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Calendar

PJ's Ponderings...

May 2019

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations,
baptizing them in the name of
the Father and the Son and of the Holy Spirit,
and teaching them to everything
that I have commanded you.
And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."
Matthew 28: 19-20

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Following his resurrection, Jesus appeared to his eleven disciples in Galilee. Even though some had doubts, Jesus believed in their faith. He gave them the above instructions so that the Good News of Easter might be spread to all the earth.

During these fifty days of Eastertide, we will be preparing another group of young disciples to take their confirmation vows on June 9th. These young people know that it is in community that we find the Spirit which keeps the flame of God's love and grace burning within us. I would ask that we hold them in our hearts and prayers as their share their faith with us on May 19th. Your presence and support would be a blessing to these young people and to God.

On Pentecost Sunday, we will give God thanks for the gifts of the Holy Spirit which set the hearts of the early disciples on fire. As these disciples went forth into the world to share the good news of Jesus, the church grew in love and joy. So it shall be for our new disciples; they shall join generations of those who have gone before them, living the love of Jesus in the world.

It is my prayer that each of us might find ways to share the gifts of the Holy Spirit, not only at Trinity, but in our daily walk throughout our community. By the grace of God, we share radiant the love and joy we have in knowing the Lord.

Blessings, Pastor Jane



- ⊕ Linda Troxler at St. Charles in Room # 302, doing cardiac rehab.
- **Hugh Mattingly** home, receiving chemo.
- **Diane Gray** − home, celebrating no new growth in the tumor.
- ♣ Roberta Hafele home, receiving chemo.
 Living with cancer: Diane Gray, Hugh Mattingly, Pete Rasche,
 Alene Frank, Roberta Hafele
- **Our sympathy** is extended to **Abbie Rumbach and family** as they mourn the death of Abbie's grandmother, Beverly Luker.

These folks may not be able to be in church, please send them a note.

- * Woody Troxler St. Charles Health Campus, 3150 St. Charles Street, Rm. # 506, Jasper, IN 47546
- * Carolyn Snyder St. Charles Health Campus, 3150 St. Charles Street, Rm. # 401, Jasper, IN 47546
- * Rich Meyer St. Charles Health Campus, 3150 St. Charles Street, Rm. # 406, Jasper, IN 47546
- * Nina French Good Samaritan Society, Northwood Skilled Care, 2515 Newton Street, Rm. # 305, Jasper, IN 47546
- Josephine Jochem Good Samaritan Society, Northwood Skilled Care, 2515 Newton Street, Rm. # 210, Jasper, IN 47546
- * Jason Stockburger The Timbers, 2909 Howard Drive, Rm. # 316-2, Jasper, IN 47546
- * Margie Kalb Scenic Hills Care Center, 311 E. First Street, Rm. # 111 Ferdinand, IN 47532
- * Marge Schneider 111 W. 26th Street, Apt. # 2, Jasper, IN 47546
- * Mariemma Huebner Good Samaritan Society, Northwood Assisted Living, 400 W. Pleasant View, Apt. # 23, Jasper, IN 47546 (812-634-7945)
- * Jack Astrike Good Samaritan Society, Northwood Assisted Living, 400 W. Pleasant View, Apt. # 1, Jasper, IN 47546 (812-634-7902)
- * Carrie Loveall 855 Missouri Street, Apt. # 17, Ferdinand, IN 47532

Pastoral Care:

- If you would like to have a home visit, please call Pastor Jane:
 Cell Phone: 812-631-1147. You do not need to be ill or in distress to invite the pastor for a visit or home communions.
- Do you have a prayer request? I have public and private lists; please indicate whether you would like the information shared with the entire Trinity Faith Family. It is also helpful if you would let me know when the situation has changed, so I can give God thanks as the name comes off my prayer list.

