

The JOURNEY — *Walking Daily with Jesus*

ANNUAL MEETING DATE CHANGE:

Due to significant scheduling circumstances of the Trinity Church Council that affects the date of the Annual Meeting, the Executive Committee has moved to hold the Annual Meeting on Sunday, November 11, 2018.



The Executive Committee and Council are aware that the constitution indicates the meeting is to be held on the first Sunday in November. However, to get the most voting members of the Executive Committee and the Council to be present, the Annual Meeting date will be held on Sunday, November 11, 2018. This is a one-time change.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve on the Trinity Council and share in our faith journey.

Prayerfully,
Wally H. Thom
Council President



NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR CHURCH COUNCIL

Want to be involved in helping to lead our congregation onward into 2019? The Nominating Committee is looking for members interested in being candidates for various Council positions to be voted on at the Annual Congregational Meeting, November 4. So, it isn't too soon to be looking for candidates for council positions opening up. Please prayerfully consider being nominated for one of these critical positions: Vice President, Treasurer, Financial Secretary, Congregational Care, Education, Youth & Family, Evangelism, Worship & Music.

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If you are interested in being nominated, please contact the church office at 715-354-3790. Below is a brief job description of the positions that need to be filled.

VICE PRESIDENT: Serve as vice-chair of the Congregation Council and act on behalf of the chair when the President is unable to attend or participate; and provide leadership and serve as a resource to Ministry Teams.

TREASURER:
Oversee all financial matters, and ensure that acceptable accounting methods are used in keeping all books of account;
Advise the Congregation Council of financial status and implications of short and long-term decisions;
Submit written reports to all Congregation Council and Congregation meetings; and Shall prepare the proposed budget for the ensuing year.
Approve and sign all checks issued.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY:
Be charged with the responsibility for counting the offering after every service at which an offering is taken.
Oversee and record the receipts of offering and other gifts; and
Be responsible for putting together and distributing biannual statements of members' giving.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE: Shall have responsibility for recruiting, training and sending out members to assist the pastor with pastoral care of congregation members; may include visiting persons who are hospitalized, homebound or in nursing homes; shall see to the recording and delivery of audio recordings of worship services, offering grief

support and other kind of assistance to persons in need.

EDUCATION, YOUTH & FAMILY: Shall have charge of education and faith activities of this congregation, including Sunday School, Vacation Bible School (VBS), youth activities, and adult education.

EVANGELISM: Shall direct efforts at reaching out to persons outside this community of faith; shall create and distribute publicity regarding church activities; shall provide information to worship guests and organize follow-up visits to such guests and other persons interested in the life and ministry of this congregation.

WORSHIP & MUSIC: shall have special responsibility for matters pertaining to this congregation's worship life; shall recruit and nominate a Minister of Music, choir director (s), and organist(s); shall recruit, train and schedule ushers, greeters, communion servers, and other worship assistants.

SIMPLY GIVING PROGRAM

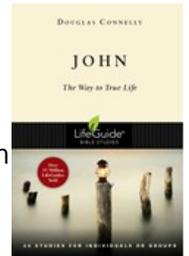
The Simply Giving Program provides a secure electronic donation solution for individuals to make weekly or monthly offerings to churches and other nonprofit organizations. Please call Cindy in the church office at (715) 354-3790 for more information, or to have an Authorization Form sent to your home. You can also log onto the church website, www.tlcbirchwood.com and sign up there by clicking on Resources. When you sign up for Simply Giving, you will receive a free gift or lunch with Pastor Jack! Thank you!



WOMEN'S THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Thank you to all of the faithful women who have joined me in Bible Study over the past 13 years. Now we have completed Isaiah and its time for Norm and I to go on to God's next plan for us. (We are waiting to learn what that plan may be?) I pray that you continue to stay in the Word personally and in one of the Bible Studies at Trinity. Our studies together have been a joy for me! Jean Jastram

Marcia Kamp will be taking over as leader of this bible study and will meet next on Thursday, November 29 when they will be studying John. In this study guide on John, Douglas Connelly urges you to take a fresh look at Jesus. Here is the opportunity to establish—or renew—your faith in the One who offers true meaning, true belonging and true life. If you wish to join this group and would like a study guide, please contact Marcia at 715-354-3048



THURSDAY GROUP FAITH STUDY:

We continue our study on the book of Revelation, using a study from RightNow Media called Revelation: The Hope of Glory with Dr David Platt. God gives to His people a stunning picture of the glory of Christ and of God's sovereign rule over history. Revelation warns of eternal judgment for those who side with Satan and pursue the system of the world. The church, on the other hand, is called to persevere in the midst of persecution so that we might obtain our reward in a new heaven and a new earth where we will enjoy God forever. All our welcome to join every Thursday at 6:30pm!!

