

# The JOURNEY — Walking Daily with Jesus

From the Pastor’s Desk:

*“Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.”* Hebrews 13:8

Few of us like change. But, like the seasons, changes come into our lives. Our Scripture verse points out one of the few exceptions to change. In His divinity, Jesus never changes. In His grace and mercy, Jesus never changes.

For us, as we walk in these mortal tents, we will have change. I have made some changes in my contact information, and in my Office hours. Each change is being made in order to better meet the needs of the people here at Trinity Lutheran Church.

First, I have changed my contact telephone number. The old number reflected my Niagara Falls, NY phone number. I have been told that some people will not answer a telephone call if it shows out of state information, thus, some have not answered calls from my former New York number. So, I have switched to a 715-area code telephone number.

Second, I have set office hours when I will be available at the church. Not much of what we would call “ministry” takes place from behind a desk. Ministry entails reaching out to the congregation in their various life events and needs: hospitals, nursing homes, assisted living facilities, and homes. My goal in setting office hours is to open more time to fulfill the visitation aspects of my “call to serve Trinity Lutheran.”

I am always open to meet with you, even outside of my “office hours.” As always, ministry needs dictate if I am at my desk or not, so appointments are recommended, but certainly are not required.

My new telephone number is (715) 416-4966.

My plan is to be in the office: Monday: 8:00-4:30.

Wednesdays and Thursdays, 8:00-11:30.

I am available outside of these office hours as well by appointment.

I pray that these changes do not cause any inconvenience as I desire to better meet the needs of the congregation through them.

In Christ, Pastor Dan.

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## We are One.

***We are One in the Spirit, We are One in the Lord.*** Have you heard this song? It also goes by the song title, ***They'll Know We are Christians By Our Love.*** The lyrics are all about Christian unity.

Jesus on the night before his crucifixion, prayed the high priestly prayer. In this intimate prayer to the Father, he prayed four times that his disciples and church would speak and act as one family. This tells us how important unity in the church is to Jesus. It is the will of God. Jesus prayed, *"I do not ask for these only (the disciples), but also for those who will believe in me through their word (us), that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe..."* (John 17:20-21)

In Paul's Letter to the Corinthian church, he said, *"I appeal to you brothers (and sisters), in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another, that there may be no divisions among you."* (1 Corinthians 1:10) Stillfaith.org says there are 179 verses in the Bible talking about unity.

Unity in the church is about coming together to form something bigger. It's

recognizing that we're stronger together than we are individually. It's enjoying fellowship with each other. Unity in the church doesn't necessarily happen automatically. As with any relationship, we have to work continually at building and maintaining this unity. Ephesians 4:2-3 makes this clear. *"With all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace."* (Cornerstonesf.org)

This will be a focus at the TLC Leadership Retreat in May. We will focus on the needs of our congregation. We want every church member to feel connected to the whole. We want to be able to minister to TLC family members experiencing life's struggles and want to celebrate joyful events when they occur. We want to make sure every member feels included, loved and wanted. We will also reach out and encourage our brothers and sisters we haven't seen for some time to return to join us in fellowship and worship. With all this in mind, TLC Leadership and Ministry Teams are planning an All Congregation "Refresh-Restore Reunion" Picnic for June 26. We have been waiting for two years to have this celebration. Make sure you put this date on your calendar. Don't

miss out on the great food, fellowship, activities and fun. As the song says, we want new and long-term members, our community and the world know we are Christians by our love.

*"Finally, all of you be like-minded [united in spirit], sympathetic, brotherly, kindhearted [courteous and compassionate toward each other as members of one household], and humble in spirit."* 1 Peter 3:8 (AMP)

Jim McGraw



**Men’s Ministry of Trinity**

Hear, hear, the Men's Ministry of Trinity is formed and active. Our kickoff meeting was August 28, 2021. Since then, we have held meetings on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month. It has taken a while to determine our mission, but we now believe we are on our way to serve as God intended us to do.

The Men's Ministry Of Trinity is another resource to work with other ministry teams in setting up events, community outreach projects, and lately kitchen opportunities. Listed below are a few of our completed projects:

**Valentine's dinner-** with help from other ministry teams we honored the sweethearts in our lives. Our men's group is enjoying working together and (believe this or not), cooking. Being our first significant dinner, we had many bugs to work out, not to mention coordinating with other ministry teams to help us. With guidance from other ministry teams, we found that working together brought joy and opportunity to build friendship and fellowship.

**Garage acquisition:** The biggest endeavor yet was the acquisition of a 24 x24 garage. The building was scheduled to be demolished, but one man from the men's group approached the Dollar General contractor to inquire about saving the building. It was agreed that Trinity could acquire the building, but had a short time frame in which to move it. Following about 70-man hours of brain storming, formulating a moving plan, bracing up the structure and the actual move, the building was safely and smoothly transported to the Trinity parking lot on April 16, 2022. We are thinking the building will be placed in the general area where it currently sits, onto a concrete slab floor. Fund raising ideas to cover the cost of the concrete slab and other minor repair needs will be discussed in the near future. This new building will be used to provide much needed storage for our church. The estimated cost to build this is would be around \$15,000, plus the cost of the slab. We feel the Lord has provided an opportunity to provide for our needs.

