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An Open and Affirming Congregation
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“after the comma”

The Draft

There I stood at the flag football draft day. A slightly under-sized short kid with glasses. The number of my classmates that had been standing around me was dwindling. All I could think of was the potential embarrassment of being the last one to be picked. I knew which team I wanted to be on, and I was silently hoping to be picked by Jim’s team. Maybe I wasn’t the fastest, tallest, or even knew the game that well, but I had visions of what I would do if I got the ball. I would know exactly what to do, my feet would fly, and I would be able to evade whoever got in my way. Maybe I would even score! Yes, my confidence was high, but from what my potential teammates saw from the outside, I was not a top tier pick. If they didn’t give me a chance, how would I ever be accepted?

I know that this scenario has most likely played out in our lives at some point. It may have been a sports team, dance group, choral event, job application/promotion, or even a personal relationship. It seems that we are always being chosen (or not) for something. Where we land is a product of those choosing and how we, the potential chosen, have prepared for this moment in time.

Jesus as he was choosing those who would be in the beginning circle of His ministry, took the scandalous task of picking from the back of the line. He found those who were not necessarily the high of society, those who already had power and influence, but found those whose potential was hidden behind societies expectations of who would be successful. Jesus called each by name saying, “Come, follow me!”. The difference between my fidgeting and anticipation of being chosen and the apostles all that time ago, is that I knew what I was being chosen for and I was willing to accept the role when picked. It is my belief that the Apostles were all very much in the dark of what this man Jesus was asking them to do.

May 2022



**TRINITY UNITED
CHURCH OF CHRIST**

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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

May 1st, May 15th

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

Quilters: 5/2, 5/16 - 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!!



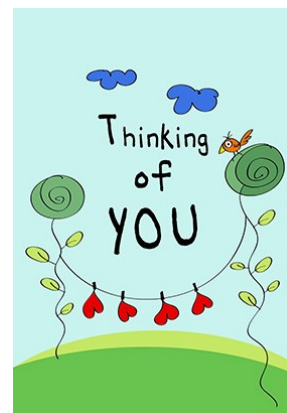
Asia Goldbach	5/4
Kathy Dahm	5/6
Jim Cleary	5/10
Susan Harmon	5/11
Lynne Mielke	5/13
Kathy Immekus	5/19
Helen Spranger	5/29



Kathy & Eric Dahm	5/26/1990
Jan & William Glasenapp	5/25

HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

- Beverly Littmann
- Marion Wandsneider
- Fred Theilacker
- Joann Shue





Sunday, May 1st - Worship Service - 10:00 AM

Sunday, May 8th - Worship Service - 10:00 AM

Worship Services
May 2022

Sunday, May 15th - Worship Service - 10:00 AM

Sunday, May 22nd - Worship Service - 10:00 AM

Sunday, May 29th - Worship Service - 10:00 AM



Announcements Schedule

- 5/1 Robin Komassa
- 5/8 Jim Cleary
- 5/15 Mark Burbey
- 5/22 Kathy Immekus
- 5/29 Pastor Dan

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.

For Sale!

For Sale—By member of Trinity.
Single cemetery plot at
Wisconsin Memorial Park:
Choice location, \$2000.
For additional information,
email kheins19@gmail.com.





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They must have heard something in the invitation that reassured them that they were worthy of being selected, and this by itself was enough to encourage them to indeed, leave who they were (to society) behind and begin something new. Something inclusive, something bold, something loving and true. Now that we have witnessed to the Risen Christ, hearing once again our call as God's children to love ALL—are we willing to do the same?

John 15:16-17 ¹⁶ *You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you.* ¹⁷ *This is my command: Love each other.*

Jesus gives us the reason for why we are waiting in line. We are all to be chosen for the team of love. No one in line needs to question when they are to be chosen, this is the reverse of the draft at work. We are all the first to be drafted! We have all been chosen, now we need to accept. Where is the Great Commissioner bringing out our brand-new athletic Jersey with our name and #1 logoed on the front and back? If you think about it, if we all are given the jersey with #1 on it, we are all equals on this field of love and play. It should be so!

As a young 5th grade kid coming into the “bigger” Kiel City school from the smaller rural elementary site in Meeme, there was much to learn about each other as classmates. Over months of activities and opportunities, we did learn about each other. I am amazed at those things we did well together, but I am also painfully aware of how we developed those lines where we judged each other. I remember how in school as developing teens we created groups of separation developed by our taking our eyes off the love game and letting society determine the value of things and people around us. All these years later, I find we are still working through this as we keep studying the living playbook, recipe or musical score that leads us to producing the good fruits that are laden with love. This is why Jesus Christ asks us to give up those things, leave them behind, because the true participation in God's world is to see the #1 in/on all others. We can't do this when we are holding up the catalog of what others say is more important than love. Even if we have forgotten what it is that we are to do as we strive to live the WAY, God gave us the coach in the Holy Spirit as expressed by Christ- *John 14:26 But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and bring to remembrance all that I have said to you.*

We have each been picked! Just like my dreams of grandeur of believing I could participate fully in the flag football games, I have come to believe that God has given each of us the ability to honor and glorify the love of God in all we do. Feed the hungry, clothe the poor, heal the sick, love God's creation and each other. Love God!

Now that you have been chosen, are you ready to participate?

Pastor Dan



Looking to Volunteer?

Are you wondering on how you can become more involved in Trinity's life?

