

The JOURNEY — Walking Daily with Jesus

From the Pastors Desk, Oct 2025

Daniel 2:21 *“He changes times and seasons; he removes kings and sets up kings...”*

Here we are in October already. The evenings are getting cooler. The air-conditioning no longer needs to run. The sun is positioned just a bit more to the south. The season has changed from summer to fall.

For some of us, season changes bring life changes as well. For the kids, it is a new school year. There will be moves to new schools, which means having to make new friends and get to know new teachers. It is a time of change and growth.

Others are entering college or vocational schools, while some join the military. Each of these bring changes not only for the young person, but to the families who must learn to “let go” of their son or daughter and get used to life without their constant presence in the home.

As I write this, Gelene and I have been visited by four of the grandchildren for a few days. While they are good kids, their presence in our normally quiet household reminds me of the change of seasons in our lives as well. What was a normal level of activity for us when our children were young now brings a level of exhaustion that we have not known before as our grandchildren run us ragged.

As I was reading the book of Daniel this morning, verse 2:21 jumped out at me. I was reminded that God is in charge of all of the seasons. Not only the seasons of the year, but the seasons of our lives as well. Each of them is ordered by God. Every season has its own challenges, just as each is full of its own blessings.

When we were younger, how many of us had a tendency to wish away the seasons? We wasted time looking forward to the next season, thinking that the next one would bring more freedom, more money, more power, more leisure.

For me, the greatest blessing in the changing seasons of life has been to see that God is always present, to know that He is a God of order, not chaos. To know that He is in charge of every season brings a comfort that goes beyond description. I find great comfort in knowing the He is in control of every situation and that whatever changes the season may bring into my life, my final destination remains the same. By faith, I have forgiveness of sin and eternal life with the Lord Jesus Christ. This is not only God’s gift to me, but it is an assurance given for all who believe in His name.

By faith, we can march boldly go into each new season, with joy and assurance that while the season may change, God’s promises never change. In Jesus’ name.

Pastor Dan

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In an interview with CBSNews.com, Matthew DeBoer, Principal of Annunciation Catholic School in Minneapolis was asking for politicians and authorities to take action to prevent any additional school shootings. He was quoted saying, "It's my hope that, like we said yesterday, when you pray, move your feet." That phrase, "When you pray, move your feet," has united the Annunciation community in the days since the tragedy. This phrase hit home with me. How many times have I said I would pray for someone and that is where it ended. Don't get me wrong, prayer is the most powerful action we can take, but sometimes the Holy Spirit is asking us to do something more. This interview spurred me on to see what the Bible says about praying and taking action. I found this article, 45 Top Bible Verses About Prayer and Action (with Related Verses) on ChrisitanityPath.com.

Prayer is a powerful tool that helps us connect with God, but it's also important to take action in our lives. Many Bible verses remind us that faith and deeds go hand in hand. We can talk to God and ask for guidance, but we must also be ready to follow His direction. By combining prayer with action, we can make a real difference in our lives and the lives of others. Today, we will look at some inspiring Bible verses that highlight the relationship between prayer and action. These verses can motivate us to pray earnestly and to act courageously. Let's see how we can grow in our faith and make positive changes through both prayer and action!

"But someone will say, 'You have faith; I have deeds.' Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by my deeds." – James 2:18

"For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them." – Ephesians 2:10

Sounds like Principal DeBoer might have been thinking about James 2:17 in his interview. "In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead."

One of our statements of purpose in TLC's Constitution is "to participate in God's mission, this congregation as a part of the Church shall serve in response to God's love to meet human needs, caring for the sick and the needy, in accordance with Christ's words found in Matt. 15:35-40" To meet this purpose, your TLC's leaders are working to establish our Stephen Ministry here at TLC. This is a ministry immersed in prayer and physically coming alongside hurting people, giving them the Christian care they need. Soon, we would like to schedule another [Stephen Minister](#) training course. The training program does an excellent job of preparing trainees to become caregivers. Please read the Stephen Ministry-Real Ministry Real Difference article in this newsletter. It contains a testimony from Steve Feith who saw a Stephen Ministry presentation and was eventually touched by the Holy Spirit to become a Stephen Minister. If the Holy Spirit is touching your heart like He did with Steve Feith, and you want more information about your TLC's Stephen Ministry program, please contact Pastor Dan, Gelene Tabor, or Jim McGraw. We would be happy to give you more information about the ministry. No pressure or commitment for just asking questions. Sometimes Christ is asking us to do something that we don't think we are capable of. Sometimes we are. We'll never know unless we move our feet.

