

The Chimes

Sisters and brothers in Christ,

On Easter Sunday Jesus Christ marks the best hope for a world alienated from God by sin. The Lord Jesus was accused by the Jewish authorities of the crime of being a human and pretending to be God. Therefore, he was considered blasphemous, although they could not disprove his affirmation. Those accusing him claimed that he had said that he would destroy the Temple of Jerusalem and in three days he would rebuild the temple again. Also, he was accused of breaking Moses' law, when he cured people of all kinds of diseases on the Sabbath, a day of rest prescribed in Moses' law. The other charges were of sedition, in which they claimed that he was speaking against the Roman Empire, specifically against Caesar, because Jesus claimed to be the King of the Jews.

The arrogance of the High Priest, Caiaphas, went too far when he slapped Jesus in his face during the interrogation. Jesus affirmed that He was the Son of man and that they would see him, therefore, sitting at the right hand of God and coming down from heaven in a cloud. They did not question further the claim Jesus made; instead they condemned Him.

They were not interested in finding the truth. As a matter of fact, Jesus was found guilty of the charges long before he was brought to trial. The Governor, Pontius Pilate, found him not guilty of any crime; neither did Herod find him guilty. But, those who knew the law, the Jews who were part of the Sanhedrin: Sadducees, Pharisees, and the Interpreter of the Law, found him guilty and condemned him. However, they could not carry out a death sentence, so they wanted Pontius Pilate, the Governor, to carry out the death sentence on their behalf.

Jesus had to fulfill the mission entrusted to Him by his heavenly Father, to be the sacrificial Lamb of God that would take away the sins of the world. All of this happened according to the will of God. He sent Jesus to die for the sins of the whole world, so Jesus died according to God's plan to save humanity. He took the place of humanity, to die for all of us. On the one hand, Good Friday was the day of sorrow, pain, agony, shame, and the manifestation of evil. On the other hand, it was the manifestation of God's grace at its best. When Jesus said, "It is finished", He ended the mission God sent him to accomplish. He was buried, rested in the tomb on Saturday, and rose from the dead early on Sunday morning. He brought new hope to all humanity.

What happened in Jerusalem from Thursday through Sunday was very significant for the entire human race. Easter Sunday brought us a new way to look at death and life. Yes, in the world there is a lot of evil, but Jesus conquered evil by taking away the power of the devil over death. With Jesus' resurrection, those who believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, have new hope of eternal life. This new hope in Jesus Christ makes Christianity the only great hope of eternal life for people who are living under the slavery of sin. Jesus offers to all of us the forgiveness of sins, a holy life, and eternal salvation.

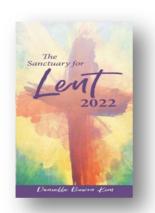
Finally, Easter Sunday reminds us that the grace of God is free for anyone who comes to the foot of the cross and confesses Jesus as his or her Lord and Savior. No other form of religion can offer humanity what Jesus is offering for free to every nation on planet earth: a loving and eternal relationship with God. If we evade this great moment during our passing through this world, we miss our only opportunity to be with God forever. So, in light of Easter Sunday, let us celebrate the new life Jesus is offering to all of us. Our longing to be accepted by God, to enjoy in fullness the new life and the love he is offering us free of charge are the demonstration of his profound grace in Christ.

Please note that the offering collected during Easter Sunday will be used to help the Gavin Family. Thank you in advance for your donation to help alleviate the cost of Gavin's healthcare.

Happy Easter Sunday,

Pastor Rey Díaz





"The Sanctuary for Lent 2022" By Danielle Buwon Kim

This new booklet contains brief readings for each day in Lent, from Ash Wednesday through Easter Day, including a suggested Scripture, a short devotion and a short prayer—all based on the Revised Common Lectionary. This annual favorite helps readers faithfully journey through Lent as they prepare to experience the joy of the Resurrection.

Booklets are now available in the narthex. Quantities Limited.

