



TRINITY BELLS

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An Open and Affirming Congregation
4435 North Calhoun Road, Brookfield, WI 53005*



“after the comma”

Meetings to Plan More Meetings
February 2023

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Doesn't it seem sometimes that we need as much time to manage our calendars and meetings as it does to actually have the time for meetings themselves? Maybe I'm just thinking of my own situation of deadlines, appointments, dates on the calendar and so much to do. I guess I'm beefing a little bit...it does seem many folks I talk with find their lives are busier than they can remember.

Do you think that our ancestors had the same type of pull on their time? I look at all the good work that our church here at Trinity does, and it goes without saying that much of this is the result of the meetings occurring each day, week and months. Blessed are the meetings! Maybe we've put a bad rap on meetings over the years. I recall some of the churches that I have been a part of where council or consistory meetings would begin during daylight and stretch into the moonlight of evening. This is not to say that there were not great things being discussed, planned and dreamed as the participants sat on not so comfortable folding chairs and maybe sipped on some coffee to keep eyelids from drooping. The agenda items were heartfelt, and we all know things need to be done...regardless of the time. Yes, there were some long ones for sure! (See my P.S. note...)

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TRINITY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

4435 North Calhoun Road
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Email: contact@trinitybrookfield.org

Web Site: www.trinitybrookfield.org

Office Hours

Tuesday & Friday: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Sunday Worship

Worship: 10:00 am

Fellowship Hour: Follows service

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

Sunday School

2/5, 2/19

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

Open to the Community

Worship, Sunday 10:00 am

Troop 21:

Monday Quilters: 2/13, 2/27, 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!!

Lisa Corley2/6

Zachary Hanson2/11

Frederick Theilacker2/23

Lourie Martinez2/24

Jean Gichert2/12

Jan Glasenapp2/12

Pat Basting2/17

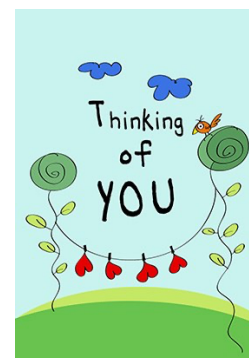
Dan Rieves2/19



Lynne & Dave Mielke..... 2/09/1964

HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

Beverly Littmann
Marion Wandsneider
Fred Theilacker
Joann Shue
Nancy Korslin





Worship Services February 2023

Sunday, February 5th
Worship Service – 10:00 AM
Communion, Sunday School, Annual Meeting

Sunday, February 12th
Worship Service – 10:00 AM
Mardi Gras Jazz Worship

Sunday, February 19th
Worship Service – 10:00 AM
Mardi Gras Luncheon, Sunday School

Wednesday, February 22nd
Ash Wednesday Worship Service – 7:00 PM

Sunday, February 26th
Worship Service – 10:00 AM
Scout Sunday, Baptism



February 5. Kathy Immekus
February 12. Pastor Dan
February 19. Mark Burbey
February 26. Robin Komassa

If you're unable to do your
scheduled date, please contact
Kathy Immekus.





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In the business world, meetings have changed since the recent pandemic. Previously, meetings required a physical attendance with the participants for most of the time. Sure, we had conference call meetings and the beginnings of some computer driven and hosted gatherings. The standard though was were you could be across the table, or meeting area and feel the aura of the gathered. Since then we have become more accustomed to a more virtual presence at these assemblies. In fact, in many cases there are more participants than ever before in meetings that previously may have had a few members attend based on travel or other meetings. Now many times a half hour meeting will have 30 or more participants from different time zones and locales! We'll see cactus through the window on one screen shot, and another with a pile of snow shown in the background...all in the same meeting space. Amazing isn't it?

It makes me wonder how the ministry of Jesus and his initial followers, the disciples would have taken to our modern way of interaction. Jesus was the master of being with people and knowing what they needed even before they asked, but it was the presence that made those meetings work. Surely it would be hard to heal someone if you couldn't touch them, hear them ask for love and acceptance if you couldn't know their situation first hand. It seems to me that this was a simpler and more effective way to minister. In fact, maybe we need to get back to this in person meeting and knowing of each other. Wouldn't that nice?

But this is not where we put down our smart phone or shut-off our Webcams and microphones. Our way of meeting has evolved, but in a way, it is like going back to the beginning.

God is the Creator and purveyor of all kinds of meetings, and the one God gave us first was and still is the most effective meeting system of all...PRAYER! Yes, prayers are the original meetings where we as God's children were able to schedule our meeting with Love at anytime, anywhere, anyway. The agenda of these consultations have almost always been produced by each of us. These meetings can go as long or short as we want, no secretary is needed or vote to be had. We are asked to bring our dreams, visions, needs, fears, thanks and so many topics to the table and we are heard in all the glory of the biggest meeting room ever! Prayer- the original virtual meeting platform- no training video needed!

As I write this article, I am talking myself into why we need to keep our meetings special. No matter what the meeting topic may be, we are to be thankful for the opportunity to be in community. Even if the meeting is to discuss a not so great subject, we can remind ourselves of the gift we bring to each other and the respect and presence we can give freely.

