

TRINITY BELLS

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



"after the comma"

Small Prayers

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One of the parts of my ongoing walk in ministry has been to work on my prayer life. I know, you would think this would be one of the easier parts of my day...flowing in and out just as a breath is exchanged through my body.

But there seems to be no time to do it consistently and most importantly right.

I try to begin my day with thanks, but as I begrudgingly move my body out of my sleeping position, the action of moving those recently forgotten aches of joints and muscles take over my thoughts and my prayer moves more into bemoaning rather than praise and thanks. Another missed opportunity?

Then there are those attempted prayers throughout the day. I find myself reaching out through faces in my mind, bring into my prayers those of my family, friends, my parish siblings here at Trinity and other places I have been, and I'm not sure if I remembered all that I should. It seems I start a prayer and then a phone rings, or an email enters my computer screen that begs for attention, or a song lifts its way to my ears and I'm off in another direction. Missed opportunity again.

Of course, there are those prayers that are most common I feel to me...the ones asking God to change something. Get me to my appointment faster, God please make all the stop lights "green". God let me have enough gas to not have to stop- or I'll be late. God-please don't let that vehicle besides me drift into my lane, or God please let that officer not notice my speed at the moment. (Seeing a bit of a theme here...me running late... 😊). These prayers come out of my fear and frustration and sometimes I am thinking God must think me a pretty good whiner. Opportunities for good prayer missed once more.

It makes me wonder what is a prayer to God? How does God look upon my daily routine and wonder what I am all about as I don't seem to have it all together? I mean as a Pastor I should be pretty adept at this prayer stuff by now? On the same hand, as a child of God- what can I do to find the right way to converse and communicate with God?

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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

10/1, 10/15

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

Open to the Community

Worship, Sunday 10:00 am

Monday Quilters: 10/2, 10/16 – 8:30a-4:00p

Troop 21: 10/4, 10/18 – 6:30p-9:00p

Scrapbooking: 10/21 – 10:00a-6:00p

Trunk or Treat: 10/28 – 1:00p-3:00p

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!!



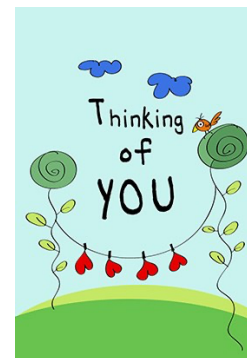
Diane Siebold.....10/3
Sarah Dahm10/13
Joann Shue10/13
Nancy Korslin 10/17
Jerry Krainer10/24
Bob Lannan10/29
Jay Preston10/31



Peg & Ralph Zahn 10/12/1985
Judy & Bob Nelson 10/15/1960
Jill Gretenhart & Dan* Brzezinski 10/29
Jerry & Mary Goldbach 10/29

HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

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



Worship Services October 2023

Sunday, October 1st

Worship Service – 10:00 AM

Communion

Sunday School

Sunday, October 8th

Contemporary Music

Worship Service – 10:00 AM

Congregational Meeting

Sunday, October 15th

Worship Service – 10:00 AM

Sunday School

Council Meeting - 11:15 AM

Sunday, October 22nd

Worship Service – 10:00 AM

Sunday, October 29th

Worship Service – 10:00 AM

Sunday School



Trunk or Treat

Saturday, October 28, 2023

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



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 of God's beautiful creation indoors.

The calendar is located in the dining hall by the kitchen.

Worship & Arts



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Jesus gave us His prayer. We join together in this prayer on our Sunday mornings, Team meetings within the church and other times when we are gathered. Then I look at the words and phrases and its simplicity and depth within the workings of our human lives is extraordinary. Jesus did this to remind us of how many facets our lives have within our existence and whose we are.

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses/sins/debts/wrongs,
as we forgive those who trespass/sin/debt/wrong (against) us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever. Amen.

In the near future, I will be working through this wonderful prayer with my messages on Sunday mornings, but for now I am in awe and humbled by this beautiful human prayer. Jesus came to know us and then turned around and gave us what we needed to remember about who we were and who God is, and what we need to live in our bodies, to live in our communities and how to not be afraid to love unconditionally.

So even then, Jesus knew we needed some help in this prayer thing. Thank you, brother Jesus!
My attempts at prayer seem small and superficial compared to what Jesus gave us, but then I am also reminded that He did not say that this was the ONLY way to pray. We are human and we are about being thrown about by our daily challenges, taking our attention away from what we think God wants of us. God is not waiting for us to be perfect, God is not watching to see when we mess up or miss the mark of love. And I believe God is not waiting for us to say the perfect prayer.

I do believe God is okay for when we need to cry out loud...to complain when we have to let our frustration out. God also doesn't keep record of when we didn't phrase our prayer in a cohesive and legible way...what God wishes for us is that we feel comfortable being in conversation whenever and however it happens. When we put ourselves in the love "ear" of God - we believe we are being heard by the One who knows us intimately already and wishes us to do the same. We are always wanting a response, but that is not for us to demand, the response is that love is present.