PASTOR JACK'S COLUMN

In the past month each message preached on Sunday shared, “The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few.” It’s challenging scripture; Jesus words are true, there’s a lot of work to do. In recent preparation to receive new members to Trinity, I was encouraged when I discovered the following section in our New Member Handbook:

Members of Trinity are not merely spectators, but active followers of Jesus Christ offering their gifts for service in God’s Kingdom.

Read the passages below and jot down the main idea for each one to discover a full picture of what it means to be a member of a Christian congregation.

Declare Jesus as Lord of Your Life

1 Timothy 4:12

Invest your time in Godly training

1 Corinthians 9:24-25

Super willing to learn

Timothy 3:14-15

Can you tell me the Gospel points?

Romans 10:15

I should pray

1 Thessalonians 5:17

Please worship God

Psalms 100:2

Learn to read God’s Word

Psalms 1:2

Every Disciple should go to Church

Hebrews 10:25

Show good character

Galatians 5:22

How do you treat others?

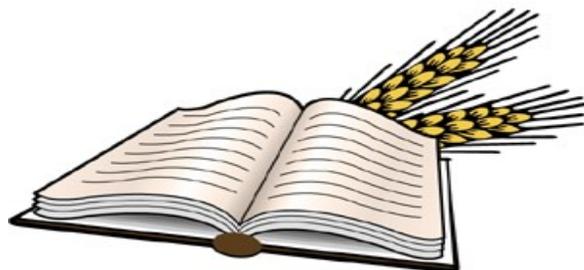
Galatians 6:10

I am loved by God

Jeremiah 31:3

Present the Gospel to others

Mark 16:5



³⁶When Jesus saw the crowds, He felt compassion for them, because they were weary and worn out, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷Then He said to His disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. ³⁸Therefore, pray to the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest.”
Matt. 9:36-38

The instruction to disciple others through our words, actions, and lifestyle is written into our Trinity DNA, and the call found in Scripture is clear. Our response is individual. Every Christian is blessed by the Holy Spirit with Spiritual Gifts. Please take the free, online Spiritual Gifts Assessment offered here to discover some of yours:

<https://gifts.churchgrowth.org/spiritual-gifts-survey/gifts-survey/>

After, share it with your spouse or a friend, pray for guidance, then choose to use your gifts in service to the Lord! Trinity would love to partner all members with one of our many mission teams: Worship & Music, Evangelism, Fellowship & Growth, Stewardship, Women of Trinity, Congregational Care, Missions & Outreach, and Operations. For more information don't hesitate to ask a friend this Sunday morning. Get plugged in. God wants to use you. Let Him!

LIBRARY CORNER:

New this month are family ideas for fun and togetherness. Take a look at what's available. With Thanksgiving coming up when families connect...some fun ideas for togetherness and communication. Check it out. Also on the table are other books for joy reading. Now that the temps are down and we are inside more..you will find some ideas to make the days more enjoyable. Hope you are all watching the Great American Read programs on public tv. They are filled with suggestions for 'mind trips' via books from some of your favorite film and tv actors. Happy travels.



WOMEN OF TRINITY HAPPENIN'S

- ◇ The Women of Trinity held their October meeting on the 18th, with Vice president Cindy Rubin presiding.
- ◇ November Altar Guild person is Karen Hayes.
- ◇ We were unable to make pillow cases because Ginger was not able to attend and lead us in this activity. We will reschedule and have them before the upcoming Birchwood Christmas Fest in December. These pillow cases will be donated to the Birchwood Food Pantry for them to sell.

- ◇ There are two new wooden kitchen stools in the kitchen which the Women of Trinity have donated.
- ◇ Lefse making will be November 15, starting at 9:00 a.m. No experience needed, and it's a really good time. Lefse will be sold on November 18th, the week of Thanksgiving, and also during the Bake Sale on Sunday, December 2nd.
- ◇ A motion was made and passed to donate money toward the new Bibles confirmation students receive while studying to be confirmed. We used to give Bibles to confirmands on the day of their confirmation, but understand these new study Bibles, which are costly, should be used during their study and hopefully used often after their confirmation.
- ◇ All members of Trinity are encouraged to volunteer at the Birchwood School. Their Book Buddy program needs readers. Contact Rose Cutsforth at the school for more information.
- ◇ Committees of 3 or 4 are visiting local charities to be get a better perspective of what and how they operate. They will report at the November meeting, when our decision on disbursements will be made. A report of one visit to 'Embrace' in Ladysmith appears elsewhere in this November 'Journey.'
- ◇ Our November meeting has been changed to November 8th, 10:30 a.m., in the Fellowship Hall. This is an important meeting as our end of the year contributions for local charities will be discussed and decided. All women of Trinity are encouraged to attend this meeting. Be a part of the group, deciding where our hard-earned money should go for the December distribution.