COME JOIN US!



As we travel through God's word!

Tuesday's @10:0 AM at Peace UMC

The Tuesday morning Bible Study Group has chosen the "Book of Luke" as our next focus of study. In Luke's writing He focuses on the humanity of Christ. Luke shows us that Jesus was God walking on earth as a man.

With Pastor Rey's guidance and a Bible commentary book, (The People's Bible) for the Book of Luke, we gain practical insight into the abundant life (eternal life) Jesus came for us to have.

Jesus said: Matthew 6:33 "Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and He will give you everything you need."

Contact the church office if you would like to have the book ordered for your own reading or hopefully to join our study. Hope to start new study April 12th or 19th.

Ingathering .

Ingathering is a way that United Methodists gather goods, supplies, food, and more and deliver them to people who are in need. We collect for this worthy cause every year at our Annual Conference. These items are then sent to one of the United Methodist Church supply depots, where volunteers assemble, verify, and pack the kits so that they can be sent where they're needed most.

The Mission of the Month for April will be collecting items for the 2022 Annual Conference in early June. This year we have chosen to make "Personal Dignity Kits" for the **Ingathering.** Listed below are the items contained in a kit. The estimated cost of a kit is about \$15.00. We prefer you purchase a whole kit or you may make a financial donation and the Missions Committee will purchase the needed items and package them for the Ingathering.

We have set a goal of collecting 20 kits this year.

THE DEADLINE to donate either kits or funds for the committee to purchase items for the kits is SUNDAY, MAY 22.

THE MISSIONS' COMMITTEE IS SUPPLYING 1 GALLON PLASTIC BAGS WITH AN ENCLOSED LIST OF ITEMS NEEDED TO COMPLETE ONE KIT. (Value \$15) BAGS ARE LOCATED ON A TABLE IN THE NARTHEX.

NOTE: ITEMS MUST BE NEW. <u>Please follow the guidelines on the enclosed list to ensure proper size of the items.</u>



- DIGNITY
- 1 Bath Hand Towel No kitchen towels
- 1 Bath Washcloth No dishcloths
- 1 Adult Toothbrush No multipacks
- 1 Bar Soap 3-4 ozs.
- 1 Shampoo 15-18 ozs.
- 1 Deodorant 2-3 ozs. stick, roll-on, or pump
- + Add \$2.00 for toothpaste and razor.

All items must be NEW and place all items in a 1-gallon resealable plastic bag (these will be supplied in the narthex)

Thank you for your continued support of Missions and the work that is being done around the world to share the Gospel and help those in need.



Celebrations and More.....



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

| Linda Kesting | 1-Apr | Megan Sommer | 21-Apr |
|------------------|--------|-----------------|--------|
| Ryan Weber | 1-Apr | Braden Turgasen | 26-Apr |
| Julie Jewell | 3-Apr | Donna Bower | 28-Apr |
| Lester Studnicka | 5-Apr | Jacob Storer | 30-Apr |
| John Storer | 13-Apr | | |

APRIL ANNIVERSARYS

Jeff & Sandy Brice Timothy & Mary Otto 15-Apr 19-Apr 18-Apr Becky & Dan Tracy Chris & Destiny Shannor 29-Apr





2022 MONTHLY MISSION FOCUSES AND SPECIAL ENVELOPE **SUNDAY OFFERINGS**

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| APRIL | CONFERENCE INGATHERING PROJECT | |
| MAY | GOLDEN CROSS SUNDAY | #1070 |
| | This offering helps support Schmitt Woodland Hills | |
| | Native American Ministries Sunday, May 1 | #1025 |
| JUNE | ICE CREAM SOCIAL (Recipient of funds TBD) | |
| | Peace with Justice Sunday, June 12 | #1035 |
| JULY | FOOD PANTRY | |
| AUGUST | MEMORIAL MINISTRY WISH LIST | |
| SEPTEMBER | HEIFER INTERNATIONAL | |
| OCTOBER | HARVEST AUCTION to fulfill our covenant with missi | onary |
| | David Makobo | Section 1995 |
| | World Wide Communion Sunday, October 2 | #1045 |
| NOVEMBER | A VETERANS' PROJECT (specific project TBD) | |
| | UM Student Day, November 27 | #1055 |
| DECEMBER | SALVATION ARMY | |



May Christ's glory and the promise of this joyous time of year, bring peace and happiness to you and those you hold most dear.





