

# The JOURNEY — *Walking Daily with Jesus*

## **PASTOR JACK'S COLUMN**

As this goes to print, my pastorate at Trinity Lutheran reaches one year! I'm grateful for many celebrations and opportunities seized. Saying "yes" to His lead has been an enormous blessing. The following article is a condensed summary of my annual report, and our past year in ministry. Thank you to our congregation, Trinity's leadership, and our financial supporters who believe in God's church. It's my prayer that all things have been accomplished according to His will and for His glory.

- + LCMC Youth Retreat brought fun, relationships, and learning to our youth.
- + With the addition of a back-lit cross, Wally Thom beautifully transformed the look of the Trinity symbol in our sanctuary.
- + On Memorial Day, Trinity helped honor veterans in Birchwood through prayer, message, and song.
- + Technologies of RightNow Media and Remind texting were shared with our church; awesome teaching and communication resources for all to use.
- + Scripture is read straight from personal Bibles, in every seat, every Sunday.
- + Our congregation has begun to worship with songs beyond the hymnal; Hear something different every Wednesday and 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday!
- + Bible studies continue at various accommodating times and days - Join one!
- + Our congregation entered an in-depth study of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount each Sunday, during 2 services, from Memorial Day to Labor Day. Outdoor services in the backyard will be here sooner than you think!
- + Vacation Bible School taught dozens of kids about God's love. We're looking for volunteers to help with this amazing and fun ministry again!
- + "Live as He lived. Be third." Have become words to live by. (Luke 10:27)
- + Bible study and prayer meeting at Birch Haven Manor meets every Wednesday at 10:30am. Join us anytime!
- + The addition of Youth and Family Director, Ashley Beffa, brings Trinity outreach, and our mission to Be third, to a new level with fellowship/serving activities each month on the third Sunday and Wednesday. Say "Yes!" to His lead in assisting in or joining any of these events!

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- † Youth lead and assist at our 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday church services. Our young people are taking ownership of their church!
- † The Cross youth program meets every Wednesday. Its purpose: read scripture and live out its teaching. The program's guiding verse is 1 Corinthians 1:18
- † Our Christmas Cantata and Christmas Eve services blessed hundreds!
- † Youth space in our Fellowship Hall is being created! Build it. Invite. Have real purpose. They'll come!

I'll close this article in the same way I closed my message in February 2018; I'll ask for prayer. As pastor, I am to lead by example (1Peter 5:2-3), feed through teaching the Word (1Timothy 3:2-7), and protect by guarding against false teaching (Acts 20:28-30). Please pray for my work and the work of all pastors. Please also pray for current and future Trinity families: that our focus is true, we seek intimate relationship with Jesus, and we willingly say "yes" when He calls us to action.

In 2019, let's build on what was begun this past year:

Willingly serve when asked. Read your Bible daily. Generously support Trinity and ministries that honor our Father in Heaven, with your abilities and life. I see abundant fruit now, and in our future! Trinity Church is a strong and obvious Light in our community, with a congregation that chooses to live as Jesus lived; putting God first, and the needs of others in front of our own. May He continue to bless you, as you bless others.

Pastor Jack

**WOMEN OF TRINITY HAPPENINGS**

- ◇ We held our January, 2019 meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup>, with eleven women present.
- ◇ Marcia Kampf, treasurer, provided a 2018 annual treasurer's report, which is on file with her, and in the secretary's minutes. We had a good year, and including expenses, dispersed \$4,154.67.
- ◇ February Altar Guild person is Virginia Johnson.
- ◇ Thank you notes were received for year-end contributions from EMBRACE, Birchwood School Angel Fund, Benjamin House, Pregnancy Help Center, Family Center, Trinity Lutheran staff members, and one recipient of Christmas cookies.
- ◇ The 2019 Service Book should be ready by the first of February.
- ◇ Our February meeting has been moved up a week to February 14<sup>th</sup> in order to accommodate the students from Birchwood High School. The ACT test will be given on February 20 and 21 in our Fellowship Hall.
- ◇ We will serve breakfast for these students on both days.

