study	<b>26</b> OFFICE CLOSED	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> 12th Sunday after Pentecost 8:30a - OUTDOOR Worship w/Communion 9:30a - COFFEE TIME 10a - INDOOR Worship w/Communion	<b>29</b>  6:30p - Book Study 7p- AA, Fellowship Hall	<b>30</b> 9a - Prayer Session	<b>31</b> 9:15a - Video Series 10:30a - Staff Mtg			

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**SALAD LUNCHEON  
 AUGUST 9**



**The JOURNEY  
 AUGUST 2016**

**TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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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 3<sup>rd</sup> week of the month

**WORSHIP THIS MONTH**

- 8/7 8:30 am Outdoor & 10 am Indoor Worship w/Communion  
 SURPRISE CHOIR @ 9:30 AM
- 8/14 8:30 am Outdoor & 10 am Indoor Worship w/Communion
- 8/21 8:30 am Outdoor & 10 am Indoor Worship w/Communion  
 SURPRISE CHOIR @ 9:30 AM
- 8/28 8:30 am Outdoor & 10 am Indoor Worship w/Communion

**KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS**

Amelia	Art Johnson	Dorothy Perpich
Dave Beaver	Eileen Koefler	Gordy Peterson
Troy Beffa	Dean Kruegel	Jean Peterson
Michelle Bender	Jody Kruegel	Mary Reppe
Alice Bhends	Bill & Eunice Kuntz	Merle Ries
Roger Blanch	Roy Kuula	Buddy Robotka
George Crust	Bill Lambrecht	Sue Sachs
Annette Gentile	Bob Langham	Carter Sackman
Laine Guttenberg	Ed Leader	Shalom Ministry Team
Ron Hartzell	Bob Liermann	Charlotte Snarski
Gorman Hayes	Lora & Mary Overgard	Jeremy Spahn
Harry Heath	Susan Molin	Denise Spiller
McKel Heebink	Sue Miles	Mary Subrt
Becky Hunt	Lee Namtvedt	David Yndestad
Merlin Jahnke	Leonard Nysted	Elaine Yndestad

In the military: Rigil, & Randy Christensen, Rochelle & Alex Fabrizio, Kelsey Will, Eric Bebee, Tim Groth, John Hughes, Brian LaGrange and all those serving in the military.

**NEXT MEETING OF . . . .**

- Birchwood Food Pantry. . . . . 10:30 am, Aug 1, 6, 15, 20
- Worship & Music Team. . . . . 10 am, Aug 1
- Congregational Council. . . . . 6:30 pm, Aug 9
- Outreach Committee. . . . . 1 pm, Aug 15
- Trinity Lutheran Church Women. . . . . 11 am, Aug 18