

# TRINITY BELLS

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## "after the comma"

### Making Bread

I have mentioned on many occasions that I am not a good baker. You would think by this time I would have figured out the way to make a great loaf or rolls or even a cake. Still trying. It is something about the need to use the rules of baking that catch me. Baking requires knowing the rules, the ingredients, the temperature and using the right amounts of things all in a particular order to create something that replicates the original. Cooking has some rules, but many of the rules can be broken and you still end up with something that you can claim was what you wanted to do all along. I think that is where recipes which have Goulash or Casserole/Hot dish come from (at some point things were tossed together, mixed up, put into some warming/cooking vessel given some heat and voila! Dinner is served...what should we call it? 😊)

But that bread making thing is something to admire. First it comes with the basic raw ingredients of flour, water, a bit of salt, sugar, yeast, and some oil. Just having the ingredients is the easy part of the process. Actually, making the bread takes an order...I found a list on Veg Patch Kitchen Cookery School Website that I'm going to use with this exploration.

Okay...as I look at this list it reminds me so much of how we can approach church. I know...you're questioning a bit of my sanity, but you've known me long enough to know I ponder things and try to find how our daily lives can reflect God's church and people. So let's make some church bread!

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**February 2024**



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## TRINITY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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### 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

2/4, 2/18

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

### Open to the Community

Worship, Sunday 10:00 am

Monday Quilters: 2/5, 2/19 – 8:30a-4:00p

Troop 21: 2/4, 2/18 – 6:00-8:30p

### Staff & Lay Leaders

**Pastor:** Rev. Daniel Krueger

**Council President:** Mark Burbey

**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!!



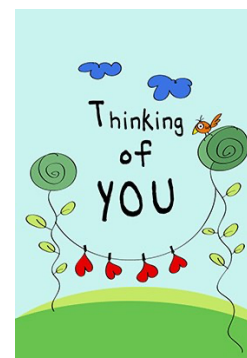
Lisa Corley .....2/6  
Zachary Hanson .....2/11  
Frederick Theilacker .....2/23  
Lourie Martinez .....2/24  
Jean Gichert .....2/12  
Jan Glasenapp .....2/12  
Pat Basting .....2/17  
Dan Rieves .....2/19  
Sarah Komassa .....2/23



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

## HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

Nancy Korslin  
Jerry Krainer  
Sherry Nuszbaum  
Joann Shue  
Fred Theilacker  
Marion Wandsneider  
Patricia Wendlandt



## Worship Services - Feb 2024

Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup>

Worship Service – 10:00 AM

Sunday School

Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup>

Mardi Gras Worship – 10:00 AM

New Orleans Lunch

Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>

Ash Wednesday Service – 6:00 PM

Sunday, February 18<sup>th</sup>

Worship Service – 10:00 AM

Sunday School

Council Meeting 11:15 AM

Wednesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>

Lenten Service – 5:30 PM

Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup>

Worship Service – 10:00 AM

Wednesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>

Lenten Service – 6:00 PM

## Usher Teams

**February 4th - Frank Team, Group 4**

(Lou Frank, Jan Frank, Kathy Immekus)

**February 11th - Dahm Team, Group 5**

(Eric Dahm, Edith Heins, Tootie Seidel)

**February 18th - Halvorson Team, Group 1**

(Terri Allen, Emily Goblirsch, Kathy Haass, Joe Halvorson)

**February 25th - Mielke Team, Group 2**

(Sarah Dahm, Lori Krueger, Dave Mielke, Lynne Mielke, Naomi Stewart)

## **2023 Annual Corporate Meeting Lunch**

There will be a light lunch served in the dining hall prior to the start of the Annual Meeting on March 3, 2024.

Lunch will consist of sandwiches, salad, dessert and beverages.



## Easter Breakfast Celebration Returns



**On March 31<sup>st</sup> CNF will again host an Easter Breakfast. More information will be forthcoming along with a sign-up sheet for food items to bring.**

