The JOURNEY — Walking Daily with Jesus

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, if any consolation of love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any affection and mercy, ² fulfill my joy by thinking the same way, having the same love, sharing the same feelings, focusing on one goal. ³ Do nothing out of rivalry or conceit, but in humility consider others as more important than yourselves. ⁴ Everyone should look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.

Philippians 2:1-4

At our mid-year congregation meeting, Kyle Hubbard, Stewardship committee chair, shared a parable that has stuck with me and many others. It presented a call to action; more than that, a taking of responsibility! The story, titled **"Whose Job Is It, Anyway?"** went something like this:

This is a story about four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody. There was an important job to be done and Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry about that, because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have.

The summarized version of the tale may be confusing, but the message Kyle presented a month ago was perfect: if no one takes responsibility, little to nothing will get accomplished. To be clear, there was three-fold urgency in his presentation:

- 1. Join forces with committee members; many hands make light work. Volunteer when you're able.
- 2. Take stock in the value of missions and the work of our church, participate in them not only with time and talent, but through continued financial support as well.
- 3. Have the attitude of Christ. We read of this throughout the Gospels.

The family of Trinity Lutheran Church is taught to Live as He lived. Be third. It's based on Luke 10:27, but it means acknowledging all that we have has been given to us. We are to use our resources in a movement of faith; encouraging fellowship and bringing others into the fold of believers. We truly need the help of all congregation members now if we are to continue in ministry.

The mission of Trinity is vital to the community of Birchwood and our surrounding area. Even with modest membership, Trinity generously supports our local food shelf, Timber Bay youth, the Love Fund, Backpack programs and more. Members and the youth of Trinity are actively involved in keeping our community clean, supporting our local schools, caring for the elderly, lead-

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ing Bible studies, creating quilts for families we haven't met, completing service projects, and organizing community events that promote fellowship in a Christian environment. Our church hosts youth and family events throughout the year such as our upcoming Fall Fest, Trunk or Treat, movie, and Chili/Bingo nights. Yes, at times it seems we don't receive credit for the incredible work we're doing. And sometimes, it's true, our tasks require more effort than we bargained for. But, God has used Trinity to make disciples and produce fruit. The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few.

By design, our outreach ministries rarely add money to our general fund. And, it's the outreach and relationship building we do daily that expresses Christ's love to others in a real and meaningful way. Unfortunately, our current ministry model is not sustainable. The financial requirements to support our ministries are outweighed by the funds needed to continue programming as it is. I believe in the work we do, the Word that is taught, and the service that is done in Jesus name through our church. In order to continue producing fruit in our community I ask each member to increase their giving by 10%, weekly. I will do the same, because I believe in storing up treasures in Heaven and I believe in the strong bonds I see created when we serve together.

May God continue to bless you, as you bless others, in Jesus name.

PASTOR JACK

WOMEN'S MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

All women are welcome to our 6:30 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 Psalms. Each week we are given four Psalms to read and be familiar with to discuss the following week. 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 again September 12th. Only two lessons left in John. Then a new study begins. JOIN US!!!

THURSDAY EVENING GROUP BIBLE STUDY

Thursday evening Bible study begins Sept. 12th at 6:30, as Di & Kyle Hubbard lead use through the book of Acts. For more info contact Kyle @ 715-790-1401 or Di @ 941-893-0311

PRAYER CHAIN:

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

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

If one falls down, his friend can help him up. But pity the man who falls and had no one to help him up. Ecclesiastes 4:10 NIV

If you remember last month's Congregational Care Journey article, we learned about the book, **The Secret Things of God** by Dr. Henry Cloud. The next chapter of his book tells us one of the most important secrets of God is we are not meant to be alone. God has created us to be in relationship with Him and one another. The Bible has a word for this. The Greek word koinonia is translated as "relationships that go deeper than the

surface, to a place where our hearts are literally connected to one another in the spiritual realm" Paul referred to this fellowship as "knitted together in love."

Dr. Cloud says research proves people who are connected to others have been shown to have better brain development and immune systems and less psychological vulnerability to all sorts of problems like depression, anxiety, addictions and the like. In other words, the more connected you are, the happier and healthier you are. And who doesn't want to be happier and healthier.

