

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

Forms available at Welcome Center  
**POTENTIAL CALL COMMITTEE CANDIDATES WANTED**

Would you like to have a voice in choosing Trinity's next pastor? Then the Council invites you to volunteer to be considered for selection to the Call Committee.

Ideally, the Council would like a pool of 12 interested persons from which to choose the final seven committee members to serve. Prayerfully consider this calling — weekly meetings may be necessary. Application Forms are available at the Welcome Center.



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## PASTOR JOAN'S COLUMN

When I was preparing the message for the recent Sunday when Trinity would recognize the senior high school graduates, Paul's letter to Timothy came to mind, especially the passage in which Paul tells Timothy, "Let no one look down on your youthfulness, but rather in speech, conduct, love, faith and purity show yourself an example of those who believe" (1 Timothy 4:12). I can't help but think that Paul's statement to Timothy is what everyone, but especially pastors, should follow. We should in our speech and in our conduct always reveal our belief in Jesus Christ as our Savior.

And I say, "especially pastors," because later in his second letter to Timothy, Paul writes, "I solemnly charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus...preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with great patience and instruction" (2 Timothy 4:1-2). As a human being, I don't want to offend anyone, but as a Christian, and especially as a pastor, it is my duty to always preach the Gospel, and to preach it correctly. And if someone is offended by that preaching, then that is their sin convicting them, and it is time for them to get on their knees, confess that sin, and repent of it. I have to admit that there have been times in my life when that has happened to me, and sometimes when God gives me a message, I am convicted and have to serve my "knee-time" before I ever get to the pulpit on Sunday morning!

Sometimes, though, it is tempting to "water-down" the part of the message that deals directly with our sin, but I would be doing everyone, myself included, a disservice if I did that. And I would not be true to my calling from God. As Paul told Timothy, I, too, have to "be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth" (2 Timothy 2:15).

Given our secular culture and the influences

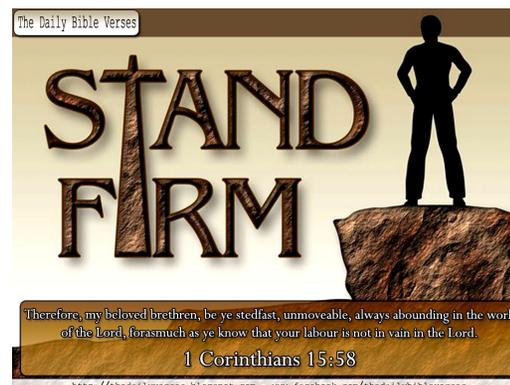
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-1 Timothy 4:12

that it has had on the Church, the bride of Christ, "all preachers of the gospel face relentless demands and temptations to tone down, twist, modify, or supplant that message with something that might be more pleasing to popular appetites" (John MacArthur). In other words, I need to remember my duty to preach the Word, just as Paul told young Timothy, "The time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching; but having itching ears and they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths" (2 Timothy 4:3-4).

At Trinity, we will continue to talk about sin and righteousness and judgment, and yes, even Satan. And we will also give a good healthy dose of God's love for each of us, especially concerning how that love was displayed when His only Son, Jesus, was sacrificed on that cross. Our sins were forgiven when that happened, but we can't get complacent about that. We need constant reminders so we don't fall away from the true gospel. And as believers in Jesus, we also know that Jesus hated the sin even while He loved the sinner. And that is our goal at Trinity - love the sinner and show them the love of Jesus!

Pastor Joan



## BIBLE STUDIES

**S** Monday Night Bible Study meets at 6:30 pm in the Trinity Room and is open to everyone from High School and up, men and women.

**S** Women's Monday Night Bible Study meets in the sanctuary at 6:30 pm, and warmly welcomes all women to this study of the book of Mark, chapters 7-13, and entitled "Jesus: Listening for His Voice." No lesson prep needed, books available. Come and be blessed! Call Barb Kleven (715-834-9988) for more information.

**S** The Wednesday video series study will be taking a break. Please watch for when this bible study will resume.

**S** The Thursday morning Women's Bible Study will start up a study of Philippians on June 22, at 9:30 am. Some of our favorite bible passages are found in Philippians. Jean Jastram, study leader, was surprised when she found that the book had not been studied before. Please give her a call (715-54-7100) if you would like her to order a study guide for you. And invite a friend to join the group!!

### NEW STUDY!!!!

**S** Men's Bible Study 101  
Never been to a Bible study?

Don't know how to even start studying?

Been to Bible studies and got lost?

This class will start at the beginning!

It will be held on Thursdays, beginning June 8, and there will be two class times: afternoon at 2:30 pm, and an evening session at 6 pm, so you can choose what works best for you.

We will meet in the Trinity Room at the church. It's free and all you need is your Bible. There is no need to pre-register, and if you have questions, call the church office.

