

The JOURNEY — Walking Daily with Jesus

It's UNANIMOUS!!!

TRINITY VOTES TO CALL PASTOR JACK JORGENSEN



Trinity's congregation voted unanimously to extend a letter of call to Pastor Jack Jorgensen at a Special Congregational Meeting, December 3. Pastor Jack will start February 6, as he will be on a mission trip to India from January 4-20. Interim Pastor Lauren Ley's contract is through January 31.

Pastor Jack recently served as Interim Pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church in Hudson, WI. He had also served as the Director of Youth Ministry there. Previously, he taught 6-8th grade in White Bear Lake, MN (2012-2014), and taught 7th-8th grade science in St. Paul, MN (1996-2011). Pastor Jack also served in the U.S. Army as a Combat Field Medic (1987-1993).

He earned a Bachelor of Science in Education from the University of River Falls, WI, a Master of Divinity from The Master's Institute Seminary, White Bear Lake, MN, and was ordained through the International Ministerial Fellowship.

We look forward to Pastor Jack's arrival and are grateful for Pastor Lauren's shepherding hand during the past several months. God is Good!

"I'm currently available to begin a new position of serving. In humility and dedicated service, I seek to shepherd a congregation. I hope to continue leading others of all ages in closer relationship with our Savior Jesus Christ through reading His word, living a life that reflects His teaching, and sharing the Gospel with all who are willing to listen. Truly my goal is to live out 1 Peter 5:1-4."

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CALLING MIDDLE SCHOOL CONFIRMATION YOUTH!

Come out for a FUN night on Wednesday, January 10, to go to Tactical Escape. We will leave at 5:30 pm, and be back around 8:30 pm. Bring money for a restaurant stop!



Thanks...

Our Advent services were visited by several "guests" to light the Advent candle — Death in black robe, John the Baptist singing "Prepare the way," John the Baptist sprinkling water on people and exhorting them to "Come to the water," and the young virgin Mary to proclaim her Magnificat.

Thanks to all who helped out: Jill Pedersen, David Dakins, Shay Sunderland, and Ellee Clausen.



WOMEN OF TRINITY PLANNING MTG - JAN 18

In-coming President of the Women of Trinity, Ginger LaMotte, invites all the ladies of Trinity Lutheran Church to attend the January 18 meeting, beginning at 11 am.

The order of business for this meeting will be to set plans and offer ideas for the upcoming year of 2018. This is an important meeting as it affects the plans for the upcoming year.

Please be sure to put this date on your calendar and come with your ideas on how to make our organization SHINE!



The Four Seasons

Heavens studded like diamonds embedded in sapphire
 Earth's complete transfiguration in radiant attire,
 God's creation of spring in all of its purity
 But now just a remnant of Eden -- a breath of eternity.

Time; no living man can recess
 Moves onward to summer, the seasons' best.
 A pageant of color, a spray of mist
 Arrayed in full dress, and divinely blest.

Gently falling; a whispering sound,
 Leaves sighing; fluttering to the ground --
 Summer fading; to be part of the past

Autumn comes; silently, though it will not last.
 Fall move in quickly; to man it's a sign
 To prepare for winter, a race with time,
 Winter waits not for man or beast
 Virgin snow enwraps -- a twilight peace.

Lucille Ley

PARENTING CLASSES OFFERED

The Birchwood Community Education Department is now offering:



Parenting the Love and Logic way offers practical skills designed to help *all* parents, because we *all* can use a little help now and then. Learn how to set enforceable limits, avoid unwinnable power struggles and arguments, and how to help your kids learn from their mistakes, all while keeping a calm and cool head!

WHEN
 Thursdays, January 11th- February 15th
 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm

WHERE
 Birchwood School
 300 S. Wilson Street

COST
 \$12 registration fee per person/couple for workbooks

CHILDCARE PROVIDED ON SITE

To register: stop by the Birchwood School office, call 715-354-7765, or email jmccurdy@birchwood.k12.wi.us

MISSION & OUTREACH UPDATE



In December, our big project was the Adopt-a-Family. Once more I am simply blown away by the Trinity family's awesome generosity. I am humbled by the way the congregation comes together at this season of the year.

This season brings JOY to my heart like no other. It is my HOPE our giving brings PEACE to families who are struggling. May our LOVE of Jesus be channeled through us onto them.