Have a blessed Fall.

Jim





OCTOBER-SUNDAY WORSHIP ASSISTANTS



	Oct 5 9:00a	Oct 12 9:00a	Oct 19 9:00a	Oct 26 9:00a
GREETERS	Ida Jahnke	Terri Freeman	Char Mohns	Eldon & Joanne Kvale
USHERS	Mike Capra Kevin Ploessl	Rob Freeman Wally Thom	Wes Mohns Steve Tracey	John Schieffer Chad Preble
COMM. ASSTS	Dan Dahl	Ellen Ehrich	Pat Mackey	Joanne Schilling
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10/1 Kathy Thom
10/5 Kenya Anderson
10/12 Brenda Mackey
10/14 Al Widiker
10/25 Joanne Schilling
10/26 Dan Dahl
10/26 Mike Rubin
10/30 Katrina Gustafson



10/3 Eric & Cheri Anderson
10/3 John & Janet Schieffer

Christmas ALREADY?! Well, yes, for Cantata (a fancy word for musical!) singers, Christmas is just around the corner . . . so mark your calendars for OCTOBER 8, for the first Cantata rehearsal.

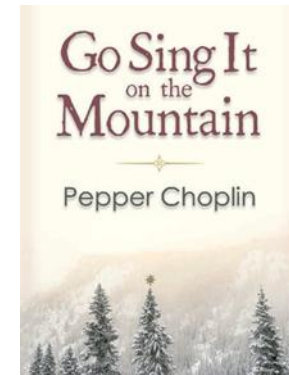
This is the perfect opportunity for those who aren't able to make the year-long commitment to sing with the Trinity Choir.

If you want to a Choir, just show up on October 8, at 1 pm — no auditions required!

The birth of Jesus is a scene of awe-inspiring humility: God in human form, born in a lowly manger for our salvation. Pepper Choplin's distinctive, folk-infused musical style is particularly well-suited to capture this story. Employing a highly-inventive mixture of mountain melodies, folk hymns, spirituals, familiar carols, and original music that is sure to surprise and delight, *Go Sing It on the Mountain* proclaims the good news from the prophet Isaiah's proclamation, *Comfort, O comfort my people*, to the final exuberant celebration: *Joy to the World! Christ is born!*

The Cantata will be performed on Sunday, December 14, at 2 pm, followed by a dessert reception.

Questions? Ask Joanne . . . 715-651-4875.



WOMEN OF TRINITY! MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

The Secret Sister Big Reveal Luncheon will be held **OCTOBER 4, 2025**.

For those who have been praying for their secret sisters, this is when they reveal themselves!

And it is also the time when those who haven't participated in this heart-warming program can be assigned a secret sister for 2025-2026!

It is a fun time with lunch, laughs, and love for our sisters in Christ! All women are invited!



Meeting

NEXT MEETING OF . . .

Birchwood Food Pantry Open. **Oct 6 & 20, 10:30a-12:30p**
Women of Trinity **Oct 4, 10:00a**
Worship & Music Team. **Oct 6, 9:00a**
Christian Life Meeting. **Oct 6, 10:30a**
Trinity Council Meeting **Oct 21, 6:30p**



Trinity Lutheran Church Spotlight

Each month we will highlight a TLC member and learn more about them - their background, any hobbies or little-known facts they might like to share!

Name: Marcia Kampf

Place of Birth: Wausau, WI

of Siblings: 3 - two sisters and one brother (one sister is deceased)

How did you meet your spouse? Gary was teaching in Wausau, and we met at a party.

How long were you married? 49 $\frac{1}{2}$ years before he passed away.

Kids (or nieces/nephews)/Grand/Great-Grands: 3 kids - 2 sons and a daughter, 8 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren

What are some jobs you've had? I worked at Dairy Queen in my teens and later at insurance companies doing rating (before computers). I then worked in the business office for medical doctors and retired as a Clinic manager.

Hobbies: I knit and read books.

Fun Fact: I played the string bass in the orchestra in Jr. and Sr. High School and in college.

Name: Carol Addington

Place of Birth: Minneapolis

of Siblings: 0

How did you meet your spouse? Singing in the Minneapolis Bob Manske Choraliers

How long were you married? 59 years (he passed away just before our 60th anniversary.)

