

# The JOURNEY — Walking Daily with Jesus

## LENT BEGINS MARCH 1

We begin Lent on March 1, at 6:30 pm, with our Ash Wednesday service of communion and the imposition of ashes. Please come join us in the start of our Lenten journey of repentance and renewal.

Lent is a forty-day season of reflection for Christians. The "forty days" correspond symbolically to the forty years Israel journeyed through the desert towards the Promised Land and the forty days Jesus lived alone in the wilderness for a time of fasting and spiritual preparation.

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Palm Sunday (also called "Passion" Sunday because it remembers the *passio* or suffering of Jesus on the cross). Holy Week follows as we walk with Jesus on his journey towards the cross.

The journey ends at sunrise on Easter — *the Sunday of the Resurrection* — when we celebrate Jesus' resurrection from death and our own resurrection into new lives, new community, new hope through Christ.

# Lent



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### MARCH LENTEN/HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Mar 1	Ash Wednesday Worship	6:30 pm
Mar 8	Mid-Week Lenten Worship <i>Lenten Meal</i>	6:30 pm 5:45 pm
Mar 15	Mid-Week Lenten Worship <i>Lenten Meal</i>	6:30 pm 5:45 pm
Mar 22	Mid-Week Lenten Worship <i>Lenten Meal</i>	6:30 pm 5:45 pm
Mar 29	Mid-Week Lenten Worship <i>Lenten Meal</i>	6:30 pm 5:45 pm

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MARCH 12 - Daylight Savings  
Time ends! Set your clocks  
ahead one hour!

**PASTOR JOAN'S COLUMN**

*TRADITION.* That word alone can evoke fond memories of family traditions. But when it is used in connection with worship, we know that when we walk into a Lutheran Church, no matter where in the country it is located, we will very likely be using one of the liturgical settings in the Lutheran Book of Worship. The pastor will be wearing an alb and a stole in the proper color for the church season. We will sing traditional hymns and there will be an organ. Specific prayers will be said at the proper place in the worship, there will be candles and an acolyte, and a choir.

The antithesis of a traditional worship is normally thought of as being "contemporary," which might mean that there would be a praise band, a stage, projection screens, jeans, comfortable seating, and in general a very relaxed setting. Some churches might try to create a blended style of worship, which is meant to be a combination of traditional and contemporary, and this is how I see our worship at Trinity.

However, while I like our worship here, I never want us to become so firmly set in doing

things a certain way that we are reluctant to change. And change is inevitable because I'm sure everyone is familiar with the saying, "the only thing that doesn't change, is change."

As a pastor, I struggle with the idea of doing the same thing week after week, using the same wording for the confession, using either the Apostle's Creed every week, or the Nicene Creed every week. And that includes whether we sing or speak the Lord's Prayer. I used to think that I didn't like change, but in the last ten years, I find that I embrace change. I like things to be a little different, especially when they can become routine.

What I learned from my Church History course is that not having a traditional Lutheran liturgy is the Lutheran tradition. The Epitome of the Formula of Concord, Article X, says that we as Lutherans unanimously believe that the ceremonies, or church rites, are neither commanded nor forbidden in God's Word. Instead, those ceremonies

have been instituted merely for the sake of good order. This Article goes on to explain that each congregation has the power to "to change such ceremonies in such manner as may be most useful and edifying to the congregation of God."

Therefore, I see our traditions as man-made if they are not strictly required according to God's Word. We need to concentrate on having Biblically-based worship rather than strict traditional or strict contemporary worship. Maybe that is what "Secret Church" is all about. I am going to be bold and call forth people who would like to explore what that "Secret Church" would mean for Trinity, and what it would look like.

If you have a desire to worship God in an authentic way, as prescribed in the Bible, in a way that would be pleasing to Jesus, let me know your thoughts. You can e-mail me

at:(joanscheffler@yahoo.com) or stop by the church office for a visit. Either way, we're all in this together so let's move forward together.

