



# TRINITY BELLS

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4435 North Calhoun Road, Brookfield, WI 53005*



## “after the comma”

### Best if Used By...

Recently Brenda and I were doing some organizing in the kitchen. We began by going through the drawers and shelves that house different utensils and cooking gadgets. I must admit, there are some cooking tools during the moment of purchase, they seemed like the best work and time savers, but now lay dormant and rarely (if ever) used. Some of these were moved into boxes (because we or someone else may need them...ya never know...). Some were placed into other boxes to be donated and given a new home.

This went okay...gained back a little space and who knows, maybe room for a new culinary contraption.

Then we got to the food shelves. You know the ones where you have a few items that are way in the back. At one time these were a possible ingredient in some recipe that looked great on the cover of Bon Appetit or in the pages of Southern Living Cook book. Better yet, there was a great deal on green beans or creamed corn, and when you can purchase 6 for \$5, you might get a dozen. There were also some dry goods like fish fry batter or even a box of pancake mix. How do you choose what to keep if the cupboard is a bit cluttered?

Then it occurred to us that maybe we should check the “best if used by” date on these slightly dusty cans and unopened packages. Lo and behold, we found that we had been harboring some beyond the date items. Immediately we began to pull these aside. Can of Peas, Beer batter mix, gluten free pasta, tomato paste, jar of peanuts. It seemed we had accumulated these over time and held on to them longer than we should have. But I wondered, did these items really go beyond their usefulness? Were they literally zombies of packages taking up space within my kitchen?

You know me- I had to dig in and find out about these so-called DOA vegetables and sauces. In an article written for CNN Business, I found the following;

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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

5/14

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: 5/7, 5/21 - 6:00p-8:30p

Monday Quilters: 5/1, 5/8 - 8:30a-4:00p

### 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!!



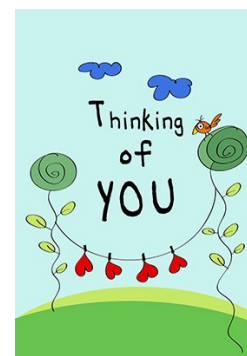
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Susan Harmon .....5/11  
Lynne Mielke .....5/13  
Kathy Immekus .....5/19  
Helen Spranger .....5/29



Kathy & Eric Dahm..... 5/26/1990  
Jan & William Glasenapp..... 5/25

## HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

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



# Worship Services May 2023

Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup>

Worship Service – 10:00 AM  
Communion

Sunday, May 14<sup>th</sup>

Worship Service – 10:00 AM  
Sunday School

Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup>

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

Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup>

Worship Service – 10:00 AM



## Flower Calendar

*“Spring: A lovely reminder of how beautiful change can truly be.”-  
Unknown*

*There are openings on the Flower Calendar to bring flowers to decorate the sanctuary. If you have a celebration you would like to share or just to bring some beautiful reminders of springtime indoors. The calendar is located in the dining hall by the kitchen.*

Worship & Arts

To Our Trinity Family:

We would like to thank all of those who sent cards, letters and made calls to Bill and I during my sickness. We really appreciate your kindness and caring. We miss you and hope to come back in a few Sundays, soon.

Ever thankful and love you all.

Bill and Diane Siebold



THANK YOU to Mark Burbey for the great messages you posted on our outdoor sign during Holy Week, welcoming people to our worship services during this time. They were well put together.

Thank you for all the time you put into our outdoor message board.

Worship and Arts Team





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*“It is a complete Wild West,” said Dana Gunders, executive director of ReFed, a nonprofit trying to end food waste. And yet, “many consumers really believe that they are being told to throw the food out, or that even when they don’t make that choice, that they’re sort of breaking some rule,” she said.*

*For food makers, sell-by dates actually are more about protecting the brand than safety concerns, explained Andy Harig, vice president of sustainability, tax and trade at FMI, a food industry association.*

*The sell-by date, often referred to as the expiration date, is the company’s estimate of when a food item will taste best, its optimal date. “You want people to eat and enjoy the product when it’s at its peak, because that’s going to increase their enjoyment, [and] encourage them to buy it again,” he said. By Danielle Wiener-Bronner, CNN Business Sun July 17, 2022*

Then there are the different versions...“Best by” or “Use by”. “Best by” would indicate the item will have it’s best flavor by that particular date, where the “Use by” would refer to more of a warning of a safety issue...or beyond safe use. Even more confusing is when you put them together, “Best if Used By”. Guess that means it’s okay if it has December 8, 2022 printed on the lid, doesn’t it? The can of small baby peas tasted fine to me that evening 😊.

Made me wonder. What is my label? How does it correspond to my “Born on Date” (this label is also used to let us know when something was produced and creates even more questions...arrghh!)? Does God create our lives and place “Best by” or Use by” dates for others to see? Or do we do that ourselves?

This is the wonderful thing which God does. We are given no expiration date, we are given no label that proclaims when we are beyond our usefulness to love! We are encouraged to look beyond the labels which we unfortunately use to determine others worthiness or place in our cupboards of living. We were made to be “Best if Used By”! Rather than a date following this proclamation of our flavor and usefulness, I believe we are “Best if Used By- The Holy Spirit”.

