



# TRINITY BELLS

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## "after the comma"

### Waiting in Line

March 2023

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**March 2023**



There is nothing worse than having to wait in line is there? Over my many years of activities, the ones that bring some of the most pain are those times where a delayed arrival or response is part of the equation.

I mean who hasn't stood in line needing to get to the next place, but now are caught in the slowest line at the grocery store! Or better yet to my wife's chagrin, waiting at the gas pump line at one of Wisconsin's largest convenience stores chains, while the apparent driver ahead has switched from pumping gas to grocery shopping for the month. Even going to an amusement park in the sweltering summer loses its appeal with memories of 45 minute or more delays for a thrill ride of approximately 3.5 minutes. Sure, we can skip the lines and pay an additional amount of money to obtain front of the line status, or a quicker path to the entry point of the attraction, but this is a limited and expensive alternative to waiting.

Yes waiting.

I remember a family trip with my daughters to one of our favorite rites of summer, Great America in Gurnee, IL. The trip driving down was wait enough, but we could fill that time with conversation and anticipation. The highways for two hours seemed less onerous than actually pulling into the ticket and parking lanes- inching along while traffic is backed up for another 20 minutes just to get into parking...Arrgghh! We can see the rides, but we can't get out of our vehicle to enjoy the destination. Tensions are getting high and the doubt of why we even made the journey start to creep into our thoughts.

Yes, we are waiting.

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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

3/5, 3/19

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

Troop 21:

Monday Quilters:

### Staff & Lay Leaders

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**Cleaning Custodian:** Jodie Gerard

**Maintenance Custodian:** Eric Dahm

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### Newsletter Deadline

The 15th of each month.

## Happy Birthday!!



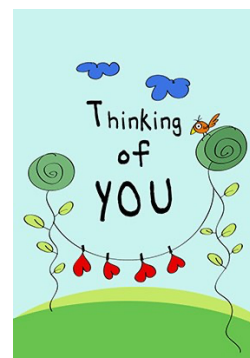
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Gail Kramer.....3/6  
Mikey Hetzel.....3/6  
Bill Siebold.....3/9  
Dan Dierbeck .....3/17  
Jan Frank .....3/17  
Jan Schuster .....3/23  
Robert Fredrick .....3/27  
Kathy Haass .....3/27  
Kahney Rohrig .....3/28  
Mary Goldbach .....3/29  
Eric Dahm .....3/31  
Bob Rohrig .....3/31



Natalie & Bob Lannan..... 3/05/2010

## HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

Beverly Littmann  
Marion Wandsneider  
Fred Theilacker  
Joann Shue  
Nancy Korslin



# Worship Services March 2023

Wednesday, March 1<sup>st</sup>  
Lenten Service – 5:30 PM

Sunday, March 5<sup>th</sup>  
Worship Service – 10:00 AM  
Communion, Sunday School,  
Congregational Meeting

Wednesday, March 8<sup>th</sup>  
Lenten Service – 5:30 PM

Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup>  
Worship Service – 10:00 AM

Wednesday, March 15<sup>th</sup>  
Lenten Service – 5:30 PM

Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup>  
Worship Service – 10:00 AM  
Sunday School

Wednesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Lenten Service – 5:30 PM

Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup>  
Worship Service – 10:00 AM

Wednesday, March 29<sup>th</sup>  
Lenten Service – 5:30 PM



March 5. Mike Hetzel  
March 12. Mark Burbey  
March 19. Chris Faulk  
March 26. Pastor Dan

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



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As the Church, we had our Christian waiting back in Advent, didn't we? We waited for the coming of the Christ Child...waited for Christmas morning...and we made it. Now we are in Lent, where the waiting is for something even bigger, more dangerous and scandalous. Do we believe that if we make it to Easter that we will remember why we made the journey? This promise of a Messiah has come to this...waiting to see if God really did what God had assured us was ours as God's people. We were to be freed, our ticket to nothingness and judgment would be replaced by the eternal hall pass of forgiveness, grace and release from our fears of death.

