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April 2022



“after the comma”

The Trees

There is unrest in the forest
 Trouble with the trees
 For the maples want more sunlight
 And the oaks ignore their pleas

The trouble with the maples
 (And they're quite convinced they're right)
 They say the oaks are just too lofty
 And they grab up all the light

But the oaks can't help their feelings
 If they like the way they're made
 And they wonder why the maples
 Can't be happy in their shade

There is trouble in the forest
 And the creatures all have fled
 As the maples scream, "Oppression"
 And the oaks just shake their heads

So the maples formed a union
 And demanded equal rights
 They say, "The oaks are just too greedy
 We will make them give us light"

Now there's no more oak oppression
 For they passed a noble law
 And the trees are all kept equal
 By hatchet, axe, and saw

(The Trees by Rush (Alex Lifeson/Neil Peart/Geddy Lee Weinrib 1978)

I had this song ringing through my head this week as Brenda and I prepare to have some very large and majestic trees taken down in our front yard. One is a statuesque Elm that unfortunately succumbed to disease and no longer produces its leaves. Then there are the twins that are intertwined at the trunk and these Basswoods have grown so high and mighty that they have begun to split their trunks leaving a precarious situation for anything that may be parked under their umbrella. We recently had a "Tree whisperer" look at these majestic creations and as we feared, they need to come down. To everything there is a season.

TRINITY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Office Hours

Tuesday & Thursday: 9:00 am - 11:00 am

Sunday Worship

Worship: 10:00 am

Fellowship Hour: Follows service

Holy Communion: First Sunday of the Month
(unless noted otherwise)

Sunday School

April 3rd

Contact Kathy Haass (KatydidHaass@gmail.com)
with questions or for more information.

Open to the Community

Worship, Sunday 10:00 am

On Hold: Game Nights

Quilters: 4/4, 4/18 - 8:30 am- 4:00 pm

Staff & Lay Leaders

Pastor: Rev. Daniel Krueger

Council President: Kathy Immekus

Director of Music: Mike Hetzel

Administrative Assistant: Mikey Hetzel

Cleaning Custodian: Jodie Gerard

Maintenance Custodian: Eric Dahm

Ministers of the Church:

All Members of Trinity United Church of Christ

Newsletter Deadline

The 15th of each month.

Happy Birthday!!



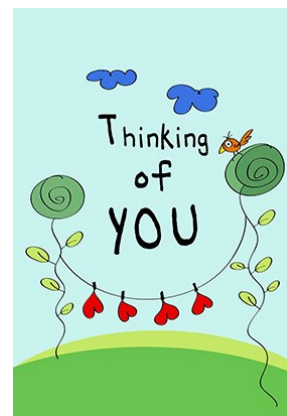
Terri Allen	4/1
Lou Frank	4/3
Donald Larson	4/13
Chloe Brown	4/18
Ruth Larson	4/20
Dave Mielke	4/23
Jerry Goldbach	4/25
Judy Marchant	4/26
Wendy Kleman	4/26
Dan Brzezinski	4/30



Jan & Bob Fredrick 4/7/1962
Diane & William Siebold 4/8
Yvonne & Donald Basting 4/15/1961
Kathy Haass & Joe Halvorson 4/20/1991

HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

Beverly Littmann
Marion Wandsneider
Fred Theilacker
Joann Shue
Lola & Jerry Krainer





Sunday, April 3rd - Worship Service - 10:00 AM

Wednesday, April 6th - Lenten Worship Service - 4:00 PM

Sunday, April 10th - Palm Sunday Worship Service - 10:00 AM

Palm Parade of the congregation and Car Parade to follow for homebound members after church service.

Worship Services
April 2022

Thursday, April 14th - Maundy Thursday Worship Service -

Gather at 6:00 PM, eat at 6:30 PM

Friday, April 15th - Good Friday Worship Service - 7:00 PM

Sunday, April 17th - Easter Sunrise Worship Service - 7:30 AM

in south parking lot. Bring your own chair.