Yes, it’s that love equation again that sustains us even when we feel our bodies, our minds have betrayed us and pushed us to the brink of how we value ourselves. We are made good. We are made to last for as long as we are able to love and even in our last breaths on this Earth, we are promised that our “Born on Date” relives. Because Jesus lives, we can be assured that we won’t be thrown out based on what society makes of our condition, rating our usefulness on a date of birth (young, middle, or old), or dismissing based on mismatched labels. Our goodness rests in the fact that we are children of the never expiring God.

Guess it’s okay for me to open that jar of pickles from January 2021, it’s about time they find their flavor garnishing the slim pan-fried slices of Spam. Spam lasts a log time doesn’t it, or was that Twinkies?

May we thank God for the never-ending usefulness of our lives in service to Love! Amen!  
Bon Appetit!

Pastor Dan



## Mission Happenings

February 19, Mission Committee held their annual Mardi Gras luncheon. This luncheon is held to raise money for the Back Bay Mission in the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

We raised \$750 and the Mission Committee added \$250 to make a donation of \$1000.

Thanks to Joe and Kathy for preparing the meal, the Mission Committee for helping serve and especially for everyone who purchased tickets to help this worthy cause.

The Trinity Mission Committee.



## *Mission Happenings (continued)*



### Turkey/Syria Earthquake Relief

The United Church of Christ appeal for Turkey and Syria earthquake relief effort received \$584 dollars from Trinity towards assisting those impacted by this disaster.

Thanks to all who donated.



### **It's time to start your engines for the 2023 Undy 500!**

Trinity will be participating in Guest House's annual Undy 500 event again this year. Guest House provides housing, education and services to Milwaukee's homeless who seek to transform their lives with dignity and purpose.

#### Items Needed:

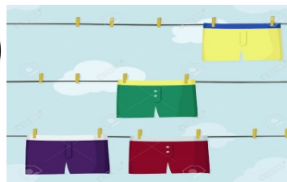
**Note: All items must be NEW and in the original packaging.**

Men's Underwear - BOXERS and BOXER BRIEFS ONLY (No "tighty whiteys" please)

Men's Undershirts

Women's Underwear

Women's Sport Bras



**The following items/sizes are highly needed.**

Men's Underwear M, L, XL & 3-6XL

Men's Undershirts S, M, L & 2XL

Women's Underwear (all sizes)

Women's Sports Bras (all sizes)

#### Collection

Collection will begin on Sunday April 23<sup>rd</sup> and end on Sunday May 14<sup>th</sup>. There will be plastic bins at the entrances to the church to put your donation in.

***We look forward to your participation this year,  
and truly appreciate your support!***



Hi Kids,

Last month we had our first story about Moses. If you remember he was put in a basket by his Mom and placed in the river. She did this to save him. The daughter of the Pharaoh found him and adopted him. This month's story is still about Moses, and now he is an adult.

## The Story of Moses the Shepherd

*by Sharla Guenther*

After Moses had grown up, and was probably a little older than your parents, he was getting fed up with how his people were treated by Pharaoh. They still had to work so hard all these years later.

One day Moses saw an Egyptian beating a Hebrew, one of his own people, and he became so upset that he killed the Egyptian. After that Moses had to run away from Egypt because the Pharaoh found out what he'd done and was very angry with Moses.

Moses ended up in a place called Midian. He had stopped to rest by a well when seven sisters came by to give their father's sheep some water. In the middle of feeding the sheep some shepherds came by and started to become very rude.

They pushed the women aside and told them to get out of the way, that they needed the water more than they did. Moses saw all this and said to the shepherds, "These women were here first and they need the water just as badly as you do. If you have a problem take it up with me, but leave them alone and wait your turn."

The shepherds listened to Moses, and Moses stayed and helped feed the sheep for the sisters. When the sisters got home their father asked them, "How did you get done so early today?" They answered, "An Egyptian rescued us from some shepherds, and he even drew the water out of the well for us and watered the whole flock."

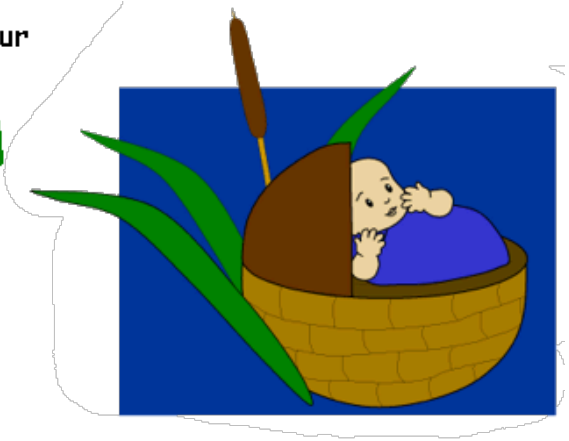
"Please, go and get him and invite him for supper," the father said. When they found Moses, and had talked with him for a while, they realized he had no place to stay. He ended up staying with them, and later married one of the sisters whose name was Zipporah. Moses became a shepherd, and took care of many animals.

As the years went by the Pharaoh in Egypt died, but the Hebrews were still slaves and they prayed to God for help. God heard them and felt bad for them, He knew just what He was going to do next...(after all God had planned this all along).



Unscramble the letters to find the words in our

# Moses Anagram



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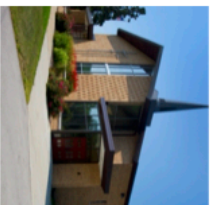
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# May 2023

Revised 5/2/23



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