

# The JOURNEY — Walking Daily with Jesus

## SERENGETI TREK VBS KICKS OFF

Join us for an adventure June 18 - 21, from 12:30 - 3:30 pm! At SERENGETI TREK VBS, kids are wild about God. SERENGETI TREK VBS is filled with incredible Bible-learning experiences where kids see, hear, touch, and even taste!

Vacation Bible School registration is for young learners in Pre-K (potty-trained) this coming fall through 6th grade.

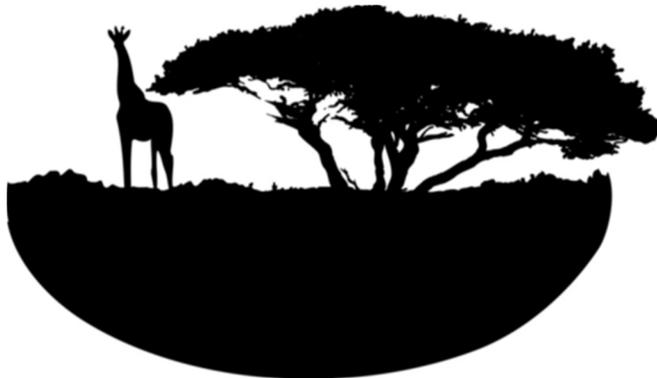
Registration forms are available at the Visitors Center

The cost is \$10 per child and no more than \$20 per family. Scholarship funds are available so that every child can take part in VBS.

**VOLUNTEERS** are needed! So sign up on the posters in the narthex.

**DONATIONS** — Thanks to all who have donated to VBS!

**DECORATING:** Starting Sunday, June 3, at 6 pm the Decorating Committee will meet each week to create the decorations to transform Trinity Lutheran for VBS. Anyone is invited to come and help out in creating a fun experience for our area youth. For more information, please contact the VBS coordinator, Jonathan Howard at (715) 410-0573 or the church office at (715) 354-3790.



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## PASTOR'S COLUMN

During our May 20 church service we celebrated recent graduates of Birchwood High School. Our quilters produced beautiful, personalized pillows for them and our ministry teams honored them with cake and refreshments. The graduates also received personal Bibles, and the promise of prayer from our congregation.



Please encourage our young people as they move out into the world and pursue the dreams our Heavenly Father has prepared for them to chase. You may use the message shared Sunday morning to guide your prayer for our graduates to do four things:

**1- Seek the Lord, always.** In doing so, our gospel reading in Matthew promised abundance: "Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need. And don't worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring its own worries." Matt. 6:33-34

**2- Continue your education; Be a life-long learner.** Find a Christian mentor to

provide continuing guidance in matters of faith. Find a faith filled church in your area, and attend services. As Paul wrote to Timothy, "Continue in what you have learned and firmly believed. You know those who've taught you, and you know the Scriptures are able to give you wisdom for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus." 2 Tim. 3:12-15.

**3- Bless people.** Put God first, the needs of others in front of your own. In doing so, you choose to be third. We honor Him by blessing people. We're called to be third. Jesus taught, "The Greatest commandment in the Law: Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. And, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'" Luke 10:27

**4- Go to work.** Working allows us to put the needs of others in front of our own. Living a life that blesses others will keep us busy, and this is a good thing. God is a worker and He expects us to be too. In fact, the Apostle Paul instructed God's people to: "keep away from those who walk irresponsibly. Do not eat anyone's food free of charge; instead, labor so you will not be a burden to others...do not grow weary in doing good." 2 Thessalonians 3:5-10



Tim Trude, Daryan Schultz, Katlyn Bratvold

God wants to use each of our graduates; He wants to use each of us too. In addition to prayers for success and safety of our young people, please pray that each is willing to be used for His Purpose. In Jesus name. Amen.

**Pastor Jack**

## TRINITY YOUTH UPDATE

The middle school confirmation students have finished their year of classes. The month of May was spent reviewing some of the things they need to know as they progress through the steps to being confirmed. We celebrated a beautiful confirmation service on May 6, and honored our high school graduates on May 20. Two very special days.

On May 23, we did our garbage pick-up along Highway 48. We were helped by Boy Scout



Troop 66. The joint effort was greatly appreciated. We were able to complete our assigned area efficiently and then returned to the church for pizza, brats, and root beer floats.

Our Wednesday night classes are done for the year; they will resume in the fall.

**Cindy Rubin**

**THANK YOU!**

A big thank to the confirmation class for picking up garbage last evening along our assigned stretch of highway. Also a shout out to Boy Scout Troop 66 for their assistance. You all have made a difference.

### CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

On May 6, three Trinity youth confirmed their faith: Anna Will, Wyatt Sunderland, and Logen Gindt. They each publicly presented their faith statements before the entire congregation.

