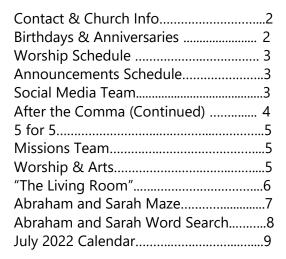




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#### **July 2022**





#### "after the comma"

#### **A Family Reunion**

The planning for a family reunion can be quite an adventure. It starts first with trying to find the date/days that are the most accommodating for the majority of the potential attendees. The second important task is to update the invitee list. This over the years has increased in difficulty as individuals change email addresses, move physical locations, move on from school attendance and begin their lives with new phone numbers, addresses and connections. It's a lot to keep track of!

We (Brenda and I) recently hosted once again my Krueger family celebration which we have given the title of "Kruegerpalooza". When we did the first one almost two decades ago, it was a 3-day affair with activities, community meals, and a Kick ball tournament. We also decided to plan these reunions every third year so that folks would not feel compelled to make every year trips. We have also moved the venue around parts of the country with locations in WI, CO, NE with WI being the most popular site for coming "home".

The list of potential attendees over the years has grown with new additions via birth and marriage. It has also lost a few loved ones as they have moved on to the next reunion of family. Through this all the average attendance at any given Kruegerpalooza remains around 80! What a blessing to see so many relatives in one place.



### TRINITY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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**Email:** contact@trinitybrookfield.org **Web Site:** www.trinitybrookfield.org

#### **Office Hours**

Tuesday & Thursday: 9:00 am - 11:00 am

#### **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 (<u>KatydidHaass@gmail.com</u>) with questions or for more information.

#### Open to the Community

Worship, Sunday 10:00 am

On Hold: Game Nights

#### 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

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All Members of Trinity United Church of Christ

#### **Newsletter Deadline**

The 15th of each month.

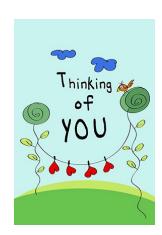
#### **Happy Birthday!!**



Bob Thomas	7/8
Kathryn Dierbeck	7/9
Lori Krueger	7/11
John Schroeder	7/11
Naomi Stewart	7/24
Illene Dahm	7/25
Ed Stewart	7/27
Travis Zuverink	7/27
Judy Taylor	7/28

#### **HOMEBOUND MEMBERS**

Beverly Littmann Marion Wandsneider Fred Theilacker Joann Shue



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Sunday, July 3rd - Worship Service - 10:00 AM

Worship Services
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Sunday, July 10th - Worship Service - 10:00 AM

Sunday, July 17th - Worship Service - 10:00 AM

Sunday, July 24th - Worship Service - 10:00 AM

Sunday, July 31st - Worship Service - 10:00 AM



#### **Announcements Schedule**

7/3 Jim Cleary

7/10 Kathy Immekus

7/17 Robin Komassa

7/24 Mark Burbey

7/31 Emily Dahm

Could all Committee Chairs please get your announcements for the following Sunday to the appropriate Council member by Wednesday morning of that week.

If you are not able to do the announcements on this date, contact Kathy Immekus So a replacement can be found. Thank You all.

#### **Social Media Team**

Hello Trinity Friends!

We are looking to have some fun with creating a Social Media Team that will help all the ministries of Trinity get the Good News out through our missions and ministry using all of our resources.

Are you a good fit? All it takes is the ability to work with a few others in coordinating how we unify our messages. You could also be a part of the team in helping our teams create their messages on a regular basis- kind of like a newspaper writing and editing team.

I will be holding an introductory meeting of those interested in the next few weeks, but need to know who I should invite.

Let me know if you are interested and we'll get this new team rolling! You can email, call or just pull me aside!

Thanks! Pastor Dan

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This last reunion was just a few weeks ago and had all of the preparatory activities starting back in March. A place was set, an itinerary and guest list was produced and sent out.

Here is where the fun really begins.

