

The JOURNEY — Walking Daily with Jesus

Message of comfort and hope:

Dear Trinity members and friends,
 As our whole nation faces the threat of Coronavirus, be comforted in knowing that our Almighty God is with us to help us in time of need. It's time to be still and listen to our Heavenly Father who promises to lead us into the green pastures and still waters. Know that God uses affliction for good for those that love Him and are called according to His purpose Romans 8:28.

Affliction drives us to:

1. Pray: Psalm 107:6
2. Humble ourselves: 2 Chronicles 7:14
3. Rely on God's power: 2 Corinthians 12:9
4. Look to Him for deliverance: Psalm 34:19
5. Have perseverance and hope: Romans 5:4-5
6. Trust in the Lord: Proverbs 3:5
7. Know He will direct us: Proverbs 3:6

Listen to what God tells us in our affliction:

I will save, protect and satisfy you. Psalm 91:14-16
 You will not fear bad news or live in dread- I will take care of you. Psalm 112:7

Jesus is here! He is able to do exceedingly, abundantly beyond all that we ask or think according to the power that works in us! Ephesians 3:30

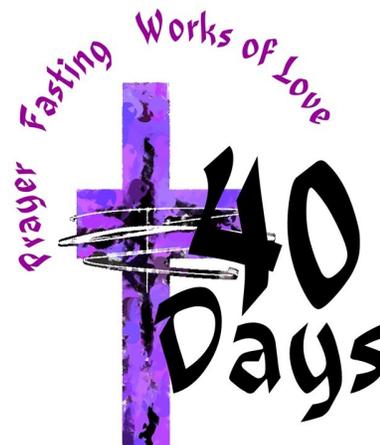
Be still and know that I am God!
 Psalm 46:10

It is time for us to press on and know that God is good and that He will help us, because He loves us.

Peace be with you!
 Love and prayers,
 Pastor Barb Kleven

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President's Message

We have a lot going on in our community and around the world. The coronavirus of course is our #1 priority. Our prayers and hearts go out to those who have contracted the virus. We pray for your healing and the destruction of this virus. Everyone has been affected by the precautions we are taking not to get the virus or spread it to others. In some ways our lives have been put on hold. I don't know about you but it has given me the opportunity to put aside the busyness of my life and spend more time in prayer. As a body of faith, we expectantly pray for the end of this virus so things will get back to normal. With that in mind, TLC's next priority is calling our next pastor. As soon as we can meet again, the Council will be accepting applications from potential Call Team members. If you feel a calling from God to be a member of the Call Team, pick up an application in the Church office. We are looking for a few good men and women who, through the leading of the Holy Spirit can discern what's best for TLC and our community. Keeping a spiritual focus on seeking the pastor God has already chosen for us is vital. The council will prayerfully evaluate applications and come up with a Call Team of 7 members. To offer some guidance to potential Call Team members and the TLC congregation, I'm including the following devotion.

5 Devotions for Congregations in Call Process by Rev Ronald Olson

In Calling a Pastor, We Consider Congregation and Community Needs

The Apostle Paul provides a wonderful "snapshot" of life in a Christian community in his first letter to the Thessalonian church: I Thessalonians 5:12-24. This letter of Paul, one of the earliest Christian writings, already shows Paul's love of lists. Here he checks off some of the characteristics of faithful community life –

- respect for those who labor among us;
- peace among ourselves;
- help for the weak;
- patience with all;
- always seeking to do good to one another and to all;
- prayer without ceasing;
- no quenching of the Spirit;
- holding fast to what is good.

That is a lot to be and do in the freedom of the gospel. That is a tall order for a mission congregation. Could this be the first "Congregational Profile?" Our congregation today is also the location of worship, care and mission, and full of needs in order to give ourselves faithfully to this gospel work. Let's name some of these community needs.

Is calling a new pastor more a matter of finding someone to meet those needs (do all those things), or of calling one to lead the congregation to do what needs to be done? Are we, as members of our congregation, only objects of ministry, or are we also subjects/agents of ministry? When we consider congregational "needs," scripture points us right away to the Christian mission that needs doing in God's world, and the gospel work in which we share responsibility. Fortunately, in our need, there are leaders to help us. And we are in the process of calling one of them into our midst.

Gracious sanctifying God, thank you for drawing us ever anew into the ministry of the Word. In the community of faith, we are empowered for witness and service even as we are ministered to with forgiveness, reconciliation, and healing. As we work to call a new pastor to our congregation, show us our neediness – what we need and what needs doing for our life together in Christ. Amen.

