



# TRINITY BELLS

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## "after the comma"

### Remote Control

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**August 2023**



Over the decades I have had the opportunity to have the use of many remote controls for various things which needed to have a way to turn things on or off or make adjustments. One of the first was so simple. I can remember sitting watching TV with the family and my dad would activate his remote control by calling out my name. "Hey, Danny- can you switch the channel or adjust the volume, and I would dutifully get up from my seat at the couch and approach the console 25" TV and turn the knob. Guess I was the remote for my dad! Yes, the simplicity of requesting and having the action occur!

Recently we replaced one of our vehicles at the Krueger homestead, and in doing so our "newer" vehicle came with those programmable garage door opener systems called "HomeLink". Love that name and marketing!

After some nudging over a few weeks from Brenda, I found a few extra minutes to tackle programming the remote controls that were located on the header console of the truck. I quickly read the instruction booklet that came with the vehicle and went about connecting the remote to the garage door opener unit hanging from the ceiling of our garage. "Press the Learn button on the garage door unit and then within 30 seconds press the Homelink button in the vehicle. Simple enough I thought and proceeded to go through the steps. It didn't work. No movement of the garage door. The instructions said if it didn't work, try the procedure again. I did four more times to no avail. I then looked at the Learn button and decided to take matters into my own hands and pressed it for 30 seconds. This did not work either! By now the frustration was apparent in my body language and my language altogether...I tried other remotes that had worked before and now none of them worked...ughh!!

Defeated- I then resorted to looking up the instructions online to see if maybe a video would be there to explain my failure. Lo and behold there were many! As I watched the videos it became apparent that taking my own belief in how to program this remote, I had wiped out all of the existing remotes...I had basically reset everything! Oh no!

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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

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  
Monday Quilters: 8/21 – 8:30a-4:00p  
Scrapbookers: 8/19 – 10:00a-8:00p  
Troop 21: 8/23 – 6:30p-9:00p

### Staff & Lay Leaders

**Pastor:** Rev. Daniel Krueger

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**Maintenance Custodian:** Eric Dahm

**Ministers of the Church:**

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### Newsletter Deadline

The 15th of each month.

## Happy Birthday!!



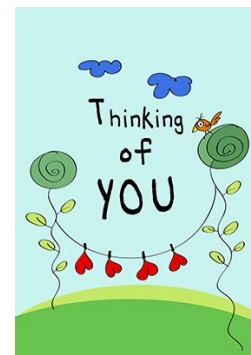
Allen Burbey.....8/3  
Ralph Zahn.....8/7  
Emily Dahm.....8/17  
Edith Heins.....8/19  
Natalie Lannan.....8/22  
Norine Schroeder.....8/24  
Sharon Thomas.....8/27



Paula & Pat Matthews.....8/09/1986  
Arlene & Jay Preston.....8/11/1974  
Roberta & Robert Stanley.....8/13/1981  
Kahney & Bob Rohrig.....8/15/1959  
Jim Cleary & Lourie Martinez.....8/19  
Allen Burbey & Travis Zuverink.....8/22/2015  
Arnold & Ilene Dahm.....8/23/1964

## HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

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



## Worship Services August 2023

Sunday, August 6<sup>th</sup>

Worship Service – 10:00 AM  
Communion

Sunday, August 13<sup>th</sup>

Worship Service – 10:00 AM

Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup>

Worship Service – 10:00 AM  
New Member Sunday  
Council Meeting - 11:15 AM

Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup>

Worship Service – 10:00 AM

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### Hunger Task Force – Stockbox Event

Wednesday August 9<sup>th</sup> – 9am to Noon

**Please arrive at 8:45 am for sign in and  
instructions.**

**Where: 5000 W. Electric Avenue, West  
Milwaukee, WI**

Everyone who participated in this project last  
year  
really enjoyed it. The above date, time and  
location  
has been set.

Those of you wanting to participate this year  
there will be a signup sheet in the Gathering  
Space (rotating message board).

We are looking for 15 participants.

*Got questions? See Dave Mielke or Joe  
Halvorson*

Do these flowers look familiar?  
Maybe they are growing in your gardens.....  
Or maybe you have some wildflowers  
growing near by.



