

Trinity Bells

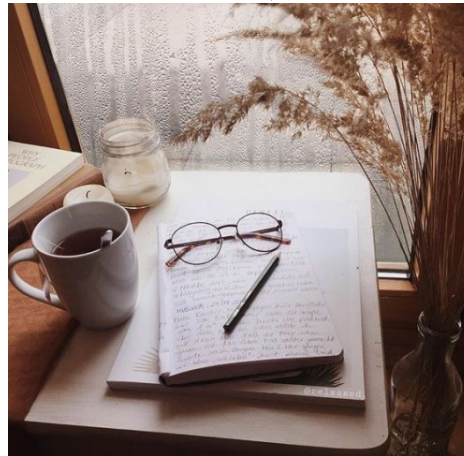
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Stirrings From Susan

God's salvation story, the story of God reconciling all things to God's very self; redeeming and restoring the fallen creation from sin's bondage and power, is strange from beginning to end! The Hebrew story calls forth old men and women to bring forth a new people; and a murderer to lead a people to freedom; and an adulterous king to form a nation. In the New Testament, the salvation history continues – an illegitimate birth; a roaming itinerant preacher and teacher, killed on a cross as a common criminal and an empty tomb. This is not how we'd write the story if it were up to us.

It doesn't make sense to us. We prefer a less challenging way. We don't want anyone to suffer. And yet the story of suffering is the story of humanity under the weight and burden of sin. God undoes, breaks

through, destroys not only sin's power through the gift of grace and forgiveness, but destroys even death's power. The darkness of the tomb is filled with light. The nature of life itself undergoes a re-orientation and the rhythms of the universe are transformed forever. Redemption is all encompassing and the justice of heaven reigns. Amazing love. Amazing grace. Amazing life!

Too often, we try to get to resurrection without traveling to the cross. In order to 'experience and see' new life, we must travel through the shadows of the valley of death; out onto the wastelands of Golgotha, where the powers and principalities seemed to have won once again. The journey through Lent continues as we move towards Easter and the church deepens its understanding in what it will cost to be a follower of the Way. We begin to see how much will have to die, even in us, for the light to grow. Holy Week moves us quickly, as if through a birthing canal, from the story of life and death and death to new life. As Ann Weems reminds us in her poem – "Holy is the Week," 'it is time for preparation. The time to give thanks and drink the cup is upon us....Eat, drink and remember. On this day, each of us must ask, "Is it I?" And on that darkest of days, each of us must stand beneath the tree and watch the dying if we are to be there when the stone is rolled away. The only road
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Office Hours:

Monday:- Wednesday
 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
 Thursday - 8:00 a.m. - noon

Sunday Worship: 10:00 a.m.

Fellowship Hour follows service.

Holy Communion:

First Sunday of the Month

Sunday School:

Every Sunday from the first week of
 September through first week of June.
 (exceptions are noted weekly.)

Interim Pastor: Rev. Susan Stull-Carr

Director of Music & Organist:

Mike Hetzel

Sound Technician:

Pat Matthews

Administrative Assistant:

Carol Capes

Cleaning Custodian:

Jodie Gerard

Maintenance Custodian:

Eric Dahm

Ministers of the Church:

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Stirrings (con'd from page 1)

to Easter is through the unrelenting shadows of that Friday. Only then will the alleluias be sun, only then will the dancing begin.'

We believe in resurrection. Not only on some distant shore, but in the midst of the world's brokenness. In the midst of the struggle our patient waiting breaks out into new possibilities, new opportunities, new growth, new beginnings! There will be several opportunities to deepen your own walk of faith in the midst of the community of faith. Come, join us.

You are invited to join us for the Journey Through Holy Week:

Palm Sunday – We, Christ's disciples, join the throng entering the city of Jerusalem, entering through the ancient gates to enter once more into the unfolding story of Jesus' last days before his crucifixion. We enter the sanctuary carrying the Palms with all the excitement and anticipation of those who followed Jesus. On this Palm Sunday, we will also share in Communion.