Jesus created meetings in different numbers, different spaces with all walks of people- even those who were to betray, deny and kill him- he had time for them all. But the grandest meeting of them all was the meeting outside of the tomb! This is where Jesus reset the gathering of those mourning to proclaim the calendar of death had been wiped clean! I smile to think that the agenda was reset also to ask that all of our meetings were now pointed with a purpose to build God's kingdom with the grand goal of loving love in all Love's forms!

I guess we should plan and attend more meetings after all... 😊 . Sunday mornings at 10:00 are a good start!!

Dear Creating God- we gather together to meet with you so that we may know better how we can invite more and more of our siblings to fill their calendars with your glorious love for ALL! Amen.

Pastor Dan



P.S. Trinity's Council has covenanted that monthly meetings are to only be 1.5 hours long! So, come and join us!!



WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR FEBRUARY AT TRINITY:

February 5 - Worship Service and Communion

February 12 - New Orleans Jazz Worship Service

You are invited to wear your Mardi Gras beads and attire

February 19 - Worship Service followed by the Mardi Gras Lunch

You are again invited to wear your Mardi Gras attire.

February 22 - Ash Wednesday Service at 7:00 PM - distribution of ashes

February 26 - Worship and Baptism - Celebrate Scout Sunday



RECYCLING UPDATE:

Thanks to everyone who contributes to Trinity's recycling metal projects. You are Great!

I took a carload of aluminum cans to the recycling business on Monday, January 23. The price being paid for aluminum cans is \$.60 per pound currently. Not only are we protecting our environment, but we get a little cash for Trinity. In the next couple of weeks, I will take the tin cans and disposable aluminum bakeware items and aluminum foil to sell.

For clarification, please place only aluminum CANS in the recycling bin marked aluminum cans. In the recycling area in the back of the church, you will find a new recycling bin marked disposable aluminum bakeware. This is where to place the bakeware and aluminum foil. If you combine the bakeware and the cans, I need to separate them for processing. Usually, that means I bring them back home as it gets a little cold being outdoors doing this task.

Thanks, again, for being involved in the recycling program at Trinity.

Marlene



Laissez Les Bon Temps Roulez

Let the good times keep rolling after the Jazz Worship Service on February 19th and come on down to the Dining Hall for lunch.

The Mission Committee will be serving Pulled Pork Sandwich, Mac & Cheese Salad, and Stranger Cake.

See Dave Mielke or Joe Halvorson for tickets.

Adults are \$15.00 and children are \$7.00.

Let us know if want carry-out.

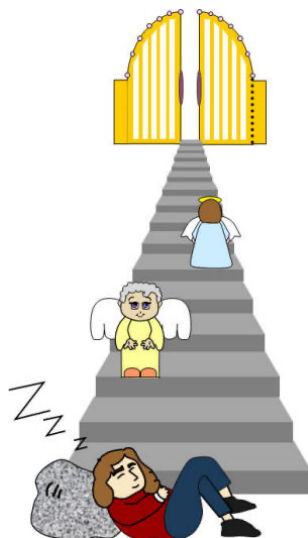
All proceeds will go to Back Bay Mission in Back Bay, Mississippi.



Hi Kids,

This month's story is from the Old Testament of the Bible. It is part one of Jacob's story.

Jacob's Ladder



This story from the Bible is about Jacob. If you don't remember he had a twin brother named Esau who he tricked out of his blessing from his father Isaac. Even though they were twins, Esau was born first so he should've received the special blessing from his father, not Jacob.

Jacob and his mother Rebekah tricked Isaac by making Jacob seem hairy like his brother Esau. Since Isaac could barely see he wasn't able to tell who was who. In the end Esau was very upset that he didn't receive the special blessing so he decided he would kill Jacob as soon as their father died.

It may seem very wrong that Jacob took Esau's blessing but it was supposed to happen this way. The Lord told Rebekah when she was pregnant that she had two nations inside of her, one would be stronger than the other and the older will serve the younger.

So even though Jacob wasn't originally supposed to receive the blessing, this is the way God wanted it to be.

