

The JOURNEY — Walking Daily with Jesus

Pancake Breakfast on October 22 AV UPGRADE FUND-RAISING MID-CAMPAIGN UPDATE



The two-month fund-raising campaign to upgrade Trinity's audio-visual equipment, in order to keep pace with technological advancements, kicked off last month. As of September 24 (mid-campaign), \$1,605 had been raised toward the goal of \$12,500, not counting the loose change in the *CENTS FOR SOUND* box at the Welcome Center.

The campaign will end run until the end of October, to hopefully raise the full amount.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

A final Pancake Breakfast fund-raiser (or celebration!) will be held on October 22, from 8–9:30 am, before worship.



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FAITH5 is practicing habits that will hold us closer to GOD. Share, read, talk, pray, bless every night in every home! As the FAITH5 series continues, we hope to better equip you with a plan to bring you closer to God and each other. Come and worship! All ages welcomed! Blessings!



PASTOR JOAN'S COLUMN

SHOUT FOR JOY TO THE LORD,
ALL THE EARTH. WORSHIP THE
LORD WITH GLADNESS; COME
BEFORE HIM WITH JOYFUL SONGS.

PSALM 100:1-2 (NIV)

Bible taught. The printing press had not been invented yet, so people did not have access to the Bible; therefore, the common populace had to follow the instruction of the priests.

Hymn writers, such as John and Charles Wesley, began putting the truths of the Bible to music which helped the people to learn and remember those truths. The singing of those first hymns became a normal and vital part of their gatherings for worship. The problem with this arose when the ritual of singing hymns became the central part of their worship service. And even after the invention of the printing press, the rituals continued because then people could read instead of memorizing. Therefore, for many people, the meaning of worship became the reciting and singing of the truths of the Bible. However, this is not what the Bible teaches about worshipping God.

Psalm 100 is one of the best passages found in the Bible that talks about how to worship God. I quoted the NIV translation above, but the second verse in the New American Standard says, "Come before Him with joyful singing." The Hebrew word for "singing" is "renanah," which literally means "shout for joy." This word is used over 50 times in the Old Testament. Singing in the Hebrew culture was always joyful, and when I was in Israel last April, we worshipped on Sunday morning on the Sea of Galilee with both modern worship music and Hebrew music. When the Hebrew music was played over the speakers of the boat, it was uplifting and people cleared the chairs away and began dancing in a circle with their arms entwined around each other. It was a feeling of freedom to worship with such abandon!

What is the purpose of worship? God wants us to worship Him, and it has nothing to do with how WE feel. It's not to make us feel better or to even make us feel closer to God. It's not even for the purpose of learning more about God. Worship does do all of these things, but this is not the main purpose, and this is why worship has nothing to do with any type of ritual or even teaching.

Rituals - or traditions - serve the purpose to make us feel better, to

This is what worship of our Lord is to look like; but somewhere over the years, for certain denominations, it has become more like drudgery. The early church focused on praising God, but by the time of the Reformation, the church had moved so far away from the true meaning of the Bible that very few people really knew what the

center our minds on God, and they can help us know more about God. Sometimes, we even need them to redirect our thinking. However, rituals have nothing to do with worship.

The purpose of worship is to acknowledge the presence of God and to let God know how much we love Him; therefore, worship is always centered on God! Worship is time spent praising God.

So, if Sunday morning church is time spent praising God, what would worship look like if we were as excited there as we are at a football game - or any other sporting event - or a concert of our favorite singer. If you jump up and down and shout and wave your hands around at those events, you should show the same enthusiasm in a worship service because that is who you are.

However, if you don't express yourself physically at any of those other events, you will probably express yourself the same way in a worship service. God doesn't look at our outward expressions, but rather at what is going on in your heart.

