

The JOURNEY — Walking Daily with Jesus

**Set your calendar for October 8! Buy tickets early!
OKTOBERFEST RAFFLE KICKS OFF WITH TWO GREAT PRIZES!**

The Oktoberfest Raffle, sponsored by Trinity Lutheran Church, kicked off Sunday, June 12, by displaying the two prizes, and selling raffle tickets. All profits from raffle ticket sales go toward the purchase of a walk-in cooler for the Birchwood Food Pantry.

Members of Trinity Lutheran are working together with Birchwood Food Pantry members to make this fund raiser a roaring success. A walk-in freezer is already in place at the Food Pantry, and both the freezer and the future walk-in cooler will allow larger purchases to be made.



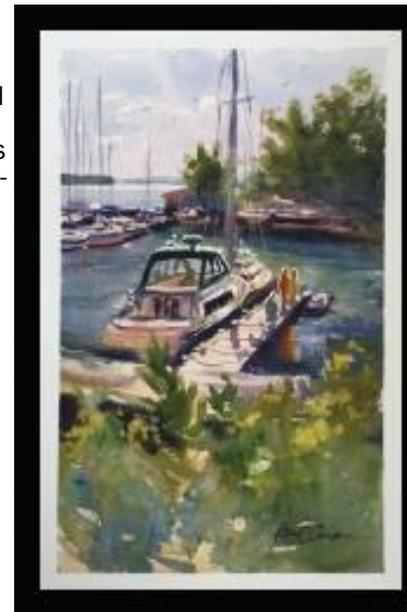
The Grand Prize for the raffle is a queen-sized quilt called "Northwoods Summer" which reflects summer at the cabin in Northern Wisconsin. Eagles, bear, loons, and fish are cleverly stitched into the design. Small hand-appliqued quilts, cabins, and boats surround the old fashioned log cabin blocks. The quilt was designed, pieced, and hand appliquéd by Ginger

LaMotte, a member of Trinity Lutheran Church. The long-arm quilting with its clever designs was done by Laura Wertwijn, of Owatonna, Minnesota. The finished quilt has a value of \$700.

The second raffle prize is an original water color entitled "Bayfield Harbor" and is painted by well-known local artist, Paul Oman, of Amery, Wisconsin. Paul was a pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church, Birchwood, for eight years, and left five years ago to start his own inspirational global business, *Drawn to the Word*. This beautiful painting depicting the harbor view in Bayfield, Wisconsin, is valued at \$600.

The quilt and the watercolor painting is on display at the Dairy State Bank in Birchwood through October 6. Tickets will be sold at that bank, as well as these Birchwood businesses: Gary's Grocery, Jason's Market, Tagalong Golf Resort, and Trinity Lutheran Church. Dairy State Bank in Rice Lake will also sell tickets during July and August. Various members of Trinity and the Food Pantry will have tickets for sale, and tickets will be sold at various local summer and fall events. Tickets are priced at 3 for \$5, with all proceeds going to the Birchwood Food Pantry.

The drawing for the raffle prizes will take place Saturday, 7 pm, on October 8, at the community Oktoberfest meal to be held at the Birchwood School Commons. Everyone is invited to attend. There will also be numerous items to bid on in a silent auction. More information on that event will be announced closer to October 8.



WHAT'S INSIDE

Oktoberfest Raffle Tickets	1
Pastor Jon's Column	2
TLC Women June Happenin's	3
Sue Miles "Thank You"	3
Summer Surprise Choir	3
Food Pantry Bake Sale	3
Shirley Sorenson "Thank You"	4
Timber Bay Van Fund-Raiser	4
Tubing on the Namekagon	5
Cave Quest VBS a Success	5
July Worship Assistants	6
July Birthdays and Prayers	6
July Calendar	7

PASTOR JON'S COLUMN — Who do You want to be like when You grow up?