Pictured below are the confirmands, as their mentors and Trinity family members laid hands on them in prayer:



Following the service, a reception was held in the Fellowship Hall, hosted by Fellowship & Growth Ministry.

### MISSION AND OUTREACH

Gladys Mungo will be with us on July 29. We again look forward to her being at Trinity. Her work with the children in her area of Haiti is a project that we have decided is one worthy of our support. Her work has brought the Love of

God to children and their parents. As we hear in Mark 9:37: "Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me." How much plainer can our MISSION be stated?

May 21 will be the last time we feed the Timber Bay youth until September.

Beginning in June we will have the "Shower Crib" set up in the narthex. We will be collecting items for Lutheran World Relief (LWR) Baby Kits and also children's clothing (new or gently used) for Gladys Mungo's kids. She takes clothes for any size. She has also shared that it is part of their culture to dress up for their church services. As I had previously written... the garage/rummage sale season is upon us!

#### List for LWR Baby Kits:

- 2 lightweight cotton t-shirts (no onesies) Gladys does take them
- 2 gowns or footless sleepers
- 2 receiving blankets medium weight cotton or flannel, crocheted or knitted with lightweight yarn up to 52" square
- 4 cloth diapers flat fold preferred
- 1 jacket, sweater, or sweatshirt/hood or cap included
- Sizes 6-24 months (may be used)



- 2 pairs of socks
- 1 hand towel, dark color recommended
- 2 bath-sized bars (4-5 oz) gentle soap in original wrap
- 2 diaper pins or lg safety pins
- Gently used and clean items may be used



**Karen Hayes**

### Never Forgotten Honor Flight

On April 23, Ron Larson flew out of Wausau, WI as part of a group of 88 veterans (5 WWII, 33 Korea & 50 Vietnam era) as part of Never Forgotten Honor Flight #31.



Ron in front of statues that are part of the Korean War Memorial

The Honor Flight organization provides veterans

with closure, gratitude & respect, by flying them to Washington D.C. to visit their memorials — at no cost to the veterans. Priority is given to senior veterans — World War II era, followed by Korea era & lastly Vietnam era.

Ron said, "It was WONDERFUL!"

## A LOOK AT TRINITY'S PAST

**[Editor's Note: This is the start of a new column focusing on the history of Trinity Lutheran Church]**

**A**S THE HISTORY OF TRINITY (then Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church) continues from 1905, some of the next settlers to the Birchwood area were Norwegian Lutherans, who wanted to worship in a church but they couldn't understand the German language. When their pastor came to town on foot or by train, they would gather in the homes for a service.

Pastor Nord was the next pastor to serve. He came in 1907 and stayed until 1912. Being Norwegian, he attracted newer Norwegian settlers. Pastor John Ritland followed and served until 1918.

Around 1920, the congregation changed its name to "Zion Lutheran Church."

### 1920 -1937 – The Lost Years

**T**HIS IS WHERE OUR CHURCH RECORDS stop for a while. By about 1920, English-speaking ministers filled the pulpit. Apparently Rice Lake sent English-speaking pastors for the next few years, as many of the Germans and Norwegians were beginning to use the English language.

### 1937-1940 – Foundations for the Future

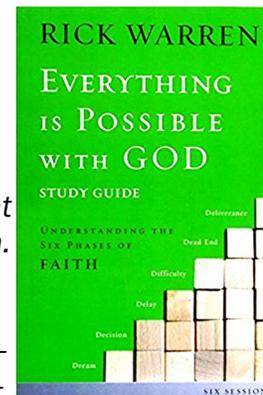
**P**ASTOR ALFRED E. BERG CAME to serve in 1939. He encouraged the congregation to enlarge and remodel the frame church building. Remodeling was

started in the fall of 1939. The building was raised so excavation could be done for a basement and furnace room. A large addition was added to the north end, making room for a cloakroom and stairs leading to the basement dining room. The colored glass in the windows was replaced with panes of white frosted glass. Services were held in the Methodist Church every Sunday afternoon during construction.

**Next installment – The War Years**

## THURSDAY GROUP FAITH STUDY

Please join us as we journey through a 7-week study by Pastor Rick Warren titled "Anything is Possible with God." We begin at 6:30 pm at the church. This study involves a short video, study guide, scriptures, prayer and great conversation/discussion. All are welcome!!



