

Trinity Bells

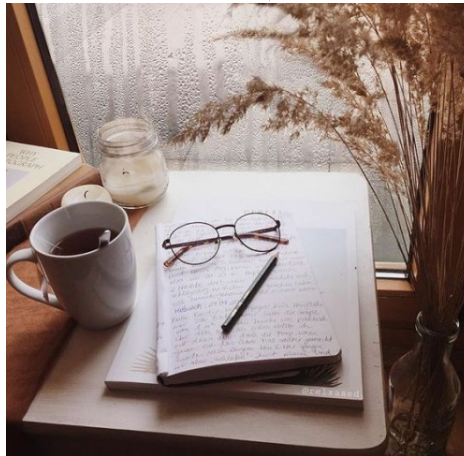
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Stirrings From Susan

All around us are signs of new life springing forth – each day a testimony to the power of God to make new, to re-create, to bring forth life and life abundant! Spiritually, we have been experiencing that same reality, but now about our lives – not just plants or animals, but us – the possibility around every corner that new life awaits us! We have heard the witnesses of those first disciples – Mary, Jesus' mother, Mary Magdalene, Mary and Joanna; Peter, John and Thomas. All have borne witness to the truth that Jesus is risen from the dead! This is the powerful message that we in the church must grasp and take it out to share with others.

We have moved through Eastertide

– the 40 days after Jesus is raised and before he ascends into heaven. As Jesus ascends, he tells the disciples – women and men – to go and wait in Jerusalem. They are still very unclear about what happens next! And then, amazingly, something happens next! Not by their power, but by the power of the Holy Spirit.

We are entering the final season of the Church Year – Pentecost. Pentecost is the longest of the seasons, and is also called, "Ordinary Time". Here, in this time – Kairos - God's inbreaking time, not chronos, or chronological time, we, the people of God are called into making this witness our own. How do we live into this new life that we have received? What is the Spirit stirring in us? Where will God call us to bring our gifts to serve Christ's church? We can only imagine now – as we wait for that time when we are filled with God's Spirit and sent on our mission way! The ship – the symbol of the church – always sails by the Spirit's power!

This season also celebrates the ongoing work of the Spirit in us – the power of transformation. We will explore throughout this season, what it means to be transformed into a new creation. I know that many of



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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:

All Members of Trinity
 United Church of Christ

Submitting Articles:

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Stirrings (con'd from page 1)

you will be out taking time to celebrate the season, but when you can, be sure to pop back in to worship! As always, there will be plenty of unexpected, surprising moments when the Spirit comes out to play!

I have now been with you here at Trinity, 9 months. That hardly seems possible! It continues to be a joy and a challenge to serve as your interim pastor. Most of all, I cherish the moments that I begin to have opportunities to connect with more and more of you, to learn your stories, your hopes, your witness, your struggles. Being a pastor is one of the best calls I know. Thank you for sharing with me the seasons of the Church Year – and for becoming a deeper, more spirit-filled body as we ‘eat of God’s word’. See you this summer!

- Pastor Susan

**SUMMER “LITE”**

Speaking of summer worship, we are going to try out another ‘experiment’ we are calling “Summer Lite!” Services will be shorter and more informal.

Special Note: the Trinity BELLS will be on vacation during the month of July.

Did You Know...



...what type of people the first church members at Trinity were? If you forgot or don't know, following is a brief description of who they were. They were families of varying numbers. They were farmers who raised potatoes,

vegetables, hay, and hogs, some of which help feed their families, and some of which was sold in the Milwaukee market area. These people were very religious in the Protestant Lutheran, Evangelical, or Reformed faiths. They were immigrants from a foreign country and they spoke little if any English. And they were all **Germans**, who came primarily from the northern part of Germany. So, for many years after Trinity was founded, it was necessary for the congregation to secure the services of pastors who could understand, read, write, and preach in German. From 1869 to 1883, Trinity shared pastors with St. Paul's Church in Menomonee Falls, and from 1885 to 1928, Trinity shared their pastor with Friedens Evangelical Church in Butler. And all of these pastors were able to preach in German. Trinity's original church records (membership, baptisms, confirmation, marriages, and funeral) were written in varying types of German script until 1923. The pastors, who were all well-educated, were the chroniclers of these records. However, different dialects, spellings, abbreviations, and handwriting can be a challenge in deciphering these original records.

