

The JOURNEY — Walking Daily with Jesus

Please pray for them!
TRINITY'S PASTORAL CALL COMMITTEE FORMED

Nine people "stepped up to the plate" to be considered by the Trinity Council for selection to the Call Committee. Seven were selected by the Council and met for the first time July 12. They spent a little time getting to know each other and selected a chairperson and secretary. Below are the members:

- ❖ Wally Thom, Chairperson
- ❖ Brenda Mackey, Secretary
- ❖ Jean Jastram
- ❖ LeRoy Brensel
- ❖ Jim McGraw
- ❖ David Dakins
- ❖ Kevin Sunderland

The committee's next meeting is July 28. Please continue to pray for them.



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FALL CLEANING ITEMS NEEDED FOR RUMMAGE SALE

Can you believe the RUMMAGE SALE is only about five weeks away?!!! The Rummage Sale dates were changed from May to September to coincide with Birchwood's City-Wide Rummage Sale. The Sale will be held in the Fellowship Hall, Friday, Sept. 8, 8 am - 5 pm, and Saturday, Sept. 9, 8 am - 4 pm, with Dollar Bag Sale Sept. 9, from 3-4 pm.

Drop-off days for sale items are Sept. 5, 6, & 7, from 8 am - 4 pm. To arrange a special drop-off time, call 715-354-3155.

Items to donate would include: Clean clothes and linens, small appliances, games, puzzles, baby and children's items, garden perennials, dishes, lamps, books, knick-knacks, craft items, sporting equipment.

Items NOT to bring: televisions, large appliances, printers, computers, magazines, items too large to move easily.

A sign-up list for helpers will be on a poster in the narthex.

A BBQ lunch will be served the days of the rummage sale. Co-Chairs for the sale are Dianne Buxton and Eleanor Kuula, Women of Trinity.



PASTOR JOAN'S COLUMN



Recently, I was fortunate enough to hear Dr. Charles Stanley (founder of In Touch Ministries) deliver a sermon on making wise decisions, and I thought it was such excellent advice that I would like to share some of it with you. The following is paraphrased from Dr. Stanley's message, with a few of my own insights.

How many times in a day do you have to make a decision? Our lives are filled with one decision after another, and most of them we make without having to engage in too much thought. But other decisions can be life-changing, and therefore, require a great deal of pondering and soul-searching in an effort to make the right choice.

Possibly, the more important question to ask is what process we do use to make decisions. It is important to have a plan for making wise choices, yet many of us don't have that plan in place, but deal with each decision as it arises.

The Bible is filled with verses about prayer and discovering God's will, which is what we need to take into consideration when making those big decisions. When faced with a decision, we need to ask ourselves, "What does God want me to do?" When we look to God's Word for a plan to follow, we'll make decisions wisely and avoid the difficulties and heartaches that come from wrong choices.

Psalm 25:12 says "Who is the man who fears the Lord? He will instruct him in the way he should choose." God promises us that, if we have an attitude of reverence and absolute dependence on Him, He will guide us and lead us

into what we should choose. And those choices will always give God pleasure and honor because we are listening to what He would have us do.

On the other hand, if we don't depend on the Lord for guidance when we have a decision to make, things might not go so well for us. God knows everything so we should automatically go to Him first; however, we often go to everybody else but God seeking advice. Or we merely make up our own minds and do what we desire without regard to God's will for our lives. We may think we're smart enough to handle it by ourselves, but we're not. The Lord is willing to give us direction and answer our requests, even though He may not do it in the manner or time that we expect or desire.

It is good to have a plan based on God's Word, and here are steps that will help prepare us to receive and hear His guidance.

Step One: Clear our heart of any known sin. Ask God to reveal to us what is sinful in our lives that could be keeping us from hearing the truth. It might be a relationship, a habit, a thought pattern, or anything that would be contrary to God's will. Confess that sin, and repent by turning away from it.

Step Two: Bring our desires to a position of neutrality. This can be difficult because our own desire for a particular outcome is strong. But if we want to receive God's guidance, we must be willing to yield our preferences to Him and say, "I want to know what You want me to do."

Step Three: Exercise patience. I know this can be the toughest part of the process because we live in a culture that promotes instant gratification. In Matthew 7:7, Jesus tells us that if we ask and seek, we will receive and find. But Jesus doesn't tell us when we will receive, so we must look at the Psalms to learn patience. Psalm 46:10 says, "Be still and know that I am God," and Psalm 62:5 says, "My soul, wait in silence for God only." Finally, Psalm 27:14 says, "Be strong and let your heart take courage;

yes, wait for the Lord."

