

The *JOURNEY* — *Walking Daily with Jesus*

Ladies — Come for lunch and hear Pastor's faith story . . .

WOMEN OF TRINITY MEETING TO HOST PASTOR JOAN

On Thursday, May 18, the Women of Trinity Lutheran Church will hold their monthly meeting, starting at 11 am, followed by a Spring Salad Luncheon, homemade rolls, desserts, and coffee.

The featured speaker for the day will be Trinity's Interim Pastor Joan Scheffler. She will talk on her faith journey, and, very possibly, about the Holy Land trip she and Barb Kleven took recently. [See pictures on page 2]

This will be an opportunity for women to share in fellowship and good food with one another.

NOTE: Men are welcomed to come hear Pastor Joan's presentation, at about 12:30 pm.



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Confirmation

You are invited to celebrate the public affirmation of faith by Kyle Bratvold and Adam Robotka in our Christian family.

Please join us on Sunday, May 7, at the 10 am worship service. A light reception of cake and beverages will be held in the narthex following worship.

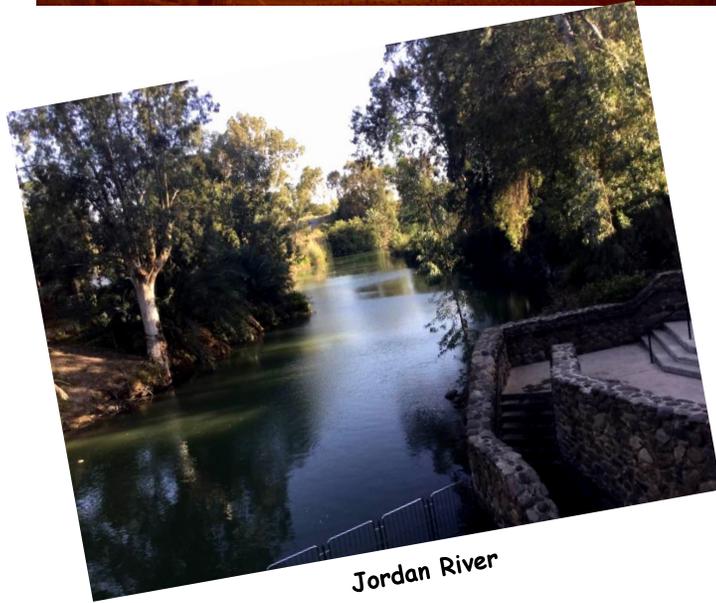
Review Night. All are invited to Review Night on May 3, with a light supper at 5:30 pm and the review session following at 6 pm.

This session is an opportunity for the confirmands to share the knowledge they have studied for the past three years of confirmation classes and one year of mentoring with Donna Soper (Kyle) and David Dhein (Adam).

