

The JOURNEY — *Walking Daily with Jesus*

Council Positions OPEN . . . Will YOU Serve?

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING SET FOR NOV 6

All Trinity members are invited and encouraged to attend the Annual Congregational Meeting, immediately following worship, Sunday, November 6.

The Congregational Council will present a 2016 budget update, a proposed budget for 2017, nominations for Council positions, and solicit nominations for the 2017 Nominating Committee. (In accordance with our constitution, the Nominating Committee needs 3 voting members with one, if possible, person who is going off the council.)

Members will vote on the proposed 2017 budget, council positions up for election, Nominating Committee, the minutes from the 2015 Annual Congregational Meeting and the September 18 Special Congregational Meeting, and a second ratification vote on revisions to update our constitution and bylaw language to reflect a scriptural understanding on marriage. (These revisions were first voted on at the September 18 meeting, and must be ratified by a 2/3 majority on this second vote.)

The proposed 2017 budget was mailed to members this past week, and minutes from the 2015 Annual Congregational Meeting and Special Congregational Meeting are available at the



Welcome Center. Copies will be distributed at the beginning of the meeting for members to review.

Council Positions

In addition, new officers and council members will be elected. At press time, the following slate of nominations include: Leo Diehl (Pres); Wally Thom (Vice Pres); Dave Webster (Financial Secretary); Karen Hayes (to fill the last year of Colleen Gindt's term on Mission & Outreach); and Barb Kleven (Worship & Music).

Positions still needing nominees are Treasurer, Evangelism, Fellowship, and Stewardship. If you are interested in being nominated, please contact the church office.

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Turn clocks back
NOV 6!
Daylight Savings Time
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PASTOR JON'S COLUMN – "Give Thanks"

"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."

(1 Thessalonians 5: 16-18)

Now, I know that Thanksgiving falls always on Thursday. But it seems to me that if it were really about being thankful, the day would be on a Friday or Monday so we'd all get that three-day weekend. But I don't believe that is what the Pilgrims were thinking about when they sat down all those centuries ago to share a meal of thanks.

We learn at an early age, at home and at school (at least we used to) that they were celebrating God's blessings of a great harvest in a most difficult time in a brand-new land. And I am sure that they weren't worried about having enough turkey leftover to make sandwiches the next day for the day long, Black-Friday shopping experience!

I am not so naïve that I do not realize that our national holiday is for the most part a secular tradition. Yet, in almost every American family tradition, there is a point during the day when talk turns to what people are most thankful for. Often, the most enjoyable responses tend to come from our youngest who often tell of new toys or pets, but for the most part, we are thankful for the ones we love. Perhaps as we get older we are thankful because we know that our time with them is precious — and limited.

Holidays, especially Thanksgiving and Christmas, are hardest for those who have lost a loved one. They remember

the happiness of the season and feel the hard reality that an important piece of that happiness is now gone. In Paul's letter to the Thessalonians, he urged Christ's followers to be joyful at all times – yet that, it seems, is not always possible.



When terrible things happen in our lives—a devastating illness, death of a loved one, a crippling accident, an inability to have children, a break-up—it is only right and just to cry and mourn and scream at God. We ask God, "How could you let this happen?" when we feel like our heart has been cut out. The only way to ride it out is to experience it completely. This ability to feel is what makes us human.

Yet I do not believe that Paul was not telling those folks to hide their true feelings, so they could always be happy. Instead, he was trying to encourage and reassure the early Christians that Jesus was indeed going to come again. In

that knowledge, he urged the Thessalonians to be thankful and to give praise. This is a promise we can find assurance in today.

Sometimes begrudgingly, I have to say, Yes — Paul was correct that we should be thankful in all circumstances —thankful to God for God's goodness and grace, even if we don't feel up to the task. Eventually, it will get better. When you have an open dialogue with Jesus about everything you're feeling — the doubts, the turmoil, the grief — the weight will be lifted from your shoulders and you'll have even more to be grateful for than before. The ultimate goal is to be able to be joyful, prayerful and thankful to the Lord at all times. With God's help, this can be achieved.

This year, when you sit down at your Thanksgiving tables, give thanks for the people surrounding you in love but also give thanks for the creator of love itself. For it is truly right to give God thanks and praise.

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth; sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise. Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! Because of your great power, your enemies cringe before you. All the earth worships you; they sing you praises to you, sing praises to your name." (Psalms 66, 1-4)

Prayer – Lord, guide me to say a resounding 'YES' to the truth of your Word – in spite of what my feelings might say. Amen!