God's Blessings!

*Pastor Joan*

*Traditional*



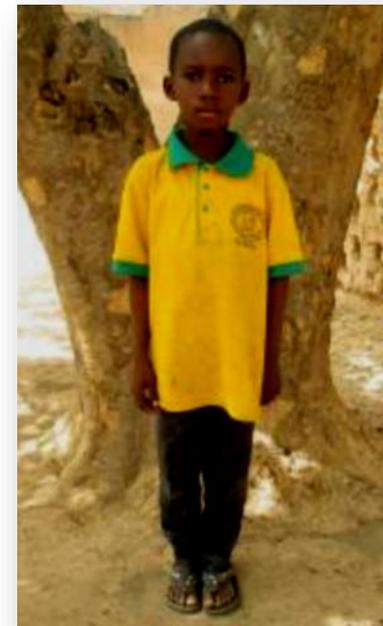
**LILIES FOR EASTER**

Help beautify the Sanctuary for Easter, April 16  
Order a pot of white Lilies  
*In Memory of or  
In Honor of a Loved One.*  
Forms available at the  
Welcome Center  
Cost is \$15 per pot  
**ORDER BY APRIL 9**



**Meet Fabrice!**

The confirmation youth and the Trinity congregation have partnered with Compassion International through sponsoring a youth in Africa. His name is FABRICE WEND-PANGA ZOUNGRANA from Africa. The youth have begun to write him letters. Please see the posting on the bulletin board of the letter he sent to us! Pray for this ministry! Thank you!



**WOMEN OF TRINITY MEETING MINUTES**

There was no meeting in February for Women of Trinity. They will meet on March 16.

**THURSDAY AM BIBLE STUDY HIATUS**

The Women's Thursday morning Bible Study will NOT meet until March 16, while leader Jean Jastram is away.



**PERSONAL CARE KITS NEEDED IN MARCH**

The Missions and Outreach Committee project for March and April is collecting Project Promise Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief. These kits are shared with people who have lost everything from a natural disaster or life-threatening violence. Give hope through a bar of soap!



Donate items for the kits or collect items and assemble them as described below.

**ITEMS TO BE INCLUDED IN EACH PERSONAL CARE KIT (date to bring)**

- ❖ ONE light-weight bath-size towel (52" x 27"), dark color recommended (Mar 5)
- ❖ TWO bath-size bars of soap equaling 8 to 9 oz., any brand, in original wrapping (Mar 12)
- ❖ ONE adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging or a business-size envelope (Mar 19)
- ❖ ONE sturdy comb (Mar 26)
- ❖ ONE metal nail clippers (att'd file optional) (Apr 2)

Don't enclose Kit or any of its contents in plastic bags. Fold the towel in half. Place the rest of the items in the towel, fold and roll so nothing falls out, and secure with yarn, ribbon, string or rubber bands.

A basket will be in the narthex until Palm Sunday, April 9. Unlisted personal or health care items that are donated will be given to the Food Pantry, as there is a need for such things there also.

*Sweet Life Café Retreat . . . Where Women Savor Time with God*  
**LCMC WOMEN'S 4TH ANNUAL RETREAT SLATED FOR MAY 5 - 6**

Yes, this café-themed getaway is as relaxing and refreshing as it sounds!

Join us at our Sweet Life Café retreat for an experience that allows women to slow down and savor time with God and each other. It feels like a cozy day at your favorite coffee shop — where women can find rest, laugh, share their stories, and grow closer to each other and God.

The retreat will be held at Forest Springs Camp, in Westboro, WI. This beautiful facility is situated about 100 miles away from Birchwood, along the rustic glacial ridge of north central Wisconsin and offers a wonderful opportunity to unplug, have fun, learn and grow.

Rooms have been reserved rooms in Neale Lodge, each with two twin beds, a bunk bed and a trundle bed, which can accommodate up to 5 people/room if one person sleeps on the top bunk! Brochures will be available at the Welcome Center. If you missed last year's retreat, you won't want to miss this year's!