Are we prepared to wait? And while we ourselves wait, what do we do with the time we spend in line with all these others?

One summer trip to the Roller Coasters of Great America, I recall waiting in line for the Viper. A wooden roller coaster with plenty of dips, dives twists and drops. We as a family saw the little sign aside the pathway that reminded us that our wait time was another 45 minutes from the spot we now occupied. Being the thrill seekers, we were, we looked behind us and chuckled a bit at the winding line of unfortunate fellow riders that must have seen their own sign of 90-minute wait, knowing our wait was much less. We were ahead of them. Ha! Then as we were talking about who knows what, we noticed that one of the girls had gotten a bit bored and slipped her head through the rails that edged the pathway to the ride. We laughed at first, but then we saw on her face the fear. Yes- she was stuck. Just like a cartoon character, she had easily slipped her head, ears and all just like a cow in the milking parlor, but now could not pull backward through. She began to cry...a cry of shame, embarrassment but also pure dread in what would become of her. At first, we did not know what to do. As we contemplated her fate, we waved on rider after rider past us- motioning that we were not able to maintain or spot in the line. "You go ahead", we said as we could see in some of the other parents eyes the knowledge of that could have been them. Yes, she was stuck. After we calmed her down, we took a brave step in holding her ears extremely tightly to the side of her head and gently pulled her head slightly sideways in order to have one ear mass slip past the bar before the other was engaged. We waited in that line making sure that she was okay with her new freedom from the metal barrier and stepped back into our waiting in line- and we had lost our place.

All these years later, I can still recall how this incident changed the day. We went from thrill seekers intent on being first in line (by the way...we all still love waiting for the first row on the coaster when we can bear the extra waiting time!), to participants in a gathering of others just like us. Realizing while we are waiting in line-life still happens.

Jesus on several occasions asked for those around him to wait. Wait for the Son of Man to be revealed, to wait for His return from Death, waiting for His ascension to God the Father. These were all things promised, but not quite ready for those who would receive. In fact, if the miracle witnesses and prognosticators had said all that they knew too soon, the real truth of who Jesus was and why would not have been believed. We needed to be living alongside what was happening while we waited.

I remember also in those long lines at Great America, or Disney or even at the State Fair, we met others. We talked, we shared small stories or humor to pass the time. We introduced ourselves and asked where we were from. We learned about others, even if for a brief time- the world got smaller and kinder. It all happened when we were present.

Our God asks us to do the same. Yes, we are waiting in line- the line for the glorious Kindom promised to ALL...but we are asked that while we are in line, that we be patient. That we be loving and caring for each other, patient in our need to get to the "ride", knowing that all the seats will be good seats, and that there is a place for everyone! Dear God, be patient with us as we move along the path that leads us to your loving home. We have our tickets, Jesus paid for these and now we are ready to get in the line!  
Now where did I park the car??

Pastor Dan



## Turkey and Syria Earthquake Appeal

The United Church of Christ has issued an appeal for earthquake relief in Syria and Turkey. Amid this current uncertainty, you can be assured that with your financial support the United Church of Christ will be there helping those in need. All donations will be deposited into the International Emergency fund designated for "Turkey and Syria Earthquake Response". Your financial support will be used by our partners in the areas of greatest need, for relief and long-term recovery.

Trinity UCC will be accepting donations during the Sunday service on March 5<sup>th</sup> and March 12<sup>th</sup>. If donating by check please make payable to Trinity UCC



## Easter Plants

Trinity will again be selling Easter plants to be used to decorate the sanctuary on Easter Sunday, April 9. Watch for the order forms to be in the gathering area on Sunday mornings beginning on March 5. The cost of the plants, which we purchase from Shady Lane Greenhouses, has gone up this year. We have increased the cost as little as we could to cover the cost of the plants and delivery. We will be offering Easter Lilies, yellow Daffodils and mixed colors of Hyacinths as we did last year.

