TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

The JOURNEY - Walking Daily with Jesus

In a recent sermon I shared the events of my visit to a local jail. The person I was scheduled to meet with was broken and ashamed of what their life had become. They acknowledged they knew of God's presence, but had turned away from Him more times than they could count. This led the inmate to ask me, "Am I excluded from an eternity in Heaven?"

That's a great question! My short answer was, I don't think you have to be. This brought us to an intimate conversation and opening the Scriptures to seek clarification. The following is a similar list of verses we went through. I share it with our congregation because as followers of Jesus, we are <u>ALL</u> called to explain the gospel. ("Always be ready to give a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you." 1Peter 3:15) I encourage you use this as a model. You may also call the church for Biblical instructions that will help you use your Bible to introduce someone to Jesus.

I began by explaining that **our Father in Heaven loves each of us**. ("For God loved the world in this way: He gave His One and Only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16)

Sin is choosing your way instead of God's way. Sin separates people from God. Sin separates you from God. ("For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." Romans 3:23) God sent Jesus so you would not have to die for your sin. Jesus died on the cross. He was buried, and He rose from the dead. ("But God proves His own love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us!" Romans 5:8)

With those facts in place, now it's time for a personal response:

Admit to God that you are a sinner.

The first people God created chose to sin and disobey him. Ever since then, all people have chosen to sin and disobey. ("For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." Romans 3:23)

Repent, turn away from your sin. ("Repent of your sins and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped away." Acts 3:19, and "If we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness." 1 John 1:9)

Believe that Jesus is God's son and accept God's gift of forgiveness from sin.

("Jesus told him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me." John 14:6, "There is salvation in no one else! God has given no other name under heaven by which we must be saved." Acts 4:12, "Believe in the Lord Jesus and you will be saved." Acts 16:31, and "God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done." Ephesians 2:8-9)

Confess your faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord.

("If you openly declare that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is by believing in your heart that you are made right with God,

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and it is by openly declaring your faith that you are saved...Everyone who calls on the name of the LORD will be saved." Romans 10:9-10, 13)

During my visit, the prisoner and I went through these together. We talked of the words and meanings, then we concluded in prayer. Each of us prayed for the other and our own understanding. It's important we realize that its not our responsibility to save others; we can't anyway! But believers ARE commanded to share the Good News. (Jesus told them, "Go into all the world and preach the Good News to everyone." Mark 16:15)

Be open to being used by God, He'll reward you.

May God bless you as you bless others with the gift of your own testimony and the Good News of His love and grace.

PASTOR JACK

BIBLE STUDY WOMEN'S MONDAY NIGHT

BIBLE STUDY

All women are welcome to our 6:30pm Monday evening bible study to discover the bond of love, joy and faith that comes from the sweet fellowship we share as beloved sisters in Christ, learn about our Awesome, Almighty, Forgiving and Faithful God, and share prayer concerns and encouragement in sharing our faith with others. We are currently studying the Luke. Bring your bible, come and be blessed! Please contact Barb Kleven at 715-834-9988 if you have questions. Watch the bulletin for changes in scheduled meetings.

WOMEN'S THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Women's Thursday morning bible study will begin a new study in Philippians September 26. JOIN US!!! 9:30am in the Trinity room!!

THURSDAY EVENING GROUP BIBLE STUDY

Thursday evening Bible study is underway. Join us at 6:30pm in the Trinity room, as Di & Kyle Hubbard lead use through the book of Acts. For more info contact Kyle @ 715-790-1401 or Di @ 941-893-0311.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

"A Good Life Doesn't Depend on Good Circumstances" is the title of one of the chapters in Henry Cloud's book , *The Secret Things of God.* As a psychologist, Dr. Cloud works with people who go through difficult times and he sees over and over again that God meets people at the depths. He also sees differences in patients that can stand on The Rock versus those who have nothing to fall back on in their trials of life. Those without faith and hope are happy when their circumstances are going good but when hard times come they are sad and depressed without any means to break this terrible cycle.

"Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock. And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it." Matthew 7:24-27

I believe God is taking our house (Trinity) through a faith-growing exercise right now. We have been going through times of change and trials and have had to make adjustments to that change. For some, change is uncomfortable. But here is what the Bible's says, "Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you. But when you ask, you must believe and not doubt, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind." James 1:2-6

Pray by faith that God will complete His perfect plan for your personal life and Trinity Lutheran Church and will help us through our trials. God's faithfulness and mercy are new every morning.

WOMEN OF TRINITY HAPPENINGS

• The September 6th and 7th rummage sale was a success, bringing in a total of \$2,352.50. See detailed report on page 4.

• October Altar Guild person is Julie Sunderland.

• A (family-sized) dishwasher for the kitchen will be ordered and installed in the next month. It is the goal for everyone to stop using Styrofoam cups and paper products.

