

# The JOURNEY — Walking Daily with Jesus

February 2022 Journey

From the Pastor's desk

*God's voice thunders in marvelous ways; he does great things beyond our understanding. He says to the snow, 'Fall on the earth,' and to the rain shower, 'Be a mighty downpour.' So that everyone he has made may know his work, he stops all people from their labor. The animals take cover; they remain in their dens. The tempest comes out from its chamber, the cold from the driving winds. The breath of God produces ice, and the broad waters become frozen. (Job 37: 5-10, NIV)*

As I write this, we are in the grips of some pretty cold weather. The temperatures are failing to rise above zero, and the wind is "biting cold." Some of us are choosing to stay inside so that we would be safe from these frigid elements. We are settling into the depths of winter. But, hey, we live in Northern Wisconsin! And we are a hearty bunch! Even this time of year, a time when the land and mankind is forced to rest a bit from their labors, we find that God is still in control. Winter is still a part of God's plan.

We find ourselves in a time of relative calm in the church year as well. Advent and Christmas are past, and Lent is just around the corner. In the Church we find that this is a time for rest, planning, and preparation as we await the greatest of all the Christian celebrations: Easter, the resurrection of our Lord Jesus.

We have talked a lot in our worship time about "Abiding in Christ." It is my prayer that in this wintertime of relative quiet, you would find yourself "abiding": in His Word, in the Sacraments, and in the fellowship with other believers. Christ's Church is still open for business this winter. Feel free to join us in a Bible study or in worship. If you miss us on a Sunday, catch God's Word as it is shared on YouTube.

You are not alone during this time of Winter. In this time of cold and quiet, we can still say with assurance: *"This is the day that the Lord has made; We will rejoice and be glad in it."*(Psalm 118:24)

God's blessings on your day!

Pastor Dan

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Help families stay close to Jesus using this acronym:

**A** is for Ask.  
**B** is for Bible.  
**I** is for Investigate.  
**D** is for Dwell.  
**E** is for Everyone.

## A Letter from Council President

### Equipping The Saints

The local church is called to equip the saints to do the work of the ministry (Ephesians 4). This message is to identify reasons people may not volunteer and our strategy to encourage and equip them for ministry.

Pastor Wayne Hedlund, founder of The Transforming Church organization wrote an article on *5 Reasons Why People Don't Volunteer*. Those reasons are:

#### What Volunteer Opportunity?

People might not be aware of ministry needs or how to get involved. To communicate more about each ministry team, we will have Ministry Moments during worship services. These short talks will allow ministry team leaders to explain what their ministry are responsible for. Also, we are planning to hold a Ministry Fair where you can talk to each ministry leader. learn more about the ministries and hopefully sign up to volunteer for a ministry team if so desired.

#### Been There, Done That.

Some volunteers may have had bad experiences in the past. We certainly would like to talk with you about that experience and learn from it.

#### I Have Nothing to Offer.

A lot of people don't get involved because they don't feel qualified or feel intimidated or uncomfortable to try something new. The only prerequisite

is a desire to help. Each ministry team has an on-the job training program. You are needed and wanted.

#### I'm Too Busy.

We all seem busy. The time seems to fly by but the work Christ asks us to do is extremely important. It's life changing and life-saving.

#### Nobody Asked Me.

Journey articles, bulletin blurbs and worship announcements all frequently ask for volunteer help. Now you just need to discover what volunteer position God is placing on your heart. The upcoming teaching on spiritual gifts and prayer can help you with this.

The *Life of a Steward* website says the biggest mistake a person has in finding their calling is they believe that their comfort level is an indicator of God's call on their life. They believe that God has given them certain gifts and if this takes them out of their comfort level it is not God's will.

The *Renewing Hope* website says your uncomfortable heart may mean God is trying to:

- Have you unlearned some old ways of thinking or behaving.

Stretch you into a new area of increased effectiveness

- Uncover an ungodly character trait in you that He wants to transform

- Raise your sights beyond yourself to see others in need

- Push you to become someone capable of much greater responsibility

- Invite you to be an effective agent in spiritual warfare for His kingdom

Are you uncomfortable? Consider whether God may be behind it, and see where the warmth of your burning heart may take you.

I remember the first time I was asked to give a temple talk. I thought my heart was going to pound right out of my chest. They say the fear of public speaking is one of the worst fear a person has. It is ranked higher than the fear of death. I did survive and grew more confident from this experience. I wasn't comfortable when a group of TLC church leaders cornered me to ask if I would run for TLC president. I wouldn't trade this experience for anything. It still can be uncomfortable at times but I grow from each of these times. If I can try something new, you certainly can do it. You might not realize all the skills and talents you have. You are needed and you can make a difference. The benefits of volunteering are fulfilling God's will, being part of a small group, establishing new friendships and the satisfaction of doing a job well done.

