

The JOURNEY – Walking Daily with

Many of you were in church recently when Diane Hubbard gave testimony of God’s work in her life. We were blessed and humbled by the intimate details she shared. In her time of preparation, she texted to ask, “Why me?” Why did I request *her* story? I told her I see God working through her, in incredible ways, as an encourager of Trinity church. I wanted Diane to highlight His blessings given and the resulting fruit produced. I also referred her to Colossians 3:1-12, where Paul instructed believers on living the new life, in Christ:

“Since you have been raised to new life with Christ, set your sights on the realities of heaven, where Christ sits in the place of honor at God’s right hand. ² Think about the things of heaven, not the things of earth. ³ For you died to this life, and your real life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ And when Christ, who is your life, is revealed to the whole world, you will share in all his glory.

⁵ So put to death the sinful, earthly things lurking within you. Have nothing to do with sexual immorality, impurity, lust, and evil desires. Don’t be greedy, for a greedy person is an idolater, worshiping the things of this world. ⁶ Because of these sins, the anger of God is coming. ⁷ You used to do these things when your life was still part of this world. ⁸ But now is the time to get rid of anger, rage, malicious behavior, slander, and dirty language. ⁹ Don’t lie to each other, for you have stripped off your old sinful nature and all its wicked deeds. ¹⁰ Put on your new nature, and be renewed as you learn to know your Creator and become like him. ¹¹ In this new life, it doesn’t matter if you are a Jew or a Gentile, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbaric, uncivilized, slave, or free. Christ is all that matters, and he lives in all of us.

¹² Since God chose you to be the holy people he loves, you must clothe yourselves with tenderhearted mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience.”

I’ve only know Diane for a short time. I’ve also had the pleasure of meeting with both **she** and her husband Kyle numerous times before, and since, they were married this past summer. She’s different from what she once was, every believer is. The Bible assures that a true believer will always be transformed; the old has passed away (2 Cor. 5:17). Death to our old self is cause for celebration! I’m confident we bless others and please our Father in Heaven when we share our own stories of His work in our lives. Do this often.

Reflect on your own new nature in our Savior. Read His word and allow Scripture and the Holy Spirit to help you see yourself as one transformed and set free by His grace. Commit to living in that grace, and **generous**

Pastor Jack

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BIBLE STUDY

WOMEN'S MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

All women are welcome to our 6:30pm Monday evening bible study to discover the bond of love, joy and faith that comes from the sweet fellowship we share as beloved sisters in Christ, learn about our Awesome, Almighty, Forgiving and Faithful God, and share prayer concerns and encouragement in sharing our faith with others. We are currently studying the Luke. Bring your bible, come and be blessed! Please contact Barb Kleven at 715-834-9988 if you have questions. Watch the bulletin for changes in scheduled meetings.

WOMEN'S THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Women's Thursday morning bible study will begin a new study in Philippians September 26. JOIN US!!! 9:30am in the Trinity room!!

THURSDAY EVENING GROUP BIBLE STUDY

Thursday evening Bible study is underway. Join us at 6:30pm in the Trinity room, as Di & Kyle Hubbard lead use through the book of Acts. For more info contact Kyle @ 715-790-1401 or Di @ 941-893-0311.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

This month we celebrate Thanksgiving but as Christians we should be giving thanks in all circumstances. (1 Thessalonians 5:18). We were given a great example of giving thanks when Jesus gave thanks at the Last Supper for the bread and wine. Each time we participate in Communion, Jesus asks us twice to remember what He has done for us.

Listen to what Max Lucado teaches about having a grateful heart. Max is a best-selling Christian author and pastor at Oak Hills Church in San Antonio, Texas.

"A grateful heart sees each day as a gift. Thankful people focus less on what they lack and more on the privileges they have. I attended a banquet recently in which a wounded soldier was presented with the gift of a free house. He nearly fell over with gratitude. He bounded onto the stage with his one good leg and threw both arms around the presenter. "Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!" He hugged the guitar player in the band and the big woman on the front row. He thanked the waiter, the other soldiers, and then the presenter again. Before the night was over, he thanked me! And I didn't do anything.

Shouldn't we be equally grateful? Jesus is building a house for us (John 14:2). Our deed of ownership is every bit as certain as that of the soldier. What's more, Jesus cured our leprosy. Sin cankered our souls and benumbed our senses. Yet the Man on the path told us we were healed, and, lo and behold, we were!