- ◇ The pillowcase project will continue, with many of our ladies willing and able to make them, and the pillowcases will be donated to charitable organizations for use at their facilities.
- ◇ The zip lock bags of necessary items, plus pillowcases, were delivered to EMBRACE in Ladysmith after our meeting.
- ◇ We're looking for ways we can Step out and Serve our community
- ◇ We're always working on something. If you want to get involved, just contact any of the Women of Trinity board members: Ginger LaMotte, president. Cindy Rubin, vice president. Dianne Buxton, secretary. Marcia Kampf, treasurer. All women who attend our church are considered Women of Trinity members. We live to serve others, as Christ would have us do.



**NEXT MEETING OF . . .**

- Birchwood Food Pantry Open. . . . . 10:30 am, Feb 2, 4, 16, 18***
- Worship & Music Team. . . . . 9:30 am, Feb 4***
- Mission & Outreach. . . . . 10:00am, Feb 6***
- Trinity Lutheran Church Women. . . . . 11:00 am, Feb 14***
- Congregational Council . . . . . 6:30 pm, Feb 19***

**EDUCATION, YOUTH & FAMILY**

**LCMC Catch the Wave Regional Event**

Students are registered for a weekend youth event geared for middle and high school students praising God with music by Peder and Allison Eide along with speaker Pastor Andrea Paulson at the 2019 LCMC Regional Youth Event.

We will be lodging at the Three Bears Resort in Warrens, WI. If you are interested in preparing a meal for the youth to bring, please contact Ashley Beffa, Youth and Family Ministry Coordinator at (715) 790-1491 or sign-up in the Narthex.



**YOUTH AND CONFIRMATION**

Youth and Confirmation meets Wednesday nights at 5:15pm for a light meal, worship, discussing the Gospel of John, large and small group discussion, praying, and writing in their journals. Come prepared by bringing your Study Bible! Also, a friendly reminder that all youth and family assist with service the second Sunday of each month. Please plan to attend and volunteer during these services.



**LIVE THIRD. BE THIRD. THIRD WEDNESDAY.**

Birchwood Bobcat Riders will be conducting a snowmobile safety class for youth in the area and selecting a new youth ambassador. The Cross Youth and Confirmation have offered to help host their event on 2/20/19 along with a light meal following. Ashley is waiting on feedback from Bobcat Rider's for more information.



**LIVE THIRD. BE THIRD. THIRD SUNDAY.**

Trinity Youth and Family Ministry organizes a fellowship or serving event on the Third Sunday of the month. The congregation, community friends, and family joined us in fellowship for bowling serving 30 people in January. For some this was their first time or first time in a long time. Thank you all who was part of this fun event. We'd also like to thank the staff for their kind and accommodating service at Rand's Bowling in Rice Lake.





Youth and Family Ministry continues to organize a fellowship and/or serving event on the Third Sunday of each month. Come out to enjoy our Community Winter Fun Day of Sledding and Ice Fishing on February 17th, from noon to 3 p.m., where we will be offering free hot cocoa and S'mores, bonfire, sledding, and ice fishing at Murphy Flowage Park and Campground. Check out the Youth and Family Board in the Narthex for details. **Snowmobilers, snowshoe hikers, skiers, children, adults, friends and neighbors are all welcome!!!**



**SERVING AND FELLOWSHIP:**

In January, 20 people joined in fellowship with helping hands at the Feed My Starving Children MobilePack event to support children hungry in body and spirit around the world. Thank you to those who donated their time and/or money to this Christian organization. Who knew we could have so much fun serving in hairnets or how far our donations could travel.



**THIRD WEDNESDAY SERVING AND FELLOWSHIP**



The Cross Youth and Confirmation ministry will be hosting a Youth Game Night in the Fellowship Hall on February 20 from 5:15 to 7:15 pm. Grades 6th to 12th are all welcome to come play ping pong, pool, foosball, cards, board games and more! A light meal will also be available; freewill donations accepted to support our Youth and Family Ministry.