Go With God! - Janitor/Clown/Pastor Jon

WOMEN OF TRINITY MEETING MINUTES

†Our meeting on October 20, was held in the Fellowship Hall, with 10 women present, and Secretary Dianne Buxton presiding over the meeting.

†November Altar Guild person is Julie Sunderland.

†Oktoberfest is now over, with a check for \$5,271 being handed over to the Birchwood Food Pantry.

†This has been our biggest project so far, and with all the help from the community and those in our church, we're proud to have directed this Community Oktoberfest and Raffle. Special thanks go to Ginger LaMotte for making the quilt, Laura Wertjen for quilting it, Paul Oman for the donation of an original water color, Linda Herscher for the tons of beautiful fall flowers decorating the tables, plus the four bouquets made for the Silent Auction, Pr. Jon for emceeding that night, Dave Webster for running the Silent Auction, all the people who helped make the German potato salad, chunky apple sauce, 12 German cakes, and so many more. Over 70 people worked to bring this

together.

†Rich Hokanson, President of the Birchwood Food Pantry, personally thanked our group for the work done at Oktoberfest, and for the check received.

†The Prayer Shawl Ministry moves forward, thanks to Marcia Kampf, and kits are ready to be given out to those who crochet and knit, shawls are being made, \$15 donations are being received for yarn, and shawls are being given to those who need them.

†We are now short two women to head up Service Committees, plus we need a vice president, someone to head up the Lefse-Making Committee, and someone to head up the 2017 Rummage Sale Committee. Please....come forth! We need your help.

†Those women repeating their 2017 terms as officers for the Women of Trinity are: Marcia Kampf, president; Dianne Buxton, secretary, and June Ehrich, treasurer.

†Our next meeting is Thursday, November 16, 11 am, with Carol Ad-dington doing devotions.



WOMEN OF TRINITY POSITIONS OPEN

The Women of Trinity Lutheran Church put out an appeal to women to come forth to fill the following positions, starting January 1, 2017:

- Vice President, 2017, moves up to President in 2018
- Two women to chair the Annual May Rummage Sale
- One woman to join Kathy Thom as co-chairperson of Service Committee #1
- One woman to join Barb Hinderman as co-chairperson of Service Committee #3

To find out the duties of these jobs, contact Marcia Kampf, president of Women of Trinity. We really need women to step forth and help. Please prayerfully consider what you can do to help your church in one of these positions.

IT'S TIME TO MAKE JOLLY OLD LEFSE!!

With the Birchwood Christmas Festival on December 3, it's not too soon to think ahead to our Annual Lefse Making Day! Under the able leadership of Karen Scott and Virginia Johnson, the day for making lefse at our church, in the Fellowship Hall, is Thursday, December 1, starting at 9 am. Lunch will be provided, and Karen and Virginia need at least five people to volunteer to make the lefse/potato base.

This event is SO much fun! Plus we get to eat any that aren't quite perfect! Anyone is welcome to come and lend a helping hand! No prior experience needed — we'll teach you! Call Karen for more information at (715) 651-9779 or Virginia at (715) 354-3480.

You can buy the lefse on Dec 3 during the Christmas Fest or on Dec 4 at church.



What is LEFSE?

It is a round flatbread of Norwegian origin, traditionally made of a potato-based dough and baked on a griddle. (Think of it as a Norwegian tortilla!) Many spread butter on it and roll it up; others sprinkle sugar on it before rolling it up. Either way, it's YUMMY!

"GO WITH GOD" T-SHIRT ORDERS

\$20 SMALL, MEDIUM, LARGE, X-LARGE
\$21 XX-LARGE \$22 XXX-LARGE

ORDERS ACCEPTED THRU NOV—DELIVERED DEC 7
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www.trinitylutheranbirchwood.com



Fun! Fun! And more fun! Duck races, corn pit, derby race, giant slide, bean bags, lasso practice, grain train and jumping around in the pumpkin house was enjoyed by beautiful children (of all ages!) of God! Grateful to God for this super evening on Oct 19 at Burch Barn in Spooner!

All Saints Sunday – Nov. 6

We will celebrate All Saints' Day on November 6, All Saints' Sunday. Votive candles will be set up in the center aisle for parishioners to light in memory of loved ones.



This is the day Christians give thanks for all the good people God has placed in their lives, especially those who are already with God in heaven.

