

# TRINITY BELLS

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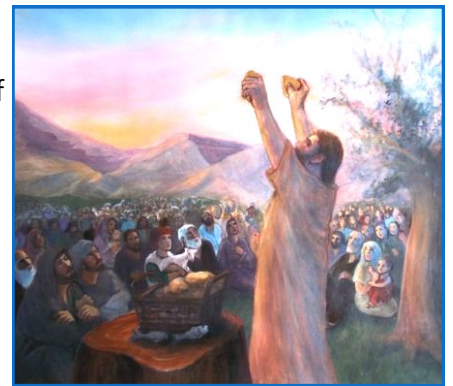


## Out On the Way

by Pastor Susan Stull-Carr

Last Sunday, almost 50 of us gathered to share in communion, to break bread in the church parking lot!

Lynne Mielke's comment was that it felt different and brought out different aspects of Christ's meal, and I agree. In fact, the more I thought about it, the more it felt like we were there with Jesus feeding us, as he did so many generations ago – on the mountain or on the plain, depending on the Gospel writer.



This year, the church, Trinity, has had to make many adjustments, and accept many changes! One of the big changes is how this pandemic has forced us outside of the sanctuary, to be the Church, wherever we can gather in Christ's name. And we are making the most of it! By the time you receive this

newsletter, we will have confirmed Ellia Godiali and will be welcoming new members! If you haven't yet joined us, we will again have communion in the parking lot on October 4th, as well as blessing our pets! You'll want to be there!



I love the image of the Church gathered, and the Church scattered. This year, we have had to be church in a new way – a scattered people gathered around our phones and computers to join together in worship. Gifted with an amazing producer, two wonderful musicians, and a talented graphic designer, we have been able to create a way for us to connect without seeing each other. Many of you thank me regularly for the phone calls that you receive, the MailChimps that are colorful and filled with inspiration, the Bells which catch you up on the latest news and let you know that even in the midst of a pandemic, the church at

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### Office Hours

*(Tue & Thu at Home)*

**Monday:** Closed  
**Tuesday:** 8:00 am to 12:00 Noon  
**Wednesday:** 10:00 am to 4:00 pm  
**Thursday:** 8:00 am to 1:00 pm  
**Friday:** 7:30 am to 11:30 am

### Sunday Worship

**Worship:** 10:00 am  
**Fellowship Hour:** Follows service  
**Holy Communion:** First Sunday of the Month (unless noted otherwise)

### Sunday School

September through first week of June

### Open to the Community

Virtual Worship, Sunday 10:00 am  
Worship–Part 2, Sunday 11:30 am, join us outdoors in Trinity's Parking Lot  
On Hold: Boy Scout Troop 21  
On Hold: Game Nights  
On Hold: Quilters

### Staff & Lay Leaders

**Interim Pastor:** Rev. Susan Stull-Carr  
**Council President:** Terri Allen  
**Director of Music:** Mike Hetzel  
**Administrative Assistant:** Kathy Shine  
**Cleaning Custodian:** Jodie Gerard  
**Maintenance Custodian:** Eric Dahm  
**Ministers of the Church:** All Members of Trinity United Church of Christ

### Newsletter Deadline

Please submit articles and photos for the November publication by October 12th.

Diane Siebold  
Jan Wolff  
Sarah Dahm  
Joann Shue  
Nancy Korslin  
Jerry Krainer  
Nick Dennis  
Bob Lannan  
Jay Preston



### HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

Beverly Littmann  
Geraldine Masch  
Marion Wandsneider

Lisa & Nick Dennis  
Peg & Ralph Zahn  
Judy & Bob Nelson  
Jill Gretenhart & Dan Brzezinski



Donald Wedel found Eternal Peace on Thursday, September 3, 2020 at the age 86. Beloved dad, grandpa, great grandpa, and a great great grandpa.

His humor, deep love and devotion to his family will live on forever in our memories. Trinity will miss him and his humorous anecdotes, especially during choir or around a table during fellowship time. Private services were held.

