TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

The JOURNEY - Walking Daily with Jesus

PASTOR JACK'S COLUMN

New teaching series this summer! Last summer, between Memorial Day and Labor Day, I had the joy of walking our congregation through Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. We did a verse by verse comprehensive study. Preparing for each Sunday was both a challenge and an honor. It was challenging because my study was intense, involving many resources. It was an honor because a first-parish pastor like me got to take a very close look at the greatest sermon ever preached! You can still listen to these messages online at www.trinitylutheranbirchwood.com/? subpages/Sermon-archives.shtml

This year I intend to use our summer services to walk our congregation through Paul's letter to the Romans. He wrote to proclaim the glory of Jesus through proper doctrine; to teach and encourage new believers. Romans is a perfect example of challenging material that leads us toward an important decision. There is very little room for "fence-riding" or misinterpretation in the Christian faith proclaimed in Paul's letter.

"The Book of Romans tells us about God, who He is and what He has done. It tells us of Jesus Christ, what His death accomplished. It tells us about ourselves, what we were like without Christ and who we are after trusting in Christ. Paul points out that God did not demand men have their lives straightened out before coming to Christ. While we were still sinners Christ died on a cross for our sins." Taken from GotQuestions.org

Romans explains, in detail, the gospel message. His letter presents the foundational teaching of our need to trust our Father in Heaven with our lives; calling Jesus Lord <u>and</u> Savior. Through Paul's letter, a clear understanding of our need is presented. Pick up your Bible and read through the following verses in Romans: 3:23, 6:23, 5:8, 10:9-10. Jesus, the Son of God, died and rose again for our sake, so that we may find salvation in Him alone.

It's my hope that a clearer understanding of the gospel message will not only give each of us confidence in our own salvation, but awaken our desire to lead others to that same salvation. The sacrifice of Jesus was not only for those who decide to attend church services. "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16

Let us take the words of our Savior seriously when He said, "Go, make disciples..."

May God bless you, as you bless others!

Pastor Jack

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JOURNEY IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF JESUS - ISRAEL PILGRIMAGE 2020

Call our office or contact Pastor Jack for details if interested. Below is the itinerary. This will be a life and faith changing experience! January 25-February 4, 2020. \$4500/person. \$500 deposit.

Below is the itinerary:

- Saturday, Jan 25, 2020 Minneapolis-St. Paul Int'l Airport Departure
- Sunday, Jan. 26, 2020 Morning arrival in Ben Gurion Airport. Elah Valley— David & Goliath. Negev & the Wilderness. Tel Beersheba. Overnight in Negev.
- Monday, Jan. 27 Masada. En Gedi Overview, Qumran of the Dead Sea Scrolls, Dead Sea, Jordan River— Joshua's Crossing & Baptismal. Overnight in Jericho.
- **Tuesday, Jan 28** Capernaum, Mt. Beatitudes, Tel Dan, Caesarea Philippi, Boat Ride on Lake Galilee. Overnight in Galilee.
- Wednesday, Jan. 29 Mount Carmel, Caesarea, Megiddo/Armageddon, Nazareth Village. Overnight in Galilee
- Thursday, Jan 30 En Harod (Gideon's Spring), Samaria/Sebastae, Shechem (Nablus) & Jacob's Well, Shiloh. Overnight in Jerusalem.
- Friday, Jan. 31 Israel Museum, Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial & Museum, Bethlehem, Sheperd's Field, Sabbath Evening Meal. Overnight in Jerusalem.
- Saturday, Feb 1 Mount of Olives, Garden of Gethsemane, Messianic Worship Service, Walk in the Old City. Overnight in Jerusalem.

- Sunday, Feb 2 Mt. Zion & Jewish Quarter, Western Wall, Southern Wall Excavations/Davidson Museum, City of David (Hezekiah's Tunnel+Pool of Siloam), Temple of Mounth Sifting Project. Overnight in Jerusalem.
- Monday, Feb 3 Garden Tomb, Jerusalem Seminary, Saxum Visitor Center, Yad HaShmona Biblical Garden, Jerusalem Center for Bible Translators, Yad HaShmona for Closing Meal.
- **Tuesday, Feb 4** Early morning departure to USA.



WOMEN'S MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY:

All women: Welcome to our Monday night Women's Bible Study! At 6:30 pm- 8:00 pm in Trinity room (choir room). We are currently studying the book of John. (Bring your bible- no need to purchase a study guide) Please call Barb Kleven at 715-834-9988 for details as to what chapters we're studying each week. 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**

WOMEN'S THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Marcia Kampf will continue leading the Thursday Morning Women's Bible Study on John. Please join us Thursday's mornings at 9:30 in the Trinity Room. If you wish to join this group and

would like a study guide, please contact Marcia at 715 -354-3048



<u>THURSDAY</u> EVENING

GROUP BIBLE STUDY

We are continuing our study on the book of Revelation, using a study from RightNow Media called Revelation: The Hope of Glory with Dr David Platt. Please join us at 6:30 in the Trinity Room - all our welcome!!