It is also a day when Christians give thanks for the presence of the Holy Spirit in their lives and in the lives of all people.

It is not because people are special in and of themselves that we call them saints, but it is because they are ordinary, everyday people who allow the Holy Spirit to work through them, doing the mighty deeds of the Lord.

Martin Luther writes, *"the Holy Scriptures call Christians saints and the people of God. To forget that we are saints is to forget Christ and to forget our baptism."*

All Saints is a day for remembering and giving thanks, as Christians remember the good people they have known and give thanks for the unending goodness of God.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM LEADER NEEDED



We are seeking someone to lead the Youth Christmas Program. Please prayerfully consider this opportunity to serve our youth.

Help with organizing and selecting a program is available! Please contact Sue Jostad at 763-218-3354 or Melinda Pedersen at 715-296-2073 if you are interested.

Christmas Music Festival – December 3 MUSICIANS AND PERFORMERS WANTED!



Thanksgiving is fast approaching and before ya' know it, December will be here! And that means it's time for the Christmas Music Festival on Dec. 3, as part of the Birchwood Christmas Fest.

If you are interested in participating in the festival, let Joanne Schilling or the church office know! Singers, instrumentalists, solos, duets, WHATEVER! ... Think of this as an "open mic" kick-off to the holiday season!

Volunteers are also needed to provide cookies/bars for the refreshments afterwards and to help with set-up/clean-up. Look for the sign-up sheet at the Welcome Center soon!



Oktoberfest

On Saturday, October 8, over 160 people gathered in the Birchwood School Commons to celebrate Oktoberfest. This event was initiated by the Women of Trinity Lutheran Church in partnership with the Birchwood Area Food Pantry Board of Directors. A handmade quilt was won in a raffle drawing by Julie Telitz of Birchwood, and the original water-color painting was won by Zack Clark of Mahtomedi, MN. This raffle, a 50/50 raffle, a silent auction and proceeds from the German-themed dinner brought a total benefit for the Birchwood Area Food Pantry of \$5,000.

A huge thank you is extended to the more than 60 people who volunteered to make this event a success, to the local Birchwood merchants who donated prizes for the silent auction, and to the Birchwood School for the use of the Commons room which accommodated the large crowd and meal service.



Marcia Kampf, President of Trinity Women, and Pastor Jon Paquette draw for the raffle prizes.

THANKSGIVING SERVICE NOV 22

Come give thanks at an Ecumenical Thanksgiving Worship Service, Tuesday, Nov. 22, at 6:30 pm, at Trinity Lutheran Church.

Pastor Mark Bartlett of the United Methodist Church will present the message.



SUNDAY SCHOOL

SUNDAY SCHOOL MINISTRY for age 3 through 2nd grade is provided in the fellowship hall every Sunday from 10 - 10:30 am. No pictures this month of those cute kids, but they are beginning to learn about Abram, Lot Issac, Esau, and how to follow directions!

Sunday School leaders are NEEDED! Please sign up on the bulletin board. For further information, please contact Melinda Pedersen at 715-296-2073 or the church office at 715-354-3790!

Our Savior's Lutheran Church - Campia
 Annual Scandinavian
Ole & Lena
 Lutefisk and Meatball
 Family Style Dinner
SATURDAY, NOV. 5, 2016
 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

MENU
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 Lefse, Fruit Suppe
 Potatoes, Rutabagas
 Cranberry Relish
 Apple & Pumpkin Pie
 Coffee, Milk

 \$15/person
 \$5 for youth 12 and under

Annual Bazaar & Bake Sale
 will be held upstairs beginning at
 8 am and through-out dinner

Our Savior's Lutheran Church
 2502 23rd Ave. Rice Lake WI
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Thanks for Serving!



The L.I.G.H.T. KEEPERS and Middle School Confirmation youth share a meal each Wednesday night.

A BIG Thank You to the volunteers who have assisted with serving the meal to our youth. We would love and appreciate your help for future meals! It takes 2-3 people from about 5:15-6:45 pm to serve the meal to them. Food can be provided and you just need to prepare, serve and clean up. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board as you enter the sanctuary. Questions? Contact Melinda Pedersen!