WOMEN OF TRINITY VISIT 'EMBRACE'

The Women of Trinity make their monetary contributions to local charities at the end of each calendar year. In order to be best informed, teams of women are visiting those charities before their November meeting, at which time the teams will report on their visit. Team members Cindy Rubin, Terri Freeman, and Dianne Buxton, visited 'Embrace' in Ladysmith on October 23rd. Embrace was formerly known as TimeOut Abuse Shelter, a safe house for abused women and children. Embrace currently serves three counties; Rusk, Washburn, and Price. In the beginning of 2019, it will be adding Barron County.



Reading a brochure with statistics is one thing, but seeing the facility with its dedicated workers and cheerful rooms is another. But, statistics are important, and stand alone when seeking funding. Besides providing a safe place for those who need it, there are counseling and advocacy contacts for domestic and sexual abuse survivors. They maintain a crisis call line, and

work closely with the police and sheriff's departments. A 'safe exchange' room is available for parents who must have supervised visits with their minor -aged children. In 2017, 347 sexual assault survivors came to them for help.

The facility is able to serve 12 guests at a time, using 3 rooms, two bathrooms, and a laundry room. The maximum stay is 30 days. After 30 days, the stay is reviewable. Common areas include a living room, kitchen, and dining area. The facility is staffed 24/7 with trained personnel. It is located in Ladysmith, in a typical nice mid-western neighborhood, with a sign that announces its name, and is heavily secured. There are 13 board of members and 15 staff members. During 2017, 40 volunteers and interns donated 732 hours to help at the shelter. This does not include all the church hours involved in making and preparing items for donations for the shelter. We noticed every bed had a homemade quilt on it, looking very much like the quilts our ladies make at our church. We were told that on intake, every resident chooses their own quilt, and they may take it with them when they leave. Children's quilts are especially important, because they need something of their own to hold on to for security.

The Women of Trinity will make a monetary contribution from the monies they have worked for during the year from an annual rummage sale, bake sales, and serving funeral luncheons. The Missions & Outreach

NEXT MEETING OF . . .

- Birchwood Food Pantry Open. 10:30 am, Nov. 3, 5, 17, 19**
- Worship & Music Team. 9:30am Nov 5**
- Mission & Outreach. 10:00am Nov 7**
- Trinity Lutheran Church Women. 10:30 am, Nov 8**
- Congregational Council 7:00 pm, Nov 12**

Committee at Trinity collects items needed by Embrace and delivers it to them. The money from the Women of Trinity would go toward buying necessities not covered or received. The salaries for the employees is covered by federal and state funds along with grants received. We also found other ways we could help by making 'necessity' bags with items such as things for babies, games for kids, etc.

This visit was very informative. We were reminded, as we left, to count our blessings and say a prayer for the blessing that Embrace is to the counties it serves.

MISSIONS & OUTREACH UPDATE

On October 13 quilts and kits were loaded for delivery to Bethany Lutheran Church in Rice Lake. From there these items are sent to Lutheran World Relief in Minneapolis. They are then dispersed to the areas in need.



Items from Trinity were 107 quilts, 23 baby kits, 55 school kits and 18 health kits. Thank you to all who have donated towards these quilts and kits.

Items for Embrace are being collected until after the first Sunday in November. A list of items in need can be located on the table by the Embrace baskets.

In Mid-November we will hopefully be receiving Christmas lists from the Birchwood School for Trinity's participation in Adopt-A-Family! On a personal note, this is one of **THE** most awesome things that Missions & Outreach is involved with! There is no way it could be made possible without the extreme generosity of the Trinity family!! Every year God restores my faith in the goodness of others. Even though every year I have doubts worrying down to that last present. What better way to "Live Third?"

SERVING AND FELLOWSHIP

Thank you to everyone who was a special part of Fall Fest 2018. Our congregation and youth welcomed the community to share the blessing of the season and gather with grateful hearts. All ages came to enjoy food, apple cider, face painting, yard games, pumpkin painting, and a bonfire. A special thank you to The Blue Hills Band – Travis and Levon Soper, Just Rite on Main, Dairy State Bank, Tom and Sue Svitak, Dan Hoover, and Leo Diehl for your donations and along with all the volunteers who helped make this event a success!