If you wish to send a note to Don's family and need their address, please contact the office.

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## **Out On the Way**

Trinity has been alive and well and serving God in many ways and many places!

In another astounding feat, the Mission Team has drawn us together for service – gathering food, school supplies and clothing. Meetings are happening in a variety of places now – sometimes at church, but often out on the lawn, or at the local park, or in a restaurant.

Cup of Life has met again and invites the women of the church to discover that particular group and its ministry. The book group is reading Trevor Noah's "Born a Crime" and getting ready to discuss. Committees will soon have Zoom capability to do their work virtually. We have several people supporting a NAMI walk for Mental Health (virtual or live, we're not sure!)

It's incredible to see the imagination and creativity breaking out. And the fun! Our 2nd Annual Trunk or Treat event for our neighborhood children is underway, as well as plans for an outdoor Advent/Christmas program for our children and youth! We are supporting each other through these 'difficult days,' and dreaming new dreams!



As the Church scattered, many of us are finding ourselves engaging in this year's voting in new ways. With threats of voter suppression and serious questions about the health of our postal system and the story we had last spring where absentee ballots never arrived and were never counted, we know that there is serious work for all of us to do, to make sure that our voting rights and the voting rights of all people are assured. You may find yourself writing notes to encourage voting, volunteering for a poll place, offering to drive people to voting places, or many other actions. We know that the Church has a voice and a place in assuring the integrity of our vote. It is at the backbone of our understanding of our democracy. Most of all, be sure to get out and vote! Study the issues. Read beyond your favorite cable news. Ask others about their concerns. Encourage your kids and grandkids to claim this important right and duty!

Always and ever, out on the way, there is work to be done! May the Spirit fill you with a spirit of courage, hope and self-control love, in all you do and say and are!

In Faith and Hope,

*Pastor Susan*

## **Our Trinity Family is Growing**

**Helen Spranger** will be joining by Reaffirmation of Faith. She has lived and worshipped in Fond du Lac and Nekoosa, and most recently was a member at Calvary. She has 3 grandkids.

**Evelyn Seidl** will be joining by Reaffirmation of Faith. She comes as a member from Calvary UCC. Her joy is in giving back and she is an avid volunteer.

**Jim and Lourie Cleary** will be joining by Reaffirmation of Faith. They have been at Trinity for several years and you know Jim from his wonderful singing voice, in the choir and doing solo work.

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## **Clothing Collection**

During the months of September and October, Missions & Social Concerns Committee will conduct a "gently used" clothing drive to benefit The Hope Center.

If you will be attending the after worship gatherings at church on Sundays, September 13 - October 4, bring your items then. We ask that they be boxed or bagged. No items on hangers this year! If you need a pick-up, call a Mission team member.





## Thank You!

Special thanks to **Lisa Corley** for sharing her gift of ministry to conduct our first online summer bible study titled "Jeremiah: Keeping Hope in Troubled Times."

Special thanks to **Mark Burbey** for sharing his knowledge and expertise "behind the scenes" in the office and around our church property. When there is a technical glitch, computer or phone complication, or even weeds in the cemetery, Mark knows how to resolve the problem. We appreciate his time and talent!

We also thank **Roberta Stanley** for her efforts as Chair of Memorial and Endowment Committees. One of her many undertakings is writing letters acknowledging donations to Trinity. We appreciate your diligence and organization!

Thank You  
For Wearing A Mask



Wearing a mask or face covering can help stop the spread of coronavirus. Thank you for doing your part to keep our staff and other patrons safe!

## The Gift of Music . . . And Editing!

Over the Labor Day weekend, the talented musical team of **Mike & Mikey Hetzel** spent two days recording nearly 35 songs that will be used to create Trinity's Sunday morning worship for September and October.

Mike worked with Pastor Susan to create the song list, then more magic happens behind the scenes that you may not notice.