On Monday morning, December 18, 12 members of FBLA from Birchwood plus their leader came to the church with the school's van to load up the presents. They loaded the van in record time. I think it was only about 20 minutes. Plus they had to walk back to school.

On Monday Dec 11, we fed Timber Bay youth. We had a holiday dinner of turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy, dressing and cranberries.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday Jan 10, at 10 am. We will feed Timber Bay on Monday Jan 15.

We will start collecting for LWR Sewing Kits after the Christmas decorations are put away.

Karen Hayes, Mission & Outreach Chair

WOMEN OF TRINITY HAPPENIN'S

❖ We held our business meeting in the Trinity Room on December 14.

❖ A "thank you" card from Pr. Joan Scheffler was read, thanking us for the prayer shawl we gave her when she returned home to Illinois.

❖ Jeanne Dahlby, chairperson for the Altar Guild, reported the 2018 schedule for willing workers is set and done.

❖ January Altar Guild person is Sharon Dhein.

❖ The Lefse Sale brought in \$280, and the Bake Sale brought in \$520, for a total of \$800, which is very close to the 2016 sales of \$817.

❖ Starting the first of January, Ginger LaMotte will be our new President, Cindy Rubin as Vice President, Dianne Buxton as secretary, and Marcia Kampf as Treasurer.

❖ We thank Marcia Kampf for her four years of service as president, and a great big THANK YOU to June Ehrich

as our treasurer for the last 16 years. These women have put in more hours than any of us can realize.

❖ The 2018 Women of Trinity Service Book will be put together and published in January, 2018.



❖ Jeanne Dahlby has stepped up to co-chair for Service Committee #3 to work with Ginger LaMotte. Barb Hinderman has resigned, and we thank her for her service.

❖ The January 18 meeting will be focused on 2018 plans for the Women of Trinity.

❖ Following our meeting we had a sumptuous lunch, and packed up 22 brimming Christmas Cookie Boxes to be delivered to home-bound and other deserving persons.

❖ We look forward to having Pr. Jack Jorgensen joining and leading our church beginning February 6.

CHOIR MEMBERS WANTED



Join the Choir...

You'll Be Glad You Did!

It's "snowbird season" and that means many of our regular choir membership will soon be heading for warmer climes.

So we need YOU!

If you sing the hymns from the pew, then you can sing a choir anthem from the choir loft!!

Easier songs have been planned for the spring to accommodate our smaller choir.

So come join us! For more information, call Joanne Schilling at 715-651-4875.

THEY'RE HERE!! THE NEW PROJECTORS ARE HERE!!

The new video projectors were installed by Audio Architects on Dec 21-22, and debuted on Christmas Eve.

New electrical outlets need to be installed to shorten the temporary power cables. But it was wonderful to project videos and slides on the two far walls without the center screen.

Plus, Pastor LOVED being able to have his own view of things off the back wall!



JANUARY WORSHIP ASSISTANTS				
	JAN 7	JAN 14	JAN 21	JAN 28
Greeters	Donna Willis Ruth Clausen	Norm & Jean Jastram	Carol Addington Marcia Kampf	Tom & Sue Svitak
Ushers	Kevin & Shay Sunderland	Wes & Char Mohns	Bob & Karen Scott	Pat & Brenda Mackey
Communion Assts	Dave & Mary Webster	Dave & Sharon Dhein	Kathy & Wally Thom	Jeanne & Ken Dahlby
Reader	Dave Webster	Dave Dhein	Rolf Jostad	Melinda Pedersen

GRACE before MEALS

Come and watch
Fr. Leo Patallinghug create
a delicious dessert we will enjoy
while he captivates us with two dynamic
talks: Saints in the Making & Spiritual Combat.

Wednesday, January 17, 2018
6:15pm - 7:45pm
St. Joseph School Gym
Rice Lake, WI

Cost: Free-will Offering
Register by Jan 8 at: www.bit.ly/frleo18

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NEXT MEETING OF . . .