From the Pulpit ... 8:00 am & 10:15 am Worship

May 5th Communion

Baptism of Reid Daniel Lindauer

Bible Lesson Acts 10: 34-48

Bible Readers Janice Sunderman; Melissa Blackgrave

Message "God Shows No Partiality"
Choral Music Gather & Sing Choir

May 12th Festival of the Christian Home

Bible Lesson Acts 14: 8-18

Bible Readers Cortney Seng; Sydney Peters

Message "God Heals"

Special Music Kids Sing; HS Graduates will be recognized

May 19th Confirmation Presentation Sunday

The Confirmation Class has written the entire service for this Sunday, selected a variety of music for all of us to sing, prepared a class creed, and will give their Faith Presentations. You will NOT want to miss this powerful testimony of faith at both worship services.

May 26th

Bible Lesson Romans 5: 1-11

Bible Readers Bill Small; John Schnarr

Message "Reconciliation"

June 2nd Communion

Bible Lesson Acts 16: 16-34

Bible Readers Connie Schmitt; Fred Robberts

Message "Breaking Chains"

June 9th Pentecost

8:00 am – Altar Communion

10:15 am - Pew Communion and Rite of Confirmation

Bible Lesson Acts 2: 1-4; Mark 4: 30-32

Bible Readers Gary Frank; Maggie Hubster & Ella Hubster

Message "A Mustard Seed Faith"
Choral Music Gather & Sing Choir



Pentecost Sunday - June 9, 2019

8:00 am Worship with altar communion

9:00 am Practice & Pictures

Confirmands, Faith Partners, Parents

10:15 am Worship

Rite of Confirmation & Communion

Join the Trinity Faith Family in welcoming **six young people** as members of the church.

Favorite Song Collection in May

Beginning in May, a favorite song form will be available in the entrance of the church.



This insert asks you to list your **three favorite songs**, which you would like to sing in church. The songs do not need to be in our current hymnal. Please sign your name, so that Pastor can seek you out if she cannot find your song. **In the summer, we will sing favorite songs**; watch the newsletter to see when your choice is being sung.





Sunday School News

- † Children sing in worship at 10:15 am on May 12th.
- [♣] May 19th last day for Sunday School.
- [⊕] Join us for 2019 VBS... June 24-28 from 8:00-11:00 am!

 VBS registration forms are located the church entrance!



May God Bless our High School Graduates! Peyton Blackgrave, Jack Goodhue, Laurel Hubster, Sydney Peters

These four young people will be recognized on Sunday, May 12th at the 10:15 am worship service; a reception will follow in their honor, hosted by the Parish Life Team.



Confirmation Faith Journey Important Dates

Wednesday, May 8th & 15th ... 6:15 – 7:30 PM

Confirmands will gather in the sanctuary to practice for Faith Presentation Sunday. **On May 8**th, we will also walk through the Rite of Confirmation service.

Sunday, May 19th ... Faith Presentation Sunday (both services)
Please have your robes on and be ready to go at 7:45 am.
Between services, meet in the lounge for food and fellowship.

Sunday, June 9th ... Rite of Confirmation

9:00 am Please be robed and ready for pictures and practice

with your Faith Partners and parents.

10:15 am Worship begins.

2019 Confirmation Class

Harrison Franklin Hulsman Faith Partner: John Kahle

Parents: Andrea & Jason Hulsman

Lillian Sue Hulsman Faith Partner: Heather Goodhue

Parents: Andrea & Jason Hulsman

Jonathan Mitchell Mauck Faith Partner: Kurt Vonderheide

Parents: Sarah & Geoff Mauck

<u>Mason William Mauck</u> Faith Partner: John McGovren

Parents: Sarah & Geoff Mauck

<u>Cameron Noelle Rumbach</u> Faith Partner: Susan McGovren

Parents: Abbie & Justin Rumbach

<u>Hadley June Rumbach</u> Faith Partner: Linda Kahle

Parents: Abbie & Justin Rumbach

Trinity Tree House Graduation...

The Trinity Faith Family is invited to attend the Trinity Tree House Preschool Graduation on **Friday, May 17**th at 9:45 am in the Parish Hall.

19 Children will be Graduating!

Pastor's Joy Journal...(This is just a hint of the joys in my heart.)