The writing, reading, and speaking in German declined during and shortly after WWI for several reasons. The obvious reason was the anti-German sentiments that existed during this period, which included the dropping of German language classes in the schools and the removal of German books in the schools. In addition, second and third generation German families at Trinity were getting Americanized as they interacted with other non-German families in the community. But Trinity did continue some German activities after 1923. Confirmation classes in either German or English were

each year after 1923, which finally ended in 1945. And periodic gatherings of families who came together to share good food and good beer were a common cultural event in German communities like the towns of Brookfield and Menomonee, and Trinity's congregation was no different.

Ein prosit!

Bob Rohrig

(Source: Trinity's historical records)



Trinity's Administrative Assistant Retiring

As Council President, I have the sad news of announcing the retirement of Carol Capes, our Administrative Assistant. Carol started with us in 2015. Her last day will be June 27. Carol has been an intricate part of Trinity.

In Carol's letter, she said,

"Please know that my heart is heavy as I make this change because I have enjoyed working with the Council and especially the Pastor. Thank you for allowing me to be part of the administrative branch of the church and work with a group of such giving people."

Carol, we will miss you. We are glad that you and Scott will remain members of Trinity and we understand you want to spend more time with your grandchildren. I can see your love for them when you bring them to church, so enjoy your retirement and know that you will be missed as the Administrative Assistant.

An ad hoc Committee has been formed to start the process of searching for a replacement for Carol. That team consists of Don Immekus, Peg Zahn, Pastor Susan, Lori Krueger and Lisa Corley. There will be a reception after worship service on June 30.

-Kathy Immekus, Council President



**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!]

W&A Team – Lent and Easter season: **Mike Hetzel**, purchasing and grilling the lamb for Symbolic Seder meal; **Judy Taylor, Jean Gichert, Mindy Wirth, Kahney Rohrig, Lynne Mielke, and Marlene Helinski** providing food and drink for the Symbolic Seder meal, and **Paula Mathews, Lynne Mielke, and Kahney Rohrig** providing and setting up all the decorations for the Lenten season and Easter. Fantastic!!!

Christian Nurture Committee – Again this dedicated group of people created a fantastic Easter breakfast. Also, many thanks to all who brought food for this most enjoyable meal and fellowship opportunity. Outstanding and again many thanks to all who contributed to this very special annual event!!!

Mark Burbey – the man behind the outdoor sign messaging who does a fantastic job of "getting the word outside!" If you have a thought about items for the outdoor sign, contact Mark or Marlene. This is a very positive way to inform the community of what Trinity is all about. Many of our guests state they see the sign or go on our web site. Thanks Mark!!

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Birthdays this Month:

Kathy Leslie	06/05
Dawn Faulk	06/16
Pat Matthews	06/16
Chris Faulk	06/17
Carol Capes	06/19
Matt Corley	06/19
Roland Perschon	06/22
Judy Nelson	06/27

Anniversaries this Month:

Carol & Scott Capes	6/26/1976
Kathy & Don Immekus	6/29/1968
Naomi & Edward Stewart	6/29/2001
Sharon & Bob Thomas	6/29/1985
Lola & Jerry Krainer	6/30/1973

Chris Faulk – in conjunction with the outdoor sign as we spread the word about Trinity to the community, we give special thanks to Chris who manages the web site as our Web Master. Remember to send your articles, special notices, pictures, and blurbs about Trinity to Chris. This messaging is vital to community outreach. If you don't write it, Chris can't publicize anything! Thank you, Chris!

Dave Mielke, Dan Dierbeck, Eric Dahm and Mark Burbey—for putting up the outside cross during Holy Week and to Dave for making sure the appropriate cloth was on the cross at all times.