The small prayer for the squirrel to make it across the street before my vehicle makes the decision for it. The prayer for that person that pops into my mind as I put on my shoes...that I remember and hope they are doing well. The small prayer as I step onto the airplane. In fact, it seems almost every thought I have is a small prayer and linked to a God who is praying with me...yes-praying with me. So many small prayers, but none too small for God!

Oh Yahweh- you never tire of me and I know you are there for ALL of your children. May we be bold in knowing you love each of us with the love of a Holy Parent patiently waiting us to know you better every day- in everything. Amen.

One more small prayer...Thank you God!
Pastor Dan



In Harvest Gathering



Thanksgiving Food Drive

Beginning on October 15th, Trinity's Mission Committee will be collecting Thanksgiving food items for the Waukesha Food Pantry. The last day for collection is on November 12th.

On October 8 thru November 5 slips of paper with a needed item will be available after the service to anyone wishing to donate.

These food items will be used to help fill the Food Pantry Thanksgiving Baskets that they will distribute.



School Supplies For The Women's Center



Earlier this year The Milwaukee Journal published an article detailing the cost of the school supplies requested by three area schools. At two of the schools the cost exceeded \$200. Yikes!

Through generous donations by the Trinity congregation, children at The Women's Center will have the supplies they need.

The staff at the Women's Center in Waukesha is very thankful for all the school supplies that Trinity has provided to their families in need.

Locked Sanctuary Policy

The Trinity Property Committee, along with the backing of the Council, have adopted a policy that requires the doors be locked to the sanctuary at times when it is not in use. The room shall be locked immediately after service or other uses such as decorating the room, cleaning the space, music rehearsals, etc. This policy will begin following the worship service on Sunday September 10, 2023.

The main double-doors at the back of the sanctuary have a slide bolt system that must be locked from the inside. The single door in the rear will be locked with a key from the outside of the room. The single door at the northwest corner shall also be locked with a key from the outside, in the exit hall.

Near both single doors will be a key lockbox. Those lockboxes will allow entry for all necessary persons. The Property Committee will provide a combination code for those needing access.

The sanctuary has valuable electronic and music equipment. The building often has events happening that do not require access to the sanctuary. The Property Committee feels that the room should be locked during those times.

Trinity Property Committee

Cup of Life

On Wednesday, September 6th, eight of our Cup of Life ladies met at Redeemer UCC in Sussex for our Annual Retreat. This was the first time that we met outside of the Retreat House at Cedar Valley. We started off with a prayerful song that Lynne Mielke sang acapella. We then discussed some ideas for the Fall and early Winter while munching on Duncan Doughnuts and their famous coffee. Then Terri Allen shared some funny jokes and prayers that touched on our theme for the retreat; "Old Age Isn't for Sissies." After some laughs, Jan Shuster turned to a more serious discussion on the topic and everyone had a chance to join in and tell their own stories, if they wanted. After this section, Lynne led a demonstration on strength exercises that we all joined in on and laughed as some of us couldn't keep up with her. To end the morning, July Nelson led us in prayer and reflection and handed out some prayer cards. We cleaned up and took a tour of Redeemer's sanctuary (lovely) and spent time looking over the many different activities going on that were displayed on tables right outside the sanctuary. We also got to thank the minister, Rev. Julie Eklund in person as we were departing. We also made it a point to thank the office staff and leave a card for the Council President, Barbara Andrekopoulos, who was instrumental in our ladies using the Redeemer space. We were given a very comfortable room to use and were thankful that we were able to laugh, tell stories and snack without creating any disturbance for the staff.

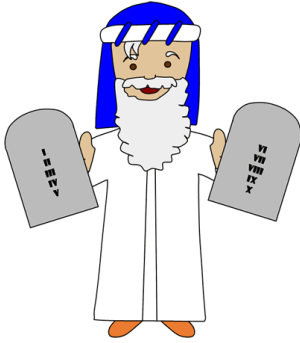
When we finished up, we all went over to First Watch in Pewaukee for brunch. Everyone seemed to enjoy their meals and the portions were so generous that many of the ladies left with doggy bags. We all agreed that this was another eatery to add to our list of places to go as a group for various outings.

At around 2:00 we all parted after having participated in an uplifting, fun morning of reflection and story telling and an early afternoon of eating and catching up on what we had been doing over the past 3 Summer months. It was a fun day, where we learned some new things, sang some old songs and listened to each other share our stories.