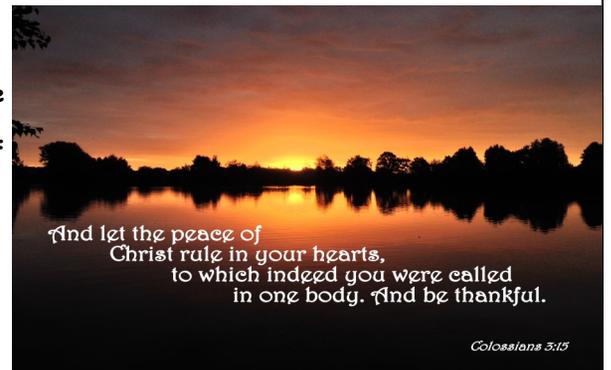
Step Four: Be alert to pressure from external sources as well as internal sources. Friends and family may offer their advice or urge us to make a decision quickly. While their advice may be well-meaning, it is best to wait for God's timing and direction. And don't put pressure on yourself to make the choice without waiting for God's timing and direction.

Step Five: Pray! Paul wrote to the Thessalonians that they should, "Pray without ceasing," and that is good advice for us yet today. While we are waiting, God may be teaching us an important lesson: to trust Him. He wants us to move from doubt and fear to confidence in Him and His timing.

Step Six: Rest in God's promise, and you can do that by immersing yourself in God's Word. It's like a filter and sifts out the worldly thinking that continually bombards us. The Bible is full of God's promises for us, and we need only to read to find them.

Step Seven: Wait for His peace. When we are in agreement with God on the decision, we are bound together with Him. "Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body; and be thankful." (Colossians 3:15).

God bless!
Pastor Joan



PAINTING DAY — AUGUST 19



Volunteers are needed to do some painting to spruce up the church. Painting Day will be August 19 at 9 am.

Come dressed to paint, and bring paint equipment:

- ×Extension for paint rollers
- ×Paint rollers
- ×Drip cloths
- ×Trays and liners

×Wipe-up cloths

×Cutting-in brushes

Coffee break and lunch provided! Can't come in the morning? Come at lunch and paint in the afternoon!

A sign-up sheet is located on the Welcome Center.

For more information, please contact Wes Mohns at 715-354-7274.



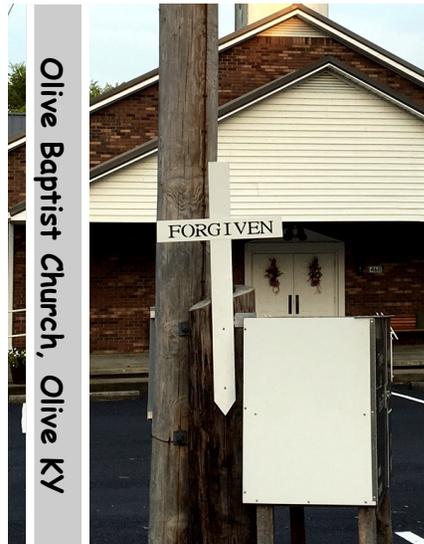
ANGEL HELPERS!

An amazing crew of "angels" from the Thom family helped Donnarae Carrell straighten out and clean under the rows of pew chairs in the sanctuary.

Thank you Kathy, Wally, and grandkids Evan and Savannah!!



AUGUST KITCHEN INSPECTION DUTY IS SERVICE COMMITTEE #1, headed by co-chairs Kathy Thom, and Sue Jostad. They may be calling anyone on their list to come in and do kitchen clean-up and maintenance. The co-chair persons are responsible inspecting the kitchen for two months, twice a year, or a total of four months during the entire year. They are not meant to do all the work by themselves, but to rely on people on their list for help. As a reminder, Ginger LaMotte will call the service committee's co-chairs to remind them which month their committee is working. A checklist is posted in the kitchen along with instructions. When the checklist is completed, return it to Ginger's church mailbox.



Olive Baptist Church, Olive KY



Crosses displayed in Benton, KY

CROSS MINISTRY

Here are a few photos of our Cross Ministry crosses to show how far our cross ministry has stretched. The original 49 have been purchased and another 11 made and available in the narthex.



