



TRINITY BELLS

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“after the comma”

The Recipe

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July 2023



Many of you know that I love to cook! There is something about taking raw ingredients, bringing them together and creating food for others (and yes myself) that is satisfying and relaxing. I know I said relaxing, but in the hectic days of my life, taking time to focus on the preparation of a meal has it's time and place. For some it's gardening, or woodworking...maybe reading a good book, but for me cooking can bring me back to reality. Yes creating!

Cooking I know is not for all, and for some the need to cook becomes a task- something to be dreaded at the end of a long day, or if in some cases- the food is just there to sustain. No recipe needed...just heat something up. I've been there! I would say for those who do enjoy cooking it is an art that gets to be shared but does have some peril within its action. Failure is always around the stove top...or the spice cabinet.

I have many cooking books that I have collected and used through the years, and in a very interesting parallel- I look to my also varied and large collection of Bibles to have similar inspirations within their tattered and smudged pages. Something to the effect of one is for feeding the body, and one for feeding the soul. The information contained within these publications can create much joy, much happiness, but also may challenge not only the reader, but the actions taken by the reader once they have read the instructions. The recipients of both the cook books and the Bible hold tension. Will the instructions make sense? Do I have the right ingredients and tools (or in the case of the Bible, do I have the right ingredients in my heart, and do I have the tools to make the "love recipe" good?).

The definition of recipe has a couple of examples, but I do like this one for my brief comments in this article. Here is what I found from the Oxford Dictionary;

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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

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

Open to the Community

Worship, Sunday 10:00 am
Monday Quilters: 7/17 – 8:30a-4:00p
Scrapbookers: 7/22 – 10:00a-8:00p

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!!

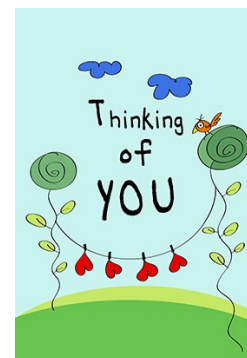


Bob Thomas7/8
Kathryn Dierbeck7/9
Lori Krueger7/11
John Schroeder7/11
Naomi Stewart7/24
Norma (Ilene) Dahm.....7/25
Edward Stewart7/27
Travis Zuverink7/27
Judy Taylor7/28



HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

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



Worship Services - July 2023

Sunday, July 2nd

**Worship Service – 10:00 AM
Communion**

Sunday, July 9th

Worship Service – 10:00 AM

Sunday, July 16th

**Worship Service – 10:00 AM
Council Meeting - 11:15 AM**

Sunday, July 23rd

Worship Service – 10:00 AM

Sunday, July 30th

**Worship Service – 10:00 AM
New Member Meeting - 11:15 AM**

Hunger Task Force – Stockbox Event

Wednesday August 9th – 9am to Noon

**Please arrive at 8:45 am for sign in and
instructions.**

**Where: 5000 W. Electric Avenue, West
Milwaukee, WI**

Everyone who participated in this project last year really enjoyed it. The above date, time and location has been set.

Those of you wanting to participate this year there will be a signup sheet in the Gathering Space (rotating message board).

We are looking for 15 participants.

Got questions? See Dave Mielke or Joe Halvorson

Cup of Life

The women of Cup of Life will be having a pick-nick at Fairview Park, on Calhoun down from the church, on Thursday, July 13th at 10:30 in the morning. Everyone bring your own beverage and sandwich, salad or breakfast treat. Helen will be providing Cheese and Crackers, Ilene will bring a salad, Kathy will bring one of her tasty desserts and Terri will bring paper products and deviled eggs. We will set up under the pavilion. Any lady who is part of Trinity is more than welcome to join us. As we say, “the more the merrier”. Anyone who needs a ride, please call Terri.

Our women’s annual retreat will take place on Wednesday, September 6th. We will meet at our South Parking Lot to car pool to Redeemer Church in Sussex for a morning of prayer, contemplation, story telling and laughter. At around 12:45 we will leave to go to an area restaurant to have brunch. The cost will be \$12.00 each for the retreat including breakfast treats, but not including lunch, and can be given to Terri, Lynne or Jean. We are trying out a new venue this year thinking that change will be exciting. More on this later. If you have any questions, please call Terri, Jan or Lynne.

Anyone who is baking for the July 5th Community Outreach Dinner at which Trinity members are serving, in Waukesha, please make sure your items are left on the pass-through in the kitchen by 3:00pm on the 5th. Thank you all.





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(Noun) A set of instructions for preparing a particular dish, including a list of the ingredients required.

Similar: Something which is likely to lead to a particular outcome.