Any ladies of the church, visitors or members, who are interested in doing some good works, hosting the annual Roland Perschon Christmas Tea (Coffee Hour), and outings planed throughout the year, know that we meet the first Wednesday of each month in the Dining Hall beneath the Sanctuary at 10:00 in morning unless noted in the Thursday announcements and monthly church calendar. We bring our own beverage (coffee, etc.) and some breakfast item to share. Usually, Jan does that but some others have been known to make a banana bread, zucchini bread, muffins or the like. There's nothing to prepare for. Just come and enjoy the company of the other women, share some prayer, reflection, definite laughter and work in between. All items needed for our projects (cards for shut ins, etc.) are supplied. If you have any questions, please reach out to Terri, Lynne or Jan. Our numbers are in the Trinity directory or see us in church. Thanks again to the ladies who attended and to Judy, Jan, Lynne and Terri for working to put this retreat together. We always have such a good time together and leave with a quite sense that "God is still watching over us..."



The Story of Moses and the 10 Commandments – Part 2



We'll just talk about the first ten commandments God told Moses, otherwise we might be here for 40 days and we don't have time for that. Besides, the 10 commandments are the most important for us right now. Remember as you hear each commandment that they are all equally important, one is not more important than the other.

The first commandment is to **put God first**. This means that nothing should be more important than God - a hobby you enjoy, tv or video games, even your friends and family should not be more important than God.

The second command is to **worship only God**. This is like the first commandment in that God wants our love, and He doesn't want us to bow down and worship a statue just because we can't see Him. In other words God is the only one that we should pray to.

The third commandment is broken all the time. God commands us to **use His name with respect**. Many people use God's name like a swear word, or say it when they're upset. God wants us to use His name when we're talking to Him, or telling others about Him in a nice way. To use His name in these other ways is very disrespectful and hurts God to hear it.

The fourth commandment should be easy, we are to **remember God's Sabbath**. God wants us to take one day of the week and rest. When God made the world in six days, He rested on the seventh day. This gets harder when you get older, there always seems to be something to do, but remember God commands us to take a day off.

The fifth commandment might be a little tricky for some of you, but its very important (like all the other commandments) that you follow it. He tells us to **respect our parents**. Sometimes you might think you know what's best, or you get frustrated because your parents won't let you do something. Remember your parents were once kids just like you, and they are trying to keep you safe and from making the same mistakes they've already made.



Which commandment is next...oh right, it's the sixth commandment. This commandment says **don't hurt others**. Now imagine for a minute if everyone in the whole world obeyed this rule like God wants us to. We probably wouldn't have any jails and we would all get along with one another.

The seventh commandment is for those who are married. God tells us to be **faithful in marriage**. He wants us to love our wife or husband someday (even if they get on your nerves once and a while) and treat them with respect.

The eighth commandment is **don't steal**. This means that we shouldn't take something that doesn't belong to us.

We are almost done, the next commandment is **don't lie**. It is always better to tell the truth, and while you're at it don't do anything that would make you want to lie. Usually parents know when you're lying anyway, and if you don't get caught God sees and hears everything and He knows.

