



TRINITY BELLS

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"after the comma"

Control

Much of my life has been trying to find where the actions of my existence fit into the world. God's creation gives so many opportunities, along with hazards and challenges, and in the end, we are all on a similar quest. One of the things which makes me struggle is the presence of control.

Control as defined as a noun in the Oxford Dictionary goes like this; "the power to influence or direct people's behavior or the course of events" or as a verb; "determine the behavior or supervise the running of". Control...I can be in its experience, or I can be within it myself. I can be a participant, or I am the producer of control. If I were to take control, it would mean I am the one directing the course of what comes next. Control also can have meaning in restraint or the opposite- to rule or regulate. Is this what God wants of me...to take control?

When you add descriptions with other types of control it becomes apparent, we have choices. Self-control, in control, out of control all can describe different times in my life. As a child I could bring in my toys, my books and have them near me, wanting to make sure I felt attached to what I loved. The same would hold true for the people in my life. I wanted my mom and dad close; I wanted them near, but then I would rebel for independence and find control in forcing my will. Control can be for good or for not so good. Some Scripture regarding control,

"For God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control" 2 Timothy 1:7

"But the fruit of the Spirit is Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law" Galatians 5:22-23

I question if God really wants me in control. I've made some unfortunate snares for myself over my years, and I doubt sometimes if I want to be in control. Wouldn't it be better if God just took over?

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May 2023



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

5/12

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

Open to the Community

Worship, Sunday 10:00 am

Monday Quilters: 5/6, 5/20, 5/23 – 8:30a-3:30p,
DH

Troop 21: 5/1, 5/19 – 6:00-8:30p

Community Blood Drive: 5/18

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!!



Asia Goldbach5/4
Kathy Dahm5/6
Jim Cleary5/10
Susan Harmon5/11
Lynne Mielke5/13
Kathy Immekus5/19

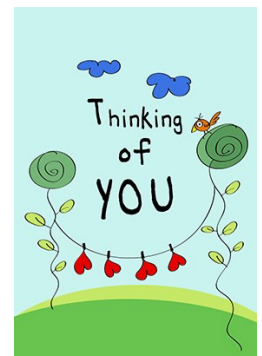


Kathy & Eric Dahm..... 5/26/1990

Jan & William Glasenapp..... 5/25

HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

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



Worship Services May 2024

Sunday, May 5th

Worship Service – 10:00 AM
Communion

Sunday, May 12th

Worship Service – 10:00 AM
Sunday School
Mother's Day

Sunday, May 19th

Worship Service – 10:00 AM
Confirmation Sunday
Communion
Council 11:15 AM

Sunday, May 26th

Worship Service – 10:00 AM
Memorial Day



The last day of Sunday School classes will be on
May 12th.

It's been a great year and we look forward to
seeing everyone in September.

Interested in teaching or questions about our
program,

contact Kathy Haass at
KatydidHaass@gmail.com

Usher Teams

May 5th - Stanley Team, Group 3

(Kathy Dahm, Bob Stanley, Roberta Stanley,
Linda Rube)

May 12th - Mielke Team, Group 2

(Lori Krueger, Dave Mielke, Lynne Mielke, Chris
Faulk)

May 19th - Frank Team, Group 4

(Lou Frank, Jan Frank, Kathy Immekus)

May 26th - Dahm Team, Group 5

(Eric Dahm, Edith Heins, Tootie Seidel)



Blessings Members and Friends of Trinity UCC. As we approach Pentecost we are reminded of the breath of the Holy Spirit and how it came to all of God's children and for this we are thankful and ever blessed!

Speaking of blessing, we are celebrating during worship on Sunday May 19th the Confirmation of Chloe Brown into the family of Trinity United Church of Christ. She has been studying and participating in Confirmation classes for 2 years with Pastor Dan and Jill Gretenhart and we are so proud of this wonderful student and her family! Please join us on May 19th to celebrate together and witness to our commitment given to Chloe and her family at her baptism. The continued support of her growth in the Spirit would be wonderful to be displayed to as many of our congregation as possible, and again the joy of welcoming her as a member of Christ's church!