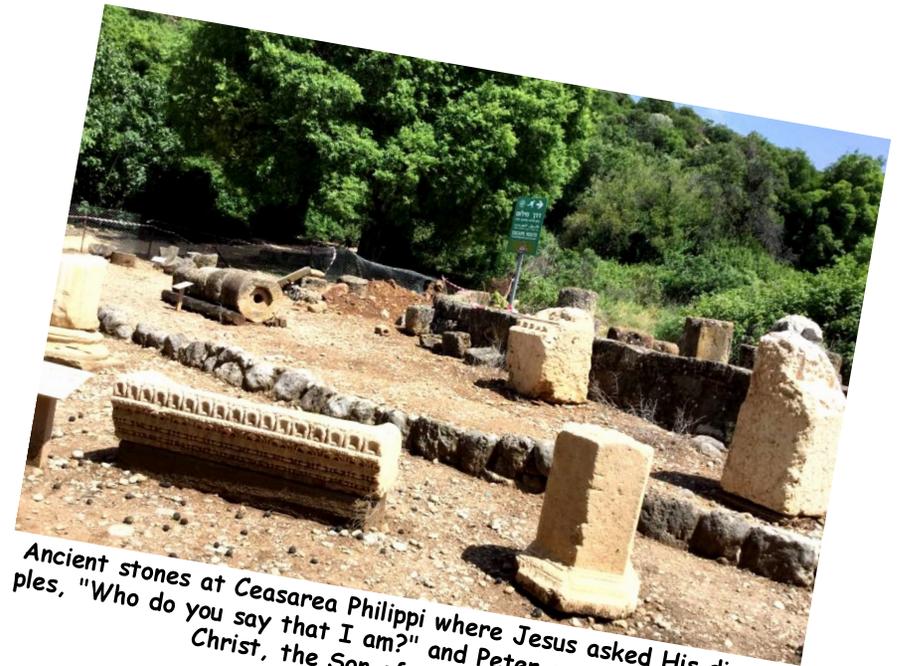
PASTOR JOAN'S COLUMN



Pastor Joan's regular column was not available due to her visit to the Holy Land. But enjoy these pictures from her travels with Barb Kleven!



Jordan River



Ancient stones at Caesarea Philippi where Jesus asked His disciples, "Who do you say that I am?" and Peter answered, "You are Christ, the Son of the living God!"

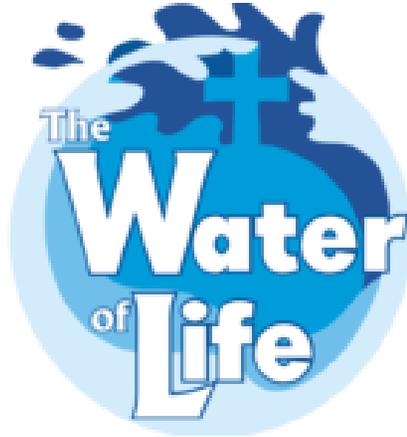


Barb Kleven and Pastor Joan about to reaffirm their baptisms in the Jordan River!



Looking across the ruins at the top of Masada, which is an ancient fortress built around 30 B.C. It is where the last Jewish stronghold against Roman invasion stood.

VBS 2017 INFO



Vacation Bible School will begin Monday, June 12, through Thursday, June 15, from 12:30 pm — 3:30 pm at Trinity Lutheran Church in Birchwood. This ministry serves children entering Pre-K this coming fall through 6th grade.

Trinity is welcoming some new partnerships and changes to serve our community. We are partnering with certified camp counselors from Luther Point of Grantsburg who will lead several ministry areas. We are hopeful that our afternoon VBS will accommodate families that are seeking afternoon summer activities. Through bible stories, crafts, songs and games children will learn about our gifts from God, our belonging through baptism, seeing and being the light, and that God is always with them.

- × Extended VBS hours available from 3:30—5:00, if needed for children entering 1st grade and up.
- × Registration forms will be sent home in May.
- × The cost is \$5 per child and no more than \$10 per family. Scholarships available.

For more information, please contact the VBS coordinator, Kim Will at (715) 354-3052 or the church office at (715) 354-3790.

Volunteers are needed and more information will be forthcoming about volunteer meetings.

“When you pass through the waters, I will be with you.” (Isaiah 43:2)

MAY 21 — GRADUATE SUNDAY



Trinity would like to bless and recognize our community Seniors. All graduating Seniors wishing to be recognized and blessed are welcomed to attend our worship service on Sunday, May 21, at 10 am.

Please contact the church office at 715-354-3790 or Melinda Pedersen to let us know if we can plan on you. Cake and beverage will be served in the narthex following worship.

SUMMER WORSHIP INFO

Outdoor Worship Service:

Our traditional outdoor worship service at 8:30 am will begin on May 28. So bring your lawn chair and a jacket and come on out to the back of the church. The 10 am worship service will continue to be held indoors.



Coffee Fellowship Time: Our regular coffee time will continue to be held at 9:30 am to help us to stay connected with members who attend the different services.



