

The JOURNEY — *Walking Daily with Jesus*

PASTOR JOAN & JERRY DEPART TRINITY FOR ILLINOIS



Once again, the Trinity Family bids adieu to Pastor Joan and Jerry Scheffler, as they return home to Illinois to await their next interim call.

Pastor Joan served previously as Trinity's interim pastor from September 2014 - April 2015, and returned November 2016.

She was presented with a Prayer Shawl from the Women of Trinity, and a metal sign will be put above the entry door for the Sanctuary in honor of her which says: *Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. (John 13:34b)*

Pastor Lauren Ley will start as the interim pastor on November 1.

We did it! We made it! YIPPEE!!!!

AUDIO-VISUAL UPGRADE FUND-RAISING SURPASSES GOAL



God truly blesses us and works in wonderful ways! By Sunday, October 22, the two-month-long campaign for upgrades to Trinity's audio-visual equipment had raised \$3,314.

One Pancake Breakfast, the offering plate and an anonymous donor later, and we surpassed our \$12,500 goal by over \$600! PRAISE THE LORD!

Specifically, \$1915.25 was donated at the Pancake Breakfast, \$381 was given in the offering, and then an anonymous donor stepped up and gave \$7,500.

Thank you to everyone who donated towards this campaign — anonymous or not! We hope to have the new projectors mounted from the ceiling by Christmas!

God is Good!

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**Council Positions OPEN . . . Will YOU Serve?
ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING SET FOR NOV 5**

All Trinity members are invited and encouraged to attend the Annual Congregational Meeting, immediately following worship, Sunday, November 5.

The Congregational Council will present a 2017 budget update, a proposed budget for 2018, nominations for Council positions, and solicit nominations for the 2018 Nominating Committee. (In accordance with our constitution, the Nominating Committee needs 3 voting members with one, if possible, person who is going off the council.)

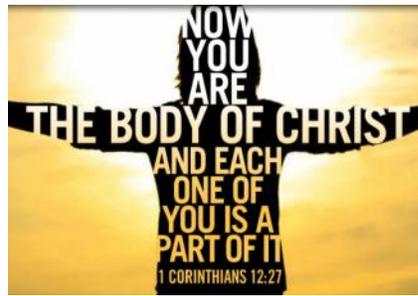
Council Positions

In addition, new officers and council members will be elected. At press time, the following positions are coming open:

- * Vice President (1-year term)
- * Secretary (2-year term)

- * Congregational Care (2-year term)
- * Education, Youth & Family (2-year term)
- * Fellowship & Growth (2-year term)
- * Stewardship (2-year term)
- * Outreach (2-year term)
- * Worship & Music (2-year term)
- * Operations (2-year term)

If the Holy Spirit moves your heart to be nominated, please contact the church office.



FEED OUR YOUTH!

HELP IS NEEDED to provide a meal on Wednesdays for the confirmation youth.

Please consider preparing and hosting a meal to serve to 9 people at 5:30 pm on Wednesdays!

There is a sign-up sheet at the information counter.

Please contact Melinda Pedersen at 715-296-2073 if you have any questions.



 Our Savior's Lutheran Church - Campia

Annual Scandinavian
Ole & Lena
Lutefisk and Meatball
Family Style Dinner

SATURDAY, NOV. 4, 2017

11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

MENU

- Lutefisk, Meatballs
- Lefse, Fruit Suppe
- Potatoes, Rutabagas
- Cranberry Relish
- Apple & Pumpkin Pie
- Coffee, Milk



\$14/person

\$5 for youth 12 and under

Annual **\$15/person**

will be held upstairs beginning at 8 a.m. and continues throughout the dinner

Our Savior's Lutheran Church
2502 23rd Ave. Rice Lake WI

6 miles East of Rice Lake at the intersection of Hwy 20 and Hwy 100
will be held upstairs beginning at 8 am and through-out dinner

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 its rolling out lefse, grilling it, or packaging it up — on Friday, November 17, starting at 9 am. Lunch provided!