Pastor's daughter's house, IL

Prayer Chain



PRAYER CHAIN LEADER NEEDED

Donnarae Carrell would dearly love someone to take over her position as Prayer Chain Leader, as she has assumed several other duties at church.

The Prayer Chain Leader does just that: starts the prayer chain, mostly via e-mail, when need arises to alert vigilant followers to get down on their knees and pray for those who need help.

Not everyone has email, so there is one list for those who want a telephone call. Only one call is made to the "starter" and then she calls the next person on the list, and so on.

Please call Marcia Kampf, Women of Trinity President, if you can help with this position: 715-354-3048.



Sunday Afternoon Cruise on the Lake!

Sunday, August, 27

Meet at the Waldo Carlson Park on Red Cedar Lake at 1:30 pm. We will depart from there and enjoy lake cruising and later connecting together for a light snack provided by the fellowship and growth committee. Swimming could be an option as well!

Please sign up to attend and/or let us know if you can host a pontoon or boat ride! Join in the fun! Please contact Melinda Pedersen at 715-354-3107 with any questions.

Thank You!

A huge thank you to all for your prayers, cards and phone calls in the past year. The surgeon has finally released me and no more appointments required. Isometric exercises, walking and swimming are keeping me mobile and happy. Again, THANK YOU! Alice Bhend

NEXT MEETING OF . . .

Birchwood Food Pantry.	10:30 am, Aug 5, 7, 19, 21
Worship & Music Team.	10 am, Aug 7
Congregational Council.	6:30 pm, Aug 8
Mission/Outreach Committee.	10 am, Aug 9
Trinity Lutheran Church Women.	11 am, Aug 17

SUMMER REFRESHMENT SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST/SEPTEMBER

The monthly schedule for August for the Women of Trinity to supply and serve refreshments between the 8:30 and 10 am Sunday church services is listed below. Char Mohns will also call the leader of each Sunday Refreshment, as a reminder. We suggest serving quick breads, muffins, pastries, fresh fruit, coffee, and iced water. Please have your food delivered to the kitchen no later than 9 am, and plan to help with the serving that day. We stop serving refreshments after Labor Day weekend, when we return one service at 10 am.

August 6, Karen Scott, leader

- Cindy Rubin
- Sue Capra
- Melinda Pedersen

August 13, Char Mohns, leader

- June Bibeau
- Kimberly Will
- Sue Jostad

August 20, Sharon Dhein, leader



- Lea Anderson
- Karen Hayes
- Cindy McGraw

August 27, Jeanne Dahlby, leader

- Virginia Johnson
- Sue Svitak

September 3, Barb Kleven, leader

- Cindy Gilgenbach
- Kathy Thom



WOT MEETING & PONTOON RIDE

The next meeting for the Women of Trinity is August 17, at President Marcia Kampf's house. If you're not sure on directions, call her at 715-354-3048.

This meeting will include a pontoon ride and a luncheon, so bring a dish to pass. Beverages and plates and cutlery will be provided. We'll have a regular meeting after we have lunch. Instead of devotions that day, we'll be sharing our personal testimonies of how God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit are involved in our life.



WOMEN OF TRINITY HAPPENIN'S

- * The July meeting was Thursday, July 20, with eight women attending.
- * A "thank you" card from Charity Knauff, leader of the Timber Bay Kids, was read, thanking us for our donation of money to them. At every meeting we take a collection and every three months our treasurer sends that money to either Timber Bay Kids, or our own Light Keepers to help them pay for meal expenses.
- * August Altar Guild person is Jean Jastram.
- * In September we will hear from both Charity Knauff, leader of Timber Bay Kids, and Sue Jostad, leader of L.I.G.H.T. Keepers, so we better understand how they are working with young people, to lead them to Christ.
- * Kitchen Clean-up and Inspection is going well, with Service Committees #1, #2, and #3 keeping a watchful eye on the kitchen. It honestly has never looked better or more organized! Just as a reminder which service committee has the month, Ginger LaMotte will be giving the leaders of the committees a phone call.
- * Our next meeting is at Marcia Kampf's house, on Long Lake, on Thursday, August 17, 11 am, with a summer luncheon first (bring a dish to pass), then a business meeting, followed by a pontoon ride, weather permitting. Beverages and plates and cutlery will be provided.
- * Ginger reported plans are in the works for a new church directory, which will be done by church members, for church members.
- * A new Prayer Chain Leader is needed. Donnarae Carrell has new church responsibilities and would dearly love to have someone take over her job. See page 4 for more info. Someone, please step forward. It is so important to pray for those in need.
- * Our Annual Rummage Sale is fast approaching. The date was changed from May to September to coincide with the city-wide Birchwood Rummage Sales the weekend of September 8 and 9. See page 1 for more info.