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By asking you to support Trinity Missions' Projects, we also ask that you first consider your support of the general fund, which is what keeps our church doors open. Then please prayerfully consider your support of this month's Mission Focus. Thank you.

Points of Interest

| Date | Event | Description | | |
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| 4/1/22 Friday | April Fool's Day | It is a day which celebrates the custom of playing practical jokes on friends, or sending them on fools' errands. | | |
| 4/10/22 Sunday | Palm Sunday | Palm Sunday is a Christian moveable feast that falls on the Sunday before Easter. The feast commemorates Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, an event mentioned in each of the four canonical Gospels. Palm Sunday marks the first day of Holy Week. | | |
| 4/14/22 Thursday | Maundy Thursday | Commemorates the Washing of the Feet and Last Supper of Jesus Christ with the Apostles | | |
| 4/15/22 Friday | Good Friday | Commemorating the crucifixion of Jesus and his death at Calvary. Good Friday Services 1:00 p.m St. John's Lutheran Church 7:00 p.m Church of the Nazarene (this will be a Tenebrae service) | | |
| 4/17/22 Sunday | Easter Sunday | Commemorating the resurrection of Jesus from the dead, described in the New Testament as having occurred on the third day after his burial following his crucifixion by the Romans at Calvary c. 30 AD. | | |
| 4/22/22 Friday | Earth Day | An annual event celebrated around the world on April 22 to demonstrate support for environmental protection. | | |
| Ongoing Card | Kwik-Trip Gift Cards for Sale on Sundays! | Most Sunday worship services when Nancy McCauley is presentshe will be selling \$25 Kwik-Trip gift cards. These make great gifts for any occasion, for anyone, for any time or any reason To You also will be helping the Missions group with their ongoing ministry too! | | |

Easter Flowers.....

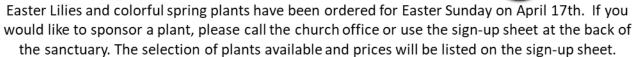












Please indicate if you would like to donate the plant in someone's honor or memory.

Plants may be taken home following the Easter service.





April Memorial Ministry Corner



In Memory of Virginia Susan (Frank) Scarborough April 03, 1959 – March 03, 2022

Virginia's Mother, Harriet Reese, has been a Devoted Trinity Member Since November 15, 1970.

Complete Obituary Appears at the *Coastal Camden Funeral Home, Kingsland, Georgia,*Website: https://tinyurl.com/cecwbbvf.

Funeral Services were held at the First Baptist Church, Kingsland, Georgia, at 6 p.m. on Friday, March 19, 2022.

Cards of Condolence May be Sent to Virginia's Mother & Brother at the Following:

Harriet Reese

191 North Grove Street Richland Center, WI 53581 608.647.3192

Robert Frank

375 North Stewart Street Richland Center, WI 53581 608.647.4138



"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted." (Matthew 5:4)

Final Financial Update for February 2022 Internal Missions' Campaign. A tremendous "thanks" to all having given memorial and honor gifts during our February internal missions' project on behalf of the Trinity scholarship fund. Our final total is \$1,798.51, which is the equivalent of three (+) full Trinity scholarships. This year's total definitely will enable Trinity to maintain its scholarship ministry. We thank you for your gifts. Our total scholarship account, invested with Ameriprise/Capital Wealth Advisory Group, now totals \$12,953.93.