Sunday, April 17th - Easter Worship Service - 10:00 AM

Sunday, April 24th - Worship Service - 10:00 AM



Announcements Schedule

- 4/3 Kathy Immekus
- 4/10 Mark Burbey
- 4/17 Robin Komassa
- 4/24 Emily Dahm

Could all Committee Chairs please get your announcements for the following Sunday to the appropriate Council member by Wednesday morning of that week.

If you are not able to do the announcements on this date, contact Kathy Immekus So a replacement can be found. Thank You all.

For Sale!

For Sale—By member of Trinity.
Single cemetery plot at
Wisconsin Memorial Park:
Choice location, \$2000.
For additional information,
email kheins19@gmail.com.

IMPORTANT RECYCLING UPDATE

Many thanks to all for the aluminum and tin cans that you bring to Trinity as you recycle to protect the environment. The price per pound for these items is the highest I have seen.

Remember that aluminum cans and tin cans must be separated. Also, the cans should be empty of fluids. No plastic bottles.

A special concern that I need to request as per the company that purchases the cans is this:

If you have aluminum or metal items such as single-use aluminum cooking pans, foil, or small scrap metal items they **MUST** be placed in a separate bag – not mixed with any of the cans.

Simply place these items in an old plastic bag and set next to the large containers in the recycling area at the back of the church.

THANK YOU!! - Marlene



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All this makes me wonder and think about how fragile our time is here on Earth. God has given us much, but it is given with a knowledge that things will change. We also understand that while we are given this time, we are a part of the whole of creation in whatever manner we choose. Within this time, we are also connected to others and the will they bring. We are asked to be moved by what we experience, and it is within connection that we create community.

The Elm tree at one time (probably eighty or more years ago) was just a sapling beginning from the forest floor, stretching as best as it could to gain light, rain and ground. Upon reaching a certain size, the Elm you could imagine understood that it was to be a part of the larger forest around it. Then the world came crashing in. A house was built within 40 feet or so using the Elms lofty arms for additional shade and beauty to adorn this new dwelling for a family. From there the years go on and the growth of the Elm and its cousins the Basswoods along with some Maple and Oak trees is constant as this is the plan of the Creator. During their time of growing and living, I can imagine they were climbed by children, squirrels and raccoons. Birds perched themselves in order to rest and watch. Even the branches that fell and scattered about the yard from these giants, became sticks for playing with by kids and some neighborhood dogs. Was there ever a waste of their lives? Was there angst about how much or little was being done? We have much to learn from God's creation. There is living amongst the trees that for so long have watched the neighborhood churn and morph and through it all, the seasons have added to their story. I could go on and on in describing the wonderment of nature and how we are all so connected, and in the end, the truth of what we know will be on display.

In this Easter Season which is coming upon us, we are reminded of how we are given the gift of life. This is not just for us to live by, but where our hope is. Christ turns our fear of the next into the intentional ever-present love of our God. Love is where all of creation goes to thrive, to experience this love is to also help us when the storms blow our limbs around. We know the pains of losing, of being left behind, of being hurt. Our branches once firmly attached and strong, becoming frail and cracked. Ours is not a life known only for lament, but it is a life celebrated by our living of love.

Neil Peart the lyricist of "The Trees" was asked a few years after the song "The Trees" had become popular, what was the message within the song? He said none. He is quoted to say. "No. It was just a flash. I was working on an entirely different thing when I saw a cartoon picture of these trees carrying on like fools. I thought, 'What if trees acted like people?' So I saw it as a cartoon really, and wrote it that way. I think that's the image that it conjures up to a listener or a reader. A very simple statement." (April/May 1980 Modern Drummer).