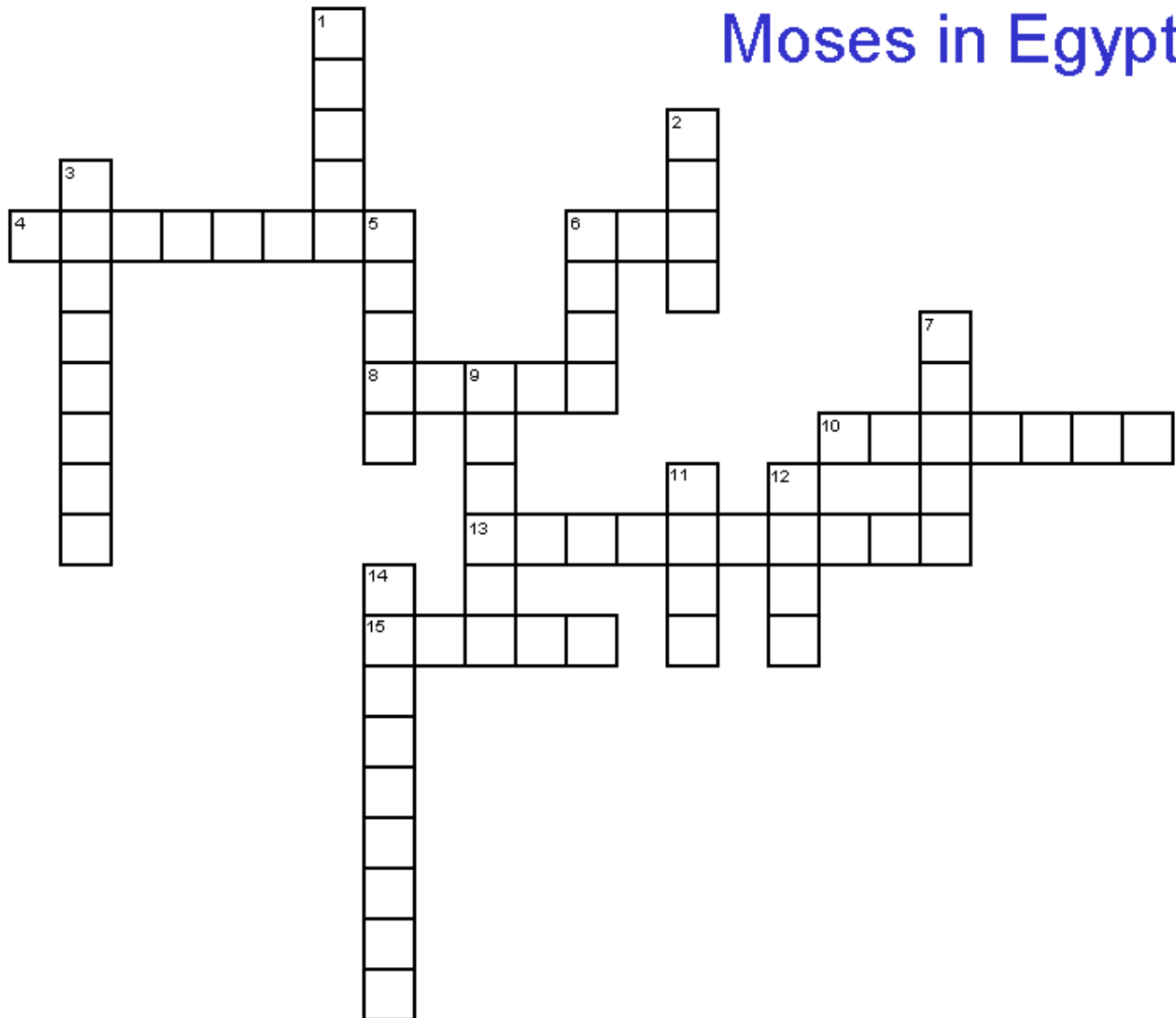
The last commandment is **don't be envious of others**. This means that we shouldn't wish to have things that someone else has. I know there is always a new toy or game - there is always something that we want to get. It's important to remember that these things aren't really important. God is the most important (if you remember the first commandment).

Now I know this list might seem impossible to follow all the time. I know that I don't follow all these commands all the time, and I'm going to pray to God and ask His forgiveness and try to do my very best to not do it again.

Another thing to remember is that if you disobey a commandment God sees the smallest lie just the same as if someone hurt someone really bad. I know sometimes we think if we just told a little lie it wouldn't matter or God wouldn't notice, but it does matter and God does notice. It makes Him sad when we disobey Him, so when we make a mistake we need to say sorry to God and to the person you've wronged and try to be a better person next time.



Moses in Egypt



Across

4. The Egyptians didn't need sunglasses during this plague.
6. How many plagues were there all together?
8. True or false - Pharaoh never had a chance to stop the plagues?
10. God promised he would do this for his people.
13. The Israelites had to make bread quickly, what is this flat bread called?
15. What turned to blood in all of Egypt?

Down

1. The Egyptians had these jumping in their plates of food.
2. Pharaoh died because he kept changing his ____.
3. What is it still called when God saw the blood on the doors?
5. What did Moses use to separate the Red Sea?
6. True or false - the Israelites were safe from all the plagues?
7. What did the Israelites put over their doors to protect them?
9. This plague is very similar to the grasshopper.
11. Pharaoh's heart was like a rock - it was ____.
12. The magicians stopped this many plagues.
14. What did Moses' snake do to the magician's snakes?

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**TRINITY UCC
BROOKFIELD**

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Worship 10:00 am Sunday School Communion	1	2 Monday Quilters 8:30 am - 4:00 pm, DH	3 Office Open 9:00 a - 12:00 p	4 Troop 21 6:30 - 9:00 pm, DH	5	6 Office Open 9:00 a - 12:00 p	7
Worship 10:00 am Contemporary Music Congregational Meeting	8	9	10 Office Open 9:00 a - 12:00 p	11	12 W&A Meeting 1:00 pm, DH Property Meeting 3:00 pm, DH	13 Office Open 9:00 a - 12:00 p	14
Worship 10:00 am Sunday School Council 11:15 am Scouts Wreaths	15	16 Monday Quilters 8:30 am - 4:00 pm, DH	17 Office Open 9:00 a - 12:00 p	18 Troop 21 6:30 - 9:00 pm, DH	19	20 Office Open 9:00 a - 12:00 p	21 Scrapbooking 10:00 am - 6:00 pm, DH
Worship 10:00 am	22	23	24 Office Open 9:00 a - 12:00 p	25	26	27 Office Open 9:00 a - 12:00 p	28 Trunk or Treat 1:00 - 3:00 pm, South Parking Lot
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Worship 10:00 am	5	6					

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