The grateful heart is like a magnet sweeping over the day, collecting reasons for gratitude. A zillion diamonds sparkle against the velvet of your sky every night. *Thank you, God. A miracle of muscles enables your eyes to read these words and your brain to process them. Thank you, God. Your lungs inhale and exhale eleven thousand liters of air every day. Your heart will beat about three billion times in your lifetime. Your brain is a veritable electric generator of power. Thank you, God.*

For the jam on our toast and the milk on our cereal. For the blanket that calms us and the joke that delights us and the warm sun that reminds us of God's love. For the thousands of planes that did not crash today. For the men who didn't cheat on their wives, and the wives who didn't turn from their men, and the kids who, in spite of unspeakable pres-

sure to dishonor their parents, decided not to do so. *Thank you, Lord.* Gratitude gets us through the hard stuff. To reflect on your blessings is to rehearse God's accomplishments. To rehearse God's accomplishments is to discover his heart. To discover his heart is to discover not just good gifts but the Good Giver. Gratitude always leaves us looking at God and away from dread. It

In addition to the benefits Max talked about in his article, Skip Pritchard gives us 17 Benefits of Thankfulness and Gratitude. Skip is an Inc. Top 100 Leadership Speaker and author of the WSJ bestselling book, *The Book of Mistakes: 9 Secrets of Creating a Successful Future.*

"For years, I have studied the benefits of an attitude of gratitude. I'm amazed at study after study that demonstrates its incredible power. Gratitude helps us:

- Reduce depression
- Get promotions at work
- Improve our self esteem
- Increase our energy
- Develop a strong immune system
- Decrease blood pressure
- Increase sleep quality
- Reduce and cope with negative stress
- Eat healthier
- Have deeper friendships
- Increase productivity
- Improve job performance
- Become more likable
- Reach goals faster
- Increase feeling of happiness and well being
- Reduce negative emotions such as envy, hatred, and anger
- Increase positive emotions such as love and empathy

There are many ways to increase gratitude in

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our lives. One of the best ways is to start a Gratitude Journal.

But, let's face it: many of us won't commit to doing that. So, let's make this simple. Let's improve our spirit of thanksgiving and gratitude right now, whatever we are doing, wherever we are,"

Pray this Prayer of Thanksgiving this month and in all circumstances.

Shout joyfully to the Lord, all the earth. Serve the Lord with gladness and delight; Come before His presence with joyful singing. Know and fully recognize with gratitude that the Lord Himself is God; It is He who has made us, not we ourselves [and we are His]. We are His people and the sheep of His pasture. Enter His gates with a song of thanksgiving And His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, bless and praise His name. For the Lord is good; His mercy and loving-kindness are everlasting, His faithfulness [endures] to all generations.

Psalm 100:1-5

READING THE BIBLE

It is "World Changing" to read God's Word.

1. Why should I read the bible? It builds faith in God; reveals and imparts God's love, joy, peace and right living, and brings wisdom and direction for daily living.

Reading the bible brings satisfaction and great benefit, giving over 5,000 promises that deal with purpose, and blessing in our body, soul and spirit.

2. Choose a starting point and continue consistently to read a portion each day. (The gospel of John is a great starting point!)

3. If you want to read stories about certain people of amazing faith in the bible, google: "where to find the story about Abra-

ham, Joseph, David, Elijah, etc. in the bible, and you will find where those stories are located.

4. Follow a schedule of reading perhaps 2 chapters a day. (Underline passages to remember, and keep a notebook of verses to remember).

5. Find a certain time of the day that's best for keeping a daily schedule of Bible reading.

6. Share the Word with others. Sharing God's Word not only blesses you, but it will bless others.

7. Reading and sharing God's Word not only wakes us our slumbering soul, but also the souls of others.

Very often the beginning of personal bible reading has been the start of a great awakening and revival.

PRAYER: *Let Your Word dwell richly within me, O Lord. Let it guide me and help me to conform into the image of Jesus so I can be a bright shining light to others!*

Submitted by Barb Kleven

PASTIES



If you didn't get to try them at the Fall Fest you missed out, but Di Hubbard will be doing another sampling:-) If you want to help make these tasty treasures, there is a sign up sheet at the welcome center.

We also need donations of the ingredients if you can't help make them. Pasties will be sold by pre-order and ready for pick up on Sunday November 17, 2019.



BABY KITS

A sampling of the baby kits being put together for Lutheran World Relief.



All Trinity members are invited and encouraged to attend the Annual Congregational Meeting, immediately following worship, Sunday, November 10.

In addition to approving the 2020 budget, elections will be held for various positions open on the Council.