- Birchwood Food Pantry. 10:30 am, Jan 1, 6, 15, 20
- Worship & Music Team. 10 am, Jan 8
- Mission & Outreach. 10 am, Jan 10
- Congregational Council 6:30 pm, Jan 16
- Trinity Lutheran Church Women. 11 am, Jan 18

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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|-------------------|------|-----------------|------|-----------------|------|
| Sue Capra | 1/1 | Andy Janetski | 1/12 | Amy Roppe | 1/24 |
| Jill Pedersen | 1/1 | Rolf Jostad | 1/12 | Maryann Cowans | 1/25 |
| Lilly Gottwald | 1/2 | Alan Pedersen | 1/12 | Rodney Levake | 1/25 |
| Colette Sandow | 1/2 | Madyson Schultz | 1/15 | Shay Sunderland | 1/25 |
| Kimberly Will | 1/2 | Morgan Hayes | 1/16 | Jerry Chasteen | 1/27 |
| Andy Hedman | 1/3 | Gloria Sibley | 1/17 | John Carlstrom | 1/28 |
| Adam Robotka | 1/3 | Gavin Stanley | 1/19 | Travis Miller | 1/28 |
| Eric Flora | 1/5 | Emma Leamy | 1/20 | Desiree Jasper | 1/30 |
| Rigil Christensen | 1/7 | Norm Jastram | 1/21 | Bob Hayes | 1/31 |
| Leo Diehl | 1/9 | Lee Flora | 1/21 | | |
| Olivia Helland | 1/11 | Carly Pedersen | 1/23 | | |



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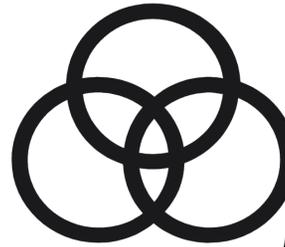
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 NO Quilting 10:30a-1:30p - Food Pantry Open	2 10a - De-Decorate the church	3 5:30p - Confirmation 7p - Trinity Ch Reh	4 NO Women's Bible Study	5 OFFICE CLOSED	6 10:30a-1:30p - Food Pantry Open
7 Baptism of our Lord 9:15a - Choir Warm-up 9:30a - <i>COFFEE TIME</i> 10a - Worship w/Communion	8 9:30a - Quilters 10a - Worship/Music Mtg 6:30p - Bible Study 6:30p - Women's Study 7p - AA, Fellowship Hall	9 5p - L.I.G.H.T Keepers	10 10a - Msn/Outreach 5:30p - Confirmation dpts for Tactical Escape 7p - Trinity Ch Reh 8p - Praise Team Reh	11 9:30a - Women's Bible Study	12 OFFICE CLOSED	13
14 2nd Sunday after Epiphany 9:30a - <i>COFFEE TIME</i> 10a - Praise Worship w/ Communion	15 9:30a - Quilters 10:30a-1:30p - Food Pantry Open 5:30p - M/O provides meal for Timber Bay 6:30p - Bible Study 6:30p - Women's Study 7p - AA, Fellowship Hall	16 5p - L.I.G.H.T Keepers 6:30p - Council Mtg	17 5:30p - Confirmation 7p - Trinity Ch Reh	18 9:30a - Women's Bible Study 11a - WOT Mtg	19 OFFICE CLOSED	20 10:30a-1:30p - Food Pantry Open
21 3rd Sunday after Epiphany 9:15a - Choir Warm-up 9:30a - <i>COFFEE TIME</i> 10a - Worship w/Communion <i>Love Fund/Food Pantry Off</i>	22 Journey Deadline 9:30a - Quilters 6:30p - Bible Study 6:30p - Women's Study 7p - AA, Fellowship Hall	23 5p - L.I.G.H.T Keepers	24 5:30p - Confirmation 1p - Journey Assembly 7p - Trinity Ch Reh	25 9:30a - Women's Bible Study	26 OFFICE CLOSED	27
28 4th Sunday after Epiphany 9:15a - Choir Warm-up 9:30a - <i>COFFEE TIME</i> 10a - Worship w/Communion	29 9:30a - Quilters 6:30p - Bible Study 6:30p - Women's Study 7p - AA, Fellowship Hall	30 OFFICE CLOSED 5p - L.I.G.H.T Keepers	31 5:30p - Confirmation 7p - Trinity Ch Reh			

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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

1/7 10 am Worship w/Communion
 1/14 10 am Praise Worship w/Communion
 1/21 10 am Worship w/Communion
 1/28 10 am Worship w/Communion

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

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

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!