We should be free to express ourselves in worship in whatever way suits our personality, which is how God made each of us. He loves us and wants our adoration and love. He wants to know that we love Him as much as He loves us, so we need to feel free to raise our hands in worship to Him without worrying about what someone else may think. The same is true for those who are not so expressive - there needs to be no judging of one another and our style of worship.

So let's come to worship on Sunday with a heart full of gladness and shout for joy to the Lord!

In Christ,
Pastor Joan



**Support Domestic Abuse Survivors...
MISSION/OUTREACH TEAM FOCUSES ON EMBRACE SHELTER**

Trinity's Mission/Outreach team is collecting items for EMBRACE (formerly TimeOut Abuse Center) during October.

Maintaining a Shelter and three offices takes a lot of goods and supplies, and they are always in need of something. Anything they don't use in the offices or Shelter is given to survivors who are moving out and starting a new, safe home.

Their wish list includes:

- ❖ Old, Working (Turns On) Cell Phones with Chargers
- ❖ Metal Shovel
- ❖ Sidewalk Melting Salt
- ❖ Cleaning Supplies (Windex, Toilet Bowl Cleaner, Dish Soap)
- ❖ Art Supplies (Construction Paper, Canvas, Paint, Brushes, Coloring Books, etc.)
- ❖ Stress Balls or Fidgety Toys for Adults and Children
- ❖ Spanish, Russian, and German Children's Books
- ❖ Colored Printing Paper (8 1/2" x 11" and 11" x 17")
- ❖ Notebooks
- ❖ Tacks
- ❖ 2017 Calendar Planners (any size)
- ❖ Small Nails for Hanging Art and Frames
- ❖ Yard Games and Outdoor Toys for Children (Chalk, Kiddie Pool, Sports Balls, Sleds, etc.)
- ❖ Adult Coloring Books and Colored Pencils
- ❖ Board Games (with all their pieces!)
- ❖ Children's Movies (DVDs)
- ❖ Nature Sounds Machine (cord, not battery operated)
- ❖ Weighted blankets



- ❖ Bulletin Boards
- ❖ Baby Carriers (Wraps and Sling Styles)
- ❖ AA and AAA Batteries
- ❖ Wall Clocks
- ❖ Lamps
- ❖ Lawn Chairs and Patio Furniture
- ❖ Gallon Ziploc Bags
- ❖ Toilet Paper
- ❖ Paper Towels
- ❖ Kleenexes
- ❖ Diapers
- ❖ First Aid Kit
- ❖ Personal Protective Equipment (Safety Eye Goggles, Latex Gloves, Disposable Surgical Masks, Scoop, Disposable Gowns)
- ❖ 13 Gallon Tie-Shut Garbage Bags
- ❖ 5 Gallon Tupperware Bins
- ❖ Storage Bins and Baskets
- ❖ Bath Towels and Wash Rags
- ❖ Twin Sheet Sets & Pillow Cases
- ❖ Queen Sheet Sets & Pillow Cases
- ❖ Twin Mattress Protector
- ❖ Paint Brushes, Paint Rollers (9"), Painter's Tape
- ❖ Magnet Strips
- ❖ Light Bulbs
- ❖ Extension Cords
- ❖ Non-Perishable Food Items (Coffee, Pasta, Canned Veggies and Meats)
- ❖ Thank You Note Cards
- ❖ Letter Size Envelopes
- ❖ Pens
- ❖ 3 Ring Binders (size 1/2" to 2")
- ❖ Masking Tape and Duct Tape
- ❖ Post-it Notes
- ❖ White Out
- ❖ Mailing Stamps
- ❖ Gas Cards

PRAYING FOR EACH OTHER . . .

Did you know that every Tuesday, at 9 am, a small group of people (some Trinity members and some not) gathers to pray for our church, our community, and individuals?!

YOU! — Everyone and anyone — is invited to join the group — weekly (if you can) or just drop by when you are able!

The things which are impossible with men are possible with God.

