

# The JOURNEY — Walking Daily with Jesus

*And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.*  
(Deuteronomy 6: 6-7)

My dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Wow, the summer is almost gone! Vacations are done (well, for most everyone... Gelene and I will try to grab a couple of weeks in September). The youth are going back to school. Outdoor services are almost done for the year. Confirmation and Sunday School will be starting soon. This is a busy time in church, and so much of our energy revolves around education. For Trinity Lutheran, we seek to teach the things of God.

So much of what I have just highlighted is focused on the children, but I want for you to know that I have a heart for adult learning as well. Beginning Sunday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, we will begin to hold Adult Sunday School. The class will run from 8:45 to 9:45 a.m., allowing for us all to get to the 10 a.m. service. Coffee will be provided!

Our first topic will be “What Lutherans Believe.” This is a multi-week study of the Augsburg Confession and is the core of the beliefs of every Lutheran Church which considers itself ‘confessional’. This study will be followed by classes in other key Lutheran and Biblical teachings. It should be a good time, with good discussion.

I plan to start a Men’s Bible Study held on Wednesday mornings starting October 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 a.m., a mid-week opportunity for men to get into the Bible alongside other men, speaking about issues that we face. It is my desire to hold the study in the Fellowship Hall, with coffee and donuts provided. This should be a great time for us to dig into the Scriptures as men of God. We are told in Proverbs 27:17, “*Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another.*”

Please take time to get involved in a Bible Study. There are several to choose from here at Trinity! We have a text study that I host on Mondays @ 1 p.m. Barb hosts a text study on Monday’s @ 6:30 p.m. There is a Women’s Bible Study on Thursdays @ 10: a.m. Join us!

Blessings on your autumn season!

Pastor Dan

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### Importance of Men's Ministry

At the TLC Leadership Retreat last May, Men's Ministry was listed as a Congregational need. Why is a men's ministry important to a church? Men's Ministry International on their blog WHAT IS MEN'S MINISTRY AND WHY IT'S IMPORTANT answers that question. *"As a pastor or church leader, you must be convinced that men's ministry is essential to the vitality of the church. A well-implemented ministry to men will identify, develop and release the unique gifts of men into the life and service of the church. Men's ministry intentionally draws men to God and to each other. By strengthening the lay leadership in the church, men's ministry serves the needs of the congregation and community. Pastors are freed to shepherd the flock, pray, teach and network with other pastors to identify needs in the local community, whereupon they can lead their men to minister to those needs."*

How do we start our men's ministry group? On August 28, the men will have or have had a startup breakfast meeting to discuss what they would like to see out of a men's group depending on when you get this newsletter. Activities, service projects, Bible Studies.

Regi Campbell blogged an article on Churchleaders.com that gives us a good resource to start. *"We believe the best way to start (or re-start) a men's ministry is through small group mentoring. Why? Because that's how Jesus did it. The Scriptures give us a good picture of how Jesus started His men's ministry..."*

1 Jesus was on purpose – He came "that they might have life and have it to the full." He gave us life...eternal life when He died on the cross for our sins. He gave us the invitation to 'life to the full' by inviting us to be others-focused and by giving us the job of making disciples. We can't fulfill our purpose through selfishness. It's only through caring for others that we can have life to the full. God must raise up someone in your church to lead here. Maybe it's you...maybe it's someone you know. Or maybe it's a prayer for Him to show you who it is.

2 Jesus handpicked a few guys – We know Jesus had far more than 12 followers, but He just picked a few to be his inner circle. We know He

prayed intensely about His choices. Our 'event' mentality is all about numbers. Bigger numbers equal more success, right? No. Jesus started small. He poured into those 12 guys and they multiplied. And multiplied. And multiplied. 3 They walked through life together – Rarely did He sit them in rows (or even around tables) and teach them stuff. When He was asked about paying taxes to Caesar, He took a coin and taught a huge life lesson. They learned 'along the way' from real-time situations and people. A core men's ministry leadership group has to 'do life together' for real bonding to happen. It can't be a canned curriculum. It has to be authentic, flexible and relevant to what's happening in their lives. 4 Jesus explained and lived Scripture – Again, it was 'along the way.' Jesus knew the Law and He brought it alive and made it relevant through His words and deeds. His guys watched Him live it out through all kinds of circumstances. In a mentoring small group, guys memorize key Scripture verses together, apply them to their lives and talk about them regularly.