Surprise Summer Choir: The Trinity Choir will take its regular hiatus over the summer, but we will have a Surprise Summer Choir on the 1st and 3rd Sundays. The first Surprise Choir will sing on June 4. So meet at 9:15 am, 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 service but want to sing

Consider the Conversation - A Documentary on a Taboo Subject

CONSIDER THE CONVERSATION: A free presentation of the documentary film “Consider the Conversation” will be held 5:30 pm Tuesday, May 2, at Dove Healthcare - Rice Lake, 910 Bear Paw Avenue, and 5:30 pm Thursday, May 11, at Dove Healthcare - Bloomer, 2217 Duncan Road.

Consider the Conversation is a powerful and inspiring film about the American struggle with communication and preparation at life's end. The film examines multiple perspectives on end-of-life and includes interviews with patients, family members, doctors, nurses, clergy, social workers, and experts from around the country. Local professionals will lead a question and answer session with attendees after the film.

Displays and refreshments will be available at 5 pm. Seating is limited. Registration is preferred one week before event, but walk-ins are welcome.

To register, call Angela Kjellberg at 715-797-1234.

SORENSON MEMORIAL SERVICE

A memorial service with Artist and Pastor Paul Oman of "Drawn to the Word" Ministry will be held in honor of Daniel Sorenson on Saturday, May 13, at 7 pm at Trinity Lutheran Church. The service is a gift from the Sorenson family to the church and to the community in gratefulness for being a welcoming and comfortable home, church and community for their retirement years.



The theme of the painting and program will be "Being a servant of the Lord."

HOLY WEEK MEMORIES . . .



Maudy Thursday Foot Washing



Easter Morning



Good Friday Cross

PIG ROAST

Supporting the
Birchwood Area Food Pantry
SUNDAY, APRIL 30
11 AM - 3 PM



CHEERS
at Tagalong

Tickets:
\$12 in advance
\$15 at door
Under 7 eat free

Donations gratefully accepted . . .

TRINITY YOUTH HEAD TO NATIONAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Trinity members Katelyn Bratvold and Taylor Robotka have qualified for the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) National Leadership Conference in Anaheim, California from June 29-July 2. This is only the 4th time in school history that students have qualified to participate in such an amazing opportunity. Students who attend learn valuable leadership skills that they utilize in their college experiences and careers as adults.



Katelyn and Taylor will be presenting a business financial plan on a fictional business in front of a panel of judges.

This trip, centered around preparing our youth for their careers with a focus on leadership skills, competitive events, and learning new ideas, is considered the pinnacle of the FBLA experience. Students will hear powerful messages from keynote speakers, attend workshops, and present their hard work to a panel of judges.

Katelyn and Taylor have already started fundraising and have also received a donation from our Educational Foundation.

Donations may be made to the Trinity Office or Sara Waldron, at the Birchwood School.

WOMEN OF TRINITY MEETING MINUTES

- ❖ Eleven Women of Trinity met April 20, for their monthly meeting. President Marcia Kampf presided. May Altar Guild Person is Char Mohns.
- ❖ Thank you notes for donations received were read from Homme House, Bote von Bethel Group (Germany) for stamps, and Julie Bibeau, for the prayer shawl she received.
- ❖ Prayer Shawl Ministry continues to move forward with kits being taken home, and knitted prayer shawls returned for distribution. Anyone wishing to have a prayer shawl for a deserving person, or a kit to lovingly make a prayer shawl, may do so by signing one out from the Prayer Shawl bin, which is located in the closet in the Fellowship Hall.

❖ At the April 20th church service, which will be presided over by Pr. Howard Stone, Jean Jastram will present a Prayer shawl to Pr. Stone, to thank him for his love and faithfulness toward our congregation.



- ❖ May 7 is Confirmation Sunday, and our group will provide red carnation boutonnieres and Bibles to Kyle Bratvold and Adam Robotka.
- ❖ The Kitchen Inspection, for which the three Service Committees are responsible, is up and running. Don't be surprised if you get a call from your Service Committee Chairperson to be responsible to clean the kitchen for awhile. A list of kitchen duties are posted in the kitchen.
- ❖ Our next meeting is at 11 am, Thursday, May 18. Following the short meeting, we'll have a Salad Luncheon, then enjoy a program given by Pr. Joan Scheffler on her Faith Journey, and perhaps even the trip she and Barb Kleven took to the Holy Land just recently. Plan to attend, as the food is ALWAYS delicious, and the speaker for next month, wonderful.
- ❖ Ginger and Donnarae presented a list of several items that need attention at our church, and this will have to be reviewed with the council, to see who is responsible for what. Stay tuned.
- ❖ Summer Refreshments served between services start the end of May. Char Mohns will be calling to remind the chairperson of their Sunday. So the same ladies are not always chairing a Sunday, rotation of persons on that committee may occur. Again, stay tuned.

