

***The JOURNEY*** — *Walking Daily with Jesus*

Mark your calendars for *FEBRUARY 25* . . .  
**7TH ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF CHALLENGE AT TRINITY**

Calling all chili lovers! The annual Chili Cook-Off Challenge will be held on Saturday, February, 25, at Trinity Lutheran Church.

Public sampling of, and voting for, the top three chili entries will take place from 5:30 pm to 6:15 pm, followed by the opportunity for "seconds" until 6:45 pm, when the winners will be announced and prizes will be awarded. Salads, vegetable tray, homemade bars and cookies, and all the "extras" for the chili will be provided after the sampling. A free will offering will be held, with the donations split between the Love Fund and the Birchwood Area Food Pantry.

Interested competitors for the Chili Challenge can pick up an entry form at Trinity Lutheran Church or find it on the church website: [www.trinitylutheranbirchwood.com](http://www.trinitylutheranbirchwood.com). Please return the registration forms to Trinity Lutheran Church by February 21. Competing chefs are asked to bring 5 quarts of their special recipe chili to the church Fellowship Hall no later than 5:00 pm for the sampling.

For more information or to receive an entry form via mail or email, please contact the Trinity office at 715-354-3790 or send an email to [tlcbirchwood@gmail.com](mailto:tlcbirchwood@gmail.com).



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No 5th Sunday Potluck on Jan 29!  
 Support the Soup for Kids  
 at Paul's Pizza Den

## PASTOR JOAN'S COLUMN



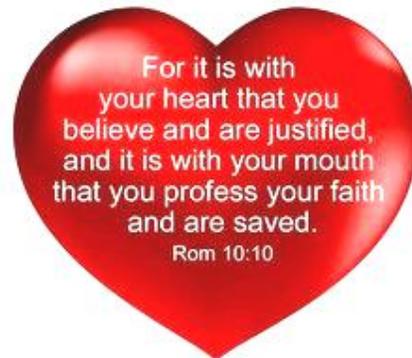
When God called Abraham to leave his home in Ur of the Chaldeans and relocate in the land of Canaan, it was then that God began to reveal His plan to make the Israelites, Abraham's descendants, His own chosen people. And even though they enjoyed many blessings from God, they also occasionally strayed from His presence, worshiped idols, and committed grievous sins against God. All through the Old Testament, especially as recorded in the books of Kings, Chronicles, and the prophets, we see those periods of national decline followed by revival, a renewal of the people's relationship with God.

Right now at this present time, our society is in a state of national moral decline, and I believe a revival is what we need to turn things around. But not just nationally, we also need to bring it closer to home: in our own communities and in our churches. In reality, revivals are seen as the restoration of the church itself to a vital and fervent relationship with God after a period of moral decline.

That makes me think of the revivals we have heard about that took place in the late 1800s and early 1900s. Names like Charles

Spurgeon and Dwight Moody come to mind; men who traveled the country preaching to large gatherings of people, the result being that many people experienced a renewed personal salvation. During one period of revival, businesses would close at noon so that employees could attend prayer meetings.

Is it possible for a revival to take place today with our current state of affairs? After all, times have changed. Life moves much more quickly now than in the 1800s. We have so many more demands on our time: both parents working, the children's school and sports activities, shopping, cleaning house, mowing the lawn, watching football games, playing computer games, fishing, boating, and the list goes on and on.



However, if there is ever to be a revival — a restoration of the church to a vital and fervent relationship with God — it needs to start with each individual person. We each need to grow that spirit of revival within our own hearts, because as Paul wrote in Romans 10:10,

*"For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved."*

When we contemplate our own salvation in Jesus Christ, we will desire to live differently than the world lives. Oswald Chambers wrote that "sin has diverted the human race onto another course, but it has not altered God's purpose to the slightest degree." And God's purpose for us is to live our lives serving, obeying, and worshiping Him.