¹When Jesus had finished saying all this to the people who were listening, he entered Capernaum. ²There a centurion's servant, whom his master valued highly, was sick and about to die. ³The centurion heard of Jesus and sent some elders of the Jews to him, asking him to come and heal his servant. ⁴When they came to Jesus, they pleaded earnestly with him, "This man deserves to have you do this, ⁵because he loves our nation and has built our synagogue." ⁶So Jesus went with them. He was not far from the house when the centurion sent friends to say to him: "Lord, don't trouble yourself, for I do not deserve to have you come under my roof. ⁷That is why I did not even consider myself worthy to come to you. But say the word, and my servant will be healed. ⁸For I myself am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. I tell this one, 'Go,' and he goes; and that one, 'Come,' and he comes. I say to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it." ⁹When Jesus heard this, he was amazed at him, and turning to the crowd following him, he said, "I tell you, I have not found such great faith even in Israel." ¹⁰Then the men who had been sent returned to the house and found the servant well." Luke 7:1-10

Jesus, once marveled at the faith he found in a man. And it's the only instance that the gospels record such a response from Jesus (Matthew 8:5-13; Luke 7:1-10). Who was this man? A rabbi? No. A disciple? Nope. A Roman soldier.

Jesus had walked down from the hills of a mountain outside of Capernaum. He had just delivered what would become the most famous sermon in history (The Sermon on the Mount). When he entered the town, he was met by a small delegation of Jewish elders. They had an urgent request. There was this Roman centurion whose servant was so sick that he was expected to die shortly. The centurion had asked these elders to go to Jesus on his behalf to see if Jesus might be willing to heal his servant. Now, this was very unusual. Jewish leaders were not in the habit of being fond of Roman soldiers. Perhaps sensing the obvious oddness of the request, one of the elders quickly adds, "He is worthy to have you do this for him, for he loves our nation, and he is the one who built us our synagogue." This was also unusual. Roman soldiers were not in the habit of being fond of Jews.

Why Jesus went I am not sure. Maybe Jesus "saw" God's will in this and so he set off with them to the centurion's home. He had also just preached a couple hours earlier on

the importance of loving one's enemies. Perhaps this was to provide an example of that lesson. As they neared the house another group of friends intercepted them. There was a brief huddle with the elders. There were soft voices speaking. I am imagining that the elders seemed confused and concerned. Maybe some thought the servant must have died.

Then a representative of the group stepped over to Jesus and said respectfully, "Teacher, I have a message for you from my Roman friend. He says, '*Lord, do not trouble yourself, for I am not worthy to have you come under my roof. Therefore I did not presume to come to you. But say the word, and let my servant be healed. For I too am a man set under authority, with soldiers under me: and I say to one, "Go" and he goes; and to another, "Come," and he comes; and to my servant, "Do this," and he does it.*'"

What happened next? What did it look like on that day? I imagine that Jesus' expression turned thoughtful. Perhaps He thinks about the words, "I am not worthy to have you

come under my roof" and "I too am a man under authority with soldiers under me." I picture Him nodding his head slightly and I wonder if there was just a hint of a chuckle from Jesus as He thinks, "*This man was a Roman soldier, a representative of Israel's enemy. And yet he understood what even these Jewish elders didn't yet grasp.*" It was a marvel. He looked back at the friend and then to the elders. Then he turned and scanned his eyes over his disciples and the small crowd of people who had followed him down the mountain.

Then he said, loud enough for everyone to hear, "*I tell you, not even in Israel have I found such faith.*"

Both Luke (Luke 7:9) and Matthew (Matthew 8:10) use the Greek word *thaumazo* (thou-mad'-zo) which we translate "marveled" or "amazed" to describe Jesus' response to the centurion's faith. The only time this word is used to describe Jesus' response to others' faith is in Mark 6:6, when he marvels at the *lack of faith* in the people of Nazareth, where he grew up.

(Continued on page 4 — Pastor Jon)