Worship and Arts Team

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## SUCCESSFUL MARDI GRAS LUNCH

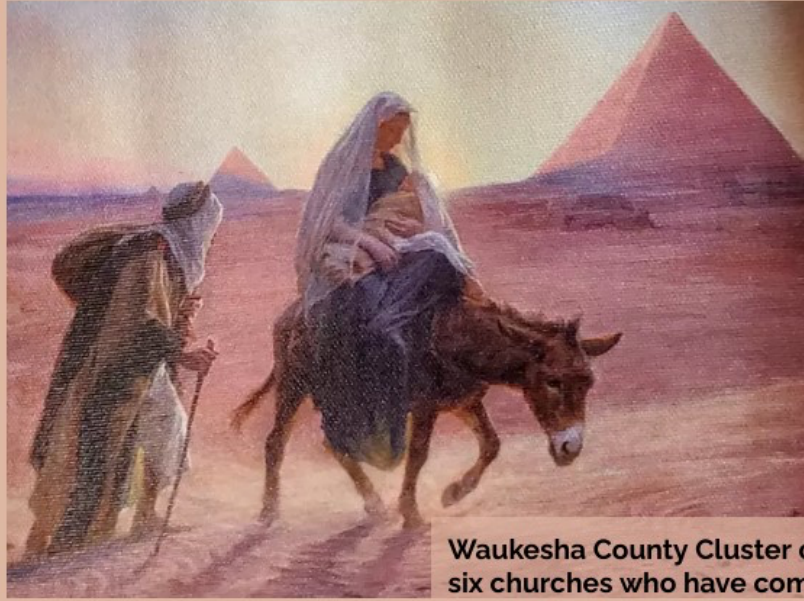
On Sunday, February 19, the Trinity dining hall looked like a Mardi Gras Celebration. With festive decorations, the Mission Committee served up a delicious New Orleans lunch, with Joe Halvorson and Kathy Haass as our lead cooks.

Even though our numbers were lower than usual, the group of people that were there enjoyed another delicious meal, plenty of smiles, and lots of conversation.

The Mission Committee thanks all who supported this fun time.

The real celebration is that we can send a generous gift to the Back Bay Mission.





# Housing for Refugees

**Immediate Assistance Needed!**

**For further information or leads please contact:**

<b>Mary Kuenning Gross</b>	262-271-8990
<b>Debbie Hecky</b>	262-408-1995
<b>Steve Hecky</b>	262-402-9862

**Waukesha County Cluster of the United Church of Christ has six churches who have committed to settling a refugee family through Lutheran Social Services. Our next step is to obtain housing.**

### **Participating churches**

Emmanuel UCC, Dousman  
 First Congregational UCC Id Genesee, Mukwonago  
 First Congregational UCC, Hartland  
 St John's UCC, Merton  
 First Congregational UCC, Oconomowoc  
 Redeemer UCC, Sussex

**The housing committee of our Refugee Resettlement Project is seeking housing in the Waukesha area.**

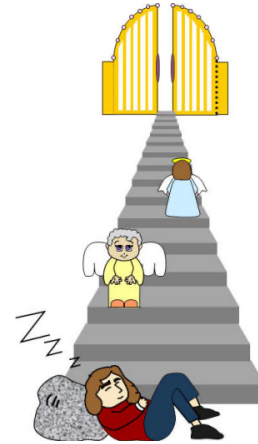
**We are inquiring if any members or friends own rental properties and would be willing to work with us. A 2 or 3 bedroom apartment or duplex is desirable. Safe, affordable and sanitary housing is required.**



Hi Kids,

Here is the rest of Jacob's story. If you remember last month Jacob went on a long trip and found a place to rest, this part of the story tells us what he did after that.