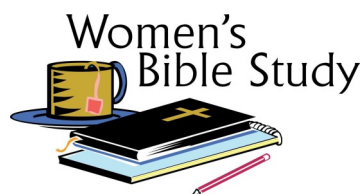
**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

We have enjoyed a great year so far in our Sunday School program. Our area in the fellowship hall is inviting and cozy. We have lots of supplies, easy to find, in the storage cupboards. Our numbers have fluctuated from about 11 to 1. Remember; lessons are prepared, easy to follow, and fun and rewarding to teach. If you haven't tried teaching a lesson yet, consider giving it a try as we move towards spring. And yes, a male member of the congregation is also welcome to sign up! Thanks for your support of our Sunday School program.

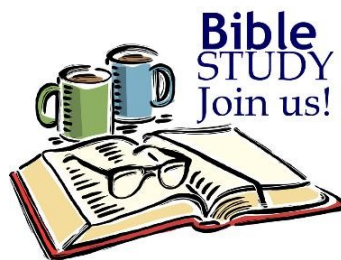


**WOMEN'S MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY**

Women's bible study will be meeting Monday evening in January beginning January 7 at 6:30pm. We will be studying John, chapters 16 and 17 on the 7th and 14th. The last two Mondays we will start the first 2 chapters of John. All women are welcome! Join the joy of learning God's Word! Any questions, contact Barb Kleven at 715-834-9988



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. Please join us at 6:30pm in the Trinity Room - all our welcome!!



Guest Speaker will be Scott Gottschalk, Stonecroft Ministries Speaker from Kimball, MN. The title of his presentation is "Desperate Moments: The making of a Transformed Life" Men are welcome! Special feature will be JJ Elf Shoe Repair. Reservations are necessary and must be made by February 13. Cost is \$9.50. Cancellations essential and may be made up until 7am the morning of the RLWC Brunch by calling Janelle at 715-45-3566.

**MISSIONS AND OUTREACH**

M&O will not be doing a collection for Lutheran World Relief Sewing Kits this February due to the poor response in 2018. We will be feeding the Timber Bay group this month. Please watch the weekly bulletin for our next project which will be Health/Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief! Last year we had a tremendous response and hope that will again occur!

To help make the Health/Personal Care Kits successful, following is a list of the items that will be needed.

**ITEMS TO INCLUDE IN EACH PERSONAL CARE KIT**

- ❖ ONE adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging or a business-size envelope
- ❖ ONE sturdy comb
- ❖ ONE metal nail clippers (attached file optional)
- ❖ ONE light-weight bath-size towel (52" x 27"), dark color recommended
- ❖ TWO bath-size bars of soap equaling 8 to 9 oz., any brand, in original wrapping

Don't enclose Kit or any of its contents in plastic bags. Fold the towel in half. Place the rest of the items in the towel, fold and roll so nothing falls out, and secure with yarn, ribbon, string or rubber bands.

**WOMEN'S THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY**

Thursday morning bible study will be meeting again until Thursday, January 3. They will continue their study of 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 are continuing 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

**LIBRARY CORNER**

So here we are in Love month...Valentine's day and all that goes with it...so I have provided for you books on relationships and family fun. You will love what you find as I know there is a lot of fun on that table...and also some suggestions on better relations with that special someone. No matter where you are in your love life...maybe even your kids??? Happy Heart time! Hope you saw the



Library.

daily bible reading guide I put out for you last month. They are still available for you over in the Library on the glass counter. Help yourself. These came from Bethany Lutheran Church

**RICE LAKE WOMEN'S CONNECTION BRUNCH**

The next Women's Connection Brunch is February 19 at 9am at Lehman's Supper Club.