Maundy Thursday – Come and join the community as we gather at tables to remember God's saving activity through the Seder Meal. Smell the lamb cooking over fire, taste the bitter herbs, hold the cup, hear the ancient story. The meal begins at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Good Friday – We gather on Friday evening, at 7 p.m., under the shadow of the cross, to join our choir and reader in a moving retelling through word and music of Christ's last days. The Tenebrae Service, "It Is Finished" by Mary McDonald draws us into the wondrous love of God and the mystery of God's suffering love. Other instrumentalists will join the choir in this presentation. Friends, community members, family members are warmly welcomed.

Easter Sunday – Two services will be held on Easter – the first at 7:30 a.m., followed by an Easter breakfast sponsored by our Christian Nurture and Fellowship committee. Come and celebrate the good news that death cannot overcome God's love and God's resurrection power! A second service will be held at 10 a.m. and will include the Sacrament of Holy Communion. All are welcome!



Pastor Susan

Did You Know...

...that Trinity operated a parochial **school system** for many years? The congregation considered a Christian education in the German language to be important and started a parochial school in the church basement in 1872 (three years after its founding). Trinity held school classes during the week for the children in the community. Many members of the church sent their children to the Trinity school, even though the Marcy and Fairview schools were closer to their homes. At times, the pastor taught the school, and at other times teachers were hired. Also, a constitution was adopted for the school, and a school board elected during one period. The teacher's salaries consisted of the fees that were paid by the pupils and free board or a set salary. The salary paid to a teacher was \$35.00 a month in 1880. For this pay, the teacher was also required to lead the choir. The fees the children paid varied from 25 cents a week, or 25 to 50 cents a month, or \$1.50 a year. Every third child in each family was admitted free. The use of the English language (instead of German) was first permitted in 1880 when English translations and the teaching of geography in English were allowed.

A small schoolhouse was built in back of the northwest corner of the church in 1888 at a cost of \$800.00. The Trinity parochial school was in operation until 1921. The schoolhouse was moved a short distance north and made into a stage. The schoolhouse continued to be used for Sunday School and other meetings until the Fellowship Hall was built in 1934-35. Sunday School remained as the primary means of giving the youth of the community a Christian education after 1921. Classes were provided for children of kindergarten age to those in the confirmation class. The number of classes depended on the enrollment and the number of teachers available. Information on the enrollment in the early years is not available, but was probably quite high based on the size of many of the confirmation classes .

At that time—23 in 1888, 10 in 1898, 16 in 1908, 16 in 1918, 11 in 1928, and 7 in 1938. During the late 1940's and into the 1950's, the population explosion in the eastern part of Waukesha County put a real strain on the public school system facilities. As a result, Fairview School (Brookfield) and Marcy School (Menomonee Falls) used Trinity's old Fellowship Hall for classes while new facilities at those schools were planned and built. In addition, Fairview, Dixon, Hillside, and Cottage schools used old Fellowship Hall for graduation programs and other special events. Trinity still sits in the middle of a growing community, where periodically various age groups could be looking for temporary accommodations in the future.

Bob Rohrig



(Source: Trinity's historical records)



Trinity's Helping Hands "Caught in the Act" For this Last Month:

[Editor's note: Many people donate their time making Trinity Church a better place. Listed above are but a few — please let the church office know when you see someone "caught in the act" so we can list them, too!]

Eric and Kathy Dahm – assisting two seniors from their cars into the church building on Feb. 17 which was an extremely windy Sunday morning so that they would not fall. Judy and Marlene sincerely love you and your caring thoughtfulness.

Fellowship hour hosts – many thanks to the committees and other groups for serving "goodies" at Fellowship time after worship. Your treats are always appreciated as Trinity's family of faith enjoys a social time.

Sunday School teachers – this group of dedicated people work with the young people of Trinity. Most of the time we parishioners do not get to see our teachers, but we "thank them" for their dedication to Trinity's youngest worshippers.

