

The JOURNEY — Walking Daily with Jesus

Thanks to all the volunteers
WATER OF LIFE 2017 VBS A GRAND SUCCESS

Vacation Bible School kicked off June 12, with a new format and partnership. Three counselors from Luther Point of Grantsburg brought energy, enthusiasm and the love of Jesus to the 30-plus children who attended. In appreciation, a *Forgiven* lawn cross was presented to Zack, Karlie and Danae.

The kids had a great time with fun songs, Bible stories, crafts, games and cool snacks over the four-day VBS.

A Big thanks to all who volunteered during the week!



TIME FOR A SKIT!



FAREWELL GIFT

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PASTOR JOAN'S COLUMN

The Gospel readings for the last few weeks have been from Matthew when Jesus instructs His twelve disciples on how to go out and do what Jesus has been doing: serving others, especially those who don't believe. When we serve others, we are serving God. And serving Him is what He calls us to do. Jesus said in Luke 4:8 "It is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God and serve Him only.'" Jesus is quoting from the Old Testament book of Deuteronomy where Moses, representing God, told the Hebrew people, "You shall fear the Lord your God; you shall serve Him and cling to Him, and you shall swear by His name" (Deut. 10:20).

Serving God was so important to Oswald Chambers that he wrote about it in 45 of his daily devotionals in *My Utmost for His Highest*. We are called to serve God from the moment we first believe, and God has given each of us the unique gifts we need for that service. The apostle Peter writes, "Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms. If anyone speaks, he should do it with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ" (1 Peter 4:10-11). Serving God with our special gifts serves two purposes: to serve others and to bring praise to God. Serving isn't about receiving attention or glory; it is for Him to receive glory.



God receives glory when we serve because we display Jesus Christ in our lives when we trade selfishness for selflessness. Peter says believers should understand that we are speaking and serving directly on behalf of God to others, while God gives us the ability and strength to do so. And when we direct glory towards Him instead of accepting it for ourselves, we stand out from the crowd of those who glorify only themselves. And when we exhibit that in our lives, it can cause other people to desire what we have - the life-changing relationship with Jesus Christ. Our faith is validated in front of others.

"Service is the overflow which pours from a life filled with love and devotion" (Chambers, January 17). When we have a personal relationship with Jesus, serving comes naturally and we serve out of a motivation of absolute love.

We are all called to serve God, just as Paul wrote to the Galatians, "For you have been called to live in freedom, my brothers and sisters. But don't use your freedom to satisfy your sinful nature. Instead, use your freedom to serve one another in love" (Galatians 5:13).



So, when you see someone who needs something - no matter how small or big - step right up and do what God calls you to do - serve!

In Christ,
Pastor Joan

Women's Bible Studies

Our Women's Monday night Bible Study, at 6:30 pm, will be starting a new study on the book of Ephesians.

There will be no study guide, so just bring your bibles, notebooks and any questions. We have such an enjoyable time and we'd love to have you join us and learn the truths from this wonderful book!

Bible study leader: Barb Kleven. Call her at 715-834-9988 or just show up!

Food Pantry Bake Sales

July offers several opportunities to support the Birchwood Food Pantry Bake Sales!

JULY 4 * Mikana Parade

JULY 8 * Food Pantry * 8 - 11:30 am

JULY 14-16 * Bluegill Festival

Proceeds go towards food purchases and operating expenses.

For more info, call Ann Gleichert (715-651-4350) or Cheri Weingartner (651-492-7289)

BAKE SALE

NEXT MEETING OF . . .

Birchwood Food Pantry.	10:30 am, Jul 1, 3, 15, 17
Worship & Music Team.	NO MEETING
Mission/Outreach Committee.	10 am, Jul 10
Congregational Council.	6:30 pm, Jul 11
Trinity Lutheran Church Women.	11 am, Jul 20

Birchwood Community BLOOD DRIVE

Trinity Lutheran Church

Wednesday, July 26

1 — 7 PM

For appts, call 1-800-733-2767
Or visit www.redcrossblood.org and enter Sponsor Code: Birchwood High School

New Members!