HAVE TRINITY'S LOGO EMBROI-DERED ON YOUR JACKET/SHIRT!



Bring in a clothing item of your choice and you can have the Trinity Lutheran Church logo embroidered on it. Bring the item of choice (and it does not need to be new) to the church office. The cost per item is \$6. Too see this on a jacket or have any questions, please stop by the church office.

PRAYER CHAIN:

Please contact Sue Svitak with any prayer requests. She can be contacted at <u>sksvitak@hotmail.com</u> or by cell at 715-651-3299.



CONGREGATIONAL CARE

WE ARE LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD MEN & WOMEN! The Congregational Care Committee is looking for help with the visitation of shut-ins, hospitalized friends and neighbors or those going through difficult times just needing a friend to talk to. Only experience necessary is having a loving and caring heart. Please prayerfully consider if God is leading you to join in this service. Contact Jim McGraw at 612-859-3046 or Barb Kleven at 715-834-9988 if you are interested or have questions.



FINANCIAL SECRETARY NEEDED:

The position of Treasurer has been filled by Mike Rubin. The position of Financial Secretary is now open. Anyone interested in filling this position for the remainder of the year or to find out more about this position, please contact the church office at 715-354-3790 or Mike Rubin at 507-259-1744.

MISSIONS AND OUTREACH

Missions & Outreach met on April 17 to put LWR Health Kits together. We had enough items to make 20 kits. Five of these kits were already assembled. A huge thank you to all those who donated items.



We also had the opportunity to meet with Trinity's new Treasurer, Mike Rubin. We are excited and looking forward to working with him on our budget for 2019.

Back in March the Birchwood Lions Club reached out to Trinity asking for help with a project they are working on. I asked that they "Let me get through Easter first!" And, here we are... They are in need of 100 banners to be cut from bolts of red felt. The banners will then be screen printed to be sold to people who collect the Annual Bluegill Festival buttons as a means to display them. The felt has been purchased and is now stored at Trinity.

I have already been in contact with volunteers who are going to help with cutting the felt. The banners need to be cut with rotary cutters. As this is a skill that I have NO expertise in, I am reaching out to those who can help.

The Lions Club donates generously every year to Trinity's Vacation Bible School in the amount of \$400. This would be a great way for us to say "Thank You!" to the Lions Club. Anyone willing to help with this project can contact me at 715-354-3278 or text me at 715-651-9000.

Missions & Outreach will be meeting next on Tuesday, May 14 at 10am.

Karen Hayes

WOMEN OF TRINITY HAPPENINS'

- May Altar Guild person is Char Mohns.
- Three of our ladies attended and brought a donation to the April 8th dinner for the Pregnancy Health Center Benefit.
- A spring luncheon was discussed, thinking we may move it to a fall luncheon. We usually have a luncheon where we invite members from other churches every other year.
- It's time to do spring kitchen cleaning. Team 1 will clean on May 9th, and Team 2 on May 16th. Team leaders will be calling members on their list for help.
- We're moving our regular monthly meeting date up to the first Thursday of the month so our news can make the monthly 'Journey' publication.
- The chairs in the Fellowship Hall need to be power washed and cleaned. We're hoping the youth group will help with that.
- We will pay for a new flower pot under the bell tower, and for all the summer flowers needed for the three outdoor flower pots.
- Our next meeting is on May 2nd. We will have a salad luncheon for our members on that day. Anyone attending, please bring your favorite salad.

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MAY WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

	GREETERS	USHERS	COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	SCRIPTURE READERS
MAY 5	Carol Addington Ruth Clausen	LeRoy Brensel Marcia Kampf	Penny Bemis Ginny Johnson	Dianne Buxton
MAY 12	Youth	Youth	Youth	Youth
MAY 19	Kyle Hubbard Diane Miskulin	Joanne & Eldon Kvale	Wally & Kathy Thom	Karen Hayes
MAY 26-8:30 AM	Jeanne Dahlby	Jeanne Dahlby	Jeanne Dahlby	Janet Schieffer
MAY 26—10 AM	Pat & Brenda Mackey	Wes & Char Mohns	Rolf & Barb Kleven	Melinda Pedersen

SIMPLY GIVING PROGRAM

The Simply Giving Program provides a secure electronic donation solution for individuals to make weekly or monthly offerings to churches and other nonprofit organizations. Please call Cindy in the church office at (715) 354-3790 for more information, or to have an Authorization Form sent to your home.