I will be putting together a picture board of this interesting project in the church. Many hands make little work and this project was a blessed example of this. THANK YOU, brothers and sisters of Trinity. (Pictures on pg. 5)

**Easter Brunch:** The Men's Ministry of Trinity hosted the Easter brunch between the two church services the same weekend as the garage move. The coordination and fellowship that went into this labor of love resulted in a well-received brunch. Men cooked side by side, learning as we went along and managed to serve a wonderful meal as well as enjoying the camaraderie. We served about 40 meals and had much fun. No arguments, no wrestling, just spatula fun. We incorporated several other ministry teams to help with desserts. Remember, we are not bakers, but we can build the kitchen. This group is alive and well and we are here to help foster love and brotherhood among Christian believers.

**Men, come join us monthly for fellowship, some bible study (studying the Book of John) and brain storming every third Thursday at 6:30 pm in the fellowship hall**

Yours in Christ,  
Wally Thom-President  
Men's Ministry of Trinity

**Men's Ministry of Trinity Lutheran Church**



The Men’s Ministry of Trinity were busy setting and preparing an Easter breakfast that was served in between the Easter services. The breakfast was well attended everyone enjoyed the food and fellowship. Thanks to all who served on this event.

**Pastor’s New Contact Number**

I have a new telephone number! And it is a local number!! Pastors’ emergency contact number is now 715-416-4966.

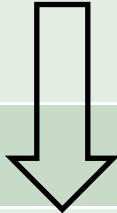


In addition, I will be setting new office hours to allow for me to take advantage of additional congregational visitation opportunities. My plan is to be in the office:

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- + Wednesdays and Thursdays, 8:00—11:30 am

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In Christ, Pastor Dan

✝		<b>MAY WORSHIP ASSISTANTS</b>					✝	
	<b>May 1 (10:00 am)</b>	<b>May 8 (10:00 am)</b>	<b>May 15 (7:00 am)</b>	<b>May 22 (10:00 am)</b>	<b>May 29 (8:30 am)</b>	<b>May 29 (10:00 am)</b>		
<b>GREETERS</b>	Dan & Jackie Healy	Rose Cutsforth	Katrina Gustafson	Betty Blanch	Karen & Bob Scott	Joanne & Eldon Kvale		
<b>USHERS</b>	Wes Mohns Tom Svitak	Rob Freeman Jim McGraw	Wally Thom Steve Tracey	John Schieffer Mike Rubin		Mike Capra <b>NEED</b>		
<b>COMM. ASSTS</b>	June Bibeau	Dan Dahl	Pat Mackey	Joanne Schilling		Kathy Thom		
<b>READER</b>	Carol Addington	<b>NEED</b>	Eric Anderson	Cindy Rubin		Karen Hayes	Sue Capra	

## Happy Birthday

- |                          |                       |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| Cindy Gilgenbach 5/05    | Jason Ufferman 5/17   |
| Nicole Breed 5/06        | Jeanne Dahlby 5/18    |
| Lucas Dahl 5/06          | Wayne Palm 5/24       |
| Benjamin Will 5/08       | Bob Robotka 5/25      |
| Billy Nordback 5/08      | Gloria Widiker 5/27   |
| Phyllis Nelson 5/09      | Julie Sunderland 5/28 |
| Kirk Kotel 5/13          | Jacob Lavalier 5/29   |
| Ben VandeVoort 5/13      | Shannon Gindt 5/31    |
| Lou Anne Kristensen 5/14 | Ruth Clausen 5/31     |
| Mary Stoeklen 5/16       |                       |

UWEC-BC Red Cedar Choir  
Presents their annual spring concert:

# "A Night at The Theatre"

Beth Joosten *Director*      Barb Lancaster *Accompanist*

**New Date!! - Thursday, May 5, 2022**  
**7:30 p.m.**

UWEC-BC Fine Arts Theatre

Free will Donation

# Meeting

- NEXT MEETING OF ...**
- Birchwood Food Pantry Open . . . . . 10:30-12:30pm May 2, 16**
  - Worship & Music Team. . . . . 10 am, May 9**
  - Women of Trinity . . . . . 6:30 pm, May 10**
  - Trinity Council Meeting . . . . . 6:30 pm, May 17**
  - Men's Ministry of Trinity . . . . . 6:30 pm, May 19**



**Women of Trinity Lutheran Church HAPPENINGS**

**April 2022**

Our meeting was held on April 9 with 12 women in attendance. We opened with devotion and prayer.

Altar Guild April—Cindy Rubin May—Char Mohns

Thanks to those who assisted with the meal for Elaine Yndestad’s funeral

Eight women will be attending the Women of the Word retreat at Camp Forest Springs on April 22-23.

There is a Women’s Tea event planned for May 7, by Ashley Beffa and Di Hubbard. Some assistance may be needed.