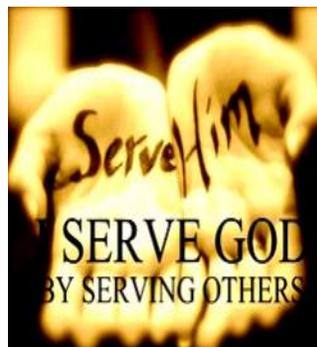


Recently, four couples joined the Trinity family. Pictured above from left to right are: Cindy & Mike Rubin, Brenda & Pat Mackey, and Sue & Mike Capra. Not pictured are Jim & Cyndi McGraw. WELCOME!!

Thank You!

I wish to thank everyone for their prayers, phone calls and cards after my return from the hospital. I am grateful for my family at Trinity Lutheran!

Betty Blanch



WOMEN OF TRINITY HAPPENIN'S

- * Nine women attended June meeting which was moved up an hour due to VBS. A new member who joined this summer was present along with a guest.
- * Carol Addington opened the meeting with a reading and prayer.
- * May Minutes were approved after correction of Altar Guild assignments: Helen McClyman was for June 10 am service and Jeanne Dahlby for July. Ida Jahnke is Altar Guild for the 8:30 service.
- * June distributed her Treasurer's report. Some discussion re items, then approved.
- * Outreach made the decision to discontinue the annual Shower Luncheon as attendance has gone down each year and is more work that beneficial. All are aware of the charming crib in the Nar-

thex and items accumulating. More discussion on the Outreach Committee and why separate from us. Activity increased im-

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mensely over the years and it was decided to make it separate entity with more participation and effectiveness. Been thus for many years.

- * Marcia received and read a thank you from Kyle Bratvold
- * Also received a letter from a friend who now has a Pastor at their church from Palestine.
- * We will invite Charity Knauff, leader of the Timber Bay group, and Sue Jostad, leader for the L.I.G.H.T. Keepers group, to come and talk to our women's group at our August meeting. This will include a luncheon following the meeting.
- * Barb Kleven announced that Council would like to have at least ten applications for Call Committee - so far only three have been received.
- * Minong LCMC Church is having a Ladies Tea on Saturday, June 24. Eleanor Kuula and Carol will plan to attend and announce in church on Sunday. Jeff Vesta is Pastor there now. Attendees are to bring their favorite doll.
- * Our next meeting will be July 20, back at the regular time of 11 am.

SUMMER REFRESHMENT SCHEDULE FOR JULY

A list of ladies scheduled to provide the summer refreshments between the 8:30 and 10 am services for July is below. We will be serving quick breads, muffins, homemade pastries such as cinnamon rolls, fresh fruit, and coffee. Please have your food delivered to the kitchen by 9 am.