Here are a few suggestions:

Join the Trinity Celebration Singers. Rehearsal is on Sunday Morning at 8:30 until June 6th. Then they are off during the summer to rest their voices, until the fall. Talk to Mike Hetzel for more information.

Volunteer to host a Coffee Hour. There is a sign up sheet in the Dining Hall. If you are interested, talk to Kathy Haas about what you need to do.

Twice a year, we have a Property Clean-Up Saturday. Volunteer to help clean flower beds, pull weeds, trim bushes. Watch the Bells for more information.

Volunteer to help serve Communion. Communion Service is held the first Sunday of the month. Talk to Kathy Immekus if you are interested in helping.

All teams need volunteers. Business and Office, Property, Christian Nurture and Fellowship, Mission and Social Concerns, and Worship and Arts. A handout is available in the Gathering Space with descriptions of what each teams responsibility, along with the name of the team leader. Please consider volunteering wherever you can.

A NOTE OF THANKS,

I want to thank the members of Trinity who wished me well with my recent surgery.

Thank you to Pastor Dan for his phone calls. Also, to everyone of you who offered prayers, called me, sent cards, prepared food (Dave appreciated this) , visited me, kept me in their thoughts, or sent an e-mail. All of these were very much appreciated and helped with my healing.

The friendship of all of you at Trinity means so much to me.

Thank you,
Lynne Mielke

Missions Committee

UPCOMING MISSION EVENTS THAT NEED YOUR HELP

We are again trying to help do some volunteer work with THE HUNGER TASK FORCE. At this time there is no set date for us to help out, but we are going to send a sign-up sheet around within the congregation to see who is able to join in and volunteer their services. The work isn't hard, but it does require standing.

HOPE CENTER is in need of children's books ages 12 and under to give to their clients. Some of you have already been helping, and we will continue to collect books through the month of May. Look for the collection box in the gathering space.

The UNDY 500 is again going to happen in the month of May. The Trinity Trekkers will again be competing in this race. We are collecting new mens underwear in sizes large and extra large and will be taken to The GUEST HOUSE in Milwaukee . There will be a collection tub in the gathering space during the month of May..

Thanks to all of you for your continued support!



Cup Of Life

At the Cup of Life meeting in April, the ladies made Easter Baskets for the children of Trinity. The Baskets were given to the children on Easter morning.

Cup of Life meets on the first Wednesday of the month. All women are invited to join us. Please talk with Terri Allen, Lynne Mielke or Jan Schuster for further information about this fun group.





Hi Kids,

This is part 2 of the Tower of Babel story. If you remember God was not happy with the people that were building the tower, here is what happens next.

The Tower of Babel – part 2

God said, "I see that the people think they can do anything because they all speak the same language. They have already begun to turn away from me and soon there won't be anything good left, all they'll do is sin. I will mix up their language so they won't understand each other, this way they won't be able to work together to sin against me."

After God said this the people could no longer understand each other. It seemed like they were *babbling* and making funny noises. All the people suddenly spoke different languages, some spoke French, some Spanish, others Chinese, plus many other languages. They were very confused.

This was the beginning of the languages. Imagine what would've happened if the people didn't try to build the tower in the first place and they focused on God instead. Maybe we would all speak the same language today.

From there the Lord scattered the people all over the whole earth.

It's interesting because when the people starting building the tower of Babel, Babel meant "gateway to God" but after God mixed up their language it meant "confusion". Even the word babble that we use today is said to come from that day when everyone was babbling with confusion.

So you can see how much God dislikes pride. The people could have done amazing things for God when they all spoke the same language, and they could have been unified that way. Instead they decided to do something silly and build a big tower just so other people would notice them and call them great.

The opposite of pride is humility, or to be humble. The way you can be humble is by realizing that EVERYONE (poor people, people with disabilities, people of different races, etc.) is special. Each of us might be good at some things, but you can be sure that each person is special at something that you're not.

If you want to be humble remember to listen to your parents and those in authority, be kind to others instead of putting them down, and read your Bible and pray. By doing these things you're not just focusing on yourself.

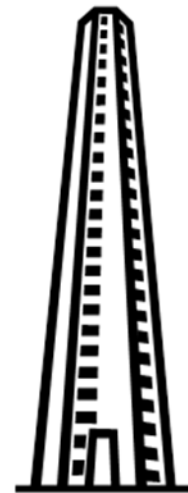
After all pride just causes a lot of trouble!



Tower of Babel

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 O E B Q J Y N L R Z N L Q W F I D
 X C E M P A B N K G N C A O Y L B
 K S L L U H R R U D R H W T I G J
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BABEL
 BRICK
 BUILD
 HUMBLE
 LANGUAGES
 PRIDE
 SAD
 SCATTERED
 TOWER



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**TRINITY UCC
BROOKFIELD**

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Worship 10:00 am Communion -Sunday School Troop 21 6:00 - 8:30 pm, DH	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
		Monday Quilters 8:30 am - 4:00 pm, DH	Office Open 9:00 - 11:00 am	Missions 2:00 pm, DH	Office Open 9:00 - 11:00 am		Outdoor Cleanup 9:00 am - noon Cup of Life 1:00 pm, DH
Worship 10:00 am Mother's Day	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
					W&A Meeting 1:00 pm, DH Property Meeting 3:00 pm, DH		
Worship 10:00 am -Sunday School Troop 21 6:00 - 8:30 pm, DH	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
		Monday Quilters 8:30 am - 4:00 pm, DH					
Worship 10:00 am	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
			Office Open 9:00 - 11:00 am		Office Open 9:00 - 11:00 am		
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