Lent and Easter words of thank you overflow to:

- ALL who attended worship on Sunday and mid-week; YOU are a blessing.
- ♥ The Worship Team for coordinating our Wednesday meals.
- ♥ Fred Robberts for putting the clay pieces on the cross each week and leading the Palm Cross Workshop.
- ▼ Janet Meyer for coordinating our Walk to Jerusalem; and to those of all ages who participated.
- ▼ Susan McGovren for keeping us educated about our Lenten mission, Stepping Forward; and to those who contributed to the Lenten Mission.
- ◆ Audra Jahn and youth for hosting the Easter Egg Hunt. The eggs were filled with donations from many folk.
- ♥ Sarah Sergesketter, Mira Vonderheide, the Kid's Choir, the Gather & Sing Choir, and the Chimes Choir for the beautiful Easter music.
- ▼ The Parish Life Team for hosting Easter breakfast, and all who donated goodies.
- ◆ All who brought in Easter flowers and to the Worship Team for arranging the flowers for Easter morning.
- ♥ Our bulletin sponsors: Lisa & Phil Schmidt, Inez Knies, Connie Schmitt, and John & Janis Schnarr.
- ◆ All those involved behind the scenes in worship. Besides all named in the bulletin, we thank those who secure communion servers, bible readers, acolytes, and child care workers.

Other words of thank you are given to:

- ◆ Audra Jahn and David Hubster for working with our Children's Ministry Leader, Liz Barker, to make K.I.C.S. happen this year. Many thanks to the adult volunteers; without your help, this after-school ministry would not have been possible. It is a joy to see the excitement in our kids as they join together for fellowship and fun.
- Our Sunday School Teachers for the 2018-2019 year: Kari & Adam Roth, Meghan Premuda, Audra Jahn, Sheri Uebelhor, Vickie Campbell, Melissa Hafele, David Hubster, Anna Grant, and Greg Schnarr.

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Pastor's Joy Journal... continued!

- **♥** Mark Blackgrave for his help with the wedding.
- ▶ Lelani Wittwer, Mary Ann Weisheit, and Stacy Hubster for the congregational picture album, which is now on the credenza in the entrance. Please feel free to add your family picture or put in an updated picture.
- ▼ Rhonda Johnson for producing our newsletters in 2019. She will continue to volunteer her time and talents in order for the monthly newsletter to continue.
- ▼ Sound techs Adam & Kari who helped with the Sunday School music; plus we thank our weekly media producers and techs.
- ♥ Geoff Mauck and sons who took the many boxes of clay pots to Goodwill.
- **▼ Jason Hulsman** who sealed the Confirmation stepping stones.
- **▼ Pamela Catt & Sarah Sergesketter** who organized the Advent room.
- ▼ The Confirmands, Church Council Members plus Jason, Adam and Christian Education Team members for sharing their faith in powerful and meaningful ways during the Confirmation Conversation on April 28th.

Men's Fellowship . . .



The next gathering will be on Sunday, May 19th at 9:00 am in the lounge.



News from the Trinity Women's Guild

- On June 12th, members will be playing BINGO with residents at Good Samaritan Nursing Home at 2:00 PM.
- Guild officers will be meeting during the summer to plan the schedule for the next Guild year starting in **September.** If anyone has ideas for possible programs, contact one of the Guild officers

 Heather, Judy, Sylvia, or Carol.

Judy Hubster, 812-482-2980

Behind the Scenes... (A view from Pastor Jane's eyes!)

