

The JOURNEY — Walking Daily with Jesus

WHAT'S INSIDE

From the Pastor's Desk:

“And they were bringing children to him that he might touch them, and the disciples rebuked them. But when Jesus saw it, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the little children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.’ And he took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands on them.”(Mark 10:13-16, ESV)

What a blessing to see God answer prayers! We at Trinity Lutheran have been praying for years to have God bring an increase in the number of children partaking in this ministry. And now, we are seeing this take place right before our eyes!

Yesterday we were able to baptize another young one, Brooks, into the kingdom. This took place at our outdoor worship. What a joy to hear the sounds of the “little ones” coming to Jesus in this place.

But are we ready as a congregation for the changes that will occur with children? “Youth and Family,” are we ready for the increase in our Sunday School program? Are our dedicated Sunday School teachers ready to harness the energy of the children for Jesus? Congregation, are we ready for the increase in noise as these youngest members of the flock come to meet Jesus among us? By God’s grace, and by his power, I know that we will be.

Answered prayer. What a blessing!.

Lord God, Be with us as we minister to your children. By the power of your Holy Spirit, guide us as we minister to the “little ones” whom you have placed among us. Give us a heart for them even as you give them a heart for you. In Jesus’ name.

Pastor Dan

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Letter from Trinity President

It's Fair Time at TLC. On September 15, immediately after worship service, your TLC ministry teams will host the TLC Ministry Fair. There will be prizes, handouts, giveaways, food, and fellowship. Sounds like a fun time, right? Each ministry will have a table showcasing their ministry. Ministry team members will provide an overview of their ministry and answer any questions you may have.

This fair gives us the opportunity to get to know what our ministry teams do, who benefits from our ministries and who serves on these teams. TLC's mission statement is our guiding light on how to minister to our world based on Jesus' word and example. It reads, "We are a community brought together through God's grace and love, which seeks to grow in knowledge and faith in Jesus Christ, and reaches out in word and action to our community and beyond with the Good News of Jesus' love."

You will notice our mission is to care, nurture and equip our congregation as well as to minister to the communities outside the walls of our church. In addition, the mission statement calls us all to be a community brought together to reach out in word and action to do ministry.

Have you wondered, where could I fit in? or where would I want to serve? TLC has a wide range of volunteer opportunities that may fit your interests and God given gifts. Attending the ministry fair could answer these questions.

Think of your Trinity Family as a jigsaw puzzle with each of us representing pieces of that puzzle. If one piece is missing, the picture isn't quite complete. You are important! We need each one of you to help fulfill God's plan for this church.

"Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms."
1 Peter 4:10

"So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith." Galatians 6:10

I hope to see each one of you at the Ministry Fair in September. Do not miss the fun, food, and fellowship.

Jim McGraw



Trinity has helped out in the community, as in the past we supported the Bluegill Fest by working the Lions food booth, fun and fellowship



And speaking of fellowship we got to break in the newly updated fellowship hall!



SEPTEMBER WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

	Sept 1 9:00a	Sept 8 9:00a	Sept 15 9:00a	Sept 22 9:00a	Sept 29 9:00a
GREETERS	Terri Freeman	Alyce Tracey	Brenda Mackey	Dan & Jackie Healy	Eldon & Joanne Kvale
USHERS	Rob Freeman Wally Thom	Steve Tracey Mike Capra	Wes Mohns Rolf Kleven	Janet & John Schieffer	Tom Svitak Wes Mohns
COMML ASSTS	Ellen Ehrich	Dan Dahl	Pat Mackey	Joanne Schilling	June Bibeau
READER	Kathy Thom	Sue Capra	Donnarae Carrell	Dianne Buxton	Gloria Widiker



Joan & Don Fuller 9/12
Brenda & Pat Mackey 9/12



Ida Jahnke 9/15
Ed Leader 9/19

Join us on September 15th after worship for our Ministry Fair!! Come find out what we are all about. Find a way to serve and give back! Refreshments will be served
See you at the Fair!



You won't go hungry!!
We have a 5th Sunday in September, that means the 5th Sunday Pot Luck!!!
See you September 29!



Meeting

NEXT MEETING OF . . .

- Birchwood Food Pantry Open. Sept. 2 & 16, 10:30-12:30pm**
- Worship & Music Team. Sept 9, 10:00am**
- Women of Trinity Sept 14, 10:00am**
- Men's Ministry of Trinity Sept 19, 6:30pm**
- Trinity Council Meeting No Meeting**

A letter from our Associate Pastor

For myself, September is quite a change from busy summer activities to a major shift in church activity which starts off with our **TRINITY LUTHERAN MINISTRY FAIR** that will be on Sunday, September 15th just after our worship service in the Fellowship Hall. Quite a few members at our church have gotten excited about their involvement in various meaningful activities here at Trinity that you need to know about, so we're going to set up tables with handouts, displays to "show and tell you" about them.