Caring for someone with a chronic illness such as dementia, cancer, heart disease, Parkinson's disease or stroke can be physically, emotionally and financially exhausting.

Connect with Resources  
 Balance your Life  
 Take Care of Yourself

**Powerful Tools FOR Caregivers**

*Powerful Tools for Caregivers* is an educational program designed to help family caregivers. This program will help you take care of yourself while caring for a loved one. You will benefit from this class whether you are helping a parent, spouse, friend, or adult child. The person you are caring for may live at home, in a nursing home, or across the country.

*Powerful Tools for Caregivers* helps family caregivers reduce stress, improve self-confidence, communicate better, balance their lives, increase their ability to make tough decisions, and locate helpful resources.

This six week workshop will be held Tuesdays, March 21-April 25, from 1-3 pm, at the Government Center in Barron, 335 E. Monroe Avenue, Barron.

Call Chris at the Barron County Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) 715-537-6225 to register or for more information. Class is \$10 and pre-registration is required.



A NIGHT OF STORIES FROM  
ANN VOSKAMP  
AUTHOR "THE BROKEN WAY"

REBEKAH LYONS  
AUTHOR "YOU ARE FREE"

+ WORSHIP LED BY  
CHRISTY NOCKELS

THE  
**BROKEN  
+FREE**  
TOUR

MARCH 4 - EAU CLAIRE, WI  
7:00pm | Calvary Baptist Church  
Tickets - Gen Adm\$15 or VIP \$40

Would you dare to join Ann, Rebekah, and Christy for an evening of worship, prayer, and Truth?  
Visit [www.brokenandfreetour.com](http://www.brokenandfreetour.com) for more information and to buy tickets.

**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS NEEDED**

Once again, there weren't enough names on the sign-up sheet to put in the newsletter, so please stop by the Welcome Center and sign up — **WE NEED YOU!**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

Bill Gilgenbach	3/2	Lori DeVries	3/13	Nicholas Wisti	3/25
Ivy Kotel	3/4	Jeanne Sweeney	3/15	Nathan Rich	3/27
Lila Larsen	3/4	Don Fuller	3/16	Dustin Nap	3/28
Jason Colbert	3/5	Donnaræ Carrell	3/17	Tanner Jasper	3/29
Chrissy Gottwald	3/5	Amy Dakins	3/17	Louis Larson	3/29
Betty Orsund	3/6	Ron Hartzell	3/17	Savanah Levake	3/29
Afton Baribeau	3/7	Gordon Hoff	3/17	Carol Chasteen	3/30
Taylor Robotka	3/7	Lea Heath	3/19	Randy Christensen	3/31
Landen Gindt	3/8	Jacob Rurup	3/19	Jenelle Lee	3/31
Erin Gustafson	3/8	MacKenzie Jenkins	3/20	Noah Lobitz	3/31
Josie Will	3/9	Beth Jutila-Ufferman	3/20		
Dean Kruegel	3/9	Bev Skar	3/20		
Tom Olson	3/10	Karen Dolen	3/21		
Kirby Brunclik	3/11	Eunice Kuntz	3/21		
Dallas Applebee	3/12	Daniel Moline	3/24		
Jennifer Hayes	3/12	Char Mohns	3/24		

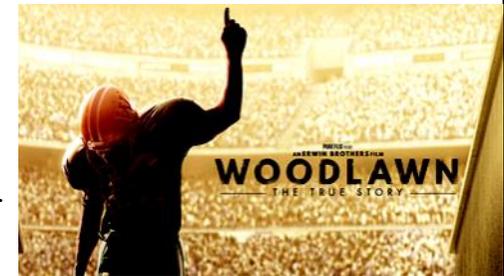


**Movie night and light supper!**

Saturday, March 18 in the Fellowship Hall at Trinity.

Supper at 5:45 pm, and Movie begins at 6:30 pm! This movie is rated PG.