Volunteers will be needed for VBS—June 20-24, 12:45-3:45. There will be sign ups in the future

Volunteers needed to prepare and serve meals for Wednesday evening youth meetings

The Men’s Ministry would like some assistance with items for the Easter Brunch.

Closed with prayer.

**Next meeting will be May 10, at 6:30 PM.**



**VBS UPDATE**



**Registration** for MONUMENTAL VBS is open online at [vbspro.events/p/trinitybirchwood](http://vbspro.events/p/trinitybirchwood) for children aged 3 (by 09/01/2021 and potty trained) through 5<sup>th</sup> grade! Forms are also available at church.

**Volunteers** are needed:

- to help make decorations on May 15 & 22, and June 5 & 12, from 6-8 pm.
- to sign up as Station Leaders, Assistant Leaders, Crew Leaders and Assistant Crew Leaders (see the Volunteer Board in the narthex)

**Donations** are needed to purchase décor and snack items. Check out the Donation Board in the narthex.

*Steeped into God's Word*

You are invited for a women's ministry luncheon tea.

*Serving tea sandwiches, salads, sweet treats, tea, and other refreshments.*

\$6.00 ADMISSION	<b>MAY</b>	LOCATED AT
FREE	<b>7TH</b>	TRINITY CHURCH
CHILDCARE	12 PM - 2 PM	501 E CHETAC AVE
		BIRCHWOOD, WI

*Special guest speaker Jen Slater*

Pre-register online at [www.trinitylutheranbirchwood.com](http://www.trinitylutheranbirchwood.com) or call (715) 354-3790.

**SAVE THE DATE!!**

Trinity Lutheran Church is planning an All-Congregation “Refresh—Restore Reunion” picnic on June 26, 2022 beginning with the 10 am service. More details to come!

# May 2022

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>SATURDAY</b>
1	2 9:00a - Quilters 10:30a-12:30p—Food Pantry Open 3:30p—Woman's Bible Study 7p—AA, Fellowship Hall	3	4 5:30p The Cross 7—8p TLC Choir Rehearsal 8—9p Praise Team rehearsal	5 10a Women's Bible study	6 <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	7 Steeped in God's Word Luncheon 12:00 p
8 8:45-9:45a Adult Sunday School 10a - Worship	9 9:00 a—Quilters 10:00a - WMMT Mtg 3:30p- Woman's Bible Study 7p—AA, Fellowship Hall	10 WOT Meeting 6:30 pm	11 5:30p The Cross 7—8p Choir Practice	12 10a Women's Bible study	13 Council Retreat <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	14 Council Retreat
15 8:45-9:45a Adult Sunday School 10a - Worship Love Fund/Food Pantry Offering	16 9:00 Quilters 10:30a-12:30p—Food Pantry Open 3:30 Woman's Bible Study 7p—AA, Fellowship Hall	17 6:30p - Council Meeting	18 5:30p The Cross	19 10a Women's Bible study 6:30 pm Men's Ministry Mtg	20 <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	21
22 8:45-9:45a Adult Sunday 10a - Worship New Member Sunday Prayer Shawl Sunday	23 9:00 Quilters 3:30p MONDAY Women's Bible Study 7p—AA, Fellowship Hall	24 <b>Journey Deadline</b>	25 5:30p The Cross	26 10a Women's Bible study	27 <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	28
29 8:30a—Outdoor Worship 8:45-9:45a Adult Sunday 10a - Indoor Worship	30 9:00 Quilters 3:30p MONDAY Women's Bible Study 7p—AA, Fellowship Hall	31				30

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**NEW MEMBER SUNDAY MAY 22**



# **The JOURNEY**

## **May 2022**

**TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH**

*Rev. Daniel Tabor—Pastor*

*Julie Sunderland, Parish Administrator*

*Ashley Beffa, Youth & Family*

*Joanne Schilling, Choir Director*

*Betty Blanch & Donnarae Carrell, Custodians*

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Sunday School	10 am (Sept – May)
Office Hours	8 – 11:30 am, 12:30 - 3:00pm (M-Th)
Bulletin deadline	9 am Tuesdays
JOURNEY deadline	Monday - 3 <sup>rd</sup> week of the month
Pastor's Office Hours	Mondays (8 am—4:30 pm) Wednesdays & Thursdays (8—11:30 pm)

### **SUNDAY WORSHIP THIS MONTH**

5/1 – 10 am Worship w/Communion  
5/8 – 10 am Worship w/Communion  
5/15 - 10 am Worship w/Communion  
5/22 - 10 am Worship w/Communion  
5/29 - 8:30 am Outdoor Worship w/ Communion  
10 am Worship w/Communion

### **KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS**

Debbie Davis	Tracy Reid
Annette Gentile	Bill Rice
Andy Hedman	Ro Sackmann
Barb Hinderman	Carter Sackmann
Eunice Kuntz	Timothy Wallace
Ed Leader	Donna Willis
Lora	
Sharon Mackey	

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