

The JOURNEY — Walking Daily with Jesus

From the Council President:

Recently we all have heard some disturbing news about the upcoming elections, the economy, hurricane victims and sicknesses of loved ones. These things cause us to worry and become anxious on how things will turn out. We seem powerless and helpless on what we should do. The world seems to be out of control but the truth is that as people of faith we believe God is in control of all things. In John 16:33 Jesus says *“I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.”*

“Is God really in control? The concept of the control of God over everything is called the “sovereignty” of God. Nothing gives us strength and confidence like an understanding of the sovereignty of God in our lives. God’s sovereignty is defined as His complete and total independent control over every creature, event, and circumstance at every moment in history. Subject to none, influenced by none, absolutely independent, God does what He pleases, only as He pleases, always as He pleases. God is in complete control of every molecule in the universe at every moment, and everything that happens is either caused or allowed by Him for His own perfect purposes.” <https://www.gotquestions.org/God-is-in-control>

“We all feel anxious, worried, or concerned at times; these feelings are common responses to stressful situations. But what if there was a way to put a stop to your worrying before it steals your peace of mind? God doesn’t want you to live with worry and anxiety. And when you understand that He has a good plan for you, you can experience the life-changing peace He offers. Below are five Bible Verses to help bring comfort to the anxious mind and heart.”

1. *“Be still, and know that I am God.”* Psalm 46:10
2. *“Therefore, I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.”* Mark 11:24
3. *“Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.”* Romans 12:2
4. *“I will remember the deeds of the Lord; yes, I will remember your miracles.”* Psalm 77:11
5. *“Be anxious for nothing but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus”* Philippians 4:6-” <https://www.hachettebookgroup.com/articles/5-bible-verses-for-the-anxious-mind-and-heart/?lens=worthykids>

We run into difficulties, worry and anxiety when we try to fix things on our own. Proverbs 3:5-6 tells us *“Trust in the Lord with **all** your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in **all** your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.”* I was stuck on what to share with you this month. This morning, during my daily Bible readings God spoke to me in Lamentations 3:23-25. *“The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. The Lord is my portion,”* says my soul, *therefore I will hope in him.”* When we bring our requests to God in prayer with confidence He listens to us. He is all-knowing, ever-present and all powerful. We don’t have to worry or be anxious about the outcome. The People of Faith we read about in the Bible are witnesses of God’s power and ability to do miracles in our lives. Trust and do not worry.

Your brother in Christ, Jim McGraw

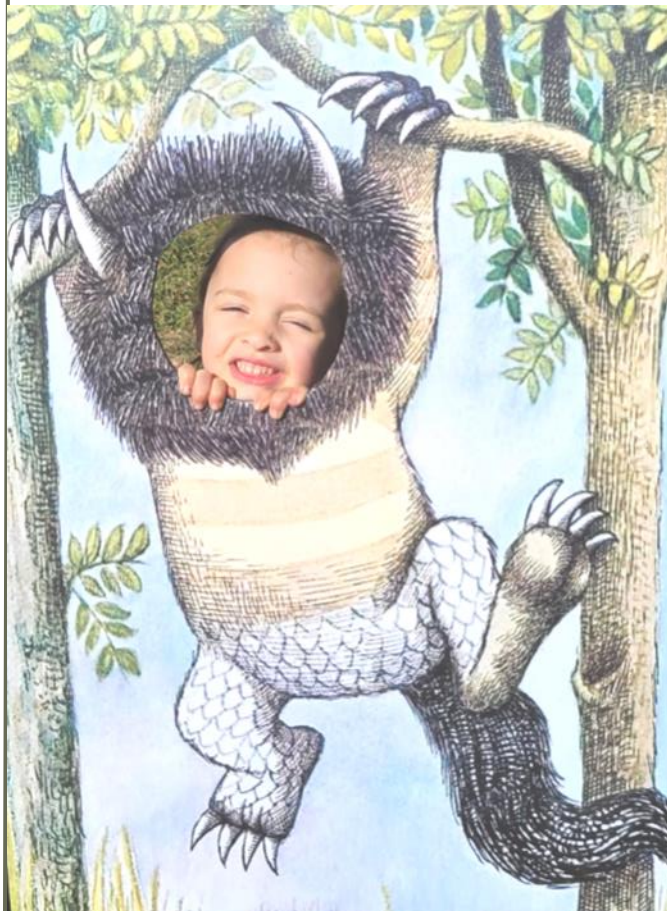
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Trick or Treat



NOVEMBER WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

	Nov 3 9:00a	Nov 10 9:00a	Nov 17 9:00a	Nov 24 9:00a	Nov 26 6:30p Thanksgiving service
GREETERS	Terri Freeman	Marsha Kampf	Brenda Mackey	Eldon & Joanne Kvale	
USHERS	Rob Freeman Janet Schieffer	Wes Mohns Janet Schieffer	Janet Schieffer Steve Tracey	Janet Schieffer Kevin Ploessl	Kathy & Wally Thom
COMML ASSTS	Dan Dahl	Ellen Ehrich	Pat Mackey	Joanne Schilling	
READER	Kathy Thom	Gloria Widiker	Kathy Thom	Dianne Buxton	Brenda Mackey