A gifted high school football player must learn to boldly embrace his talent and his faith as he battles racial tensions on and off the field in **WOODLAWN**, a moving and inspirational new film based on the true story of how love and unity overcame hate and division in early 1970s Birmingham, Ala. Join us! Bring a comfy lawn chair if you wish. Popcorn provided!



**TRINITY ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE MOVED TO SEPT**

This year, the annual rummage sale, sponsored by the Women of Trinity Lutheran Church, will be moved from May, to September, to coincide with the Village of Birchwood's yearly annual sale. Please save your items, and watch for the notice to bring them to the church, sometime in September.



**IN OUR PRAYERS**

1 - Art Johnson	15 - Jessica Kotel	29 - Joan Kuula
2 - Ginny Johnson	16 - JoLynn Kotel	30 - Roy Kuula
3 - Merlin Johnson	17 - Kevin Kotel	31 - Barb Lallaman
4 - Patti Johnson	18 - Kirk Kotel	
5 - Rolf Jostad	19 - Steve Kotel	
6 - Sue Jostad	20 - Steven Kotel	
7 - Marcia Kampf	21 - Ken Krattiger	
8 - Richard Klabunde	22 - John Kristensen	
9 - Sharon Klabunde	23 - Karl Kristensen	
10 - Barb Kleven	24 - Kayla Kristensen	
11 - Rolf Kleven	25 - Lou Anne Kristensen	
12 - Grace Kotel	26 - Dean Kruegel	
13 - Ivy Kotel	27 - Richard Kuula	
14 - Jennifer Kotel	28 - Eleanor Kuula	



# MARCH 2017

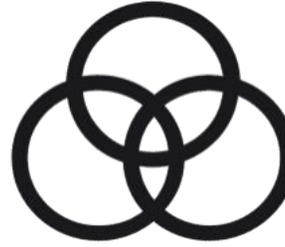
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><i>Altar Guild</i> Dianne Buxton</p> 			<p><b>1 ASH WED</b> 10:30a - Video Study 5p - L.I.G.H.T. Keepers 5:15p - Confirmation 6:30p - Ash Wed Worship 7:15p - Choir Reh</p>	<p><b>2</b> NO Women's Bible Study</p>	<p><b>3</b> OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p><b>4</b> 10:30a-1:30p - Food Pantry Open</p>
<p><b>5 1ST SUNDAY IN LENT</b> NO Choir Warm-up 9:30a - COFFEE TIME 10a - Worship w/communion</p>	<p><b>6</b> 9:30a - 2pm - Quilters 10:30a-1:30p - Food Pantry Open  1p - Outreach Mtg 6:30p - Bible Study 6:30p - Women's Study 7p - AA, Fellowship Hall</p>	<p><b>7</b> 9a - Prayer Session</p>	<p><b>8</b> 10:30a - Video Study 5p - L.I.G.H.T. Keepers 5:15p - Confirmation 5:45p - Lenten Meal 6:30p - Lenten Service 7:15p - Choir Reh 8:30p - Praise Tm Reh</p>	<p><b>9</b> NO Women's Bible Study</p>	<p><b>10</b> OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p><b>11</b></p>
<p><b>12 2ND SUNDAY IN LENT</b> 9:30a - COFFEE TIME 10a - Praise Worship w/ Communion  Daylight Savings Time!</p>	<p><b>13 Journey Deadline</b> 9:30a - 2pm - Quilters  4:30p - Worship &amp; Music 6:30p - Bible Study 6:30p - Women's Study 7p - AA, Fellowship Hall</p>	<p><b>14</b> 9a - Prayer Session  6:30p - Council Mtg</p>	<p><b>15</b> 10:30a - Video Study 5p - L.I.G.H.T. Keepers 5:15p - Confirmation 5:45p - Lenten Meal 6:30p - Lenten Service 7:15p - Choir Reh</p>	<p><b>16</b> 9:30a - Women's Bible Study  11a - WOT Mtg</p>	<p><b>17</b> OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p><b>18</b> 10:30a-1:30p - Food Pantry Open 5:45p - Supper &amp; a Movie!</p>
<p><b>19 3RD SUNDAY IN LENT</b> 9a - Choir Warm-up 9:30a - COFFEE TIME 10a - Worship w/Communion Love Fund &amp; Food Pantry Offerings</p>	<p><b>20</b> 9:30a - 2pm - Quilters 10:30a-1:30p - Food Pantry Open  6:30p - Bible Study 6:30p - Women's Study 7p - AA, Fellowship Hall</p>	<p><b>21</b> 9a - Prayer Session</p>	<p><b>22</b> 10:30a - Video Study 1p - JOURNEY 5p - L.I.G.H.T. Keepers 5:15p - Confirmation 5:45p - Lenten Meal 6:30p - Lenten Service 7:15p - Choir Reh</p>	<p><b>23</b> 9:30a - Women's Bible Study</p>	<p><b>24</b> OFFICE CLOSED</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Council Retreat</b></p>	<p><b>25</b></p>
<p><b>26 4TH SUNDAY IN LENT</b> 9:30a - COFFEE TIME 10a - Worship w/Communion</p>	<p><b>27</b> 9:30a - 2pm - Quilters  6:30p - Bible Study 6:30p - Women's Study 7p- AA, Fellowship Hall</p>	<p><b>28</b> 9a - Prayer Session</p>	<p><b>29</b> 10:30a - Video Study 1p - JOURNEY 5p - L.I.G.H.T. Keepers 5:15p - Confirmation 5:45p - Lenten Meal 6:30p - Lenten Service 7:15p - Choir Reh</p>	<p><b>30</b> 9:30a - Women's Bible Study</p>	<p><b>31</b> OFFICE CLOSED</p>	