5 Jesus prayed and taught them to pray – Jesus prayed with his guys, prayed for them, taught them a model prayer and then gave them a glimpse of His intimate relationship with the Father by going off to pray alone. Guys who are in community with each other know how to pray for each other...and they will.

6 A high level of commitment was required – Jesus' disciples made huge time commitments. They left their businesses and their families. There's no evidence of them not showing up. We believe a strong men's ministry begins with a small group of guys who are committed to growing in their walk. If they spend a year of intense effort under the guidance of a mentor, they'll emerge understanding how important Jesus is to them and how important the church is to Jesus.

7 It was a community – These guys traveled, ate, slept, worshiped...pretty much did everything together. Jesus was their leader and was there, but they were together, working together and challenging each other. They knew everything about each other. There's no evidence of jealousy of the 'group within the group'...Peter, James and John. The trust level was that high.

8 When you begin a men's ministry by establishing a committed community of men (six to eight to begin with), they'll replicate that community. Just as the disciples created 'ecclesias'—small gatherings of Jesus followers who became the church—these men will replicate their community with other men. This is the 'secret sauce' of building a men's ministry because men feel like they belong with the other guys in the church. It's safe...and powerful.

9 There was a defined period of time – Jesus chose these guys and poured into them for no more than three and a half years. Then He 'graduated' them...sending them out to do the work of the Gospel (Matt. 28:19-20). We've found that nine to 12 months is about the right amount of time for a group to be intensely connected. After that, it's time to send them out, which is actually sending them in to do the work of the church...to lead, love, serve and give. 10 It was about multiplication, not addition – Jesus told them up front, "Follow me and I'll make you fishers of men." From the very beginning, it was His stated intention to pass the baton. Men who experience Jesus through small group mentoring are chomping at the bit to 'pay it forward' to others. Not all of them...but enough to build from.

We have a great group of guys here at Trinity. I have had the pleasure of working with some of the Trinity guys on church projects. I have learned and grown being in Bible Studies with others. We have been able to talk and pray about life's highs and lows. We want and need all the men of Trinity to join us to fulfill our vision for this church. Each of you has skills and talents and a calling from Christ that will benefit our church and community. The success of our men's group is the responsibility of the entire church. We need all of your support and prayers. Prayers that the Holy Spirit would touch the lives of all of our men.

*"For where two or three are gathered together in My name, there am I in the midst of them."*  
Matthew 18:20

Yours in Christ, *Jim McGraw*



At the time of this writing things in Haiti are very unstable. Gladys Mungo has been sharing updates on conditions in Haiti. It has been several days since new reports have been shared.

Gladys is scheduled to visit Trinity on September 26. The Fall Fest is Saturday. Hopefully she has things to sell.

This year Haiti's Children Inc. is unable to send a shipping container full of good things back to Haiti. The black dress shoes she has asked for need to be shipped and that will be an addition cost. Planning to have a jar set up for monetary donations.

More updates will be shared as they arrive. The greatest gift for the present time is Trinity's continued prayer for the Haitian country as a whole. Pray for Gladys and the awesome work she does. Pray for the children who she brings God's Word to.

### People of the Bible

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ELIJAH	EVE	GABRIEL
JAMES	JESUS	JOHN
JOSEPH	JOSHUA	MARY
MATTHEW	MOSES	NOAH
PAUL	PETER	RUTH
SAMSON	SOLOMON	