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!

You can buy the lefse on December 3, before and after the worship service.



What is LEFSE?

It is a round flatbread of Norwegian origin, traditionally made of a potato-based dough and baked on a griddle. (Think of it as a Norwegian tortilla!) Many spread butter on it and roll it up; others sprinkle sugar on it before rolling it up. Either way, it's YUMMY!



About 70 people attended the *Community Awakening* presentation about recognizing drug use and addiction in our community. Barron County Sheriff Chris Fitzgerald gave an eye-opening session, *In Plain Sight*, in which he showed some of the devices used to hide drugs or drug paraphenalia: fake water bottles, fake hair brushes, and even a highlighter. Shannon Gindt and Leo Diehl also provided information.

MISSION & OUTREACH UPDATE

The second Saturday of October, the Blue Beast (really Bob Hayes' Yukon) was loaded down with kits and quilts on their way to the semi-trailer parked at Bethany Lutheran Church in Rice Lake. From there they were sent to Lutheran World Relief in Minneapolis. This year there were 147 quilts, 20 baby kits, 35 school kits, 6 sewing kits and 12 health kits.

We are still collecting items for Embrace in Lady-smith and will continue for about 2 more weeks. Then we will load up the goodies for delivery the first part of November.

As soon as possible we will be getting names for our annual Adopt-A-Family Christmas giving!! I have already received notice that the planning has begun. I guess I was never fully aware of how families were selected. It is done by suggestions of school staff or community. So if you know of a family that would like to be included please share that info with



the school.

Every year I have been involved with this project I am so joyful when Sara Waldron says, " I save the ones (families) where the need is the greatest for Trinity! Trinity always is so generous." Previous years we were given four families and last year it went to five. Shortly after that, a grandma come to Trinity to ask what could be done for her grandchildren who would be spending Christmas with her and she didn't have anything for them.

Trinity's giving got kicked into high gear. We even found a brand new winter coat for the grandma!

There are no words to describe the love and pride that swells my heart every year for the overwhelming generosity that Trinity shows for this project!!

Karen Hayes
Mission & Outreach Chair

THURSDAY MORNING WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY



The Women's Thursday Morning Bible Study meets every Thursday at 9:30 am at Trinity. All women are welcome, and you are encouraged to invite your friends and neighbors to join us.

Please call Jean Jastram at 715-354-7100 if you have questions. NOTE: this group will not meet on Thanksgiving Day, November 23.

NEXT MEETING OF . . .

- Birchwood Food Pantry. 10:30 am, Nov 4, 6 ,18, 20
- Worship & Music Team. 10 am, Nov 6
- Congregational Council. 6:30 pm, Nov 14
- Trinity Lutheran Church Women. 11 am, Nov 16

PRESENTED BY
TUF MINISTRIES

SANKTUS REAL

FREE
YOUTH
EVENT

NOVEMBER 15

LIVE PERFORMANCES

DOORS OPEN AT 5:30 PM
STARTS AT 6

Rice Lake Elks Hall
36 E Eau Claire St, Rice Lake

CONCESSIONS AVAILABLE
TUFMINISTRY.ORG

Cade Thompson

Josh Brewer
Guest Speaker

TEENS UNDER FIRE (TUF)

Let's share the love of our Lord and Savior! All middle and high school youth are encouraged to attend this ministry evening, November 15.

Bring your friends! We will leave by bus from Trinity at 4:30 pm and return around 9:30 pm.

Call Melinda at 715-354-3790 for more information!