*Trinity
Lutheran
Church
Women*



BRAT -N- CORN FEED
SATURDAY AUG 12
AT REST PARK (next to Village Hall)
 Brat or hotdog on a bun with condiments,
 ear of corn dipped in butter and a soda.

10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Birchwood, WI

\$6

Hosted by the
Birchwood Lions Club



Did you know? John Will recently received his doctorate from UW-Stout in Career and Technical Education!! So, it's DR. Will to you! Congratulations!

**Baby items needed for Gladys Mungo
 HAITI'S CHILDREN, INC FOUNDER TO VISIT AUGUST 20**

Gladys Mungo, founder of Haiti's Children, Inc, will return to Trinity on August 20 to provide a message during the 10 am worship service on what her organization is accomplishing in Haiti.

Haiti's Children is a 501(c)(3) recognized public charity and provides primary and secondary education, vocational training, and food programs to needy children in Haiti. This support, along with medical clinics and agricultural and environmental education, is designed to move poverty-stricken Haitians towards self-sufficiency.

A key goal is to give children the chance to receive Jesus Christ as their personal Lord and Savior and to reassure the children of Haiti that God has not forgotten them: "God loves them, always has, always will."

Trinity's Mission and Outreach team sponsors a Haitian child, Jonathan Alty. Check out his notes to us posted on the bulletin board in the narthex.

Mission and Outreach is asking for baby items to be donated for Gladys to take back to Haiti. The list in the Women's Handbook for LWR kits is a guideline, but Gladys will accept anything. Let's show our support August 20!





JOIN US IN SUPPORT OF OUR CHARTER SCHOOLS

August 5 * Tagalong Resort * 5:00—11:00 pm

Come out and help raise funds for the Birchwood Charter Schools, while enjoying a fun-filled evening complete with elegant hors d'oeuvres and dessert buffet, silent and live auction items, games of chance, and live music by "My Device."

Ticket cost is \$35 per person and there is a limited number! Get yours at Greener's Budget Lumer, Birchwood Café, Dairy State Bank, or Ed's Pit Stop.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS NEEDED

There weren't enough names on the sign-up sheet to put in the newsletter, so please stop by the Welcome Center and sign up — **WE NEED YOU!**

greeter *Communion Assistant*
USHER Lay Reader

Food Pantry Bake Sale

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 12

Proceeds go towards food purchases and operating expenses. For more info, call Ann Gleichert (715-651-4350) or Cheri Weingartner (651-492-7289)



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Matt Jasper	8/1	Skyler Robotka	8/13	Kris Dahl	8/24
Brent Anderson	8/1	Saige Buchholz	8/14	Ken Krattiger	8/28
Andrew Flora	8/1	Sandi David	8/14	Steve Janetski	8/29
Colleen Gindt	8/4	Pam Landes	8/14	Rose Benson	8/31
Richard Pax	8/5	Zach Liermann	8/14	Mark Larson	8/31
Art Johnson	8/6	Kyle Scribner	8/14	Angela Sweeney	8/31
Ron Nelson	8/6	John Schieffer	8/15		
Dale Olson	8/6	Sharon Ivers	8/16		
Eric Seelnacht	8/6	Marie Poulter	8/16		
Katelyn Bratvold	8/8	Mary Subrt	8/18		
Tara Stanley	8/10	Billy Gentry	8/19		
Chris Suriano	8/11	Marly Applebee	8/22		
Ginny Hurckman	8/12	William Bhend	8/22		
Theresa Stanley	8/12	Joshua Lobitz	8/23		



