



TRINITY BELLS

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"after the comma"

I had so much fun writing about the word April last month that I decided to have some more fun with this month's title of "May". I know you are as excited as me... So here is the short Pastor Dan interpretation.

The word May is also a verb like April was. It's roots as a verb come from the Germanic word "maeg" with its root meaning of "to be able, to be strong, to have power". The May used for the title of the calendar month originates from its Latin origination of the word Maius, short for Maius mensis or "Maia's month". Maia was a Greek goddess and shared this name with a Roman goddess and together these goddess's became affiliated with fertility and growth. So fitting for the month of May!



May 2021



I remember the use of the word "may" to come with a correction when speaking to my elders and some of my teachers from school. I would say something to the effect of "Can I go sit by my friends?". The answer (not an answer but a question from my more knowledgeable instructors) would end up like this; "I'm sure you can, but are you asking me a question if you are capable or asking permission?" with a quizzical look. This was not really an answer to me, and at my young elementary school experience made me think about the phraseology of my question.

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Office Hours

Tuesday & Thursday: 8:00 am - 11:30 am

Virtual Sunday Worship

Worship: 10:00 am

Fellowship Hour: Follows service
(During in-person worship)

Holy Communion: First Sunday of the Month
(unless noted otherwise)

Sunday School Via Zoom

Jill Gretenhart and Robin Komassa teach students from Pre-K through 7th Grade. If you are interested in having your children participate or if you have questions, contact Kathy Haass at KatydidHaass@gmail.com or Jill Gretenhart at [yippeeefun@aol.com](mailto:yippeefun@aol.com). Lessons for the upcoming week are sent via email in addition to the Zoom link. Class begins at 9:15 am for 30 to 45 minutes.

Open to the Community

Virtual Worship, Sunday 10:00 am
On Hold: Boy Scout Troop 21
On Hold: Game Nights
On Hold: Quilters

Staff & Lay Leaders

Pastor: Rev. Daniel Krueger

Council President: Terri Allen

Director of Music: Mike Hetzel

Administrative Assistant: Marie Furrer

Cleaning Custodian: Jodie Gerard

Maintenance Custodian: Eric Dahm

Ministers of the Church:

All Members of Trinity United Church of Christ

Newsletter Deadline

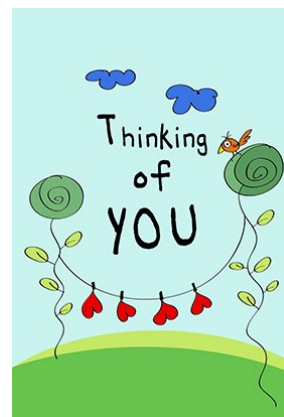
The 15th of each month.



Asia* Goldbach
Kathy Dahm
Jim Cleary
Lynne Mielke
Kathy Immekus
Helen Spranger



Kathy & Eric Dahm
Jan & William Glasenapp



HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

Beverly Littmann
Geraldine Masch
Marion Wandsneider



Worship Services - May 2021

Sunday, May 2nd Virtual Service - 10:00 A.M.

Sunday, May 9th - In Person and Live Streaming on YouTube - 10:00 A.M.

Sunday, May 16th - In Person and Live Streaming on YouTube - 10:00 A.M.

Sunday, May 23rd - In Person and Live Streaming on YouTube - 10:00 A.M.

Sunday, May 30th- In Person and Live Streaming on YouTube - 10:00 A.M.

Message From Worship & Arts

A huge "Thank you" to Paula Matthews for all the decorating she provided during the Lenten Season, Holy Week and Easter. She worked hand-in-hand with Pastor Dan, Mike and Mikey to coordinate between their recording sessions. Truly, it was a challenge. Thanks, also, to Lynne Mielke for working with Shady Lane Nursery to get palms and lilies.



Again, special thanks to Pastor Dan, Mike and Mikey as they worked to provide virtual services during Lent. These Lenten services were viewed by many people and provided Trinity with messages enabling us to be in church virtually on Wednesdays and Good Friday.

Thanks also to Chris Faulk for posting the virtual services to Trinity's web site each week. This is an important task and we are grateful for all Chris does as web master.

Early Easter Service around a campfire – what a wonderful, blessed morning. The sun rising from the East as we looked up to see the cross on Trinity's grass as Pastor lead us in worship.

To all persons involved in organizing these events, we are truly grateful and humbled by your ability to find a "unique" opportunity to celebrate the events of Easter and the time leading the way to Easter.

It was a pleasure to work with the Mission Team to create the Palm Sunday Parade. Again, a unique way for all of us to meet and greet our homebound friends.