So, how do we start a revival? *Prayer.* Good, old-fashioned prayer. Both individual and group prayer. Charles Spurgeon wrote, "How can we expect a blessing if we are too idle to ask for it?" And that makes me think of our intercessory prayer time here at Trinity every Tuesday morning at 9 am, and then I just wonder that there are not more people committed to praying for our church, our community, and our world. There are approximately eight people who attend and five of those are not even members of Trinity! I agree with Spurgeon in that we won't see a change for the better in our church until more people believe it to be of utmost importance to gather to pray together.

The other necessary element to beginning a revival is to know God's word. Bible study, and again, both individual and in groups. When you know God's word, it makes praying a whole lot easier! Come join us at one of the many Bible studies, then come and pray with us on Tuesday mornings, and then we will see that restoration of Trinity Lutheran Church to a vital and fervent relationship with God, which will then spread out to the community around us!

Blessings!

*Pastor Joan*

**WOMEN OF TRINITY MEETING MINUTES**

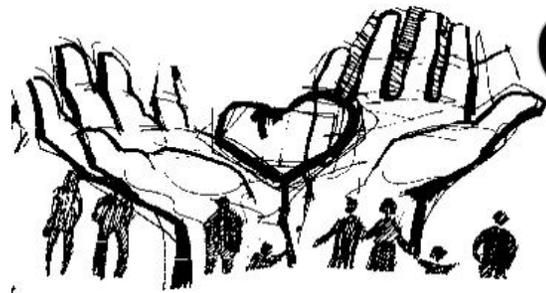
- ❖ The Women met January 19. President Marcia Kampf led the devotion with a call for God to bless our Nation as we inaugurate a new President.
- ❖ The Prayer Shawl ministry was discussed and it was decided to have a few more kits available.
- ❖ As Trinity grows and the kitchen is used more, the WOT have begun a kitchen up-keep, cleaning, and maintenance project to ensure that we are providing a safe food preparation and serving area for our members and guests.
- ❖ A meeting was held January 22 with service committee chairs and other church members and staff to invite them to be involved in this project. A kitchen checklist will be available, cabinets will be labeled, an updated kitchen procedure list is being worked on, refrigerators will be reorganized



and food will be labeled, and a cleaning schedule for heavy use areas will be determined. We welcome your input regarding this project. Please contact Ginger LaMotte with any questions or concerns.

- ❖ Jean Jastram asked the group to save the date for the next LCMC Women's retreat, May 5-6. More information will be coming.
- ❖ There will not be a meeting in February. The next meeting will be March 16, at 11 am.
- ❖ The April meeting will be a lunch and program on April 20, with Pastor Joan sharing her faith walk.
- ❖ The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer at noon.

There will be no meeting in February for Women of Trinity. They will be meeting again in March.



# Got T-L-C?

Congregational Care Ministry Team leader, Joanne Schilling, is looking for **T-L-C-ers** — people who will reach out and give a little Tender Loving Care to those members who are home

-bound, hospitalized or in a nursing facility with a phone call, note, personal visit, or communion visit.  
 If you would be willing to assist in this ministry to keep contact with those unable to come to church, please contact Joanne or Pastor Joan.

# Save the Date

8TH ANNUAL  
**Sunday, January 29, 2017**  
 11:30 am - 4:00 pm

## SOUP for KIDS

FOOD ART MUSIC FUN

**FOOD**

Enjoy delicious homemade soup prepared by Paul himself. Ticket price includes bread sticks and dessert. Beverages available but not included. Bar is OPEN!

All handcrafted bowls made by the Birchwood Art Department. Art displayed by outstanding art students. Bid on handcrafted items created by local artisans.