Every week that Trinity offers an online service, Mikey invests an additional 10 hours or so per week to over-dub parts, edit, split/splice, adjust, balance, match, edit the videos with the slideshow, and then finally upload to You-tube. This entire editing process is time intensive and certainly done with love of Trinity in mind. Without Mikey performing these important technical procedures, Trinity would not have had these quality services for the past 5 months. What a blessing for our members!

Thank you Mike & Mikey for sharing your God-given talents with all of us at Trinity. Your music stirs the soul! As Mike often writes, "When we sing, we pray twice!"



## September 13, 2020

On Sunday, September 13, Trinity met in the church parking lot for its first of four outdoor events that we're calling Worship - Part 2. 47 folks showed up and we shared in communion together and had a chance to visit with each other – physically distanced of course, for the first time in many months! The Spirit was truly present and the joy was felt by all!





*I can do all things through  
Christ who strengthens me.*

Philippians 4:13

BLESSING  
OF THE  
ANIMALS



## Confirmation of *Ellia Godiali*

We're happy to share a bit of information about our confirmand, Ellia. Ellia Sophia Godiali was born in Michigan, November 2007. She is the baby of the family. She is a thinker, an advocate and a bit of a clown around her friends. She is loyal, very patient with her friends as well. Ellia loves to ski and also loves volleyball. She thinks she'd like to go into marketing as a career. She's also a planner and a setter of goals. If she decides to do something, it's as good as done!



We are delighted to witness Ellia confirming her faith, joining with us on the journey of faith and service to God. My thanks to Joe Halvorson and Emily Dahm who served as mentors along the way. Ellia has met the criteria for being confirmed. We enjoyed our conversations and watching her share her gifts in worship. You'll know her as one of our readers, and a member of our choir, as well as a soloist!

## Attention Knitters or Potential Knitters!

If you are currently a knitter, or teaching someone to knit, or wish to learn, or know someone whom knits, Judy has a great deal for you.



**FREE** knitting needles in great shape! Sizes 2 to 15 (some multiple sets), loop needles size 4, 6, 8 and double point 2, 3, 6, 7 and 9 sets of miscellaneous sizes. Feel free to ask for 1,2, many or all. They are begging for someone to take them home and use them!

Contact Judy Marchant at [jmarchant426@gmail.com](mailto:jmarchant426@gmail.com) or call 262-527-7667. Judy works during the day (Monday-Friday) and sometimes will not get home until early evening, so please leave a message.

When we meet on October 4 following worship in your homes, we are planning for Pet Blessing Sunday. This may change, but at this moment, we would have a drive through Pet Blessing and Pastor Susan will bless your pet in your car. You would also receive an individual packet for communion as well. We are thinking that a "Pet Parade" might be fun! You would have to physically distance you and your pet, as we take a short walk around the cemetery! This is also St. Francis of Assisi Sunday, so we'll be hearing more about his ministry and faith in our earlier worship!

Staying inside your car for those with immune issues or who are of our more vulnerable population will be a great idea and of course, if you aren't feeling well, please do stay home!

Pastor Susan

*Some angels choose  
fur instead  
of wings*





# Save <sup>the</sup> Date

## Pet Blessing

Communion Sunday, October 4

## Outdoor Property Cleanup

Saturday, October 17  
9:00 am to 12:00 Noon

## 2nd Annual Trunk or Treat

Saturday, October 24  
Trinity's Parking Lot  
2:00 pm to 4:00 pm  
Open to the Public

\* Social Distancing and Masks  
Will be Required \*



### Saturday, October 10

To ensure the health and safety of all, NAMIWalks Waukesha will not be hosting a large in-person walk. Instead, on Walk Day, October 10th, attendees will pick up their t-shirt and optional walk routes, take photos, and pick up signs to display while they walk. Donations will also be accepted at this time. Then walkers will disband and proceed on their individual routes. You can participate virtually, too!

## We're Enjoying Life!

Kathy Haas & Joe Halvorson



Michaela Faulk



Kahney Rohrig



Lee & Bob Lannan in Upper Michigan