• We will sponsor a table for the October 20th Fall Festival, having crafts and fall decorations to sell. These can be brought to the church and put on a table any time after Sunday, October 13th. There will be a table in the narthex for this purpose.

• In an effort to involve the women of our church who work during the day we are changing our meeting time to Tuesday, October 8th, starting at 6:30 p.m. This is a trial basis to see how many more women attend.

• If you know of any changes to be made in the 2020 Service Book, please let Cindy Rubin know of them.

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ROSE CUTSFORTH. VOLUNTEER COORDI-NATOR AT THE BIRCHWOOD SCHOOL. IS ASKING FOR PEOPLE TO COME IN AND HELP WITH BOOK BUDDIES, AND MANY OTHER AREAS WHERE THEY CAN VOLUN-TEER AND HELP CHILDREN. THIS HAS ALWAYS BEEN A PART OF OUR 'STEPPING OUT' PROGRAM, SO LET'S KEEP IT GOING.

MISSION/OUTREACH TEAM FOCUSES ON EMBRACE SHELTER

Beginning in October, we will be collecting items for Embrace, formally known as Time Out Abuse Shelter. You may not know of this agency. It is a shelter for abused women and their children. Their services covers three counties.

Their list of needs is a long one and will be posted by the collection baskets as always. On a personal note, I can honestly say this is one project that our congregation supports with a yearly contribution that really. I find so positive. Not until I became a part of Outreach and saw them in action did I realize how they put the needs of others in distress as their priority.

The items they need are simple things that enable the abused to begin to put their lives back together. One year we presented them with a check plus items collected. They were overjoyed! Their comment to us was. "We weren't sure we'd be able to keep the lights on next month."

Trinity's Mission/Outreach team is collecting items for EMBRACE (formerly Time Out 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, Can-
- vas, 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
- +2019 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 Sur-
- gical 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
- +Oueen 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

people. change. equality. } (Coffee, Pasta, Canned Veggies

- +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

questions.

YOUTH MEALS NEEDED

HELP IS NEEDED to provide a meal on Wednesdays for the youth. Please consider preparing and hosting a meal to serve to people at 5:30 pm on Wednes-

days! There is a sign-up sheet at the information counter. Please contact Ashley Beffa at 715)-790-1491. if you have any

brace and Meats)



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WORSHIP ASSISTANTS **OCTOBER 6 OCTOBER 13 OCTOBER 20 OCTOBER 27** (10 AM) (10 AM)(10 AM)(10 AM) Dan & Jackie **Betty Blanch** Char Mohns GREETERS YOUTH **Carol Addington** Marcia Kampf Healv Jim McGraw Elson & Joanne Kvle & Di YOUTH **USHERS** Dave Dakins Hubbard **Kvale** COMM. Wally & Kathy **Dave & Sharon Rolf & Barb** TOUTH Thom Dhein Kleven ASSTS **Gloria Widiker** YOUTH **Travis Soper Janet Schieffer** READER

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LORD. SET OUR HEARTS ON FIRE WITH A HOLY DESIRE FOR YOU!

Feed the flames with God's Word- Jeremiah 23:29. Not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord Romans 12:11

1. Stoke the fire with praver, faithfulness. and joy. The fervent prayer of the righteous is powerful! James 5:16 May the Lord direct vour hearts into the love of God and into the steadfastness of Christ, 2 Thessalonians 3:5: "Restore the joy of our salvation". Psalm 51:12.

2. Feed the flames, Jeremiah 23:29, and

cleanse your heart with God's Word. Remove unforgiveness and bitterness and deal with offense. Ephesians 5:26; Colossians 3:13 3. Allow the Holy Spirit to light the fire. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. Matthew 3:11

4. Bring your flame closer to other flames. Hebrews 3:12-14

5. Make your fire useful by using your gifts and talents. Do all for the glory of God. 1 Corinthians 10:31.

6. Seek Him with all your heart! Jeremiah 29:13 Seek first His kingdom. Matthew 6:33, seek Him earnestly. Psalm 63:1

7. Spread the flame! And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations. and then the end will come. Matthew 24:14 "Set yourself on fire and others will watch you burn." John Westley (18th century evangelist/revivalist).

Barb Kleven



OUILTERS NEEDED!!!

The Quilters are looking for women to help on Monday mornings at 9am. Bring your scissors and come on in.

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Kathy Thom 10/01 Katherine Eisele10/02 Rick Hedke10/17 Alyssa Langham 10/02 Tricia Smith 10/20 Whyatt Wilson 10/02 Sarah Harder10/03 Kenva Anderson 10/05 Kevin Sweeney 10/09 Alex Roppe 10/11 Abigail Smith 10/12 Jennifer Herricks 10/12 Debra Cimfl 10/25 Brenda Mackey 10/12 John Kristensen 10/13 Melody Hedke 10/14

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ANNUAL CHURCH RUMMAGE SALE RESULTS

• Twenty-one volunteers helped put on this two-day sale

- Three days of pricing and preparation
- 271 volunteer hours •
- Rummage sale: \$1,866.25 \$300.80 less than last year
- BBO Lunch: \$ 485.25 • \$129.70 more than last year
- Total: \$2.352.50 • \$170.60 less than last year
- There were 27 sales around Birchwood on Sept. 7, affecting traffic

All proceeds go toward year-end donations to local charities.