**I tell you,
not even
in Israel have I
found such faith.**

Luke 7:9

WHAT'S HAPPENIN' WITH TLC WOMEN

- President Marcia Kampf presided over the June 16 meeting. Eleven women were present.
- Altar Guild update was given by Jeanne Dahlby. Now that communion is provided at both summer Sunday services and served every Sunday, there are some changes.
- Altar Guild persons for July are Theresa Stanley and Barb Kleven, as her assistant.
- We look forward to the June 26th BABY SHOWER to be held at our church. This is an annual event, sponsored by the Outreach Committee, which works closely with the Women of Trinity. Admission is to bring some baby apparel, which will be given to children in Haiti. Speaker for the day is Gladys Mongo, Director of Haiti Children, a ministry to the children in Haiti.
- The Oktoberfest Raffle is off to a running start with tickets now printed, and posters made. On June 12, the handmade quilt depicting Northern Summer and the Paul Oman watercolor were displayed in the narthex of the church. Raffle tickets are available from the church office, around town, and from the Women of Trinity. The drawing for these two spectacular prizes will be at the October 8th Community Oktoberfest Dinner at the Birchwood School commons. The quilt and the watercolor are being displayed at the Dairy State Bank.
- The May Rummage sale brought in \$1,968.35. Though that is less money than in previous years, there were no large items donated, so we sold "tons" of quarter to dollar items. The small quilt raffle was won by Dianne Buxton.
- Salad Luncheon, Tuesday, August 9, will be co-chaired by Carol Ad-dington and Dianne Buxton. Other churches will be invited, and our ladies make summer salads "to die for." This year's special speaker is Diane Brask, a local lady who describes herself as a no-nonsense country girl who grew up on a dairy farm in northern Wisconsin. She is the founder and director of Global Seed Planters, and spreads the good news of Jesus Christ to remote areas of the world.
- The Fellowship Hall needs new windows. We discussed what we could contribute toward the cost of eight new windows, and Marcia will coordinate this with Wes Mohns, Operations.
- We need a new Vice President as Ginger LaMotte has resigned that position. Since she was due to move up to the position of President in 2017, it appears we also need a new President for the new year. The vice presidency is a two-year position, and the presidency is a two-year position, so be prepared for a four year commitment. Contact Marcia Kampf for more information.
- July 21 is our next meeting, at 11 am



Thank You!

To the Trinity Congregation,

I would like to say thank you for all the support I have received these past few months while being treated for breast cancer. I have always known that Birchwood was a special place, but I have been overwhelmed with gratitude for the kindness and concern that you have extended. Thank you for your prayers, generous support, and the abundance of good wishes that have been sent my way. Your thoughtfulness has made all the difference.

With gratitude,
Sue Miles

SUMMER SURPRISE CHOIR

The Summer Surprise Choir has kicked off singing at the 1st and 3rd Sunday 10 am worship services.

NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO SURPRISE CHOIR ON JULY 3.

But come join us on July 17 at about 9:30 am to rehearse an easy anthem, and sing during the 10 am service! The anthem is early in the service, to accommodate those who attend the 8:30 am service but want to sing with us.

You don't need to be a regular choir member to sing with us!



Food Pantry Bake Sale

JULY 9
8 - 11:30 AM

Support the Birchwood Food Pantry! Check out their Bake Sale on the 2nd Saturday of the month at their location on Main Street. Proceeds go towards food purchases and operating expenses. Want to donate baked goods for the sale? Call Charlotte at (715) 354-7077.



BAKE SALE

Sincere Thanks

My deepest thanks to all who have given comfort, support and prayers during the hospitalization and death of Dan.

Thank you for sympathy, visits and memorials, Thanks to Pastor Jon for visits, for comfort and for officiating at the funeral service and the burial.

Thanks to all who helped with the luncheon: planning setting up, supplying food, serving and clean-up, especially Donnaræ and Barb who gave so much time. It was all very well done.

How blessed we have been to part of such a wonderful church family!

Shirley Sorenson

TIMBER BAY MENTOR GROUP RAISES FUNDS FOR VAN



Charity Knauff, Director for the Timber Bay Birchwood Area group, has started a fund-raising campaign to raise funds for a 15-passenger van. The van will be used to transport youth to and from youth events in the community every Monday night, and to take kids to the Timber Bay camp in Onamia MN, and other camping trips in and around Wisconsin and Minnesota.

Transportation is an essential part of Timber Bay outreach because many kids do not have rides to or from activities.

The goal is to raise \$30,000 in 3 months to purchase a van. If you are interested in making a donation you can do so online at: <https://www.gofundme.com/TimberBayVan>

Adolescence should be a time of great adventure and discovery, but for too many kids it's a time marked by cynicism and despair. Timber Bay seeks out the unseen kids who struggle the most. Their seasoned staff of professional youth workers develop long-term relationships with the youth they serve through a dynamic camping and community approach. For more info about Timber Bay, visit their website at: <http://timberbay.org/>



(Pastor Jon – Continued from page 2)

The centurion was one of the most unlikely persons to amaze Jesus. He was a Gentile. Certainly he had a pagan upbringing. He was a Roman, stationed in Palestine to subject the Jews to the Emperor's rule. He was a man of war. He achieved the rank of centurion by distinguishing himself above others in the brutal Roman art of war. Not exactly the résumé you'd expect for becoming one of the Bible's great heroes of faith.