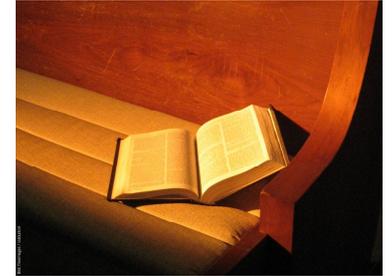
## WOMEN'S THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

The Thursday morning Women's Bible Study is studying Isaiah, *Trusting God in Troubled Times*. We all go through times of trouble and suffering. Sometimes we look at our lives or our world and wonder what good could possibly come out of it. That's exactly what we find in the book of Isaiah. Here you will find comfort for

your own troubles times. Please join us on Thursday mornings at 9:30.

## PEW BIBLES

Did you miss the deadline given for dedicating a pew bible to a loved one? There remain 26 bibles that have not been dedicated. If you would like to contribute toward these bibles, forms to indicate your chosen dedication are located at the Welcome Center in the Narthex. The requested donation is \$10 each. Be sure to indicate on your check that it is intended for Pew Bibles.



## PETUNIA PLANTING TIME!

Yep – it's that time of year to get the petunias planted.

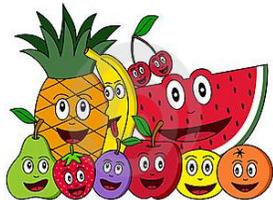


Volunteers are needed to help plant the petunias alongside the parking lot on Wednesday, May 30, at 6 pm.

**No green thumb required! [Whew!]**

## SUMMER REFRESHMENT SCHEDULE KICKS OFF

The summer refreshment schedule for serving food between the 8:30 and 10 am services began May 27 and continues through Labor Day. A monthly schedule will be published in The Journey to remind Trinity ladies to take a turn in supplying food for the refreshments. Char Mohns will be contacting the prospective leader of each Sunday's team, then the team leader will call her helpers.



We will be serving quick breads, muffins, and/or pastries, fresh fruit, and coffee. Please have your food delivered to the kitchen by 9 am on your Sunday. You may be asked to help with the serving and cleanup.

**June 3:** Donna Willis, Barb Hinderman, Marcia Kampf, and Missy Robotka

**June 10:** Diane Brensel, Jean Jastram, Joanne Kvale, and Sue Capra

**June 17:** Amanda VandeVoort, Connie Larson, Ginger LaMotte, and Cindy Larson

**June 24:** Rose Cutsforth, Joan Fuller, Betty Orsund, and Cindy Rubin

## CARPETS TO BE CLEANED

The carpet in the sanctuary is scheduled to be cleaned on Tuesday, June 5, at 9 am. In preparation for this the chairs will need to be removed.

Therefore, after worship service on June 3, everyone will be asked, if capable, to take a chair with them when leaving worship and

place it in the narthex.

## HELPERS NEEDED FOR MOLD REMOVAL IN FELLOWSHIP HALL

The work to remove the mold in basement of the fellowship hall will begin with the removal the insulation. This work is scheduled for Saturday, June 9. Volunteers are needed to assist. Please contact the church office with any questions you may have.

## WOMEN OF TRINITY

The May meeting of Women of Trinity was called to order on May 17, 2018 at 11 am by Pres. Ginger LaMotte. The meeting opened with prayer.

Cindy Rubin read a devotion from Portals of Prayer for May 17, 2018.

The report sent to Trinity Council was read in place of the regular minutes. Eleanor Kuula made a motion to accept the report, seconded by June Ehrich. Motion passed.

It was noted that an announcement of the upcoming meeting should be made at the Sunday morning service the Sunday preceding the meeting. This would be in addition to the Journey and bulletin announcement.

Marcia Kampf gave the treasurer's report. The checking account balance at the end of April is \$2,455.88 with a balance in the savings account of \$1,818.13 for a total of \$4,274.01. We have \$190.00 in the Memorial Garden fund and \$411.93 in the Fran Kunze fund for a total of \$601.93 dedicated funds. Jean Jastram motioned to accept the treasurer's report, seconded by Cindy Rubin. Motion carried.

The prayer shawl ministry was discussed.

We will continue the fourth Sunday display and offering. The table will be set up in the Fellowship Hall for the early service and moved to the Narthex for the late service.

Correspondence was a Thank You note from the L.I.G.H.T. Keepers for the donation.

### Old Business:

We are looking for ways to involve more persons in various outreach projects. Diane Buxton & Cindy Rubin will visit the non-profit groups we donate to by the end of May.

A thank you to Carol Addington and Donnarae Carrell for setting up the table in the Narthex for free books/Bibles.

Ginger LaMotte is working on compiling a list of e-mail addresses for the Women of Trinity. She will share this with Cindy in the church office.

A discussion of Blessing Bags resulted in many ideas. These could be given to first time patrons of the local Food Pantry. Another kind could be given in conjunction with the school back-pack program or book Buddies. The contents would depend on the use intended. It could range from blankets, toiletries, personal care items to school supplies to books for youngsters. The type of bag is being looked into and the possibility of including the church name and/or logo on the bag will be considered. We will try to have a sample bag with its contents and the cost at our next meeting.