WOMEN OF TRINITY HAPPENIN'S

- * We held our October 19 meeting in the Trinity Room with twelve women present.
- * If you're interested in working on Altar Guild, please contact Jeanne Dahlby, Altar Guild Chairperson. She is working on the 2018 schedule now.
- * November Altar Guild person is Karen Hayes.
- * Lefse-making day is Friday, November 17, starting at 9 am, in the Fellowship Hall.
- * Come join us, learn how to make lefse, eat the not-so-perfect lefses, have lunch, and have fun! We have men and women working together on this great project. (NOTE: The lefse will be sold at the Lefse & Bake Sale on Sunday, December 3, before and after the church service.)
- * Service Committee #2, chaired by Marcia Kampf and Dianne Buxton, will be in charge of the kitchen clean-up for November and December. If you're on that committee, you may be getting a call to come and help.
- * There are three offices open for 2018 for WOT: Vice president, secretary, and treasurer. Ginger LaMotte will step up to President; vice president - need a volunteer; secretary - Dianne Buxton; and Treasurer, Marcia Kampf.
- * At our November meeting we'll finalize where our charitable distributions will go. We work all year to accumulate money for this, so your input on donations is important. Please attend.
- * Pastor Joan's last day is October 22, and we'll give her a prayer shawl to remember us.
- * Our next meeting is November 16 at 11 am.



PASTORAL CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE

The call committee has conducted two interviews so far, and the remaining two interviews will be held October 23 and 24.

We are very optimistic that a second interview and a call offer is forthcoming.

Please continue praying for the call committee as we get closer to selecting our next pastor.

Wally Thom - Call Committee Chairman



DECK the HALLS

Christmas Bazaar

SATURDAY, NOV. 4th
11 A.M. – 2 P.M.

HOMEMADE LEFSE
MADE FRESH AT THE BAZAAR!

- ~ DOOR PRIZES ~ BOOK & JAVA NOOK
- ~ BAKE SHOPPE ~ SANDWICH SHOPPE
- ~ COUNTRY CRAFT SHOPPE

Almost New!

Our playground was starting to show a little wear and tear – well, maybe lots of wear and tear! So a small group of Trinity members rolled up their sleeves and refurbished the playground. There's still a little dirt work to do this fall, and the canopy and rope ladder will be added



next spring.

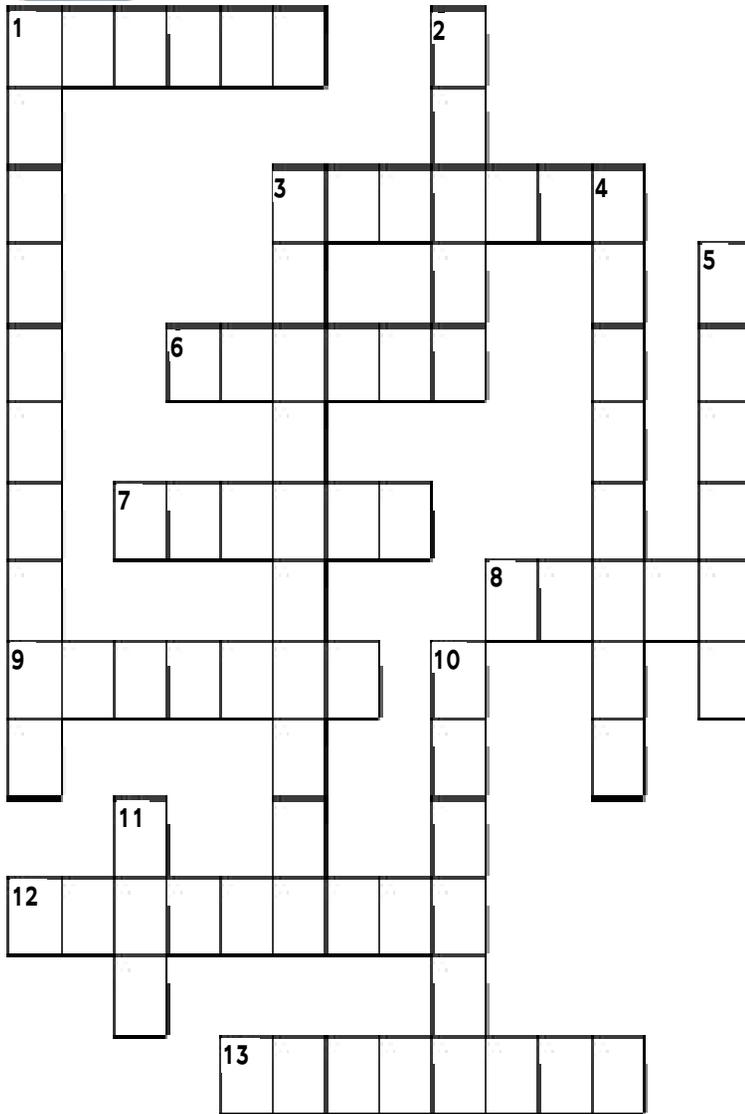
A Big Thank You to:

- Wally, Ethan, and Evan Thom
- Leo Diehl
- Jim McGraw
- Pip & Cindy Gilgenbach
- Dave Dakins
- Sunderland Family
- Leroy Brensel



THANKSGIVING PUZZLE

Solutions are available in the church office.

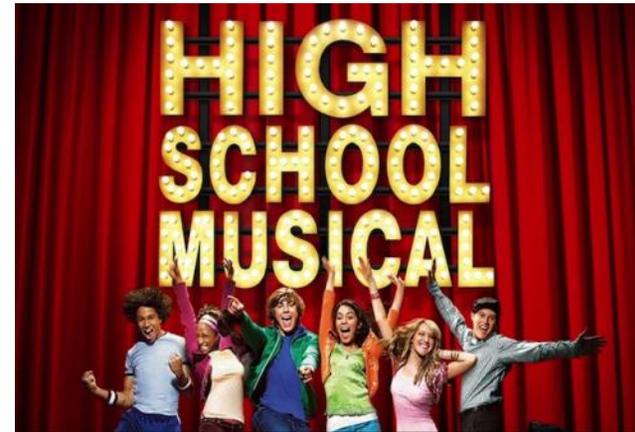


ACROSS

- 1 Place of worship
- 3 Thanksgiving Day entertainment
- 6 Relatives
- 7 Favorite entree
- 8 Corn
- 9 Original guests
- 12 __ sauce
- 13 Original hosts

DOWN

- 1 Horn of plenty
- 2 Potato topping
- 3 Favorite dessert (2 words)
- 4 Dressing
- 5 Herbs
- 10 Blessing
- 11 Sweet potato



High School Musical will be presented at Birchwood School with Jayda Glenz and Lucas Lehnert in the lead roles. This all-school play features students from elementary through high school.

Performances are Friday, Nov. 10, at 7 pm, and Saturday, Nov. 11, at 1:30 and 7 pm. Tickets available at the door.

HOPE begins with you.

Blood Drive
Birchwood
High School & Community
in Partnership with MASONITE
 Gym
 300 S Wilson St  MASONITE.

Wednesday, November 1, 2017
11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Appt/Info:
 Call Jo @ 715-354-3471





Tuesday
THANKSGIVING SERVICE
NOV. 21 @ 6:30 PM



REFORMATION CELEBRATION

~ REMEMBERING 500 YEARS OF FAITH ~

Taste of Germany History of the Reformation
Concert with Mass Choir, Pipe Organ, and Northwinds British Brass Band

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2017
12:30 - 3:00 P.M.

**SPOONER HIGH SCHOOL
COMMONS & AUDITORIUM**



A COMMUNITY EVENT WHERE ALL ARE WELCOME!

Trinity Church in Spooner has teamed up with Faith Lutheran (LCMS) in Spooner to hold a Reformation Celebration on November 5, from 12:30-3 pm at the Spooner High School.

The event will include various food booths and history booths, concluding at 2 pm, with a musical program including a Mass Choir comprised of voices from area churches. Martin and Katie Luther will be making a guest appearance.

Come find out more about Martin Luther's life and times; getting to know your Bible (where did it come from); Baptism/Communion; the Church seasons; our musical heritage; Bibles and computers; new tools for a new day; what makes a church Lutheran?; and the real school on Lutheran Church Basement Women or "how to make red Jell-O even if you aren't Lutheran."