So what in the world had happened to this man? We don't know. But there he is in Capernaum; a miracle of God's marvelous grace. And he's a "first-fruit" and a foreshadowing of what Jesus had come to bring about. He was a living illustration spoken of in Matthew – *that "many [would] come from the east and west*



and recline at table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 8:11).

This centurion is also a reminder to us that "man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart" (1 Samuel 16:7). I think we will be surprised someday when Jesus doles out rewards. Most of the great ones among us will probably have lived in obscurity. Jesus is not as impressed with titles, degrees, and achievements as we are. He is impressed with those who really do humbly believe him.

Billy Graham once said, "God will not reward fruitfulness, he will reward faithfulness." The centurion was faith-full. I want to be like him when I grow up.

AMEN

Janitor/Clown/Pastor Jon

**Many Thanks to all the Volunteers!!
CAVE QUEST VBS WAS AN AWESOME SUCCESS!!**

It was another awesome week at CAVE QUEST Vacation Bible School, June 6-10, when 30 children descended on the transformed Trinity Lutheran Church for the coolest week of the summer. During the over-the-top underground adventure kids explored what it means to follow Jesus through dark times. Kids participated in memorable Bible-learning activities, sang catchy songs, ate yummy treats, experienced one-of-a-kind Bible adventures, and tested Sciency-Fun Gizmos. The youngsters, aged 3 through 5th grade, learned that Jesus gives us hope, courage, direction, love and his power!

The week-long VBS was planned and presented by a staff of over 50 volunteers from Trinity's congregation and the larger Birchwood community. In addition, a small group of volunteers worked the past months to build and create the decorations that transformed the church into an underground cave.

The children collected \$99.39 during the week for Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, a small, poor church in Rio Bravo Mexico. Another \$94.83 was collected at the Post-VBS Celebration Program, on June 10, for a grand total of \$194.22. Birchwood is a most generous community!

Thank You to the Birchwood Lions Club for the donation of \$400 which was used for the purchase of "Sciency-Fun Gizmos"® for the children. And Thanks to all who helped put on our spectacular week — through your donations, time and talents. Couldn't happen without YOU!



IT'S SUMMER! Let's chill and float down the Namekagon River! Youth and families of all generations are invited on Saturday, July 23! The cost is \$8 per person which includes the tube, shuttle, and food! We'll carpool and leave around 10 am with return around 2 pm. Details and sign-up are located on the bulletin board. Make this event part of your Summer 2016 things to do! Please contact Melinda Pedersen at 715-296-2073 or Sue Jostad at 763-218-3354.



JULY WORSHIP ASSISTANTS					
	July 3	July 10	July 17	July 24	July 31
<i>Greeters</i> 8:30am	Merlin & Ida Jahnke	Bob & Karen Scott	Wally & Kathy Thom	Keven & Wyatt Sunderland	<i>PLEASE SIGN UP</i>
10:00am	Harry & Lea Heath	<i>PLEASE SIGN UP</i>	Kathy, Kaden & Kaelyn Paquette	<i>PLEASE SIGN UP</i>	<i>PLEASE SIGN UP</i>
<i>Ushers</i> 8:30am	Merlin & Ida Jahnke	Bob & Karen Scott	Wally & Kathy Thom	Keven & Wyatt Sunderland	<i>PLEASE SIGN UP</i>
10:00am	<i>PLEASE SIGN UP</i>	Norm & Jean Jastram	<i>PLEASE SIGN UP</i>	<i>PLEASE SIGN UP</i>	<i>PLEASE SIGN UP</i>
<i>Comm Assts</i> 8:30am	Merlin & Ida Jahnke	Bob & Karen Scott	Wally & Kathy Thom	Keven & Wyatt Sunderland	<i>PLEASE SIGN UP</i>
10:00am	<i>PLEASE SIGN UP</i>	<i>PLEASE SIGN UP</i>	Kathy Paquette	<i>PLEASE SIGN UP</i>	<i>PLEASE SIGN UP</i>
<i>Lay Reader</i> 8:30am	Donnarae Carrell	Jean Jastram	Kaden Paquette	<i>PLEASE SIGN UP</i>	<i>PLEASE SIGN UP</i>
10:00am	Lea Heath	<i>PLEASE SIGN UP</i>	<i>PLEASE SIGN UP</i>	<i>PLEASE SIGN UP</i>	<i>PLEASE SIGN UP</i>