**ART**

LIVE MUSIC  
 John & Sam & Charlie  
 Beginning at Noon

LOCAL ARTISAN HANDCRAFTED ITEMS  
*Silent Auction*

**MEAT RAFFLE**  
 THROUGHOUT THE DAY

*Lottery Tree*  
 DRAWING AT 4PM

**NEW** DRAWING FOR A SIGNED MASON CROSBY JERSEY  
 KICK OFF TO A DAN GLAZE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FOR STUDENT GOING INTO LAW ENFORCEMENT  
 FOR 2017 GET YOUR NAME ON THE "COOLER FULL OF LIQUORS" BOARD

Tickets: \$15 Adult Includes handcrafted ceramic bowl  
 \$7.50 Soup only \$7.50 purchase additional bowls without soup  
 Kids 12 and under eat free with paid adult

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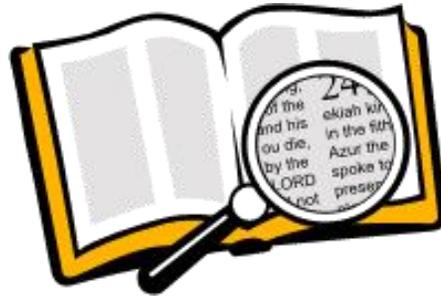
PAUL'S PIZZA DEN    HWY 48 BIRCHWOOD WI

Please join us Sunday, January 29, as Trinity celebrates and supports youth by attending this fun event in Birchwood. The event planners are excited to host us immediately after worship. The meal cost is \$7.50.  
 Invite others to car pool with you! Extra tickets will be available if this event does not fit your financial budget. See Pastor Joan for the tickets if needed.

## WOMEN'S THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

The Women's Thursday morning Bible Study will soon complete their study of I Corinthians and will continue in February with a study of II Corinthians. In Paul's letter we discover that one of the supreme greatnesses of Christianity is that it does not seek a supernatural escape from the difficulties of life. Instead it offers a supernatural use for them. Troubles become triumphs as God makes Himself known in our weakness.

All women are encouraged to join us at the church on Thursday mornings at 9:30 am. Please call Jean Jastram at 715-354-7100 if you would like to join us so that a study guide can be ordered for you.



## OUTREACH FABRIC KITS NEEDED DURING FEBRUARY

*Teach a person to sew and you've given them tools they can use to earn an income, support their family and break out of poverty.*

For the month of February, Outreach will be putting together Fabric Kits (sewing kits) for Lutheran World Relief. Many of the LWR fabric kits are distributed in vocational training programs to teach young men and women useful and marketable sewing skills.

Include the following items in each Fabric Kit:

- Two pieces of cotton-blend fabric, (no knits or 100 % polyester). Fabric should be cut into pieces measuring one of the sizes below:
  - 2 1/4 yards of 60" wide fabric, or
  - 3 yards of 44" wide fabric, or
  - 4 yards of 36" wide fabric
- Two spools of neutral-colored general purpose thread (250-300 yds each)
- NOTE: Pieces don't need to match in size or color/pattern. Fold thread and one piece of fabric inside second piece and tie with yarn, sturdy string, ribbon, or strip of fabric. Do not enclose in a plastic bag.



A basket is in the Welcome Center for your donations. If you wish to donate money, just write a check to Trinity Lutheran Church and mark it "Sewing Kits." We'll be glad to buy the supplies for you! Thanks for your support!

## Food Pantry Fundraiser

### February 12

### 11 am - 2 pm

Celebrate Valentine's Day AND support the Birchwood Area Food Pantry on February 12 at the All-You-Can-Eat Spaghetti Dinner Benefit at

### Reel-Em-Inn, on Long Lake

All-you-can-eat spaghetti, bread, salad, dessert, and beverage (coffee, soda, and water)

There will be games, prizes and auction items as well, including an autographed Packer football.

Advance tickets are available from Food Pantry members, and Carol Addington will sell tickets every Sunday at church before the event.

\$10 - in advance  
\$12 - at door

\*children under 5 eat free



## Thanks Trinity!

During 2016, Trinity Lutheran Church donated \$1593.45 to the Birchwood Area Food Pantry.