Jim McGraw





In 1990, Souper Bowl of Caring began with a simple prayer from a single youth group:

**“Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us be mindful of those without a bowl of soup to eat.”**

Since then, more than \$170 million has been generated for local charities across the country through Souper Bowl of Caring. It has become a powerful movement that transforms the time around the Big Game into the nation’s largest celebration of giving and caring for those in need.

Through this mission, people learn they can make a positive difference in the world as they collect food, raise money and serve at hunger-relief charities and show caring and compassion in local communities across the country.

Share in God’s love for our neighbors in need and give generously on Souper Bowl Sunday. The Cross Youth will collect donations on Super Bowl Sunday to go directly to our Souper Bowl of Caring Charity choice of Birchwood School Backpack Program.

The Men’s Ministry Team is  
 Inviting you to a  
 Valentines Dinner  
 Saturday February 12 at  
 5:00pm  
 Trinity Fellowship Hall

You will enjoy your choice of  
 either  
 Ham Dinner  
 Or  
 Salisbury Steak Dinner

Sign - Up Sheet is on the  
 Welcome Center  
 Please sign up by February 5th

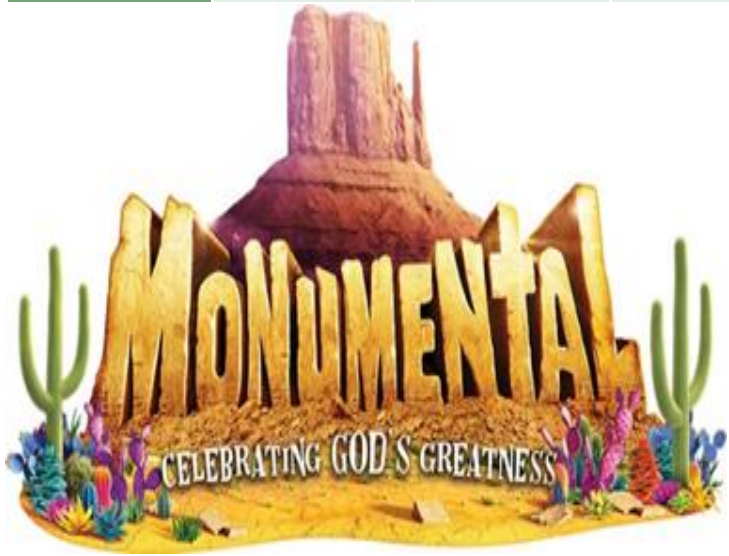
**FEBRUARY WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**



	<b>Feb 6 (10:00 am)</b>	<b>Feb 13 (10:00 am)</b>	<b>Feb 20 (10:00 am)</b>	<b>Feb 27 (10:00 am)</b>
<b>GREETERS</b>	Alyce & Steve Tracey	Katrina Gustafson	Char Mohns	Jackie & Dan Healy
<b>USHERS</b>	LeRoy Brensel Wally Thom	Wally Thom John Schieffer	Wes Mohns John Schieffer	LeRoy Brensel Tom Svitak
<b>COMM. ASSTS</b>	Kathy Thom	Kathy Thom	Pat Mackey	Joanne Schilling
<b>READER</b>	Gloria Widiker	Gloria Widiker	Dan Dahl	Dianne Buxton

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 Madeline Swanson 02/09  
 Brien Gindt 02/10  
 Joanne Kvale 02/12  
 Rolf Kleven 02/13  
 Tiffany Rurup 02/13  
 Catherine Krance 02/13

Billy Strand 02/14  
 Leona Olson 02/14  
 Kayla Kristensen-Sundby 02/15  
 Daryan Schultz 02/16  
 Alyce Tracey 02/24  
 Scott VandeVoort 02/24  
 Ken Dahlby 02/24



**2022 VBS is coming!** Go off-road for a Monumental adventure through the colorful canyons and sunbaked trails of the southwest! By exploring God’s awesomeness, kids form a rock-solid faith for the road ahead.

Thanks to Wally and Kathy Thom for volunteering to be co-directors with Joanne Schilling! So let the planning begin! We will need other volunteers to help with decorating, station leaders, and more.

If you are interested in helping with VBS this year, please contact Joanne at 715-651-4875. And stay tuned for more details.

**Meeting**

**NEXT MEETING OF . . .**

- Birchwood Food Pantry Open. . . . . 10:30-12:30pm Feb 7, 21**
- Worship & Music Team. . . . . 10 am, Feb 7**
- Women of Trinity. . . . . 10 am, Feb 12**
- Trinity Council Meeting . . . . . 6:30 pm, Feb 15**

8<sup>th</sup> Annual Women's Retreat

April 22-23, 2022

Forest Springs Camp & Conference Center

presented by  
**Stephenie  
Hovland**  
author & speaker

Rest  
Renew  
Restore

Questions? Call Joan Johnson, 715-556-0889  
Check out our Facebook page:  
Women Of the Word (with butterfly logo)

The WI-Upper Peninsula District Women of the Word (WOW) executive committee invite you to a weekend with other Christian women in fellowship with God, learning, laughing, and relaxing. It will be a time of worship, meeting with the Father, and just sitting back to relax and enjoy the beautiful Northwoods of Wisconsin.