Kathy Bastian (Missions' Chair) & **Paul Murphey** (Memorial Ministry Chair)

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May the Lord, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to take refuge, reward you fully for what you have done. ~ Ruth 2:12

In Memory of Bethelda (Bee) K. Twining April 08, 1924 – March 11, 2022

Bee's Son, Bill Twining, is Trinity's Long-Time Custodian.

Complete Obituary Appears at the *Pratt Funeral and Cremation Service, Richland Center, WI,* Website: https://tinyurl.com/2p98ncjk.

Visitation was held on Thursday, March 24, 2022, & Friday, March 25, 2022, at the Pratt Funeral Home; funeral services were held at the Pratt Memorial Chapel, Richland Center, WI, at 12 p.m. on Friday, March 25, 2022; and burial followed the service in the Richland Center cemetery.

Cards of Condolence May be Sent to Bee's Son & Daughter-in-Law at the Following:

Bill & Amie Twining 463 East Seminary Street Richland Center, WI 53581 608.647.8508

Trinity UMC Memorial Ministry Received the Following Thank You

Dear Paul and People of Trinity Who Sent Us This Wonderful Card:

Thank you so much for everyone signing. It is truly something to cherish so much! Mom would have liked such thoughtfulness.

I am way behind with thank yous. So many people sent expressions of sympathy at the time of Mom's passing. At times like this, and always, it is so good to know we are surrounded by such good and caring folks.

As I am sure you all well know, this is not fun. But, I am relieved to know that Mom can rest in the arms of her Beloved Creator.

Best Blessings,

Laurie Stephens Vance & Family and David Elliott & Family



Church Membership Notes



Welcome Back, Diane Cox!

With pleasure, we welcome back to Trinity Professing Membership (PM), Diane Cox. While Diane has been a long-time Trinity member, her reinstatement into Professing Membership (PM) was made effective on Sunday, March 06, 2022. No public welcoming ceremony is planned; however, Diane will be receiving, privately, our traditional welcome gift.

"Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it."
- - 1 Corinthians 12:27



Congratulations, Avery & Carissa (Martin) Hatfield!

Trinity United Methodist Church was the setting on Saturday, March 19, 2022, for the beautiful wedding, complete with a Schmitt Fellowship Hall reception, of Avery Lee Hatfield and Carissa Nichole Martin. The wedding was officiated by Reverend Joel Bauman (Avoca Bible Church). Avery & Carissa Hatfield will be making their new home in the Hillsboro area.

Trinity thanks the following for working with the family to make this a very special day: Joan Bethke, Donna Bower,

Pastor Rey Díaz, Pat Leonard, Nancy McCauley, Paul Murphey, Barb Shannon, John Storer, & Bill Twining.

Special Note: If you (or a group to which you belong) are looking for an event caterer, we highly recommend the caterer for this wedding; the reception food was fantastic! Her contact information is as follows:

Baker's Touch
Attn: Dawn E. Baker
11218 Austin Road
Ferryville, WI 54628
608.606.3830 (or) gdfarmcatering@gmail.com

"As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater." - - Isaiah 55:10

"LYDIA'S HOUSE FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN" BEGINS WITH YOU!



This year the RCMA has extended an invitation to our congregation to join the Lydía's House Fundraísíng Campaígn to be held from

Ash Wednesday March 2nd to Easter Sunday April 17th.



The Joan Woodman Orton McCollum Foundation has graciously provided a matching grant of \$15,000.00 for the campaign.

Each dollar raised within our church and the community will be matched dollar for dollar up to \$15,000.00.



Trinity UMC will have available for our members and families to pick up a plastic blue Lydia's House piggybank to bring home to fill, beginning on the Sunday, February 27th worship service through Easter Sunday on April 17th.

The banks will be available in the narthex on Sundays for members and families in a labelled plastic bin.







Also, we ask all members and families that have taken a bank, to make sure to get their donations returned to Trinity no later than Easter Sunday, April 17th.