The Pantry is now helping 90 families every month and supporting 53 students in the Back Pack program. In November alone, these two programs distributed over 21 thousand pounds of food!

Well done, Trinity Family!



**FOOD, FUN & FELLOWSHIP WITH ONE ANOTHER!**

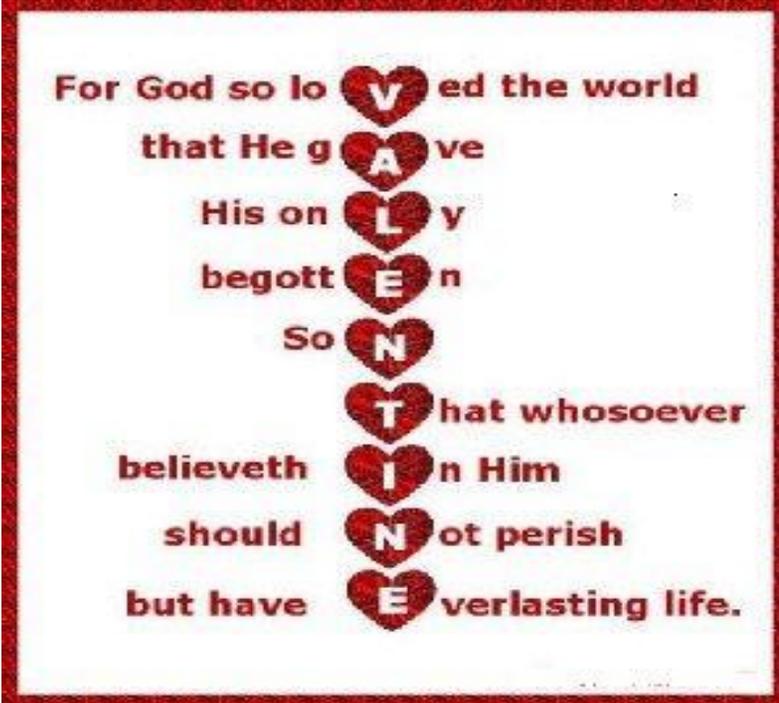
You are invited for a fun Saturday outdoor activity on February 18! We have the snow tubing hill at Christie Mountain reserved from 10 am till noon.



Hot dogs, condiments and s'mores will be provided for you by Trinity to roast over the campfire. In addition, Trinity will provide beverages, plates and serving utensils in the chalet.

Your cost is \$7 per person and you are welcome to bring an additional snack or side dish to share, if desired.

Please sign up by Wednesday, February, 15. It will be wonderful to share some outdoor fun with one another! Please call Melinda Pedersen at 715-296-2073 if you have any questions.



**Trinity Lutheran Church Council 2017**

OFFICE	NAME & ADDRESS	CONTACT INFORMATION	TERM BEGINS	TERM ENDS
Interim Pastor	Joan Scheffler	joanscheffler@yahoo.com 1-815-440-6590		
President (1 Year Term)	Leo Diehl	715-651-0308 lead@ricelakeutilities.com	January 2017	December 2017
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<b>FEBRUARY WORSHIP ASSISTANTS</b>				
	<b>FEB 5</b>	<b>FEB 12</b>	<b>FEB 19</b>	<b>FEB 26</b>
<b>Greeters</b>	Ginger LaMotte Marcia Kampf	Harry & Lea Heath	Eldon & Joanne Kvale	Ginger LaMotte Marcia Kampf
<b>Ushers</b>	Jean & Norm Jastram	Kevin & Wyatt Sunderland	John & Janet Schieffer	Jean & Norm Jastram
<b>Comm Assts</b>	Leo Diehl Wally Thom	<i>PLEASE SIGN UP</i>	Art & Ginny Johnson	June Bibeau
<b>Reader</b>	Carol Addington	Karen Hayes	Leo Diehl	Lea Heath



