

The JOURNEY — *Walking Daily with Jesus*

WELCOME NEW EDUCATION, YOUTH & FAMILY COORDINATOR,

ASHLEY BEFFA!



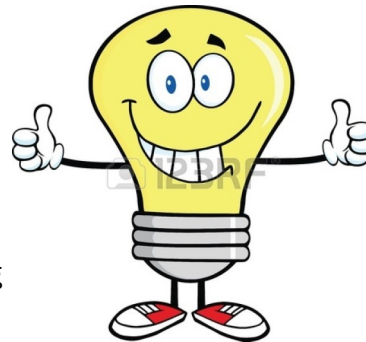
Ashley began working at Trinity in September, 2018. She grew up mostly in Cameron, WI but graduated from Rice Lake High School. Her dad encouraged and put her through college and she graduated with an Associate Degree in Finance and a Technical Diploma in Accounting from WITC.

After she met her husband, Zach Beffa, they moved to Appleton, WI for career opportunities. They loved serving their communities by volunteering at United Way and The Boys and Girls Club events. After having two children and losing her dad, mother-in-law, and her two grandparents they decided to move back to Birchwood to raise their family in a small community and closer to family. She currently works full-time at Dairy State Bank but wanted to further

serve her community and has accepted the Education, Youth and Family Coordinator position.

BRIGHTER DAYS AHEAD

Earlier this year the church council voted to become more energy efficient by taking advantage of the energy rebates offered through Focus on Energy. This meant changing out all the light bulbs, ballasts and changing some of the exterior fixtures. The project took place mid-summer by Meyers Electric. Meyers Electric worked with Focus on Energy and Xcell Energy. The required paperwork was completed for the available rebates. Here is how the financing for this project came out:



Contractor cost to Trinity Lutheran Church was \$3,440.13

Rebate check from Focus on Energy back to Trinity Lutheran Church was \$ 2,220.00

Rebate check from energy supplier back to Trinity Lutheran Church was \$740.00

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The end cost to Trinity Lutheran Church was \$480.13. We have been saving energy costs ever since the project was completed and it is very likely that by the end of this year we will have saved enough on our energy costs to make the entire project cost \$0.00.

This is an example of the type of things your council can foresee and react to, make a positive impact. If you want to be part of making a difference in the direction of Trinity, consider becoming a member of the church council, it is rewarding and fulfilling. I am proud of the work the council is doing and I thank you for having me as President. Wally H. Thom



NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR CHURCH COUNCIL

Want to be involved in helping to lead our congregation onward into 2019? The Nominating Committee is looking for members interested in being candidates for various Council positions to be voted on at the Annual Congregational Meeting, November 4. So, it isn't too soon to be looking for candidates for council positions opening up. Please prayerfully consider being nominated for one of these critical positions: Vice President, Treasurer, Financial Secretary, Congregational Care, Education, Youth & Family, Evangelism, Worship & Music.

If you are interested in being nominated, please contact the church office at 715-354-3790. Below is a brief job description of the positions that need to be filled.

VICE PRESIDENT: Serve as vice-chair of the Congregation Council and act on behalf of the chair when the President is unable to attend or participate; and provide leadership and serve as a resource to Ministry Teams.

TREASURER:

- Oversee all financial matters, and ensure that acceptable accounting methods are used in keeping all books of account;
- Advise the Congregation Council of financial status and implications of short and long-term decisions;
- Submit written reports to all Congregation Council and Congregation meetings;
- Shall prepare the proposed budget for the ensuing year.
- Approve and sign all checks issued.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY:

- Be charged with the responsibility for counting the offering after every service at which an offering is taken. (Teams have been created for each week.)
- Oversee and record the receipts of offering and other gifts; and
- Be responsible for putting together and distributing biannual statements of members' giving.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE: Shall have responsibility for recruiting, training and sending out members to assist the pastor with pastoral care of congregation members; may include visiting persons who are hospitalized, homebound or in nursing homes; shall see to the recording and delivery of audio recordings of worship services, offering grief support and other kind of assistance to persons in need.

EDUCATION, YOUTH & FAMILY: Shall have charge of education and faith activities of this congregation, including Sunday School, Vacation Bible School (VBS), youth activities, and adult education.

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-up visits to such guests and other persons interested in the life and ministry of this congregation.

WORSHIP & MUSIC: shall have special responsibility for matters pertaining to this congregation's worship life; shall recruit and nominate a Minister of Music, choir director (s), and organist(s); shall recruit, train and schedule ushers, greeters, communion servers, and other worship assistants.