July 2, Colleen Gindt, leader

- Shannon Gindt
- Carol Addington
- Joanne Kvale
- Leona Olson

July 9, Eleanor Kuula, leader

- MaryAnn Cowans
- Virginia Hurckman
- Ida Jahnke



July 23, Ruth Clausen, leader

- Sandi David
- Helen McClyman
- Collette Sandow

July 30, Donna Soper, leader

- Mary Webster
- Marilyn Brown
- Joanne Schilling



JULY WORSHIP ASSISTANTS					
	July 2	July 9	July 16	July 23	July 30
Greeters 8:30am	The Sunderlands	Dave Dakins <i>Please sign up</i>	Bob & Karen Scott	Rolf & Barb Kleven	The Sunderlands
10:00am	LeRoy Brensel	<i>Please sign up</i>	LeRoy Brensel	<i>Please sign up</i>	Harry & Lea Heath
Ushers 8:30am	The Sunderlands	Dave Dakins <i>Please sign up</i>	Bob & Karen Scott	Rolf & Barb Kleven	The Sunderlands
10:00am	Sharon Gary	Norm & Jean Jastram	Norm Jastram <i>Please sign up</i>	LeRoy Brensel	LeRoy Brensel <i>Please sign up</i>
Comm Assts 8:30am	The Sunderlands	Dave Dakins <i>Please sign up</i>	Bob & Karen Scott	Rolf & Barb Kleven	The Sunderlands
10:00am	Fred Peck Joanne Schilling	Leo Diehl	<i>Please sign up</i>	<i>Please sign up</i>	<i>Please sign up</i>
Lay Reader 8:30am	Donnarae Carrell	<i>Please sign up</i>	<i>Please sign up</i>	<i>Please sign up</i>	<i>Please sign up</i>
10:00am	Donnarae Carrell	Leo Diehl	Jean Jastram	Fred Peck	Joanne Schilling

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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|----------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|
| Nathan Hayes 7/1 | Karen Hayes 7/11 | Bonnie Rediske 7/20 |
| Jerry Janetski 7/1 | Chuck Ede 7/12 | Jackie Schilberg 7/20 |
| Collin Krance 7/1 | Vickie Matts 7/12 | Lorie Piram 7/21 |
| Grace Kotel 7/2 | Alijah Braden 7/13 | Adara Glenz 7/23 |
| Ian Krance 7/2 | Jake Deutsch 7/13 | Eric Ivers 7/23 |
| Thorvald Skar 7/2 | Missy Robotka 7/13 | Rebecca Miller 7/24 |
| William Moline 7/3 | Sue Svitak 7/13 | Stephanie Liermann 7/27 |
| Hannah Hayes 7/3 | Linda Zillmer 7/13 | Jonas Connell 7/28 |
| Melinda Pedersen 7/5 | Anna Leamy 7/14 | Paige Rudolf 7/29 |
| Kim Hayes 7/5 | Lisa Applebee 7/17 | |
| Robert Gindt 7/6 | Elsa Lillegard 7/17 | |
| Don Zillmer 7/9 | Teri Livingston 7/18 | |
| Wyatt Sunderland 7/9 | Otto Nordback 7/18 | |
| Trent Stanley 7/10 | Tina Tainter 7/18 | |
| Joshua Brown 7/11 | Elaine Yndestad 7/20 | |
| June Ehrich 7/11 | Melissa Miller 7/20 | |



IN OUR PRAYERS

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|---------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| 1 - Bob Olson | 16 - Michele Parkos | 23 - Spencer Ritchey |
| 2 - Dale Olson | 17 - Fred Peck | 25 - Sutter Ritchey |
| 3 - Dana Olson | 18 - Carly Pedersen | 26 - Adam Robotka |
| 4 - Leona Olson | 19 - Jill Pedersen | 27 - Bob Robotka |
| 5 - Luke Olson | 20 - Melinda Pedersen | 28 - Buddy Robotka |
| 6 - Tammy Olson | 21 - Jean Peterson | 29 - Missy Robotka |
| 7 - Betty Orsund | 22 - Lorie Piram | 30 - Skyler Robotka |
| 8 - Dee Cartwright | 23 - Marlys Poff | 31 - Taylor Robotka |
| 9 - Andy Ortery | 24 - Joey Rauch | |
| 10 - Sandi Ortery | 25 - Mary Reppe | |
| 11 - Ori-Anne Pagel | 26 - Dawson Rich | |
| 12 - Paul Pagel | 27 - Kim Rich | |
| 13 - Wayne Palm | 21 - Cassie Ritchey | |
| 14 - Kathy Paquette | 22 - Randy Ritchey | |
| 15 - John Parkos | 23 - Sawyer Ritchey | |