## Jacob's Ladder – continued



He must have been tired because he fell into a deep sleep and began to dream. First he saw a long stairway that touched the ground, with the very top of it reaching heaven. Maybe in his dream heaven was where the clouds were, it doesn't say.

Next he saw angels of God moving up and down the stairway. I imagine they were floating just above the stairs almost like one escalator going up and the other down.

Above the stairway or even close to Jacob stood the Lord. The Lord then spoke to Jacob saying, "I am the Lord, the God of your father Abraham and Isaac. I will give you and all your family to come, the land on which you are lying. Your family will continue to grow through each generation, as much as the dust of the earth" (which is LOTS!).

"All of your family will spread out all over and you will bless those around you. I will always be with you, watching over you and will return you to this land until I have done everything I have promised you."

When Jacob woke up he realized that the Lord had been with him there. He was afraid because of the power and presence of God and said, "How awesome is this place! This is the house of God, this is the gate of heaven."

Before he left, Jacob used the stone that he rested his head on and set up a pillar and poured oil on it. This is like a marker for Jacob to remember the dream he had from God and to remember and thank God for the promise He made to him.

He called the place Bethel which means House of God.

Then Jacob made a promise to God, "If God will be with and watch over me on my journey and provide me with clothes and food, and bring me back home safe; then the Lord will be my God and the pillar that I have made will be God's house, and all that you give me I will give one tenth in return."

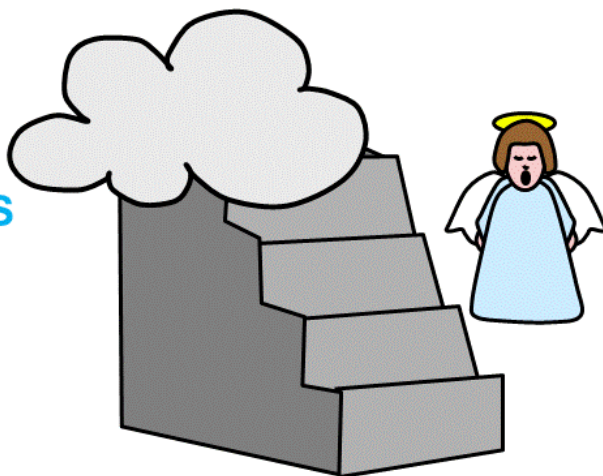
Jacob had an amazing experience. I'm sure no one would be able to convince him that his dream wasn't a special message from God just for him. God can speak to us in many ways: through other believers, our conscience, through his creation, and through dreams as well.

Of course we all have bad or crazy dreams but I think if God really had something important he needed us to know he could speak to you in a wonderful dream and you would know without a doubt that it was a special message just for you from God.