Join us the third Sunday of November for our Community BINGO and Free Chili Feed. Try a variety of different chili cooked by members of our congregation members while playing BINGO! Check out our Youth and Family Board in the Narthex or Trinity Lutheran Church Facebook page for more information! If you would like to prepare chili please sign up in the Narthex or by contacting Ashley Beffa, Youth and Family Ministry Coordinator at

THE BIRCHCROSS YOUTH AND CONFIRMATION

Wednesday October 17th, 2018 our birchCross Youth Group spent an evening of

cleaning out cars for friends and neighbors in the cold weather but kept warm with some apple cider, creatively wearing winter gloves under rubber gloves, and over cleaning a nice warm car so they didn't have to go back outside. We wrapped up the evening with a hot meal, discussion, and games. Thank you to all who participated in this serve event! It was a blessing to bless others!

Some of The birchCross Youth attend the Unaltered Tour in Hayward, WI with our Youth and Family Ministry Coordinator, Ashley Beffa. Through authentic testimonies and performance to reach students, this FREE event raised awareness of our cultures sexual brokenness, finding hope in Jesus Christ and revealed God's original design for love, sex, and life. Our youth will continue to read the Gospel of John, enter S.O.A.P. into their journals, and living third through fellowship and serving opportunities.

NOTE:

The November Youth and Confirmation Meal sign-up sheet has been posted in the Narthex. Also, there is no Youth Night on 11/21/18 as Birchwood Schools will be closed for Thanksgiving Break and no meal will be served.



Thank You to all the wonderful meal preparers who brought Fred and me dinners this past month while I recovered from my knee surgery. We are overwhelmed by the love and generosity of our Trinity family and feeling very blessed!

Joanne Schilling & Fred Peck

IT'S TIME TO MAKE JOLLY OLD LEFSE!!

With the holidays coming up, it's not too soon to think ahead to our Annual Lefse Making Day!

Come help out – whether it's rolling out Lefse, grilling it, or packaging it up – on Thursday, November 15, starting at 9 am.

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!



A LOOK AT TRINITY'S PAST



(Editor's Note: This is a continuing column focusing on the history of Trinity Lutheran Church. If you have an article to submit, PLEASE send it to Cindy.)

In 1967, nine acres south of highway F were purchased from Engwald Edwardson. A Major fund-raising drive was conducted under the leadership of The Reverend Alan Solomonson. Much discussion, investigation, votes and various inquiries went on until late 1973. Under the leadership of The Reverend Hans Olson, plans were at last found for a modular-type building with a Mansard roof. A congregational meeting was held January 27, 1974. A building project was approved by a vote of 54 to 4. Completion was set for July 1, 1974. The building committee consisted of: Al Haas, Dick Da-

kins, Everett Dalen, Wally Hesse and Warren Wahlquist. Groundbreaking was held on April 25, 1974 and the building was completed on July 1, 1974. The dedication service and dinner were held n August 4, 1974.

Pastors who served from 1968 to 1978 include 1968-1971 Rev. Richard Lind, 1971-1976 Rev. T. Hans Olson, and 1997- Harlen Menk

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS NEEDED

At this time we will be going back to a sign-up sheet for Worship Assistants. We are in need of Worship Assistants for November. Please stop by the Welcome Center and sign up – **WE NEED YOU!**



Tell them you would like to Raise Some Dough.....for the

Birchwood CPTO
Sunday, November 4th

Between 10:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m.

The Birchwood CPTO is proud to be a part of the "Raise Some Dough" Fundraiser.

Here's why: They have graciously agreed to give the CPTO a percentage of their proceeds for any items sold between those hours **at NO extra cost to you.** Their help allows us to continue providing the funds for field trips, family fun nights, and so much more.

~ All you need to do is ~

***Spread the word about this date.**

***Mark your calendars.**

***Stop by the Rice Lake Papa Murphy's.**

***Tell them you would like to raise some dough for the CPTO!**

***Order some of the best "Take 'N' Bake" pizzas around or**

*** Pick up a salad, cookie dough, cinnamon wheel, or a drink.**

We appreciate your help in supporting the CPTO so we can give our children more opportunities, while enjoying pizza with your family and friends.

Want to learn more about the Birchwood CPTO? Check us out on Facebook!