9TH GRADE MENTORING ORIENTATION



Ninth grade Confirmation mentoring will have an orientation meeting on Wednesday, October 4, at 7:15 pm for all parents, stu-

dents, and mentors.

Please note that students may be approaching you about becoming a mentor. We will be praying for your thoughtful decision.

NEW THURS AM WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY



The Women's Thursday morning Bible Study will begin a new study on October 19, at 9:30 am. All women are welcome, and you are encouraged to invite your friends or neighbors to join us. Please call Jean Jastram at 715-354-7100 to have her order a study guide for you.

CONFIRMATION MEALS NEEDED

HELP IS NEEDED to provide a meal on Wednesdays for the confirmation youth. Please consider preparing and hosting a meal to serve to 6 - 7 people at 5:30 pm on Wednesdays! There is a sign-up sheet at the information counter. Please contact Melinda Pedersen at 715-296-2073 if you have any questions.



WOMEN OF TRINITY HAPPENIN'S

- × The September meeting was held Thursday, September 21, in the Fellowship Hall.
- × A "thank you" card was read from the family of Sue Hubbard thanking our group for the fine luncheon served at her memorial in September.
- × A collection was taken and will be split between Timber Bay Kids and L.I.G.H.T. Keepers to use for meals. We give them a check every three months.
- × Service Committee #2 is in charge of the kitchen clean-up for October.
- × October Altar Guild person is Lea Heath.
- × The annual rummage sale, held September 8 and 9, yielded a total of \$2,347.36. That's \$350 more than the 2016 sale. An article appears on page 5 on the sale. The women agreed to keep the sale at the same of time year in 2018. Eleanor Kuula has resigned as chairperson, having served ten-plus years, and Barb Hinderman had resigned in 2016, also having worked at least ten years as chairperson. The Women of Trinity secretary will send them both thank you notes thanking them for their hard work and dedication. Dianne Buxton will be the chairperson for the 2018 sale, but needs a co-chair, as this is definitely not a job for one person.
- × Our church will be receiving new doors which face Chetac Avenue, and the cost of one door for the sanctuary entrance is \$5,278. We voted and agreed to donate \$1,000 toward the cost of that door so it could be ordered and installed before winter. We'll make another donation for the Fellowship Hall door when it's ordered.
- × The Birchwood Bluegill Christmas Fest will be held this December 2. Our church will not be having a Christmas Music Fest anymore, as attendance has been low. It was decided we'll have our lefse and bake sale on Sunday, December 3, before and after the church service. That's the date for our Christmas Choir Cantata, so we're hoping for a big church attendance that day. More information on lefse-making day in next month's newsletter.
- × Following the meeting we enjoyed a lunch together, and that was followed by a talk from Charity Knauff, leader for the Timber Bay Kids, and Sue Jostad, leader of the younger children's group, called the L.I.G.H.T. Keepers. They both informed us of their efforts and successes with their children and young adults. Timber Bay is into their third year of existence, and L.I.G.H.T. Keepers, their second year. It was so inspiring to see what these two ladies have done to give young people in the little town of Birchwood some solid, safe programs to attend after school, have a hot meal, hear about Jesus Christ, and have fun at the same time. They are to be commended and encouraged to keep on with their mission, as it's surely showing results with our children and young adults.
- × Our next meeting is Thursday, October 19, at 11 am, in the Fellowship Hall.



PASTORAL CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE

The call committee would like to thank all who participated in the survey. The information gathered from your responses gave the committee a snapshot of an ideal pastor and worship opportunities Trinity members would like to have.



The committee has set up a couple of interviews for October but still are hopeful we will be able to interview more interested individuals as the search continues. Thank you for the continued prayers.

Wally Thom - Call Committee Chairman

VOLUNTEERS WANTED AT SCHOOL



We ALL have a gift to give, whether it is time, a special skill or a desire to help someone. Serving the next generation is the best investment we can make.

The Birchwood School appreciates the time and level of commitment that volunteers make, as this truly can mark the path of success for students.

NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR COUNCIL

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be here before we know it - November 5! So it isn't too soon to be looking for candidates for council positions that are opening up. [NOTE: Exact positions were not known at press time.]



Please prayerfully consider serving on the council. If you are interested, please contact the church office at 715-354-3790.



**Community Awakening:
Recognizing Drug Use and
Addiction In Our Community**

Wednesday, October 18 — 6:30pm

**Trinity Lutheran Church
501 East Chetac, Birchwood**

**Barron County Sheriff Chris Fitzgerald:
“IN PLAIN SIGHT”**

**Community Members:
“HOLDING YOUR FAMILY TOGETHER”**

**Area Members:
“RESOURCES”**

**ALL ADULTS ARE ENCOURAGED
TO ATTEND THIS FREE
COMMUNITY EDUCATION PRESENTATION!**

Child care will be provided on request.
Snack and Refreshment provided.

Registrations welcomed but not required.

To register or receive additional information,
please call Trinity Lutheran church at
715-354-3790 or connect on facebook.



CENTENARIAN CELEBRATION SEEKS 100 YEAR-OLDS

Do You Know Someone Born in 1917 or Earlier? Help us celebrate those 100 years or older! Every year Barron County Centenarians are honored by the Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) at the *Centenarian Celebration*. Please contact the ADRC at 715-537-6225 if you know a centenarian we should invite as one of our honored guests, or if you have any questions.



This years' event will be held Thursday, November 16, 2017 at the Rolling Oaks Restaurant in Barron. The program will be 10:30-11:30 am, followed by dinner for our centenarians, their families and friends who wish to stay. The ADRC can help arrange transportation but requests a family member or caregiver accompany the centenarian.

FALL RUMMAGE SALE A SUCCESS

This year's fall rummage sale, sponsored by the Women of Trinity, and held September 8 and 9, at our church, yielded a profit of \$2,330.26. A Huge thank you to all who contributed items, helped with the set-up, made the sales, made the BBQ luncheon, tore down after the sale ended, and took the (one) trailer load of items to a charity in Rice Lake when the sale ended. After the sale, children's clothing was brought to Heart Island; winter jackets, boots, mittens, etc., were brought to The Birchwood School, and thirty-five \$1 bags were sold at the last hour of the sale. (You buy a bag for a dollar, and fill it up — this is always a popular thing!)



The money earned will go toward end-of-the-year charitable distributions, and to help buy a new door for our entrance to the sanctuary. This year the sale was changed from May to September to coincide with the town-wide and surrounding area rummage/garage sales in Birchwood. Reports from some others who had sales were good, and a record number of twenty-seven sales were held in this area the weekend of September 8 and 9.

It would be impossible to thank everyone who helped with this sale (mainly for fear of leaving someone out), but it's safe to say 35-40 people stepped forth to be of HELP. This was wonderful, to see us all coming together, working together, and helping raise money for a good cause. Many, many, thanks!!

NEXT MEETING OF . . .

- Birchwood Food Pantry. 10:30 am, Oct 2, 7, 16, 21
- Worship & Music Team. 10 am, Oct 9
- Congregational Council. 6:30 pm, Oct 10
- Mission/Outreach Committee. 10 am, Oct 11
- Trinity Lutheran Church Women. 11 am, Oct 19

OCTOBER WORSHIP ASSISTANTS					
	OCT 1	OCT 8	OCT 15	OCT 22	OCT 29
Greeters	Merlin & Ida Jahnke	Kevin & Julie Sunderland	PLEASE SIGN UP	PLEASE SIGN UP	PLEASE SIGN UP
Ushers	PLEASE SIGN UP	PLEASE SIGN UP	PLEASE SIGN UP	PLEASE SIGN UP	PLEASE SIGN UP
Comm Assts	Rolf & Barb Kleven	PLEASE SIGN UP	Art & Ginny Johnson	PLEASE SIGN UP	PLEASE SIGN UP
Reader	Donnarae Carrell	Joanne Schilling	Jean Jastram	Karen Hayes	Karen Hayes