So maybe I am putting a face on these trees in my front yard and imagining them to have knowledge. Knowledge of some part of the mystery of life, love and God. For this, I am sad that I will be bringing them back down to where it all began. Our Biblical history as God's children highlights how the Trees have been with us all along as fellow servants. The Tree in the Garden of Eden, the beams for Noah's Ark, the burning bush for Moses, the fig tree in Jesus's Parable, the Cedars of Lebanon, and the Olive Trees silently listening in the Garden of Gethsemane where Jesus prayed the night before his crucifixion...and the tree of the Cross.

Maybe these trees aren't so distant after all from us in God's world. In God's magnificent creation, we are much like the seeds that these trees have scattered about, wanting only for more creation, growth and love to carry us on. Our Easter experience rejoices in another season of God's love for all of creation, and our reminder is when we see the first leaves blossom on the trees.

Christ is Risen! Christ is risen indeed! Love is given! Love is given indeed!

Grace and Peace!

Pastor Dan

Cup Of Life

Cup of Life ladies met in the Dining Hall on Wednesday morning, February 2nd to work on making "thinking of you" and "happy Spring" cards for people at Assisted Living facilities in Brookfield. Thanks to the supplies donated by Kathy Immekus and Kahney Rohrig, and Kathy's assistance, 9 or so ladies made 41 cards. Roberta Stanley was nice enough to drop off 12 at Brookdale on Capitol Drive and 28 at Congregational Home on Burleigh Road. The last one was for Lynne Mielke, our member who was undergoing hip surgery. All in attendance were treated to pre-Lenten paczkis with many different fillings for after we worked on the cards. Everyone fully enjoyed the treats provided by Jan Schuster and Jeanne Zimmerman. Thanks to all who came, donated items and services and for a job well done.

For April, May and June we will be working on treats for Easter, Mothers' Day and Fathers' Day. Enough said since we want all to be surprised. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, April 6th at 10:00am in the Dining Hall. Any ladies of Trinity and friends are welcome to come to help us with our next project. All items needed will be supplied. We always have an opening prayer, devotional, catch up on each others' lives and have a lite snack and beverage. Then we go over what we need for the following month. After that, we will begin working on the Easter project. There is always much fun and laughter. Come at 10:00 or give Jan Schuster, Terri Allen or Lynne Mielke a call if you have any questions. Thanks again ladies of Cup of Life for all that you do.



A Prayer for Ukraine

God of all peoples and nations,
Who created all things alive and breathing,
United and whole,
Show us the way of peace that is Your overwhelming presence.
We hold before you the peoples of Ukraine
and Russia,
Every child and every adult.
We long for the time
When weapons of war are beaten into
ploughshares

When nations no longer lift up sword
against nation.
We cry out to you for peace;
Protect those who only desire and deserve
to live in security and safety
Comfort those who fear for their lives and
the lives of their loved ones
Be with those who are bereaved.
Change the hearts of those set on violence
and aggression
And fill leaders with the wisdom that leads
to peace.
Kindle again in us a love of our neighbour,
And a passion for justice to prevail and a
renewed recognition that we all play a part
in peace.
Creator of all hear our prayer
And bring us peace. Make us whole.

Amen

(From Website Christian Aid)

Looking for a Welcoming Home

If you recall seeing us around Trinity, you can probably picture us as two very unhealthy Peace Lilies in the Lobby area. Our leaves were turning brown and drying up. We were not doing very well at all.

Marlene took us home a couple of months ago and has nourished us back to health with sunlight, consistent watering, and plant food. We are doing well and we need to find a new home. She cannot take care of us any longer and is suggesting that we get placed in someone's home. Her cat likes us too much.

The care that we need is sunlight (preferably east window), watering at least two or three times a week (not a lot at one time, but consistent).

Are you interested? Marlene needs to find a sunny, welcoming home for us. So please talk to her and welcome us into your home. We are very excited to meet you! Marlene's contact information is below.