Our **TRINITY LUTHERAN MINISTRY FAIR** will include booths for the women's and Men's Bible Study/ Men's operations, Trinity Women's Group, and a variety of other groups that gather here at Trinity. It's a beautiful thing.

The excitement about being at Trinity Lutheran is mounting as more and more members gather in groups for the purpose of fellowship, and outreach where we get to know each other in a faith-based setting and experience God's love and purpose for our

lives.

"For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, were one body, so it is with Christ. For in the Spirit, we were all baptized into one body" Come and join us for this very special time of getting to know your brothers and sisters in Christ, and what Trinity Lutheran church is about.

"And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together.... but encouraging one another ---and all the more as you see the Day approaching. Hebrew 10:24-25

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"The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all."

In Christ's Love,
Barb Kleven



Women of Trinity – August Happenings

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

The Annual Rummage Sale is September 6 & 7 – time to clean out those closets and go through the house for items to donate. This fundraiser allows Women of Trinity to financially assist the many organizations we support! Please consider how you can contribute to this amazing event! Donations accepted starting September 1st. The Church is closed on Labor Day. Donations will be received September 3-5th. Please no electronics and any furniture items will need to be retrieved by the owner if they don't sell. Hours on Friday will be from 8-4pm, and hours on Saturday will be from 8-3pm. BBQ lunch served both days 10a-1:30p

September 15th our church will hold a Ministry Fair! Council members will have displays showing what their groups do throughout the year. WOT will provide a Continental breakfast. What a great opportunity to see the activities of the church and pray about where you might consider joining in!

The Secret Sister Luncheon will be held October 12th after the Women of Trinity meeting. Secret Sisters is in its 2nd 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!

Operation Christmas Child shoe box packing will be after the Women of Trinity meeting November 9th. Maranatha Church will collect the boxes the week of November 18-24. Please save your average-sized shoe boxes this summer! We will start collecting for the shoeboxes the month of October. Joanne Schilling will put together a Shoebox Board for donations.

Upcoming Dates:

- Rummage Sale: September 6 & 7
- Snacks and Facts: September 10: the presenter is from Washburn ADRC
- Ministry Fair: September 15
- September 21: The Pregnancy Help Center Baby Shower Event
- October 12: WOT Meeting & the Secret Sister Luncheon and BIG REVEAL
- November 9: WOT Meeting & Operation Christmas Child shoebox packing

CALLING ALL WOMEN OF TRINITY! Our next meeting is September 14 at 10:00am! Please join us for fellowship, support of our sisters and our church, and planning future events!



Trinity Lutheran Church will continue its new worship schedule this fall, with Adult Sunday School from 8-8:45 am, and the worship service at 9 am. On the fifth Sunday of the months of September, December, and March, worship will be followed by a potluck-style brunch. Join us for worship and bring your favorite brunch dish to share! The church is located at 501 E. Chetac Avenue. Questions? Call 715-354-3790.



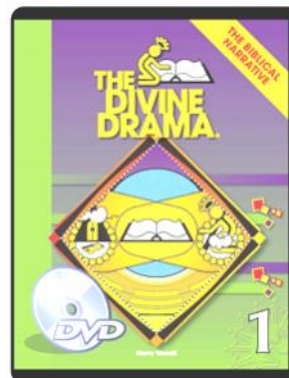
DIVINE DRAMA

Starting October 9, there will be a new Bible study entitled “The Divine Drama”. It is a course of 16 lessons that take you through the entire Bible narrative. Each session will be held on Thursday nights at 6:00 p.m. The sessions will include a short video, study, discussion and a written response.

Materials needed are a Divine Drama workbook for each participant and a Divine Drama student manual that can be shared (1 per family). There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex so that supplies may be ordered.

Everyone in the congregation is invited to join in this study. Please join us to enrich your knowledge of our Bible.

Pastor Dan and Cindy Rubin



THANK YOU!

My love and deepest thanks to Pastors Dan and Barb and all of you who reached out to me this summer. The calls, the visits, the cards and the many

wonderful nummy foods were so deeply appreciated and healing. As we live way into those 'golden' years...life tends to bring more challenges that we are ever prepared for and you have reached out with love and care that has enriched and brought healing into my life. Love prayers, thanks and blessings to you all! - Carol Addington

Church Rummage Sale
Trinity Lutheran Church,
501 East Chetac Avenue
Birchwood, Wi

September 6-7, 2024
Friday Sept. 6th @ 8:00a-4:00p
Saturday Sept.7th @8:00-3:00p
Dollar Bag Sale Sept. 7th
1:00-3:00 PM

BBQ Lunch Served Both Days
10:00 – 1:30p



CHOIR & PRAISE TEAM REHEARSALS START SEPTEMBER 4

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 4, at 7 pm. The returning members will make you feel very welcome! Rehearsals usually 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 4. They lead the music on the second Sunday of each month and will start on September 8. Questions? Call Joanne Schilling, 715-651-4875



**Trinity Lutheran will participate in
Operation Christmas Child Shoebox
Packing on November 9th!**

Bins will be available for donations (including boxes) the week of Oct 28 and Nov 4th as well as completed boxes your family creates in advance!