SPRING KITCHEN CLEANING DATES SET: MAY 9TH AND MAY

<u>16TH</u> - **10:30 A.M.** The Women of Trinity announce that it's time to thoroughly clean our kitchen. Ser-

time to thoroughly clean our kitchen. Service Committee #1 will be cleaning on May 9th, and Service Committee #2 will be cleaning on May 16th. The start time is 10:30 a.m. so women who attend the 9:30 Bible

Study can go right to the kitchen. Team

chair persons will be calling the ladies on their list for help with this job, and the list of duties will be divided up between the two teams. Ladies, expect a call from your team leader, and come prepared to serve and scrub!!



SUMMER OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICE

Our traditional outdoor worship service at



8:30 am will begin on May 26. So bring your lawn chair and a jacket and come on out to the back of the church. In inclement weather, the widdor Worshi 8:30 am service will be held in the Fellowship Hall. The 10 am worship service will continue to be held indoors.

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP TIME

Our regular coffee time expands a bit during the summer with coffee, breads, muffins, and fresh fruit served between the two worship services. So stay after the early service, or come early to the late service to stay connected with those who attend the different services.



HOLY COMMUNION

At Trinity we invite all baptized Christians to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion. On Maundy Thursday, Jimmy Kolodzinski and Abrianna Beffa received 1st Communion, a handcrafted wooden cross necklace made by Wally Thom, and a certificate of celebration.



YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY

Youth and Family Ministry served through an egg hunt following Easter service. Over 300 eggs filled with candy were hidden outside for the children to find after service and each



child received an Easter basket to take home. Thank you, Roy and Joan Kuula, for donating over \$60 worth of candy and gifts to our community event!

THE CROSS YOUTH MINISTRY

On Good Friday The Cross Youth and Confirmation, Rosie Flora, Kenya Kolodzinski, Jimmy Kolodzinski, Rory Kolodzinski, Wyatt Sunderland, Shay Sunderland, Hunter Grab, and Rochelle Grab served their community by performing a shadow drama on Good Friday. We would also like to thank Donnarae Carrell, Joanne Schilling, Dave Dhein, Janet Schieffer, Travis Soper, Zach Beffa, Bodyn Beffa, Tom & Sue Svitak and Parents of the youth for your support and taking part of this production. This would not have been possible without them.



THE CROSS YOUTH AND CONFIR-MATION

The Cross Youth and Confirmation picked back up from where they left off the last week of February. They come back to enjoy a new air hockey table that was donated, Travis Soper performing live worship music, a meal prepared by our Youth Ministry team, and continued to study the Gospel of John. Although there are no students being confirmed this year the Youth Ministry team is planning an event in celebration of their growth and hard work.

YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY FEL-LOWSHIP/SERVE

Trinity Lutheran Youth and Family Ministry was reached out to by Lisa Damon and her family looking to sponsor a youth group with helping hands. On May 19th the Youth and families will be going to the Woodlawn Cemetery to scrub headstones for loved ones. If anyone is interested in helping at this serving event please contact Ashley Beffa at (715) 790-1491 or email <u>ashleybeffa@gmail.com</u>. There is also a signup sheet on the Youth and Family Board.



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<u>YOUTH MINISTRY FELLOWSHIP/</u> <u>SERVING</u>

Birchwood Bobcat Riders are a huge part of our community as they keep the ATV and snowmobile trails cleared and groomed. They also donate their time and money to our community, such as Trinity Lutheran's Halloween Trunkor-Treat event. The Youth Ministry will be helping hands with trail cleanup on May 15th to help serve this great organization and community that we love on May 15th after school.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School will be held July 22– July 25. This year's theme will be *Kingdom Rock Where Kids Stand Strong With God*. VBS is offered to all Elementary and Middle School children. Registration forms will be available online, in the Birchwood Newsletter or at the church office. <u>Volunteers needed!</u> Please contact Ashley Beffa (715) 790-1491.







HISTORY HARVEST NIGHT MAY 16, 2019 6:30 - 8:30 PM BIRCHWOOD SCHOOL COMMONS AREA

Do you know the history of Birchwood?
 Do you have any pictures, maps, letters?
 Can you help us identify old pictures?

We will:

 show old pictures and ask you to help identify them and tell the stories behind them
 scan your items and make available on our Facebook page
 present a one-hour picture show by Arlyn Colby about the two railroads that went through Birchwood



Sharyl Miller 5/3 Angel Laone 5/3 Delilah Snowbank 5/3 Nicole Breed 5/6 Lucas Dahl 5/6 Cindy Gilgenbach 5/6 Steve Soltis 5/7 Billy Nordback 5/8 Matthew Jefson 5/9 Phyllis Nelson 5/9 Ron Larson 5/10 Carley Levake 5/11 Kirk Kotel 5/13 Ben VandeVoort 5/13 LouAnne Kristensen 5/14 Mary Stoeklen 5/16 Shane Hodgson 5/17 Jason Ufferman 5/17

Jeanne Dahlby 5/18 Charise Helland 5/19 Austin Parenteau 5/23 Wayne Palm 5/24 Tayber Morrell 5/24 Larry Sibley 5/24 Bob Robotka 5/25 Gloria Widiker 5/27 Jacob Lavaliere 5/29 Molly Parkos 5/30 Shannon Gindt 5/31 Ruth Clausen 5/31



NEXT MEETING OF . . .

