

The JOURNEY — Walking Daily with Jesus

PASTOR JACK'S COLUMN

Visiting the city of Jerusalem is easily counted as one of the most impactful experiences of my life. I've been blessed with visiting parts of Europe and most of the Americas, from far north in the Canadian Rocky Mountains to extreme south in Ushuaia, even sailing around Cape Horn. But seeing shepherds guiding their sheep, experiencing the plateau and siege of Masada, meeting a good man from Samaria, kneeling for prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane, walking the uneven streets that Jesus walked in Jerusalem, and standing on the battle field where David brought down Goliath will always stand out. If you're able, I'd encourage you to make the pilgrimage to the Holy Land at some point in your life. The scenes on the pages of Scripture will truly come alive. I'm excited to announce that Trinity is planning a trip to the Holy Land January 2020!

I would love for members and friends of Trinity to join Cheryll and I for an incredible tour of the Holy Land with the **Jerusalem Biblical Studies Society (JBSS)**. We had the privilege of being led and taught by a friend from JBSS, along with his associates in 2017. I've been dedicated to returning with another small group of believers ever since! The cost of \$4500 includes airfare, tour, all accommodations, and meals. For planning purposes we're asked to have at least 24 committed for the tentative dates of January 25-February 4, 2020. This trip is open to Trinity church members, their families, and friends. Maybe you're unable to go, but are willing to help sponsor someone else, this would be a priceless gift! To secure your spot, please let Cindy in the Trinity office know (715) 354-3790, and submit a down payment for \$500 by April 1. This is a life-changing, faith-filled, intensely educational tour. The truth of the Bible, cover to cover, shines bright when you personally experience the places, names, terrain, and culture described with-Below is the itinerary Cheryll and I travelled, I expect this tour will be similar. I encourage you to pray about the opportunity. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to call or text me (651) 592-8961.



Below is the itinerary:

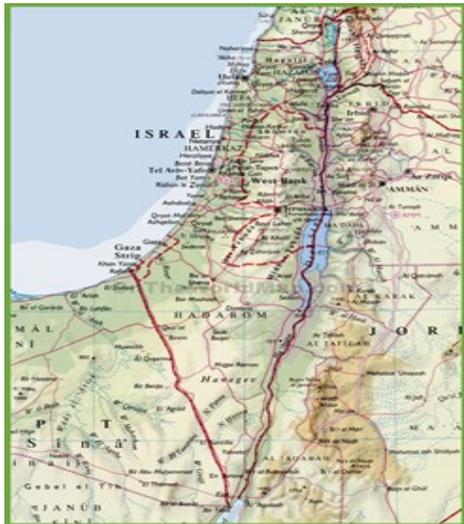
- **Day1** Arrive in Tel Aviv. Elah Valley, Negev and the Wilderness, Tel Beersheba, Overnight in the Negev

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- **Day 2** Masada, Ein Gedi, Qumran and Dead Sea, **Overnight Jericho**
- **Day 3** Mount of Olives, Garden of Gethsemane, Israel Museum, Yad Vashem, Bethlehem, **Overnight in Jerusalem**
- **Day 4** Jewish Quarter, City of David, Pool of Siloam, Davidson Museum, Southern Wall, Excavations Western Wall, **Overnight in Jerusalem**
- **Day 5** Shabbat in Jerusalem, Walk in the Old City, Worship in local congregation, Garden Tomb, **Overnight in Jerusalem**
- **Day 6** Shiloh, Mt. Gerezim, Nazereth Village, Jordan River Baptismal Site, **Overnight in Galilee**
- **Day 7** Mt. Of Beatitudes, Chorazim, Tel Hatzor/Tel Dan, Caesarea Philippi, Capernaum, **Overnight in Galilee**
- **Day 8** Megiddo/Armageddon Valley, Mt. Carmel, Caesarea, **Overnight near Tel Aviv**
- **Day 9** Jaffa, Independence Hall, Yad Hashmona, Biblical Garden, Home for Bible Translators
Closing Meal, **overnight Tel Aviv**



LENT 2019: “WATER AND THE WORD”

Lenten services will be done in ‘round robin’ style. I’ll be visiting others churches, while various pastors will lead ours each Wednesday. I will be here on several Wednesdays. Following is the Lenten services schedule along with the pastor who will be leading each service.