Pastor Susan and Chris Faulk – facilitated lively discussion from the gospel of Luke for the Wednesday Lenten Series Discussions. It was a wonderful fellowship time-sharing our faith questions and insights into the various Bible passages. It is always an enriching and enlightening experience sharing our faith journey. Thanks Pastor Susan and Chris Faulk for your guidance these past few Wednesdays.

Lenten Series Food Contributors- special gratitude to the members who took the time to provide delicious food items for the Lenten Series. You offered delicious nourishment for our souls.



Birthdays this Month:

Terri Allen	04/01
Lou Frank	04/03
Lauren Klug	04/16
Chloe Brown	04/18
Dave Mielke	04/23
Judy Marchant	04/26
Wendy Rieves	04/26
Geraldine Masch	04/29
Dan Brzezinski	04/30



Anniversaries this Month:

Janice & Robert Fredrick	04/07/1962
Diane & William Siebold	04/08
Yvonne & Donald Basting	04/15/1961
Kathy Haass & Joe Halvorson	04/20/1991

Our Special Care Call List

Your cards, thoughts, and special prayers are requested for these members of Trinity' church family, especially for the weeks of:

- April 7** Marion Wandsneider
777 Brookfield Regency
Brookfield, WI 53045
- April 14** Glenn Siebert
4665 Meadow View West
Brookfield, WI 53005
- April 21** Geraldine Masch
5031 North 126th Street
Butler, WI 53007
- May28** Bev Littman
Harbour Village
5600 Mockingbird Lane,
Apt. C104
Greendale, WI 53129

Worship Attendance:



February 3= 63

February 10 = 68

February 17 = 61

February 24 = 60

This makes for an average worship attendance of 61 for the month.

Trinity Church Council 2019 Members

Kathy Immekus, President,
Spiritual Life Chair

Chris Faulk, Vice President,
Property, Missions

Kathryn Dierbeck, Secretary,
Stewardship Chair

Terri Allen, Treasurer,
Finance Chair

Lisa Corley, Business & Office

Robin Komassa, Growth & Outreach

Lynne Mielke, Worship & Arts

Roberta Stanley,

Endowment/Memorial

Peg Zahn, Christian Nurture

What's happening at Trinity...

Saturday, April 6

Indoor Clean Up 9:00 a.m.

Sunday, April 7

Contemporary Worship 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, April 14

Palm Sunday Worship/Communion 10:00 a.m.

Thursday, April 18

Seder Meal 6:30 p.m.

Friday, April 19

Good Friday Worship 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 21

Early Easter Worship 7:30 a.m.

Easter Breakfast 8:30 a.m.

Late Easter Worship 10:00 a.m.

Saturday, April 27

Search Committee Retreat 9:30 a.m.

Sunday, April 28

Earth Day Worship 10:00 a.m.

*Don't forget — the Next BELLS
deadline is April 12*

April 2019

TRINITY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

4435 North Calhoun Road
Brookfield, WI 53005

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	8	9	10	11	12	13
7 Celebration Singers—8:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship 10:00 a.m. Sunday School Business & Office—EdW—11:00 a.m. Learn About UCC—DH—11:00 a.m. Boy Scouts—DH&EdW—6:30-8:30 p.m.	Quilters—DH & EdW—9am-4pm	Growth & Outreach—DH - 6:30 p.m.	Lenten Studies - Sandwiches and Soul—DH—12:00 p.m.	Lenten Studies - Sandwiches and Soul—DH—12:00 p.m.	SE Annual Meeting	SE Annual Meeting Indoor Clean Up 9:00 a.m.-noon
14 Celebration Singers—8:30 a.m. CNF—YR—9:00 A.M. Palm Sunday Worship—10:00 a.m. Sunday School Boy Scouts—EdW & DH—6:30-8:30 p.m.	15 Quilters—DH & EdW—9am-4pm Council—DH—6:30 p.m.	16	17 Lenten Studies - Sandwiches and Soul—DH—12:00 p.m.	18 Maundy Thursday Seder Meal—DH—6:30 p.m.	19 Good Friday Worship 7:00 p.m.	20 Easter Breakfast set up—DH—10:00 a.m.
21 Early Easter Worship—7:30 a.m. Easter Breakfast— DH—8:30 a.m. Late Easter Worship—10:00 a.m. Boy Scouts—DH&EdW—6:30-8:30 p.m. No Sunday School	22 Quilters—DH & EdW—9am-4pm	23	24	25	26 Boy Scouts—DH & EdW—6:30-8:30 p.m.	27 Search Committee Retreat/Luncheon—DH—9:30 a.m.
28 Celebration Singers—6:30 a.m. Earth Day Worship—10:00 a.m. Sunday School Boy Scout Committee—DH & EdW—6:30-8:30 p.m.	29 Quilters—DH & EdW—9am-4pm Boy Scouts—DH&EdW—6:30-	30				