**New voices wanted and welcomed!
CHRISTMAS CANTATA REHEARSALS START OCT 4**

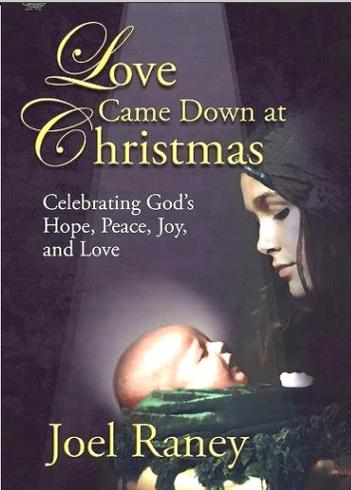
Christmas ALREADY?! Well, yes, for Cantata singers, Christmas is just around the corner — so mark your calendars for OCTOBER 4, at 8 pm, for the first Cantata rehearsal. This is the perfect opportunity for those who aren't able to make the year-long commitment to sing with the Trinity Choir — commit to a short two months — no auditions required!

If you are middle-school age or older, and want to sing in the Cantata Choir, just show up on October 4, at 8 pm, following the regular Trinity Choir rehearsal.

The cantata for this year is *Love Came Down at Christmas* by Joel Raney, to be performed Dec 3 at 10 am.

Love is the central theme of Christmas. The incarnation story tells us that God so loved the world that he came to earth as a Baby, and that love is creatively illustrated in this compelling Christmas work, presented around the four traditional themes of hope, peace, joy, and love.

Questions? Call Joanne Schilling, 715-651-4875.



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS NEEDED

As the chart above shows, there are LOTS of openings for Worship Assistants, so please stop by the Welcome Center and sign up — **WE NEED YOU!**

Greeter
Communion Assistant
usher
Lay Reader

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Cecelia Larson	10/01	Abigail Smith	10/12	Renee Larson	10/21
Kathy Thom	10/01	Jennifer Herricks	10/12	Dawson Flora	10/22
Katherine Eisele	10/02	Brenda Mackey	10/12	Steven Kotel	10/22
Alyssa Langham	10/02	John Kristensen	10/13	Christian Lindow	10/22
Whyatt Wilson	10/02	Richard Weeks	10/13	Jeff Liermann	10/23
Sarah Harder	10/03	Melody Hedke	10/14	Madelyn Roppe	10/23
Matt Soper	10/03	Al Widiker	10/14	Joanne Schilling	10/24
Jolene Scribner	10/04	Richard Klabunde	10/15	Debra Cimfl	10/25
Kenya Anderson	10/05	Megan Busick	10/16	Sara Livingston	10/26
Joshua Carlstrom	10/08	Tammy Saldana	10/16	Alyssa Cherney	10/30
Thomas Hefty	10/08	Roger Elliott	10/17	Jacob Colbert	10/30
Jared Penrod	10/08	Rick Hedke	10/17		
Kevin Sweeney	10/09	Cody Gilbertson	10/20		
Alex Roppe	10/11	Tricia Smith	10/20		