May God's look upon us with favor and give us peace,

Jim McGraw

Women of Trinity Happenings.....

- We held our March 14th meeting in the Fellowship Hall with 14 women present
- We'll switch back to our regular first Tuesday of the month meeting beginning in May, starting at 6:30 p.m.
- The second publishing of our 2020 Service Book is out. Be sure to pick up a new copy at the information desk in the narthex.
- April Altar Guild Person is Cindy Rubin
- Check the bulletin board for items needed by the Pregnancy Help Center in Rice Lake
- The Racine Kringle fundraiser, which is sponsored by our group, will be held April 14 thru April 26. There will be sign-up sheets in the narthex. Kringles cost \$10.00 each and must be paid for when ordering.
- The Memorial Garden needs some revamping and willing workers. A committee of three will get this started: Kyle Hubbard, Di Hubbard, and Donnarae Carrell.
- Our group will serve the March 18th Lenten Service meal: chicken Alfredo.
- Discussion held on having a salad luncheon. This used to be a really big event at our church. Cindy Rubin had a information board with news from previous salad luncheons. We'll approach this idea later this summer.
- Pastor Barb encouraged us to sign up for an assessment meeting with the time coming in March 20 and 21.
- Our next meeting will be Tuesday, April 14 starting at 6:30 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall. The meeting is the second Tuesday of the month for this time only.
- After the meeting Di Hubbard led a craft project making Easter egg nests.

NOTE MADE AFTER THE MEETING: Further information from Gov. Tony Evers has mandated we not have Lenten services or meals, nor Bingo on March 22, and possibly no Sunday services until further notice because of the pandemic COVID-19.



Trinity still needs your offerings, Please mail or drop off at church!

Easter

EGG HUNT

7:00 AM CHURCH SERVICES **10:00 AM**
 (SUNDAY SCHOOL @ 10 AM)

OUTDOOR EGG HUNT AT 9:00 A.M.
 (In the event of rain this event will be held inside.)

REFRESHMENTS AND PASTRIES SERVED INBETWEEN SERVICES

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WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

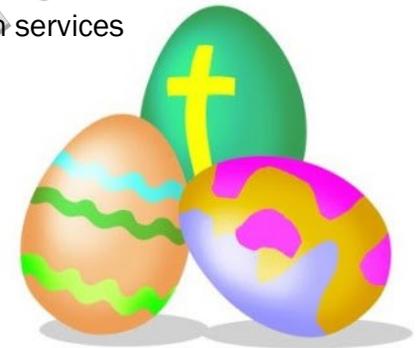
	April 5 (10 AM)	April 12 (7:00 AM)	April 12 (10 AM)	April 19 (10 AM)	April 26 (10 AM)
GREETERS	Ashley & Zach Beffa	Bob & Karen Scott	Dan & Jackie Healy	Betty Blanch	Boy Scouts Stacy K.
USHERS	John & Janet Schieffer	Di & Kyle Hubbard	LeRoy Brensel Zach Beffa Bo Beffa	Joanne & Eldon Kvale	Kevin & Julie Sunderland
COMM. ASSTS	Kathy Thom Jeanne Dahlby	Jim & Cindy McGraw	Wally & Kathy Thom Need One More	Dave & Sharon Dhein	Melinda Pedersen Wally Thom
READER	Travis Soper	Rolf Kleven	Donnarae Carrell	Karen Hayes	Kolodzinski's
Altar Guild	Cindy Rubin	Cindy Rubin	Cindy Rubin	Cindy Rubin	Cindy Rubin



Trinity Lutheran Church

Happenings for April

- April 5**-Palm Sunday-Pancake Breakfast 8:00am-served by Men of Trinity
- April 9**-Maundy Thursday 7:00p service-Drama by The Cross Youth and Confirmation students
- April 10**-7:00p Good Friday Worship
- April 12**- Easter Worship 7:00am & 10:00am-donuts and pastries served between services
10:00am Easter Egg Hunt



RACINE KRINGLE FUNDRAISER

Be on the Lookout! **The Racine Kringle** sale will start on April 18, 2020. The Women of Trinity will be offering 12 yummy choices of Kringle to be ready in time for Mother's Day, May 10. A 22 oz Kringles can be purchased for \$10.00 each. Please pay for your purchase when you place your order. Profits will go to the general fund. You will be able to pick up your Kringles at Trinity church on Thursday May 7, 2020. They will arrive frozen and may be stored in the freezer up to 6 months. They would make **MOTHER'S DAY** extra special. Watch for the posters!