The theme for these Lenten services will be **Water and the Word**. Using selected Old and New Testament readings, various pastors will share the amazing ways God works in and through water and the Word.

Below are the readings that will be focused on. These readings are not necessarily in order.

- Birth of Moses—Exodus 2**
- Crossing the Red Sea—Exodus 14**
- The Healing of Naaman the Syrian—2 Kings 5**
- Walking on Water—Matthew 14**
- The Woman at the Well—John 4**



LENTEN CALENDAR

- Mar 6 Ash Wednesday Worship 6:30 pm**
Pastor Tom Reiff
- Mar 13 Mid-Week Lenten Worship 6:30 pm**
Pastor Bryan Anderson
Lenten Meal 5:45 pm
- Mar 20 Mid-Week Lenten Worship 6:30 pm**
Pastor Jack Jorgenson
Lenten Meal 5:45 pm
- Mar 27 Mid-Week Lenten Worship 6:30pm**
Pastor Glenn Sokolowski
Lenten Meal 5:45 pm
- April 3 Mid-Wee Lenten Worship 6:30pm**
Pastor Bert Schultz
Lenten Meal 5:45 pm
- April 10 Mid-Wee Lenten Worship 6:30pm**
Pastor Jack Jorgenson (*Mel Gibson’s The Passion will be shown.*)
Lenten Meal 5:45 pm

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS NEEDED

Worship Assistants for March are needed! Please see the sign-up sheet on the Welcome Center!

NEXT MEETING OF . . .

- Birchwood Food Pantry Open..... 10:30 am, Mar 2, 4, 16, 18**
- Worship & Music Team..... 9:30 am, Mar 18**
- Mission & Outreach..... 10:00am, Mar 13**
- Trinity Lutheran Church Women.....11:00 am, Mar 21**
- Congregational Council 6:30 pm, Mar 19**
- Christian Life.....2:00 pm Mar 13**

WOMEN OF TRINITY 2019 ANNUAL EVENTS

The WOT monthly meeting was cancelled in February. Please mark your calendars to attend March's meeting Thursday, March 21 at 11am. The 2019 Service Booklet has been printed and is available at the Welcome Center. Below are the annual events that the WOT would like to have you be aware of and to watch for throughout the year!

2019 ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE



The annual rummage sale will be held on September 6-7 to coincide with the annual Birchwood

Community Wide Rummage Sales. Bring your donations to the Fellowship Hall at Trinity Lutheran Church the week of the rummage sale. Electronics, appliances, and large items will not be accepted. If you have questions, please call co-chairs Dianne Buxton at 715-354-3155 or Cindy Rubin at 507-250-0628.

PACK AND DELIVER COOKIE BOXES

During the December WOT meeting, please join us as we enjoy a potluck lunch and pack and deliver cookie boxes to our special friends during the holidays.



DECEMBER BAKE SALE



This fun event will be held the first Sunday in December at Trinity Lutheran Church in Birchwood.

STEP OUT AND SERVE

Women of Trinity are currently working with Embrace, Benjamin House, Family Shelter, Birchwood Area Food Pantry, and the Pregnancy Center. We are also involved with the Birchwood Schools through Book Buddies and the Angel Fund. We encourage Trinity members to get involved in Step Out and Serve!

WOMEN'S THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Marcia Kampf will continue leading the Thursday Morning Women's Bible Study on John in March weather permitting. We have missed several weeks due to snow, but hopefully that is coming to an end. We are only on chapter 6, so please join us Thursday's mornings at 9:30 in the Trinity Room. If you wish to join this group and would like a study guide, please contact Marcia at 715-354-3048

WOMEN'S MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY:

All women: Welcome to our Monday night Women's Bible Study! At 6:30 pm- 8:00 pm in Trinity room (choir room). We are currently studying the book of John. **(Bring your bible- no need to purchase a study guide)**

Please call Barb Kleven at 715-834-9988 for details as to what chapters we're studying each week.

Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth. 2 Timothy 2:15

THURSDAY GROUP FAITH STUDY:

We are continuing our study on the book of Revelation, 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. Please join us at 6:30 in the Trinity Room - all our welcome!!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Help is needed in making sure the church sidewalks are shoveled. Kevin Sunderland and Wally Thom are hoping to create a schedule similar to the lawn mowing schedule that is developed in the summer. Anyone interested in volunteering, there is a sign-up sheet on the Welcome Center. Any questions, please contact Kevin Sunderland at 715-418-0119.



RESILIENCE
THE BIOLOGY OF STRESS & THE SCIENCE OF HOPE

Tuesday, March 5 @ 6:00 PM
Birchwood School District Commons
300 S Wilson Street, Birchwood

Free Admission

Panel discussion to follow led by Reba Rice, NorthLakes Community Clinic CEO
Miranda Howard, Birchwood School Counselor
Diane Johnson, Birchwood School Superintendent
Tamlyn White, Behavioral Health Therapist at NorthLakes Community Clinic - Hayward

LENTEN MEALS

A sign-up sheet is on the Welcome Center. Anyone/group interested in providing a Lenten meal is asked to sign-up. Meals are to be simple such as soup, sandwiches, vegetable trays, cookies and beverages. Any questions, please contact Kathy Thom at 715-296-0114.



LIBRARY CORNER

As Lent will begin this month, our featured topic will be 'Jesus'. We have wonderful materials to help you grow thru Lent and help you with your devotions and experience. I do ask this month that you use the table as a library without return deadline. Take any materials you wish but do return them sometime this Spring. The free table does not seem to inspire any of you to partake of that service...but please do take



a minute to check it out. It is located beside the Narthex sink area and we do encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity to enhance your experience of the season. God Bless!

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Kirk Kotel has moved to Rice Lake and is living at Our Home, 415 E South St, Rice Lake. He would appreciate any visitors!

COUNCIL TREASURER NEEDED

The position of Treasurer on the council is open. Anyone interested in filling this position for the remainder of the year, please contact the church office at 715-354-3790

MISSIONS AND OUTREACH

PERSONAL CARE KITS: The Missions and Outreach Committee project for March is collecting Project Promise Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief. These kits are shared with people who have lost everything from a natural disaster or life-threatening violence. Give hope through a bar of soap! Donate items for the kits or collect items and assemble them as described below:

HERE'S OUR COLLECTION SCHEDULE:

- **March 3** – One light-weight bath-size towel (52"x27"), dark color recommended.
- **March 10** – Two bath-size bars of soap equaling 8 to 9 oz., any brand, in original wrapping.
- **March 17** – One adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging or a business-size envelope.
- **March 24** – One sturdy comb.
- **March 31** – One metal nail clippers (attached file optional.)

Don't enclose Kit or any of the its contents in plastic bags. Fold the towel in half. Place the rest of the items in the towel, fold and roll so nothing falls out, and secure with yarn, ribbon, string or rubber bands. A basket will be in the narthex until Sunday, April 7. Unlisted personal or health care items that are donated will be given to the Food Pantry, as there is a need for such things there also.



Palm Sunday Breakfast



The men of Trinity are planning to prepare and serve Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast on April 14, prior to worship service. But they need HELP!

SO MEN OF TRINITY!! If you would like to help cook, serve or clean up, please sign up at the Welcome Center.

If you need more information, please call Kevin Sunderland at 715-418-0119 or Kyle



MARCH 10

**Daylight Savings Time ends!
Set your clocks
AHEAD one
hour!**

Time to Spring Ahead

LILIES FOR EASTER

Help beautify the Sanctuary for Easter, April 21.

Order a pot of white Lilies *In Memory of* or *In Honor of* a Loved One. Forms available at the Welcome Center. Cost is \$17 per pot.



ORDER BY APRIL 12!

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Children ages 3-13 will join their parents during 10am worship services but will be released after "God Speaks To Us Through His Word" to join in the Fellowship Hall for bible stories, the faith lesson of the week, and a fun new craft to encourage our boys and girls in their loving relationship with our Savior. We are in need of **volunteers to teach 1 or 2 Sundays each month**. Lesson plans have been developed by Cindy Rubin and will be available in the Fellowship Hall. Please consider participating in this important ministry. A sign-up sheet is in the Narthex.