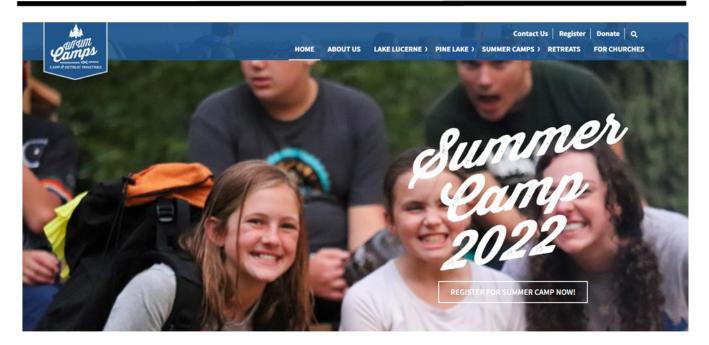
Again, our heartfelt thanks to all that participate, as we are giving to a greater need in our community, and it

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WI UM Camps / Summer Camp 2022 News!



Website: https://wiumcamps.org/summer-camps/

The Wisconsin United Methodist Camping Website is up and ready for registrations for summer camps. The website tells of all the different youth camps for grades 2-12.

There are also Grandparent/Grandchild camp, Families with Young Children camp, and Adults With Differing Abilities Camps. You can follow Pine Lake and Lake Lucerne Camps on face book.

Trinity UMC has a camp fund, which pays 2/3's of the cost of registration for youths.

WI conference scholarships are available if needed.

Contact Rosie Steinmetz 608-647-4247 for assistance.

Please see the WI UM Camp Catalog in the narthex. Also note there are two different phone numbers for each camp office.



Pine Lake

W8301 County Road M Westfield, WI 53964 608.296.2720



Lake Lucerne

W6460 County Road YY Neshkoro, WI 54960 920.293.4488







| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| Good Friday Services 1:00 p.m St. John's Lutheran Church 7:00 p.m Church of the Nazarene (this will be a Tenebrae service) | | | | 1 Pastor's Day Off | 2 | |
| 9:30 AM Worship w Communion 9:45 AM Sunday School | Joint Confirmation Classes 6:30pm at Peace | Tuesday Morning Group 10:00 AM @ Peace Missions Committee Mtg @ 4:30pm | 6 Youth Dance @ 4:00 PM | 7 | 8 Pastor's Day Off | 9 |
| PALM SUNDAY 9:30 AM Worship 9:45 AM Sunday School | Joint Confirmation Classes 6:30pm at Peace | Tuesday Morning Group 10:00 AM @ Peace | 13 Youth Dance @ 4:00 PM | 14 | GOOD FRIDAY Pastor's Day Off | 16 |
| EASTER 9:30 AM Worship 9:45 AM Sunday School | Joint Confirmation Classes 6:30pm at Peace | Tuesday Morning Group 10:00 AM @ Peace | Youth Dance @ 4:00 PM CHIMES | 21 | 22 Pastor's Day Off | 23 |
| 9:30 AM Worship 9:45 AM Sunday School | Joint Confirmation Classes 6:30pm at Peace | Tuesday Morning Group 10:00 AM @ Peace | 27 Youth Dance @ 4:00 PM | 28 | 29 Pastor's Day Off | 30 |

Trinity United Methodist Church 400 East Seminary Street Richland Center, WI 53581



Trinity United Methodist Church

Sunday Worship: 9:30 a.m.

Pastor: Rey Díaz

Pastor's New Cell Phone: 608-604-3094 Pastor's email: rreydiaz1952@gmail.com

<u>Trinity Church Office</u> Hours: Monday through Thursday / 9am – noon (Remotely on Fridays)

Trinity UMC Office: (608) 647-3203 Trinity's email: trinityumc@mwt.net

Websites: www.umchurchrc.org & www.trinity.umchurchrc.org

Administrative Assistant: Pat Leonard Treasurer/Financial Secretary: Monica Eernisse Custodian: Bill Twining