All of those addresses and emails needed to find a landing spot on someone's phone or computer in order for folks to know what was being planned. We found gaps of information and constant updating still did not get the news to everyone that needed to know. This created a situation where each family needed to pass along the message the old-fashioned way. They needed to reach out, ask of each other and respond to the invitation. This was the call of each to make sure they evangelized the message of this gathering to as far as they could reach, and even included duplicity in maybe giving the invitation to those who had already replied.

As I write this article, this work of getting the invitation out seems to be very much like what Jesus Christ and the Apostles were doing. When you think about it, God is constantly planning our next family reunion, and all are invited! The entirety of the world is invited! God has our addresses, knows how best to send the message. The invitation includes everything we would need to be among our siblings, but if you've ever planned an event- we know there are those who will not reply. Or they will reply as a "Yes" or a "NO", but then not show up, or arrive and swell the numbers. I believe it is God's goal to have us all be in the family reunion, and maybe for now let's give it a name, "Loveapalooza".

Yes, God has our addresses, but it is up to us to keep inviting each other, to keep reminding our siblings that this event is to be celebrated every day! Sure, we've received our invitation many times, but I do believe we need to keep reminding each other of the grand and glorious invite given to us personally by Jesus Christ. We need to respond with a heartfelt affirmation of our attendance, that we will bring others with us (remember all have been invited) and of course thankfulness for the grace of God that allows all to be in community.

Lastly for "Loveapalooza" to be the family event with full attendance, each of us will be asked to be a part of the planning, hospitality activities, even part of the "clean-up crew". Maybe some will be the food preparers, some doing arts and crafts of inclusion with attendees, others making sure no one is left out of a conversation. Most importantly there will be those who will need to reintroduce their siblings to each other- proclaiming all are a part of the LOVE family. Being there and being present!

Do you see where you fit in? God's family reunion is for all, God's event is fully inclusive and God's invitation list includes us reminding each other that we belong. "

"Your descendants will be like the dust of the earth, and you will spread out to the west and to the east, to the north and to the south. All peoples on earth will be blessed through you and your off-spring" Genesis 28:14

May you find blessings in the reunions you have every day!

Pastor Dan

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#### What is 5 for 5?

#### Our Church's Wider Mission.

One Great Hour of Sharing Neighbors in Need Strengthen the Church The Christmas Fund

#### **Our Churches Wider Mission**

Provides funding from congregations for Conferences and the following national ministries of the United Church of Christ.

Wider Church Ministries Local Church Ministries Justice and Witness Ministries General Ministries

#### **Missions Team**

"HUNGER TASK FORCE"

Hunger Task Force has contacted the Mission Team that our help is needed on August 10, the time is from 9:00 am until 12:00 noon. We are officially on their schedule for that day.

You will find a sign-up sheet in the Gathering Place if you are able to help on that day.

There is a possibility we will be carpooling from church, and more information will follow.

What we need to know now is the number of people who can help. PLEASE SIGN UP as Hunger Task Force needs lots of help.

#### **Worship & Arts**

"Trinity would like to thank Kahney Rohrig for the beautiful and bright Easter banner that she quilted for the church. The banner is hanging in the Gathering Place on the wall near the front entrance steps to the sanctuary. If you haven't noticed, please take a look. It is bright and uplifting.

Our old Easter banner had seen better days and Kahney volunteered to create a new one and she did a wonderful job. Thank you so much Kahney.

She also creates the small quilt pieces that hang on the stand used by Pastor Dan during worship time, and is at the front of the sanctuary. We are very grateful for the sharing of your talents."