11/6 Sue & Tom Svitak



- 11/3 Eleanor Kuula
- 11/9 Susan Janetski
- 11/9 Jeff Iverson
- 11/11 Connie Leader
- 11/17 Wes Mohns
- 11/21 Brooks Preble
- 11/22 Marcia Kampf
- 11/22 Mary Arvesen
- 11/29 Lane Healy



Snacks & Facts
 2 pm, Tue. 11/12
 Pat Garcia with the ARDC
 will be speaking on
 Dementia and Support for
 care givers

Join Us
**THANKSGIVING
 SERVICE**
 Tuesday November 26
 @ 6:30p

Meeting

NEXT MEETING OF . . .

- Birchwood Food Pantry Open.Nov. 4 & 18, 10:30-12:30pm**
- Worship & Music Team.Nov. 4, 10:00am**
- Women of TrinityNov. 9, 10:00am**
- Men's Ministry of TrinityNov. 21, 6:30pm**
- Trinity Council MeetingNo Council Mtg**

A letter from our Associate Pastor November 2024

"Give thanks in all circumstances for this is God's will for you!"

It's God's will for us to give thanks in all things, because thankfulness fights against bitterness and negativity! Giving thanks helps us to focus on God and what He has done for us!

The most amazing gift that God has given us is the gift of salvation through His Son, Jesus! Roman's 8:32 says, "*He Who did not spare His own Son, but gave Him up for us all, how will He not also, along with Him, graciously give us all things.*" All things in this verse means everlasting life in heaven where there is no more death, sorrow, crying, pain, or sickness!

In Christ we are:

"Blessed" - Ephesians 1:3

"Chosen" - Ephesians 1:3

"Redeemed" - Ephesians 1:7

"Lavished" with God's love, grace and favor" - Ephesians 1:8

God has given us thousands of promises of when we can be thankful!

Next time that you are tempted to focus on the negative, focus instead on a wonderful promise from God's Word and it will bring a refreshing attitude of gratitude and Thanksgiving!

I give thanks for you and remember you in my prayers!

Pastor Barb



Women of Trinity – October Happenings

Hold on to your hat – the Fall winds are blowing, and Trinity Lutheran Church is going into high gear with Fall and Christmas events!



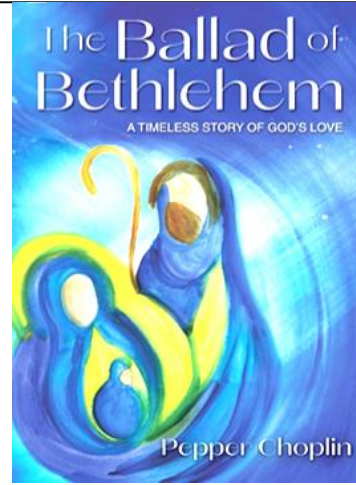
Upcoming Dates of Note:

- ◆ November 9 – Operation Christmas Child Shoebox assembly after WOT meeting. Everyone is invited! This is a great family opportunity! Boxes are in the Narthex for contributions. WOT also donated for the purchase of shoebox items.
- ◆ November 9 – Piano/Violin Recital at 2 pm with dessert reception. Will be requesting dessert contributions for the recital.
- ◆ November 12 – Snacks and Facts at 2 pm (ADRC on Dementia Caregivers) Patryce Garcia will give a presentation.
- ◆ November 20 – Lefse Making at 9am. Even if you've never seen a lefse, join the fun and laughter!
- ◆ November 24 – Lefse Sale
- ◆ December 5 – Make chili and set up for Christmas Fest Chili and Craft Sale at 9am
- ◆ December 7 – Christmas Fest Chili and Craft Sale. A poster will be created to show the many organizations WOT donate to from the proceeds of these sales.
- ◆ December 7 – Red Cedar Choir Concert at St. Joseph's Catholic Church at 2 pm and 7 pm.
- ◆ December 10 – Snacks and Facts at 2 pm (ADRC representative on A Healthy Mind). Julie Bever will give a presentation.
- ◆ December 14 – WOT Meeting followed by pizza! We will fill cookie boxes for shut-ins and set up for Bake Sale
- ◆ December 15 – Bake Sale
- ◆ December 15 – Christmas Cantata at 2 pm with dessert reception and Bake Sale

CALLING ALL WOMEN OF TRINITY! Our next meeting is November 9, at 10 am! Please join us for fellowship, support of our sisters and our church, and planning future events!