Kids (or nieces/nephews)/Grand/Great-Grands: 2 daughters What are some jobs you've had? I've been in education all my life as a paraprofessional and with church choirs. My favorite work was with the Snowbird Chorus in Destin, FL, which I did for 12 years. My husband, Bill, wrote their theme song, A Snowbird Chorus, which is still used today.

Hobbies: Anything music! I moved here in 1993 and used to direct the choir at the Presbyterian Church. I was also one of the choir directors at Trinity Lutheran Church!

Fun Facts: I started the Summer School program at Birchwood school as well as the Community Education Program and Book Buddies. I love that two of the staff at Cambridge Senior Living were my Book Buddies and now have children of their own!



When we face hard times!

We all face hard times in our lives, whether it's something seemingly small like a stressful day, a troubling medical diagnosis or loss of a loved one. The Bible is a source of strength and courage, and we can look to it in times of crises to help get us through dark times.

Bookmark these verses about courage and turn to them when you're uncertain or afraid. You may be surprised at how quickly they can instill confidence and, yes, courage! Turning to the wisdom of the scripture is one of the best things we can do to be settled and find peace. Let His Truth bring freedom to your soul!

Psalm 23:4

"Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me."

John 14:17

"Peace, I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid."

Psalm 56:3-4

"When I am afraid, I put my trust in you. In God, whose word I praise, in God I trust; I shall not be afraid. What can flesh do to me?"

Ephesians 6:10

"Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might."

1 Corinthians 16:13

"Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong."

Isaiah 41:10

"So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."

2 Timothy 1:7

"For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and a sound mind."

Psalm 27:14

"Wait for the Lord; be strong and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!"

Matthew 14:27

"Jesus said to them: 'Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid.'"

Jesus speaks to us through His Word. Be free and be blessed!
Peace be with you!
Pastor Barb

stephen MINISTRY **Real Ministry, Real Difference**
Having served as a Stephen Minister myself, I always enjoy talking with other Stephen Ministers. When I met Steve Feith, I was moved by his story of discipleship, ministry, and transformation. So, I got his permission to share it with you. —Joel Bretscher | Program Director | Stephen Ministries St. Louis

Steve Feith: *I'm a retired naval officer in Fernandina Beach, Florida. I'm married, with two children and four grandchildren. I love to ride my motorcycle and play golf. I was sitting in church one Sunday several years ago, and our Stephen Leaders announced they would be starting a new Stephen Minister training class in a few months and were inviting men and women to consider becoming part of this ministry. It sounded interesting, but my first thought was, I don't know about this—I'm just not into emotional stuff. As a senior Navy officer, I constantly had people coming to me with problems—all kinds of problems—and it was my job to fix them. So, feelings often went into the bottom drawer of the dresser. My approach was always: Just tell me the facts so I can fix the problem and move on to the next one. But after that worship service, I found myself stopping by the Stephen Ministry table and picking up information. I took it home, read it, and stuck it in a drawer. Then, for the next few months, the Holy Spirit just kept hitting me on the back of the head. And I kept saying, "Go away. I don't have time for this. It's not for me." But the Holy Spirit kept working on me. So, I finally got the Stephen Ministry information out of the drawer, took a deep breath, and filled out the application. I answered every question truthfully, but I was thinking, Here I am, a cigar smoking, straight-talking motorcycle rider. They're not going to want me. I might be a little bit too rough for this. Well, I turned in the application, they asked me to meet with them, and we talked about Stephen Ministry. Later they called and said, "We think you'd make a great Stephen Minister. We'd like you to join our training." So, I sort of looked up to God and said, "Okay, Lord, if you really think someone like me can do something like this, I'm yours. I'll give it a go."*

Stephen Ministry is a lay caring ministry being used by Trinity Lutheran Church to increase care and outreach to hurting people. Through Stephen Ministry, we are able to equip and empower a team of laypeople—Stephen Ministers—who provide one-to-one, Christ-centered care to people experiencing grief, unemployment, hospitalization, divorce, financial stress, a terminal illness, or other life difficulties.

If the Holy Spirit is touching your heart like He did with Steve Feith, and you want more information about your TLC's Stephen Ministry. Please contact Pastor Dan, Gelene Tabor, or Jim McGraw. We would be happy to give you more information about the ministry. No pressure or commitment for just asking questions.

