

TRINITY BELLS

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An Open and Affirming Congregation
4435 North Calhoun Road, Brookfield, WI 53005*



“after the comma”

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Hydration

I think I have heard somewhere the amount of water which exists on the Earth never changes. The writing of this Bells article made me look this up again...and yes! Science has pretty much agreed the amount of water upon this glorious Earth has remained the same. If only it would stay still... We collectively as a people these last weeks of September, have experienced how the force of wind, lightening and the water can change our lives in moments.

As a kid I remember watching the storms coming over the hillsides outside of Kiel. I was amazed at the power and beauty of each band of clouds, flash of lightening and the eventual pouring of the water from the sky. We would sit out on the porch as long as we could, and then my mom would beckon us to come in and find shelter.

During the 70's we didn't have the immediate reporting that now comes from the news and cable feeds, social media pictures, videos and comments. These messages and observations arrive almost simultaneously as the storms land and pass through. Life being catalogued in the moment for sure and in all of its gritty, scary and joyous unpredictability. This last week with Hurricane Ian landing in Florida, we saw the images of all these things and for me the most haunting was the water. Where did it come from? Why does it collect itself and land in this particular place? More importantly for all of us, how do we protect ourselves from this happening and disrupting the paths of our lives? Fortunately for us in Wisconsin, we did not have to weather this particular storm, but we have loved ones that most likely have been affected by the wrath of these tempests.

October 2022

TRINITY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Brookfield, WI, 53005
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Email: contact@trinitybrookfield.org

Web Site: www.trinitybrookfield.org

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

10/2, 10/16, 10/30.

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

Open to the Community

Worship, Sunday 10:00 am

On Hold: Game Nights

Troop 21: 10/2, 10/16, 6:00 – 8:30 pm

Monday Quilters: 10/3, 10/17, 8:30 am - 4:00 pm

Staff & Lay Leaders

Pastor: Rev. Daniel Krueger

Council President: Kathy Immekus

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!!



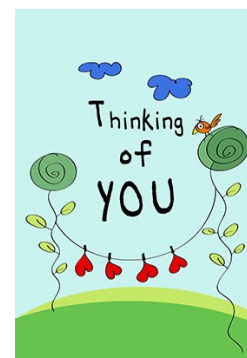
Diane Siebold10/3
Sarah Dahm10/13
Joann Shue10/13
Nancy Korslin10/17
Jerry Krainer10/24
Bob Lannan10/29
Jay Preston10/31



Peg & Ralph Zahn10/12/1985
Judy & Bob Nelson10/15/1960
Jill Gretenhart & Dan* Brzezinski10/29
Jerry & Mary Goldbach10/29

HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

Beverly Littmann
Marion Wandsneider
Fred Theilacker
Joann Shue
Nancy Korslin





Worship Services October 2022

Sunday, October 2nd
Worship Service – 10:00 AM

Sunday, October 9th
Worship Service – 10:00 AM

Sunday, October 16th
Worship Service – 10:00 AM

Sunday, October 23rd
Worship Service – 10:00 AM

Sunday, October 30th
Worship Service – 10:00 AM

All Saints Day - November 6, 2022:

This is Trinity's annual day of remembrance to commemorate Trinity members and special friends who have passed in the past yearly time frame (Oct. 31, 2021- Nov 6, 2022).

This year former member Douglas Buchholz passed on August 11, 2022.

Nadine Brookman (Mom of Lona Masch) passed on Nov. 11, 2021. Trinity All Saints celebration in 2021 was prior to this date.

Also, we will include prayers and support for loved ones of our Trinity Family of Faith who passed within the above time frame even if their loved one was not a member.

Invitational letters will be sent to family members telling them that Trinity will be honoring their loved ones in worship on Nov. 6. This is Trinity's tradition to reach out to the community beyond our members.

If you have lost a loved one between Oct. 31, 2021 and Nov. 6, 2022 and would like to have them remembered, please send name, address, and relationship to Trinity. All information should be e-mailed or sent to Trinity office attention Marlene.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Oct. 2. Kathy Immekus
Oct. 9. Jim Cleary
Oct. 16 Robin Komassa
Oct. 23 Mark Burbey
Oct. 30 Pastor Dan Krueger

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

Veteran's Day - November 13, 2022:

This is an annual event that we will again celebrate to honor all veterans.