The Worship and Arts Team



Trinity UCC services to be “Live Streamed” beginning May 9th at 10:00!

We are pleased to let all of our congregation and so many others who have been with us for our virtual services, that we will be migrating to a “live” presence from our Sanctuary every Sunday Morning!

In keeping with the high standard of on-line services, we have with the help of Mike and Mikey Hetzel, developed our in-house video and audio system for the reaching out to those joining us on online. Four cameras have been placed to record the Sunday morning services as they are happening. The cameras are positioned at the activities near the Chancel and music areas. Care will be taken to minimize other areas of the congregational setting and will be adjusted as we live and learn through the best placements. These live services will also be archived via our Trinity UCC YouTube channel for those not able to join us at 10:00 and can be viewed at a later time, when convenient.

A YouTube link for the services will be sent out for joining us a few minutes before 10:00 (watch for this notification from our email around 9:45a.m.). If you are not receiving e-mails- please contact the TUCC Office and we will get you added.

We appreciate all of the wonderful feedback to our virtual services over the past 14 months! We are excited to bring this new experience to our members and friends as we live and learn to serve together in community, care and God’s love!

More info to come over the following weeks and months...and we will “be with you” May 9th, either in person, or online!

Thanks be to God for the faith shown in our rich past and now in our ever-evolving ministry and mission!

Pastor Dan





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Certainly, I could, I knew how to walk over and sit down, but my teacher really did not answer my question. Of course, I can, but will you let me? My teacher would then give me a more proper way of asking permission by using the word may in the same sentence. "May I go and sit with my friends? Oh, I get it, can is my ability to do it, but may is my asking permission.

In this month of May, we will continue the Easter season remembering and experiencing the risen Christ, then moving to Pentecost and Trinity Sunday. These Christian seasons are grounded in how we may bring into our living the glory of God's love and each can be related to how we as God's children may ask to be a part of this love! Jesus as the human intermediary is constantly asking us, "may I come into your life? may I be a part of your living?". We are humbled and challenged to have this question asked of us, but I ask, do we accept the invitation? Do we respond with "Oh Jesus, yes you may!". We know God/Love certainly can and does, but it is in the acceptance of this humble question of "may I?" that is so much about our response to Christ in our world. Yes, you may!!

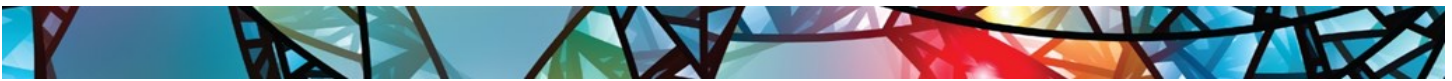
When we accept this invitation from God, it can produce the fertile seeds of love which then turn into the growth of our common love, giving and compassion. These become easier as we see how we are blessed, growing and given the permission to be who we are called to be for all.

Dear God, help us to celebrate your love and faith in us as your people and may we live our own faith in celebration of you trusting us to care for your creation and each other! Amen

(Oh, and for all you Star Wars fans- *May the 4th* be with you...)

Pastor Dan

"May I?"



Message from Stewardship

Christ has risen indeed! It is a time of rejoicing and rebirth. Every Easter season births the promises of that first Resurrection morning – the power of hope, the beauty of God’s grace, and the strength of his love. And now, as Spring arises, we celebrate the signs of new life in nature and embrace the cycle of growth once again. These are the promises we have eagerly awaited throughout winter’s dormancy.

In Lamentations, we are promised that each dawn brings us a new chance at living; a new opportunity to receive an abundant measure of God’s grace. What an amazing gift of love God provides to us!

This same Spirit that spoke to our ancestors speaks today through contemporary music artist Lauren Daigle, who sings about the power of each morning’s light in the refrain of her song, **Power to Redeem**.

And we find very similar encouragement in a very unusual place. In the quote inscribed on John Wayne’s headstone, we are beckoned to approach each new day with a clean and fresh outlook.

Nature’s fresh start is a perfect opportunity to celebrate new beginnings and growth in our own lives. With Spring upon us, why not consider a fresh rekindling of your personal journey of faith? Scripture calls us – each one of us who forms ‘the church’ – to purposefully share ourselves, our skills, our bounty, and our faith in our everyday experiences as faithful stewards of God’s grace. Set aside time each morning to reflect and prayerfully consider how you can live anew your commitment to serve God, your brothers and sisters in the church, and those you encounter every day.

How will you welcome your journey with God tomorrow morning?

God loves you and will always welcome you each morning – what an extraordinary gift!



Lamentations 3:23

Great is the faithfulness of God, whose mercies begin afresh each morning.