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:

- June 2** Bev Littman
Harbour Village
5600 Mockingbird Lane,
Apt. C104
Greendale, WI 53129
- June 9** Donna Brill
W180 N7890 Town Hall Rd.
Apt. #D120
Menomonee Falls, WI 53051
- June 16** Marion Wandsneider
Regency of Brookfield
777 Brookfield Regency
Brookfield, WI 53045
- June 23** Glenn Siebert
4665 Meadow View West
Brookfield, WI 53005
- June 30** Geraldine Masch
5031 North 126th Street
Butler, WI 53007
- July 7** Bev Littman
Harbour Village
5600 Mockingbird Lane,
Apt. C104
Greendale, WI 53129

Worship Attendance:



April 7 = 70

April 14 = 68

April 21 = 66

April 21—86

April 28 = 72

This makes for an average worship attendance of 72 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...

Sunday, June 2

Contemporary Worship 10:00 a.m.

TUCC Annual Picnic 11:00 a.m.

Sunday, June 7

Serving Meal at Hope Center 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, June 8

Food Sort at Hunger Task Force 9:00 a.m.

Sunday, June 16

Worship 10:00 a.m.

Father's Day Ice Cream Social 11:00 a.m.

Sunday, June 30

Worship 10:00 a.m.

Admin Assistant Coffee 11:00 a.m.

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Remember to "Save these dates!"

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

June 2019

TRINITY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

4435 North Calhoun Road

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Celebration Singers—8:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship 10:00 a.m. Annual Picnic 11:00 a.m. Boy Scouts—DH&EdW— 6:30-8:30 p.m.	3 Quilters—DH & EdW— 9am-4pm	4	5 Cup of Life—DH 10:00 a.m. Missions—DH 2:00 p.m.	6 Worship & Arts—DH 1:00 p.m.	7 Pridefest Hope Center Meal 5:00 p.m.	8 Pride fest Hunger Task Force Hawley Rd.—9:00-noon
9 CNF—YR—9:00 A.M. Worship/Communion—10:00 a.m. Boy Scouts—EdW & DH—6:30-8:30 p.m.	10 Quilters—DH & EdW— 9am-4pm Council—DH—6:30 p.m.	11	12	13	14	15
16 Father's Day Worship—10:00 a.m. Ice Cream Social 11:00 a.m. Boy Scouts—DH&EdW—6:30-8:30 p.m.	17 Quilters—DH & EdW— 9am-4pm	18 Growth & Outreach—DH— 6:30 p.m.	19	20 Property—DH—7:00 p.m.	21 Boy Scouts—EdW & DH—6:30-8:30 p.m.	22
23 Worship—10:00 a.m. No Scouts	24 Quilters—DH & EdW— 9am-4pm	25 Boy Scouts Comm—DH & EdW—6:30-8:30 p.m.	26	27	28	29
30 Worship—10:00 a.m. Admin Asst. Coffee—DH—11:00 a.m. Boy Scout Committee Meeting—DH/ EdW 6:30-8:30 P.M.	<div style="border: 1px dashed black; padding: 10px;"> <p>Key to Locations: DH = Dining Hall Ed W = Education Wing of Church GP = Gathering Place YR = Youth Room</p> </div>					

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

ANNOUNCERS

June 2 Stewardship
 June 9 Property
 June 16 Council President
 June 23 Worship & Art
 June 30 Missions
 July 7 Finance

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

June 2 Dartball Team
 June 9 Dartball Team
 June 16 Dartball Team
 June 23 Dartball Team
 June 30 Dartball Team
 July 7 Choir

FIRST RESPONDERS

June 2 Kathy Dahm
 June 9 Chris Faulk
 June 16 Jean Gichert
 June 23 Jan Glasenapp
 June 30 Joe Halvorson
 July 7 Mike Hetzel

GREETERS

June 2 Diane Siebold
 June 9 The Dahm Family
 June 16 Kathy Haass
 June 23 Sharon & Bob Thomas
 June 30 Judy Taylor
 July 7 Judy Nelson

GUPPY ROOM

June 2 no attendant
 June 9 no attendant
 June 16 no attendant
 June 23 no attendant
 June 30 no attendant
 July 7 no attendant

OFFERING COUNTERS

June 2 Dan Dierbeck & Peg Zahn
 June 9 Dan Rieves & Sarah Komassa
 June 16 Ralph Zahn & Dan Dierbeck
 June 23 Jay Preston & Peg Zahn
 June 30 Dan Rieves & Kathy Immekus
 July 7 Jay Preston & Sarah Komassa