TRUNK-OR-TREATING

Calling all Family and Friends to come out and enjoy a FREE evening of fun at our Community Fall Celebration!



Trinity Lutheran Church is very excited to host its first ever Trunk-or-Treat event October 31, 2018 from 4pm to 6pm. The parking lot will be transformed into candy stations where families can decorate their cars and pass out candy from their trunks. This event provides a safe and familiar environment for Trunk-or-Treating.

Have fun designing and decorating your car! You could win the Grand Prize for best overall design – to reserve a parking spot, sign-up at Trinity Lutheran Church, Dairy State Bank or Ed’s Pit Stop.

YOUTH MEALS NEEDED

HELP IS NEEDED to provide a meal on Wednesdays for the youth. Please consider preparing and hosting a meal to serve to 6 - 7 people at 5:30 pm on Wednesdays! There is a sign-up sheet at the information counter. Please contact Ashley Beffa at **(715)-790-1491**, if you have any questions.



PASTOR JACK’S COLUMN

School is back in session, and fall ministry has begun! Our new Youth and Family Ministry Coordinator, Ashley Beffa, and I are **VERY excited to announce a great opportunity for our community students, grades 6-12, to experience incredible growth in their relationship with Jesus! The Cross Youth Ministry**

Guiding Scripture:

“18 For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.” 1 Corinthians 1:18

Mission:

With the help of the Lord, through the use of His faithful servants in our congregation, The Cross will teach, model, guide and mentor youth toward a closer relationship with their savior Jesus Christ.

Focus:

Our focus at The Cross is to encourage our students to develop lifelong habits of daily Bible reading, service of others, and prayer. We have begun to do this through a chapter-by-chapter focus on the Gospel of John. Our small groups of students and mentors read, journal, and pray individually, as well as in group, while moving through this entire Gospel during the year.



Methods:

Our adult leaders are expected to, and instructed to, model the mission and focus we hold at The Cross. In an effort to encourage their students to read, pray and know the Lord, small group leaders are asked to connect with their students 2-3 times outside The Cross throughout the week. We believe this will foster the building of healthy mentorships with Christ-following adults as well; teaching our students to live as HE lived.

Schedule: (The Cross meets each Wednesday* from 5:30 – 7:15. 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.

6:30 small group meeting by age group (*grades 6-8 & high school*) In small groups students are reading their Bible, journaling, discussing scripture meaning, and praying together.

Students are encouraged to bring friends at any time, whether members or not, whether believers or not.

7:15-7:20 students dismissed for pick up
***The 3rd Wednesday of each month is set aside to practice living as He lived: Third.**

For questions on how you can sign up, support by providing meals, encourage membership to, or be involved in The Cross Ministry please call or text **Youth and Family Coordinator Ashley Beffa at (715) 790-1491**

THURSDAY GROUP FAITH STUDY:

We will begin our study on the book of Revelation. We will be using a study from RightNow Media called Revelation: The Hope of Glory with Dr David Platt. God gives to His people a stunning picture of the glory of Christ and of God's sovereign rule over history. Revelation warns of eternal judgment for those who side with Satan and pursue the system of the world. The church, on the other hand, is called to persevere in the midst of persecution so that we might obtain our reward in a new heaven and a new earth where we will enjoy God forever.



WOMEN'S THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

The women are studying Isaiah, Trusting God in Troubled Times. Please join us each Thursday at 9:30 am in the Trinity Room and bring a friend.

WOMEN OF TRINITY HAPPENIN'S

The Women of Trinity met in the Fellowship Hall September 13th for their monthly meeting.

Altar Guild person for October is Julie Sunderland.

The Rummage Sale was September 7th and 8th. Over 43 volunteers helped with the event. Income from the Rummage Sale is as follows: Rummage Sale—\$2,150.05; Income from BBQ Lunch -\$355.55; Expenses—\$57; Total Profit—\$2,448.60.

This money, along with other income earned this year, will be distributed to local charities at the end of 2018.

Three teams of ladies will visit four local charities to which we give an annual contribution. They will give a report on their visit at the November meeting.

Thank You to Sue Svitak who has volunteered to be the new Prayer Chain Coordinator. Effective immediately, please contact Sue with any prayer requests. She can be contacted at sksvitak@hotmail.com or by cell at 715-651-3299.

Book Buddies and volunteers at the Birchwood School are needed. Contact Rose Benson, volunteer coordinator, at the school to see what opportunities await you. Book Buddies read with children Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, beginning at 8:30 a.m. Many other opportunities for you to use your talents at the school are available as well.

