

# The JOURNEY — Walking Daily with Jesus

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus,

I thank God for all of you as I remember you in my prayers.

We are amidst of a particularly challenging season of physically being isolated and not being able to gather for Sunday worship services. Thankfully, Trinity Lutheran has a weekly You-tube service you can tune into on Sundays (or any day) and find the latest worship service. Joanne Schilling and I have worked diligently to prepare these services to encourage, bless, and inspire. These services include hymns, bible readings, sermon, communion, Lord’s prayer, and benediction carefully crafted together with pictures, scriptures, and occasional videos. Please join me at “Trinity Lutheran Birchwood YouTube” for this intimate time of worship prepared to comfort and equip you for such a time as this. (See page 5 for more information on our online presence and future changes.)

We are thankful for Ashley Beffa, our Youth coordinator, for assigning mentors to each youth in “The Cross” youth program to help them with our confirmation program. A big “thank you” to the mentors for your ministry to the youth!



We are working on ways to safely meet for worship.

As we plan this to begin on June 7, we are aware of the “high risk” in our church community of elderly and are carefully making plans to protect you. Plans for this are on page 3 of this newsletter.

Thank you for your words of encouragement, support, and willingness to serve!

I pray that the Lord will enlighten you with His truth, keep you from Covid-19, and encourage, comfort, and inspire you to reach out to others.

*“Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord Your God is with you wherever you go.” Joshua 1:9*

**Love and Prayers,  
Pastor Barb Kleven**

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**If you are unable to view the sermons on line via YouTube, Facebook or the TLC Website, there are copies of the sermon available at the church.**  
**Feel free to call Julie at the office 715-354-3790 and she will get you one.**

## President's Message

### Going to the New Normal

Due to the consequence of the coronavirus, experts are saying that things in our world won't ever be the same. There will be a new normal. One expert said a face mask will be the new seatbelt. Everyone will wear one. One Sunday during our Stay at Home Directive, I was listening to Pastor Steven Furtick on TV. He preached about this very thing. The title of his sermon was "Going to the New Normal". The scripture he used for the basis of his sermon was Exodus 14. Pharaoh and his army were chasing down the Israelis as they were trying to leave Egypt on their way to the Promise Land via the Red Sea. In response to fear and anxiety, the nation of Israel wanted to return to the old life of slavery rather than believing in the promise God had given them. Think about what they would have lost if they hadn't followed Moses. Read further in the Old Testament to hear the rest of the story.

I think we all are comfortable with the way things used to be. Reading through the completed TLC Congregational Questionnaires, we saw comments about hoping to go back to the way things were decades ago. The world today has a new normal. Paul wrote to the church at Philippi about looking to the future.



Brothers and sisters, I do not consider that I have made it my own yet; but one thing *I do*: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead, *I press on toward the goal to win the [heavenly] prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.* Philippians 3:13-14

With this in mind, it is my joyful honor to announce that we are moving forward toward the goal of finding a new pastor. On May 15<sup>th</sup>, the TLC Pastoral Call Team was selected. They are Joanne Schilling, Julie Sunderland, Rose Cutsforth, Diane Hubbard, Mike Rubin, Mike Capra and Tom Svitak. They have been given resources to start the call process including all congregational questionnaires that were turned in. Thanks to all who took time to fill these out. It is not only the Call Team that has work to do. As a congregation, we need to lift this call and Call Team in our prayers. Here's the plan.

1. Pray expectantly *Matthew 7:7-8* "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened."

2. Pray intentionally. Pray for the pastoral call, the Call Team and the Pastor God has already chosen for TLC.

3. Remember Christ's Promises in the Scriptures.

*Isaiah 55:9* "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways and My thoughts than your thoughts."

*Ephesians 3:20* "Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us."

But the greatest promise of all for TLC today is *Isaiah 43:18* "Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See I am doing a new thing!" See **I am doing a new thing!**"

As the Call Team moves forward, they will communicate their progress to you. Looking forward to the time we can all meet at church again.

*Jim McGraw*





**We will resume Worship Services at Trinity on JUNE 7!**  
**8:30 AM Outdoor Worship**  
**10 AM Indoor Worship**

- ❖ **Bring/Wear your own mask**
- ❖ **Practice “Safe Distancing”**

**BACK TO CHURCH PROTOCOL**

- + Badger Bounce Back Phase 2 allows up to 50 people. If attendance expected more than that 2 services necessary.
- + Masks are MANDATORY. Please bring your own; we do have a small supply if you don't have one.
- + Videotaping will be discontinued, however audio will be uploaded on YouTube for those not attending in person( see page 5 for more information.)
- + No coffee or food will be served — so between-service fellowship.
- + Bathroom may be used ONE person at a time.
- + Any person feeling ill SHOULD not attend church gatherings. Persons having symptoms for coronavirus, flu, cold or any reason should stay at home.

