



# TRINITY BELLS

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## “after the comma”

### Sleepin’ In

**Proverbs 6:9 “How long will you lie there, you sluggard? When will you get up from your sleep?”**

I find it interesting that pretty much all through my life I’ve had the want to linger longer in the dreamy state of sleep than waking up in the morning. I can stay up, read, write and contemplate into the long of night, but the waking is not as appealing I guess for me. Imagine me being a breakfast cook (which I did for a few years) getting up at 5:00a.m. for preparations for the feeding of many. I did it with some help...notably some strong coffee and a shower.

As your Pastor this seems counter to the expected morning worship that we join together in on Sundays. I’m here to confess- I’m not a natural morning person 😊.

I am a master on the use (and abuse) of that button adjacent to the alarm that someone craftily named a “snooze” button. Oh yes there have been times where I have hit this one too many times and find myself rushing through my morning routine all the while chastising myself why I felt the need for ten more minutes of comfort and dreaming. The world requests of me to be awake...but then there is coffee...

It makes me curious on how we look at using time itself. How did we as humans determine that we needed to count the days, hours, minutes and seconds of our lives? What did we believe was the end result of knowing all of these things? *Psalm 127:2* is interesting for this discussion; “*In vain you rise early and stay up late, toiling for food to eat— for he grants sleep to those he loves.*”. Thanks Psalmist! Sounds like we know each other!

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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

Troop 21: 6/4 - 6:00p-8:30p

Monday Quilters: 6/5, 6/19 – 8:30a-4:00p

Scrapbookers: 6/24 – 10:00a-8:00p

### 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:**

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### Newsletter Deadline

The 15th of each month.

## Happy Birthday!!



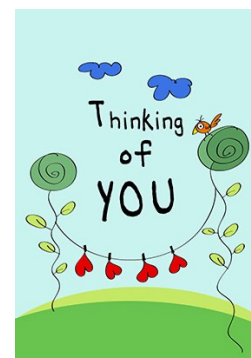
Kathy Leslie.....6/5  
Dawn Faulk.....6/16  
Pat Matthews .....6/16  
Christopher Faulk.....6/17  
Carol Capes .....6/19  
Matt Corley .....6/19  
Lona Masch.....6/26  
Judy Nelson .....6/27



Carol & Scott Capes ..... 6/26/1976  
Kathy & Don Immekus ..... 6/29/1968  
Naomi & Edward Stewart..... 6/29/2001  
Sharon & Bob Thomas ..... 6/29/1985  
Lola & Jerry Krainer..... 6/30/1973

## HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

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



## Worship Services June 2023

Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup>

Worship Service – 10:00 AM  
Communion

Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup>

Worship Service – 10:00 AM

Sunday, June 18<sup>th</sup>

Worship Service – 10:00 AM  
Council Meeting 11:15 AM

Sunday, June 25<sup>th</sup>

Worship Service – 10:00 AM



### Flower Calendar

*“Spring: A lovely reminder of how beautiful change can truly be.”-  
Unknown*

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 beautiful reminders of springtime indoors. The calendar is located in the dining hall by the kitchen.

Worship & Arts

## Father's Day Ice Cream Social June 18<sup>th</sup>



After the June 18<sup>th</sup> worship service, the CNF Committee would like to invite you to join us in our Father's Day celebration. This day is not only for the Fathers, but for all the men that are and have been a special part of our lives. They may be our Grandfathers, Uncles, Brothers or dear friends. Come downstairs and join us in this heartwarming celebration.





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I believe we use our knowledge of time to mark our view and existence within our world. Everything from birthdates to anniversaries, punching a time card, turning a calendar page or even setting the time on our oven as we bake bread or cook our meals. Time has a value doesn't it? For some things in our lives the shorter the time the better as when we are anxious, hungry or in pain. This is balanced with the longer the time when we are at peace, happy or feeling loved. These timeframes are all important and, in many ways, allow us to find where we are in God's creation.

Our animal friends literally do not tell time, but I believe they "feel" time. They listen to their bodies, are exposed to the movement of sun and moon. They know when they are needing to move into an awake position, or when to move towards feeding activities or whatever creation is calling them to do. I do not recall ever having heard one of our dogs or cats calling out to their young ones to come in because it's dinner time at a specific hour and minute. I believe it was done more from where they were at. The little fledgling birds in the robin's nest outside my garage I swear are thinking feeding time is actually their awake time...that poor mother bird is constantly in a feeding mode!