Please join us! Pastor Dan



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It is amazing to me some of the new-fangled technologies that have come into our lives over the past decades and one which comes to mind that is challenging me is the self-driving vehicles. I'm not quite ready to give up my hands on the wheel. In my mind I can see where this will fail and then I would be blaming myself for relinquishing my control over a drive down the highway or even scarier yet, a winding road. Or how about an alarm clock? It's plugged into the power outlet, and I've set the wake-up time...but what if a storm comes through and knocks out the power? Can I put faith and trust into something which I can't fully control? I am wondering at the same time how God looks at me. Can God put God's love, faith and trust in me when God can't control me? Does God silently wait for me to let go of my control when God sees I am allowing my own will to be indifferent or even destructive?

Yes, I believe control can be liberating or it can be debilitating. In the great mix of us as the children of God we have lived a history of control issues. This is where we thought we knew best what the other needed to be or do. When we've exerted this kind of control, we were faced with a question...would Love do this? Would love impart controls on how others are to be loved or accepted? If we used our self-control in direct opposition to our human need for being in control of others, could we turn the equation back to God's control? I believe we can. I believe Jesus Christ was the epitome of teaching self-control using empathy to know how our need for controlling others could create echoed strains of oppression, hurting each other. Because God gave us free will which includes control of all types, our wills (and controls) will always in many ways intersect. The real question is are we aware when we are in control, and if so, how is it affecting the world and others?

We hear stories of past control in our families, our societies, even in our churches. I am hoping we learn from how control is an ever-present activity which needs to be...well let's say it...controlled. We need to be open to others' ideas and thoughts just as we would want this dialogue to be open to us...not controlled by the other, but rather kept within control of our selves.

I believe God does have a plan. Not a plan which shapes our every thought and guards all of our steps. It is not a plan made to count our breaths and release our individual lives from any need to exercise control. Rather it is a plan to have us all know God through our own experiences and to make it even more joyful, through the lives of others. Love does have a plan. It started with our ancestors so long ago, and it lives in us today. The most beautiful gift God has given is love itself...and when we have exhausted our own wills, the will of God will be proven and glorified. Let's live for this day letting love take over...and letting Love be in control of our control!

*"We humans keep brainstorming options and plans,
but GOD's purpose prevails." Proverbs 19:21 (MSG)*

"Therefore, do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble" Matthew 6:34

Dear God of the Universe, may we for some time today release our grips on our steering wheels, these things which we are worried about, and let you take control (the wheel) for a little while...we know you know the place we are going. Amen.

Pastor Dan





To celebrate all the women of Trinity the CNF Committee will be handing out plants as our special women enter the sanctuary. Not only do we celebrate our mothers but our sisters, nieces, and friends, our Sunday mornings are brighter with you.

After service, come down to the dining hall for a special coffee hour hosted by Cup of Life. Enjoy some hot coffee or tea and homemade delights.

Let's all gather to say THANK YOU and that we appreciate you being part of our life.



On May 19 the worship service at Trinity will be observing Pentecost . Please wear something red on this day, if you can.

Thursday, March 28, Trinity observed Maundy Thursday. This was done with a symbolic seder meal, which is the meal Jesus shared with his disciples the night before his crucifixion. It is a celebratory meal in the Jewish tradition, remembering their time when they were released from captivity in Egypt.





BLOOD DRIVE

Hope springs  eternal

Christopher Faulk Blood Drive

At the age of 12, Christopher was diagnosed with end-stage renal failure, and then shortly thereafter a degenerative bone disease, called Interstitial Nephritis. This bone disease had the affected the density of Christopher's bones, requiring several orthopedic surgeries. At 17 years old, Christopher had to have a kidney transplant, and his father being a match, was able to provide Christopher with a kidney. Now twenty-seven years later, Christopher is in need of another kidney. Over the years, and many hospitalizations and many adverse affects to medications, he needed a blood transfusion. This was risky for someone in chronic rejection. Blood, tissue, bone marrow and organ donation were life-saving donations that saved Christopher's life, including his kidney transplant. "Please consider donating blood and getting tissue typed today!"