## **A Sunday Morning Church Bread Recipe!**

- 1. Gathering everything that you need to make the loaf.**  
We as God's children come together from all walks of life, ready to bring our ingredients of self into the mix.
- 2. Measuring the ingredients**  
We find our place within the Sanctuary and gathering spaces as we join together making room for all, trying not to take too much and leaving room for others. We welcome each and all. (We even make room at the pews!!)
- 3. Mixing the dough to the right consistency**  
We begin talking, greeting, welcoming and moving around the space mixing our lives and experiences.
- 4. Resting and stretching & folding or kneading the dough**  
As we begin our Worship, we open our hearts- resting our thoughts and prepare ourselves through prayer and common speaking. We stretch our minds and knead our souls.
- 5. First rise/ fermentation/ proof**  
We receive the Word of Scripture. It begins to ferment in our thoughts, giving us glimpses of our ancestors and how they found the world with voices of the past challenging us to look further and grow.
- 6. Deflating (gently) & dividing (if you are making more than one loaf)**  
We pray together. We acknowledge the presence of Love and the ways in which have embraced Love and the ways we have not loved. We search both our individual and common ways where we have been the true disciples we strive to be and pray to the One who brings us back for trying again...
- 7. Shaping**  
We begin to hear a message...a call which begins to have us ready for what will form us next...how we can be prepared for love and living within the Way.
- 8. Second rise / proofing / secondary fermentation**  
We allow for relaxation of singing together, hearing sounds of music and common prayer. We sing in parts and verses knowing that we are but one of the whole with the melody of love as our guide through each song of life. We challenge and "knead" each other through this process.
- 9. Pre-heating and preparing the oven**  
We come together as church to receive the gifts of the Eucharist- being together at the table knowing each needs to be fed in the sharing of love for all who believe and have Faith in our God's loving forgiveness and mercy.
- 10. Slashing/ scoring the loaf with a sharp knife or razor**  
We commit to each other and our God moving into the world with a voice proclaiming the Good News of God's Love for all. We know it will be difficult and will open up ourselves to more heat within the lines of the world's judgement, but we are ready and knowing that we will have scars from loving that will increase our beauty and common bond.



**11. Baking (and steaming the oven)**

Yes, it will get hot in here (or out there) when we truly give of ourselves to each other and the proclaiming of a God who embraces all. Each of our lives will grow and expand as we are kindled in the warmth of common Love as we all take on the “crust” of the world trying to harden us.

**12. Cooling**

In this stage allow for others to tell their stories as we listen...listen and allow ourselves to hear and take on the temperature of the world around us.

**13. Eating**

The culmination is when we have been ready for our lives to be taken in through love. Flavorful in our differences, but common in our gift to the world. Jesus Christ was the Bread of Life, and we are the continuation of His Friendship “starter” with all the ingredients started and looking for us to add our flour. We create and carryout another “loaf” from which we and those around us can be nourished and given more life of love to live.

So maybe I am not a baker. But I can tell you that I am a lover of the Bread of life we all are. Now how do I create a metaphor for the butter and jelly that compliments each of these slices...that’s for another time/writing... 😊

**Dear God- thank you for the ingredients of our lives given to us by your everlasting pantry. May we become the bakers of the Loaves of Love, willing to supply our neighbors with what they need to be filled. Amen**

Pastor Dan







## MARDI GRAS WORSHIP SERVICE

Trinity is once again hosting the Mardi Gras Jazz Worship Service on SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2024, 10:00 AM.

Mark your calendar for this service as you don't want to miss it. Be sure to wear your Mardi Gras attire and beads.

We welcome back local jazz musicians Curt Hanrahan, clarinet/sax, Kaye Berrigan, trumpet, Warren Wiegratz, sax/flute, Larry Tresp, bass. New to the group will be Craig Omick, drums. Mike Hetzel, our director of music, will be on keyboard.

Worship and jazz makes beautiful music together so you don't want to miss this.

Mark your calendar for Sunday, February 11, 2024, 10:00 AM. Y'all want to be there.



## Laissez Les Bon Temps Roulez

**Let the good times keep rolling after the Jazz Worship Service on February 11th and come on down to the Dining Hall for lunch.**

**The Mission Committee will be serving Jambalaya, Cornbread, Salad, and Louisiana Crunch 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.**

# Mitten Tree



During the months of December, January and February the Mitten Tree will be in the Gathering Space.

You are invited to decorate it with mittens, gloves, hats and scarves that will be going to the Hope Center in Waukesha.



## Cup of Life

The ladies of Cup of Life are planning another Sunday afternoon at the Sunset Playhouse in Elm Grove. They are inviting all women of Trinity to join them on Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup> for the 2:00pm matinee performance of the award winning, "Jesus Christ Superstar" with music by Andrew Lloyd Webber and Lyrics by Tim Rice. We ask that all who are interested hand in their checks for \$23.00 made out to Teresa Allen by Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup> after the Sunday Worship Service or during the Mardi Gras luncheon. In this way, we will be able to order the tickets during that week and not get shut out of being able to enjoy this show. We will also plan a post play dinner in the area, if any attendees are interested in joining us. If you have any questions, call Terri Allen or Lynne Mielke, whose phone numbers are in the church directory. We look forward to many Trinity ladies joining us for this wonderful musical presentation in our own backyard.



## **EVERYONE'S BOOK CLUB**

If you like to read and are interested in being a part of a book club, we invite you to join us. This is for everyone, whether you are a member of Trinity or not.

The books we are reading now are "THE CHRISTMAS BOOK", a short read by author Richard Paul Evans, and "THE SWEETNESS OF WATER", a novel by author Nathan Harris. These are book club books and Roberta Stanley has copies of these for your convenience.