Please see page 5 for the list and descriptions of those open positions.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

	November 3 (10 AM)	November 10 (10 AM)	November 17 (10 AM)	November 24 (10 AM)
GREETERS	Kyle & Di Hubbard	Wally & Kathy Thom	Pat & Brenda Mackey	YOUTH
USHERS	Dave Dakins LeRoy Brensel	Wes & Char Mohns	Wally Thom Rolf Kleven	YOUTH
COMM. ASSTS	Melinda Pedersen Jeanne Dahlby	Dave & Sharon Dhein	Leo & Mary Diehl	YOUTH
READER	Dianne Buxton	Donnarae Carrell	Karen Hayes	YOUTH



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Heidi Danielson 11/01 Roy Kuula 11/01 Kim Parenteau 11/02 Eleanor Kuula 11/03 Mark Roppe 11/03 Cassie Ritchey 11/06 Amy Parenteau 11/08 Jeff Iverson 11/09 Susan Janetski 11/09 Connie Leader 11/11 Heather Reid 11/11 Michael Hedman 11/12	Ginger LaMotte 11/12 Amber Jutila 11/13 Wyatt Gargulak 11/15 Cody Applebee 11/17 Diane Brensel 11/17 Wes Mohns 11/17 Karl David 11/19 Cheyenne Corrado 11/20 Jill Lavigne 11/20 Randy Ritchey 11/20 Grace Zeien 11/20 Cassandra Sweeney 11/21
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WOMEN OF TRINITY HAPPENINGS

- We held our first meeting at night on October 8, starting at 6:30 pm.
- Attendance was better because working women could attend a meeting at this hour.
- November Altar Guild person is Karen Hayes.
- Jeanne Dahlby, Altar Guild Chairperson, will be contacting ladies for the 2020 schedule.
- A beautiful new family-sized dishwasher has been purchased for the kitchen and will be installed soon. Anyone using the kitchen is encouraged to do away with paper and Styrofoam products and instead use real dishes and silverware and use the dishwasher.
- If your name is not in the Women of Trinity Service Booklet, or if your information is not correct, contact Julie in the office and give her your information and/or make corrections. Every woman who attends church and is or is not a member, is considered a member of the Women of Trinity Service Organization.
- We're turning into Pasty Chefs! What are they? That depends on who you ask, and where they're from. Most people associate a pasty with a hand-held pastry-type crust which is curled up on one end, with vegetables and meat on the inside. Originating from the Ironwood, Michigan area, miners would stick these pasties in their pockets, work in the mine, have their lunch in the mine, discarding the crust, since they had no way to wash their hands in the arsenic-laden area they worked. But to us,

they're just plain delicious. Orders for these tasty items were taken during the October 20 Fall Festival, where they were sampled. Diane Hubbard is in charge of this activity. We'll be making the pasties on October 26 and November 2, with distribution on November 17. A sign-up sheet for workers will be available in the church narthex for workers.

OUR NEXT MEETING WILL AGAIN BE AT NIGHT, ON NOVEMBER 5, 6:30 PM IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL OF OUR CHURCH.

2019 NEW TRINITY MEMBERS—WELCOME!!



IT'S TIME TO MAKE JOLLY OLD LEFSE!!

With the holidays coming up, it's not too soon to think ahead to our Annual Lefse Making Day!

Come help out — whether it's rolling out Lefse, grilling it, or packaging it up — on Thursday, November 12, starting at 9 –3pm.

This event is SO much fun! Plus, we get to eat any that aren't quite perfect! Anyone is welcome to come and lend a helping hand! No prior experience needed — we'll teach you!



THE CROSS

Schedule: (The Cross meets each Wednesday* from 5:30 – 7:30. Visitors are always welcome!)

5:30 students fellowship with their peers by playing games, eating snacks, and interacting while watching Christian music videos in the designated youth area.

5:40 - 6:00 dinner and clean up

6:00 worship begins; 2-3 songs, prayer, testimony

6:15 announcements, group message/video/teaching by staff or guest.



WOMEN OF TRINITY MEETING CHANGED TO TUESDAY NIGHTS

In an effort to include those women who are working during the day, the Women of Trinity are changing their meeting times to the second Tuesday of the month, on a trial basis. Join us on Tuesday, November 5, at 6:30 pm, in the Fellowship Hall of the church. Women are encouraged to bring an appetizer to share with everyone. A meeting will then follow after a short social hour.

Upcoming Council Positions that need to be filled for 2020

Congregation President - Shall preside at all meetings of the Congregation Council and congregation, but shall vote only in case of a tie. Provide program and assessment leadership to the Council, the Congregation members and offer council to the Pastor.

Vice-President/President-elect - Serve as vice-chair for the Congregation Council and act on behalf of the chair when the President is unable to attend or participate. Provide leadership and serve as a resource to ministry teams.

