

# The JOURNEY — Walking Daily with Jesus

From Pastor’s Desk:

*“Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.” James 1:17*

Grace and Peace to you from God the Father and from our risen Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

As I am writing this, I am sitting in my office where I see that the leaves are beginning to change already. This summer has flown by in a blink of an eye, and fall is upon us. I have found that change is generally a good thing. Generally. There have certainly been instances in my time with you this past year when changes have taken place which have been heart wrenching: Covid, illness or deaths of friends and family, and relationship conflicts of all sorts. Yes, change is not always pleasant.

However, even in these changes, we have seen the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ shine through, as he has promised *“And behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the world.”* You see, even though we may encounter change all around us, we have one constant: the Word of God, Jesus Christ. We may feel wearied by waves of change battering us from every side, but we still find assurance that Jesus Christ is our one, sure hope, even amongst the storm of change. *“More than the sounds of many waters; Than the mighty breakers of the sea; The LORD on high is mighty.”* (Psalm 93:4)

Blessings on you as we move into this new season of autumn, and as we begin all of the new opportunities in this season.

In Christ,

Pastor Dan

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## A Letter from Council President

At the time I'm writing this article, our favorite NFL teams failed to bring us a victory in the season opener. Whether you are a Packer fan or a Viking fan, our team failed to play together as a team. To get a victory the offense needs to score, defense needs to prevent the other team from scoring and special teams needs to put the team in position to win the game. All parts of the team need to do their jobs for the team to be successful. Paul's Epistle to the Romans, tells us God's design about how people should work together.

*For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function, so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another. Romans 12:4-5*

Paul is comparing service to the church and one another to the human body. The human body cannot function without eyes or ears or legs or hearts. This example is used to point out the significance of every single member of the church. This should be a model for TLC. Every single member is needed and wanted. We have many different ministries with different functions in our church, with the purpose:

*"To be a people that know, love and share Christ."*

These ministries work together as the body of TLC. The many ministries we have take time and talent and people. Un-

fortunately, we are short on enough ministry team members to operate some of these ministries efficiently. We have a small, great core of members that are serving in many of these ministries, but we need your help. We are short staffed. I believe every TLC member is called by God to serve in some capacity in His church. Our vision to reach out to our families, neighbors and communities during these times is crucial and critical. The need is great. Recently we formalized our men's group, The Carpenter's Sons of Trinity (the new name for the Men's group). At our first meeting, the men made a list of physical needs our brothers and sisters in our church and community have. This list is specific and does not cover all the needs.

When you read worship bulletins and monthly Journey newsletters, there are many pleas for volunteers for worship assistants and for special activities like Vacation Bible School, Rummage Sale and Fall Fest. In addition, many of our ministry teams have one or two persons running their programs. Our present teams are Worship and Music, Missions and Outreach, Fellowship, Education Youth and Family, Evangelism, Stewardship, Congregational Care, Operations and Women of Trinity. I'm sure we could all find a team we could be part of. Everyone has talent and skills that can be used by these teams. Staffing of these teams is critical for us to fulfill our mission and vision. Without your help we might not be able to complete certain things that God wants us to do.

At my previous congregation, when Cyn-di and myself went through new members classes, we were given a jigsaw puzzle piece. The point of giving us a puzzle piece was that each member was part of the church and if we were missing the whole puzzle wouldn't be completed. Each of you are a puzzle piece here at TLC. We aren't complete without you.

These Christian quotes about teamwork say it all.

- † "Teamwork makes the dream work.
- † "Teamwork divides the task and multiplies the success."
- † "Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much."

So, we are hoping you all will say, "Put me in coach I'm ready to play!" Contact ministry team leaders or the church office for information on these ministry teams.

May the Holy Spirit place a special anointing on your calling for service.

Yours in Christ, *Jim McGraw*



**HAITI'S CHILDREN, INC. FOUNDER PROVIDES UPDATE**



Gladys Mungo has been coming to Trinity since 2015. In those 6 years she has only missed 2 times. Once for her own health issues and another because of Covid.

Every visit she has a more dire report of what goes on in Haiti. This year without a doubt has been the most challenging.

The Haitian government has always been shaky and corrupt at best. To make matters worse the Haitian president was assassinated

by Columbian mercenaries. The 26 Columbian are being held in Haiti and Columbia is demanding their return. Unrest has always been the way of life in Haiti.

Roads are being closed until huge ransoms are paid. The last ransom was \$100,000. Roving gangs rule most everything. Ransom was paid and roads were open for a few days and then closed again.

Gladys' workers that are Haitian are managing to keep things going. They fear for her safety if she returns. Kidnapping is always a threat there. She jokes that if she was kidnapped (mostly just because she is American) no one would be able to pay the ransom!