Our next book club meeting is Wednesday, February 21 at 10:00 AM in the Trinity dining hall., so there's still plenty of time to read the books.

Join us for a lively discussion about these reads.



Thanks to the generosity of members and friends of Trinity, all these wonderful furry animals will have new homes, as will the children who work with Kindred Hearts in Sheboygan. When the children are placed in foster care, they will have a cuddly toy of their own to take with them.. A BIG THANK YOU to all who donated.



Hi Kids,

Here is the rest of the story about Hannah and the promise she made and kept.

## Hannah's Promise – Part 2

When Samuel was old enough she went back to the place where she had prayed and said to Eli the priest, "Do you remember me? I am the woman that cried and prayed for this child and He answered my prayer. Now I give him to the Lord and I will leave him with you to learn and work with you."

So Samuel lived with Eli and every year Hannah would pack her suitcase and visit him and bring him new clothes. It might have been hard for Hannah to see Samuel only once a year but she wanted to keep her promise. God blessed Hannah again and gave her and her husband even more sons and daughters.

Samuel did very well while staying with Eli. Then one night something unusual happened. Eli and Samuel had both gone to bed and were having a nice sleep. When Samuel all of a sudden woke up, someone was calling him, "Samuel."

Well, Samuel thought it was Eli so he ran to his bed and answered, "Here I am; you called me?" But Eli said, "I did not call you; go back and lie down."

So Samuel went back to his bed. He didn't know this, but God was calling him. Just as Samuel got settled God said, "Samuel!" And Samuel jumped up and went back to Eli and said, "Here I am, you called?"

Again Eli answered, "No I didn't call you; go back to bed."

The Lord called Samuel a third time, and Samuel got up and went to Eli again and said, "Here I am; you called me."

Eli couldn't figure out what was going on. He had been thinking who could be calling Samuel, they were the only ones there. Suddenly Eli realized there was only one other explanation so Eli told Samuel, "Go and lie down, and if you hear the voice again, say, 'Yes, Lord, I'm listening.'"

Sure enough, Samuel went to lie down and the Lord called again, "Samuel! Samuel!" So Samuel quickly replied, "Speak Lord, I am listening."

From then on Samuel knew when God wanted to talk to him and he always listened. God blessed Samuel and he grew up to be a great prophet or spokesperson of the Lord.

So Hannah did the right thing when she kept her promise to God. Her son Samuel helped many people know God better.



# Hannah & Samuel Crossword

Word List:  
 Eli answered  
 honestly pray  
 promise sad  
 prophet trusted  
 spoke worship