Cut a few and share with us on Sunday  
Mornings. Your bouquets can be big or small,  
and don't worry you don't need to be a  
professional florist to put in a vase.

*"A flower does not think of competing with  
the flower next to it. It just blooms."*

Sign up to bring your garden blooms on the  
Flower Calendar located in the dining hall by  
the kitchen.

Worship & Arts





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After calming down and putting my ego in check, I viewed a few more videos and was able to reprogram the remotes including the vehicle one. Yes- the door moved upon command and all was back to good.

It got me thinking about how this ability to make life easier had some specific instructions that needed to be applied in order for things to be good. Yes, I had become frustrated and thought I could by myself make things right- regardless of how it needed to be done by the creators of the remote control and the receivers which took the signal and created action. It came to my mind that this could be a theological exercise as well.

God, the Creator of All knows the way to connect. God, by giving us the Word, The Bible and God's Son, Jesus Christ gave to us the instructions for what we could do as God's remote controls. Even the Holy Spirit is given to us in order to complete the connection for God's actions of Love in the world! Love is the message sent from God and through us as the remote controls- we can make changes and adjustments in order to get the clearest translation of this message...but we can't just do our own thing or believe that we know better what God wants for us to do. When we press our own way too long, we can actually cause the message to be mis-translated or out of sync with the true message of God's love for all. Just like when I pressed too hard on the Learn Button, thinking I could by myself force the remote and the opener to work in harmony. I needed to go back to the experiences given to me and check my pride at the door. Just like going back and knowing we can always continue to learn through scripture, embracing the Word of God and the teachings of Jesus.

In my house I probably have a couple dozen of remotes, and they all do various things for me and my family, but the other thing that comes to mind is that they take energy. Yes- the remote controls take an energy cell (usually a battery of some sort) in order to put out the signal to the receiver. We in our lives also require this energy and I believe we can get this from being in church, being with each other and of course reconnecting with God.

Characteristics of remotes require that the remote is somewhat close to the device that it is to interact with. We are called to be in the presence of each other in order to create the change given to us by the Holy Spirit. Our prayers act as amplifiers to our signal and our gifts given in helping others allows our presence to extend beyond our typical range, but yes It requires our presence in knowing. The remotes by themselves can't do their work without an initiating press of a button. Do you feel Jesus's press upon us? Jesus gave us the instructions of what we as God's remotes can do in this world. I also believe we only require one button...and you guessed it...it says "Love" on it!

So, the next time you pick up that remote, think of how God through Jesus and the Holy Spirit have all come together in order for us to change and adjust the world in support of what God wants.

Now if I can just find that remote for the TV again...where did I put it? 😊

O Holy One, use as your remotes in the world, encouraging us through your energy to help our world find its best outcomes- open the doors of embracing others, turn on the channels of our care for each other and increase the volume of our Love for all your children and creation. Amen!

Pastor Dan



## TP Goes to the Waukesha Food Pantry



The mission project for June was collecting toilet paper for the Waukesha Food Pantry. All 396 rolls collected have been delivered.

*Everyone's participation is greatly appreciated.*

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## Blessing of the Pets

NEWS FOR YEWS

ARF, ARF, ARF, - Hi Fluffy,

BOW-WOW - Oh, hi Sparky, what's the news?

ARF-ARF-ARF - Trinity is having a Blessings of the Pets" on Wednesday, August 30 and my owner and I are going.

BOW-WOW - Who's all going to be there?

ARF-ARF - Tweety Bird, Izzy the iguana, Kitty Kat, Pretty Bird the parakeet, Speedy the turtle, all my animal friends, and even some toy animals, too.

BOW-WOW - Good, then I can bring my favorite pink teddy bear. We'll all get blessings.

ARF - ARF - Remember, August 30 at 6:00 PM and Pastor Dan will be doing the blessings. There will be treats there, too. We will raise the ROOF. God loves all of us. WOOL always be lambs of God.

ALL ARE WELCOME



## RECYCLING UPDATE

Many thanks to all who participate in recycling at Trinity. You are doing a fantastic job of protecting the environment.

I had a car full of aluminum cans a couple of weeks ago when I went to sell them. A situation came up at that visit that has not happened before, so I need to remind everyone how to prepare your cans for recycling.

