

The JOURNEY — Walking Daily with Jesus

From the Pastor's Desk:

"And Jesus said to them, 'I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer'" (Luke 22:15.ESV).

As I write this, we find ourselves in the season of Lent, with Holy Week planning already the topic of many staff meetings. Easter, the Resurrection of our Lord, is the chief celebration in the Christian Church. Since the early days of the Church, the leaders have sought to prepare the Christians for Easter by instituting a 40-day period of instruction prior the Easter Vigil, the day on which new Christians were baptized.

This Holy Week, on Maundy Thursday, we will be doing something quite different from our standard service. We will be holding a Seder Meal. Yes, the Seder Meal is a Jewish custom, and it is also referred to as the Passover meal. The Seder is a remembrance of the Lord leading the people of Israel out of bondage to Egypt. The Lord's command to Israel concerning this feast is found in Exodus 12:14: *"And this day will be a memorial for you, and you are to celebrate it as a feast to the LORD, as a permanent statute for the days to come."*

Jesus celebrated this meal. It was an important part of His keeping all of His Father's Laws. On that first Maundy Thursday, Jesus told His disciples, *"I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer."* (Luke 22:15). We will take the opportunity this year to hold a Seder feast as well, not because it is required of Christians—it's not—but as an opportunity to better understand the Last Supper for what it means to us as believers. It was at that Last Supper, Jesus's final Seder Meal, that He instituted the Sacrament of the Altar, Communion.

You will be hearing a bit more about this Celebration in the next few weeks. Please plan on attending this meal with us on Maundy Thursday. May the Lord bless your Lent, and may He prepare your heart to celebrate His Resurrection this Easter.

In Christ,

Pastor Dan.

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Dessert and Coffee will be served!

SNACKS AND FACTS

Second Tuesday at 2 pm

Becky from Nature's Edge Therapy Center will speak about Animal Assisted Therapy

March 10, 2026, at 2 pm
Trinity Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall
Birchwood, WI

Join in a short Devotion.
Everyone Welcome!

Mission and Outreach

Mission and Outreach met on February 10.

During Lent we will be collecting items for Lutheran World Relief Personal Care kits. The items we will be collecting are:

- ✦ Dark bath-size towels (between 20" x 40" and 27" x 52")
- ✦ Bath-size bars of soap in original package
- ✦ Adult size toothbrush
- ✦ Sturdy comb
- ✦ Metal nail clipper

We had a great turnout of 34 people attending Chief Adam Brunclik's talk about fraud and AI fraud at Snacks and Facts. If you missed it, you can go online to the Federal Bureau of Investigation and look at their scam information. The website keeps updating with the latest scams.

Snacks and Facts will host Nature's Edge Therapy on Tuesday, March 10 at 2:00 pm.

The Women's Tea will be held on Saturday, June 27 at 11:00 am. Our guest speaker will be Gaye Lindfors and her topic will be "Getting

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL PROP MAKING DATE

Did I hear you say you like to use scissors?
Did I hear you say you like to crunch paper?
Did I hear you say you like to glue & tape?

GREAT! Please join us on March 12th
6:15 - 8 pm in Fellowship Hall to have fun making VBS props.

We have options - rocks, palm trees, leaf clusters & moss. The theme is fun & colorful - **RAINFOREST FALLS!** All options come with instruction. It's easy and great fellowship!

If you have old umbrellas, broken or unused please consider donating them to VBS. We need 6 umbrellas for our palm trees. They will be donated to the other churches using our props.



Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9:7

Holy Week Services

March 29 - Palm Sunday

April 2 - Maundy Thursday - Seder Meal (see Pastors Article)

April 3 - Good Friday

April 5 - Sunrise Service @ 6:30a

April 5 - Easter Breakfast 7:30a

April 5 - Easter Day
service @ 9:00a





MARCH - SUNDAY WORSHIP ASSISTANTS



	Mar 1 9:00a	Mar 8 9:00a	Mar 15 9:00a	Mar 22 9:00a	Mar 29 9:00a Palm Sunday
GREETERS	Terri Freeman	Dan & Jackie Healy	Cheri Anderson	Char Mohns	Eldon & Joanne Kvale
USHERS	Rob Freeman Wally Thom	Kevin Ploessl Wally Thom	Janet Schieffer John Schieffer	Mike Capra Wes Mohns	John Schieffer Tom Svitak
COMM. ASSTS	Joanne Schilling	Ellen Ehrich	Pat Mackey	Joanne Schilling	NEED
READER	Kathy Thom	Kathy Thom	Eric Anderson	Sue Capra	NEED



3/16 Don Fuller
3/20 Hannah VanGilder
3/24 Kyle Hubbard
3/25 Margaret Buchanan
3/25 Char Mohns
3/31 Diane Hubbard



3/17 Wes & Char Mohns
3/29 Barb & Rolf Kleven

PRAYERFUL GIVING

- Did you know we voted to Increase our budget by 5% for 2026?
- That means we need to increase our congregational giving by at least 5% or more.
- Simply give a nickel more for every dollar you donate to Trinity!
- Please prayerfully consider increasing your giving by 5% or more.