The Samaritan's Purse project Operation Christmas Child collects shoebox gifts filled with fun toys, school supplies and hygiene items—and delivers them to children in need around the world to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way. Each box packed full of quality toys, school supplies and personal care items becomes a physical expression of God's love for the child. For many, it is their first gift ever! Delivered by local church partners, shoebox gifts provide an opportunity to present the Gospel to boys and girls in a clear, child-friendly way. Box Labels will go on average sized shoeboxes for Girls and Boys 2-4 yrs old, 5-9 yrs old and 10-14 yrs old. You may gift wrap the box and lid if you choose. Consider including a WOW item, personal care items, school supplies, clothing or accessories, craft and activities and toys.



A WOW item:

Girl: Doll, Large Toy, Soccer ball/pump, stuffed animal, musical instrument

Boy: Soccer ball/pump, stuffed animal, musical instrument, large toy truck or car

Don't forget to also include a personal note and photo – sometimes these are the child's favorite things to receive!

Personal Care Items: comb or brush, toothbrush, washcloth, fun adhesive bandages, eating utensils, nail clipper and file

School Supplies: pencils/sharpeners, pencil case, erasers, pens, crayons, markers, notebooks, index cards, calculator, scissors, ruler, glue stick, small adhesive tape

Clothing and Accessories: clothing and undergarments, flip-flops or shoes, cold weather items, sunglasses, bags, backpacks or purses, hair accessories, hats, wristwatch or jewelry, flashlight with batteries

Crafts or Activities: puzzles, binoculars, compass, chalkboard and chalk, fishing kit, jump rope, coloring books or pads, dry watercolor set, playdough, stickers, craft kits or colorful rope/twine, books or picture books

Toys: ball, frisbee, building blocks, finger puppets, slinky, yo-yo, magnets, kaleidoscope, interactive toys, small figurines

Pray: for the child receiving the box to be receptive to the Holy Spirit and the Good News of Jesus Christ, for the pastor of the church delivering your box and the child's community.

Donate: Each box needs a \$10 donation to cover shipping and project costs. Information will be provided regarding the donation. If an online option is used, you can Follow Your Box and discover the destination of your gifts! A Donation Box will also be provided in the Narthex!

Do not include: Candy; toothpaste; gum; used or damaged items; scary or war-related items such as toy guns, knives, or military figures; chocolate or food; seeds; fruit rolls or other fruit snacks; drink mixes (powdered or liquid); liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers; aerosol cans.

On September 10, **Snacks and Facts** will present information from the Washburn Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ARDC) at 2pm.



In October Ken George, the Birchwood Fire Chief, will talk about fire safety.



All done and ready for Fellowship

September 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 8a Text Study 9a Worship w/communion	2 OFFICE CLOSED 7p—AA, Fellowship Hall	3	4 6:30a Men's Bible study 7p Choir Rehearsal 8p PT	5 NO Women's Bible Study	6 Rummage Sale 8-4p OFFICE CLOSED	7 Rummage Sale 8-3p
8 8a Text Study 9a Worship w/communion	9 9:00a Quilters 3:30p Women's Bible Study 7p—AA, Fellowship Hall	10	11 6:30a Men's Bible study 7p Choir Rehearsal	12 10a Women's Bible Study	13 OFFICE CLOSED	14 WOT Meeting 10:00am
15 8a Text Study 9a Worship w/communion Love Fund/Food Pantry Offering	16 9a Quilters 10:30a-12:30p—Food Pantry Open 3:30p Women's Bible Study 7p—AA, Fellowship Hall	17	18 6:30a Men's Bible study 7p Choir Rehearsal	19 10a Women's Bible Study 6:30p Men's Ministry Mtg	20 OFFICE CLOSED	21
22 8a Text Study 9a Worship w/communion	23 9a Quilters 3:30p Women's Bible Study 7p AA, Fellowship Hall	24 Journey Deadline	25 6:30a Men's Bible study 7p Choir Rehearsal	26 10a Women's Bible Study	27 OFFICE CLOSED	28
29 8a Text Study 9a Worship w/communion Potluck to follow worship	30 9a Quilters 3:30p Women's Bible Study 7p AA, Fellowship Hall					

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SEPTEMBER 6 & 7**



The JOURNEY September 2024

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

**Rev. Daniel Tabor—Pastor
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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

**Sept 1— Worship w/communion @ 9 am
Sept 8 — Worship w/communion @ 9 am
Sept 15 — Worship w/communion @ 9 am
Sept 22---Worship w/communion @ 9 am
Sept 29— Worship w/communion @ 9 am
Pot luck Lunch to follow service**

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

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

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