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Jerry Janetski 7/1	June Ehrich 7/11	Jackie Schilberg 7/20
Collin Krance 7/1	Karen Hayes 7/11	Cassandra Lane 7/20
Grace Kotel 7/2	Susan Sachs 7/11	Lorie Piram 7/21
Ian Krance 7/2	Chuck Ede 7/12	Adara Glenz 7/23
Thorvald Skar 7/2	Vicky Matts 7/12	Eric Ivers 7/23
William Moline 7/3	Alijah Braden 7/13	Jessica Lane 7/23
Hannah Hayes 7/3	Missy Robotka 7/13	Rebecca Miller 7/24
Butch Wegner 7/5	Sue Svitak 7/13	Lana Howard 7/25
Melinda Pedersen 7/5	Linda Zillmer 7/13	Art Kordus 7/27
Kaylee Hayes 7/6	Anna Leamy 7/14	Lee Namtvedt 7/27
Robert Gindt 7/6	Lisa Applebee 7/17	Stephanie Liermann 7/27
Otto Nordback 7/8	Elsa Lillegard 7/17	Jonas Connell 7/28
Don Zillmer 7/9	Teri Livingston 7/18	Terri Berg 7/29
Jon Lane 7/9	Tina Tainter 7/18	Paige Rudolf 7/29
Wyatt Sunderland 7/9	Elaine Yndestad 7/20	Thomas Goodwin 7/30
Trent Stanley 7/10	Melissa Miller 7/20	
Joshua Brown 7/11	Bonnie Redisce 7/20	

IN OUR PRAYERS

- | | |
|-----------------------|---------------------|
| 1 - Tanner Schonasky | 17 - Peggy Severson |
| 2 - Linda Schuh | 18 - Gloria Sibley |
| 3 - Daryan Schultz | 19 - Larry Sibley |
| 4 - Kurt Schultz | 20 - Bev Skar |
| 5 - Madyson Schultz | 21 - Thor Skar |
| 6 - Payton Schultz | 22 - Abigail Smith |
| 7 - Rhonda Schultz | 23 - Chris Smith |
| 8 - Taylor Schultz | 24 - Kyle Smith |
| 9 - Bob Scott | 25 - Tricia Smith |
| 10 - Karen Scott | 26 - Chuck Soper |
| 11 - Jolene Scribner | 27 - Donna Soper |
| 12 - Karisa Scribner | 28 - Mark Soper |
| 13 - Kraig Scribner | 29 - Matt Soper |
| 14 - Kyle Scribner | 30 - Pat Soper |
| 15 - Sherry Seelnacht | 31 - Samantha Soper |
| 16 - Ken Severson | |



JULY 2016

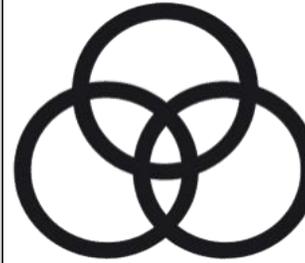
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 OFFICE CLOSED	2 10:30a-1:30p - Food Pantry Open
3 7TH SUN AFTER PENTECOST 8:30a - OUTDOOR Worship w/Communion NO Surprise Ch Reh 9:30a - COFFEE TIME 10a - INDOOR Worship w/ Communion	4 JULY 4TH 10:30a-1:30p - Food Pantry Open NO Book Study 7p - AA, Fellowship Hall	5 9a - Prayer Session	6 NO Video Series	7 9:30a - Women's Bible Study 6:30p - Women's Bible Study	8 OFFICE CLOSED	9 8-11:30a—Food Pantry Bake Sale
10 8TH SUN AFTER PENTECOST 8:30a - OUTDOOR Worship w/Communion 9:30a - COFFEE TIME 10a - INDOOR Worship w/ Communion	11 6:30p - Book Study 7p- AA, Fellowship Hall	12 9a - Prayer Session 6:30p - Council Mtg	13 9:15a - Video Series 10:30a - Staff Mtg	14 9:30a - Women's Bible Study 6:30p - Women's Bible Study	15 OFFICE CLOSED	16 10:30a-1:30p - Food Pantry Open
17 9TH SUN AFTER PENTECOST 8:30a - OUTDOOR Worship w/Communion 9:15a - Surprise Ch Reh 9:30a - COFFEE TIME 10a - INDOOR Worship w/ Communion Love Fund & Food Pantry Offerings	18 Journey Deadline 10:30a-1:30p - Food Pantry Open 9a - Outreach/ Missions Tm Mtg 6:30p - Book Study 7p - AA, Fellowship Hall	19 9a - Prayer Session	20 9:15a - Video Series 10:30a - Staff Mtg	21 9:30a - Women's Bible Study 6:30p - Women's Bible Study	22 OFFICE CLOSED	23 10a-2p - Tubing on the Name- kagon
24 10TH SUN AFTER PENTECOST 8:30a - OUTDOOR Worship w/Communion 9:30a - COFFEE TIME 10a - INDOOR Worship w/ Communion	25 6:30p - Book Study 7p - AA, Fellowship Hall	26 9a - Prayer Session	27 9:15a - Video Series 10:30a - Staff Mtg 1p - Journey Assem- bly	28 9:30a - Women's Bible Study 6:30p - Women's Bible Study	29	30
31 11TH SUN AFTER PENTECOST 8:30a - OUTDOOR Worship w/Communion 9:30a - COFFEE TIME 10a - INDOOR Worship w/ Communion						