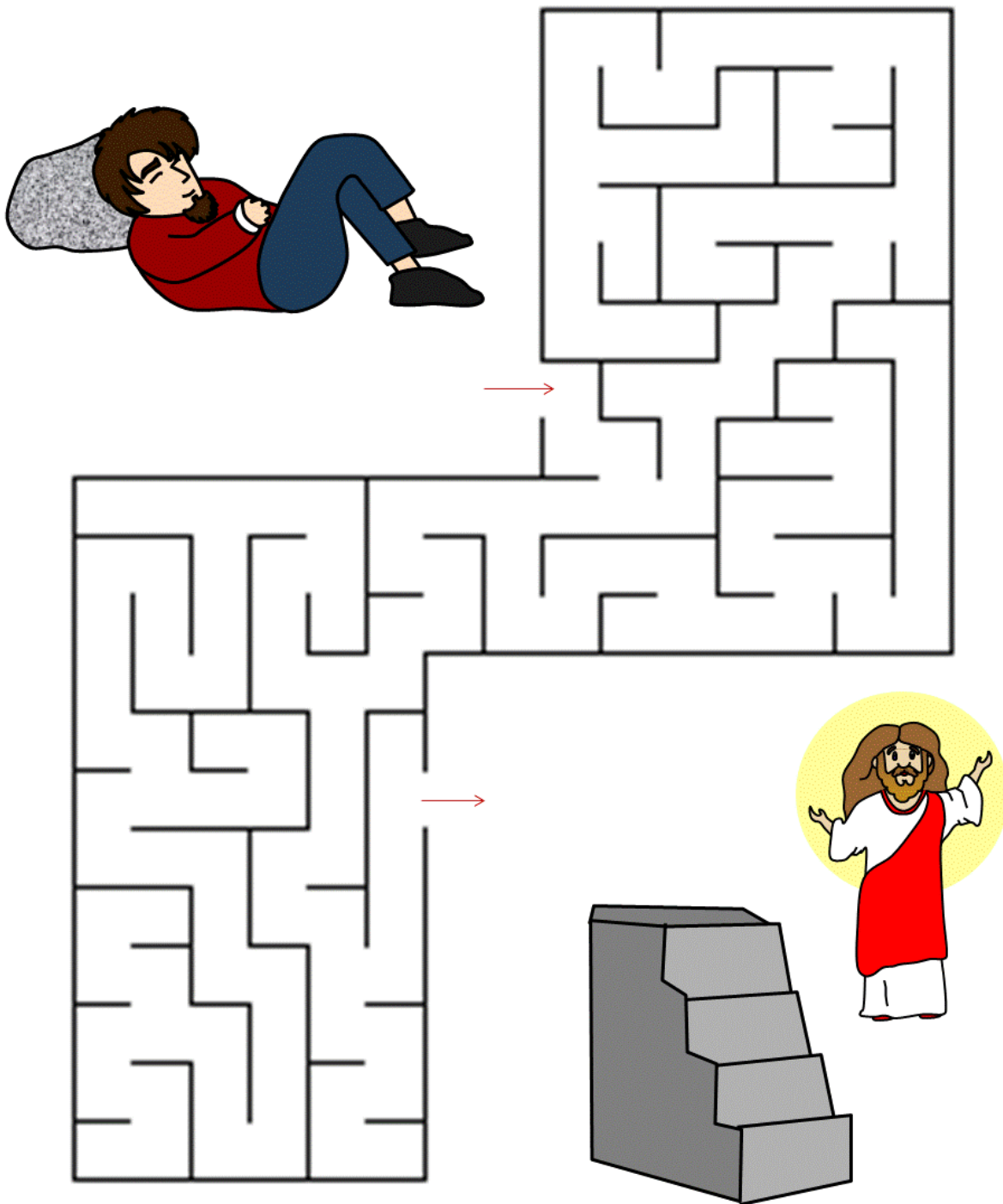
Rebekah knew about Esau's plan to kill Jacob so she told him to get out of town until Esau wasn't so mad anymore.

So Jacob left. I'm thinking Jacob either walked or was riding a horse and at the end of a long day of travelling he decided to stop for the night.

It must have been a warm evening because Jacob just slept under the stars. He didn't have a pillow with him (which even if he had, I'm not sure they would be anything like the pillows we have now), so he found a good size stone to lay his head on.

Jacob's Ladder Maze

Help Jacob get to sleep so he can dream and get his message from God.



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**TRINITY UCC
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	31	1 Cup of Life 10:00 am, DH Missions 1:00 pm, DH	2 W&A Meeting 1:00 pm, DH Property Meeting 3:00 pm, DH	3 Office Open 9:00 am - 12:00 pm	4
Worship 10:00 am Communion -Sunday School Annual Meeting	6 Office Open 9:00 am - 12:00 pm	7 Office Open 9:00 am - 12:00 pm	8	9 Office Open 9:00 am - 12:00 pm	10 Office Open 9:00 am - 12:00 pm	11
12 Jazz Worship 10:00 am	13 Monday Quilters 8:30 am - 4:00 pm, DH	14 Office Open 9:00 am - 12:00 pm	15	16 Office Open 9:00 am - 12:00 pm Set up Dining Hall 10:00 am, DH	17 Office Open 9:00 am - 12:00 pm	18
19 Worship 10:00 am -Sunday School Mardi Gras Lunch	20 Office Open 9:00 am - 12:00 pm	21 Office Open 9:00 am - 12:00 pm	22 Ash Wednesday Service 7:00 pm	23	24 Office Open 9:00 am - 12:00 pm	25
26 Worship 10:00 am Scout Sunday	27 Monday Quilters 8:30 am - 4:00 pm, DH	28 Office Open 9:00 am - 12:00 pm	1 Lenten Service 5:30 pm	2	3	4
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