Women of Trinity – September Happenings

After a Summer break – we're ready to launch into Fall!

- The **Annual Rummage Sale** was held September 5 & 6 and was extremely successful with proceeds from the sale totaling \$2336! This fundraiser allows Women of Trinity to financially assist the many organizations we support. Thanks to the Men of Trinity for all their help and for all who made it happen!

- The **Secret Sister Luncheon** will be held October 4th, after the Women of Trinity meeting. Secret Sisters is in its 3rd year. Women are paired up and asked to pray for each other throughout the year, occasionally sending notes or cards of encouragement. Join us for The BIG REVEAL and consider being a Secret Sister yourself next year if you haven't participated before! Sign-up postcards and a sign-up sheet for salads and desserts are at the Welcome Center.

- **Craft making for the Christmas Fest** will be on September 25th from 1-4pm. Please join us for a fun afternoon putting together crafts for our sale!

- Upcoming Dates:

- † Trunk or Treat is Saturday, Oct. 25 from 1-3pm.
- † Lefse Making – in November, date TBD.
- † Christmas Fest Chili & Craft Fair – Dec 6.
- † Christmas Bake Sale – Dec 14, in conjunction with the Christmas Cantata. Set up on Dec. 13, following the WOT meeting and filling shut-in cookie boxes.

CALLING ALL WOMEN OF TRINITY! Our next meeting is **October 4, 2025**, at 10:00am! Please join us for fellowship, support of our sisters and our church, and planning future events!

Dessert and Coffee will be served!

SNACKS AND FACTS

Second Tuesday at 2 pm

Learn about what the Benjamin House has to offer.

Scotlyn will present information and answer questions.

October 14, 2025, at 2 pm

Trinity Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall

Birchwood, WI

Join in a short Devotion.

Everyone Welcome!



What a difference a day makes

Some hard work and trimming the bushes outside the church really freshened things up and let some light in. Speaking of Light the illuminated cross looks beautiful!!



October 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 6:30a Men's Bible study 8:30a Prayer 1:00p TLC Choir Reh	2 10:00a Women's Bible Study 6:30p Divine Drama	3 OFFICE CLOSED	4 10a WOT mtg 11a Secret Sister Luncheon
5 8a Text Study 9a Worship w/ communion	6 9a Quilters 9a WMMT mtg 10:30 Christian Life mtg 10:30a-12:30p—Food Pantry Open 3:30p Women's Bible Study 7p AA, Fellowship Hall	7	8 8:30a Prayer 1:00p Cantata Choir Reh 2:00p TLC Choir Reh 2:30p Praise Team Reh	9 10:00a Women's Bible Study 6:30p Divine Drama	10 OFFICE CLOSED	11
12 8a Text Study 9a Worship w/ communion	13 9a Quilters 3:30p Women's Bible Study 7p AA, Fellowship Hall	14 1:00p Stephen Ministry Mtg 2:00p Snacks & Facts	15 6:30a Men's Bible study 8:30a Prayer 1:00p Cantata Choir Reh 2:00p TLC Choir Reh	16 10:00a Women's Bible Study 6:30p Divine Drama	17 OFFICE CLOSED	18
19 9a Worship w/ communion Love Fund/Food Pantry Offering	20 9a Quilters 10:30a-12:30p—Food Pantry Open 3:30p Women's Bible Study 7p AA, Fellowship Hall	21 Journey Deadline	22 8:30a Prayer 1:00p Cantata Choir Reh 2:00p TLC Choir Reh	23 10:00a Women's Bible Study 6:30p Divine Drama	24 OFFICE CLOSED	25 1-3p Trunk or Treat
26 REFORMATION SUNDAY 8a Text Study 9a Worship w/ communion Prayer Shawl Sunday	27 9a Quilters 3:30p Women's Bible Study 7p AA, Fellowship Hall	28 6:00p BAHS mtg	29 8:30a Prayer 1:00p Cantata Choir Reh 2:00p TLC Choir Reh	30 10:00a Women's Bible Study 6:30p Divine Drama	31 OFFICE CLOSED	

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**Snacks & Facts
Oct 14 @ 2:00p
Benjamin House**



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Adult Sunday School	8am
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

Oct 5 — 9:00a worship service w/communion

Oct 12 — 9:00a worship service w/communion

Oct 19 — 9:00a worship service w/communion

Oct 26 — 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.