So true! A recipe when followed, can create what the originator of the recipe (in this case lets talk about a food dish) wanted the preparer to know, to learn, and to experience. It literally is a transference of one's thoughts about a food dish to be related and replicated to another. Another thing to remember is does the reader/preparer like the actual ingredients and is excited about the potential food outcome that will happen? Both the originator of the recipe and the preparer will need to agree on at least that. You wouldn't try a recipe for Liver and Onions if you did not like Liver...I'm just guessing on that... 😊

When I have had the opportunity to have a meal with friends or family, there have been many times where a new dish has been tried. There are some that truthfully are good, but not enough that I would ask for the recipe. You've probably been there too. Then there are those times when you are amazed at what is presented to you on the plate, and the flavors come together singing their appeals to your taste buds and you tell yourself- I need to know how to do that! Even a restaurant becomes inspiration and you ask the server to see if you could get the chef's recipe for the sauce or the fantastic rice pilaf that accompanied the main course.

Yes so many variations and so much experimentation. For me the recipes after I've read through them also give me inspiration to use some of my own ideas and changes even within the recipe, while learning the original concept and using it's ideas in context of my guest or even my own likes/dislikes. For me the recipe becomes the building block of what I will do next.

If you are still following my metaphor, here is where I tie this together with the Bibles adorning my bookcases and desks. They do the same!

God through God's infinite ability to inspire and love us, gave to us so many voices. Voices of our ancestor trying to find God, using recipes handed down, and then living them into the next context. Remember that second definition of recipe, here it is again;

Something which is likely to lead to a particular outcome.

Wouldn't you agree that the recipes of love and life found in the Gospels and the Epistles literally are recipes from the grand life chef, Jesus Christ? We have tasted the outcome at some point in our lives, we have eaten of the compassion, love and grace ladled out to us by our God, and we want more, in fact we want to know how to give this wonderful meal to others. Well, we have the recipe book...The Bible! The version of the Book doesn't as much matter as does the actual inspiration and trying of the recipes found within the many pages by those who read of it. The outcome of the God recipe is the building of God's kin-dom...heaven on Earth!

We have a world of opportunities and people wanting to know this recipe and they are waiting for us to make it in our own style, but also being true to the One who originated the first recipe. It is the very same equation that we use so many times in worship...God= Love. So I'll give a go to list out the ingredients for a simple starter recipe. The trick to this recipe is that the ingredient amounts are up to each of us as we are able...here it is....

God's Kin-dom Recipe

Ingredient List;

Love, Embracing, Hearing, Compassion, Empathy, Sympathy, Grace, Forgiveness, Attention

And don't forget- you can never have too much love in this recipe...use liberally. Ad whatever caring spices of life that you feel will create a grander dish and you and your guests will not be disappointed.

Then Jesus the Master Chef tells us to mix this all together making sure that what we are striving for is what we would also want...Love God, Love others. Put it all into a dish and serve warmly to all you meet.

Let's cook together...Dinner is served and all are welcome to the table!

Blessings on our preparations!

Pastor Dan



Mission Happenings



Checkered Flag for the Undy 500

May's mission project, the Undy 500, received 153 donated items. They have been delivered to The Guest House in Milwaukee. A big thanks to all who participated.



Beginning in July and throughout August the Mission Committee is asking for school supply donations. The items can be placed in the plastic bins located at the north and east side entrances.

The school supply items will go to *The Women's Center in Waukesha*, a place of safety, shelter and support to empower all impacted by domestic abuse, sexual violence, child abuse and trafficking.

The items most needed are listed below in order of most need:

- Earbuds/Over the ear headphones
- Dry Eraser Markers
- Graph Paper
- Wide ruled notebooks and loose-leaf paper
- Plain colored folders (red, yellow, green, etc)
- Scientific Calculators
- 3-Ring Binders (1" and 1 1/2")
- Colored Pencils
- Glue Sticks / Elmer's White School Glue
- Backpacks (heavier ones for teens)
- Flash Drives

Thank you for your support of this Mission Committee project and ALL the committee projects throughout the year.



I am in need of a Sunday School Teacher for our 1st & 2nd grade class. Classes are every other week, and the curriculum will be provided and user friendly. No prior teaching experience required, but must have a joy in spending time with the children and provide them with a fun learning experience. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Kathy Haass at KatydidHaass@gmail.com.

Remember our children are the future of this church.



Hi Kids,

We are still learning about Moses. This story is about a special job that God gave to Moses and his brother.

The Story of Moses and the Pharaoh

by Sharla Guenther

When Moses and his brother Aaron got to Egypt the Lord told them what to do. He said, "Go to Pharaoh and tell him to let the Israelites go. He will be very stubborn and it will take many signs and miracles before he will let you go; but everyone will know that I am God when he finally frees the Israelites."

So they did what God asked and they went to see Pharaoh. In front of Pharaoh Aaron threw down his staff and it became a snake (just as God told Moses it would).