Many church council positions are opening up. Check your Sunday bulletin for opportunities.

An email list for Women of Trinity has been established, thanks to the countless hours put in by Ginger on this project.

Cindy Rubin has set up a schedule of lesson plans for Sunday School, and encourages everyone to consider taking a Sunday to teach. Everything is ready, including supplies.

Anyone needing help with work around their house or yard, and cannot afford to hire help, has three choices to get that help: Light Keepers, Timber Bay, and students from the Birchwood High School. All are willing to do community service work to help those in need. Call Cindy at the church office to get those telephone numbers.

Our next meeting is October 18th, starting at 11:00 a.m., in the Fellowship Hall. Immediately following the meeting, we will work on our October Step Out and Serve Project which is making pillow cases that will be sold by the Birchwood Food Pantry at their Christmas Sale, which is held December 1st during the Bluegill Christmas Fest.

MISSION AND OUTREACH UPDATE

On September 11, Colleen Gindt, Connie Larson, and Jeanne Dahlby met to put School Kits together. Tremendous thanks to

the school bag makers who each year make countless bags and also fill a large majority of them! They are Bonnie Van Gilder, Ruth Clausen, Ida Jahnke and new recruit Jean Clark. I have been gone, so I'm not fully up to speed on where Outreach stands on the collections. There are school items that have been designated for Birchwood School and those will be brought to the school.

September 17 was our first time this year to feed Timber Bay. There was a small group. I believe this may be due to the fact that there was a middle school football game.

The second Saturday of October will be the collecting of quilts and kits. Outreach packed away items for baby kits without packing the individual kits. We are working on a time and date that this can happen. Hopefully this can happen in the next week.

Beginning in October, we will be collecting items for Embrace, formally known as Time Out Abuse Shelter. Those of you who are new to the area, may not know of this agency. Their old name said it all. It is a shelter for abused women and their children. Their services covers 3 counties.

Their list of needs is a long one and will be posted by the collection baskets as always. On a personal note... I can honestly say this is one project that our congregation sup-

NEXT MEETING OF . . .

- Birchwood Food Pantry Open. 10:30 am, Oct 1, 6, 22, 27**
- Worship & Music Team. 9:30am**
- Mission & Outreach. 10:00am**
- Trinity Lutheran Church Women. 11 am, Oct 18**
- Congregational Council 7:00 pm, Oct 16**

ports with a yearly contribution that really, I find so positive. Not until I became a part of Outreach and saw them in action did I realize how they put the needs of others in distress as their priority.

The items they need are simple things that enable the abused to begin to put their lives back together. One year we presented them with a check plus items collected. They were overjoyed! Their comment to us was, "We weren't sure we'd be able to keep the lights on next month."



SUPPORT DOMESTIC ABUSE SURVIVORS....

MISSION/OUTREACH TEAM FOCUSES ON EMBRACE SHELTER

Trinity's Mission/Outreach team is collecting items for EMBRACE (formerly TimeOut Abuse Center) during October.

Maintaining a Shelter and three offices takes a lot of goods and supplies, and they are always in need of something. Anything they don't use in the offices or Shelter is given to survivors who are moving out and starting a new, safe home.

Their wish list includes:

- ❖ Old, Working (Turns On) Cell Phones with Chargers
- ❖ Metal Shovel
- ❖ Sidewalk Melting Salt
- ❖ Cleaning Supplies (Windex, Toilet Bowl Cleaner, Dish Soap)
- ❖ Art Supplies (Construction Paper, Canvas, Paint, Brushes, Coloring Books, etc.)
- ❖ Stress Balls or Fidgety Toys for Adults and Children