What is needed is contact information, ie: name, address, military branch of service of your family member. Also, date of passing if Veteran is deceased.

An invitation is sent to military retirees and family members of those who are deceased inviting them to this special worship honoring all veterans.

Please send information about your veteran to Trinity office, attention Marlene



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Have you noticed that these storms come every year, every season and challenge us in different and varied ways? Hurricanes in September, blizzards in January, flash floods in May, tornadoes in June. This has been our reality for centuries, millenniums. Yes, these all have water as a main element to their character. Then we have the opposite, the droughts we experience in late summer- weeks and weeks of little to no rain. For many of us we own and employ the various tools that can help us through each climatic event. Boots, shovels, pumps, tarps and various other things that help us cope. But it comes back to water doesn't it? The excess or lack of water can change our lives...and it does.

If we are to know that there is an important component to water, we need only to look at our own bodies. We need water to survive! The waters of our bodies lie within the finite calculation which scientists use to know the amount of water on Earth remains the same.

We carry within us the water of life and death. Not enough, we wither away, too much and we are drowning in the excess. Not enough we ask for help from others and in excess we may need to share what we have. Yes, hydration is important in our living bodies. Then there is the Living Water offered to us by Jesus Christ himself. Jesus offers us the living water of the Holy Spirit, flowing freely for all from our God. In the Gospel of John, we hear this message,

John 7:37-39 The Message³⁷⁻³⁹ On the final and climactic day of the Feast, Jesus took his stand. He cried out, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. Rivers of living water will brim and spill out of the depths of anyone who believes in me this way, just as the Scripture says." (He said this in regard to the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were about to receive. The Spirit had not yet been given because Jesus had not yet been glorified.)

We as Christ's followers and proclaimers have been given sips, gulps and long draughts of the Living Water of the Holy Spirit. My belief is that we are given enough of this water to sustain us, but we are the carriers of the additional water that is needed for others. We become the water bearers to others thirsting for this when their lives have been parched by the dry and love deserted world. This Living Water has no limit!! (Oh, by the way Living Water could be love? 😊)

I guess in retrospect, the waters of the storms in our lives can be devastating. Maybe in some way that is due to the rush of the world trying to re-distribute the water, and there is not much we can do. We also learn how to hold more water in these trying situations as we stretch our lives from the experiences of "storms". We cannot control this action just as we cannot contain chaos around our planet. I believe it is how we react and respond which is our call to the water in our lives. The Living Water reminds us we are all a part of the water of the world, the water of the Living God. We can hydrate God's creation and distribute love through the waves and the Love surge which the dry world has been waiting for.

In my life I have received this water from those whose lives have been devastated by storms, and because of this, they have given me hope and shelter. Jesus Christ was the Master of the storms, pronouncer of the distribution of the Living Water of the Holy Spirit, and proclaimer of God's ever-flowing love. We learn and are hydrated from the Master, the Teacher.

Praise be to our God who provides and loves us in ways we will never fully understand but is always present- Love is always present. Amen

Pastor Dan



Stock Box – 2022

On August 10th volunteers from Trinity spent the morning packing stock boxes at Hunger Task Force's new facility in West Milwaukee. The boxes contain nonperishable food items and are given to seniors in southeastern Wisconsin. Everyone involved enjoyed taking part in this worthwhile project and are looking forward to doing this again.

Wondering how many boxes were stocked? 528 to be exact. The Mission Committee will be organizing this again in 2023, so if you missed out this year, you will have an opportunity again next year.

School Supplies

In August the following school supplies were donated to the Women's Center in Waukesha. These items are greatly needed and appreciated. A big thanks to all who participated.

50	Folders
8	Rulers
7	Packs – Pencils
1	Pack Construction Paper
5	Packs – Erasers
9	Coloring Books
5	Packs – Glue
18	Spiral Notebooks
8	Packs – Pens
10	Composition Books
9	Back Packs
4	Scissors
6	Packs – Loose Leaf Paper
3	Packs – Chalk
12	Packs – Crayons
15	Packs – Colored Pencils
6	Pencil Boxes
29	Packs – Colored Markers
21	Ring Binders

What is 5 for 5?