## September WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

	Sept 5 (8:30AM)	Sept 5 (10 AM)	Sept 12 (10:00 am)	Sept 19 (10:00 am)	Sept 26 (10:00 am)
<b>GREETERS</b>	John & Janet Schieffer	Kathy & Wally Thom	Rose Cutsforth	Joanne & Eldon Kvale	Eleanor Kuula
<b>USHERS</b>	↓	LeRoy Brensel Mike Capra	Wally Thom LeRoy Brensel	Rob Freeman Kevin Sunderland	Mike Rubin Wes Mohns
<b>COMM. ASSTS</b>		Kathy & Wally Thom	Pat & Brenda Mackey	June Bibeau Karen Scott	Don & Connie Dahl
<b>READER</b>	Donnarae Carrell	Sue Capra	Carol Addington	Katrina Gustafson	Kyle Hubbard

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

The study will begin on September 16 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 will start again on **Monday, September 13.**

The texts for the following Sunday will be printed in the bulletin so you can study them throughout the week.

Have a wonderful and refreshing summer! *"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



David Dhein 9/1  
Anna Will 9/03  
Steven Kotel 9/8  
Connie Larson 9/8  
Kelsie Lavalieri 9/8  
Victoria Lindow 9/8  
Tate Nordback 9/8  
Rocky Strand 9/10  
Logen Gindt 9/12  
Becca Hedman 9/12  
Ida Jahnke 9/15

Mariah Lightner 9/16  
Brad Ivers 9/17  
Edward Leader 9/19  
Tony Kolodzinski 9/20  
Lucas Gindt 9/21  
Stan Dahl 9/22  
Barb Kleven 9/22  
Ryan Liermann 9/26  
Kyle Roppe 9/26  
Lauren Brunclik 9/29  
Payton Schultz 9/30

### 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 **Sept 6, 20**
- Worship & Music Team.** ... 10 am, **Sept 13**
- Women of Trinity.** ... 6:30pm, **Sept 14**
- Trinity Council Meeting.** ... 6:30 pm, **Sept 21**

### Trinity Lutheran Church July Treasurer's Report

Trinity Lutheran Church Monthly Treasurer's Report – Month of July 2021 Summary

July 2021 results were not positive. Income was down and less than the average planned monthly amount, while expenses were slightly higher than planned.

Income for July, 2021 was under plan at about \$12,860, against our plan of \$14,700. Expenses for the month were over plan at about \$15,500 versus a monthly plan of \$14,700. This was partially driven by the timing of labor expenses due to July having five pay periods.

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



### CHOIR & PRAISE TEAM REHEARSALS START SEPTEMBER 8

**DO YOU SING IN THE PEW?!** Then join the Choir or Praise Team! We need **NEW VOICES** in the Trinity Choir and Praise Team! **NO AUDITIONS!** And you don't need to be able to read music . . . We'll make sure you learn your part!



If you are high-school age or older, just **show up** on **September 8**, at 7 pm. The returning members will make you feel very welcome! Rehearsals run from 7- 8:30 pm, and the choir sings the first and third Sundays of each month.

The Praise Team will rehearse at 8 pm, September 8. They lead the music on the second Sunday of each month, and will start on September 12.

Questions? Call Joanne Schilling, 715-651-4875.



### TLC Fall Color ATV Ride

We are checking the level of interest our members may have in participating in a Fall Color ATV/UTV ride in the Blue Hills in mid to late September. It would give us an opportunity for fellowship and to see God's creation in its fall color glory.

There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. More information will be forthcoming as the number of interested members and the weather help us pick the date.

### 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<sup>rd</sup>, 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 it is 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 Wednesday, October 6th at 3:30. Please feel free to contact Pastor Dan or Julie at the church if you have any questions.

### Wearing of Masks Optional

Trinity Lutheran Church Council met on Tuesday evening where a major topic of discussion was the recent changes where the mandates requiring all people to wear masks have ended. While the CDC still suggests that those who are not fully vaccinated wear masks in public settings, we as leadership understand that we are unable to determine who is and is not vaccinated. As members of the body of Christ, we trust that each person will make the appropriate decisions as they come in contact with other members of Trinity.



**Help is Needed for the  
Annual Church Rummage Sale  
September 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>**

- Sponsored by the Women of Trinity. Major fund raiser of the year for annual charitable donations, including improvements to our church and church kitchen.
- Sale dates coincide with the annual Birchwood Area Rummage Sale, which will be held September 11<sup>th</sup>. We add Friday, Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> because of our large number of items.
- Drop off days have already started and are in storage, but continue to bring your items in Tuesday through Thursday, 9/8 – 9/10, to the Fellowship Hall.