NOTE: If you cannot keep your assigned service date, please contact someone in your group to sub.

ANNOUNCERS

April 7 Property
April 14 Worship & Arts
April 21 Council President
April 28 Missions

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

April 7 Bowling Team
April 14 Bowling Team
April 21 Easter Breakfast
April 28 Bowling Team

FIRST RESPONDERS

April 7 Chris Faulk
April 14 Jean Gichert
April 19 Lola Krainer
April 21(early) Emily Dahm
April 21(late) Kathy Dahm
April 28 Joe Halvorson

GREETERS

April 7 Sharon & Bob Thomas
April 14 Kathy Haass
April 21(early) Judy Taylor
April 21(late) The Dahm Family
April 28 Diane Siebold

GUPPY ROOM

April 7 Peg Zahn
April 14 Kathy Immekus
April 21 No Attendant
April 28 Diane Siebold

OFFERING COUNTERS

April 7 Jay Preston & Peg Zahn
April 14 Ralph Zahn & Kathy Immekus
April 21(early) Dan Dierbeck & Sarah Komassa
April 21(late) Dan Rieves & Jay Preston
April 28 Ralph Zahn & Dawn Faulk

PROJECTIONISTS

April 7 Kathy Immekus
April 14 Christina Matthews
April 19 Carol Capes
April 21(early) Kathy Immekus
April 21(late) Eric Dahm
April 28 Carol Capes

USHERS

April 7 Joe Halvorson*, Kathy Haass, Dan Dierbeck, Eric Dahm
April 14 Bob Thomas*, Sharon Thomas Dawn Faulk, Jim Singleton
April 21(early) *Lou Frank, Jan Frank, Jan Fredrick, Jan Schuster
April 21(late) Bob Thomas*, Sharon Thomas Dawn Faulk, Diane Siebold
April 28 Ralph Zahn*, Peg Zahn, Kathy Immekus, Dan Dierbeck

READERS

April 7 Kathy Dahm
April 14 Lou Frank
April 21(early) Edith Heins
April 21(late) Lori Krueger
April 28 Mindy Wirth

WELCOMERS

April 7 Eric Dahm
April 14 Kathy Immekus
April 21(early) Lynne Mielke
April 21(late) Jan Schuster
April 28 Eric Dahm

WORSHIP LEADER

April 7 Christina Matthews
April 14 Peg Zahn
April 21(early) Naomi Stewart
April 21(late) Lynne Mielke
April 28 Edith Heins

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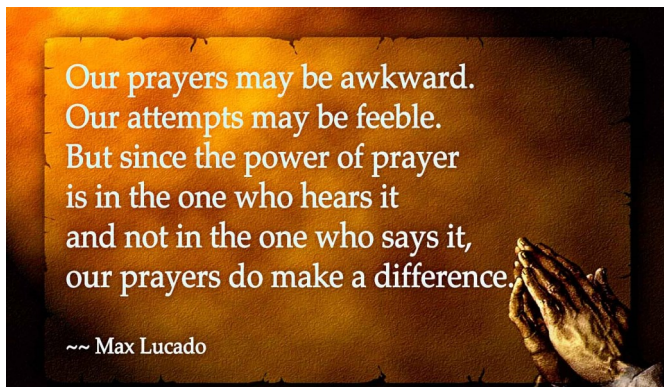


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Holding In Our Prayers:

- ✦ Our Search Retreats
- ✦ Our leadership—pray that God will be at work in the Pastor that can best serve this church at this time.
- ✦ Our partner global churches
- ✦ Our police and government workers
- ✦ The ministry and mission in Back Bay, Biloxi, MS
- ✦ Members of Trinity suffering from illness

If you do not wish to be put on a prayer list, please let either Pastor Susan or Carol, our administrative assistant, know. We do not want to put people on who wish to remain private. But if you have someone's permission to list their name, or would like to be put on this list, please let Carol know. (262-781-9378 or at cotact@trinitybrookfield.org)



Save the Date! Trinity Craft Fair - One Last Year!

After much discussion, thought, and prayer it has been decided to hold the Craft Fair one last year. Please save the date of **Saturday, October 12th** for the Craft Fair at Trinity. We are seeking the entire church's help and cooperation in holding this final fair.

In the past years that we have had the fair, Trinity has been able to raise extra funds which have been used to fund projects and expenses that have come up at Trinity. This past year, the Craft Fair raised \$2,500 which was used to purchase a new coffee maker for the kitchen and also to install another handicap parking space. With much needed funds in demand, there will be plenty to earmark funds raised from this year's fair. The Growth and Outreach committee will keep you posted and be seeking your support with helping out both the day of the fair and as we make plans. We hope we can count on all of Trinity!

NOTICE OF A CHANGE: Once again Trinity will have the opportunity to worship our Lord with contemporary music on Sunday, April 7. This is the first Sunday in April and communion in April will be celebrated on April 14, which is the second Sunday and also Palm Sunday.

We hope that you will join us at both of these special services in April along with the Seder meal on Maundy Thursday in the dining hall. There is also going to be a choral presentation by the Celebration Singers on 7:00 pm Good Friday.

Easter Sunday will be celebrated with a 7:30 am sunrise service, followed by an Easter breakfast, and the Easter Celebration Service at 10:00 am.



Trinity's 150th Anniversary Celebration is Coming

Saturday, November 2, 2019 – a catered buffet dinner will be served at 1:00 p.m. in the Dining Hall. Tickets will be sold ahead of time for this dinner. Other activities on that date are a work-in-progress at this time. (**note**-tickets are only for the buffet dinner being served, everyone is welcome to attend and interact throughout the afternoon – more information with regard to Saturday schedule will follow in the next couple of months)

Sunday, November 3, 2019 – a special worship service with fellowship time following.

Mark your calendars and watch for updates in the Bells.

At this time the team is seeking **HELP** from the congregation. We are creating our “save the date - invitation list” so that we can contact former members and other people who we would like to invite to this special occasion. Please think back to those people who moved, those people who attend another church, family members, neighbors, etc. In other words, people who have had an involvement with Trinity in the past years that you remember. The team does not remember everyone so your help is extremely important.

In the Gathering Place on the black table you will find a “Guest Suggestion Box.” Please provide the name/ names of those you know from previous years who attended Trinity and should be invited. If you have the contact information that would be extremely helpful. Paper and pens are in the box. If you prefer, you can e-mail any of the team members with the information.

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TEAM MEMBERS:

Janice Garens	262-860-1335 jsgarens@gmail.com
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Lynne Mielke	262-547-0109 mlkywy44@gmail.com
Diane Siebold	262-786-7945 billanddianes@yahoo.com
Judy Taylor	262-781-9142 jdat1@att.net
Jan Wolff	262-770-4288 jwolff40@yahoo.com

If you have any suggestions or wish to join the team, please let us know.

The 150th team is very grateful to those of you who have agreed to bring memorabilia and create family collages for the Anniversary party.

We have purchased some sheets of poster board and they are available for you to use to create your family collage. Just ask Marlene for the 20"x30" (approximate size) and she will direct you to a sheet. If you wish a smaller size, we can accommodate this for you also.

In addition, please continue to provide the Team with names of people who you suggest should be invited. We have received a number of names to date, but please continue to provide names and contact information.

If you did not have an opportunity to sign the questionnaire previously, please do so. These sheets are located in the Gathering Place on the card table.