- + Greeter or meeting facilitator- wears mask and will have doors open for attendees. Attendees should have no contact with doors.
- + Hand sanitizer, spare face masks, (we encourage you to bring your own face mask) and Kleenex available in Narthex. Masks and sanitizer use are mandatory.
- + Seating should be immediate upon arrival. Please use safe distancing protocols, family units can sit together, allow 6 feet between others not in your family unit. Usher will dismiss congregation one row at a time starting in rear. Members to exit immediately.
- + Bibles, hymnals, song books will not be used during worship. The readings and hymns will be in the bulletin or on the screen. Personal bibles may be used.
- + All family units shall sit 6 feet apart. Every other pew will be blocked off to insure safe distancing.
- + During Communion, Communion Assistant shall wear mask. Wine tray shall contain only 1/4 the normal number of cups. Safe spacing between cups insures no contamination. Communion will be done similar to intinction.
- + Family units can take communion together. Family units shall maintain 6 foot spacing going to communion.
- + Offering is collected in baskets on pedestal upon exiting.
- + And, obviously, NO hugs or handshaking during this time.



A BIG Thank You to June Ehrich for donating the Geraniums in the Memorial Garden.



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!!!

**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 **Council members** have been calling to update our membership records please take the time to respond.

You can email the church at **tlcbircwood@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, June 1, 13, 15, 27, 29**
- Worship & Music Team. . . . . .10 am, June 1**
- Mission & Outreach. . . . . . 11 am, June 10**
- Women of Trinity. . . . . .6:30pm June 2**
- Trinity Council Meeting . . . . . 6:30 pm, June 16**



### TRINITY'S ONLINE FUTURE

With the return of worship services on June 7, onsite at Trinity, there will no longer be a need for the YouTube videos that Pastor Barb Kleven and Joanne Schilling have been collaborating on since the COVID-19 Safer-at-Home rules went into effect. So, the video posted for May 31, will be the last video at this time. However, it does not mean the end of our YouTube channel – see more below!

Hopefully, the weekly videos helped our Trinity family to continue to receive the Word and celebrate the Sacrament elements of worship, albeit in the privacy of our own homes. (Come on, confess, how many were still in their jammies?!)

We received much positive feedback for our videos, and greatly appreciate that. Barb and Joanne learned something new every week, as they made their way thru the technological and legal challenges of creating and uploading videos to YouTube! And although some would like them to continue, the time and effort required in the process of producing just a 30-minute video forgoes that option.

**The Process.** Each week, Barb and Joanne coordinated via emails and texts on the details of the worship video. Which scripture reading (s) would be the focus of her message, what song would work well that was covered by our CCLI license (but needed to be sung by Barb to avoid copyright issues of other online performances), what images would help support the message that were available without violating copyrights, etc. That “pre-production” work could often involve several hours of research.

Then, Joanne would record Barb using a cell phone, after which Joanne then connected all the pieces into the final video, and then uploaded it to the big YouTube cloud in the sky. The “post-production”

portion after recording usually took between 4-5 hours weekly, provided there weren't any glitches. The uploading of the video itself usually took at least an hour depending on our usually slow internet connection speed here in beautiful Birchwood.



**Online Future.** It is expected that some members will be hesitant to come back into the building or even attend the outdoor service, immediately. So, we looked into the option of live-streaming, and found that the cost of obtaining equipment and copyright licenses was a bit prohibitive. The decision was made to continue our pre-COVID-19 practice of recording the **audio** of our worship service and extract the sermon portion to upload to our YouTube channel. Audio CDs will be available for those who do not have access to YouTube, and can be obtained by calling the church office and requesting one.

**YouTube Channel.** You can find Trinity's YouTube channel by using the address below:

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

We encourage you to SUBSCRIBE to our channel, it's FREE, so we can get to the magic 100 subscribers and get a more user-friendly YouTube channel name.

Another way to find our YouTube channel is by visiting our website: [www.trinitylutheranbirchwood.com](http://www.trinitylutheranbirchwood.com)

Once there, click on the Menu icon at the top right (3 stacked horizontal lines), and select “Latest Sermons” from the drop-down menu item Sermons.



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

# Happy Birthday

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|---------------------|------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Janet Schieffer 6/1 | Rhonda Schultz 6/10    | Jessica Robotka 6/18 | Gerald Dolen 6/25     |
| Bob Scott 6/1       | Hailee Lindow 6/11     | Sharon Gary 6/19     | Brian Beffa 6/26      |
| Greg Hayes 6/6      | Morgan Lobitz 6/14     | Leigh Hedman 6/19    | Shirley Sorenson 6/29 |
| Sawyer Ritchey 6/6  | Harold Deutsch 6/15    | Carol Addington 6/20 | Tom Svitak 6/29       |
| Dianne Buxton 6/8   | Amanda VandeVoort 6/16 | Dakota Anderson 6/21 | Jean Jastram 6/30     |
| Karl Kristensen 6/8 | Hayley Hayes 6/17      | Roger Blanch 6/23    | Mark Schilberg 6/30   |
| Barbara Deutsch 6/9 | Barb Hinderman 6/17    | June Bibeau 6/24     |                       |
| Grant Polichnia 6/9 | Payton Baribeau 6/18   | Lou Sandow 6/25      |                       |

# June 2020

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

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## June 2020

**TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**Pastor Barb Kleven—Interim Pastor**

**Julie Sunderland, Parish Administrator**

**Ashley Beffa, Youth & Family**

**Joanne Schilling, Choir Director**

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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

6/7 – 8:30am Outdoor Service & 10am Worship w/ Communion

6/14 – 8:30am Outdoor Service & 10am Worship w/ Communion

6/21 – 8:30am Outdoor Service & 10am Worship w/ Communion

Love Fund/Food Pantry

6/28 – 8:30am Outdoor Service & 10am Worship w/ Communion – Prayer  
Shawl Sunday

### 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.