Trinity Lutheran Church
 501 E. Chetac Ave
 PO Box 8
 Birchwood, WI 54817

FORWARDING SERVICE REQUESTED

Non-profit Org.
 U.S. Postage
 PAID
 Permit No. 3
 Birchwood, WI
 54817

**BUY RAFFLE
 TICKETS**



The *JOURNEY* JULY 2016

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Jon Paquette, Pastor
 Cindy Westphal, Parish Administrator
 Melinda Pedersen, Youth & Family
 Joanne Schilling, Choir Director
 Betty Blanch, Custodian
 501 E. Chetac Ave ♦ PO Box 8
 Birchwood, WI 54817

(715) 354-3790 ♦ (715) 354-3224 (parsonage)

♦ trinitybirchwood@centurytel.net ♦ trinitylutheranbirchwood.com ♦
 JOURNEY Editor ♦ Joanne Schilling ♦ jlschilling@hotmail.com ♦

Sunday Worship 8:30 am outdoor (Memorial - Labor Day)
 10 am indoor (Year-round)
 Sunday School 10 am (Sept - May 21)
 Office Hours 8 - 11:30 am, 12:30 - 3:00pm (M-Th)
 Pastor's Hours 8a - noon, M-Th
 Bulletin info deadline 9 am Wednesdays
 JOURNEY deadline Monday of 3rd week of the month

WORSHIP THIS MONTH

7/3 8:30 and 10 am — Outdoor and Indoor Worship w/Communion
 7/10 8:30 and 10 am — Outdoor and Indoor Worship w/Communion
 7/17 8:30 and 10 am — Outdoor and Indoor Worship w/Communion
 7/24 8:30 and 10 am — Outdoor and Indoor Worship w/Communion
 7/31 8:30 and 10 am — Outdoor and Indoor Worship w/Communion

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Amelia	Eileen Koefler	Jean Peterson
Dave Beaver	Dean Kruegel	Mary Reppe
Troy Beffa	Jody Kruegel	Merle Ries
Michelle Bender	Bill & Eunice Kuntz	Buddy Robotka
Roger Blanch	Roy Kuula	Sue Sachs
George Crust	Ed Leader	Carter Sackman
Annette Gentile	Bob Liermann	Shalom Ministry Team
Laine Guttenberg	Lora & Mary Overgard	Charlotte Snarski
Ron Hartzell	Susan Molin	Jeremy Spahn
Gorman Hayes	Sue Miles	Denise Spiller
Harry Heath	Lee Namtvedt	Mary Subrt
Becky Hunt	Leonard Nysted	David Yndestad
Merlin Jahnke	Dorothy Perpich	Elaine Yndestad
Art Johnson	Gordy Peterson	

In the military: Rigil & Randy Christensen, Rochelle & Alex Fabrizio, Kelsey Will, David Clayton, Eric Bebee, Tim Groth, John Hughes, Brian LaGrange and all those serving in the military.

NEXT MEETING OF

Birchwood Food Pantry. 10:30 am, Jul 2, 4, 16, 18
 Worship & Music Team. NO MEETING
 Congregational Council. 6:30 pm, Jul 12
 Outreach Committee. 9 am, Jul 18