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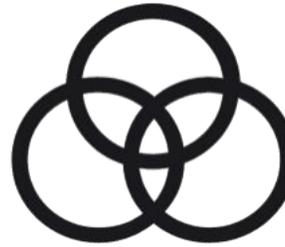
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<i>Altar Guild</i> Ida Jahnke Jeanne Dahlby						1 10:30a-1:30p - Food Pantry Open
2 4TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 8:30a - Outdoor Worship w/ Communion 9:15a - Surprise Choir 9:30a - COFFEE TIME 10a - Indoor Worship w/ Communion	3 OFFICE CLOSED 10:30a-1:30p - Food Pantry Open 6:30p - Bible Study 7p - AA, Fellowship Hall	4 4th of July OFFICE CLOSED	5 11:30a - Staff Mtg	6 9:30a - Women's Bible Study	7 OFFICE CLOSED	8
9 5TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 8:30a - Outdoor Worship w/ Communion 9:30a - COFFEE TIME 10a - Indoor Worship w/ Communion	10 1p - Outreach Mtg 6:30p - Bible Study 6:30p - Women's Study 7p - AA, Fellowship Hall	11 9a - Prayer Session 6:30p - Council Mtg	12 11:30a - Staff Mtg	13 9:30a - Women's Bible Study	14 OFFICE CLOSED	15 10:30a-1:30p - Food Pantry Open
16 6TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 8:30a - Outdoor Worship w/ Communion 9:15a - Surprise Choir 9:30a - COFFEE TIME 10a - Indoor Worship w/ Communion Love Fund & Food Pantry Offerings	17 Journey Deadline 10:30a-1:30p - Food Pantry Open 6:30p - Bible Study 6:30p - Women's Study 7p - AA, Fellowship Hall	18 9a - Prayer Session	19 11:30a - Staff Mtg	20 9:30a - Women's Bible Study 11a - WOT Mtg	21 OFFICE CLOSED	22
23 7TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 8:30a - Outdoor Worship w/ Communion 9:30a - COFFEE TIME 10a - Indoor Worship w/ Communion	24 6:30p - Bible Study 6:30p - Women's Study 7p - AA, Fellowship Hall	25 9a - Prayer Session	26 11:30a - Staff Mtg 1p - JOURNEY 1p - Blood Drive 	27 9:30a - Women's Bible Study	28 OFFICE CLOSED	
30 8TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 8:30a - Outdoor Worship w/ Communion 9:30a - COFFEE TIME 10a - Indoor Worship w/ Communion	31 6:30p - Bible Study 6:30p - Women's Study 7p - AA, Fellowship Hall					

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The *JOURNEY* JULY 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

7/2 8:30 Outdoor & 10 am Indoor Worship w/Communion
 7/9 8:30 Outdoor & 10 am Indoor Worship w/Communion
 7/16 8:30 Outdoor & 10 am Indoor Worship w/Communion
 7/23 8:30 Outdoor & 10 am Indoor Worship w/Communion
 7/30 8:30 Outdoor & 10 am Indoor Worship w/Communion

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Amelia	McKel Heebink	Leonard Nysted
Dave Beaver	Becky Hunt	Betty Orsund
Michelle Bender	Merlin Jahnke	Fred Peck
Betty Blanch	Eileen Koefler	Jim Pravda
Hazel Bonkrud	Dean Kruegel	Buddy Robotka
Katelyn Bratvold	Jody Kruegel	Ro Sachman
Bryar	Bill & Eunice Kuntz	Carter Sackmann
Vicki Busick	Roy Kuula	Collette Sandow
George Crust	Bill Lambrecht	Deloris Elsi Salli
Annette Gentile	Joyce Lambrecht	Karen Scott
Laine Guttenberg	Ron Larson	Shalom Ministry Team
Ron Hartzell	Ed Leader	Ashley Spiller
Candy Hayes	Bob Liermann	Dennis Spiller
Gorman Hayes	Lora	Marlene Wendt
Harry Heath	Susan Molin	David Yndestad
Andy Hedman	Lee Namtvedt	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 2 in order to fit in all our prayer concerns. So please pray for all those listed above!