**FEBRUARY WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

	February 3	February 10	February 17	February 24
Greeters	Bob & Karen Scott	TRINITY YOUTH	Carol Addington Ruth Clausen	Ken & Jeanne Dahlby
Ushers	Eldon & Joanne Kvale	TRINITY YOUTH	LeRoy Brensel	Tom & Sue Svitak
Communion Assts	LeRoy Brensel Need 1 More	TRINITY YOUTH	Dave & Mary Webster	Joanne Schilling Virginia Johnson
Reader	Carol Addington	TRINITY YOUTH	Leo Diehl	Karen Hayes



**Superior Lobe & Blue Hills Chapter  
18<sup>th</sup> Annual Snowshoe Shuffle on the  
Ice Age National Scenic Trail**



Photo courtesy of Wisconsinfun.com & Marilyn Nash

**1:00 P.M., Saturday, February 9  
Murphy Dam Picnic Area**

Join us on snowshoes for your choice of 1, 3 or 7 miles through a *Winter Wonderland*. New this year is an interpretative scenic stroll. Before taking to the trail enjoy snacks and a hot drink while socializing and making new friends around the bonfire.

**DIRECTIONS**

- The Murphy Flowage Recreation Area is on Rusk County Hwy "F" eight miles south of Birchwood
- For those traveling from Rice Lake or Weyerhaeuser, the Recreation Area is 4.5-miles North of the junction of Counties "O" and "F"
- For more information call Don (715) 354-3827. RSVP appreciated. To reserve limited supply of loaner snowshoes contact Jim at [jbrekkekurz@centurytel.net](mailto:jbrekkekurz@centurytel.net) or (715) 532 7246

**Birchwood Area Food Pantry  
Fundraiser**

Reel 'Em Inn on Long Lake

N1410 County Highway MD, Sarona, WI 54870

**SPAGHETTI DINNER**

Sunday, February 10, 2019

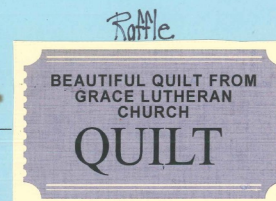
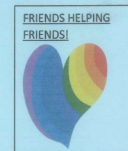
10:30 a.m. -2:00 p.m.

All you can eat spaghetti along with bread, salad, dessert and beverage (coffee, soda and water) along with an open cash bar.

Tickets are available at area businesses and/or for \$12 or \$15 at the door, for reservations call Bonnie at 715-651-5650.


**FUN BASKETS/ FOR \$1.00 TICKETS FOR CHANCES TO WIN**

Come out for an afternoon of fun with your special friends or loved ones, have a valentine dinner and support the food pantry to help families in our neighborhood.



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|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| JoLynn Kotel 2/5             | Jean Peterson 2/16    |
| Jessica Lindow 2/6           | Daryan Schultz2/16    |
| Helen McClyman2/7            | Spencer Ritchey 2/19  |
| Madeline Swanson 2/9         | Merlin Johnson2/23    |
| Brien Gindt 2/10             | Ken Dahlby2/24        |
| Penny Iverson 2/11           | Scott VandeVoort 2/24 |
| Joanne Kvale 2/12            |                       |
| Sherri Seelnacht 2/12        |                       |
| Rolf Kleven 2/13             |                       |
| Catherine Krance 2/13        |                       |
| Tiffany Rurup 2/13           |                       |
| Leona Olson 2/14             |                       |
| Billy Strand 2/14            |                       |
| Kayla Kristensen-Sundby 2/15 |                       |