Save the Date and pick up a registration form at TLC welcome center.

There are several activities planned for you throughout the weekend:

Trinity Lutheran Church

Monthly Treasurer's Report – Month of December 2021

Summary

For December, 2021 income exceeded expense by about \$426. Income was about \$250 below plan, at \$14,461 (plan is an average of \$14,700). Expenses were \$654 below plan.

For the year, TLC has brought in about \$5,355 more than has been spent. Total income was \$176,865 and expense was \$171,510.

Thanks again to all members for their continued generosity.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Rubin,

Treasurer



**Women of Trinity Lutheran Church HAPPENINGS**

Women of Trinity Happenings January, 2022

Our meeting was held on January 8 at 10 AM 9 women were in attendance. We opened and closed with prayer. Devotion by Di Hubbard.

Altar guild--February, Karen Hayes  
Many thank you's were received for year-end gifts.

Deep cleaning of the kitchen will be Feb 8th & 9th. Committee chairs will contact members for assistance. The chore list was distributed and updated.

Need meals for Wednesday nights for youth.

Next meeting will be February 12<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM

***Women of  
Trinity***



**ADDED SPACE**

In case you haven't noticed the hall to the Pastor's office is no more. Wally and Kevin closed up the hall and made a supply closet.

On the back side of the closet the guys were able to make another closet in Pastor's office so he has a place to hang his Orbs and give him some additional storage.

**WEEKLY TEXT STUDIES WITH PASTOR DAN**



Want to help focus Pastor's sermon? Then come to the weekly text studies on Mondays at 1 pm, where Pastor and those present will dive into the Scripture texts

for the coming Sunday. Copies of the Scriptures are available outside Pastor's office door. Pick one up and join the text study group.



**CELEBRATION OF LIFE**

**Frederick Chapman Peck**  
September 25, 1948 - February 20, 2021

**FEBRUARY 18, 2022**  
**1:00 PM**  
(Visitation at Noon)  
Trinity Lutheran Church  
Birchwood, WI 5481

**Reception at 2 PM**  
Mary's Bluegill Bar

**ARE YOU READY?** Lent is just around the corner. Wednesday March 2nd is Ash Wednesday Join us for all the Lenten services. More to come!



## February 2022

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>SATURDAY</b>
		1	2 7-8:30p Choir Practice	3 10a Women's Bible study	4 <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	5
6 8:45-9:45a Adult Sunday School 10a - Worship 11:30 Confirmation Class	7 9:00 Quilters 10:30a-12:30p—Food Pantry Open 1:00 pm Text Study 3:30 Woman's Bible Study 7p—AA, Fellowship Hall	8	9 7-8p Choir Practice 8-9p Praise Team Practice	10 10a Women's Bible study	11 <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	12 WOT Meeting 10 am
13 8:45-9:45a Adult Sunday School 10a - Worship 11:30 Confirmation Class	14 9:00 Quilters 1p Text Study 3:30 Woman's Bible Study 7p—AA, Fellowship Hall	15 <b>Journey Deadline</b> 6:30p - Council Meeting	16 7-8:30p Choir Practice	17 10a Women's Bible study 6:30 pm Men's Ministry Mtg	18 <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	19
20 8:45-9:45a Adult Sunday 10a - Worship Love Fund/Food Pantry Offering 11:30 Confirmation Class	21 9:00 Quilters 1p Text Study 3:30p MONDAY Women's Bible Study 7p—AA, Fellowship Hall	22	23 7-8:30p Choir Practice	24 10a Women's Bible study	25 <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	26
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*Ashley Beffa, Youth & Family*

*Joanne Schilling, Choir Director*

*Betty Blanch & Donnarae Carrell, Custodians*

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

### SUNDAY WORSHIP THIS MONTH

- 2/6 — 10 am Worship w/Communion
- 2/13 — 10 am Worship w/Communion
- 2/20 — 10 am Worship w/Communion — Love Fund Offering
- 2/27 — Worship w/Communion Prayer Shawl Sunday

### KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Debbie Davis	Tracy Reid
Annette Gentile	Bill Rice
Andy Hedman	Ro Sackmann
Barb Hinderman	Carter Sackmann
Eunice Kuntz	Timothy Wallace
Ed Leader	Elaine Yndestad
Lora	Donna Willis
Sharon Mackey	Kathy Paquette

**In the military:** Rigil Christensen, Rochelle Fabrizio, Tim Groth, John Hughes, Cody Davis, Bennett Jorgensen and all those serving in the military.