NOVEMBER WORSHIP ASSISTANTS					
	NOV 6	NOV 13	NOV 20	NOV 22 Thanksgiving	NOV 27
Greeters	Wes & Char Mohns	Carol Addington	<i>PLEASE SIGN UP!</i>	<i>PLEASE SIGN UP!</i>	<i>PLEASE SIGN UP!</i>
Ushers	<i>PLEASE SIGN UP!</i>	Alyssa Langham _____	Anna Will _____	<i>PLEASE SIGN UP!</i>	Janet Schieffer
Comm Assts	<i>PLEASE SIGN UP!</i>	<i>PLEASE SIGN UP!</i>	Ginny Johnson _____	<i>PLEASE SIGN UP!</i>	<i>PLEASE SIGN UP!</i>
Reader	Jim Gronberg	Carol Addington	Fred Peck	Kathy Paquette	Karen Hayes
Acolyte	Logan Gindt	Payton Schultz	Josie Will	_____	Landen Gindt

WOMEN OF TRINITY HOST THANKOFFERING SERVICE NOVEMBER 13



The Women of Trinity will host the annual Thank Offering Service on Sunday, November 13, during the regular worship service. This service, planned with Pastor Jon, is presented by the women of our congregation and celebrates their contributions to our church and community. Envelopes will be available for a special Thank Offering to be collected and given to Gladys Mungo, missionary in Haiti, to benefit the Haiti's Children Inc. orphanage, which was heavily damaged in the recent hurricane.

greeter
USHER
Communion Assistant
Lay Reader

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Heidi Danielson 11/01	Heather Reid 11/11	Marcia Kampf 11/22
Dick Kuula 11/01	Michael Hedman 11/12	Becky Christensen 11/23
Roy Kuula 11/01	William Kuntz 11/12	Amanda Cherney 11/23
Kim Parenteau 11/02	Ginger LaMotte 11/12	Shay Sunderland 11/25
Eleanor Kuula 11/03	Amber Jutila 11/13	Hazel Bonkrud 11/26
Dana Olson 11/03	Wyatt Gargulak 11/15	James LaMotte 11/28
Mark Roppe 11/03	Cody Applebee 11/17	Emma VandeVoort 11/28
Barbara Lallaman 11/05	Diane Brensel 11/17	Taevyn Darkow 11/29
Alice Stanford 11/05	Wes Mohns 11/17	Phillip Subrt 11/30
Cassie Ritchey 11/06	Karl David 11/19	
Amy Parenteau 11/08	Cheyenne Corrado 11/20	
Jeff Iverson 11/09	Jill Lavigne 11/20	
Susan Janetski 11/09	Randy Ritchey 11/20	
Connie Leader 11/11	Cassandra Sweeney 11/21	



IN OUR PRAYERS

1 - Ray Buxton	16 - Duke Dahl
2 - Donnarae Carrell	17 - Kris Dahl
3 - Philip Cassata	18 - Lucas Dahl
4 - Carol Chasteen	19 - Marlene Dahl
5 - Jerry Chasteen	20 - Stan Dahl
6 - Alyssa Cherney	21 - Jeanne Dahlby
7 - Amanda Cherney	22 - Ken Dahlby
8 - Auston Cherney	23 - Amy Dakins
9 - Ruth Clausen	24 - David Dakins
10 - Jacob Colbert	25 - Dan Danielson
11 - Cheyenne Corrado	26 - Heidi Danielson
12 - Maryann Cowans	27 - Azrin Darkow
13 - Tom Cowans	28 - Becky Darkow
14 - George Crust	29 - Brandon Darkow
15 - Cynthia Engelkes	30 - Charlene Darkow