Other suggestions, please let us know or attend one of the team's meetings.

Diane, Jan, Janice, Judy, Lee, Lynne, Marlene

Easter Flower Forms

Now Available



Anyone who wishes to purchase an Easter plant to decorate the Sanctuary for Easter may do so by filling out the order form you will find in Sunday's bulletin.

If you are unable to attend church, but you still wish to purchase a plant, please call Lynne Mielke at 262-547-0109 to do so.

Thank you, Worship & Arts Committee



Monthly Member Giving for February 2019:

Jan-19	Feb-19	Increase/ Decrease	2019 Budget	Giving Needed Each Month of 2019
\$11,080	\$10,471	(\$609)	\$157,978	\$13,165

Giving for February 2019 was below what was budgeted by \$2,694 (\$13,165 - \$10,471). Thank you for continuing to support Terri Allen, Finance Committee Chair



Sunday, April 14

PALM SUNDAY – Entrance to Holy Week

Thursday, April 18

MAUNDY THURSDAY – SEDER SUPPER – 6:30 p.m. – Dining Hall

Friday, April 19

GOOD FRIDAY CANTATA – 7 p.m.

Sunday, April 21

EASTER SUNRISE 7:30 a.m.

BREAKFAST 8:30 a.m.

EASTER with COMMUNION 10:00 a.m.

Magnificent Mission Moments

Trinity's Mission committee is happy to report, due to the wonderful generosity and participation of the congregation, great results for our two most recent projects.

- ✦ The annual Mitten Tree, which is a collection of winter apparel, resulted in 120 pieces of winter clothing being donated to Hope Center in Waukesha.
- ✦ The annual Mardi Gras Luncheon was equally successful! Ticket sales, a freewill offering and additional food sales netted \$1700 which will be donated to Back Bay Mission in Biloxi, Mississippi.

Thank you to all who participated!

More Mission projects are coming up! Please continue to join us in our quest to make them rewarding and fun.



SEARCH RETREATS

Thanks to all who participated in the 'search retreats.' so far. I found the conversation around tables lively, energizing and filled with insight and new ideas. The sheets in the fellowship hall capture some of those conversations! Check them out and join us whenever you are able! You make a difference here!

Sunday, March 31st – 11:30 – 1:30 p.m. – Lunch provided

Sunday, April 28th – 11:30 – 1:30 p.m. – Lunch provided

Sunday May 5th – 11:30 – 1:30 p.m. – Lunch provided



Trinity Dartball 2018-2019 Season Recap - League Champs!

Trinity's Dartball Team was again crowned League Champion for the second year in a row. In a very competitive season, any one of the four league teams could have been the champion right up to the end of the season. Trinity won 21 games, lost 15 games, and tied 6 games (tie games happen when both teams are still tied at the end of 12 innings). Trinity finished 3 ½ games ahead of

Calvary, 4 games ahead of Greendale, and 4 ½ games ahead of Christ.

Individual accomplishments were many. Eric Dahm led our team and league in batting average (.477), led our team and league in hits (72), led our team and league in total bases (102), and led our team and league in runs scored (29). Dave Mielke led our team and league in runs-batted-in (30), and led our team and league in most improved batting average (.093). Mark Burbey was our third player batting over .300 (.302), and was second on our team with 16 triples and 19 runs-batted-in. Meredith Lang, for the second year in a row, led our team and league in triples with 25. Newcomer, Jim Singleton was a welcome addition driving in 14 runs. Peter Grob had double digit numbers in both runs scored (12) and runs-batted-in (12). Dan Dierbeck was first on the team and second in the league with 6 doubles and Kathy Immekus was second on the team and third in the league with 5 doubles. Kathy Leslie got on base and had 13 runs scored. Other supporting cast members on Trinity's team included Kathryn Dierbeck, Bob Rohrig, Jean Schuster, and Ralph Zahn. Ralph went on the injured reserve list early in the season and Jean went on the injured reserve list late in the season. Overall it was a fun filled competitive season and we all had our ups and downs – some more than others.

Bob Rohrig



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