Cross Ministry

Wood-worker and Trinity Council Vice President Wally Thom helped the Trinity Confirmation Youth to "be a blessing" through cross building.

The crosses will soon be available for purchase (for a nominal fee) and display in people's yards.



WORK DAY

Thanks to the 3 crews of volunteers who came out April 22 to help 8 Birchwood families with needed chores! God works through His people to bring love to others!



A Big Thanks to the Men of Trinity for the awesome Easter Breakfast of pancakes, eggs, and sausages! Not pictured were David Dakins and John Schieffer, who were helping with the early Easter service.

MAY WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

	MAY 7	MAY 14	MAY 21	MAY 28 8:30 am	MAY 28 11 am
Greeters	Wally & Kathy Thom	Carol Addington	Bob & Karen Scott	Kevin & Wyatt Sunderland	<i>PLEASE SIGN UP</i>
Ushers	Norm & Jean Jastram	Wes & Char Mohns	<i>PLEASE SIGN UP</i>	Kevin & Wyatt Sunderland	<i>PLEASE SIGN UP</i>
Comm Assts	Art & Ginny Johnson	<i>PLEASE SIGN UP</i>	<i>PLEASE SIGN UP</i>	<i>PLEASE SIGN UP</i>	<i>PLEASE SIGN UP</i>
Reader	Carol Addington	Karen Hayes	Missy Robotka	<i>PLEASE SIGN UP</i>	Missy Robotka

ANNUAL MAY RUMMAGE SALE MOVED TO SEPTEMBER

The Women of Trinity Lutheran Church have changed the timeframe for their annual Rummage Sale from May to September, 2017. The reason for this is it will coincide with the town-wide rummage sales in Birchwood. Please save those precious "somethings" until September. Thanks!



NEXT MEETING OF

- Birchwood Food Pantry.10:30 am, May 1, 6, 15, 20
- Worship & Music Team.4:30 pm, May 1
- Congregational Council.6:30 pm, May 9
- Outreach Committee.1 pm, May 15
- Trinity Lutheran Church Women.11 am, May 18

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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|----------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|
| Sharyl Miller 5/3 | Karie Lobitz 5/13 | Bob Robotka 5/25 |
| Angel Laone 5/3 | Ben VandeVoort 5/13 | Gloria Widiker 5/27 |
| Delilah Snowbank 5/3 | Meg Olson 5/14 | George Crust 5/28 |
| Nicole Breed 5/6 | LouAnne Kristensen 5/14 | Jacob Lavalier 5/29 |
| Lucas Dahl 5/6 | Mary Stoeklen 5/16 | Robert Liermann 5/29 |
| Cindy Gilgenbach 5/6 | Shane Hodgson 5/17 | Molly Parkos 5/30 |
| Steve Soltis 5/7 | Jeanne Dahlby 5/18 | Angela Roppe 5/31 |
| Billy Nordback 5/8 | Brandon Darkow 5/19 | Shannon Gindt 5/31 |
| Matthew Jefson 5/9 | Sonja Flora 5/23 | Ruth Clausen 5/31 |
| Phyllis Nelson 5/9 | Austin Parenteau 5/23 | |
| Ron Larson 5/10 | Wayne Palm 5/24 | |
| Carley Levake 5/11 | Tayber Morrell 5/24 | |
| Kirk Kotel 5/13 | Larry Sibley 5/24 | |