Jeremy Lobitz 4/2	Mark Soper 4/13	Selene Johnson 4/27
Louis DeVries 4/3	Adam Anderson 4/14	Eric Moline 4/29
Aurora Kolodzinski 4/5	Bradey Gottwald 4/14	Pat Brenn 4/30
Karisa Scribner 4/5	Amber Brantner 4/15	Kris Gottwald 4/30
Donna Soper 4/5	Brayden Anderson 4/17	
Josh Brantner 4/7	Jody Anderson 4/17	
Douglas Matts 4/7	Sharon Dhein 4/17	
David Dakins 4/9	Don Subrt 4/17	
Kaitlyn Roppe 4/10	Mary Webster 4/17	
Todd Hogen 4/11	Jim Gronberg 4/21	
Stacie Deraitus 4/12	Dave Webster 4/23	
Corbin Nordback 4/13	Chris Iverson 4/26	



In your hand you will see
 Something amazing just what can it be?
 It's so small you know
 But plant it and watch it grow.
 Love, and loyalty, peace and harmony,
 What harm can it be?
 This mustard seed is a gift you see.
 One to you from me.
 Plant it in your garden of faith
 Plant it in a special place.
 Tend it every day
 It'll grow in time when you remember to pray.
 This little seed is special you see.
 For God created it for you and me.
 In his light is where you'll be.
 If you take care and sow this mustard seed.
 In his name with a prayer
 You can touch someone who doesn't know he's there.
 Grow your garden of faith so others can see
 What can happen when you plant a tiny seed.
 They will want to feel his Glory
 When they hear his story.
 There's no better Place
 Than heaven when you see his face.
 Pass a seed to a person you see.
 Watch it grow for Faith is free
 Just plant the seed and see what it'll be.
 Faith, love, and harmony.

TRINITY YOUTUBE CHANNEL

In light of the **coronavirus**, Trinity has created its own YouTube channel so we can upload videos of the weekly sermons. The link for it is a long one, but if everyone (and your friends!) visits the link and clicks the "Subscribe" button, maybe we can get the magic 100 subscribers to allow us to change our name to something more user-friendly!



Here is the link: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCrIQB6cjO1YNImHer9EuOEA>

ALSO IF YOU HAVE AN EMAIL THAT THE CHURCH OFFICE DOES NOT HAVE PLEASE UPDATE US SO WE CAN KEEP COMMUNICATION OPEN!!



American Red Cross

With the school closed, Trinity has agreed to step up and host The Red Cross for a blood drive on April 1 from 11am-5pm. The Red Cross will be taking all necessary precautions and taking temperatures to assure your safety. The State has mandated them to continue to take blood donations and we should continue to support this cause.

Di Hubbard

VERSES FOR THE DAY OF TROUBLE

John 16:33 I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world."

2 Timothy 3:1-17 But understand this, that in the last days there will come times of difficulty. For people will be lovers of self, lovers of money, proud, arrogant, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, heartless, unappeasable, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not loving good, treacherous, reckless, swollen with conceit, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, having the appearance of godliness, but denying its power. Avoid such people: ...

Philippians 4:6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

Psalm 46:1 God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

John 14:1-3 "Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also.

Romans 8:28 And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.

Mark 11:23 Truly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be taken up and thrown into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that what he says will come to pass, it will be done for him.

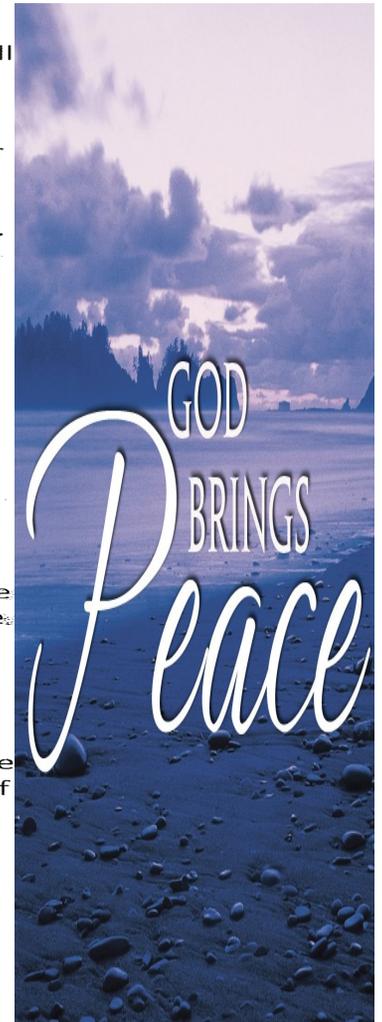
John 3:16 "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

Ephesians 6:12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.