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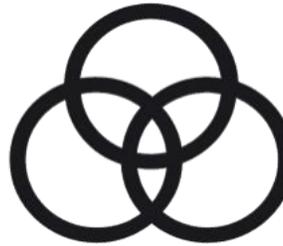
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><i>Altar Guild</i> Julie Sunderland</p> 		<p>1 9a - Prayer Session</p>	<p>2 9:15a - Video Series 4:15p - Walk by Faith 5p - L.I.G.H.T Keepers 6:30p - Confirmation 7p - Trinity Choir Reh 8p - Cantata Choir Reh</p>	<p>3 9:30a - Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>4 OFFICE CLOSED 4:15p - Walk by Faith</p>	<p>5 10:30a-1:30p - Food Pantry Open</p>
<p>6 ALL SAINTS SUNDAY 9a - Choir Warm-up 9:30a — COFFEE TIME 10a - Worship w/Communion 11a - Annual Congregational Meeting</p>	<p>7 10a - Worship & Music Mtg 10:30a-1:30p - Food Pantry Open 4:15p - Walk by Faith 6:30p - Women's Bible Study 6:30p - Bible Study 7p - AA, Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>8 9a - Prayer Session 6:30p - Council Mtg</p>	<p>9 9:15a - Video Series 4:15p - Walk by Faith 5p - L.I.G.H.T Keepers 6:30p - Confirmation 7p - Trinity Choir Reh 8p - Cantata Reh 9p - Praise Tm Reh</p>	<p>10 9:30a - Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>11 OFFICE CLOSED 4:15p - Walk by Faith</p>	
<p>13 26th Sunday after Pentecost 9:30a - COFFEE TIME 10a - Praise Worship w/ Communion</p>	<p>14 8:30a - Outreach Mtg 4:15p - Walk by Faith 6:30p - Women's Bible Study 6:30p - Bible Study 7p - AA, Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>15 9a - Prayer Session</p>	<p>16 9:15a - Video Series 4:15p - Walk by Faith 5p - L.I.G.H.T Keepers 6:30p - Confirmation 7p - Trinity Choir Reh 8p - Cantata Reh</p>	<p>17 9:30a - Women's Bible Study 10:45a - TLCW Mtg</p>	<p>18 OFFICE CLOSED 4:15p - Walk by Faith</p>	<p>19 10:30a-1:30p - Food Pantry Open</p>
<p>20 CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY 9a - Choir Warm-up 9:30a — COFFEE TIME 10a - Worship w/Communion Love Fund & Food Pantry Offerings</p>	<p>21 Journey Deadline 10:30a-1:30p - Food Pantry Open 4:15p - Walk by Faith 6:30p - Women's Bible Study 6:30p - Bible Study 7p - AA, Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>22 9a - Prayer Session 6:30p - Ecumenical Thanksgiving Svc 7:15p - Cantata Reh</p>	<p>23 OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>24 THANKSGIVING!</p>	<p>25 OFFICE CLOSED 4:15p - Walk by Faith</p>	
<p>27 1st Sunday of Advent 9:30a - COFFEE TIME 10a - Worship w/Communion 5p - Joes with Jesus</p>	<p>28 6:30p - Women's Bible Study 4:15p - Walk by Faith 6:30p - Bible Study 7p - AA, Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>29 9a - Prayer Session</p>	<p>30 9:15a - Video Series 1p - JOURNEY Assembly 4:15p - Walk by Faith 5p - L.I.G.H.T Keepers 3:45p - Confirmation 7p - Trinity Choir Reh 8p - Cantata Reh</p>			

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**ANNUAL MEETING
 NOVEMBER 6**



**The JOURNEY
 NOVEMBER 2016**

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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

- 11/6 10 am Worship w/Communion — All Saints
- 11/13 10 am Praise Worship w/Communion — Thankoffering
- 11/20 10 am Worship w/Communion — Christ the King Sunday
- 11/22 6:30 pm Ecumenical Thanksgiving Worship
- 11/27 10 am Worship w/Communion — 1st Sunday in Advent

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Amelia	Eileen Koefler	Fred Peck
Dave Beaver	Dean Kruegel	Dorothy Perpick
Michelle Bender	Jody Kruegel	Gordy Peterson
Alice Bhend	Bill & Eunice Kuntz	Mary Reppe
Hazel Bonkrud	Dick Kuula	Merle Ries
George Crust	Roy Kuula	Buddy Robotka
Annette Gentile	Bill Lambrecht	Sue Sachs
Laine Guttenberg	Bob Langham	Carter Sackman
Ron Hartzell	Ron Larson	Shalom Ministry Team
Gorman Hayes	Ed Leader	Jeremy Spahn
Deb Healy	Lora	Denise Spiller
Harry Heath	Susan Molin	David Yndestad
McKel Heebink	Sue Miles	Elaine Yndestad
Becky Hunt	Lee Namtvedt	
Art Johnson	Leonard Nysted	

In the military: Rigil, & Randy Christensen, Rochelle & Alex Fabrizio, Kelsey Will, Eric Bebee, Tim Groth, John Hughes, Brian LaGrange and all those serving in the military.

NEXT MEETING OF

- Birchwood Food Pantry. 10:30 am, Oct 1, 3, 15, 17
- Outreach Committee. 8:30 am, Oct 10
- Worship & Music Team. 10 am, Oct 10
- Congregational Council. 6:30 pm, Oct 11
- Trinity Lutheran Church Women. 11 am, Oct 20