Pharaoh didn't look surprised at all, he actually just smiled at Moses and Aaron. Without a word he snapped his fingers and a minute later three men walked in. Pharaoh whispered in one of the men's ears, and he nodded and spoke quietly to the others.

All at the same time they threw the staffs they were carrying to the ground and they became snakes, just like Moses and Aaron's. They turned and looked at each other with disappointment. They realized that these men were Pharaoh's magicians.

Just as Moses was feeling defeated his snake swallowed up all of the other snakes. This made Moses smile, surely Pharaoh would let them go now. But Pharaoh didn't seem to care, he shook his head and said, "Nice try, but the Israelites belong to me, and they work for Egypt I will not let them go."

Moses left disappointed, but excited to talk to God about what they would do next. After all God told them that it wouldn't be easy. So when God spoke next, they listened well, "Pharaoh's heart is hard, he's still not going to change his mind. Go see him tomorrow morning, he didn't listen today but I will continue to show him that I am God."

With their instructions from God, Moses and Aaron met Pharaoh the next morning. Aaron explained to Pharaoh, "Because you still won't listen God is going to change all the water in Egypt into blood. The fish will die, the river will stink, and none of the Egyptians will be able to drink it."

Pharaoh smiled and said, "Go ahead." So Aaron did what the Lord told him and put his staff into the water and it turned to blood. Pharaoh seemed a little surprised but he summoned his magicians and they also turned the water into blood. With that, Pharaoh's heart became hard, and he turned and walked back to his palace.



All the fish died, and the water smelled so bad, no matter where you were you could smell it. Can you imagine turning on your tap at home and having blood come out, what about having a bath, or even the water in your toilet. Of course the Egyptians didn't have sinks and toilets back then, but they still used water to drink, to make food, and to clean with.

After a whole week of this Pharaoh still wouldn't let the people go. But his magicians couldn't turn the blood back into water either. The Lord instructed Aaron and Moses to go see Pharaoh once again and He told them, "Tell Pharaoh to let my people go. If he refuses to let them go, I will plague the whole country with frogs."

They did as God asked and Pharaoh once again refused to let the people go. So Aaron stretched out his hand over the waters of Egypt and the frogs came up and covered everything. They really were everywhere! In the stoves where they cooked, in their beds, and they even jumped on the people.

The magicians could also make frogs appear - but this would be the last time that their magic would work. After a day of this Pharaoh couldn't take it anymore and he called for Moses and Aaron. (He probably didn't get any sleep with frogs jumping all over him!)

He begged Moses, "Pray to the Lord to take the frogs away from me and my people, and I will let your people go." So Moses prayed to the Lord, and all the frogs died. But when Pharaoh saw that all the frogs were dead, he was relieved and he hardened his heart and changed his mind.

There were many other plagues that followed: Gnats and flies, all the livestock got sick and died, the Egyptians were covered in sores, hail came down and killed all the crops, locusts came and ate all the grass and everything green, and then there was complete darkness. Nobody left their homes because they couldn't even see where they were going.



God Showed His Power to Pharaoh Word Search

Find the words on the list that are hidden in the puzzle. The words can be left to right, up and down, or diagonally.

L I S I T P H A R A O H C I D
U N T A L I Q U A T U E R I T
L O R E R S E H E B R E W S O
O U L L A M C O N S E Q U I S
C O N S A Q U I S C I L L A N
U R I S R A E L I T E S I U M
S A O R O M O G O R S I T E O
T U M I N E N D Y E T A T V S
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T I F R O G S E U G T A M V S
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Z R E T E U F E U G A I T V U
L A S R E M P L A G U E S E R
J U D G E M E N T R E T A V E

AARON
EGYPT
FLIES

FROGS
HEBREWS
ISRAELITES

JUDGEMENT
LOCUSTS
MOSES

PASSOVER
PHARAOH
PLAGUES

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	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	25	26	27	28	29	30	1
Worship 10:00 am Communion	2	3	4	5	6	7 <i>Office Open 1:00 p - 4:00 p</i>	8
Worship 10:00 am	9	10	11 <i>Office Open 9:00 a - 12:00 p</i>	12	13 Cup of Life 10:30a, Fairview Park W&A Meeting 1:00 pm, DH Property Meeting 3:00 pm, DH	14 <i>Office Open 9:00 a - 12:00 p</i>	15
Worship 10:00 am Baptism Council 11:15 am	16	17 Monday Quilters 8:30 am - 4:00 pm, DH	18 <i>Office Open 9:00 a - 12:00 p</i>	19	20	21 <i>Office Open 9:00 a - 12:00 p</i>	22 Scrapbookers 10:00 am - 8:00 pm, DH
Worship 10:00 am	23	24	25 <i>Office Open 9:00 a - 12:00 p</i>	26	27	28 <i>Office Open 9:00 a - 12:00 p</i>	29
Worship 10:00 am	30	31					
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