

# The JOURNEY — Walking Daily with Jesus

*Now the Lord is the Spirit and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.*

**2 Corinthians 3:17.**

“Let freedom ring” we sing in our national anthem. Yes, indeed! We are free to live in freedom, not because our national anthem says so, but because God’s Word says so. Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

Meanwhile, as we view the chaos and trouble of the world, one thing is certain! *All God’s promises are “Yes and amen”.* **2 Corinthians 1:20.** That is a promise from our Heavenly Father. Now more than ever before we need the light of God’s Word to direct our paths. Even though the world is getting darker, God’s Word lights our path. **Psalm 119:105**

The Holy Spirit will guide us in everything if we take time to listen and obey. **Isaiah 30:21** tells us *“Whether you turn to the right or to the left your ears will hear a voice behind you saying, “This is the way, walk in it.”*

Take out your bible and find out what God has to say about:

Uncertainty: **Zephaniah 3:17-** *“The LORD your God in your midst , the Mighty One, will save; He will rejoice over you with gladness, He will quiet you with His love, He will rejoice over you with singing.”*

Sorrow: **Matthew 5:4-** *“Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.”*

Fear: *“I sought the Lord, and He answered me and delivered me from all my fears. Those who look to Him are radiant, their faces are never covered with shame.* **Psalm 34:5**

It has been an amazing blessing as we have started gathering for worship at our 8:30 and 10:00 services here at Trinity. We have been prayerfully striving to meet safely, making the proper precautions with wearing masks, using hand sanitizer, and social distancing. As we hope to move in a direction of less restrictions, please pray for us as the council makes those decisions.

As our call committee prayerfully and carefully looks for a new pastor, remember that God is able to make all things new. *“Forget the former things, do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.* **Isaiah 43:18-19** It’s time to be hopeful, prayerful, and believing God that His goodness and mercy will follow us every day. *Heavenly Father, thank You that You are in control of every situation. You are good, awesome, almighty, and sovereign. Help us to put our trust in You. We ask that You guide the call committee with wisdom and discernment to choose the pastor that will teach, lead, equip and oversee Trinity according to Your will and purpose. In Jesus’ name, amen.*

Love and Prayers, Pastor Barb Kleven

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## President's Message

I recently was on You Tube and came across *The Irish Blessing*. This song for the very first time was sung by 300 churches in Ireland praying over their island and beyond. This video is simply amazing and heartwarming. What a sign of unity in the Christian church! Here is the link to that You Tube video in case you want to watch it. <https://youtu.be/TascswZPj8U>

We all know this Christian song by its more familiar name. *Be thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart. Here are the lyrics.*

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart  
 Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art  
 Thou my best Thought, by day or by night  
 Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light  
 Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word  
 I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord  
 Thou my great Father, I Thy true son  
 Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one  
 Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise  
 Thou mine Inheritance, now and always  
 Thou and Thou only, first in my heart  
 High King of Heaven, my Treasure Thou art  
 High King of Heaven, my victory won  
 May I reach Heaven's joys, O bright Heav'n's Sun  
 Heart of my own heart, whate'er befall  
 Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all

The website Sermonwriter.com says this about this hymn that is in every Christian song book.

*What would it mean if Christ were our vision? How would it change our lives?*

*It would mean simply this—that instead of seeing the world through the eyes of a Madison Avenue advertising agent or a Hollywood movie or a television newscaster, we would see the world through Christ's eyes.*

*It would change our lives, because seeing the world through Christ's eyes would cause us to love as Christ loved. It would cause us to focus less on getting the things that we want and more on giving*

*what we can to help others. It would cause us to care less about other people's opinions and more about the direction that God would have our lives to take.*

TLC's Call Team is in the process of finding our next pastor. They will look at the pastoral candidates through Jesus' eyes. They have to determine which pastor Jesus would select. They will look at qualifications and experience of the candidates but will also look for the heart of Christ in the candidates. The kind of pastor that we all would love and support.