# VBS 2017 INFO

Vacation Bible School begins Monday, June 12, through Thursday, June 15, from 12:30 — 3:30 pm at Trinity Lutheran Church in Birchwood. This ministry serves children entering Pre-K this coming fall through 6th grade.

Trinity is welcoming some new partnerships and changes to serve our community. We are partnering with certified camp counselors from Luther Point of Grantsburg who will lead several ministry areas. We are hopeful that our afternoon VBS will accommodate families that are seeking afternoon summer activities. Through bible stories, crafts, songs and games children will learn about our gifts from God, our belonging through baptism, seeing and being the light, and that God is always with them.

- × Extended VBS hours available from 3:30—5:00, if needed for children entering 1st grade and up.
- × Registration forms are available at the Welcome Center and online at [www.trinitylutheranbirchwood.com](http://www.trinitylutheranbirchwood.com).
- × The cost is \$5 per child and no more than \$10 per family. Scholarships available.

For more information, please contact the VBS coordinator, Kim Will at (715) 354-3052 or the church office at (715) 354-3790. Volunteers are needed to sign up on the poster in the narthex.

“When you pass through the waters, I will be with you.” (Isaiah 43:2)

## SUMMER REFRESHMENT SCHEDULE KICKS OFF

During the summer, a monthly schedule will be published in *The Journey* to remind Trinity ladies to take a turn supplying food for the refreshments between the 8:30 and 10 am summer worship services.

Char Mohns will be calling the leader of each Sunday Refreshment group, then the leader will call her helpers. We will be serving quick beads, muffins, and/or pastries; fresh fruit, and coffee. Please have your food delivered to the kitchen by 9 am.

June 4 - Barb Hinderman, leader

Marcia Kampf  
Missy Robotka  
Donna Willis

June 11 - Jean Jastram, leader

Shirley Samaska  
Diane Brensel  
Janet Schieffer

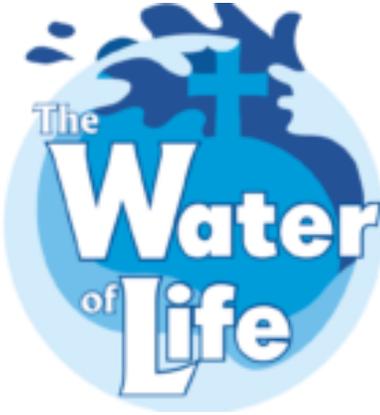


June 18 - Connie Larson, leader

Ginger LaMotte  
Cindy Larson  
Amanda Vandervoort

June 25 - Joan Fuller, leader

Betty Orsund  
Michelle Parkos  
Patti Johnson  
Rose Benson



## Baby Care Kits

Trinity's Mission and Outreach Team is collecting items for Lutheran World Relief Baby Care Kits during June. These will be sent to LWR, Pregnancy Help Center, and Birchwood's Neighbor to Neighbor. Bring your donations to church and drop them off in the special "Baby Clothes Drop Off Station" in Trinity's narthex.

- ◆ 2 lightweight cotton t-shirts (no onesies)
- ◆ 2 long or short sleeved gowns or sleepers (w/o feet)
- ◆ 2 medium weight receiving blanket or knitted or crocheted light weight (36-52" sq)
- ◆ 4 cloth diapers (flat fold preferred)
- ◆ 1 jacket/sweater/sweatshirt with hood, or included a baby hat
- ◆ Sizes 6-24 months maybe used
- ◆ 2 pairs socks
- ◆ 1 hand towel dark color recommended
- ◆ 2 bath size bars (4-5 oz) gentle soap in original wrapper
- ◆ 2 diaper pins or large safety pins