NEW INTERIM PASTOR

Rev. Lauren Ley, retired pastor, will arrive November 1 to begin serving as our interim pastor, while the call process continues.



Rev. Ley

He and his wife, Sarah, will move into the parsonage, as their home is in the southern part of the state.

Rev. Ley will be at Trinity until the end of January.

We will welcome them to Trinity with a special Coffee Time, Nov 12 at 9 am.

MUSIC at SCHOOL

Birchwood School is hosting the Lakeland Music Conference High School Honors Band & Choir on Monday, November 13, at 6:30 pm in the large gym.

The cost is \$3 for adults, \$2 for students. Come and hear the best musicians in our conference!

This event is held in Birchwood once every 13 years. Don't miss it!



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS NEEDED

Once again, there were too few names to run the Worship Assistants chart. So please stop by the Welcome Center and sign up — **WE NEED YOU!**

Greeter
Communion Assistant
Worshiper
Lay Reader

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

| | | | | | |
|-----------------|-------|------------------|-------|-------------------|-------|
| Heidi Danielson | 11/01 | Michael Hedman | 11/12 | Cassandra Sweeney | 11/21 |
| Dick Kuula | 11/01 | William Kuntz | 11/12 | Marcia Kampf | 11/22 |
| Roy Kuula | 11/01 | Ginger LaMotte | 11/12 | Becky Christensen | 11/23 |
| Kim Parenteau | 11/02 | Amber Jutila | 11/13 | Amanda Cherney | 11/23 |
| Eleanor Kuula | 11/03 | Wyatt Gargulak | 11/15 | Shay Sunderland | 11/25 |
| Mark Roppe | 11/03 | Cody Applebee | 11/17 | Hazel Bonkrud | 11/26 |
| Cassie Ritchey | 11/06 | Diane Brensel | 11/17 | James LaMotte | 11/28 |
| Amy Parenteau | 11/08 | Wes Mohns | 11/17 | Emma VandeVoort | 11/28 |
| Jeff Iverson | 11/09 | Karl David | 11/19 | Taevyn Darkow | 11/29 |
| Susan Janetski | 11/09 | Cheyenne Corrado | 11/20 | Phillip Subrt | 11/30 |
| Connie Leader | 11/11 | Jill Lavigne | 11/20 | | |
| Heather Reid | 11/11 | Randy Ritchey | 11/20 | | |



