

# The JOURNEY — Walking Daily with Jesus

## Pray

1 Timothy 2:1-2 - *I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people - for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.*

As I am writing this reflection, we are only days from the inauguration of our new president. This election season, and in fact this entire presidency, has been one in which we have seen the divisiveness in our country highlighted to levels which seem unprecedented. But looking back over the history of our country, there have been other elections which easily compare with what we have just witnessed.

Here in a few days, Joe Biden will become the President of the United States. Regardless of our political party and no matter if we agree with Mr. Biden’s agenda or not, we are to pray for him. Not only that, we are shown by the Scriptures that we should be praying for all of those who are in authority. And we are to do what we can to support them in their leadership.

Why? Paul tells us in Romans, Chapter 13:1: *Let everyone be subject to the ruling authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God.* There we have it. We pray for our leaders so that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness, but we also pray for our leaders because God has placed them in power for this time.

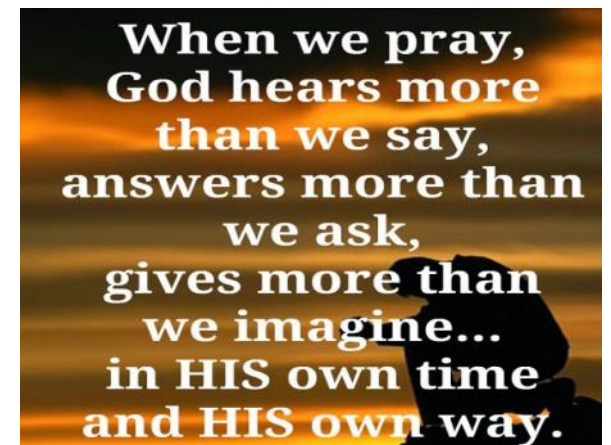
I ask that our Heavenly Father will work in the hearts of the people of this country that we might live in peace and harmony. At the same time, I know that what we truly need is for Christ to reign in our hearts and minds, as King of Kings and Lord of Lords. We can assist in this change in our country as we pray for our leaders and as we proclaim “Christ crucified” to each neighbor among whom we live and serve.

Let this be our prayer during this next President’s administration.

In Christ, Pastor Dan

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## President's Message

By now you know I research and read other Christian resources and websites. Since the Council is preparing for a leadership retreat in May, I looked up the 2020 Leadership Conference on Right Now Media. The theme for this conference is Focus: Focus on The Master, Focus on The Message, Focus on The Mission.

The session I want to share with you is Get Up and Go by Bianca Juarez Olthoff, lead pastor at The Fathers House Church in Orange Co, California. Pastor Bianca said that we need to focus on listening to the Triune God. During these difficult times, her prayer is that we don't listen to the negative voices but listen to the voice of the Spirit of God.

Her testimony is she has been a Christian all her life. Her father is a pastor and she and her husband co-pastor a church. Even with all this she felt empty. She had all the information about God but wanted revelation, victory and truth. She wanted to know how to use the gift God gave her.

She went on to say, we need the Spirit of God to be alive and active in our lives. We have been anesthetized to doing things how we do them every day. Jesus wants to rescue us from our religiosity, our dusty, boring lives and revive us anew. We are not defined by our failures. Our anxiety of the virus and political times. Our feelings of loss of job or relationships. We are children of the everlasting God.

Her session title comes from Acts 9 where Jesus called Paul to evangelize and minister to the gentile world. That's us! Paul answered the call of God not knowing what was next. Not knowing he would write 2/3 of New Testament. Acts 9:6 tells us Jesus said "But rise and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." Those are the action points that Jesus has for us to follow his call: Get back up; get up and go; You will be told what to do.

On January 17th, Pastor Dan taught us about God's Call in our lives. He knows what he is talking about since he recently faithfully followed God's Call to Trinity. What immediate call is God putting on your life and ministry? Do you sense the Holy Spirit's whisper asking you to do something in your life?

What about his call seems too big or unachievable for you to accomplish? What can you do to trust God more fully as you follow his calling?

The good news is the Holy Spirit will not ask us to do anything, he won't provide for. Jesus told the disciples when he sent them out into the ministry field, not to be anxious because they would be told what to say. "If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead **will also give life** to your mortal bodies **through his Spirit who dwells in you.**" Romans 8:11 ESV

If we do things that we can do - we get the glory, but if we do things that we are incapable of doing we need to trust God to empower us so He gets the glory. Charles Spurgeon, the famous 19<sup>th</sup> century preacher said "many have come through Calvary, but not through Pentecost. We have become butterflies when God wants us to be eagles."

Pastor Bianco reminded us "If you ain't dead God isn't done with you". There is work to be done in our church, our community, our schools and our families. I pray that you will join me in listening to the voice of Jesus as He shows us what He wants us to do. If Jesus is revealing new things to you please share them with us. May the same Holy Spirit that empowered the early church, revive us to do God's will.



### **WEBSITE PAYPAL DONATE BUTTON**

We've added a PayPal DONATE ONLINE button to the Trinity website!!

Now, visitors to our website and others who are out of the Birchwood area can make donations online thru PayPal. PayPal accepts major credit cards, debit cards, and PayPal.

In addition, we have received a PayPal card reader to use for fund-raising events when attendees may wish to pay using a credit or debit card.

Trinity is charged the standard rate for a PayPal nonprofit business account of 2.9% + \$0.30 for each domestic transaction. Therefore, we recommend that members of Trinity drop off or mail their donations to the church (P.O. Box 8, Birchwood, WI) rather than donate online.