LCMC released a cleaner, more contemporary version of their logo and branding last October at the Annual Gathering in Denver. The color scheme and design symbolizes LCMC's hope as an association of congregations: bringing Jesus to a dark and broken world. The red on half of the globe represents the blood of Jesus bringing light to the world. The color red in the "m" of LCMC emphasizes the focus on mission. As Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ, we are all working together to fulfill Christ's Great Commission in Matthew 28 to go and make disciples of all nations.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Steve Saldana 2/3     | Rolf Kleven 2/13      |
| JoLynn Kotel 2/5      | Catherine Krance 2/13 |
| Jessica Lindow 2/6    | Tiffany Rurup 2/13    |
| Helen McClyman 2/7    | Leona Olson 2/14      |
| Madeline Swanson 2/9  | Billy Strand 2/14     |
| Brien Gindt 2/10      | Kayla Kristensen 2/15 |
| Duke Dahl 2/11        | Jean Peterson 2/16    |
| Penny Iverson 2/11    | Daryan Schultz 2/16   |
| Joanne Kvale 2/12     | Spencer Ritchey 2/19  |
| Sherri Seelnacht 2/12 | Leah Saldana 2/21     |
| Carol Pedersen 2/12   | Merlin Johnson 2/23   |

- Samantha Soper 2/23
- Ken Dahlby 2/24
- Scott VandeVoort 2/24
- Luke Olson 2/28



## IN OUR PRAYERS

- |                        |                     |
|------------------------|---------------------|
| 1 - Kaylee Hayes       | 15 - Sue Hoff       |
| 2 - Harry Heath        | 16 - Elise Hogen    |
| 3 - Lea Heath          | 17 - Todd Hogen     |
| 4 - Andy Hedman        | 18 - John Howard    |
| 5 - Becca Hedman       | 19 - Lana Howard    |
| 6 - Leigh Hedman       | 20 - Kyle Hubbard   |
| 7 - Michael Hedman     | 21 - Sue Hubbard    |
| 8 - Brianna Herricks   | 22 - Ginny Hurckman |
| 9 - Isaac Herricks     | 23 - Ida Jahnke     |
| 10 - Jennifer Herricks | 24 - Merlin Jahnke  |
| 11 - Preston Herricks  | 25 - Jerry Janetski |
| 12 - Todd Herricks     | 26 - Sue Janetski   |
| 13 - Tyler Herricks    | 27 - Jean Jastram   |
| 14 - Gordon Hoff       | 28 - Norm Jastram   |