This brings me to my initial observation about my want of sleeping in. For some they may look at the ability to be awakened, but then have the capacity to fall back to sleep as a luxury. I would agree. My fortunate position in life and society does allow for me the facility to have this kind of extra time control to arise. I do feel guilty on many occasions to have this blessing of "control" of time. My wife Brenda is constantly challenging me on this as once she is awake...she is up for the day... (don't know how that feels myself... 😊 )

But here is where I am going with all of this.

We are asked to be awake. Awake to what God's time is for us. This awake time may happen at the break of dawn or may happen as the rooster crows in a neighbors back yard. It may happen when an early morning storm stretches overhead, or the warming sun glows in from curtains left open. It may literally jump in on us as a child bouncing on the foot of our bed inviting us to rise and shine! It may happen later in the day as we have arisen, but then are wakened to what is around us. The needs of others, the call of a loved one who is asking for our attention or the other in our midst literally begging for the chance of peaceful sleep as in *Proverbs 3:24*; "When you lie down, you will not be afraid; when you lie down, your sleep will be sweet."

For many of our brothers and sisters, siblings in the family of God (Love), sleep comes at a high price. It means they are not using their available time to satisfy their bodily hunger or the attainment of a safe place or situation for themselves or their families. This thirst for justice and peace when their days are filled with turmoil, rejection and need for connection becomes the daily work that consumes and does not let them fully rest. Sleep comes at a cost. *Philippians 4:6-7* "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." It's hard to let go and just sleep when so much needs to be done just to live...Psalm 3:5 "I lie down and sleep; I wake again, because the LORD sustains me".

In our ability to be alert to those who need rest, we can literally create peace in small and wonderful ways by giving of ourselves to the beds and pillows of time, talent and monies to support the weary. We know who these are in our lives and society. We just need to refrain from hitting the "snooze button" and rise and shine with the love, grace and forgiveness which God literally did for us in the life, Love, teaching and rising of God's own in Jesus Christ! If Christ was willing to do this for us, who are we as His followers to not do and teach the same?

For us, we can do our best to live into the new morning, the new opportunity that is given each and every day. Thanking God for all God has given...and for this abundant time we have been blessed with to give, to give to others so they may experience the same.

Know that you are blessed and loved with the time and love of God which is promised to be everlasting! Amen!

Rise and Shine! (but I selfishly ask for just one more snooze button hit...please... 😊 )

Pastor Dan



## Mission Happenings

### This Is How We Roll



Trinity will be collecting rolls of toilet paper for the Waukesha Food Pantry on the 4 Sundays in June. That's the 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. There will be plastic bins located at the entrances to the church where you can drop off your donation.

**Roll on over to the Hot Spot and check it out.**



Hi Kids,

We still are learning about Moses, if you remember Moses ran away from his home and met some sisters taking care of their sheep. This story continues with Moses meeting new friends.

## The Story of Moses the Shepherd – Part 2



Now Moses was out looking after some sheep and after a while ended up near a hill. He was just talking to the sheep, like he always did when there was no one else to talk to, when he noticed a bush on fire. Moses sat and watched it for a while because something wasn't right. The bush was completely on fire, but it wasn't burning up the bush; there was no smoke, just fire.

Moses decided to get closer and take a better look. As he approached the bush a voice came from the inside of it, "Moses! Moses!" Moses thought that this might be God, after all who else could speak from a bush that was on fire, but wasn't burning.

Moses replied, "I am here." He continued to walk closer to the bush but as he got closer God said to him, "Don't come any closer, take off your sandals because you are in the presence of God. I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob."



These were men that Moses had heard about. He knew that God had done great things for these men, and He believed in their God. So when Moses heard God say these words he was afraid and covered his face with his cloak. He thought that if he saw God's face he would die because God is so bright and powerful.

Then God said to Moses, "I have seen all the pain my people have had to go through in Egypt. I have heard their prayers and want to save them from their slavery. I want to take them to another place where there is lots of good land and plenty of milk and honey. So Moses, I am sending you to free the Israelites from Pharaoh."