Isaiah 43:19 Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.

Isaiah 41:10 Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

Psalm 40:17 As for me, I am poor and needy, but the Lord takes thought for me. You are my help and my deliverer; do not delay, O my God!



NEXT MEETING OF ...

Birchwood Food Pantry Open	10:30 am, Apr 4, 6, 18, 20
Worship & Music Team	10 am, Apr 6
Mission & Outreach	11 am, Apr 8
Women of Trinity	6:30pm Apr 14
Trinity Council Meeting	6:30 pm, April 21



Remember our friends in the nursing homes. When we can't visit face to face because of the Covid 19 virus, we can still send them our thoughts and prayers in a letter or card. Besides they LOVE getting mail!!

APRIL 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 7:00p -Trinity Choir rehearsal	2 9:30a—Women's Bible Study	3 OFFICE CLOSED	4 10:30a-1:30p –Food Pantry Open
5 PALM SUNDAY 8:00am Pancake Breakfast 10am - Worship	6 9:00a — Quilters 10:30a—Food Pantry open 10a—WMMT mtg 7p - AA, Fellowship Hall	7	8 11a—Missions Meeting <i>The Cross Rehearsal</i> No Choir Rehearsal	9 9:30a—Women's Bible Study 7:00p Maundy Thursday Service	10 OFFICE CLOSED 7:00p Good Friday Service	11
12 EASTER Easter Services 7:00am & 10:00 am Donuts & Pastries between services 10:00am Easter Egg Hunt	13 OFFICE CLOSED 9:00a—Quilters 7p - AA, Fellowship Hall	14 6:30 p-Women of Trinity Meeting	15 7:00p -Trinity Choir rehearsal	16 9:30a—Women's Bible Study	17 OFFICE CLOSED	18 10:30a-1:30p – Food Pantry Open
19 9:30 am - Coffee 10am - Worship 10am - Worship Love Fund/Food Pantry Offering	20 Journey Deadline 9:00a—Quilters 10:30a —Food Pantry Open 7p —AA, Fellowship Hall	21 Journey Assembly 6:30 pm Council Meeting	22 7:00p -Trinity Choir rehearsal	23 9:30a—Women's Bible Study	24 OFFICE CLOSED	25
26 9:30 am - Coffee 10am - Worship Prayer Shawl Sunday	27 9:00a — Quilters 7p - AA, Fellowship Hall	28	29 7:00p -Trinity Choir rehearsal	30		 <p>TRINITY LUTHERAN BIRCHWOOD, WI</p>

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FORWARDING SERVICE REQUESTED

**PALM SUNDAY PANCAKE BREAKFAST
8:00AM-SERVED BY MEN OF TRINITY**



The JOURNEY

April 2020

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
Pastor Barb Kleven—Interim Pastor
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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 of 3rd week of the month

SUNDAY WORSHIP THIS MONTH

4/1— 10am Worship w/ Communion
4/12 – Easter 7am & 10am Worship w/ Communion
4/19 – 10am Worship w/ Communion – Love Fund/Food Pantry
4/26 – 10am Worship w/ Communion – Prayer Shawl Sunday

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Vicki Busick	Lora	Timothy Wallace
Debbie Davis	Sharon Mackey	Elaine Yndestad
Barb Fegan	Rusty Morrell	Carol Addington
Annette Gentile	Leonard Nysted	Walter Radomski
Dan Gowan	Fred Peck	Giamore Lapacinski-
Andy Hedman	Jim Pravda	Pradera –(Soper's
Eileen Koefel	Tom Reed	Nephew)
Eunice Kuntz	Tracy Reid	Nancy Seffinga-
Roy Kuula	Bill Rice	(Soper/Hayes niece)
Joyce Lambrecht	Ro Sackmann	
Rebecca Langham	Carter Sackmann	
Ed Leader	Cindy Schaan	

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