PROJECTIONISTS

June 2 Outdoor Worship
 June 9 Kathy Immekus
 June 16 Christina Matthews
 June 23 Eric Dahm
 June 30 Carol Capes
 July 7 Kathy Immekus

USHERS

June 2 Ralph Zahn*, Peg Zahn,
 June 9 Joe Halvorson*, Kathy Haass,
 June 16 Bob Thomas*, Sharon Thomas
 June 23 Lou Frank, Jan Frank
 June 30 Dan Dierbeck, Anna Godiali
 July 7 Bob Rohrig, Kahney Rohrig

READERS

June 2 Edith Heins
 June 9 Christina Matthews
 June 16 Lynne Mielke
 June 23 Naomi Stewart
 June 30 Mindy Wirth
 July 7 Peg Zahn

WELCOMERS

June 2 Kathy Immekus
 June 9 Lynne Mielke
 June 16 Eric Dahm
 June 23 Jan Schuster
 June 30 Lori Krueger
 July 7 Lynne Mielke

WORSHIP LEADER

June 2 Edith Heins
 June 9 Christina Matthews
 June 16 Lynne Mielke
 June 23 Naomi Stewart
 June 30 Mindy Wirth
 July 7 Peg Zahn

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Holding In Our Prayers:

- ✦ 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 contact@trinitybrookfield.org)

Bedroom to Spare?

Volunteers to the National Convention need a place to stay during the week of June 21st to June 25th. If you can help, email Jeanne Mantsch at d-j@wi.wi.rr.com. It may be one



person or a couple who will be staying at your home. Please consider this one-time challenge. You will be serving the church and making a friend too!



Father's Day is June 16th come celebrate the special men in our lives at Trinity for an Ice Cream Social after service. We all have someone to celebrate that day, whether you are a Father, Grandfather, Uncle, Brother or a friend, you are an important part of our lives. We want to take this day to say we appreciate everything you do for us and the love you share. Come and enjoy a treat and a social time with the men that are an essential part of our lives.



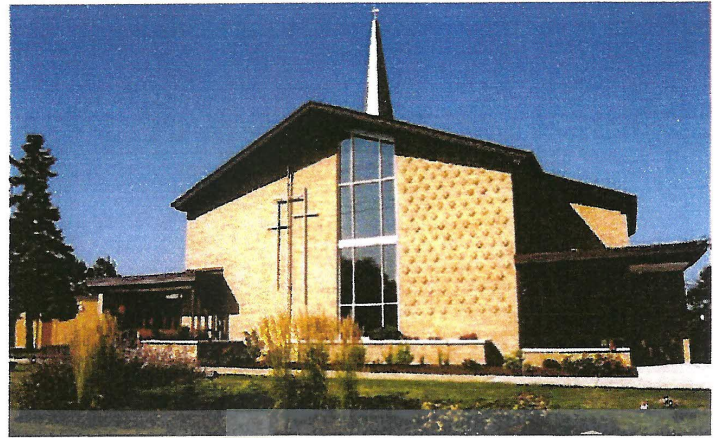
Come join us for a great day of fun, fellowship and good food at the Church Picnic immediately following the outdoor worship service on June 2nd! It will be held on the church grounds, rain or shine (in the Dining Hall in case of rain). Hamburgers and hot dogs will be provided, a sign-up sheet for the side dishes and condiments is on the bulletin board in the gathering space. See you there!



Trinity United Church of Christ

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Trinity United Church of Christ

4435 N. Calhoun Road – Brookfield, WI

Is celebrating its 150th Anniversary

And we welcome you to join us!

Save the dates

Saturday, November 2, 2019

1:00 pm – Luncheon

Luncheon tickets will be available for purchase

2:30 pm - Social Activities

Sunday, November 3, 2019

10:00 am - Special Service Worship

11:00 am - Fellowship Time

For additional information please contact
Diane (262) 786-7945 or Lynne (262) 547-0109
Visit our website: www.trinitybrookfield.org



Volunteer for the Hunger Task Force

Your Mission Committee will again be sponsoring two opportunities to volunteer at the Hunger Task Force this year.

The first visit will be a Food Sort at the Hawley Road location on June 8, from 9:00 am to noon. The second visit will be Stock Box building at the airport location on August 24, from 9:00 am to noon. If you would like to participate, mark your calendars. Further information and sign-up will be coming soon!



