# The JOURNEY — Walking Daily with Jesus

## President's Message

"We're looking for a few good men."

Do you remember seeing the 1984 Marine Corps recruitment ad on television? Well, we are looking for men to join the new TLC men's group. On Saturday August 28, we will have a men's breakfast meeting in the TLC Fellowship Hall starting at 8am and concluding around 10am. At the startup meeting, the men will enjoy a hearty breakfast while brainstorming ideas on what they would like to see the group do and the kinds of impacts it can make. Also, we will be formalizing the group's organizational structure, select a men's focused bible study and vote on fun activities.

The Lutheran Hour Men's Network (LMN) has good resources on starting men's ministry groups. The LMN claims that men don't feel connected to the church. This men's group could change that. The men's group can bond men by giving them a forum to share, form close relationships and have a reason for getting together. This men's group will be offering solid Christ-Centered resources, many opportunities for fun and recreation and opportunities for men to use talents and time to make powerful impact on TLC and surrounding communities.

The one of the most important aspects of this men's group will be men becoming brothers to one another. Sharing and praying for life's lows and celebrating life's highs. I remember going to 2 Promise Keepers Conferences in Minneapolis in the 1990's. One of the conference themes was based on Proverbs 27:17 "Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another." The analogy is when rubbing two knives together; the knives edges become sharper and shinier. It takes both knives to complete the sharpening. Likewise, as men come together, both benefit from the relationship and both are necessary.

I'm excited to see where the new men's group takes us. We're looking for many good men.

Jim McGraw

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Pastor Dan's article normally appears here, but as he is recovering from surgery, he wasn't able to prepare one this month. Please continue to pray for his speedy recovery!

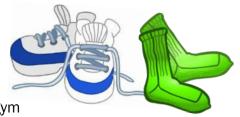
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## MISSONS & OUTREACH

Outreach decided for the month of July to collect gym shoes and socks for Birchwood Elementary classes.
Students are required to have a separate pair of gym shoes that are only used in gym



class. Many of the children are not fortunate enough to have that second pair of shoes. Rather than make them sit out of class they are given a pair to use. We decided to add socks on the wish list also. This was our project for July. With two weeks left in the month of July, we now have a good supply of gently used and a few brand-new gym shoes in our tote. Although the school hasn't asked for socks, they can always be used. Thank you to all who donated items.



August will be our month for collecting school supplies. It goes without saying that last year we did no collecting of school items to fill the homemade bags that were then sent to Lutheran World Relief. It seems every year we collect less than the previous year. I've been made aware that the cost of school supplies is up

this year. Given what teachers have gone through in the past year and many pay for their own supplies, it's a chance to give back to them. We will be collecting school supplies again and that collection will be then given to Birchwood school to be used as needed.



HAITI - On September 26, Gladys Mungo will again be at Trinity! Those who don't know her and the awesome work she does through her won-

derful organization Haiti's Children will find her words inspiring! She knows that the future of Haiti needs to be changed. Educating its youth is one way to accomplish that. Her love of the Lord shows in everything she does. Every child is taught and

works hard always knowing that they want to be all that God wants them to be. What humbling words! "To be all that God wants me to be!"

This year, we are collecting dress shoes for the children. They have to be black. You can drop off donations of black dress shoes at the church before September 25, and we will get them to Gladys when she visits. There will be a list later of items that she could use when she returns to Haiti.

Things are not good in Haiti. There is conflict on who is in charge. The gangs continue to control the roads. The roads have been closed since June 1. No fuel or supplies have gotten through to the south. The latest is that Colombia has asked Haiti to release their soldiers (suspected of assassinating the president) and Haiti has refused. We are worried about Colombia's retaliation. The only way to get around in Haiti is by air. The roads are governed by the gangs. They shoot, kidnap and burn vehicles. Not sure right now when Gladys will return. Life in Haiti is very volatile.

It's hard to be a child in Haiti. There is political unrest, hurricanes and food is scarce most of the time. Parents work for pennies and with exchange rates being so bad due to political corruption, those pennies don't go very far. Going to school is a luxury most can't afford. But by sponsoring one child there is enough to provide school uniform (a MUST have) two hot meals a day, books and supplies. Some families have to share a uniform between 2-3 children!