IN OUR PRAYERS

1 – Alex Roppe	14 – Steve Saldana	27 – Kurt Schultz
2 – Amy Roppe	15 – Tammy Saldana	28 – Madyson Schultz
3 – Angela Roppe	16 – Jim Samlaska	29 – Payton Schultz
4 – Kaitlyn Roppe	17 – Shirley Samlaska	30 – Taylor Schultz
5 – Kyle Roppe	18 – Colette Sandow	31 – Bob Scott
6 – Madelyn Roppe	19 – Lou Sandow	
7 – Mark Roppe	20 – Janet Schieffer	
8 – Cody Rurup	21 – John Schieffer	
9 – Jacob Rurup	22 – Joanne Schilling	
10 – Tiffany Rurup	23 – Jovanah Schonasky	
11 – Bill Sachs	24 – Melissa Schonasky	
12 – Leah Saldana	25 – Tanner Schonasky	
13 – Logan Saldana	26 – Daryan Schultz	



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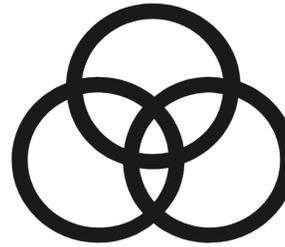
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<i>Altar Guild</i> Ida Jahnke Jean Jastram 		1 9a - Prayer Session	2	3 9:30a - Women's Bible Study	4 OFFICE CLOSED	5 10:30a-1:30p - Food Pantry Open
6 9TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 8:30a - Outdoor Worship w/ Communion 9:15a - Surprise Choir 9:30a - COFFEE TIME 10a - Indoor Worship w/ Communion	7 10:30a-1:30p - Food Pantry Open 4:30p - Worship & Music Mtg 6:30p - Bible Study 6:30p - Women's Study 7p - AA, Fellowship Hall	8 9a - Prayer Session 6:30p - Council Mtg	9 10a - Outreach Mtg [NOTE date/time change]	10 9:30a - Women's Bible Study	11 OFFICE CLOSED	12 8a - noon—Food Pantry BAKE SALE 10a-3p - Lion's Club Brat-N-Corn Feed
13 10TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 8:30a - Outdoor Worship w/ Communion 9:30a - COFFEE TIME 10a - Indoor Worship w/ Communion	14 Journey Deadline 6:30p - Bible Study 6:30p - Women's Study 7p - AA, Fellowship Hall	15 9a - Prayer Session	16	17 9:30a - Women's Bible Study 11a - WOT Mtg w/ pontoon cruise	18 OFFICE CLOSED	19  9a - Painting Day 10:30a-1:30p - Food Pantry Open
20 11TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 8:30a - Outdoor Worship w/ Communion 9:15a - Surprise Choir 9:30a - COFFEE TIME 10a - Indoor Worship w/ Communion GLADYS MUNGO, guest Love Fund & Food Pantry Offerings	21 10:30a-1:30p - Food Pantry Open 6:30p - Bible Study 6:30p - Women's Study 7p - AA, Fellowship Hall	22 9a - Prayer Session	23 1p - JOURNEY Assembly	24 9:30a - Women's Bible Study	25 OFFICE CLOSED	26
27 12TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 8:30a - Outdoor Worship w/ Communion 9:30a - COFFEE TIME 10a - Indoor Worship w/ Communion 1:30p - Cruise on the Lake	28 6:30p - Bible Study 6:30p - Women's Study 7p - AA, Fellowship Hall	29 9a - Prayer Session	30	31 9:30a - Women's Bible Study		

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**PAINTING DAY
 AUGUST 19 @ 9AM**



The **JOURNEY** **AUGUST 2017**

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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

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

Tom Allard	Harry Heath	Lee Namtvedt
Amelia	Andy Hedman	Leonard Nysted
Dave Beaver	McKel Heebink	Mary Nysted
Michelle Bender	Becky Hunt	Betty Orsund
Betty Blanch	Merlin Jahnke	Fred Peck
Hazel Bonkrud	Eileen Koefler	Jim Pravda
Katelyn Bratvold	Dean Kruegel	Buddy Robotka
Bryar	Jody Kruegel	Ro Sachman
Vicki Busick	Bill & Eunice Kuntz	Carter Sackmann
George Crust	Roy Kuula	Collette Sandow
Barb Fegan	Bill & Joyce Lambrecht	Shalom Ministry Team
Annette Gentile	Ron Larson	Ashley Spiller
Laine Guttenberg	Ed Leader	Dennis Spiller
Ron Hartzell	Bob Liermann	Marlene Wendt
Candy Hayes	Lora	David Yndestad
Gorman Hayes	Susan Molin	Elaine Yndestad

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

NEXT MEETING OF . . .

This section has moved to page 4 in order to fit in all our prayer concerns. So please pray for all those listed above!