The decision was made that the Women of Trinity will provide corsages/boutonnieres and a gift for each confirmand each year.

## JUNE WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

	<b>JUNE 3 (8:30 AM)</b>	<b>JUNE 3 (10 AM)</b>	<b>JUNE 10 (8:30 AM)</b>	<b>JUNE 10 (10 AM)</b>	<b>JUNE 17 (8:30 AM)</b>	<b>JUNE 17 (10 AM)</b>	<b>JUNE 24 (8:30 AM)</b>	<b>JUNE 24 (10 AM)</b>
<b>GREETERS</b>	Kevin & Julie Sunderland	Carol Addington Jean Jastram	John & Janet Schieffer	Rolf & Sue Jostad	Jim & Cyndi McGraw	Donna Willis Ruth Clausen	Bob & Karen Scott	Wes & Char Mohns
<b>USHERS</b>	Kevin & Julie Sunderland	Norm Jastram LeRoy Brensel	John & Janet Schieffer	Norm & Jean Jastram	Jim & Cyndi McGraw	Rolf & Barb Kleven	Bob & Karen Scott	Wally & Kathy Thom
<b>COMM. ASSTS</b>	Kevin & Julie Sunderland	Art & Ginny Johnson	John & Janet Schieffer	June Bibeau Cindy Rubin	Jim & Cyndi McGraw	Ken & Jeanne Dahlby	Bob & Karen Scott	Norm & Jean Jastram
<b>READER</b>	Karen Hayes	Norm Jastram	Brenda Mackey	Leo Diehl	Donnarae Carrell	Barb Kleven	Dianne Buxton	Dave Webster

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**New Business:**

Donnarae Carrell announced that May 30 will be petunia planting day. Persons able to help shall meet at the church at 6 p.m. The plants are ready and lots of hands will make it an easy task.

She also announced June 3 will be "Chair Out" Sunday. This means we need to move all the chairs in the sanctuary into the Narthex in preparation for the cleaning of the sanctuary carpet.

A service project to be undertaken is the creation of book markers for the new pew Bibles. Ginger LaMotte will design a prototype and arrange a workshop date for this project. Funding is being explored.

The Memorial Garden was discussed. June Ehrich and Sandy David are stepping down as caretakers of the garden.

After much discussion Donnarae Carrell made a motion - We will combine the Memorial Garden fund and the Fran Kunze fund into one account and set an amount to be included in each annual budget earmarked for the Memorial Garden plus we will work with the Church Council in handling the management of the Garden. Motion was seconded by Marcia Kampf. Motion carried.

Discussion on changing the name of the organization will be tabled to the next meeting.

The next meeting will be June 21, 2018 at 11 am.

The meeting was closed with The Lord's Prayer.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Ida Jahnke,  
Sec. pro-tem.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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



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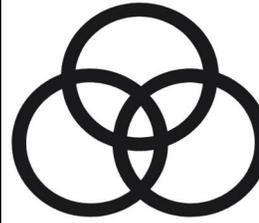
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*Jack Jorgensen, Pastor*

*Cindy Westphal, Parish Administrator*

*Cindy Rubin, Youth & Family*

*Joanne Schilling, Choir Director*

*Betty Blanch & Donnarae Carrell, Custodians*

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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 deadline 9 am Wednesdays  
JOURNEY deadline Monday of 3<sup>rd</sup> week of the month

## WORSHIP THIS MONTH

6/3 8:30 am Outdoor & 10 am Indoor Worship w/Communion  
6/10 8:30 am Outdoor & 10 am Indoor Worship w/Communion  
6/17 8:30 am Outdoor & 10 am Indoor Worship w/Communion  
6/24 8:30 am Outdoor & 10 am Indoor Worship w/Communion

## KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Tom Allard	Becky Hunt	Chuck Peck
Pr. Warren Baker	Merlin Jahnke	Fred Peck
Michelle Bender	Kirk Kotel	Jim Pravda
Bryar	Eileen Koefel	Bill Rice
Vicki Busick	Bill & Eunice Kuntz	Buddy Robotka
Barb Fegan	Roy Kuula	Ro Sackmann
Annette Gentile	Bill & Joyce Lambrecht	Carter Sackmann
Dan Gowan	Ed Leader	Collette Sandow
Laine Guttenberg	Lora	Cindy Schaan
Ron Hartzell	Susan Molin	Joe Spafford
Candy Hayes	Leonard Nysted	David Yndestad
Gorman Hayes	Mary Nysted	Elaine Yndestad
Andy Hedman	Betty Orsund	Anna Westphal
McKel Heebink	Kathy Paquette	

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