Monthly Member Giving for March 2019:

Giving		Increase/	2019	Giving Needed
March-19	April-19	Decrease	Budget	Each Month of 2019
\$16,053	\$15,601	(\$452)	\$157,978	\$13,165

Even though giving was less than in March, it is still over what is needed each month to meet expenses by \$2,436. Easter Envelope giving of over \$4,000 was very helpful and contributed to our net income, year to date of almost \$6,800. Thank you all for your continued generosity towards Trinity UCC.

Terri Allen, Finance Committee Chair



There has been a lot of action within the 150th Anniversary planning team since the team was organized.

“Save the Date Cards” have been designed and printed. Some have already been mailed. Keep sending us names of people you know from Trinity’s past.

Members will receive their “Save the Date Cards” in the Trinity Bells.

Caterer has been secured for the November 2nd luncheon. Menu items will be decided shortly and we are pleased to say a vegetarian entree will be included and delicious home-made designer cupcakes will be an exceptional treat.

Family History Boards are underway and we continue to ask families to participate. Should you wish some information about the picture boards or help, please contact one of the team members listed below.

Special 150th graphics for invitations and place mats are 90% complete.

Interviews with the home bound will be scheduled shortly. We’re excited to have these special members share their thoughts, wishes and memories with the congregation and guests. Video interviews will be shown during Saturday afternoon activities.

A very creative centerpiece idea to grace the tables has been chosen.

Out next project is creating the invitations.

And there is still plenty to do with planning such a big celebration. Won’t you join us? Ideas and people power are welcome!

Janice Garens, Marlene Helinski, Lee Lannan, Lynne Mielke, Diane Siebold, Judy Taylor, Jan Wolff



MEET THE COUNCIL

Council Vice President

This is a new article that will be appearing in the Trinity Bells every month. Because we have several new members in our congregation, the council thought this would be an excellent way to familiarize members to the duties and the person who is holding what position on the Council.

Hi there! My name is **Christopher Faulk** and I am the **Council Vice President** and the liaison to the Property Committee, as well as part of the Spiritual Life Committee. I am starting my second term on council and my second year as the vice president. I wear many hats at Trinity, in which I am proud to do so. Two of my primary volunteer jobs at Trinity is the bookkeeper position, where I handle the day to day of Trinity's finances and write the checks for payroll and reimbursements. I also work closely with Trinity's accountant, Kathy Bilskey and report to Terri Allen and Dan Rieves of the Finance Committee. I am also the webmaster for Trinity's website, which I do the updates to the website when needed. I am part of the Celebration Singers and I also am part of many committees, which includes the Search Committee – the committee that will search for Trinity's next pastor. I participate where I can in the life of the church.

I am also a student of theology and have completed two years of Lay Academy and completed my first year as a seminarian at United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities. Learning and growing in my faith and spirituality and forming a theology of my own has been an important part of my spiritual journey these last few years. What I have learned is spirituality is not finite and that it can continue to grow and change as long as you have an open mind and heart to allow that change to happen.

(con'd next column)

In my free time – which there isn't too much of these days – I like to read, write poetry and dabble in creative writing. I like to be creative and am a big fan of arts and am a strong proponent for the arts intersecting with worship. I also have dinners and lunches out with friends where we spend hours talking about anything and everything. I'm a big fan of action/adventure movies, as well as independent films (which are quite the opposites in genres). I also have been known to binge watch TV shows into the wee hours of the morning, and I drink way too much coffee.

As a member of council, it is my hope to help move our faith community forward in a positive direction by helping to facilitate open communication, listening with an open mind, and showing understanding, compassion, kindness and love.

Watch Us Grow!

The Godiali Family joined Trinity as new members on Sunday,



May 12. Please welcome Anna and her family Aaron, Caylen, Marcus, Alexander, and Ellia when you see them on Sunday. Already the family has flexed their muscles at Trinity's Outdoor Cleanup on Saturday, May 18. Thanks, guys!

Many of you watched as Colton Komassa was baptized on Sunday, May 5th. What a lucky little guy he is to be part of the loving family of Robin and Sarah and two siblings Chloe and Cooper!

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