IN OUR PRAYERS

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|------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|
| 1 - Kyle Lee | 14 - Hailee Lindow | 27 - Matthew Lobitz |
| 2 - Thomas Lee | 15 - Jessica Lindow | 28 - Morgan Lobitz |
| 3 - Tara Leonard | 16 - Scott Lindow | 29 - Noah Lobitz |
| 4 - Dave Lhotka | 17 - Victoria Lindow | 30 - Steve Lobitz |
| 5 - Bob Liermann | 18 - David Livingston | |
| 6 - Jeff Liermann | 19 - McKenzie Livingston | |
| 7 - Ryan Liermann | 20 - Sara Livingston | |
| 8 - Stephanie Liermann | 21 - Cindy Lobitz | |
| 9 - Zachary Liermann | 22 - Dylan Lobitz | |
| 10 - Lloyd Lightner | 23 - Jeremy Lobitz | |
| 11 - Mariah Lightner | 24 - Jessica Lobitz | |
| 12 - Richard Lind | 25 - Joshua Lobitz | |
| 13 - Christian Lindow | 26 - Karie Lobitz | |



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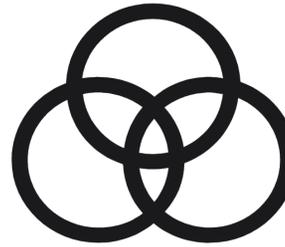
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><i>Altar Guild</i> Char Mohns</p> 	<p>1 9:30a - 2pm - Quilters 10:30a-1:30p - Food Pantry Open 4:30p - Worship & Music 6:30p - Bible Study 6:30p - Women's Study 7p - AA, Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>2 9a - Prayer Session</p>	<p>3 10:30a - Video Study 5:30p - Confirmation Review Night Supper 6 p - Review Session 7p - Trinity Choir Reh</p>	<p>4 9:30a - Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>5 OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>6 10:30a-1:30p - Food Pantry Open</p>
<p>7 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER 9a - Choir Warm-up 9:30a - COFFEE TIME 10a - Worship w/Communion CONFIRMATION</p>	<p>8 9:30a - 2pm - Quilters 6:30p - Bible Study 6:30p - Women's Study 7p - AA, Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>9 9a - Prayer Session 6:30p - Council Mtg</p>	<p>10 10:30a - Video Study 5:15p - Confirmation 7p - Trinity Choir Reh 8p - Praise Tm Reh</p>	<p>11 9:30a - Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>12 OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>13 7p - Sorenson Memorial Service</p>
<p>14 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER 9:30a - COFFEE TIME 10a - Worship w/Communion</p>	<p>15 Journey Deadline 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>16 9a - Prayer Session</p>	<p>17 10:30a - Video Study 5:15p - Confirmation 7p - Trinity Choir Reh</p>	<p>18 9:30a - Women's Bible Study 11a - WOT Mtg and Salad Lunch w/Pr Joan as speaker</p>	<p>19 OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>20 10:30a-1:30p - Food Pantry Open</p>
<p>21 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER 9a - Choir Warm-up 9:30a - COFFEE TIME 10a - Worship w/Communion GRADUATE SUNDAY Love Fund & Food Pantry Offerings</p>	<p>22 6:30p - Bible Study 6:30p - Women's Study 7p - AA, Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>23 9a - Prayer Session</p>	<p>24 10:30a - Video Study 1p - JOURNEY 7p - Healing Service</p>	<p>25 9:30a - Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>26 OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>27</p>
<p>28 7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER 8:30a - Outdoor Worship w/Communion 9:30a - COFFEE TIME 10a - Indoor Worship w/Communion</p>	<p>29 MEMORIAL DAY OFFICE CLOSED 7p- AA, Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>30 9a - Prayer Session</p>	<p>31 10:30a - Video Study</p>			

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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 3rd week of the month

WORSHIP THIS MONTH

5/7 10 am Worship w/Communion — Confirmation
 5/14 10 am Worship w/Communion
 5/21 10 am Worship w/Communion — Graduate Sunday
 5/28 8:30 Outdoor Worship w/Communion
 10 am Indoor Worship w/Communion

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

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

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

NEXT MEETING OF . . .

This section has moved to page 6 in order to fit in all our prayer concerns. So please pray for all those listed above!