# FEBRUARY 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><i>Altar Guild</i> Ginny Johnson</p> 			<p><b>1</b> 10:30a - Video Study 5p - L.I.G.H.T. Keepers 5:15p - Confirmation 7p - Trinity Choir Reh 8p - Praise Tm Reh</p>	<p><b>2</b> 9:30a - Women's Bible Study</p>	<p><b>3</b> OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p><b>4</b> 10:30a-1:30p - Food Pantry Open</p>
<p><b>5</b> 4TH SUN AFTER EPIPHANY 9a - Choir Warm-up 9:30a - COFFEE TIME 10a - Worship w/communion</p>	<p><b>6</b> 9:30a - 2pm - Quilters 10:30a-1:30p - Food Pantry Open 6:30p - Bible Study 6:30p - Women's Study 7p - AA, Fellowship Hall</p>	<p><b>7</b> 9a - Prayer Session</p>	<p><b>8</b> 10:30a - Video Study 5p - L.I.G.H.T. Keepers 5:15p - Confirmation 7p - Trinity Choir Reh</p>	<p><b>9</b> 9:30a - Women's Bible Study</p>	<p><b>10</b> OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p><b>11</b></p>
<p><b>12</b> 5TH SUN AFTER EPIPHANY 9:30a - COFFEE TIME 10a - Praise Worship w/ Communion 11a-2p - Food Pantry Benefit at Reel-Em-Inn</p>	<p><b>13</b> Journey Deadline 9:30a - 2pm - Quilters 1p - Outreach Mtg 4:30p - Worship &amp; Music 6:30p - Bible Study 6:30p - Women's Study 7p - AA, Fellowship Hall</p>	<p><b>14</b> 9a - Prayer Session</p>	<p><b>15</b> 10:30a - Video Study 5p - L.I.G.H.T. Keepers 5:15p - Confirmation 7p - Trinity Choir Reh</p>	<p><b>16</b> 9:30a - Women's Bible Study NO TLCW Mtg</p>	<p><b>17</b> OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p><b>18</b> 10:30a-1:30p - Food Pantry Open</p>
<p><b>19</b> 6TH SUN AFTER EPIPHANY 9:30a - COFFEE TIME 10a - Worship w/communion Love Fund &amp; Food Pantry Offerings</p>	<p><b>20</b> 9:30a - 2pm - Quilters 10:30a-1:30p - Food Pantry Open 6:30p - Bible Study 6:30p - Women's Study 7p - AA, Fellowship Hall</p>	<p><b>21</b> 9a - Prayer Session  6:30p - Council Mtg [NOTE DATE Change]</p>	<p><b>22</b> 10:30a - Video Study 1p - JOURNEY 5p - L.I.G.H.T. Keepers 5:15p - Confirmation 7p - Trinity Choir Reh</p>	<p><b>23</b> 9:30a - Women's Bible Study</p>	<p><b>24</b> OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p><b>25</b> 5:30p - 7th Annual Chili Cook-off</p> 
<p><b>26</b> TRANSFIGURATION 9a - Choir Warm-up 9:30a - COFFEE TIME 10a - Worship w/communion</p>	<p><b>27</b> 9:30a - 2pm - Quilters 6:30p - Bible Study 6:30p - Women's Study 7p- AA, Fellowship Hall</p>	<p><b>28</b> 9a - Prayer Session</p>				

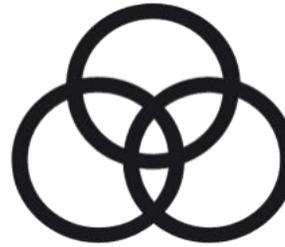
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 FEBRUARY 25**

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**The JOURNEY  
 FEBRUARY 2017**

**TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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 Joanne Schilling, Choir Director  
 Betty Blanch, Custodian*

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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**

2/5 10 am Worship w/Communion  
 2/12 10 am Praise Worship w/Communion  
 2/19 10 am Worship w/Communion  
 2/26 10 am Worship w/Communion

**KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS**

Amelia	Art Johnson	Chuck Peck
Dave Beaver	Eileen Koefler	Fred Peck
Michelle Bender	Dean Kruegel	Dorothy Perpick
Alice Bhend	Jody Kruegel	Gordy Peterson
Betty Blanch	Bill & Eunice Kuntz	Jim Pravda
Hazel Bonkrud	Dick Kuula	Buddy Robotka
Katelyn Bratvold	Roy Kuula	Sue Roppe
Vicki Busick	Bill Lambrecht	Sue Sachs
George Crust	Bob Landis	Carter Sackman
Annette Gentile	Bob Langham	Shalom Ministry Team
Laine Guttenberg	Ron Larson	Jeremy Spahn
Ron Hartzell	Ed Leader	Ashley Spiller
Gorman Hayes	Lora	Denise Spiller
Deb Healy	Susan Molin	David Yndestad
Harry Heath	Sue Miles	Elaine Yndestad
McKel Heebink	Lee Namtvedt	
Becky Hunt	Leonard Nysted	

***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, Feb 4, 6, 18, 20  
 Outreach Committee. . . . . 1 pm, Feb 13  
 Worship & Music Team. . . . . 4:30 pm, Feb 13  
 Congregational Council. . . . . 6:30 pm, Feb 21  
 Trinity Lutheran Church Women. . . . . NO MEETING