"Um, pardon me God but I think your talking to the wrong person. This is just me Moses I'm just a regular guy, Pharaoh won't listen to me," Moses said in disbelief.

And God said, "I will be with you and will help you. So go to the Israelites and tell them I have sent you and I have heard their prayers, and will send them to a better place. Don't worry they will listen to you. But be patient because Pharaoh won't listen until he sees many signs and is punished, but after that he will let you go."

Moses still didn't think he was the right man for the job. "God what if the Israelites don't believe me, what if they say, 'I think you're lying, God didn't talk to you.'"

Then the Lord said to him, "Throw your staff on the ground." Moses did as he was told and his staff became a snake right before his eyes. Moses even jumped out of the way, the snake almost slithered right over his foot. Then the Lord said, "Pick it up by the tail." Moses didn't really like snakes but he quickly grabbed it by the tail and it turned from a limp yucky snake, to his smooth wooden staff right in his hand.

God continued to show Moses signs he could show the people so they would believe. Moses would even be able to turn water into blood because God would do it for him. Even after all these signs Moses still didn't think he could do it, and God was starting to get frustrated with his lack of trust. Moses would be able to do anything with God's help.

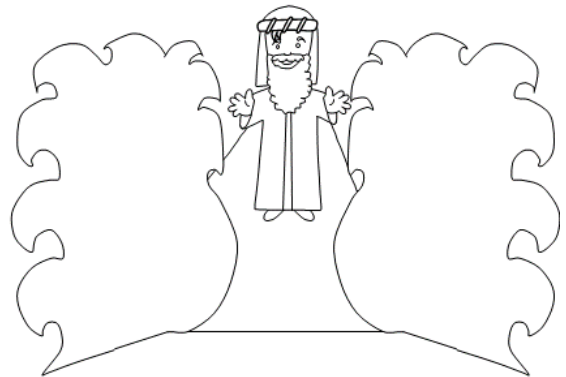
Finally God said to Moses, "I will send your brother Aaron, in fact he is already on his way to see you. I will help both of you, and give you the words to say." After that the bush stopped burning and God was gone.

So Moses put his sandals back on and made sure to take his staff of God, and went to get his wife and children to go to free the Israelites.

# Moses Word Search

E K A N S A M U G N N I Q R P  
T N E M D N A M M O C S M E R  
F I R S T B O R N I D R I V E  
S S E N K R A D D T O A R O D  
S H E P H E R D P C O E A S A  
M I R I A M Y T L E L L C S E  
H O A R A H P A A T B I L A L  
N O R A A Y C E G O D T E P C  
U V O G G C Y S U R S E S O M  
P N R E S L A V E P F L I E S

**AARON**  
**BLOOD**  
**COMMANDMENT**  
**DARKNESS**  
**EGYPT**  
**FIRSTBORN**  
**FLIES**  
**ISRAELITE**  
**LEADER**  
**MIRACLE**  
**MIRIAM**  
**MOSES**  
**PASSOVER**  
**PHARAOH**  
**PLAGUE**  
**PROTECTION**  
**SEA**  
**SHEPHERD**  
**SLAVE**  
**SNAKE**





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**TRINITY UCC  
BROOKFIELD**

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	28	29	30	31	1	2	3
<b>Worship</b> 10:00 am	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
<b>Communion</b> Troop 21 1:00 - 5:30 pm, DH	Monday Quilters 8:30 am - 4:00 pm, DH		Mission Meeting 1:00 pm, DH	W&A Meeting 1:00 pm, DH Property Meeting 3:00 pm, DH			
<b>Worship</b> 10:00 am	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
			<i>Office Open</i> 9:00 a - 12:00 p			<i>Office Open</i> 9:00 a - 12:00 p	
<b>Worship</b> 10:00 am	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
<b>Council</b> 11:15 am	Monday Quilters 8:30 am - 4:00 pm, DH	Troop 21 - Camp Night 6:30 - 8:00 pm, DH					Scrapbookers 10:00 am - 8:00 pm, DH
<b>Worship</b> 10:00 am	25	26	27	28	29	30	1
		<i>Office Open</i> 9:00 a - 12:00 p	Book Club 10:00 am, DH			<i>Office Open</i> 9:00 a - 12:00 p	
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