1. Our Church's Wider Mission.
2. One Great Hour of Sharing
3. Neighbors in Need
4. [Strengthen the Church](#)
5. The Christmas Fund

Strengthen the Church

The Strengthen the Church Offering reflects the shared commitment of people across the United Church of Christ to cooperatively build up the UCC. Conferences and the national setting equally share the gifts given by members and friends through their local congregations. The funds raised support leadership development, new churches, youth ministry, and innovation in existing congregations. By your generosity to this offering, you build up the Body of Christ

In Harvest Gathering

Trinity's Mission Committee will be collecting Thanksgiving food items for the Waukesha Food Pantry starting October 30 thru November 13. Starting October 23 thru November 6 slips of paper with a needed item will be available after the service to anyone wishing to donate.



Special thanks from Worship and Arts Team

The choir music library has been updated and rearranged by the following choir and W&A Team members:

Judy Taylor
Gail Kramer
Diane Siebold
Lori Krueger
Lynne Mielke

WOW – a huge undertaking that took numerous days and a lot of hours to complete. Thanks to Judy for organizing this challenging task. The next step was working with Marlene Helinski to update the various spreadsheets which makes locating the music copies an easy task for Mike Hetzel.

The music ministry at Trinity is certainly in very capable hands. All of you are super volunteers and are greatly appreciated.

Worship and Arts Team



Blessing of the Pets

Thanks to Pastor Dan for a wonderful Blessing of the Pets worship service on August 30. We had 22 people in attendance as well as dogs, a cat, a parrot, and stuffed (much loved) animals. Blessed were Prezel, Kobe, Bell, Kingston, Levi, Rosta, Orangie, snowy, black and white. Sorry, but I missed a couple of names when taking notes.

We would welcome any thoughts, suggestions, ideas for next year's Pet Blessing worship service. Please share these with Marlene or Pastor Dan.

W&A Team



RALLY SUNDAY, Sept. 18.

What a wonderful Day!

Thanks to all who helped celebrate Rally Sunday, 2022:
The grillers: Dan Brzezinski, Eric Dahm, Joe Halvorson, Dave Mielke, and Asher Wolman

The many, many bakers who brought wonderful desserts
Eric Dahm for setting up and getting all the tables ready
Kathy Haass and the Christian Nurture team who decorated the upstairs.

The members of the Worship and Arts team and others who set up, purchased and prepared the food, and cleaned up
Trinity is blessed to have such wonderful volunteers.

Worship and Arts Team

Cup of Life

October 5, Wednesday 10:00am Trinity Dining Hall: Work on the Christmas project for the Congregational Home in Brookfield which will be a Christmas card for approximately 64 people and a book mark or other item to place in the card. We will work on this at the October and November meetings. Bring coffee or preferred beverage and breakfast, if you wish.

October 12, Wednesday 9:30am South Parking Lot for trip to Holy Hill to see the Fall foliage. Let Terri or Lynne know by 10-6 so we can arrange car pooling based on numbers and make lunch reservations at Saw Mill Inn.

November 2, Wednesday 10:00am Trinity Dining Hall: Finish up work on Christmas project and set up volunteers for Christmas Tea Coffee Hour in honor of Roland Perschon.

November 18, Friday 1:15pm in South Parking Lot to car pool to State Fair Park for Holiday International Folk Fair. Fee is \$10 for everyone over 62 and tickets will be bought at the door. There will be booths for purchasing items from around the world, foods, dancing and other entertainment. After approximately 2 hours, we will come back to Brookfield for dinner at a local restaurant.

December 10, Saturday 1:00pm Set up in dining room for Coffee Hour on December 11

December 11, Sunday Annual Christmas Tea Coffee Hour in honor of Roland Perschon

A Christmas lunch date may be added to a local restaurant in early December. Will discuss at 10-5 meeting.

Terri, Lynne and Jan

Trinity Community Paper Shredding Event

Trinity United Church of Christ will be holding a community paper shredding event on Oct. 22, 2022 from 1:30 to 4:30 in our North parking lot. The shredding will be done by an outside service called PaperTiger Document Solutions. A free will donation would be greatly appreciated. There will be a limit of 4 boxes per car. Any questions, please contact Kathy Immekus at kathy.immekus@att.net or the church at contact@trinitybrookfield.org.