- DO NOT BRING: televisions, large appliances, computers, printers, magazines or any other large items. Donations should be in clean condition.
  - Check the table outside the Fellowship Hall for your containers or they will become sale items.
  - A sign-up sheet with a list of jobs for helpers is in the narthex.
- Please consider any of these jobs.
- + Sort and display items, Sept. 8, 9, and 10.
  - + Price items
  - + Work 10 am – 1:30 pm at BBQ lunch. Serving 11am -1pm.
  - + Make bars of cookies for luncheon
  - + Organize perennials and house plants (outside) on Thursday, 9/9
  - + Set up the tool/sports section
  - + Cashiers on sale days: Four hour shifts (2 people on morning shift)
  - + Box up, clean up, after sale ends on Saturday, 9/11, 3:00 p.m.
  - + Need drivers and trucks to bring our leftovers to Rice Lake.

Please Join Us For  
**Trinity's 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual  
FALL FESTIVAL**

Free Admission • Fun for the whole family! • Youth Fundraiser

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25<sup>th</sup> @ 3 PM**



**SCARECROW CONTEST**  
*(Vote for your favorite!)*

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**Schedule of Events**

- FREE HAYRIDES
- COW CHIP BINGO (up to \$250 cash prize)
- PIE EATING CONTEST (Pre-register by 5 pm)
- FAMILY FALL PHOTOS by Erin Z Photography
- CORN ON A STICK
- CRAFTS AND BAKE SALE
- FREE KIDS GAMES & FACEPAINTING
- CONCESSIONS
- MOVIE IN THE LAWN AT DUSK – THE GREAT PUMPKIN CHARLIE BROWN
- AND MUCH MORE!!!

Registrations forms can be picked up at the church, downloaded from the website or call Julie at the office 715-354-3790 to get one by email

# September 2021

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>SATURDAY</b>
			1 4:30p-The Cross	2	3  <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	4
5 8:30 am Outdoor Worship 9:30 Coffee fellowship 10a - Worship	6 <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b> 10:30a-12:30p—Food Pantry Open <b>NO MONDAY NIGHT Woman's Bible Study</b> 7p—AA, Fellowship Hall	7 Women of Trinity meeting 6:30 pm	8 4:30p-The Cross  7 pm Choir 8 pm Praise Team	9	10  <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	11
12 10a - Worship	13 <b>WMMT mtg 10:00 am</b> 1:00 pm Text Study 6:00 pm <b>MONDAY NIGHT</b> Women's Bible Study 7p—AA, Fellowship Hall	14	15 4:30p-The Cross  7 pm Choir	16 10:00 Women's Bible study	17  <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	18
19 Love Fund/Food Pantry Offering 10a - Worship	20 10:30a-12:30p—Food Pantry Open 1:00 pm Text Study 6:00 pm <b>MONDAY NIGHT</b> Women's Bible Study 7p—AA, Fellowship Hall	21 <b>Journey Deadline</b> 6:30p - Council Meeting	22 4:30p-The Cross  7 pm Choir	23 10:00 Women's Bible study	24  <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	25
26 10a - Worship Prayer Shawl Sunday	27 1:00 pm Text Study 6:00 pm <b>MONDAY NIGHT</b> Women's Bible Study 7p—AA, Fellowship Hall	28	29 4:30p-The Cross  7 pm Choir	30		

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SEPTEMBER 25TH**



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## **September 2021**

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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

### **SUNDAY WORSHIP THIS MONTH**

- 9/05— 8:30 Outdoor early service w/communion - Coffee  
fellow ship between services 10 am Worship w/  
Communion
- 9/12 — 10 am Worship w/Communion
- 9/19 — 10 am Worship w/Communion - Love Fund Offering
- 9/26 — 10 am Worship w/Communion - Prayer Shawl Sunday

### **KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS**

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

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