Worship and Arts



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#### The "LIVING" Room

Have you ever had a week where you just wanted a quiet place to sit and gather your thoughts. Perhaps a place to pray. On Sunday mornings, rushing to get yourself to church on time, do you feel you want a place where you can relax, a quiet place. We have such a place at Trinity. It is called the "Living Room. It located where the Crying Room is. Pat and Paula have decorated this room so it is relaxing and quiet. So when you feel you need time to pray, meditate and be alone on a Sunday Morning, you have a place at Trinity. Remember, this is your quiet room, your Living Room. Kathy Immekus Council President







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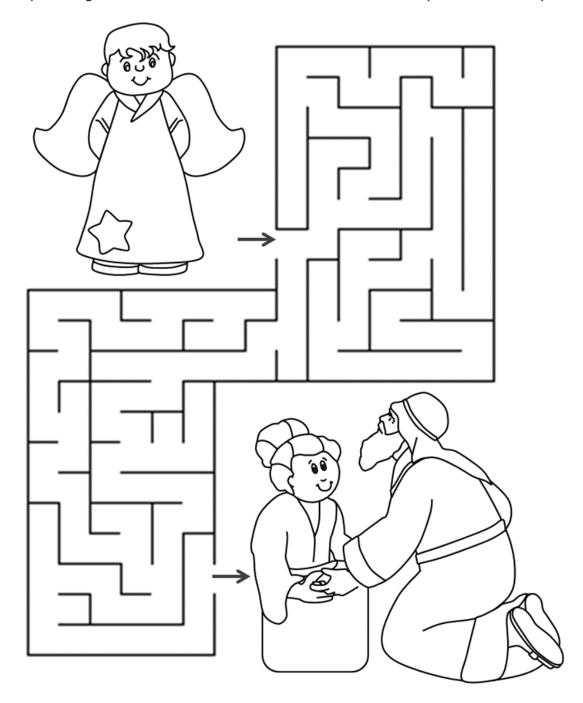


Hi Kids,

We are going to test your memory this month. Do you remember last month's story about Abraham and his wife Sarah and their baby Isaac? Here are a couple of activities that will help you remember the story.

## Abraham and Sarah Maze

Help the angel find Abraham and Sarah to tell them that they will have a baby!



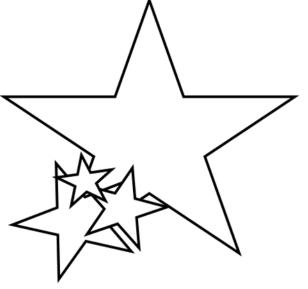
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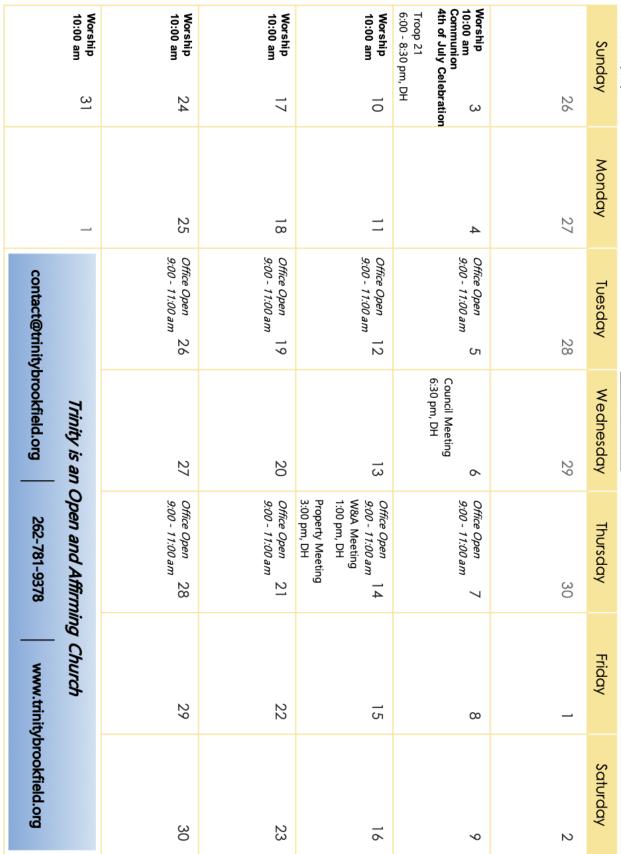


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