- ❖ Spanish, Russian, and German Children's Books
- ❖ Colored Printing Paper (8 1/2" x 11" and 11" x 17")
- ❖ Notebooks
- ❖ Tacks
- ❖ 2019 Calendar Planners (any size)
- ❖ Small Nails for Hanging Art and Frames
- ❖ Yard Games and Outdoor Toys for Children (Chalk, Kiddie Pool, Sports Balls, Sleds, etc.)
- ❖ Adult Coloring Books and Colored Pencils
- ❖ Board Games (with all their pieces!)
- ❖ Children's Movies (DVDs)
- ❖ Nature Sounds Machine (cord, not battery operated)
- ❖ Weighted blankets
- ❖ Bulletin Boards
- ❖ Baby Carriers (Wraps and Sling Styles)
- ❖ AA and AAA Batteries
- ❖ Wall Clocks
- ❖ Lamps
- ❖ Lawn Chairs and Patio Furniture
- ❖ Gallon Ziploc Bags
- ❖ Toilet Paper
- ❖ Paper Towels
- ❖ Kleenexes
- ❖ Diapers
- ❖ First Aid Kit
- ❖ Personal Protective Equipment (Safety Eye Goggles, Latex Gloves, Disposable Surgical Masks, Scoop, Disposable Gowns)
- ❖ 13 Gallon Tie-Shut Garbage Bags
- ❖ 5 Gallon Tupperware Bins
- ❖ Storage Bins and Baskets
- ❖ Bath Towels and Wash Rags
- ❖ Twin Sheet Sets & Pillow Cases
- ❖ Queen Sheet Sets & Pillow Cases
- ❖ Twin Mattress Protector
- ❖ Paint Brushes, Paint Rollers (9"), Painter's Tape
- ❖ Magnet Strips
- ❖ Light Bulbs

- ❖ Extension Cords
- ❖ Non-Perishable Food Items (Coffee, Pasta, Canned Veggies and Meats)
- ❖ Thank You Note Cards
- ❖ Letter Size Envelopes
- ❖ Pens
- ❖ 3 Ring Binders (size 1/2" to 2")
- ❖ Masking Tape and Duct Tape
- ❖ Post-it Notes
- ❖ White Out
- ❖ Mailing Stamps
- ❖ Gas Cards

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

Anyone with gardening skills who would be interested in being a part of a committee to regularly work to maintain the plants and shrubbery on our church property, please contact the church office, 715-354-3790.

SIMPLY GIVING PROGRAM

The Simply Giving Program provides a secure electronic donation solution for individuals to make weekly or monthly offerings to churches and other nonprofit organizations. Please call Cindy in the church office at (715) 354-3790 for more information, or to have an Authorization Form sent to your home. You can also log onto the church website, www.tlcbirchwood.com and sign up there by clicking on Resources. When you sign up for



Simply Giving, you will receive a free gift or lunch with Pastor Jack! Thank you!

OCTOBER WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

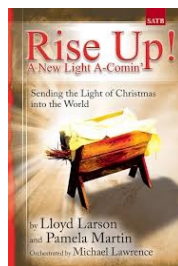
	GREETERS	USHERS	COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	SCRIPTURE READERS
OCTOBER 7	Brenda & Pat Mackey	Kevin & Shay Sunderland	June Bibeau Jeanne Dahlby	Melinda Pedersen
OCTOBER 14	Mike & Cindy Rubin	Eldon & Joanne Kvale	Sharon & Dave Dhein	Dave Dhein
OCTOBER 21	Wally & Kathy Thom	Norm & Jean Jastram	Jim & Cyndi McGraw	Leo Diehl
OCTOBER 28	Eleonor Kuula Joan Kuula	Wes & Char Mohns	Mary & Dave Webster	Dave Webster

CHRISTMAS CANTATA

Christmas ALREADY?! Well, yes, for Cantata singers, Christmas is just around the corner — so mark your calendars for OCTOBER 10, at 7 pm, for the first Cantata rehearsal. This is the perfect opportunity for those who aren't able to make the year-long commitment to sing with the Trinity Choir — commit to a short two months — no auditions required!

If you are middle-school age or older, and want to sing in the Cantata Choir, just show up on October 10, at 7 pm, before the regular Trinity Choir rehearsal.

“Children, go where I send thee.” That powerful call—that sending out of a people to share the Christmas story—is the inspiration and the ultimate message of this stirring telling of the gospel tale. Pamela Martin’s narrative is filled with inspired scenes highlighting all those who were sent: prophets, angels, Mary and Joseph, shepherds, wise men, and, finally, Christians



sent into the world to proclaim the gospel message that a new light is comin’.

The cantata for this year is *Rise Up! A New Light A-Comin’* by Lloyd Larson and Pamela Stewart, to be performed Dec 9, at 10 am. Questions? Call Joanne Schilling, 715-651-4875.

CONGREGATIONAL ANNUAL MEETING

The Congregational Annual meeting will be Sunday, November 4 immediately following the 10:am Worship Service. This is a very important meeting for the life of our congregation as our 2019 budget is approved and new officers elected. Please make every effort to attend.



SAVE THE DATE—FALL FESTIVAL!