Think about what kind of church TLC would become if we all looked through Christ's eyes and loved each other as Christ does. Everyone remembers the WWJD slogan that was popular a few years back. When we had problems or tough decisions to make, we would ask "What would Jesus do? ". If we do this, we would spend less time on getting things we want and focus on what Jesus wants for His church. Christ's priorities were about loving and caring for one another and those that need love in our community.

How do we determine what it means to look through Jesus eyes or what to do what Jesus would do? How do we know what it is to love with the love of Christ? The apostle John tells us. Jesus is the Word of God sent to us by the Father and the Bible tells us everything we need to know about Jesus and His plan for His church.

The Church Council is committed to seeing more Bible Study and Prayer opportunities for the congregation. We are preparing to create a Men's small group. If anyone would like to start other small groups, Pastor Barb, the Congregational Care and Fellowship committees can help you with small group resources and direction on how to get started.

Grace and Peace to us all as we become more like Christ.

*Jim McGraw*



## JULY WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

	<b>JULY 5</b> <b>(8:30 AM)</b>	<b>JULY 5</b> <b>(10 AM)</b>	<b>JULY 12</b> <b>(8:30 AM)</b>	<b>JULY 12</b> <b>(10 AM)</b>	<b>JULY 19</b> <b>(8:30 AM)</b>	<b>JULY 19</b> <b>(10 AM)</b>	<b>JULY 26</b> <b>(8:30 AM)</b>	<b>JULY 26</b> <b>(10 AM)</b>
<b>GREETERS</b>				Rose Cutsforth		Eleanor Kuula		Rose Cutsforth
<b>USHERS</b>	Rob & Terri Freeman		Rob & Terri Freeman	Wally Thom	Jim & Cindy McGraw		Char & Wes Mohns	
<b>COMM. ASSTS</b>				Kathy Thom				
<b>READER</b>	Donnarae Carrell	Donnarae Carrell	Dianne Buxton	Dianne Buxton	Sue Capra	Donnarae Carrell	Dianne Buxton	Dianne Buxton

## CALL COMMITTEE INFO

The Trinity Council selected a seven-member Call Committee in May which was installed on June 7 to search for a new pastor for Trinity.

**MEMBERS.** Your Call Committee is comprised of the following dedicated member: Chair Di Hubbard, Secretary Joanne Schilling, Mike Capra, Rose Cutsforth, Mike Rubin, Julie Sunderland, and Tom Svitak.

**UPDATE.** The Committee has met five times since being selected. They have received several applications and are working on soliciting more.

In addition, they are formulating the review process, formulating criteria for selection, and updating Trinity's Congregational Profile and Narrative History, among other documents.

The Committee will keep the Council and the congregation updated on its progress, while maintaining the confidentiality that this process requires.

If anyone has a question about the Call Process, please refer it to one of the members of the Committee.

Meanwhile, please keep the Committee in your prayers!



### TRINITY'S PASTOR POSITION

(Our Posting on LCMC website)

Trinity Lutheran Church is an LCMC congregation in Birchwood, WI, a small, friendly midwestern town with easy access to both the Twin Cities and Duluth, MN, and an excellent school system. We are seeking a full-time pastor who will preach and teach the word of God in accordance with Holy Scripture and the Lutheran confessions and will lead us in worship and guide us in proclaiming God's love through word and deed. Our liturgy is a flexible combination of traditional and contemporary components.

The mission of Trinity Lutheran Church is to demonstrate Christ's Spirit through worship, witnessing, and ministry to the needs of the people of this church and the community. Trinity is the only church in the village with a full-time pastor who lives in the community. Community organizations have access to Trinity's facility, which is representative of the congregation's strong commitment to outreach.