**Saturday
MAY**

18

8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

**Helpful tip:
Make sure to eat a healthy meal
and drink plenty of water
before donating.**

At Trinity United Church of Christ; 4435 N. Calhoun Road
Brookfield; Fellowship Hall, Lower Level

- *Appointments made by scanning the QR Code at bottom of flyer
- *Appointments can also be made by contacting Kathy Immekus for assistance, at 262-781-9378 or contact@trinitybrookfield.org
- *Donors will be offered 1 FREE ticket to Mt. Olympus Water Park
- *Donors will also be included in our Mow For Life Sweepstakes, in which 2 lucky donors will be chosen as winners of lawn mowers!



Did you know that there is a group of quilters that meets twice a month on Mondays in our Fellowship hall from 9-3? This group, led by Wendy Kleman has been meeting here since 2002. They come to work on their own projects but do many charity projects like making quilts for Veterans, Food pantry bags, quilts for children in need, and angel gowns for infants that have passed away. The group is open to anyone. If you would ever happen into the building on a Monday that they are there, you might smell the fresh bread being baked or a delish soup on the stove. The quilters do a group lunch every time they met. We welcome new participants. Some of the quilts they have been working on, are exhibited in Trinity's sanctuary May 11th and 18th. We hope you enjoy our quilt show!



**It's time to start your engines
for the 2024 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 28th and end on Sunday May 19th.

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, we have a new story from the Old Testament about Elijah. This is Part 1, enjoy.

Elijah's Prayer *by Sharla Guenther*

This story is about a prophet named Elijah. Elijah was a regular man who made mistakes, who was afraid sometimes, yet when it really mattered, he trusted God. Elijah did amazing things with God's help and God did amazing things for Elijah.

A few things you should know before we start the story is that the land of Israel where Elijah was going was very evil. There was a king named Ahab who believed in a god named Baal (the weather god). He and most of the people worshipped this god and did many things that the Bible says we shouldn't do.

King Ahab also had a wife named Jezebel. The king and his wife both came from very evil families. Together they helped make Israel a place that God did not like. That's why God sent Elijah, he would show the people that God was more powerful and the one they should be worshipping instead.

It all started when Elijah was told by God to deliver a message to King Ahab. Elijah went to Ahab and told him, "My God has told me that there will be no rain or even dew in the next three years until I tell it to." I'm going to guess that Ahab didn't believe this would happen because he worshipped Baal who was the lord of the weather and he should've been able to give rain whenever the people prayed for it.



Now just think for a second if you had no rain, snow, or even dew for three years. Rivers and lakes would get very small or dry up completely. Since that's where we get our water from, we probably wouldn't be able to have baths or flush toilets anymore. Getting a drink of water wouldn't be as easy anymore, we might only be allowed to have one cup of water a day.



Unscramble the letters to find the words in our

Elijah Prays Anagram



ehopprrt

deeilnst

dghortu

aenrv

aceilmr

mnotu acelmr

aalrst

bdenru

cdlosu

adeenrsw

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**TRINITY UCC
BROOKFIELD**

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	28	29	30	1	2	3	4
Worship 10:00 am Communion Troop 21 6:00 - 8:30 pm, DH	5 Monday Quilters 8:30 am - 3:30 pm, DH	6 Monday Quilters 8:30 am - 3:30 pm, DH	7 Office Open 9:00 a - 12:00 p	8 Book Club 10:00 am, DH Confirmation Class 5:30 - 7:30 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 Wedding Shower 8:00 am - 4:00 pm, DH Cup of Life 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm, DH
Worship 10:00 am Mother's Day Sunday School Mission Meeting	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Worship 10:00 am Confirmation Sunday Communion Council 11:15 am Troop 21 6:00 - 8:30 pm, DH	19 Monday Quilters 8:30 am - 3:30 pm, DH	20 Office Open 9:00 a - 12:00 p	21 Office Open 9:00 a - 12:00 p	22 Confirmation Class 5:30 - 7:30 pm	23 Quilters 8:00 am - 4:00 pm, DH	24 Office Open 9:00 a - 12:00 p	25 Community Blood Drive 8:00 am - 1:00 pm
Worship 10:00 am Memorial Day	26	27	28	29	30	31	1
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