Daylight savings begins Sunday March 8



Meeting

NEXT MEETING OF . . .

Birchwood Food Pantry Open. Mar 2 & 16, 10:30a-12:30p
Worship & Music Team. Mar 2, 9:00a
Christian Life Meeting. Mar 2, 10:30a
Women of Trinity No March Mtg
Trinity Council meeting. Mar 17, 6:30p



HONOR AND REMEMBER LOVED ONES AT EASTER

\$10/request

**YES, I would like to have the following loved one(s)
honored/remembered:**

A. In Honor of: _____

OR

B. In Memory of: _____

Donated by: _____

(Easter bulletin will list donors and honorees/memorials)

Questions? Call Julie at 715-354-3790



**ORDER BY
March 30!**

FOR CHURCH OFFICE ONLY

Total lilies ordered: _____

Total payment made: _____

HONOR/REMEMBER OUR LOVED ONES

Special remembrance at Easter

In past years, Trinity has had an “Adopt a Lily” program. We will no longer be “adopting” the lilies.

We will continue to offer you the option of having your loved ones honored &/or remembered (or both) and printed in the Easter Sunday bulletins as in prior years.

“Easter Remembrance forms” are available during the Lenten season allowing you to provide your information to the church admin. Your request for recognizing your loved one(s) will remain at \$10.

If you are wondering, the lilies will continue to beautify the sanctuary during Easter and weeks to follow.

Lilies symbolize PURITY, REBIRTH, NEW BEGINNINGS and HOPE. The white lily is most associated with the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

HONOR: Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. Romans 12:10

REMEMBRANCE: I thank my God every time I remember you. Philippians 1:3



From Barb Kleven, Associate Pastor

This past winter has seemed long and now we rejoice knowing that spring is here this month, but we may not see the green grass until mid-April.

Sometimes waiting seems long, like for some big breakthrough, or waiting for family to visit, a favorite holiday, vacation, waiting for results from a test, or healing from surgery, or even waiting for the news to bring a better report!

Waiting requires patience and that's not always easy. Waiting patiently involves cultivating trust, gratitude, and even mindfully focusing on shifting our focus to something else. God has a plan for us as we wait.

Patience is an important virtue in our daily lives no matter what we face, and the Bible has many verses that encourage us to be patient:

1. Romans 12:12: *Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.*
2. 1 Corinthians 13:4–5: *Love is patient and kind....*
3. Colossians 3:12–13: *Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.*
4. Galatians 5:22–23: *But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.*
5. Psalm 37:7: *Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him....*
6. Psalm 27:14: *Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD!*

May the Lord bless us with the refreshment of His truth as we patiently wait for the beauty of spring to unfold and for the many things that we wait for.

Peace be with you!
Pr. Barb Kleven



Women of Trinity Happenings

Women of Trinity met on February 14. During the meeting we approved changing the meeting dates to the second Wednesday of the month at 3 pm. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, April 8 at 3 pm.

- † We will be having an Easter bake sale on Palm Sunday, March 29. The sale will be free will offering and the money will be put towards a new electrical box for the kitchen.
- † If you haven't signed up to help make egg bakes or desserts for the Easter Brunch, the sign-up sheet is on the Welcome Center.
- † Women of Trinity booklets are on the Welcome Center.
- † Thank you to all who helped clean the kitchen, it looks wonderful.
- † Thank you to all who baked and delivered baked goods for the Birchwood schools. The teachers appreciated the thoughtful surprise.

Please join us on Wednesday, April 8th at 3pm for our next meeting.

**Women
of
Trinity**





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The Story Behind Stephen Ministry-A Conversation with the Founder-Part 1

This article contains excerpts from an interview conducted by Peter Rosenberger- Author & Radio Show, Host of Hope for the Caregiver. His guest was Rev. Kenneth C. Haugk, Ph.D. Founder & Executive Director-Stephen Ministries St. Louis. Part 2 of this interview will appear in the April Journey Newsletter.