# Jacob's Ladder Word Search

T J J G F S S N A H V O F I S  
P A P N L B T T E W T N D U W  
R C G E N E R A T I O N S K P  
O O H V K H L O I R H L E R U  
M B B A V O W E A R E O O T W  
I S L E G N A L H E W V U I C  
S Q U H W Y L C P T I A Z S H  
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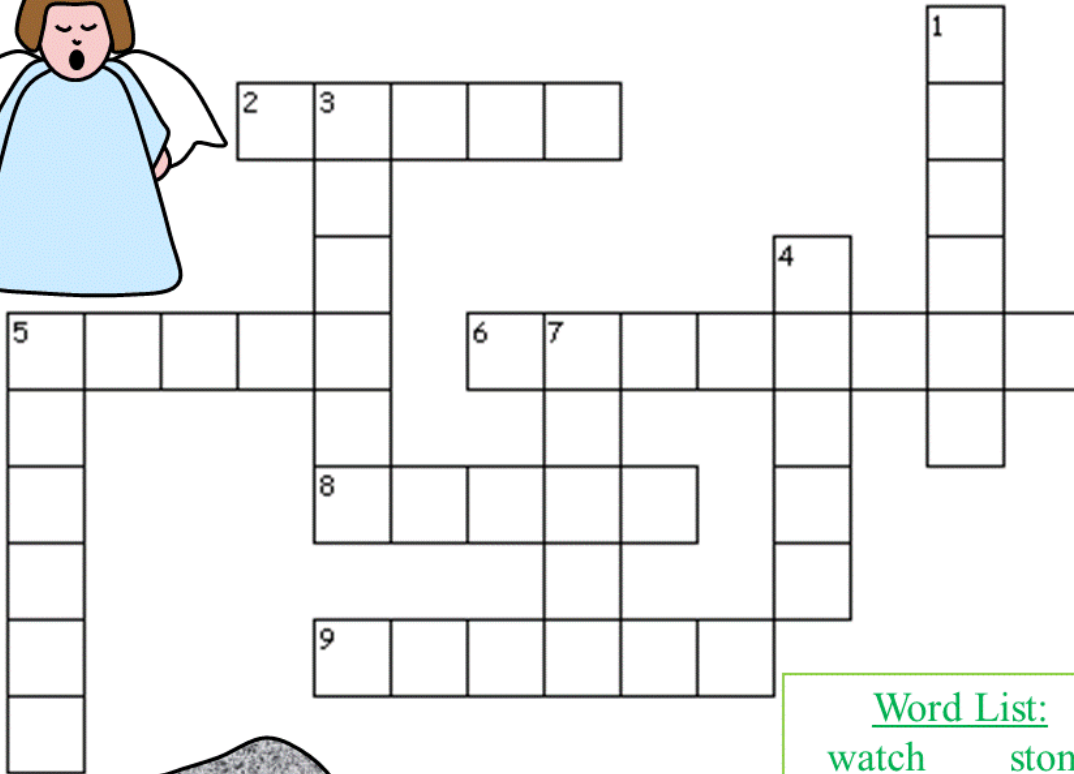
ANGELS  
BETHEL  
DREAM  
GENERATIONS  
HEAVEN  
HOUSE  
JACOB  
PILLAR



PROMISE  
PROVIDE  
SLEEP  
STAIRWAY  
STONE  
TENTH  
VOW  
WATCH



# Jacob's Ladder Crossword



<u>Word List:</u>	
watch	stone
stairway	dream
angels	house
Heaven	tenth
Bethel	pillar

## Across

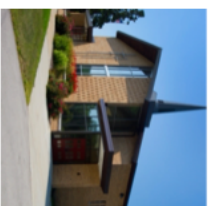
- The Lord said he would always be with Jacob and would \_\_\_ over him.
- The place Jacob named means \_\_\_ of God.
- The ladder in Jacob's dream could have actually looked more like this.
- It's amazing Jacob could sleep while resting his head on this.
- This is what Jacob named the place he had the dream.

## Down

- Jacob used the stone he slept on to make this, and he poured oil on it.
- Jacob saw these moving up and down the ladder.
- This story is all about this special way God can speak to us.
- The ladder in the dream went from the ground to this place.
- Jacob promised to give one \_\_\_ of all God's blessings back to Him.

# March 2023

Revised 3/3/23



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	1 Lenten Service 5:30 pm Cup of Life 10:00 am, DH	2	3 Office Open 9:00 a - 12:00 p	4
5 Worship 10:00 am Communion -Sunday School Congregational Meeting	6	7 Office Open 9:00 a - 12:00 p	8 Lenten Service 5:30 pm	9 W&A Meeting 1:00 pm, DH Property Meeting 3:00 pm, DH	10 Office Open 9:00 a - 12:00 p	11
12 Worship 10:00 am	13	14 Office Open 9:00 a - 12:00 p	15 Lenten Service 5:30 pm	16	17 Office Open 9:00 a - 12:00 p	18 Eagle Scout Ceremony
19 Worship 10:00 am -Sunday School	20	21 Office Open 9:00 a - 12:00 p	22 Lenten Service 5:30 pm	23	24 Office Open 9:00 a - 12:00 p	25
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