After every one of Gladys' visits, I'm left with a feeling of shock at what goes on in Haiti. But also, how grateful we can be that our lives are not a daily struggle to stay alive or watch our children suffer in any way.

Gladys has taken on the attitude that the future is in the hands of children. Haitian Children Inc (Gladys' organization) "Longs to see the next generation prosper and excel to become leaders in their nation."

The families live in extreme poverty. They live on less than \$3/day. Their homes usually have no electricity or water and they go to bed hungry most nights. That's why the children are fed a healthy, nutritious meal every school day.

Sponsorship includes tuition to attend school, provide school supplies, school books and supply a hot meal.

This year there was a need for black dress shoes which are needed to complete their school uniform. Gladys left Trinity this year with 30 pairs of assorted black shoes!

The collection jar that sat on the table with the shoes during Fall Fest made \$85 to go towards shipping!

The best gift that can be given to Gladys and Haiti Children Inc is PRAYERS! Continue to raise up Gladys and all of Haiti in your prayers!!

A phrase that is often repeated is "Thank you for the assistance needed to grow and develop into the person God intended me to be."

# Fall Fest



## October WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

	Oct 3 (10:00 am)	Oct 10 (10:00 am)	Oct 17 (10:00 am)	Oct 24 (10:00 am)	Oct 31 (10:00 am)
<b>GREETERS</b>	Wally & Kathy Thom	Eleanor Kuula	Alyce & Steve Tracey	Dan & Jackie Healy	Cheri & Eric Anderson
<b>USHERS</b>	Janet Schieffer Wally Thom	Janet Schieffer Wally Thom	Janet Schieffer Wally Thom	Janet Schieffer Wally Thom	Janet Schieffer Wally Thom
<b>COMM. ASSTS</b>	Kathy Thom Julie Sunderland	<b>NEED 2</b>	June Bibeau Karen Scott	Kathy Thom <b>NEED 1</b>	<b>NEED 2</b>
<b>READER</b>	Gloria Widiker	Carol Addington	Donnarae Carrell	Dianne Buxton	Sue Capra

### THURSDAY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Thursday Morning Women's Bible Study has begun a new study on the book of Galatians.

But it isn't too late to join! The group meets at 10:00 am in the Trinity Room. All women are welcome to join!



## BIBLE STUDY

Our Women's 6 pm Monday night Bible Study is being held on Monday's at 6:00p  
 The texts for the following Sunday will be printed in the bulletin so you can study them throughout the week.  
 Have a wonderful fall season!

*"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



Kathy Thom	10/01	Al Widiker	10/14
Alyssa Langham	10/02	Christian Lindow	10/22
Jolene Scribner	10/04	Dawson Flora	10/22
Kenya Anderson	10/05	Steve Kotel	10/22
Kevin Sweeney	10/09	Joanne Schilling	10/24
Alex Roppe	10/11	Mike Rubin	10/26
Benda Mackey	10/12	Dan Dahl	10/26
John Kristensen	10/13	Katrina Gustafson	10/30
		Jacob Colbert	10/30

### 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.



# Meeting

### NEXT MEETING OF . . .

- Birchwood Food Pantry Open. . . . . 10:30-12:30pm Oct. 3, 17**
- Worship & Music Team. . . . . 10 am, Oct. 4**
- Women of Trinity . . . . . 10 am, Oct. 9**
- Trinity Council Meeting. . . . . 6:30 pm, Oct. 19**

### Trinity Lutheran Church August Treasurer's Report

#### Summary

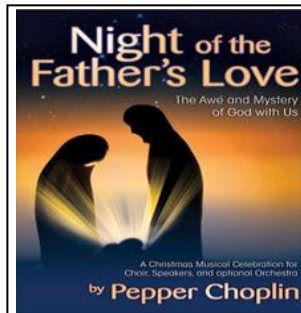
August 2021 results were satisfactory. Income was up from July and more than the average budgeted monthly amount, while expenses were higher than planned. We brought in \$58.50 more than we spent.

Income for August, 2021 was over plan at about \$15,800, against our plan of \$14,700. Expenses for the month were over plan at about \$15,800 versus a monthly plan of \$14,700. This was partially driven by the repair and replacement of computers.

For the year, TLC has brought in about \$5,400 more than has been spent. Thanks again to all members for their continued generosity in 2021.



Respectfully submitted, Mike Rubin, Treasurer



**CHRISTMAS CANTATA REHEARSALS** will begin October 13 at 7 pm, followed by the regular Trinity Choir rehearsal at 8 pm. So if you just want to sing the cantata, come join us at 7! The cantata will be performed on December 12, during the worship service.

Trinity will be hosting The Red Cross for a blood drive on October 15, from 11am-5pm.

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](http://www.redcross.org).