THIRD WEDNESDAY YOUTH FELLOWSHIP AND SERVE

Wednesday February 21st, The Cross unfortunately had to cancel their Youth Game Night due to inclement weather. This has been rescheduled to June 19th, 2019. The Cross will be serving shut-in, someone who is home bound or a resident of assisted living apartments, in March to extend the love of the Christian fellowship to those who otherwise might lose touch with the church. Referral suggestions maybe given to Barb Kleven or Ashley Beffa.

THE CROSS YOUTH AND CONFIRMATION

Thanks to Stacy Anderson-Kolodzinski for becoming a new mentor for our youth. She has continued to be committed to The Cross and supported the youth since the beginning. We will not be meeting during Lent Service weeks. The Cross Youth and Confirmation will resume April 24th. If you would like to be included in the weekly youth letter and weekly Bible study for what's happening at The Cross Youth and Confirmation please email Ashley at ashleybeffa@gmail.com.



Fellowship Fun!



SECOND SUNDAY SERVICE YOUTH ASSISTANCE:

Youth and family ministry assists with the second Sunday service of the month. March roles have been assigned according to the Youth Service Rotation Schedule. We are looking forward to sharing some of our highlights from LCMC Regional Event during this service. Please contact Ashley Beffa if you or your child is unable to fill their important role at 715-790-1491 or email ashleybeffa@gmail.com.

"NOT LUCKY... I'M BLESSED!"



ALL AGES WELCOME!!!
Potluck, t-shirts and custom heat transfers provided. No experience needed. Contact Ashley at (715) 790-1491 to hold your t-shirt size! Free will donations (suggested \$15) accepted to support Trinity Youth Missions.

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- Ivy Kotel 3/4
- Lila Larsen 3/4
- Chrissy Gottwald 3/5
- Betty Orsund 3/6
- Afton Baribeau 3/7
- Taylor Robotka 3/7
- Landen Gindt 3/8
- Erin Gustafson 3/8
- Josie Will 3/9
- Tom Olson 3/10
- Kirby Brunclik 3/11
- Dallas Applebee 3/12
- Jeanne Sweeney 3/15
- Don Fuller 3/16
- Donnae Carrell 3/17
- Amy Dakins 3/17
- Ron Hartzell 3/17
- Lea Heath 3/19

- Jacob Rurup 3/19
- MacKenzie Jenkins 3/20
- Beth Jutila-Ufferman 3/20
- Bev Skar 3/20
- Karen Dolen 3/21
- Eunice Kuntz 3/21
- Jamie Skar 3/22
- Daniel Moline 3/24
- Char Mohns 3/24
- Nicholas Wisti 3/25
- Jeff Bemins 3/28
- Dustin Nap 3/28
- Jeff Roberts 3/28
- Tanner Jasper 3/29
- Savanah Levake 3/29
- Carol Chasteen 3/30
- Jenelle Lee 3/31
- Noah Lobitz 3/31
- Diane Miskulin 3/31

TRINITY YOUTH FUNDRAISER

The youth will be selling handcrafted greeting cards for their upcoming fundraiser. Above is a flyer describing the different boxes that will be available for purchase. A sign-up sheet is on the Youth Bulletin Board.

LCMC WOMEN'S RETREAT SET FOR APR 27-28

The 6th Annual Women of the Word Retreat, "Hemmed in Hope," is just around the corner - April 26-27! Get away to Forest Springs Camp in Westover, WI, for a weekend of relaxation, laughter, and to be in fellowship with God and other Christian women.

Guest speaker and author of award-winning books, Cynthia Rutchi is sure to inspire with her heartfelt, humorous, and Biblically-based mes-

sages reflecting the concept, "I can't unravel. I'm hemmed in hope."

Accommodations at Forest Springs Camp this year will be in their newly dated cabins - four per cabin. Special accommodations in the main lodge can be made by contacting Glenna Rice at (608) 343-9569.



Cost for the retreat is \$90, which includes Friday dinner, Saturday breakfast and lunch, and a snack.

6th Annual Women's Retreat

"Hemmed In Hope"

PRESENTED BY CYNTHIA RUTCHI, AUTHOR & SPEAKER
Author & speaker

Save the Dates! **APRIL 26 & 27, 2019**
Forest Springs Camp
Westboro, WI

More info coming Jan 2019!