Trinity has many opportunities to get connected to others. There are two Women's Bible studies each week, the Thursday night Bible study, many Women of Trinity activities and the newly created men's group. In addition to joining these groups, there are opportunities to join the many committees that could use your talents and skills. These groups are so much more than bible study or a means of service. They are social. They lift up each other in prayer. They knit each other together in love. Trinity is like a picture puzzle and you are an individual puzzle piece. Without you the picture is incomplete. Prayerfully consider joining one of these groups this month.

The other side of koinonia is when life situations beat us down. When we are hurting, we tend to turn in on ourselves and don't ask for help. We wait until things get to their worst until we ask for help. We have all experienced this. Ecclesiastes tells us if one of us falls down, a friend can help him up. If you are going through difficult times or if you know of someone experiencing hard times and if you would like for a friend to come beside you, contact Pastor Jack or a member of the Congregational Care Committee.

HAVE A HAPPY AND HEALTHY DAY TODAY.

WOMEN OF TRINITY HAPPENINGS

- Wedding meals in July.
- We need clothing racks for the Sept. 6 and 7 rummage sale. Bring to the Fellowship Hall by Tuesday, Sept. 3rd.
- A reminder to those women on Altar Guild to check the communion kits to be sure they are ready and filled for use in home visits.
- Two funeral memorial luncheons will be served in August: Betty Orsund, and Ray Buxton. Both service committees are needed to work and bring food.

It's a very busy time of year, and we could use more helpers. Please consider joining and attending our meetings. For more information call Ginger LaMotte, President, 1-715-417-2734.

ANNUAL CHURCH RUMMAGE SALE SEPTEMBER 6 & 7

BBQ lunch served at Rummage Sale September 6 & 7, 11 - 1

Tired of rummage sales? Even our own?

Are you hungry?

We have the best deal in town for a tasty home made meal. A BBQ on a bun, potato chips, dill pickle spear, home made dessert bar, and bottle of water or coffee, just \$5.00. Come and socialize with your friends. You might even find something you can't pass up at the rummage sale.

HELP US GET READY FOR THE RUMMAGE SALE!

- Dates for the sale are Friday, Sept. 6, from 8am - 4pm and Saturday, Sept. 7, 8am
 -3pm
- Bring your donations to the Fellowship Hall Sept. 3,4, and 5. Place them in the back of the hall so they can be priced.

- Volunteers to help are needed. Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex. Make a commitment to help.
- This sale is sponsored by the Women of Trinity. This is the major fund raiser for the year.

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO LOCAL CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS.

IT'S SCHOOL KIT TIME!

WOW! Summer is almost over! The beginning of school is right around the corner! So the school supplies are sitting on the shelves of area stores just waiting to be purchased and put to good use! During August the basket will be again in the narthex for school supplies.

Once again Trinity's Outreach/Missions will be collecting school supplies to be put in handmade book bags and sent off to needy children in other parts of the world. The items for the schoolbags are:

- Four 70-sheet notebooks (wide ruled);
 NO loose-leaf paper
- One blunt safety scissors
- One 30-centimeter ruler or a ruler with centimeters on at least one side
- One pencil sharpener
- Five unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers, secured together with a rubber band
- Five black or blue ballpoint pen, secured together with a rubber band
- ♦ One 2-1/2" eraser
- ♦ One box of 16 or 24 crayons

Other school items that are purchased and not on the schoolbag list will be given to Birchwood School as there are always needs there as well. Outreach/Missions is grateful

for the congregation's phenomenal support of this and all other projects!



WELCOME ALL QUILTERS

Quilters will start the Monday after Labor Day. That is Monday September 9th at 9:30am. This is one activity at Trinity that is truly ecumenical with Trinity losing so many members from the quilting group. The group is really in need of more workers. We welcome anyone who is interested to join in the fun. If not for our friends from others churches we would only have a couple of workers. It is one of the best fellowship activities at Trinity. Experience is helpful but not necessary. Otherwise I wouldn't be part of the team! Fellowship is the best part of the whole process. Some days we even get quilts made! Come check us out!

DO YOU SING IN THE PEW?!

Join the Choir or Praise Team! NEW VOICES WANTED! NO AUDITIONS! You don't need to read music . . . We'll make sure you learn your part!



High-school age or older, just show up on September 4,at 7 pm, for choir rehearsal. The returning members will make you feel very welcome! Rehearsals run from 7 – 8:30 pm, and the choir usually sings the first and third Sundays of each month.

Just interested in singing with the Praise Team? Come rehearse September 18, at 8 pm, and the Wednesday before every fourth Sunday, as Praise Team leads the music on the fourth Sunday of each month.