### Have you ever been asked the question: "What do Lutherans believe?"

It is a valid question, and one that many of us cannot answer completely. Beginning on Sunday, October 3, Pastor will be hosting a study on "What Lutherans Believe". The study will run from 8:45 to 9:45 before morning worship services, and will be a study on the Augsburg Confession. All are welcome to attend, but those considering membership at Trinity are highly encouraged to participate in this study. Please join us! Coffee will be available during the studies.

**Confirmation:** If you know of a young person who is interested in Confirmation, please contact Pastor Dan. Confirmation classes will begin on Sunday, October 3rd at 11:30. Please feel free to contact Pastor Dan or Julie at the church if you have any questions.

### KIDS COSTUME PARADE

October 31<sup>st</sup> @ 2 pm

We love our heroes and kids love to dress up!  
All children are invited to dress up as their favorite hero or character October 31<sup>st</sup> to walk Main Street, Birchwood, WI.  
No registration required.



Can't wait to see all your cool costumes!

...and be sure to visit Trinity Lutheran Church after the parade for

### TRUNK-OR-TREAT at 2:30 pm!

*If your child is participating in the parade, please meet at the Birchwood School parking lot at 1:45 p.m. Children 12 and under require an adult to walk with them. Kid and faith friendly costumes are encouraged.*

## Women of Trinity



Our meeting was held on September 14, at 6:30. There were 6 women in attendance.

Cards to shut-ins/members not able to come or are

South for the winter. Cards to be sent in March, June, September and December meetings

Pink Box project will be held on October 9<sup>th</sup> after the morning WOT meeting.

Child care could be provided for our meetings. Would need to know in advance if there is a need.

Kitchen cleaning—table until October

Continue to review the WOT yearly booklet. Look for members unable to assist at this time and incorrect contact information.

Great rummage sale. Thanks to the set-up crew, lunch crew and pack up crew. Sale made at least \$2119.45. We discussed additional advertising and adjusting the quantity of food for 2022.

Making lefse in November. Perhaps on November 18 and sell on Sunday, November 21. Joanne will ask Karen Scott if she can help with this.



October meeting—will discuss bake sale and crafts for December.

Sign up sheet for providing meal for the youth is in the narthex.

Need helpers to assist the youth at the Fall Festival on September 25—sign up in narthex.

Inspirational speaker possibility for future consideration—Diane Brask

Our next meeting will be October 9, 2021 at 10 AM

## Winter 2021 Propane Challenge

Although it is hard to picture, winter will soon be upon us!

In preparation for the cold weather, in August we paid our Propane Winter Fill which was **\$5000**. As you can imagine, \$5000 puts a big hole in our finances.

But, good news, as we did last year, we have had several members offer a challenge grant to the congregation to help us pay this large bill.

We have had half - **\$2500** – offered as the matching amount. So, for every dollar that our congregation provides to the fund, a dollar will be matched from this matching amount.

Participation is easy. Add a check to your envelope or send a check directly to Julie in the office and the amount will be credited to your number and be added to the fund.

We will track the challenge progress as we did last year, with a chart in the narthex and updates in the Journey and bulletins.

The good news is that by the time this winter fill season is complete, the year 2022 will be here and it will be spring!

# October 2021

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>SATURDAY</b>
					1  <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	2
3 8:45-9:45a Adult Sunday School 10a - Worship 11:30 Confirmation Class	4 10:30a-12:30p—Food Pantry Open  6:00 pm MONDAY NIGHT Women's Bible Study  7p—AA, Fellowship Hall	5	6  4:30p-The Cross  7 pm Choir  8 pm Praise Team	7  10:00 Women's Bible study	8  <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	9  WOT Meeting 10 am
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*Ashley Beffa, Youth & Family*

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Bulletin deadline 9 am Tuesdays  
JOURNEY deadline Monday - 3<sup>rd</sup> week of the month

### **SUNDAY WORSHIP THIS MONTH**

10/03— 10 am Worship w/ Communion

10/10— 10 am Worship w/Communion

10/17— 10 am Worship w/Communion

Love Fund Offering

10/24— 10 am Worship w/Communion

Prayer Shawl Sunday

10/31— 10 am Worship w/Communion

### **KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS**

Debbie Davis	Rebecca Langham	Carter Sackmann
Annette Gentile	Ed Leader	Timothy Wallace
Andy Hedman	Lora	Elaine Yndestad
Barb Hinderman	Sharon Mackey	Donna Willis
Eunice Kuntz	Rusty Morrell	
Roy Kuula	Tracy Reid	
Joan Kuula	Bill Rice	
Joyce Lambrecht	Ro Sackmann	

***In the military:*** Rigil Christensen, Rochelle Fabrizio, Tim Groth, John Hughes, Cody Davis, Bennett Jorgensen and all those serving in the military.