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

OCTOBER 2017

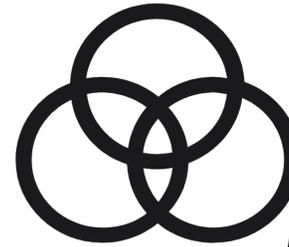
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 17TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 9:15a - Choir Warm-up 9:30a - <i>COFFEE TIME</i> 10a - Worship w/Communion	2 9:30a - Quilters 10:30a-1:30p - Food Pantry Open 6:30p - Bible Study 6:30p - Women's Study 7p - AA, Fellowship Hall	3 9a - Prayer Session 5p - L.I.G.H.T Keepers	4 10:30a - Video Bible Study 5:30p - Confirmation 7p - Trinity Choir Reh 7:15p - Mentoring Mtg 8p - Cantata Rehearsal 9p - Praise Team Reh	5 9:30a - Women's Bible Study	6 OFFICE CLOSED	7 10:30a-1:30p - Food Pantry Open
8 18TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 9:30a - <i>COFFEE TIME</i> 10a - Worship w/Communion	9 9:30a - Quilters 10a - Worship & Music Mtg 6:30p - Bible Study 6:30p - Women's Study 7p - AA, Fellowship Hall	10 9a - Prayer Session 5p - L.I.G.H.T Keepers 6:30p - Council Mtg	11 10a - Msn/Outreach 10:30a - Video Bible Study 5:30p - Confirmation 7p - Trinity Choir Reh 8p - Cantata Rehearsal	12 9:30a - Women's Bible Study	13 OFFICE CLOSED	14
15 19TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 9:15a - Choir Warm-up 9:30a - <i>COFFEE TIME</i> 10a - Worship w/Communion	16 Journey Deadline 9:30a - Quilters 10:30a-1:30p - Food Pantry Open 5:30p - M/O provides meal for Timber Bay 6:30p - Bible Study 6:30p - Women's Study 7p - AA, Fellowship Hall	17 9a - Prayer Session 5p - L.I.G.H.T Keepers	18 10:30a - Video Bible Study NO CONFIRMATION 6:30p - COMMUNITY AWAKENING NO CHOIR REHS	19 9:30a - Women's Bible Study 11a - WOT Mtg	20 OFFICE CLOSED	21 10:30a-1:30p - Food Pantry Open
22 20TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 8-9:30a - PANCAKE BREAK-FAST FUNDRAISER 9:30a - <i>COFFEE TIME</i> 10a - Worship w/Communion	23 9:30a - Quilters 6:30p - Bible Study 6:30p - Women's Study 7p - AA, Fellowship Hall	24 9a - Prayer Session 5p - L.I.G.H.T Keepers	25 10:30a - Video Bible Study 1p - Journey Assembly 5:30p - Confirmation 7p - Trinity Choir Reh 8p - Cantata Rehearsal	26 9:30a - Women's Bible Study	27 OFFICE CLOSED	28
29 16TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 9:30a - <i>COFFEE TIME</i> 10a - Worship w/Communion	30 9:30a - Quilters 6:30p - Bible Study 6:30p - Women's Study 7p - AA, Fellowship Hall	31 9a - Prayer Session 5p - L.I.G.H.T Keepers				Altar Guild Lea Heath 

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 OCTOBER 22**



**The JOURNEY
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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

10/1 10 am Worship w/Communion
 10/8 10 am Praise Worship w/Communion
 10/15 10 am Worship w/Communion
 10/22 10 am Worship w/Communion
 PANCAKE BREAKFAST
 10/29 10 am Worship w/Communion

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Tom Allard	Gorman Hayes	Lora
Amelia	Harry Heath	Susan Molin
Dave Beaver	Andy Hedman	Lee Namtvedt
Michelle Bender	McKel Heebink	Leonard Nysted
Betty Blanch	Becky Hunt	Mary Nysted
Hazel Bonkrud	Merlin Jahnke	Betty Orsund
Katelyn Bratvold	Kirk Kotel	Jim Pravda
Bryar	Eileen Koefler	Buddy Robotka
Vicki Busick	Dean Kruegel	Ro Sachman
George Crust	Jody Kruegel	Carter Sackmann
Barb Fegan	Bill & Eunice Kuntz	Collette Sandow
Annette Gentile	Roy Kuula	Shalom Ministry Team
Laine Guttenberg	Bill & Joyce Lambrecht	Denise Spiller
Ron Hartzell	Ron Larson	David Yndestad
Candy Hayes	Ed Leader	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 5 in order to fit in all our prayer concerns. So please pray for all those listed above!