The only thing that is needed for her visit is a place to stay Saturday night September 25. Please consider hosting her in your home. Anybody wanting to do this for her please call me715 354 3278 or text 715 651 9000.

Thank you for your continued support! We arehere will be a list later of items that she could use when she asking for prayers for Haiti and all of God's children in Haiti.

Karen Hayes

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## **AUGUST WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

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GREETERS	Wes & Char Mohns	Joanne & Eldon Kvale	Stacy Kolodzinski Family	Betty Blanch	Jim & Cyndi McGraw	Eleanor Kuula	Terri & Rob Freeman	Kathy Thom	John & Janet Schieffer	Pat & Brenda Mackey
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READER	Karen Hayes	Carol Addington	Rory Kolodzinski	Sue Capra	Kyle Hubbard	Cindy Rubin	Janet Schieffer	Gloria Widiker	Joanne Schilling	Gloria Widiker

# **BIBLE STUDY**

Our Women's 6 pm Monday night Bible Study will not be meeting the rest of July through September 6, and will start again on Monday, September 13.

The texts for the following Sunday will be printed in the bulletin so you can study them throughout the week.

Have a wonderful and refreshing summer! "Whoever gives thought to the Word will

discover good, and blessed is he who trusts in the Lord." Proverbs 16:20 In Christ's love, Barb 715-834-9988





Matt Jasper 8/1
Brent Anderson 8/1
Andrew Flora 8/1
Colleen Gindt 8/4
Julane Boesen 8/6
Ron Nelson 8/6
Eric Seelnacht 8/6
Katelyn Bratvold 8/8
Chris Suriano 8/11
Ginny Hurckman 8/12
Skyler Robotka 8/13
Saige Buchholz 8/14
Sandi David 8/14

Zach Liermann 8/14
Kyle Scribner 8/14
John Schieffer 8/15
Sharon Ivers 8/16
Marie Poulter 8/16
Mary Subrt 8/18
Marly Applebee 8/22
Ken Krattiger 8/28
Shanna Darkow 8/29
Steve Janetski 8/29
Rose Cutsforth 8/31
Mark Larson 8/31
Angela Sweeney 8/31

#### **WEEKLY TEXT STUDIES WITH PASTOR DAN**

Want to help focus Pastor's sermon? Then come to the weekly text studies on Mondays at 1 pm, where Pastor and those present will dive into the Scripture texts for the coming Sunday.

Copies of the Scriptures are available outside Pastor's office door. Pick one up and join the text study group.





### **NEXT MEETING OF...**

Birchwood Food Pantry Open	10:30-12:30pm. Aug 2, 16
Worship & Music Team	
Women of Trinity	6:30pm, Aug 10
Trinity Council Meeting	6:30 pm, Aug 17

## <u>Trinity Lutheran Church June Treasurer's Report</u>

June 2021 results continued to show positive results. Income was above plan due to timing of some of the income and some generous one time contributions that were partially targeted at upcoming expenses.

Expenses were less than plan for the month.

Income for June, 2021 was over plan at about \$21,150, against our plan monthly average of \$14,700. Expenses for the month were under plan at about \$11,000 versus a monthly plan of \$14,700.

For the year, TLC has brought in about \$8,000 more than has been spent.

Thanks again to all members for their continued generosity in 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Rubin, Treasurer



As mentioned in last month's Journey, we are currently accepting donations for our fall rummage sale on September 10 and 11. Through the generosity of one of our members, we have a location to store items until the week of our sale. Once a week, on Tuesday's, items will be transported from the Fellowship Hall to storage.

Please remember we are not able to accept large items (such as furniture), electronics or appliances. If you are questioning the accept-

ability of an item, please contact Cindy Rubin (507-250-0628) or Dianne Buxton (715-475-1395). We ask that questions about how to get an item to storage be directed to Cindy and Dianne also.

We appreciate your support of this effort as it is one of our main fundraisers each year. Our funds are distributed to area nonprofits and pay for needs of our church.

Cindy Rubin, Dianne Buxton Rummage Sale Co-chairs

P.S. There is an assortment of pans and dishes on the table as you enter the Fellowship Hall that are left over from various fellowship events. Please check to see if YOURS might be there — or it will be sold at the Rummage Sale!