Birchwood Food Pantry Open	10:30 am, May 4, 6, 18, 20 🔍
Worship & Music Team	9:30 am, May 6
Mission & Outreach	10:00am, May 14
Trinity Lutheran Church Women	
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Alltar Guild Char Mohns			1 5:30p—The Cross Youth 7:00p—Choir Rehearsal	2 9:30a–Women's Bible Study 11:00a–WOT Meeting	3 OFFICE CLOSED Lion's Club Fish Fry @ Bluegill Bar	4 10:30a-1:30p – Food Pantry Open
5 Third Sunday of Easter 9a—Choir Warm-Up 9:30a – COFFEE TIME 10a – Worship w/Communion Money Counters: Jeanne Dahlby & Dave Webster	6 9:30a—Quilting 10:30a-1:30p Food Pantry Open 6:30p—Wmns Bible Study 7p-AA, Fellowship Hall	7 4:00p—Staff Meeting	8 4:00p—Christian Life Meeting 5:30p—The Cross Youth 7:00p—Choir Rehearsal	9 9:30a–Women's Bible Study 10:30a–Kitchen Cleanup Service Comm. #1	10 OFFICE CLOSED	11
12 Fourth Sunday of Easter Mother's Day 10a – Worship w/ Communion YOUTH SUNDAY Money Counters: Sue Svitak & Brenda Mackey	13 9:30a—Quilting 6:30p—Wmns Bible Study 7p - AA, Fellowship Hall	14 10:00a—Missions & Outreach Mteeting	15 5:30p—The Cross Youth Bobcat Rider Trail Clean-Up	 16 9:30a–Women's Bible Study 10:30a - Kitchen Cleanup Service Comm. #2 6:30p–History Harvest Night @ Bwd School 	17 OFFICE CLOSED	18 10:30a-1:30p - Food Pantry Open 9a-2p—Birchwood Spring Fling
19 Fifth Sunday of Easter 9:30a – COFFEE TIME 10a – Worship w/ Communion Love Fund & Food Pantry Offerings *Woodlawn Cemetery Cleanup Money Counters: Tom Svitak & Mike Rubin	 20 Journey Deadline 21 9:30a–Quilting 10:30a-1:30p Food Pantry Open 6:30p–Wmns Bible Study 7p - AA, Fellowship Hall 	 21 9a - Rice Lake Women's Connection Brunch 6:30p - Council Mtg 	22 10a—Journey Assembly 5:30p—The Cross Youth	23 9:30a—Women's Bible Study 6:30p —Group Bible Study	24 OFFICE CLOSED	24
26 Sixth Sunday of Easter 8:30 a—Outdoor Worship Service w/ Communion 9:30a - COFFEE TIME 10a - Worship w/Communion PRAYER SHAWL SUNDAY Money Counters: Char Mohns & Joan Fuller	 27 MEMORIAL DAY OFFICE CLOSED 7p - AA, Fellowship Hall 	28	29	30	31 OFFICE CLOSED	

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The JOURNEY **MAY 2019**

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Sunday School Office Hours **Bulletin deadline**

10 am (Sept - May 21) 8 - 11:30 am, 12:30 - 3:00pm (M-Th) 9 am Wednesdavs

SUNDAY WORSHIP THIS MONTH

- 5/05 10am Worship w/ Communion
- 5/12–10am Worship w/ Communion (Youth Sunday)
- 5/19–10am Worship Service w/ Communion
- 5/26 8:30 am Praise Worship w/ Communion

10am Praise Worship w/ Communion

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Tom Allard Vicki Busick Debbie Davis June Erich Barb Fegan Annette Gentile Dan Gowan Laine Guttenberg Ron Hartzell Andy Hedman McKel Heebink **Becky Hunt**

Art Johnson Eileen Koeferl Bill & Eunice Kuntz Rov Kuula Bill & Joyce Lambrecht Rebecca Langham Ed Leader Lora Leonard Nysted Mary Nysted **Betty Orsund** Kathy Paquette

Fred Peck Jean Petersen Jim Pravda Tom Reed Bill Rice Buddy Robotka Ro Sackmann Carter Sackmann **Collette Sandow** Frank & Linda Starca **Cindy Schaan Timothy Wallace Elaine Yndestad**

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.