We are looking for a leader of people with strengths in theology and Christian education, and a leadership style that emphasizes listening, skilled communication, and servant's attitude. Our ideal candidate should have a passion for reaching young people and young families, have skills in counseling, and enjoy connecting with our homebound and hospitalized members. We also look for someone to help us to develop our spiritual lives and promote leadership and involvement in the church and in our community. We are looking for a collaborative leader who uses Bible-based teaching and is flexible, open minded, and has a true concern for the people in our congregation, outreach in the community and the world beyond our walls.

#### Area Information:

Birchwood is a recreational and retirement community with access to lakes, woods, farms, resorts and activities including golf, hunting and fishing.



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# Golly Gracious Sakes Alive! Look Whose Family is Growing from Four to Five!

**What:** Baby Shower for Ashley, Zach, Abri and Bo Beffa  
**When:** Sunday, July 12 at 2 PM  
**Where:** Fellowship Hall at Trinity Lutheran Church, Birchwood Men, Women and Children  
 All are welcome to this celebration.  
 The Beffas are registered at:  
<https://www.amazon.com/baby-reg/manage>  
 Please RSVP by July 5.  
 Please call or email Trinity Church.  
 Phone: 715-354-3790 or  
 email: [tlcbirchwood@gmail.com](mailto:tlcbirchwood@gmail.com)



*It's a boy*



Do you have a green thumb? We need help tending the gardens, pulling weeds trimming etc. If you would like to help out, please contact Di Hubbard at 941-893-0311.

### UPDATE US PLEASE!!!

We would like to keep you updated with all that is going on at Trinity. Periodically we send out emails to the membership and want to make sure you are included. Council members have been calling to update our membership records so please take the time to respond.

You can email [tlcbirchwood@gmail.com](mailto:tlcbirchwood@gmail.com) and let us know your email address, update your phone and mailing address, so we can keep in touch.

**Or call Julie at the office  
715-354-3790**

### NEXT MEETING OF . . .

- Birchwood Food Pantry Open. . . . .10:30 am, July 4, 6, 18, 20**
- Worship & Music Team. . . . .10 am, July 6**
- Women of Trinity. . . . .6:30pm July 7**
- Mission & Outreach. . . . .11 am, July 15**
- Trinity Council Meeting . . . . .6:30 pm, July 21**

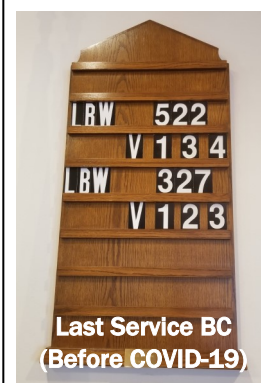


Remember our friends in the nursing homes. When we can't visit face to face because of the Covid 19 virus, we can still send them our thoughts and prayers in a letter or card. Besides they LOVE getting mail!!!

### Greetings from WMMT

What a blessing to return to Trinity for church services. Sunday June 7, 2020 was our reuniting at Trinity church in a very long time.

We are working diligently to provide a safe environment, following Covid-19 guidelines. Our plan is to follow the phase in steps provided by the agencies of health organizations and protocol provided by our state and local government officials.



Thank you to those who attended our first return services. It is not easy to comply with all the new rules and requirements, especially masks. A heartfelt thank you to all who volunteered to be worship assistants.

We will continue to watch for updates and observe what is deemed necessary to be compliant to keep our Trinity family safe and healthy.

The Council made a recent change to our original protocol. For the outdoor service only facemasks are optional. Social distancing will still be practiced and all other protocols will remain in place. In case of inclement weather, and the service is held in doors, face masks are to be worn. The only exception to this rule is the Pastor and Lay reader, when in the pulpit area, and the keyboardists, may remove their masks at both first and second services.

Have a blessed day and see you Sunday!!

We pray that each one of our Trinity family will be able to return knowing we are listening to our Heavenly Father for guidance and encouragement, that we will fear no evil if we trust in Him.

A recent verse that has brought me strength through this crazy time is:

*You will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on You, because he trusts in You.*

Isaiah 26:3

The Trinity Family gathering is sorely missed. I pray that each of you will find your way back to finding comfort and peace in attending services at our house of worship.