## Across

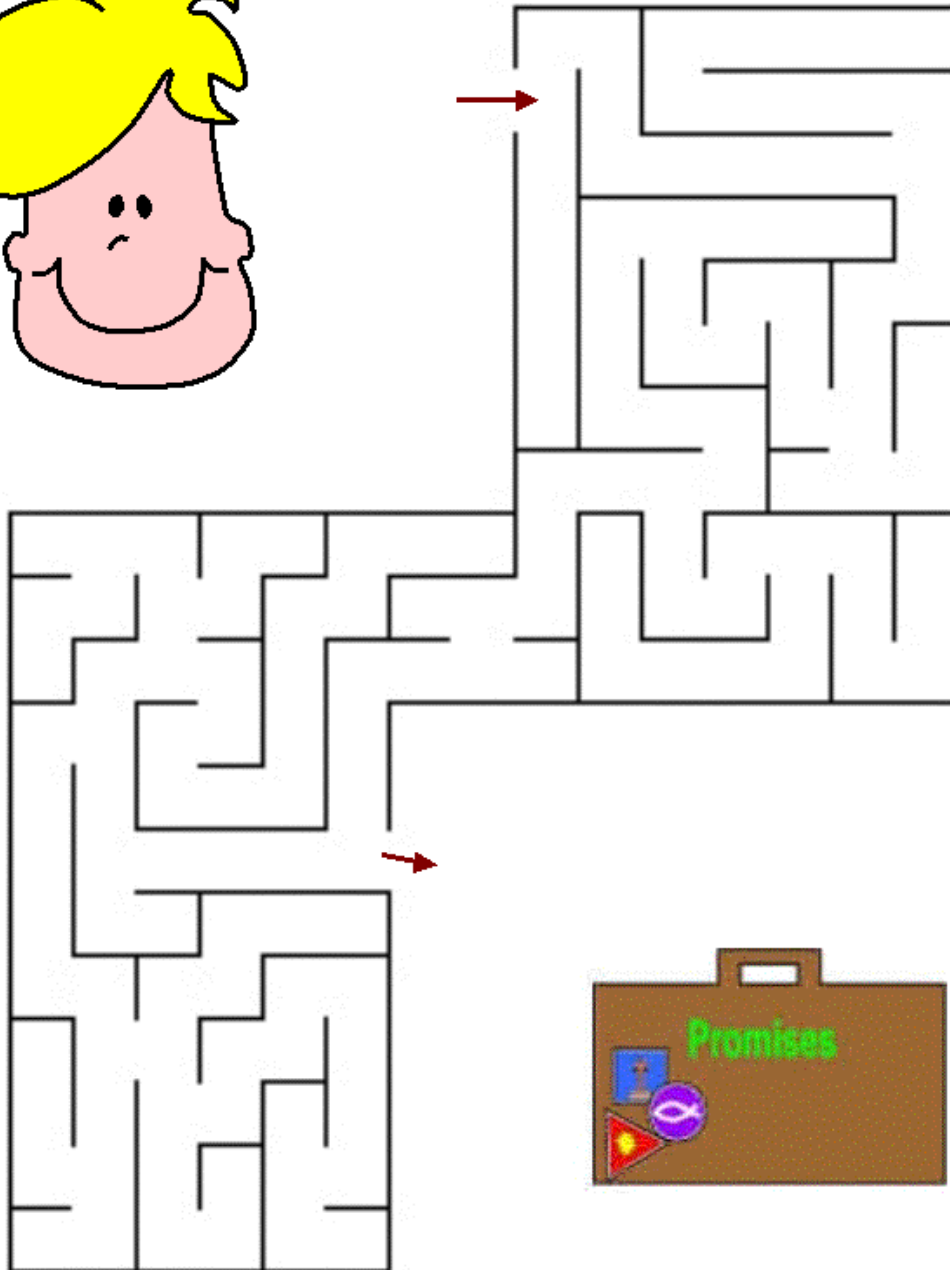
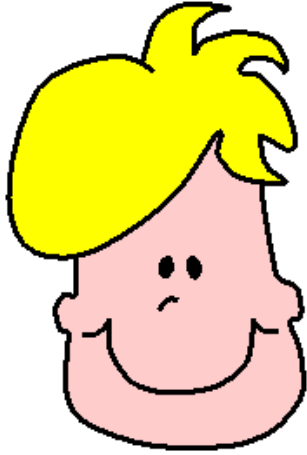
1. At the festival of thanksgiving Hannah couldn't help but be very \_\_\_\_.
4. Even though Hannah was sad, she still went to do this after she prayed.
7. God \_\_\_\_ to Samuel when he was sleeping, he thought it was a dream.
8. Hannah \_\_\_\_ God to keep her son safe with his teacher Eli.
10. Hannah went to the temple to do this because she didn't know what else to do.

## Down

2. God \_\_\_\_ Hannah's prayer for a son.
3. Hannah kept this and gave her son back to God like she said she would.
5. When Hannah prayed, she prayed \_\_\_\_ and let God know how she felt.
6. Samuel became a great \_\_\_\_ or spokesperson for the Lord.
9. This was the name of the priest that heard Hannah pray and taught her son.

# Hannah & Samuel Maze

Help Samuel find his suitcase.



# February 2024

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**TRINITY UCC  
BROOKFIELD**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
<b>Worship 10:00 am</b> <b>-Sunday School</b> <b>Mission Decorating</b> Troop 21 6:00 - 8:30 pm, DH	Monday Quilters 8:30 am - 4:00 pm, DH	<i>Office Open</i> 9:00 am - 12:00 pm	Cup of Life 10:00 am, DH	W&A Meeting 1:00 pm, DH Property Meeting 3:00 pm, DH	<i>Office Open</i> 9:00 am - 12:00 pm	
<b>Mardi Gras</b> <b>Worship - 10:00 am</b> <b>New Orleans Lunch</b>	12 <i>Office Open</i> 9:00 am - 12:00 pm	13 <i>Office Open</i> 9:00 am - 12:00 pm	<b>Ash Wednesday</b> <b>Service</b> 6:00 pm	15 <i>Office Open</i> 9:00 am - 12:00 pm	16 <i>Office Open</i> 9:00 am - 12:00 pm	17
<b>Worship 10:00 am</b> <b>-Sunday School</b> <b>Scout Sunday</b> Council Meeting Troop 21 6:00 - 8:30 pm, DH	19 Monday Quilters 8:30 am - 4:00 pm, DH	20 <i>Office Open</i> 9:00 am - 12:00 pm	Book Club 10:00 am, DH <b>Lenten Service</b> 5:30 pm	22 <i>Office Open</i> 9:00 am - 12:00 pm	23 <i>Office Open</i> 9:00 am - 12:00 pm	24
<b>Worship</b> <b>10:00 am</b>	26 <i>Office Open</i> 9:00 am - 12:00 pm	27 <i>Office Open</i> 9:00 am - 12:00 pm	<b>Lenten Service</b> 5:30 pm	29	1	2
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