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**ASH WEDNESDAY  
 MARCH 1**



# The **JOURNEY** **MARCH 2017**

**TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH**

*Joan Scheffler, Pastor*  
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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 3<sup>rd</sup> week of the month

## WORSHIP THIS MONTH

3/1, 3/8, 3/15, 3/22, 2/29 6:30 PM ASH WED & Lenten Worship  
 3/5 10 am Worship w/Communion  
 3/12 10 am Praise Worship w/Communion  
 3/19 10 am Worship w/Communion  
 3/26 10 am Worship w/Communion

## KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Amelia	Becky Hunt	Betty Orsund
Dave Beaver	Art Johnson	Fred Peck
Michelle Bender	Eileen Koefler	Dorothy Perpick
Alice Bhend	Dean Kruegel	Jim Pravda
Betty Blanch	Jody Kruegel	Buddy Robotka
Hazel Bonkrud	Bill & Eunice Kuntz	Sue Roppe
Katelyn Bratvold	Dick Kuula	Ro Sachman
Vicki Busick	Roy Kuula	Sue Sachs
Ray Buxton	Bill Lambrecht	Carter Sackman
George Crust	Bob Landis	Deloris Elsi Salli
Annette Gentile	Bob Langham	Shalom Ministry Team
Laine Guttenberg	Ron Larson	Jeremy Spahn
Ron Hartzell	Ed Leader	Ashley Spiller
Gorman Hayes	Lora	Dennis Spiller
Deb Healy	Susan Molin	David Yndestad
Harry Heath	Sue Miles	Elaine Yndestad
Andy Hedman	Lee Namtvedt	
McKel Heebink	Leonard Nysted	

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

## NEXT MEETING OF

Birchwood Food Pantry. . . . . 10:30 am, Mar 4, 6, 18, 20  
 Outreach Committee. . . . . 1 pm, Mar 6  
 Worship & Music Team. . . . . 4:30 pm, Mar 13  
 Congregational Council. . . . . 6:30 pm, Mar 14  
 Trinity Lutheran Church Women. . . . . 11 am, Mar 16