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

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WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

	SEPTEMBER 1 (8:30 AM)	SEPTEMBER 1 (10 AM)	September 8 (10 AM)	September 15 (10 AM)	September 22 (10 AM)	September 29 (10 AM)
GREETERS	Dave Dakins	Betty Blanch	Jackie & Dan Healy	Terri & Rob Freeman	Julie & Kevin Sunderland	Joan & Eldon Kvale
USHERS		LeRoy Brensel & Jim McGraw	YOUTH	Char & Wes Mohns	Brenda & Pat Mackey	Rob Freeman LeRoy Brensel
COMM. ASSTS		Barb & Rolf Kleven	YOUTH	Kathy & Wally	NEED	Melinda Pedersen & Jeanne Dahlby
READER	Karen Hayes	Kyle Hubbard	YOUTH	Joanne Schilling	Marcia Kampf	Donnarae Carrell



Dana Bowman has astounded the nation and the world with his drive, determination, and will to succeed. He is a retired Sergeant First Class with the U.S. Army where he was a Special Forces Soldier and a member of the U.S. Army's elite parachute team, the Golden Knights. Dana Bowman is a double amputee. He lost his legs in an accident during the annual Golden Knights training in Yuma, Arizona, in 1994.

On February 6.1994. Bowman gained worldwide attention when he and his teammate Sgt. Jose Aguillon collided in midair during the team's annual training.

Bowman and Aguillon were practicing a maneuver known as the Diamond Track. The maneuver calls for the jumpers to streak away from each other for about a mile and then turn 180 degrees and fly back toward each other crisscrossing in the sky. Bowman and Aguillon had demonstrated the Diamond Track more than fifty times without a mistake, but this time was different.



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Every Wednesday* 5:15 PM – 7:30 PM

Taught by Pastor Jack Jorgensen

Live Worship by Travis Soper

5:15-5:40 Students fellowship with their peers by playing games, eating snacks, and interacting while watching or listening to Christian music and videos in the designated youth area.

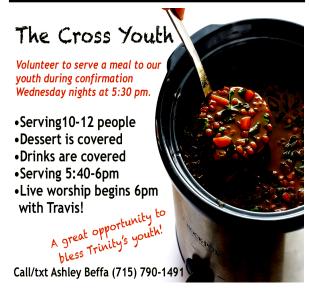
5:40-6:00 Students and adult mentors share a meal prepared by members of our church.

6:00 - 6:15 Students and adults worship together, through live music and group prayer.

6:15 - 6:40 Announcements, group prayer, and large group message/teaching by staff or guest.

6:40 - 7:30 Students are in small groups of the similar age (grades 6-8 & 9-12) led by adult mentors who have strong faith and have agreed to model our mission and focus. In small groups students are reading their Bible, journaling, discussing scripture meaning, and praying together. Students are encouraged to bring friends at any time, whether members or not, whether believers or not.

*The Cross follows the Birchwood area school district schedule; calendar and cancellations. Three Wednesdays per month are used as in-house teaching times. The 3rd Wednesday each month is reserved for a fellowship/serving event on or off-site; these are planned and designed to encourage our students to invite friends from different backgrounds to receive encouragement and commune in a Christian youth-centered environment.





Church Pictorial Directory

SMILE We will be taking your picture soon!
Our new Church Pictorial Directory is in the planning stages. Watch the Bulletin and announcements
For more information to come!

Library News

I have spent considerable time reorganizing the library for your use this Fall and hope you will take time to find something that will enhance your Christian faith journey. Especially families of children and youth. The bookcase under the window is full of wonderful reading for all pre-adult ages. Please spend some time perusing that area. I have also organized the Bible study area. I have been told we have more bible study material than any church library around. YaY! Do use this library as it is free to you. Let us know what you take and cross it off when you return.

RETURNS AND DONATIONS: Please DO NOT put them on the shelves or counter, but place them in the basket designated for returns. This makes extra work for me when you 'dump' them on the counters and shelves and I WILL take it personally that you do that intentionally. I love doing this for you, but my age is asking me to retire...so please follow the rules for me. Thanks so much!

Carol Addington

GIANT 45" Volleyball

and

Cookout Night

Date: September 18th

Time: 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Your invited to join Trinity Youth and Confirmation at Trinity Lutheran Church for their Fellowship Game Night!