- Heidi Danielson 11/01
- Roy Kuula 11/01
- Kim Parenteau 11/02
- Eleanor Kuula 11/03
- Mark Roppe 11/03
- Cassie Ritchey 11/06
- Amy Parenteau 11/08
- Jeff Iverson 11/09
- Susan Janetski 11/09
- Connie Leader 11/11
- Heather Reid 11/11
- Michael Hedman 11/12
- Ginger LaMotte 1 11/12
- Amber Jutila 11/13
- Wyatt Gargulak 11/15
- Cody Applebee 11/17
- Diane Brensel 11/17

- Wes Mohns 11/17
- Karl David 11/19
- Cheyenne Corrado 11/20
- Jill Lavigne 11/20
- Randy Ritchey 11/20
- Grace Zeien 11/20
- Cassandra Sweeney 11/21
- Marcia Kampf 1 1/22
- Becky Christensen 11/23
- Amanda Cherney 11/23
- Shay Sunderland 11/25
- James LaMotte 11/28
- Emma VandeVoort 11/28
- Taevyn Darkow 11/29
- Phillip Subrt 11/30

BIRCHWOOD CLINIC

Located at 108 S. Main Street, P.O. Box 98, Birchwood, WI, our clinic offers dental services such as comprehensive preventative and restorative (fillings, crowns, extractions, etc.) procedures and emergency dental services to patients who have Medicaid, or patients who qualify or are enrolled in NorthLakes Sliding Free Scale. Clinic hours are Mon-Fri. 8:00am – 5:00pm. Phone: (715) 354-3369. **COMING SOON: Mental Health Counseling.**



NOVEMBER 2018

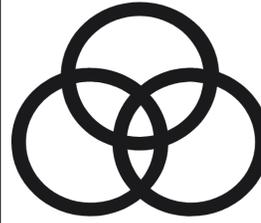
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><i>Altar Guild</i></p> <p>Karen Hayes</p> 				1	2 OFFICE CLOSED	3 10:30a-1:30p - Food Pantry Open
<p>4 All Saints Day 9:30a - COFFEE TIME 10a - Worship w/Communion</p> <p>Money Counters: Tom Svitak & Mike Rubin</p>	<p>5 9:30a—Quilting 9:30a—Worship & Music Meeting 10:30a-1:30p Food Pantry Open 7p - AA, Fellowship Hall</p>	6	<p>7 10a—Mission & Outreach Mtg 6p—Trinity Youth 7p—Cantata Reh 8p—Choir Reh 9p—Praise Team Reh</p>	<p>8 10:30a - WOT Mtg 6:30p - Group Faith Study</p>	<p>9 OFFICE CLOSED</p>	10
<p>11 25th Sun after Pentecost 9:30a - COFFEE TIME 10a - Praise Worship w/ Communion 11a—Annual Meeting</p> <p>Money Counters: Char Mohns & Joan Fuller</p>	<p>12 9:30a—Quilting 9:30a - Worship & Music Mtg 7p - AA, Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>13 7:00p - Council Mtg</p>	<p>14 6p—Trinity Youth 7p—Cantata Reh 8p—Choir Reh</p>	<p>15 9:00a—Lefse Making 6:30p - Group Faith Study</p>	<p>16 OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>17 10:30a-1:30p - Food Pantry Open</p>
<p>18 26th Sun after Pentecost 9:30a - COFFEE TIME 10a - Worship w/Communion Love Fund & Food Pantry Offerings 5-7p Community Bingo & Free Chili Feed Money Counters: Sandi David & June Ehrich</p>	<p>19 Journey Deadline 9:30a—Quilting 10:30a-1:30p Food Pantry Open 7p - AA, Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>20 6:30p -Thanksgiving Service 7p—Cantata Reh. 8p—Choir</p>	<p>21 OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>22 Happy Thanksgiving!</p> 	<p>23 OFFICE CLOSED</p>	24
<p>25 Christ the King Sunday 9:30a - COFFEE TIME 10a - Worship w/Communion PRAYER SHAWL SUNDAY Money Counters: Jeanne Dahlby & Dave Webster</p>	<p>26 9:30a—Quilting 7p - AA, Fellowship Hall</p>	27	<p>28 10a - Journey Assembly 6p—Trinity Youth 7p—Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>29 9:30a—Women’s Bible Study 6:30p—Group Faith Study</p>	30	

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Bulletin deadline 9 am Wednesdays
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WORSHIP THIS MONTH

11/04— 10am Worship w/ Communion
11/11— 10am Praise Worship w/ Communion
11/18— 10am Worship w/ Communion
11/20— 6:30pm Thanksgiving Worship Service
11/25— 10am Worship w/Communion

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Carol Addington	Eileen Koefler	Jean Petersen
Tom Allard	Bill & Eunice Kuntz	Jim Pravda
Vicki Busick	Roy Kuula	Tom Reed
Barb Fegan	Bill & Joyce Lambrecht	Bill Rice
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Art Johnson	Fred Peck	

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.