# FEBRUARY 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><i>Altar Guild</i></p> <p><b>Virginia Johnson</b></p> 					1	2 10:30a-1:30p - Food Pantry Open
<p><b>3 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday After the Epiphany</b></p> <p>9a—Choir Warm-Up 9:30a - COFFEE TIME 10a - Worship w/Communion</p> <p>Money Counters: Char Mohns &amp; Joan Fuller</p>	4	5	6	7	8	9
	<p>9:30a—Quilting 9:30a—W&amp; M Mtg 10:30a-1:30p Food Pantry Open 7p - AA, Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>2pm—Christian Life Mtg</p>	<p>10a—Missions &amp; Outreach 6p—The Cross Youth 7p—Choir Reh</p>	<p>9:30a—Women's Bible Study 6:30p - Group Faith Study</p>	OFFICE CLOSED	<p>1pm 18th Ann. Snowshoe Shuffle 4pm—Cancer Benefit Meat Raffle @ Spider Lake Saloon</p>
<p><b>10 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday After the Epiphany</b></p> <p>9:30a - COFFEE TIME</p> <p>10a - Worship w/ Communion 10:30-2pm—Bwd Food Pantry Fund-raiser @ Reel 'Em Inn on Long Lake Money Counters: Sandi David &amp; June Ehrich</p>	11	12	13	14 <b>Valentine's Day!</b>	15	16
	<p>9:30a—Quilting 6:30p—Wmns Bible Study 7p - AA, Fellowship Hall</p>	7	<p>6p—The Cross Youth 7p—Choir Reh</p>	<p>9:30a—Women's Bible Study 11a - WOT Mtg 6:30p - Group Faith Study</p>	OFFICE CLOSED	<p>10:30a-1:30p - Food Pantry Open</p>
<p><b>17 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday After the Epiphany</b></p> <p>18 9:30a - COFFEE TIME 10a - Worship w/Communion</p> <p><b>Love Fund &amp; Food Pantry Offerings</b></p> <p><b>Community Sledding &amp; Ice Fishing @ Murphy Flowage Park</b></p> <p>Money Counters: Jeanne Dahlby &amp; Dave Webster</p>	18 <b>Journey Deadline</b>	19	20	21	22	23
	<p>9:30a—Quilting 10:30a-1:30p Food Pantry Open 6:30p—Wmns Bible Study 7p - AA, Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>9:00a—RL Wmns. Connection Brunch @ Lehman's 6:30p - Council Mtg</p>	<p>6p—The Cross Youth—Youth Game Night 7p—Choir Reh</p>	<p>9:30a—Women's Bible Study 6:30p - Group Faith Study</p>	OFFICE CLOSED	
<p><b>24 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday After the Epiphany</b></p> <p>9:30a - COFFEE TIME 10a - Worship w/Communion</p> <p><b>PRAYER SHAWL SUNDAY</b></p> <p>Money Counters: Sue Svitak &amp; Brenda Mackey</p>	25	26	27	28		
	<p>9:30a—Quilting 7p - AA, Fellowship Hall</p>		<p>10a - Journey Assembly 6p—The Cross Youth 7p—Choir Reh</p>	<p>9:30a—Women's Bible Study 6:30p - Group Faith Study</p>		

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Feb. 17



## The JOURNEY FEBRUARY 2019

**TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH**

*Jack Jorgensen, Pastor*

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Sunday School 10 am (Sept – May 21)  
Office Hours 8 – 11:30 am, 12:30 - 3:00pm (M-Th)  
Bulletin deadline 9 am Wednesdays  
JOURNEY deadline Monday of 3<sup>rd</sup> week of the month

### WORSHIP THIS MONTH

2/3 – 10am Worship w/ Communion  
2/10 – 10am Youth Worship w/ Communion  
2/17 – 10am Worship w/ Communion  
2/24 – 10am Praise Worship w/ Communion

### KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Tom Allard	Art Johnson	Jean Petersen
Vicki Busick	Eileen Koefel	Jim Pravda
Rose Cutsforth	Bill & Eunice Kuntz	Tom Reed
Debbie Davis	Roy Kuula	Bill Rice
Barb Fegan	Bill & Joyce Lambrecht	Buddy Robotka
Annette Gentile	Rebecca Langham	Ro Sackmann
Dan Gowan	Ed Leader	Carter Sackmann
Laine Guttenberg	Lora	Collette Sandow
Ron Hartzell	Leonard Nysted	Frank & Linda Starca
Andy Hedman	Mary Nysted	Cindy Schaan
McKel Heebink	Betty Orsund	Timothy Wallace
Becky Hunt	Kathy Paquette	Elaine Yndestad
Merlin Jahnke	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.