Power to Redeem (song) **Lauren Ashley Daigle**

Rejoice oh child of God
Lift your eyes to see
With every morning light
Again, we are redeemed
Oh, you alone, hold the power to redeem

Quote inscribed on the headstone of John Wayne



Trinity CoVid Team Update (Let's Get Ready!)

With great Joy and responsibility, at the Council Meeting on Monday, April 12, 2021, A **motion** was made and carried by your Council to begin in-person church services beginning May 9th with advisement from the Trinity CoVid Team!

We are so excited to be together again and we know this has been many months of wishing to be with each in our worship space. Let us be thankful and know that our God does love and provide for us, in many different and varied ways and this is another for sure. Your CoVid Team met on Monday, April 19 to discuss how to proceed with guidelines so that all our Trinity members can return as safe as can be to in-person worship services. First- we have made some improvements to the church for our gathering safety which we will outline in this message. Second and more importantly we also ask that all of us respect and pay attention to how we can proceed as safely as we can.

Here's how it will happen;

The Council has purchased (9) air purifiers to be placed throughout the building. Four will be placed in the sanctuary, one in the gathering space, three in the dining area and one in the Educational area. These air purifiers give us one more level of safety against the covid disease and other ongoing viruses and air quality for beyond CoVid 19.

The Property Committee has upgraded the filters in the HVAC to MERV 13, HEPA Grade.

The cleaning service has been cleaning the building twice a week, concentrating on the office area and bathrooms.

The procedures and policies that will be in place for all of us to be in-person worshipping are as follows:

Face masks will be mandatory! Trinity Ushers/Greeters will have extra face masks for those who do not have one. P

please stay home if you feel at all "off". If you know you have been exposed, or if your waiting for CoVid test results, please postpone coming to worship. We will welcome you whenever you are able to be here! (Plus you can be with us online with our new "live" services".)

Social distancing will also be followed according to CDC guidelines. The CoVid team will have the pews sectioned off to help make sure social distancing is offered.

Singing as a congregation will be one of the last things to be introduced to our church service. We will be bringing music to you each service for sure, you can sing with your hearts!

As you enter the sanctuary, there will be a table with a collection plate for your giving envelope and a basket to put your joys and concerns. Please consider both as gifts to our mission and ministry!

On Sunday's with Communion, a table will be set in the gathering space with the disposable communion elements. You may pick up your communion elements as you enter the sanctuary.



Once the service is over, ushers will direct you, pew by pew. We ask that all leave the building directly to enjoy going into God's world.

At this time standing in the gathering place or by the coat rack, is being asked to move to outside the church. We know many of us will want to hold a conversation, we encourage you to do that outside of the building for the time being. Thanks!

There will be no printed bulletins. All papers and books will be vacated from the pews, including songbooks and pew pads. We will ask for attendance to be taken by members of the Church as designated.

The dining hall and education room will be off limits for the time being. We will be monitoring all available information and advice regarding larger "hospitality" gatherings with hope that we can resume our beloved coffee hour after worship.

We all can be patient and prayerful for this next step in our faith community gatherings! We'll let you know for sure!

Your Trinity CoVid Team and all the Leadership of Trinity strongly encourage getting the CoVid vaccine as you are inclined. COVID-19 vaccines are an important tool to help stop the pandemic. Once you are vaccinated, still follow CDC guidelines, wear a mask, social distance as you can and as we knew from being children, wash our hands thoroughly. There are many local places to receive your CoVid vaccination, and we encourage you to do so.

As of May 9th, we will also be streaming our services "Live" on Sunday mornings at 10:00 for all to join us from their homes. We ask for your continued support in this "new" ministry and outreach that has been given to us even in the midst of a pandemic. We realize we have reached many with our online presence as an inclusive church. We are committed to continue this gift of community to many more. This ministry is something we all have been a part of in the last 14 months and can celebrate it's continuation! • And of course we are thankful that we can be together in our worship and service. We ask for all to be considerate and compassionate as we move into this joyful time of being closer. We've really never been apart! It is time for us to come as we are, being careful and considerate to re-gather and continue our call as Christ's church. We will be loving of those gathered both in church and online as we move together in love and service!

Praise be to God! Please watch for more information in the weekly Thursday announcements.

With humble gratitude your ***Trinity CoVid Team; Kathy Immekus, Team Leader, Judy Marchant, Jean Gichert, Peg Zahn, Wendy Rieves, Lynne Mielke, Eric Dahm, Pastor Dan Krueger.***

Mission Moments

"Undy 500 for Guest House - Milwaukee". The month of April there will be containers placed outdoors at the north entrance to church for your donations of new underwear. This collection event runs through May.