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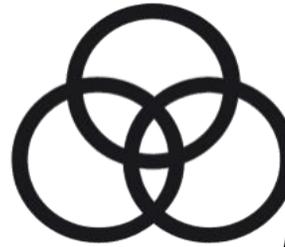
| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|---|--|---|--|--|--|---|
| <p><i>Altar Guild</i> Karen Hayes</p>  | | | <p>1 11a-5p - Blood Drive @ BCS 5:30p - Confirmation 7p - Trinity Choir Reh 8p - Cantata Rehearsal</p> | <p>2 9:30a - Women's Bible Study</p> | <p>3 OFFICE CLOSED</p> | <p>4 10:30a-1:30p - Food Pantry Open</p> |
| <p>5 ALL SAINTS SUNDAY 9:15a - Choir Warm-up 9:30a - COFFEE TIME 10a - Worship w/Communion 11a - Annual Congregational Meeting Turn clocks back! Daylight Savings Time ENDS</p> | <p>6 9:30a - Quilters 10a - Worship & Music Mtg 10:30a-1:30p - Food Pantry Open 6:30p - Bible Study 6:30p - Women's Study 7p - AA, Fellowship Hall</p> | <p>7 9a - Prayer Session 5p - L.I.G.H.T Keepers</p> | <p>8 10a - Msn/Outreach 5:30p - Confirmation 7p - Trinity Choir Reh 8p - Cantata Rehearsal 9p - Praise Team Reh</p> | <p>9 9:30a - Women's Bible Study</p> | <p>10 OFFICE CLOSED 7p - High School Musical @ BCS</p> | <p>11 1:30p - High School Musical @ BCS 7p - High School Musical @ BCS</p> |
| <p>12 23RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 9a - Special COFFEE TIME to welcome Rev. Ley 10a - Praise Worship w/ Communion</p> | <p>13 9:30a - Quilters 6:30p - Bible Study 6:30p - Women's Study 7p - AA, Fellowship Hall</p> | <p>14 9a - Prayer Session 5p - L.I.G.H.T Keepers 6:30p - Council Mtg</p> | <p>15 4:30p - Bus dpts for Teens Under Fire 7p - Trinity Choir Reh 8p - Cantata Rehearsal</p> | <p>16 9:30a - Women's Bible Study 11a - WOT Mtg</p> | <p>17 OFFICE CLOSED 9a - Lefse Making</p>  | <p>18 10:30a-1:30p - Food Pantry Open</p> |
| <p>19 24TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 9:15a - Choir Warm-up 9:30a - COFFEE TIME 10a - Worship w/Communion</p> | <p>20 Journey Deadline 9:30a - Quilters 10:30a-1:30p - Food Pantry Open 5:30p - M/O provides meal for Timber Bay 6:30p - Bible Study 6:30p - Women's Study 7p - AA, Fellowship Hall</p> | <p>21 9a - Prayer Session NO L.I.G.H.T Keepers 6:30a - Thanksgiving Service 7:15p - Trinity Ch Reh 8p - Cantata Ch Reh</p> | <p>22 NO Confirmation NO Trinity Choir Reh NO Cantata Rehearsal</p> | <p>23 Happy Thanksgiving OFFICE CLOSED NO Women's Bible Study</p> | <p>24 OFFICE CLOSED</p> | <p>25</p> |
| <p>26 CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY 9:15a - Choir Warm-up 9:30a - COFFEE TIME 10a - Worship w/Communion</p> | <p>27 9:30a - Quilters 6:30p - Bible Study 6:30p - Women's Study 7p - AA, Fellowship Hall</p> | <p>28 9a - Prayer Session 5p - L.I.G.H.T Keepers</p> | <p>29 1p - Journey Assembly 5:30p - Confirmation 7p - Trinity Choir Reh 8p - Cantata Rehearsal</p> | <p>30 9:30a - Women's Bible Study</p> | | |

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 CONGREGATIONAL
 MTG – NOV 5**



The *JOURNEY* NOVEMBER 2017

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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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

- 11/5 10 am Worship w/Communion
- 11/12 10 am Praise Worship w/Communion
- 11/19 10 am Worship w/Communion
- 11/21 6:30 pm Ecumenical Thanksgiving Worship
- 11/26 10 am Worship w/Communion

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

| | | |
|------------------|------------------------|----------------------|
| Tom Allard | Harry Heath | Susan Molin |
| Amelia | Andy Hedman | Lee Namtvedt |
| Dave Beaver | McKel Heebink | Leonard Nysted |
| Michelle Bender | Becky Hunt | Mary Nysted |
| Betty Blanch | Merlin Jahnke | Betty Orsund |
| Hazel Bonkrud | Kirk Kotel | Fred Peck |
| Katelyn Bratvold | Eileen Koefler | Jim Pravda |
| Bryar | Dean Kruegel | Buddy Robotka |
| Vicki Busick | Jody Kruegel | Ro Sachman |
| George Crust | Bill & Eunice Kuntz | Carter Sackmann |
| Barb Fegan | Dick Kuula | Collette Sandow |
| Annette Gentile | Roy Kuula | Shalom Ministry Team |
| Laine Guttenberg | Bill & Joyce Lambrecht | Denise Spiller |
| Ron Hartzell | Ron Larson | Marlene Wendt |
| Candy Hayes | Ed Leader | David Yndestad |
| Gorman Hayes | Lora | Elaine Yndestad |

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

NEXT MEETING OF . . .

This section has moved to page 3 in order to fit in all our prayer concerns. So please pray for all those listed above!