Our next WMMT meeting will be July 13, 2020. Please feel free to send questions, or concerns to our team. Our goal is to have the entire family back here at Trinity.



Outdoor worship — finally OUTDOOR!

You may contact me at: Kathy Thom, 715-296-0114.

Blessings to all,  
Kathy Thom/WMMT council rep



### Worship Assistants!!!

If you can help out with reading, greeting, being an usher or communion assistant please contact Kathy Thom or Julie in the church office, or better yet. . .

**SIGN UP** at the Welcome Center on the Worship Assistant Sheet.



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The Marshfield Clinic, Lakeview Medical Center and Mayo Health System Northland are within 20 miles located in Rice Lake.

Shopping areas include Rice Lake, Hayward, Eau Claire, and Duluth within 85 miles with many smaller areas closer.

The Twin Cities is 2.5 hrs away.

Birchwood Area School System K-12; Birchwood Traditional School (Elementary, Middle School, High School), Birchwood Public Montessori (PK-6th grade), Birchwood Blue Hills Charter School (7-8th grade), and Bobcat Virtual Academy (K-12th grade).

University of Wisconsin Eau Claire-Barron County and Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College are located within 20 miles.

Lumber industry with Masonite (formerly Birchwood Best).

Retired persons with great commitment to church working alongside many younger families for church activities and outreach.



**CALLING ALL MEN!**

Join your fellow brothers in Christ on July 1, at 6:30 pm, in the Fellowship Hall. We'll look at the similarities between our adventures with the fishing reel and our real life with families and friends. Get ready to talk about the four big parts of fishing and how they relate to our lives:

**The Power of a Lure** — looks at why we're often as vulnerable to dangerous temptations as fish are to a flashy line.

**Reeling in the Trophy Fish** — looks at what it takes to be successful, and what's really involved in achieving those successes.

**The Monster That Got Away** — talks about our failures and regrets and how they seem to get bigger as time passes — just like that fish that got away.

**When It's Time to Pack Up and Head Home** —

reminds us to make the most of every day before God calls us to leave this world and head on home to heaven.

As **Reel to Real — Of Fish and Men** shows, there's more to fishing than catching fish. Listen in as five guys talk about temptations, trophy catches, the one that got away, and that day when the fishing season finally ends — for all of us.

**THURSDAY MORNING WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

The Thursday Morning Women's Bible Study has finished their current study, and will be kicking off a new series using *John's Letters* by Ron Blankley, on July 23, place and time to be determined.

If you are interested in joining them, please contact Marcia Kampf at 715-354-3048.



- Lois Gronberg 7/1
- Jerry Janetski 7/1
- Grace Kotel 7/2
- William Moline 7/3
- Hannah Hayes 7/3
- Melinda Pedersen 7/5
- Robert Gindt 7/6
- Don Zillmer 7/9
- Wyatt Sunderland 7/9
- Joshua Brown 7/11
- June Ehrich 7/11
- Karen Hayes 7/11
- Chuck Ede 7/12
- Alijah Braden 7/13
- Jake Deutsch 7/13
- Missy Robotka 7/13

- Sue Svitak 7/13
- Linda Zillmer 7/13
- Penny Sedvig-Bemis 7/14
- Anna Leamy 7/14
- Lisa Applebee 7/17
- Otto Nordback 7/18
- Tina Tainter 7/18
- Elaine Yndestad 7/20
- Lorie Piram 7/21
- Adara Glenz 7/23
- Eric Ivers 7/23
- Rebecca Miller 7/24
- Arthur Kordus 7/27
- Stephanie Liermann 7/27
- Jonas Connell 7/28



Trinity still needs your offerings, Please mail or drop them off at church!