- ✓ **Aluminum cans** can be crushed – I encourage that
- ✓ **Tin cans** - do not remove label and do not crush them
- ✓ Use the appropriate bins in the outside recycling area in back of the church
- ✓ Empty the bags of cans you bring into the appropriate bins outside – please do not place the bags on the ground with no markings to identify what is in them
- ✓ When you empty your bags of cans you can take them home and reuse them

Please follow the above carefully as this last time there were crushed tin cans with no labels and they were mixed with the aluminum cans. I cannot sort through bags of cans to make sure they are separated. The personnel at Allied Resource Recovery found the mixed cans and reminded me that they must be separated. They were very nice about it.

Thank you for your cooperation, help and support.

Marlene



## Cup of Life

The ladies of Cup of Life had a very successful Pick-Nick at Fairview Park on Thursday, 7-13-23. The seven ladies shared food, talk, a reflection by Judy Nelson and laughs as we worked out the details for our upcoming retreat. We even had a table cloth, pistachio fluff from Ilene (yummy), cheese and cracker board from Lynne, deviled eggs from Terri and Nestles Crunch mini bars from Judy. We can always count on our ladies to bring great foods, wonderful conversation and funny stories to share.

Up next, we will meet in Trinity's Dining Hall on Wednesday, August 5<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am to finalize the retreat, collect \$10 for the retreat from those who haven't yet handed in their money, and maybe begin discussions about our Fall/Winter schedule.

On Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup> Cup of Life ladies will meet at the South Parking Lot at Trinity by 8:40 for car pooling over to Redeemer UCC in Sussex for our annual Retreat. Coffee and donuts will be available for breakfast. Judy Nelson will lead us in prayers and a reflection based on the theme, "Old Age Isn't for Sissies"!!! Jan Schuster, Lynne Mielke and Terri Allen will facilitate a discussion surrounding this topic to benefit the ladies and help all to share stories that fit this topic. At around 12:15pm we will leave to share brunch at First Watch in Pewaukee. We will need a final number for Brunch by our August meeting. The fee of \$10.00 will cover an honorarium for Redeemer's generosity and for the breakfast. Each lady will pay for their individual brunch.

Any ladies who are part of the Trinity Family, in person, on line, member or friend, please consider joining our annual retreat. Maybe that will peek your interest enough to join us monthly for our meetings held on the first Wednesday of each month unless noted in Announcements on Thursday and monthly "Bells" If you have any questions, or want to come to the retreat, please call Terri Allen at 803-322-3316. Leave a message if I don't pick up.

Thanks.





Hi Kids, here is the continuing story of Moses and his brother Aaron.

## The Story of Moses and the Pharaoh – Part 2

With each of these plagues Pharaoh said he'd let the Israelites go if God put things back to normal, but then he kept changing his mind. You'd think he would've learned his lesson and let the Israelites go. God doesn't give up.

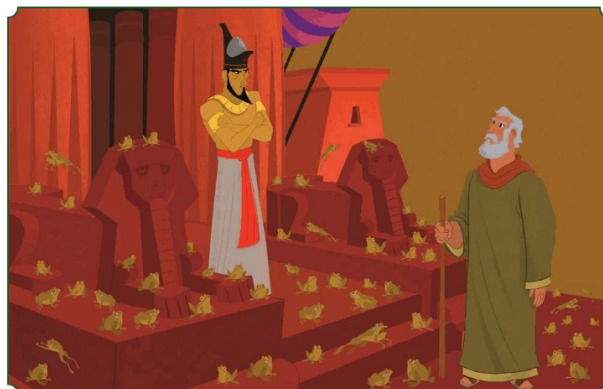
You may have felt sorry for the Israelites during all these plagues, but God made sure they were not touched by them. Only the Pharaoh and 'his people' the Egyptians went through these terrible times. The Israelites lived a little ways away, and God kept them safe, and put a pretend wall around them so none of the plagues could come to them.

If you thought all the other plagues were bad, there was one last plague (the tenth plague) that was way worse than any of the others. The Lord told them, "This will be the last plague on Pharaoh and Egypt, after this they will let you go. Around midnight I will go throughout Egypt. Every firstborn son in Egypt will die, even the son of Pharaoh, and there will be great sadness." Moses and Aaron warned Pharaoh, but he refused to listen.