## February WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

	February 7 (10 AM)	February 14 (10 AM)	February 21 (10 AM)	February 28 (10PM)
<b>GREETERS</b>	Kathy & Wally Thom	Julie & Kevin Sunderland	Sue & Tom Svitak	Mike & Cindy Rubin
<b>USHERS</b>	LeRoy Brensel Rob Freeman	Janet & John Schieffer	Char & Wes Mohns	Pat Mackey Wally Thom
<b>COMM. ASSTS</b>	Karen Scott June Bibeau	Di & Kyle Hubbard	Joanne Schilling Sue Svitak	Kathy Thom Brenda Mackey
<b>READER</b>	Gelene Tabor	Zach Beffa	Donnarae Carrell	Cindy Rubin

Women's Monday night bible study is held in the Trinity room at 6:00 pm. We welcome all women at Trinity and the community to join us. I look forward to the wonderful fellowship and friendship we have in Jesus. God bless you!  
Barb Kleven 715-834-9988



- JoLynn Kotel 02/05
- Jessica Lindow 02/06
- Helen McClyman 02/07
- 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
- Scott VandeVoort 02/24
- Ken Dahlby 02/24



Join us for Lenten Service

Ash Wednesday is February 17 at 7:00 pm. Our service will include the Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion.

Join us for midweek Lenten services on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm. (February 24 thru March 24). Those worship services will focus on the Lord's Prayer.



### NEXT MEETING OF . . .

- Birchwood Food Pantry Open. . . . . 10:30-12:30pm, Feb. 6, 8, 20, 22**
- Worship & Music Team. . . . . 10 am, Feb. 1**
- Women of Trinity. . . . . 10am, Feb. 13**
- Trinity Council Meeting . . . . . 6:30 pm, Feb. 16**



### The Appointed Time

Find the 28 bold words from 1 Corinthians 7:29-34a (ESV)

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 D Y S F S J R G N W P O A T I

This is what I mean, **brothers**: the **appointed time** has **grown very short**. From now on, let those who have wives **live** as though they had none, and those who **mourn** as though they were not mourning, and those who **rejoice** as though they were not rejoicing, and those who **buy** as though they had no **goods**, and those who **deal with the world** as though they had no dealings with it. For the **present form** of this world is **passing away**. I want you to be **free from anxieties**. The unmarried man is **anxious** about the things of the **Lord**, how to **please** the Lord. But the married man is anxious about **worldly things**, how to please his wife, and his **interests** are **divided**.

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### Women of Trinity Happenings—

Our meeting was held on January 9, 2021 in the Fellowship Hall. We opened with prayer and 13 women were in attendance. Secretary and Treasurer reports were accepted as written.

**-Altar Guild** Joanne Schilling is responsible for January.

**Correspondence** contained numerous thank you's for gifts and donations during the Christmas season.

**-Old Business** Christmas bake and lefsa sales were great. The 2021 service booklet will be printed soon. There will be a Women's Retreat on April 23-24 at Camp Forest Springs in Westboro. Thanks to everyone who worked on Christmas events, décor and bake sales. The cookies for shut-ins were greatly appreciated.

Discussion of continuing to send cards to those unable to attend church.

**-New Business** A donation will be sent to sponsor a child in Haiti. Sign-up for providing meals for 'The Cross' is underway. A sub-committee will update the funeral/event planning binder. Discussion of crafting for a bazaar continues.



Sign-up sheets for program development and for participating in the crafting will be available at the Welcome Center.

Next meeting will be February 13 at 10 AM in the Fellowship Hall.

## February 2021

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>SATURDAY</b>
	110a—WMMT Meeting	2	3 5:30p-The Cross	4	5  <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	6 10:30a-12:30p—Food Pantry Open
7  10a - Worship	8 10:30a-12:30p—Food Pantry Open 1:00 pm Text Study 6p—Women's Bible Study-Trinity Rm 7p—AA, Fellowship Hall	9	10  5:30p-The Cross	11  10:00a—Women's Bible Study	12  <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	13  10a—Women of Trinity Meeting
14  10a - Worship	15 9:00 Quilters 1:00 pm Text Study 6p—Women's Bible Study-Trinity Rm 7p—AA, Fellowship Hall	16  6:30p - Council Meeting	17 <b>Ash Wednesday</b>  5:30p-The Cross <b>7:00 Lenten Service</b>	18  10:00a—Women's Bible Study	19  <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	20  10:30a-12:30p—Food Pantry Open
21  10a - Worship  Love Fund/Food Pantry Offering	22 <b>Journey Deadline</b> 9:00 Quilters 10:30a-12:30p—Food Pantry Open 1:00 pm Text Study 6p—Women's Bible Study-Trinity Rm 7p—AA, Fellowship Hall	23	24  5:30p-The Cross <b>7:00 Lenten Service</b>	25  10:00a—Women's Bible Study	26  <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	27
28  10a - Worship  Prayer Shawl Sunday						

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## February 2021

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JOURNEY deadline Monday of 3<sup>rd</sup> week of the month

### SUNDAY WORSHIP THIS MONTH

02/07 – 10 am Worship w/ Communion

02/14 – 10 am Worship w/ Communion

02/21– 10 am Worship w/ Communion – Love Fund Offering

02/28 – 10 am Worship w/ Communion – Prayer Shawl Sunday

### KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Carol Addington	Joyce Lambrecht	Carter Sackmann
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**In the military:** Rigil Christensen, Rochelle Fabrizio, Eric Bebee, Tim Groth, John Hughes, Cody Davis, Bennett Jorgensen and all those serving in the military.