**TRINITY YOUTUBE CHANNEL**

In light of the coronavirus, Trinity has created its own YouTube channel so we can upload audios of the weekly sermons (which will now be audios)



The link for it is a long one, but if everyone (and your friends!) visits the link and clicks the "Subscribe" button, maybe we can get the magic 100 subscribers to allow us to change our name to something more user-friendly! Here is the link:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCrIQB6cjOIYNImHer9EuOEA>

ALSO IF YOU HAVE AN EMAIL THAT THE CHURCH OFFICE DOES NOT HAVE PLEASE UPDATE US SO WE CAN KEEP COMMUNICATION OPEN!!



**WHERE TO FIND INFO ONLINE**

In addition to finding the weekly sermon on our YouTube channel, we are trying to provide our members with information thru various methods. So check out our website and Facebook page.



Website:  
TRINITYLUTHERANBIRCHWOOD.COM

# July 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> OFFICE CLOSED	<b>4</b> 10:30a-1:30p –Food Pantry Open
<b>5</b> <b>8:30am Outdoor Worship</b> <b>10am - Worship</b>	<b>6</b> 10a—WMMT Mtg 10:30a-1:30p—Food Pantry Open 6:30p—Call Cmte Meeting 7p—AA, Fellowship Hall	<b>7</b> WOT Meeting 6:30pm	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 9:30a—Women's Bible Study	<b>10</b> OFFICE CLOSED	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> <b>8:30am Outdoor Worship</b> <b>10am - Worship</b>	<b>13</b> 6:30p—Call Cmte Meeting 7p—AA, Fellowship Hall	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 11a—Missions Meeting	<b>16</b> 9:30a—Women's Bible Study	<b>17</b> OFFICE CLOSED	<b>18</b> 10:30a-1:30p –Food Pantry Open
<b>19</b> <b>8:30am Outdoor Worship</b> <b>10am - Worship</b> <b>10am - Worship</b> <b>Love Fund/Food Pantry</b> <b>Offering</b>	<b>20</b> <b>Journey Deadline</b> 6:30p—Call Cmte Meeting 7p—AA, Fellowship Hall	<b>21</b> Journey Assembly 6:30 pm Council Meeting	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 9:30a—Women's Bible Study	<b>24</b> OFFICE CLOSED	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> <b>8:30 am Outdoor Service</b> <b>10am - Worship</b> <b>Prayer Shawl Sunday</b>	<b>27</b> 6:30p—Call Cmte Meeting 7p—AA, Fellowship Hall	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> OFFICE CLOSED	

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BEFFA SHOWER JULY 12 @ 2 PM**



# The JOURNEY

## July 2020

**TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**Pastor Barb Kleven—Interim Pastor  
Julie Sunderland, Parish Administrator**

**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 of 3<sup>rd</sup> week of the month

### **SUNDAY WORSHIP THIS MONTH**

- 7/5 – 8:30am Outdoor Service & 10am Worship w/ Communion  
7/12 – 8:30am Outdoor Service & 10am Worship w/ Communion  
7/19 – 8:30am Outdoor Service & 10am Worship w/ Communion  
Love Fund/Food Pantry  
7/26 – 8:30am Outdoor Service & 10am Worship w/ Communion  
Prayer Shawl Sunday-Need a prayer shawl contact Julie in the office

### **KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS**

Carol Addington	Rebecca Langham	Ro Sackmann
Vicki Busick	Ed Leader	Carter Sackmann
Debbie Davis	Lora	Cindy Schaan
Barb Fegan	Sharon Mackey	Nancy Seffinga- (Soper/Hayes niece)
Annette Gentile	Rusty Morrell	Timothy Wallace
Dan Gowan	Leonard Nysted	Elaine Yndestad
Andy Hedman	Fred Peck	Giamore Lapacinski- Pradera -(Soper's Nephew)
Barb Hinderman	Jim Pravda	
Eileen Koefler	Walter Radomski	
Eunice Kuntz	Tom Reed	
Roy Kuula	Tracy Reid	
Joyce Lambrecht	Bill Rice	

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