Questions? Contact Ashley Beffa (715)790-1491

SYATP™ 2019 is Wednesday, September 25th



Global Week of Student Prayer
Wednesday, September 22nd- 28th

Meet at the flagpole by the main entrance of Birchwood School on September 25th at 7 & 8 AM

Confirmation Information/Registration Night!



Mission Statement: With the help of God, using His faithful servants in our congregation, we will teach, guide, and mentor young people in our community toward a closer relationship with their Lord and Savior Jesus Christ; putting God first and the needs of others ahead of our own.

Date: September 11th, 2019

Time: 6:00 P.M

Location: Fellowship Hall

Join us September 11th, 2019 at 6:00 P.M. in the Fellowship Hall for information/registration night! Food is provided; this is your opportunity to hear program details and see what will be happening this year at The Cross! Register youth grades 6th-12th.

(Early registration fee \$20 or \$30 after September 30th)

Sign up to be a mentor, or volunteer to provide a meal. For more information please contact Ashley Beffa at (715) 790-1491 or Pastor Jack Jorgensen at (651) 592-8961.

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OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRAM IS BEGINNING THIS MONTH

The kick off date for Sunday School is September 15. A program called "All In One Sunday School" has been purchased to use this year. Please spread the word to any 3-10 year olds and their families that we would love to see them weekly!

With a free and joyful spirit Cindy Rubin and Ashley Beffa have chosen to give their time to nurturing to God's children. Not that other things don't press for their attention. But they have discern that there is no greater calling than to model for God's kids what it looks like to live in relationship with their creator. If anyone is interested with helping teach Sunday school please contact Cindy at (507) 250-0628 or by email at cinrbi81@gmail.com or Ashley at (715)790-1491.

SUNDAY SCHOOL



(Up to 11 yrs)

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Rather than crisscrossing, the two skydivers slammed into each other at a combined speed of 300 miles per hour. Aguillon died instantly. Bowman's legs were severed from his body, one above the knee and one below the knee. Bowman's parachute opened on impact. He was taken to a hospital in Phoenix where doctors closed his leg wounds and stopped his internal bleeding.

Nine months later, he turned this tragedy into a triumph when he became the first double amputee to re-enlist in the United States Army. Bowman re-enlisted in the United States Army airborne style, skydiving with his commander into the ceremony, making his dream a reality. This achievement is just one example of Bowman's many successes under adverse circumstances.

After Dana's re-enlistment, he became the U.S. Parachute Team's lead speaker and recruiting commander. Dana has been fortunate to have the opportunity to let his speeches touch so many from the physically challenged to the able-bodied. He strives to show physically challenged people can still work and excel in today's society and military. Dana emphasizes the words amputee and uselessness are not synonymous.

Dana has given more than 400 speeches in the last few years and has been featured in magazines such as Sports Illustrated, Reader's Digest, People and many more. There have also been numerous television programs which focused on Dana and his story. Some of the programs include: Dateline, A Current Affair, Real TV, NBC Person of the Week, Day and Date and Extra.

Dana retired from the United States Army in 1996. He received his Bachelor of Science degree in commercial aviation at the University of North Dakota in May of 2000.

Dana spends a great deal of his personal time working with other amputees and disabled or physically challenged people. Dana inspires other amputees to walk again. His future plans are to continue to speak to the public and fly helicopters.

Dana Bowman will be dropping into Trinity's field by the church.

There is a Veterans Ride Send off Saturday Sept 7th at 8:00.

Come Watch Dana land in our field, look through the Rummage Sale and enjoy Lunch!!

LOST AND FOUND ITEMS: Please check the Entry way coming in for items you may have lost. They will be added to the rummage sale if not claimed.

NEXT MEETING OF . . .

5th Sunday POT LUCK!!!

Sunday Sept. 29th following worship. Bring a Dish to pass. Sign up at the information Center. Hosted by Fellowship and Growth.

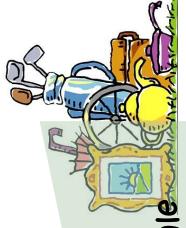




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SUNDAY WORSHIP THIS MONTH

9/1 — 8:30 and 10am Worship w/ Communion

9/8 — 10am Worship w/ Communion

9/15 —10am Worship w/ Communion

9/22 - 10am Worship w/ Communion

Bill & Joyce Lambrecht

9/29 —10am Worship w/ Communion - POT LUCK LUNCH

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

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Bill Rice