Questions? Call Cheryl Lebakken (920) 960-8189

MARCH 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 Altar Guild Dianne Buxton					1 OFFICE CLOSED LCMC YOUTH RETREAT	2 10:30a-1:30p – Food Pantry Open LCMC YOUTH RETREAT
3 Transfiguration 9a—Choir Warm-Up 9:30a – COFFEE TIME 10a – Worship w/Communion Supply Pastor Koby Phillipps LCMC YOUTH RETREAT Money Counters: Ruth Clausen & Cindy Westphal	4 9:30a—Quilting 10:30a-1:30p Food Pantry Open 6:30p—Wmns Bible Study 7p - AA, Fellowship Hall	5	6 Ash Wednesday 6:15p—Choir Warm-up 6:30p—Ash Wed. Service Supply Pastor Tom Reiff 5:45p—The Cross Youth 7:15p—Choir Rehearsal 8:30—Praise Team Rehearsal	7 9:30a—Women's Bible Study 6:30p - Group Faith Study	8 OFFICE CLOSED	9
10 First Sunday in Lent Daylight Saving Time Begins! 9:30a – COFFEE TIME 10a – Worship w/ Communion YOUTH SUNDAY Money Counters: Tom Svitak & Mike Rubin	11 9:30a—Quilting 6:30p—Wmns Bible Study 7p - AA, Fellowship Hall	12	13 10a—Missions & Outreach Mtg 2:p—Christian Life Meeting 5:45p—Lenten Meal 6:30p—Lenten Worship Service Pastor Bryan Anderson 5:45p—The Cross Youth 7:15p—Choir Rehearsal	14 9:30a—Women's Bible Study 6:30p - Group Faith Study	15 OFFICE CLOSED	16 10:30a-1:30p – Food Pantry Open
17 Second Sunday in Lent 9:30a – COFFEE TIME 10a – Worship w/Communion Love Fund & Food Pantry Offerings 12-2pm—Pot Luck & Make Your Own T-Shirts—Fellowship Event Money Counters: Char Mohns & Joan Fuller	18 Journey Deadline 9:30a—Quilting 9:30a—W& M Mtg 10:30a-1:30p Food Pantry Open 6:30p—Wmns Bible Study 7p - AA, Fellowship Hall	19 9:00a—RL Wmns. Connection Brunch @ Lehman's 6:30p - Council Mtg	20 5:45p—Lenten Meal 6:30p—Lenten Worship Service Pastor Jack Jorgensen 5:15p—The Cross Youth—Youth 7:15p—Choir Rehearsal 8::30—Praise Team Rehearsal	21 9:30a—Women's Bible Study 11a - WOT Mtg 6:30p - Group Faith Study	22 OFFICE CLOSED	23
24 Third Sunday in Lent 9:30a – COFFEE TIME 10a – Praise Worship w/Communion PRAYER SHAWL SUNDAY Money Counters: Sandi David & June Ehrich	25 9:30a—Quilting 6:30p—Wmns Bible Study 7p - AA, Fellowship Hall	26	27 10a - Journey Assembly 5:45p—Lenten Meal 6:30p—Lenten Worship Service Pastor Glenn Sokolowski 5:45p—The Cross Youth 7:15p—Choir Rehearsal	28 9:30a—Women's Bible Study 6:30p - Group Faith Study	29 OFFICE CLOSED	30
31 Fourth Sunday in Lent 9:30a – COFFEE TIME 10a – Worship w/Communion Money Counters: Jeanne Dahlby & David Webster						

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The JOURNEY MARCH 2019

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Sunday School 10 am (Sept – May 21)
Office Hours 8 – 11:30 am, 12:30 - 3:00pm (M-Th)
Bulletin deadline 9 am Wednesdays
JOURNEY deadline Monday of 3rd week of the month

SUNDAY WORSHIP THIS MONTH

3/03 – 10am Worship w/ Communion
3/10 – 10am Worship w/ Communion (Youth Sunday)
3/17 – 10am Youth Worship w/ Communion
3/24 – 10am Praise Worship w/ Communion
3/31 – 10am Worship w/ Communion

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

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

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.