Secretary - Shall keep the minutes of Congregation Council meetings. Shall review, edit, and maintain all records of the meetings of the Congregation Council.

Evangelism - shall direct efforts at reaching out to persons outside this community of faith; shall create and distribute publicity regarding church activities; shall provide information to worship guests, and organize follow-ups visits to such guests and other persons interested in the life and ministry of the Congregation.

Stewardship - shall plan, develop and implement annual financial giving emphasis; shall also work to help congregation members identify spiritual gifts and talents and direct members into ministry team(s) where such gifts can best be utilized for the ministry of the Church.

Outreach - shall lead Congregation in response to social concerns of the community and world; shall work at promoting and working with local food pantry; shall work at identifying and assisting local persons with property or other basic need; shall promote ELCA Hunger Appeal, ELCA Disaster Response, and other groups and organizations that seek to alleviate suffering in our world.

Operations - shall have charge of the Congregation property; it shall care for them in accordance with the constitution, bylaws, and resolutions of the Church Council or this congregation. Maintenance and upkeep of church property.

Fellowship - shall have charge of fellowship activities of the congregation.

Local Loan Closet

The local loan closet has canes, crutches, wheel chairs, shower chairs and bed side commodes available for those in need of these items on a loan basis. Please contact Carol Wainz at 715-651-1129 . She has these items at her home at 114 E Cedar, Birchwood, WI .





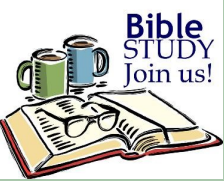
FALL FEST



NEXT MEETING OF . . .

- Birchwood Food Pantry Open10:30 am, Nov 2, 4, 16, 18**
- Worship & Music Team9:30 am, Nov 4**
- Trinity Lutheran Church Women6:30 pm Nov 5**
- Mission & Outreach11:00am, Nov 13**
- Trinity Council Meeting6:30 pm, Nov 19**

November 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 OFFICE CLOSED	2 10:30a-1:30p – Food Pantry Open
3 9:30 am - Coffee 10am—Worship	4 9:30a—WMMT mtg 10:30a—Food Pantry open 6:30p—Wmns Bible Study 7p - AA, Fellowship Hall	5 6:30p—WOT Meeting	6 11a—Missions Meeting 4:00p—Christian Life Meeting 5:15p—The Cross 7p—Cantata Rehearsal 8:p—Trinity Choir	7 9:30a—Women's Bible Study 6:30 -Group Bible Study at Trinity	8 OFFICE CLOSED	9
10 9:30 am - Coffee 10am— Praise Worship ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING	11 6:30p—Wmns Bible Study 7p - AA, Fellowship Hall	12	13 5:15p—The Cross 7p—Cantata Rehearsal 8:p—Trinity Choir	14 9:30a—Women's Bible Study 6:30p—Group Bible Study at Trinity	15 OFFICE CLOSED	16 10:30a-1:30p – Food Pantry Open
17 Love Fund/Food Pantry 9:30 am —Coffee 10am—Worship	18 JOURNEY DEADLINE 10:30a —Food Pantry Open 6:30p—Wmns Bible Study 7p - AA, Fellowship Hall	19 6:30p—Council Meeting	20 5:15p—The Cross 7p—Cantata Rehearsal 8:p—Trinity Choir	21 9:30a—Women's Bible Study 6:30—Group Bible Study at Trinity	22 OFFICE CLOSED	23
24 Prayer Shawl 9:30 am — Coffee 10am—Worship	25 6:30p—Wmns Bible Study 7p - AA, Fellowship Hall	26 10:00a —Journey Assembly 6:30p—Thanksgiving Service 7:15p—Cantata Rehearsal	27 5:15p—The Cross NO CHOIR REHEARSAL	28 9:30a—Women's Bible Study 6:30p—Group Bible Study at Trinity	29	30 10:30a-1:30p – Food Pantry Open

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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

SUNDAY WORSHIP THIS MONTH

11/3 –10am Worship w/ Communion
11/10 - 10am Worship w/ Communion
11/17 –10am Worship w/ Communion –Love Fund/Food Pantry
11/24 –10am Worship w/ Communion-Prayer Shawl Sunday
11/26 – 6:30pm Thanksgiving Worship Service

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Vicki Busick	Lora	Carter Sackmann
Debbie Davis	Sharon Mackey	Collette Sandow
Barb Fegan	Rusty Morrell	Cindy Schaan
Annette Gentile	Leonard Nysted	Timothy Wallace
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Rebecca Langham	Buddy Robotka	
Ed Leader	Ro Sackmann	

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.