262-246-3258

262-420-7923

Missions Committee

The Mission Committee would like to thank the people who supported the Mardi Gras Luncheon in February. The meal collected \$895.00 and allowed the Mission Committee to send a check for \$1000.00 to Back Bay Mission in Biloxi, Mississippi.

The Mission Committee on the Sundays of April 17 and April 24 will be passing a clip board around during worship service to see who would like to work at HUNGER TASK FORCE. As yet, a date has not been set.

NEW AND USED CHILDREN'S BOOKS will be collected in April and May for the HOPE Center. There will be containers in the gathering place where you can place the books. Books that are needed should be for children 12 years old and younger.

MAY IS THE 'UNDY 500' again at Trinity. The Mission Committee will again be entering the race. Please be prepared to bring new underwear for this cause. Watch for further details in the upcoming Thursday Announcement pages.

Thank you from your Mission Committee for all the support you give to help us help others."

EASTER BREAKFAST... it's back!



On Easter Sunday, April 17th, after the early worship service we will be having the annual potluck breakfast. Breakfast will be served at 8:30 a.m. Starting on March 27th there will be a sign-up sheet for items that we need to be brought for our breakfast. There is a wide variety of items needed, some for those of you that are creative in the kitchen and some for those of you that are better at shopping. So let's make this Trinity tradition a festive time of good food and great fellowship.



Hi Kids,

The Tower of Babel

Today's story is about pride. Pride is when you think you're better than someone else. The problem with this, is that God dislikes pride. When we think we are better than others we also start to think we don't need God and that we can handle things on our own.

The thing is, we ALWAYS need God. He made us so that we would need Him. He wants us to depend on Him and ask Him for help. If we think that we have everything figured out and that we know it all, then we're really going our own way and turning away from God.

Just think about the last time you disobeyed your parents or you weren't nice to a friend. You put your thoughts and feelings first and didn't care about how the other person felt. That is pride.

In this story you'll see how God handles pride and how badly he wants to stop it from happening. It all started with a King named Nimrod.

Everything was going great. Everyone in the whole world spoke the same language. Some of the people ended up living in a place called Babylonia.

Then King Nimrod decided he wanted to be famous. He wanted everyone to know him and how great he was. He convinced the people that lived in Babylonia that, they too could be great if they built a tower that went all the way to heaven.

So the people went to work making bricks for the Tower of Babel. It was hard work but the people wanted everyone to know that they made the tower that reached heaven, so they just worked that much harder.

The people also convinced themselves that by building the tower they would stay united. Since they already spoke the same language, now they would be building the tower together. Their pride had taken over and all they were thinking about was that they'd be known in all the world for building the biggest and best tower ever.