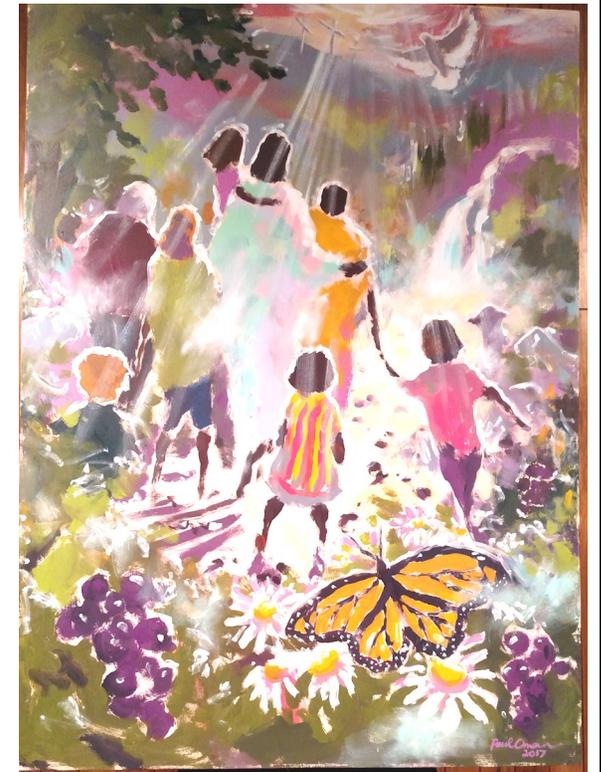


## LAWN MOWERS NEEDED

Contact Wes Mohns  
@ 715-354-7274

### SORENSEN MEMORIAL SERVICE

The Dan Sorenson memorial service on May 13, was a moving experience, with Artist and Pastor Paul Oman of "Drawn to the Word" Ministry painting a picture based on the theme "Being a servant of the Lord." Scripture passages and devotional readings were interspersed with musical selections.



# Trinity Lutheran Youth

## Graduation Sunday



Congratulations to Trinity graduates Tara Stanley (pictured above), Annesa Loew, and Adara Glenz, who were recognized on May 21.

(Right) Every year the Trinity Confirmation Youth clean up a section of Highway 48 south of Birchwood. Thanks for your service!

(Below) And bowling is always FUN!!



## Confirmation Sunday

Kyle Bratvold and Adam Robotka confirm their faith before their Trinity family.



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Veteran Art Johnson was recently picked to participate in a 4-day VetsRoll trip to Washington, DC. The editor is working on getting more pics, but, meanwhile, ask Art about his trip!

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## CROSS MINISTRY

The crosses designed by Wally Thom and constructed by Wally and the Confirmation Youth are now available for a suggested donation of \$10.



Place a cross in your yard to tell the world you believe Jesus Christ died on the cross so that our sins would be forgiven.

## WOMEN OF TRINITY MEETING MINUTES

- ❖ Our May meeting had 14 women attending.
- ❖ June Altar Guild person is Jeanne Dahlby.
- ❖ Summer services start May 28, and the Women of Trinity will serve coffee, fruit, and a pastry or quick bread between the two services. Your committee chairperson will be contacting you when it's time for you to serve on that Sunday.
- ❖ It's been brought to our attention that the church needs new entrance doors to the Fellowship Hall, and church. We are considering making a donation toward the cost of those doors.
- ❖ We are requesting our church council to invite the Herricks family to talk to our congregation about their year as missionaries in Uganda.
- ❖ After our business meeting, we shared a spring salad luncheon, and listened to Pastor Joan talk on her faith journey.
- ❖ The next meeting is Thursday, June 15, starting early at 10 am (because of VBS that week).



## 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!**

*Stretcher Assistant*  
*Communion Assistant*  
*Worship Leader*  
*Lay Reader*

## NEXT MEETING OF . . .

- Birchwood Food Pantry. . . . . 10:30 am, Jun 3, 5, 17, 19
- Worship & Music Team. . . . . 4:30 pm, Jun 5
- Outreach Committee. . . . . 1 pm, Jun 12
- Congregational Council. . . . . 6:30 pm, Jun 13
- Trinity Lutheran Church Women. . . . . 10 am, Jun 15

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Bob Scott	6/1	Hayley Hayes	6/17	Gerald Dolen	6/25
Janet Schieffer	6/1	Barb Hinderman	6/17	John Landes	6/25
Greg Hayes	6/6	<b>Payton Baribeau</b>	<b>6/18</b>	Brian Beffa	6/26
Sawyer Ritchey	6/6	Jessica Robotka	6/18	Shirley Sorenson	6/29
Dianne Buxton	6/8	Ellen Elliott	6/19	Tom Svitak	6/29
Karl Kristensen	6/8	Sharon Gary	6/19	Jean Jastram	6/30
Barbara Deutsch	6/9	Leigh Hedman	6/19	Mark Schilberg	6/30
Rhonda Schultz	6/10	Carol Addington	6/20		
Hailee Lindow	6/11	Dakota Anderson	6/21		
Morgan Lobitz	6/14	Roger Blanch	6/23		
Harold Deutsch	6/15	Marlene Dahl	6/23		
<b>Sue Hoff</b>	<b>6/16</b>	June Bibeau	6/24		
<b>Amanda VandeVoort</b>	<b>6/16</b>	Lou Sandow	6/25		