Sunday afternoon October 21 is the date for the Fall Festival— fun for friends and family, live music, food and games. More info to come.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- Cecelia Larson 10/01
- Kathy Thom 10/01
- Katherine Eisele 10/02
- Alyssa Langham 10/02
- Whyatt Wilson 10/02
- Sarah Harder 10/03
- Jolene Scribner 10/04
- Kenya Anderson 10/05
- Kevin Sweeney 10/09
- Alex Roppe 10/11
- Abigail Smith 10/12
- Jennifer Herricks 10/12
- Brenda Mackey 10/12
- John Kristensen 10/13
- Melody Hedke 10/14
- Al Widiker 10/14
- Rick Hedke 10/17
- Tricia Smith 10/20
- Renee Larson 10/21
- Dawson Flora 10/22
- Steven Kotel 10/22
- Christian Lindow 10/22
- Jeff Liermann 10/23
- Madelyn Roppe 10/23
- Joanne Schilling 10/24
- Debra Cimfl 10/25
- Sara Livingston 10/26
- Mike Rubin 10/26
- Alyssa Cherney 10/30
- Jacob Colbert 10/30



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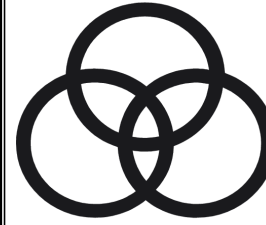
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><i>Altar Guild</i></p> <p>Julie Sunderland</p> 	<p>1 9:30a— Quilting 10:30a-1:30p - Food Pantry Open 7p- AA, Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3 6p—Trinity Youth 7p—Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5 OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>6 10:30a-1:30p - Food Pantry Open</p>
<p>7 20th Sun after Pentecost 9:30a - COFFEE TIME 10a - Worship w/Communion Money Counters: Sandi David and June Ehrich</p>	<p>8 9:30a—Quilting 7p - AA, Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10 6p—Trinity Youth 7p—Choir Rehearsal 8p—Praise Team Reh</p>	<p>11 9:30a—Women’s Bible Study 6:30p - Group Faith Study</p>	<p>12 OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>13</p>
<p>14 21ST Sun after Pentecost 9:30a - COFFEE TIME 10a - Praise Worship w/ Communion Money Counters: Jeanne Dahlby and Dave Webster</p>	<p>15 9:30a—Quilting 9:30a - Worship & Music Mtg 7p - AA, Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>16 7:00p - Council Mtg</p>	<p>17 10a—Mission & Outreach Mtg 6p—Trinity Youth 7p—Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>18 9:30a - Women’s Bible Study 11a - WOT Mtg 6:30p - Group Faith Study</p>	<p>19 OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>20 10:30a-1:30p - Food Pantry Open</p>
<p>21 22nd Sun after Pentecost 9:30a - COFFEE TIME 10a - Worship w/Communion Love Fund & Food Pantry Offerings Fall Festival (More info to come!) Money Counters: Sue Svitak and Brenda Mackey</p>	<p>22 Journey Deadline 9:30a—Quilting 7p - AA, Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24 6p—Trinity Youth 7p—Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>25 9:30a - Women’s Bible Study 6:30p - Group Faith Study</p>	<p>26 OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>27</p>
<p>28 23rd Sun after Pentecost 9:30a - COFFEE TIME 10a - Worship w/Communion PRAYER SHAWL SUNDAY Money Counters: Ruth Clausen and Cindy Westphal</p>	<p>29 9:30a—Quilting 7p - AA, Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31 10a - Journey Assembly 6p—Trinity Youth 7p—Choir Rehearsal</p>			

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4:00-6:00pm**



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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 deadline 9 am Wednesdays
JOURNEY deadline Monday of 3rd week of the month

WORSHIP THIS MONTH

10/07– 10am Worship w/ Communion

10/14– 10am Praise Worship w/ Communion

10/21– 10am Worship w/ Communion

10/28– 10am Worship w/Communion

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Carol Addington	Eileen Koefel	Fred Peck
Tom Allard	Bill & Eunice Kuntz	Jean Petersen
Vicki Busick	Roy Kuula	Jim Pravda
Barb Fegan	Bill & Joyce Lambrecht	Tom Reed
Annette Gentile	Rebecca Langham	Bill Rice
Dan Gowan	Ed Leader	Buddy Robotka
Laine Guttenberg	Lora	Ro Sackmann
Ron Hartzell	Leonard Nysted	Carter Sackmann
Andy Hedman	Mary Nysted	Collette Sandow
McKel Heebink	Betty Orsund	Frank & Linda Starca
Becky Hunt	Kathy Paquette	Cindy Schaan
Merlin Jahnke	Chuck Peck	Elaine Yndestad

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.