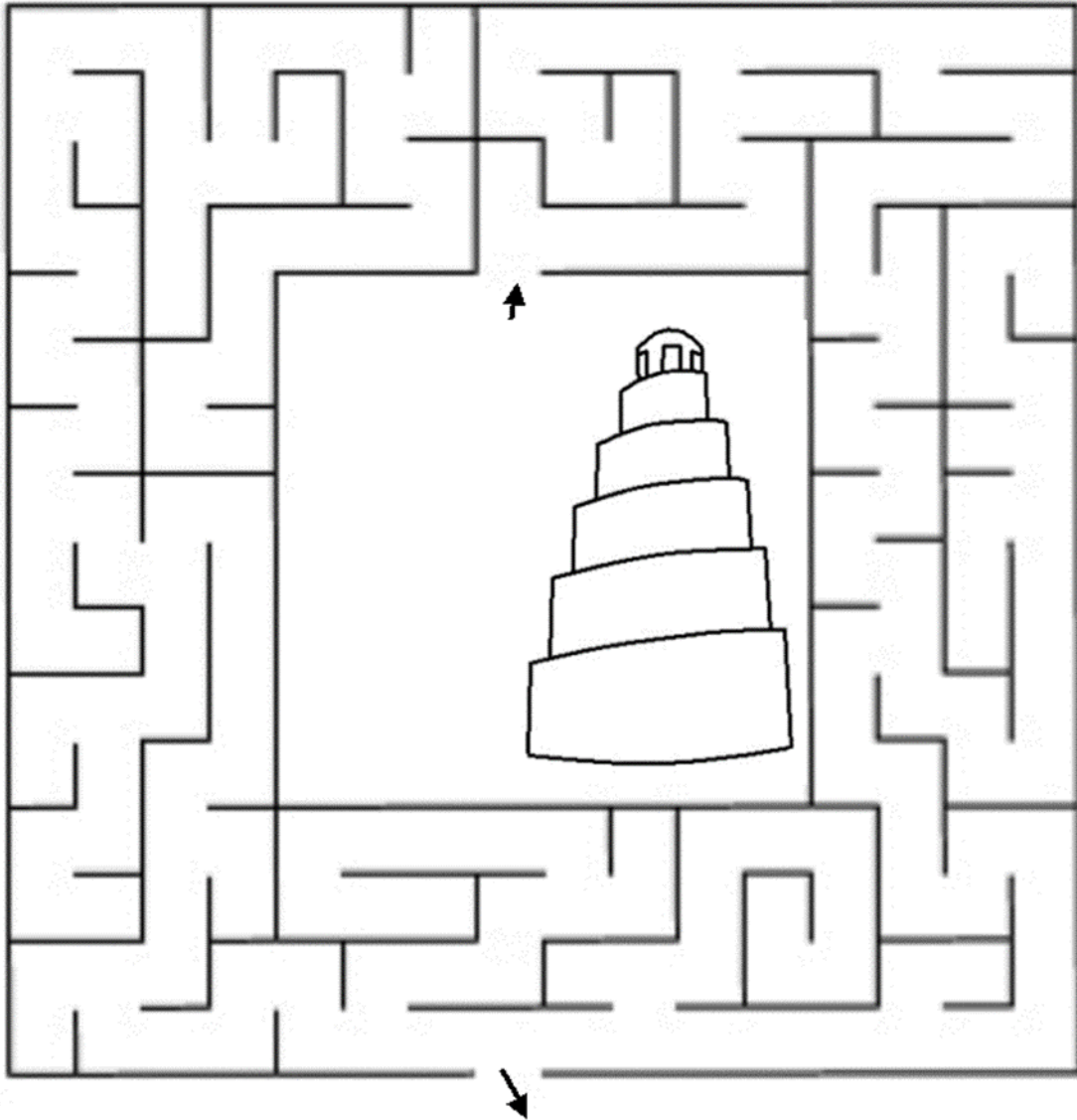
God could see what was happening all along, but decided to come down to earth and see the tower the people were building. God could tell the people's hearts were more focused on themselves and the tower than on him. He was very disappointed and angry with them.

To be continued.....



Tower of Babel Maze

Help the people run from their pride and tower.



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	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	27	28	29	30	31	1	2
Worship 10:00 am Communion -Sunday School Troop 21 6:00 - 8:30 pm, DH	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
		Monday Quilters 8:30 am - 4:00 pm, DH	Office Open 9:00 - 11:00 am	Wednesday Lenten Service 4:00 pm Cup of Life 10:00 am, DH Missions 2:00 pm, DH	Office Open 9:00 - 11:00 am W&A Meeting 1:00 pm, DH Property Meeting 3:00 pm, DH		
Worship 10:00 am Palm Sunday	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
			Office Open 9:00 - 11:00 am		Office Open 9:00 - 11:00 am Maundy Thursday Service 6:00 pm	Good Friday Service 7:00 pm	
Sunrise Worship 7:30 am Easter Breakfast 8:30 am Easter Worship 10:00 am	7	18	19	20	21	22	23
		Monday Quilters 8:30 am - 4:00 pm, DH	Office Open 9:00 - 11:00 am	Council Meeting 6:30 pm, DH	Office Open 9:00 - 11:00 am		
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