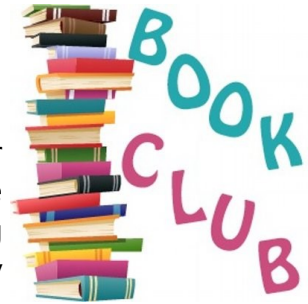


Welcome Finnley!

On April 25th, Trinity had the pleasure of Baptizing Finnley Renee Krueger. Pictured is Finnley and her parents Jessica Renee Herman and Alyssa Jean Krueger. Trinity prays that God fills this family with Love and Happiness for today and everyday.



Book Club



The next selection for our book club is *The Whole Town's Talking* by Fannie Flagg, on May 6, 10-12 noon in the Brookfield Public Library larger meeting room which is just inside the main entrance to the right and/or from the library inside and also to the right. It is a room with 5 tables and we can social distance. The book is a light and easy read; and there are several copies in the system, some large print, which makes it easier since no book club kit available.

Please let Roberta Stanley know if you would like to join us for this discussion; even if haven't read the book or are new, you can come for the discussion and with suggestions for our next time. Some I've thought of are *Caste*—new by Isabel Wilkerson suggested by Oprah, *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn* suggested by someone earlier, and a classic *To Kill a Mockingbird*.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announcements Schedule

5-2	Kathy Immekus
5-9	Anna Godiali
5-16	Mike Hetzel
5-23	Terri Allen
5-30	Robin Komassa

Could all Committee Chairs please get your announcements for the following Sunday to the appropriate Council member by Wednesday morning of that week. The announcements are being videoed by Wednesday evening.
Thank You all.



Hi Kids,

This part of the Bells is just for you (and for any adults that would like to have some fun and maybe learn something new). Last month you had an Easter word search, this month is May and there is a special holiday that we celebrate, and that is Mother's Day. There is a story about Mother's Day and a crossword puzzle for you to do. Hope you enjoy the story and good luck with the puzzle.

About Mother's Day

Have you ever wondered how [Mother's Day](#) got started? People started honoring Mother's a very long time ago. When it first started it was called Mothering Sunday because people celebrated it the fourth Sunday during a time called Lent. Lent is the time before Easter where people think and prepare about the Easter story and what God did for us.

Then over 150 years ago a woman named Anna Jarvis, organized a day to raise awareness of poor health conditions in her community, something she thought Mothers believed in doing. She called it "Mother's Work Day."

After Anna Jarvis died, her daughter (also named Anna) wanted to honor all that her Mother did. Anna heard her Mother say that one day she hoped someone would make a special day just for Mothers.

So Anna worked very hard and even talked to Presidents and other leaders to try to create a special day just to honor them. By 1914 a man named Woodrow Wilson signed a bill recognizing Mother's Day as a national holiday.

It just so happens that Anna's Mothers' favorite flower was the white carnation and that's why Mothers often receive carnations on Mother's Day. The funny thing is, Anna ended up disliking Mother's day. She didn't want Mother's day to be all about the expensive gifts and fancy flowers but just a day to tell your Mom that you love and appreciate her. So remember, Moms don't need all that fancy stuff. Make her a nice card and treat her very special today (and everyday) and she won't need anything else.