The Lord had special instructions for Moses and Aaron, so that the Israelites would be sure to stay safe during this last plague. He told them, "The Israelites must kill their best sheep or goat. Then they are to take some of the blood and smear it on the sides and tops of the doors on their houses.

On that same night I will pass through Egypt like a ghost and take the life from every first born. If I see blood on the doorway that will be a sign for me to pass over the house and keep all who are inside safe.

This day will always be known as the Passover, because you were passed over and kept safe by God. You will continue to celebrate this day for many years." (Some people still celebrate it today!) They were also to eat unleavened bread (bread that is flat, not fluffy like we eat it). This would always remind them of the hurry that they left Egypt in.





Now you have to remember Pharaoh could have stopped all this a long time ago. God gave him many opportunities to let the Israelites go, but he would not listen. Unfortunately God had to teach Pharaoh a lesson and He did what He said He would do.

After Pharaoh realized what happened in Egypt he called for Moses and Aaron just after midnight and he said, "Leave my people, you and all the Israelites! Go worship the Lord as you wanted, take all your animals and get out of here!" The Israelites gathered up gold and silver from the Egyptians who were glad to see them leave and they left with Moses.

You won't believe what happened next! When Pharaoh heard that the Israelites had left he changed his mind- again! He decided to gather an army of more than 600 people and go after Moses, Aaron and all the Israelites.

So as the Israelites were on their way, they noticed in the distance that Pharaoh was coming after them. They started to get worried and questioned Moses why he would lead them out in the desert to die. Moses knew what to say, and he told them, "Do not be afraid, God has protected you before, He will protect you again."

When the Israelites reached the Red Sea they were trapped with the Sea in front of them and Pharaoh behind them. But God told Moses to reach out his staff into the water, and when he did an amazing thing happened. The water split into two! The water lifted itself and made huge walls of water (they couldn't even see over it, it was higher than a house). They would walk on dry ground, which was actually the bottom the Sea.

Pharaoh's army followed them into the Sea, even though some of the Egyptians were afraid, and knew God was with them. When the Israelites had finally made it through safe God told Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea so that the water goes back to normal, and it will swallow up Pharaoh and his army."

Moses did as God had told him and he reached his staff over the water. There was a loud crash as the water came back together, and covered the Egyptians.

That was the day the Lord saved the Israelites from the Egyptians. When the Israelites saw what God had done for them they trusted Him, and they knew that Moses would be a good leader for them as they traveled to the land flowing with milk and honey.



# The Parting of the Red Sea

And when the Israelites saw the mighty hand of the LORD displayed against the Egyptians, the people feared the LORD and put their trust in him and in Moses his servant.  
Exodus 14:31 (NIV)



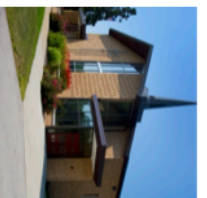
The puzzle is based on Exodus 14:19-31

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WATER	TRAVELING	GROUND	ARMY	CHARIOTS
DRY	SEA	SAVED	MOSES	HORSES
ANGEL	HAND	CLOUD	TRUST	ISRAEL

# August 2023

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**TRINITY UCC  
BROOKFIELD**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday				
30	31	Office Open 9:00 a - 12:00 p	1	2	3	Office Open 9:00 a - 12:00 p	4	5		
Worship 10:00 am Communion	6	7	Office Open 9:00 a - 12:00 p	8	9	10	W&A Meeting 1:00 pm, DH Property Meeting 3:00 pm, DH	11	Office Open 9:00 a - 12:00 p	12
Worship 10:00 am	13	14	Office Open 9:00 a - 12:00 p	15	16	17	Office Open 9:00 a - 12:00 p	18	Office Open 9:00 a - 12:00 p	19
Worship 10:00 am Receive New Members Council 11:15 am	20	21	Monday Quilters 8:30 am - 4:00 pm, DH	22	23	24	Office Open 9:00 a - 12:00 p	25	Office Open 9:00 a - 12:00 p	26
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