## IN OUR PRAYERS

- |                      |                        |                       |
|----------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 - Annesa Loew      | 14 - Randy Molin       | 27 - Otto Nordback    |
| 2 - Eugene Marcinske | 15 - Susan Molin       | 28 - Rebecca Nordback |
| 3 - Tyler Marcinske  | 16 - Rusty Morrell     | 29 - Sara Nordback    |
| 4 - Hannah Marske    | 17 - Sabrina Morrell   | 30 - Tate Nordback    |
| 5 - Hans Marske      | 18 - Tayber Morrell    |                       |
| 6 - Rick Marske      | 19 - Todjer Morrell    |                       |
| 7 - Vickie Matts     | 20 - James Muckerheide |                       |
| 8 - Helen McClyman   | 21 - Karen Muckerheide |                       |
| 9 - Phil Miles       | 22 - Bonnie Namtvedt   |                       |
| 10 - Rhiana Miles    | 23 - Phyllis Nelson    |                       |
| 11 - Sue Miles       | 24 - Ron Nelson        |                       |
| 12 - Char Mohns      | 25 - Billy Nordback    |                       |
| 13 - Wes Mohns       | 26 - Corbin Nordback   |                       |



# JUNE 2017

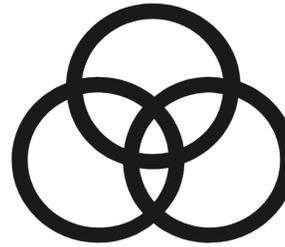
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				<b>1</b> NO Women's Bible Study	<b>2</b> OFFICE CLOSED	<b>3</b> 10:30a-1:30p - Food Pantry Open
<b>4</b> PENTECOST 8:30a - Outdoor Worship w/Communion 9:15a - Surprise Choir 9:30a - COFFEE TIME 10a - Indoor Worship w/ Communion HEALING SERVICE	<b>5</b> 10a - Worship & Music Mtg 10:30a-1:30p - Food Pantry Open  6:30p - Bible Study 6:30p - Women's Study 7p - AA, Fellowship Hall	<b>6</b> 9a - Prayer Session	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> NO Women's Bible Study  2:30p - Men's Bible Study 6pm - Men's Bible Study	<b>9</b> OFFICE CLOSED	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b> TRINITY SUNDAY 8:30a - Outdoor Worship w/Communion 9:30a - COFFEE TIME 10a - Indoor Worship w/ Communion	<b>12</b> 12:30p - VBS 1p - Outreach Mtg 3:30P - VBS Child Care 6:30p - Bible Study 6:30p - Women's Study 7p - AA, Fellowship Hall	<b>13</b> 9a - Prayer Session 12:30p - VBS 3:30P - VBS Child Care  6:30p - Council Mtg	<b>14</b> 12:30p - VBS 3:30P - VBS Child Care	<b>15</b> NO Women's Bible Study 10a - WOT Mtg [ 12:30p - VBS 2:30p - Men's Bible Study 3:30P - VBS Child Care 6pm - Men's Bible Study 6:30p - VBS Celebration	<b>16</b> OFFICE CLOSED	<b>17</b> 10:30a-1:30p - Food Pantry Open
<b>18</b> 2ND 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	<b>19</b> Journey Deadline 10:30a-1:30p - Food Pantry Open  6:30p - Bible Study 6:30p - Women's Study 7p - AA, Fellowship Hall	<b>20</b> 9a - Prayer Session	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 9:30a - Women's Bible Study  2:30p - Men's Bible Study 6pm - Men's Bible Study	<b>23</b> OFFICE CLOSED	<b>24</b>
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**VBS STARTS JUNE 12**



# The **JOURNEY** **JUNE 2017**

**TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH**

*Joan Scheffler, Pastor*  
*Cindy Westphal, Parish Administrator*  
*Melinda Pedersen, Youth & Family*  
*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**

6/4 8:30 Outdoor & 10 am Indoor Worship w/Communion  
 6/11 8:30 Outdoor & 10 am Indoor Worship w/Communion  
 6/18 8:30 Outdoor & 10 am Indoor Worship w/Communion  
 6/25 8:30 Outdoor & 10 am Indoor Worship w/Communion

## **KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS**

Amelia	Becky Hunt	Leonard Nysted
Dave Beaver	Art Johnson	Betty Orsund
Betty Blanch	Eileen Koeferl	Chuck Peck
Hazel Bonkrud	Dean Kruegel	Fred Peck
Katelyn Bratvold	Jody Kruegel	Jim Pravda
Bryar	Bill & Eunice Kuntz	Buddy Robotka
Vicki Busick	Roy Kuula	Ro Sachman
George Crust	Bill Lambrecht	Carter Sackman
Annette Gentile	Joyce Lambrecht	Collette Sandow
Laine Guttenberg	Bob Landis	Deloris Elsi Salli
Ron Hartzell	Ron Larson	Karen Scott
Gorman Hayes	Ed Leader	Shalom Ministry Team
Deb Healy	Bob Liermann	Ashley Spiller
Harry Heath	Lora	Dennis Spiller
Andy Hedman	Susan Molin	David Yndestad
McKel Heebink	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 6 in order to fit in all our prayer concerns. So please pray for all those listed above!