## **CHOIR & PRAISE TEAM REHEARSALS START SEPTEMBER 8**

DO YOU SING IN THE PEW?! Then join the Choir or Praise Team! We need NEW VOICES in the Trinity Choir and Praise Team! NO AUDITIONS! And you don't need to be able to read music . . . We'll make sure you learn your part!

If you are high-school age or older, just **show up** on **September 8,** at 7 pm. The returning members will make you feel very welcome! Rehearsals run from 7 – 8:30 pm, and



the choir sings the first and third Sundays of each month.

The Praise Team will rehearse at 8 pm, September 8. They lead the music on the second Sunday of each month, and will start on September 12.

Questions? Call Joanne Schilling, 715-651-4875.

Trinity will be hosting The Red Cross for a blood drive on August 10, from 11am-5pm.



## **American Red Cross**

The Red Cross will be taking all necessary precautions and taking temperatures to assure your safety. The State has mandated them to continue to take blood donations and we should continue to support this cause.

To sign up, visit www.redcross.org.

## Wearing of Masks Optional

Trinity Lutheran Church Council met on Tuesday evening where a major topic of discussion was the recent changes where the mandates requiring all people to wear masks have ended. While the CDC still suggests that those who are not fully vaccinated wear masks in pub-



lic settings, we as leadership understand that we are unable to determine who is and is not vaccinated. As members of the body of Christ, we trust that each person will make the appropriate decisions as they

come in contact with other members of Trinity.

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As members of your faith community, you're probably aware of Alzheimer's, as it has likely touched members of your congregation. But did you know that this disease is an epidemic affecting millions of people? Right here in Barron County there are 1,230 people living with Alzheimer's and this doesn't even begin to count the number of families and caregivers impacted by the disease as well. This number is staggering and will continue to rise unless something is done.

The Alzheimer's Association' is leading the fight against this devastating disease, but we can't do it alone. Here are three ways your congregation can join us.

- 1. **Participate.** Start a Walk to End Alzheimer's' team at your church or encourage small groups within your congregation to start teams. You can participate together at Walk to End Alzheimer's in Rice Lake on September 11, at the Moose Lodge. Register your team at <a href="http://act.alz.org/ricelake">http://act.alz.org/ricelake</a>.
- 2. **Volunteer.** The Walk Planning Committee is at the heart of every Walk event. This dedicated group of volunteers drives the event's development and growth —advancing the fight against Alzheimer's from the ground up. Encourage congregation members to join the committee or volunteer at Walk. We're always in need of people to help set up, tear down and work various stations before and during events. We also need volunteers to spread the word about Walk by putting up posters and distributing flyers and other information around the community.
- 3. **Educate.** Offer Alzheimer's Association resources to your faith community. We offer numerous services and programs that can help your congregation and complement existing health ministries. In addition, our comprehensive website at alz.org and 24/7 Helpline (800.272.3900) are available around the clock 365 days per year, providing reliable information, resources and support.

## Join the fight for Alzheimer's first survivor.

At the Alzheimer's Association Walk to End Alzheimer's, people carry flowers representing their connection to Alzheimer's — a disease that currently has no cure. But what if one day there was a white flower for Alzheimer's first survivor? What if there were millions of them? Help make that beautiful day happen by joining us for the world's largest fundraiser to fight the disease. Register today at alz.org/walk.

# Walk to End Alzheimer's — Rice Lake The Moose Lodge Saturday September 11 at 9am

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Rachel Bachhuber — Azheimer's Association Walk Manager

715-861-6175, rebachhuber@alz.org

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#### SUNDAY WORSHIP THIS MONTH

- 8/01— 8:30 Outdoor early service w/communion Coffee fellow ship between services 10 am Worship w/Communion
- 8/08 8:30 Outdoor early service w/communion Coffee fellowship between services 10 am Worship w/Communion
- 8/15 8:30 Outdoor early service w/communion Coffee fellowship between services 10 am Worship w/Communion - Love Fund Offering
- 8/22 8:30 Outdoor early service w/communion Coffee fellow ship between services 10 am Worship w/Communion
- 8/29 8:30 Outdoor early service w/communion Coffee fellow ship between services 10 am Worship w/Communion

Rebecca Langham

### **KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS**

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Debbie Davis

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