LEFSE ROLLERS NEEDED – Wednesday, November 20, at 9 am. If you've never made lefse, we'll teach you! If you're an old hand – bring your gear! Anyone who has flour sack towels, please bring those.



CHRISTMAS CANTATA – MARK YOUR CALENDARS! DECEMBER 15, AT 2 PM WITH RECEPTION TO FOLLOW!

Make Quilt Tops at Home

Do you enjoy sewing but aren't able to join us on Mondays for quilting? Here's your chance to get involved at home and still make a difference in the lives of those less fortunate.

If you're interested in sewing blocks together, grab a bag with the pre-cut squares (5-1/2" or 10-1/2") and follow the included directions. Once sewn together, return the finished top to one of the quilters or to Julie in the office. We'll then add batting back it, stitch it closed, tie it, and add it to the rest of the beautiful quilts sent to Lutheran World Relief.

We'd love to have you be a part of the quilting group, even if you're not able to join us in person.

Quilting is held every Monday throughout the year in the Fellowship Hall starting at 9 a.m. If, by chance, you're able to join us and plan to stay into the afternoon, bring a lunch.

Come hear hymns like you haven't heard before! A special music experience will be presented on November 9, at Trinity Lutheran Church with the piano-violin duo, Weber St John. The duo was born from an unexpected Craigslist connection between musician and composer Kurt Weber, inspired by his time overseas in the US Army, and Ash St John, a classically trained violinist.

Since their first meeting in 2020, they've bonded over a shared love of music and their faith in Jesus. Specializing in classical arrangements of popular hymns, they see their music as a way to serve Jesus and bring joy to others, it is their joy to share their gift whenever and wherever they can.

The free concert starts at 2 pm and will be followed by a dessert reception. A free-will donation is accepted.

WEBER / ST JOHN

Harmony In Faith

A Lutheran Hymn Experience



**Saturday
2 PM
9 November
2024**

Reception afterward

LEARN MORE

More information at www.weberstjohn.com

Trinity Lutheran Church



SECRET SISTERS

It's not too late to sign up to be a Secret Sister this year!

What's a Secret Sister, you ask? She is a sister in Christ who SECRETLY prays for and SECRETLY sends periodic notes or cards of encouragement to another sister in Christ.

Fill out one of the cards at the Welcome Center and turn it into the church office by NOV 3.

Then you will receive the name of your Secret Sister for the year.

The Secret Sister Reveal Luncheon will be Oct 11, 2025!

ANNUAL MEETING

November 17 ✦ After Worship
Elections – 2025 Budget

The Quilters were busy this year making quilts for Lutheran World Relief. They were able to send 73 quilts!!



Missions & Outreach will be partnering with Thrivent will continue collecting canned goods and nonperishable food items for the Birchwood food pantry. Bring your items!



Trunk or treat continued

November 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 OFFICE CLOSED	2
3 8a Text Study 9a Worship w/communion	4 9:00a Quilters 10 a WMMT Mtg 10:30a-12:30p—Food Pantry Open 1p Christian Life Mtg 3:30p Women's Bible Study 7p AA, Fellowship Hall	5	6 6:30a Men's Bible study 7p Choir Rehearsal 8p PT Rehearsal	7 10a Women's Bible Study 6p Divine Drama	8 OFFICE CLOSED	9 10a WOT Mtg Shoebox Assembly 2p Piano/Violin Recital
10 8a Text Study 9a Worship w/communion	11 9a Quilters 3:30p Women's Bible Study 7p AA, Fellowship Hall	12 2p Snacks & Facts	13 6:30a Men's Bible study 7p Choir Rehearsal	14 10a Women's Bible Study 6p Divine Drama	15 OFFICE CLOSED	16
17 8a Text Study 9a Worship w/communion Love Fund/Food Pantry Offering	18 9a Quilters 10:30a-12:30p—Food Pantry Open 3:30p Women's Bible Study 7p AA, Fellowship Hall	19 Journey Deadline	20 9a Lefse making 6:30a Men's Bible study 7p Choir Rehearsal	21 10a Women's Bible Study 6p Divine Drama 6:30p Men's Ministry Mtg	22 OFFICE CLOSED	23
24 8a Text Study 9a Worship w/communion Prayer Shawl Sunday	25 9a Quilters 3:30p Women's Bible Study 7p AA, Fellowship Hall	26 6:30p Thanksgiving Service 	27 6:30a Men's Bible study 7p Choir Rehearsal	28 HAPPY THANKSGIVING OFFICE CLOSED	29 OFFICE CLOSED	

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The JOURNEY November 2024

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Sunday School	9am (Sept – May)
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.



September Worship Services

Nov 3 — Worship w/communion @ 9 am

Nov 10 — Worship w/communion @ 9 am

Nov 17 — Worship w/communion @ 9 am

Nov 24— Worship w/communion @ 9 am

Nov 26— Worship Thanksgiving Service 6:30p

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

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

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