Trunk or Treat Saturday, October 22, 2022 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.



Trinity is hosting our annual Trunk or Treat Event and you are invited to participate. We will be located at 4435 North Calhoun Road, in the south parking lot. Trunks filled with treats for our costumed guests. Come and join the fun.

We need some Trunks to make this event a success, if you are interested in being a part of Trunk or Treat or if you have questions, contact Kathy Dahm at 262-389-1320 or dahmgirls@netzero.net



Hi Kids,

This month we have a new story about Joseph and his brothers. This is part one of his story.

The Story of Joseph

This is the story about a young man named Joseph. His father's name is Jacob, and they lived in Canaan from where his grandfather was from.

Joseph was seventeen (old enough to drive a car these days), and he had eleven brothers; and only had one brother younger than him. Can you imagine having eleven brothers to play with, or fight with?

Because Joseph was one of the youngest sons, his father spent more time with him, and he became very special to him. So Jacob had a special robe made for Joseph. (They didn't have jackets back then, so this was a very special jacket). It was very beautiful and had every color you could imagine in it.

All of Joseph's older brothers saw this and they got very jealous. The word jealous means that Joseph's brothers disliked him because they thought his father liked him more, and because he got the special coat. They got so jealous they couldn't even say a kind word to him.

One day Joseph had a dream, and he went to go tell his brothers. He said, "Guess what? Last night I had a strange dream. We were tying up bunches of grain out in the field when suddenly my bunch stood up, while all of yours gathered around and bowed to me." The brothers looked at each other in disgust, but Joseph continued. "Then I had another dream that the sun, moon, and eleven stars bowed down to me."

"Who do you think you are?" The brothers said. "Do you think that you are better than all of us? Do you think that we would ever bow down to you?" This made the brothers dislike Joseph even more.

When he told his father about his dreams he said, "Those are strange dreams." But he thought carefully about what Joseph had told him.

A few days later Joseph's father asked him to check on his brothers. They were in the fields quite a distance away. So Joseph went to find them.

When the brothers saw Joseph in the distance, they made a plan to kill him. But when Reuben, Joseph's oldest brother heard this he said, "Let's not kill him, just throw him in a well out here in the field." He said this because he was secretly planning to come back and rescue Joseph when the other brothers had left.

So when Joseph came to them, they took off his beautiful robe and they threw him in an empty well. A little while later a group of people came by that were wanting to sell some things in Egypt. One of the brothers spoke up, "Why don't we sell him to these people, this way we never have to see him again, and we don't have to kill him."

The other brothers liked this idea, so they sold him to the people who were going to Egypt.



Unfortunately Reuben had been working and hadn't seen what happened. When he returned to the well he noticed that Joseph was gone. He had been sold to an important man named Potiphar, an assistant to the Pharaoh of Egypt.

The rest of the brothers took Joseph's beautiful robe and dipped it in animal blood and took it back to their father. When the father saw this he cried, "Some animal has killed my son." And he cried for many days, so much that nobody could comfort him.

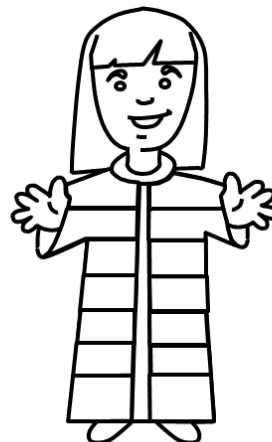
Now Joseph had started out as a slave, but the Lord was with Joseph and He helped him do everything right. So Potiphar made him his helper, and put him in charge of everything that he owned.

The problem came when Potiphar's wife lied about Joseph to her husband, so Potiphar had Joseph put into jail.