A BIG "THANK YOU" TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED MAKE THIS A SUCCESS.

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RALLY SUNDAY PANCAKE_BREAKFAST



Rally Sunday kicked off with a Pancake Breakfast that the Men of Trinity helped prepare!



NEXT MEETING OF . . .

	Birchwood Food Pant	ry Open	10:30 am, Oct 5, 7, 19, 21
I	Worship & Music Tea	m	9:30 am. Oct 7
l	Trinity Lutheran Chur	ch Women	6:30pm Oct 8 11:00am, Oct 9
	Mission & Outreach.		
I	Trinity Council Meetin	1g	6:30 pm, Oct 15
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WHAT'S WOT???

The Women of Trinity are a hard-working group. They raise money for local charitable organizations. They buy equipment for the church kitchen. They meet monthly for meetings and planning events. They do altar guild and all preparation for communion. They serve the summer brunch between summer services. This is only a partial list. They're an active group

Their biggest fundraiser is the annual rummage sale. which just happened Trinity the first weekend in September. Some

men help with that sale, lifting heavy boxes, sorting goods for the men's section, and then bringing what's left into Rice Lake to a store that sells used items. The rummage sale took 3 days or pricing and preparation, 21 people, and 271 volunteer hours.

They serve the lunches at funerals. There are three menus from which to choose. Nothing is charged

for these meals, but a donation to the group is suggested. They even recently served two meals in one day for a wedding. At the last big funeral at our church, 185 people attended the service. but 139 had lunch. The hardest part in planning is guessing how many might have lunch. In this case, a fairly accurate guess of 130 was offered. For that lunch. 29 women brought a large salad or a dessert of



bars. Eight women worked many hours to set tables. serve the food. and clean up afterwards.

Every woman who is a member of Trinity Lutheran Church, or a regular attendee of our church, is considered to be a member of the Women of Trinity. You can see why we need all the workers we can get. It's not just food, work, but also fellowship. Don't be surprised if vou get a call asking you for help. Your help, is needed, for some very good causes.



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY			
Bible STUDY Join us!		1	2 4:00p–Christian Life Meeting 5:15p-The Cross 7p–Trinity Choir	3 9:30a—Women's Bible Study 6:30p -Group Bible Study at Trinity	4 OFFICE CLOSED	5 10:30a-1:30p –Food Pantry Open			
6 9:30 am - Coffee 10am–Worship Cake with Art & Ginny Johnson	7 9:30a—WMMT mtg 10:30a—Food Pantry open 6:30p—Wmns Bible Study 7p - AA, Fellowship Hall	8 6:30p—WOT Meeting	9 11a–Missions Meeting 4:00p–Christian Life Meeting 5:15p—The Cross 7p–Trinity Choir 8:00p–Praise Team	 10 9:30a–Women's Bible Study 6:30 -Group Bible Study at Trinity 	11 OFFICE CLOSED	12			
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20 Love Fund/Food Pantry 9:30 am —Coffee 10am—Worship	21 10:30a —Food Pantry Open 6:30p—Wmns Bible Study 7p - AA, Fellowship Hall	22	23 10:00a —Journey assembly 5:15p—The Cross 7p—Cantata Rehearsal 8:00p—Trinity Choir	24 9:30a—Women's Bible Study 6:30—Group Bible Study at Trinity	25 OFFICE CLOSED	26			
27 Prayer Shawl 9:30 am — Coffee 10am—Worship	28 6:30p—Wmns Bible Study 7p - AA, Fellowship Hall		30 5:15p—The Cross 7p—Cantata Rehearsal 8:00p—Trinity Choir	31 9:30a—Women's Bible Study 6:30p—Group Bible Study at Trinity	Na B Choir M Weld				

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Sunday School Office Hours Bulletin deadline

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

SUNDAY WORSHIP THIS MONTH

10/6 –10am Worship w/ Communion

Fellowship w/Art & Ginny Johnson

10/13 - 10am Worship w/ Communion

10/20 –10am Worship w/ Communion –Love Fund/Food Pantry

10/27 –10am Worship w/ Communion-Prayer Shawl Sunday

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Tom Allard Vicki Busick Debbie Davis Barb Fegan Annette Gentile Dan Gowan Andv Hedman Art Johnson Eileen Koeferl Bill & Eunice Kuntz Roy Kuula Bill & Joyce Lambrecht Tracy Reid

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