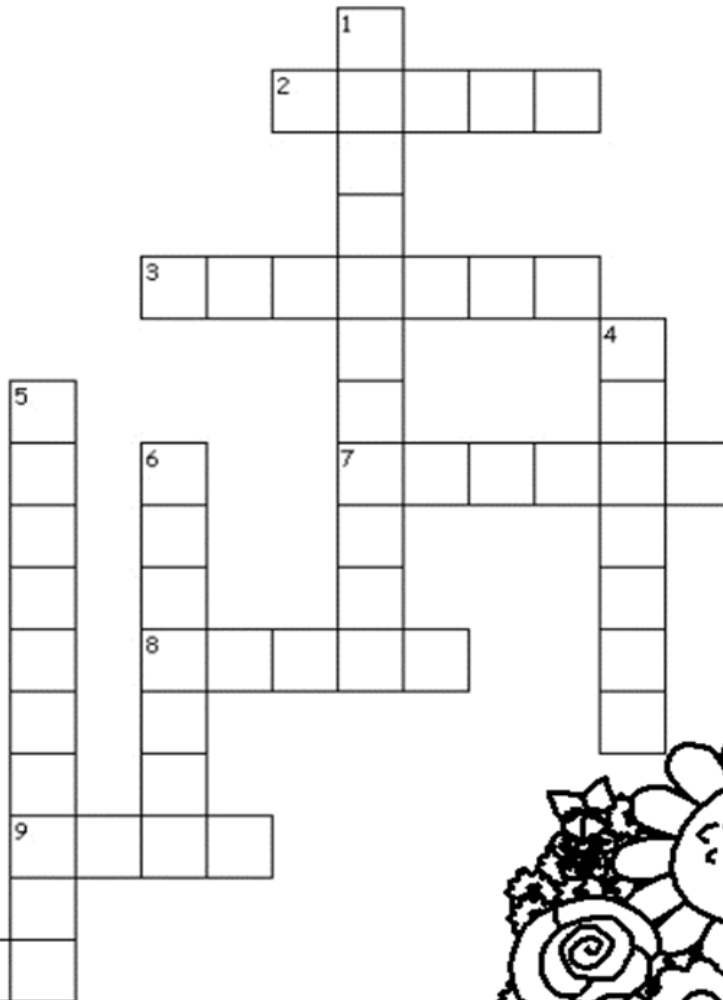
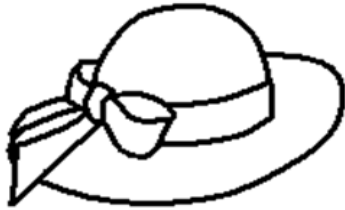
Mother's are very special, so special that they are mentioned in the Bible. Since the Bible is like an instruction manual for us, it gives us instructions on how to treat our mother.

Do any of you know what the Ten Commandments are? They are rules that God gave to Moses for all of us to follow. Each commandment is very important and God gave each commandment for a reason. One of the commandments says: Honor your father and your mother, so that all may go well for you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth.

What does honor mean anyway? Honor can mean many things. When we listen, obey, love, appreciate, and forgive our Mom that is how we honor her. That means when she asks you to do something you should do it right away without complaining.

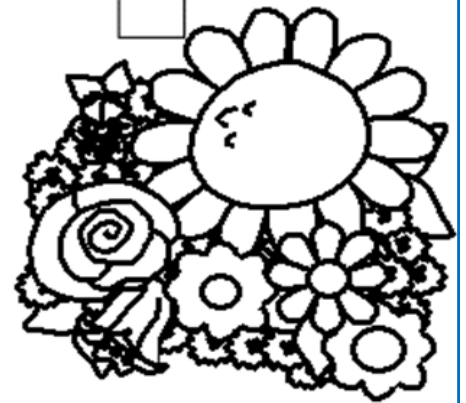
No matter how old you get your Mom is your Mom. Sometimes you might think that you can talk back to your parents or that you know more than them, but you don't. The Bible says to obey your parents always, not just when you are a kid. Your parents want the best for you and know what they're talking about.

Mother's Day Crossword



Word List:

blessed	forgive
carnations	gifts
commandment	obey
thanks	honor
mother	pleases



Across

2. We do this when we listen, obey, love, appreciate and forgive our mom.
3. It ___ God when children obey their parents in all things.
7. Someone super special to God and to you!
8. You don't need to buy your mom fancy ___ just give something from the heart.
9. You can make God and your mom happy if you listen and ___ what she asks.
10. Remember to do this when your mom does things for you.

Down

1. This rule or ___ says honor your father and mother.
4. "Her children arise and call her ___."
5. This is a popular flower on Mother's day started long ago.
6. Moms make mistakes sometimes, so don't forget to do this when she needs it.

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

Approximately 50 people braved the 40 degree weather on Easter Morning to attend our Sunrise Service. Thanks to the Worship and Arts Committee and Pastor Dan for a very uplifting service.

Also thanks to Meghan Dahm for the campfire to help keep us warm!






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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 Worship 10:00 am Live & Live Stream on YouTube with Communion	3	4 Office Open &00 to 11:30 am	5 Cup of Life 10:00 am, DH Missions 2:00 pm, DH	6 Office Open &00 to 11:30 am Worship & Arts 1:00 pm, DH Property Meeting 7:00 pm, DH	7	8 9:00 am - 4:00 pm Sanctuary Set-up Sanctuary/GS
9 Mother's Day Worship 10:00 am Live & Live Stream on YouTube	10 Council Meeting 6:00 pm, DH	11 Office Open &00 to 11:30 am	12	13 Office Open &00 to 11:30 am  Ascension Day	14	15
16 Worship 10:00 am Live & Live Stream on YouTube	17	18 Office Open &00 to 11:30 am	19	20 Office Open &00 to 11:30 am	21	22
23 Worship 10:00 am Live & Live Stream on YouTube	24	25 Office Open &00 to 11:30 am	26	27 Office Open &00 to 11:30 am	28	29
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