Joseph Word Search

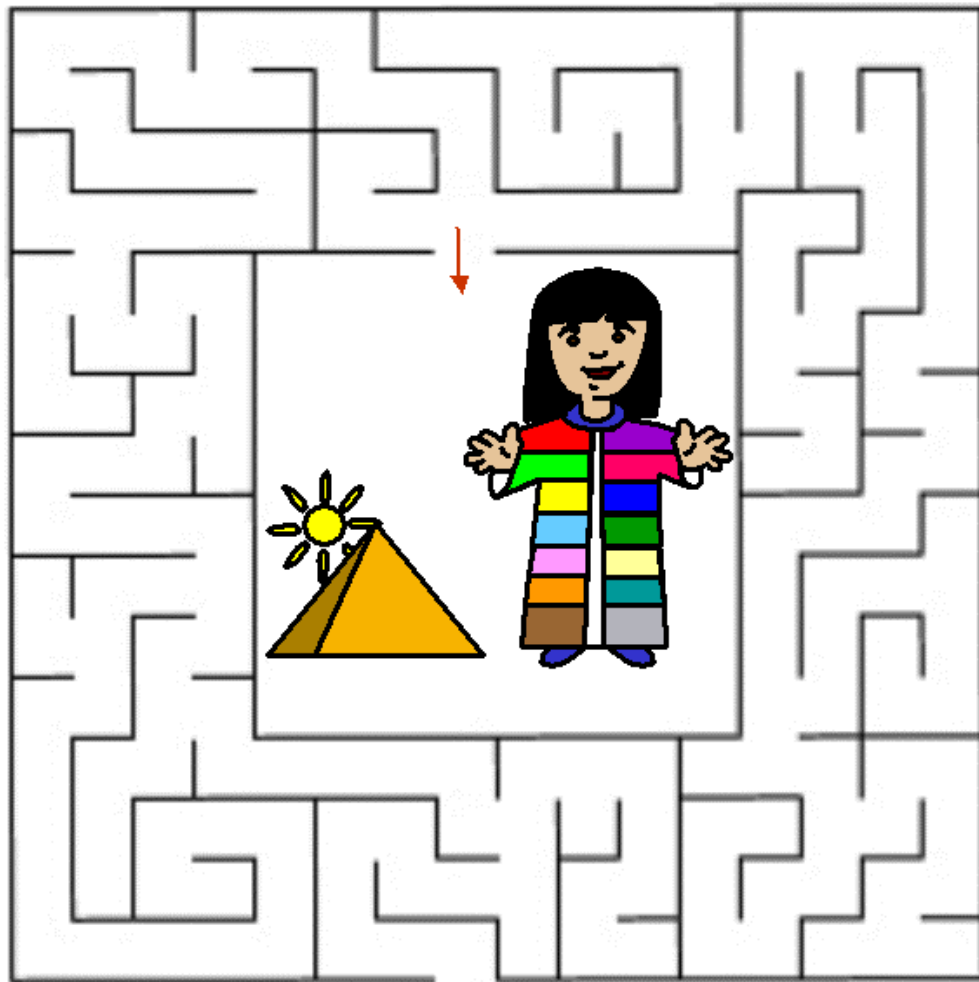
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Joseph Maze

Help Jacob find his son Joseph.



October 2022

Revised 10/3/22



**TRINITY UCC
BROOKFIELD**

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	25	26	27	28	29	30	1
Worship 10:00 am -Sunday School Communion Troop 21 6:00 - 8:30 pm, DH	2	3	4 <i>Office Open</i> <i>9:00 am - 12:00 pm</i>	5 Cup of Life 10:00 am, DH Missions 2:00 pm, DH	6	7 <i>Office Open</i> <i>9:00 am - 12:00 pm</i>	8
Worship 10:00 am	9	10	11 <i>Office Open</i> <i>9:00 am - 12:00 pm</i>	12 Cup of Life 9:30 am, Holy Hill Trip (meet in South Parking Lot)	13 W&A Meeting 1:00 pm, DH Property Meeting 3:00 pm, DH	14 <i>Office Open</i> <i>9:00 am - 12:00 pm</i>	15
Worship 10:00 am -Sunday School Troop 21 6:00 - 8:30 pm, DH	16	17	18 <i>Office Open</i> <i>9:00 am - 12:00 pm</i>	19 Council Meeting 6:30 pm, DH	20	21 <i>Office Open</i> <i>9:00 am - 12:00 pm</i>	22 Trunk or Treat 1:00 - 3:00 pm South Parking Lot
Worship 10:00 am	23	24	25 <i>Office Open</i> <i>9:00 am - 12:00 pm</i>	26	27	28 <i>Office Open</i> <i>9:00 am - 12:00 pm</i>	29 Community Shred 1:30 - 4:00 pm North Parking Lot
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