Peter: *Some years ago, my wife, Gracie, took a really dark turn physically, and we really didn't know if she was going to make it. It was pretty rough. But our pastor came to us and said, "I've got a lady I would like to connect with Gracie as part of our Stephen Ministry." And this woman, a Stephen Minister, came over to sit with Gracie—just to listen to her, love her, and care for her. And I was so moved by the whole concept of Stephen Ministry. There's now 13,000 churches that have Stephen Ministry, so I want to introduce to you right now the guy who founded it—his name is Dr. Kenneth Haugk. Welcome to the show!*

Ken: *Thank you, it's a real pleasure*

Peter: *I want you to know how much my family has benefited from your vision that you had back in 1975. You've been a tremendous blessing to my family, and now we're meeting for the first time. The impact that you've had is almost immeasurable. But it started off as something very small, like most things that have greatness; it started with you being aware of a pressing need. Take us back to that for a moment.*

Ken: *Well, it was the mid-1970s, and I was the pastor of a congregation, and I just found that I couldn't do it all. I remember*

there was one Holy Week when we had a bunch of worship services and a bunch of people in the hospital. And I was going back and forth from the hospital to working on sermons, from working on sermons to the hospital. So, one reason why I decided to start training laypeople to do one-to-one caring is because I couldn't do it all. A second reason is that because I was stretched so thin, I couldn't provide the quality of care that people really needed. I was only one person. And the third reason is that there are laypeople in congregations who have gifts for one-to-one caring and want to use their gifts. These are the people who have come forward, as you mentioned, in 13,000 congregations to serve as one-to-one caregivers—as Stephen Ministers.

The reason TLC started our Stephen Ministry is the same reason Reverend Haugk started the Stephen Ministry Program in his congregation. We see the same need for giving care to our congregation members and our pastors only have so many hours in the day. They need our help. Please keep our pastors, our Stephen Ministers, and Stephen Leaders in your prayers. Pray that God the Cure Giver will bring their care receivers healing and new life. Pray also that God would call and inspire new persons to agree to be trained as Stephen Ministers. If you have any questions about TLC's Stephen Ministry, contact me.

Jim McGraw, Stephen Ministry Leader Coordinator
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March 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 8a Text Study 9a Worship w/ communion	2 9a Quilters 9a WMMT mtg 10:30 Christian Life mtg 10:30a-12:30p—Food Pantry Open 2:30p Women's Bible Study 7p AA, Fellowship Hall	3	4 6:30a Men's Bible study 8:30a Prayer 1:00p TLC Choir Reh 2:00p Praise Team Reh	5 10:00a Women's Bible Study	6 OFFICE CLOSED	7
8 8a Text Study 9a Worship w/ communion	9 9a Quilters 2:30p Women's Bible Study 7p AA, Fellowship Hall	10 2:00p Snacks & Facts	11 8:30a Prayer 1:00p TLC Choir Reh	12 10:00a Women's Bible Study	13 OFFICE CLOSED	14 NO WOT mtg
15 8a Text Study 9a Worship w/ communion Love Fund/Food Pantry Offering	16 9a Quilters 10:30a-12:30p—Food Pantry Open 2:30p Women's Bible Study 7p AA, Fellowship Hall	17 6:30p Council Mtg	18 6:30a Men's Bible study 8:30a Prayer 1:00p TLC Choir Reh	19 10:00a Women's Bible Study	20 OFFICE CLOSED	21
22 8a Text Study 9a Worship w/ communion 11:00a Chili Cook-Off Prayer Shawl Sunday	23 9a Quilters 2:30p Women's Bible Study 7p AA, Fellowship Hall	24 Journey Deadline	25 8:30a Prayer 1:00p TLC Choir Reh	26 10:00a Women's Bible Study	27 OFFICE CLOSED	28
29 Palm Sunday 8a Text Study 9a Worship w/ communion						

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Snacks & Facts
March 10 @ 2:00p
Topic: Natures Edge
Therapy Center



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Office Hours	8 – 11:30 am, 12:30 - 3:00pm (M-Th)
Bulletin deadline	9 am Tuesdays
JOURNEY deadline	Tuesday - 3 rd week of the month
Pastor's Office Hours	Mondays (8 am—3:00pm)
	Wednesdays (8—11:30 pm) other days by apt.



SUNDAY WORSHIP

Mar 1 — 9:00a worship service w/communion

Mar 8 — 9:00a worship service w/communion

Mar 15 — 9:00a worship service w/communion

Mar 22 — 9:00a worship service w/communion

Mar 29 — 9:00a worship service w/communion

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Debbie Davis	Bill Rice
Andy Hedman	Ro Sackmann
Lora	Carter Sackmann
Sharon Mackey	Timothy Wallace
Tracy Reid	Donna Willis

In the military: Rigil Christensen, and all those serving in the military.