- Yes, following a transition time, I, as Pastor, hope to have a church secretary. Some of the tasks on the current church secretary job description are being taken over by volunteers within the church. Time is needed to see if these tasks can be completed permanently by others. If so, then perhaps a new church secretary job description can be developed requiring less hours, which is helpful, since we are not paying benefits. My hope is that we can find a non-church member, with computer skills, who can work 16-20 hours Monday Thursday as a receptionist and secretary. The Council has set September 1st as the target date to have someone in place. I am grateful for all those individuals and teams who are stepping up to participate in the administration ministry of our church.
- Bulletin information is due by 7:00 am on Monday morning. Yes, I know this seems early, BUT since I do not know what may happen, I am usually in the office very early on Monday morning to finalize the bulletin for the media and participants. Thus, no matter what happens, I know we have a bulletin for Sunday. Updates regarding prayers and announcements are given verbally at each worship service.
- Do you have information for the newsletter or bulletins? Please send information to both of the following emails: trinityucc@psci.net and pastortrintiy@psci.net
- If you see Pastor Jane's car at the office, please ring the doorbell if you need assistance, even if it is not a Tuesday or Thursday when the office is open.
- Communication makes for a healthy congregation. Please call, email, or text me any information regarding the ministry you or your team is engaged in, so that I can pass that information along as needed.

Thanks be to God... We are now using our new circle drive! What a joy it is to be able to drop someone off under the canopy or to park yourself close to the door. My heart is full of gratitude for the many gifts that made this project a reality. I am also thankful for the countless number of hours given by Mark Blackgrave, who was the project manager.

Mission Alive at Trinity

2019 Lenten Mission: "Stepping Forward" Total: \$5,256.48

Every penny is a blessing – Here is our GOOD NEWS story!

The Lenten offering on Palm Sunday was \$2,992. On Easter Sunday, we added \$1,881.75 from offering envelopes. This was \$126.25 short of our goal of \$5,000.00.

THEN... the money in the baby bottle, collected by our children, was counted, for a total of \$257.73. This gave us \$5,131.48 and put us over the goal amount of \$5,000.00 by \$131.48.

Then... on April 28th, we added another **\$ 125.00** which gave us the total listed above as of the end of April.



FOOD BANK DONATIONS

Food Bank Dedication –Sunday, May 5th!

In May, we will collect cans of meat or fish. Please place your donations in the wicker baskets in front of the altar. Throughout the remaining weeks, place your donations in the plastic tubs in the foyer. In April, we collected 70 cans of vegetables and one can of fruit. Donations will be given to the Jasper Food Bank.

In June, we will be collecting boxes of Mac & Cheese!

Adopt-a-Family: The mother of this family is recovering from breast cancer surgery. Thank you for your generous donations that have helped this family with unexpected expenses. They are very appreciative and astounded by Trinity's generosity! On-going donations may be placed in the glass jar located in the entrance. Again, thank you for sharing God's blessing of love with this family!



One Great Hour of Sharing – More Than We Can Imagine

The Outreach Team, with approval from Council, has selected "One Great Hour of Sharing" as our mission for May.

The theme for the **2019 One Great Hour of Sharing Special Offering** is **"More Than We Can Imagine!"** The theme, based on Ephesians 3:20, reminds us that we are not alone in our imagining a better world for all of God's children – for it is God's imagination that fuels and empowers ours! You see, God imagines a world where:

- No one is left to face the ravages of natural disaster alone –
 neighbor helps neighbor, stranger helps stranger for we are the
 church together;
- Even if things will never quite be the same after a disaster, God can work through all events to bring new life, new hope, and even more resilience;
- Clean and abundant water and ample sanitation facilities are available to every person;
- Work brings security from hunger and the land is treated with respect;
- Families displaced from their homes are able to build new lives;
- Women are no longer subject to discrimination and gender-based violence.

Imagination is actually one of the most powerful engines for change that human beings have. Imagination, when fueled by a vision of God's hope for all humankind, can keep us energized to do the good that is possible.

Please, give generously to the One Great Hour of Sharing Special Offering, so that your imagination might, indeed, be ever more joined with God's!

Goal: \$400

Submitted by Treva Heise



May Birthdays

5/1	Janet Meyer	5/18	Christy Harder	
5/2	Judy Hubster	5/20	Sonia "Sunny" Klem	
5/4	Andrea Hulsman	5/21	Rhonda Johnson	
5/4	Jan Kalb	5/21	Inez Knies	
5/6	David Hubster	5/22	Meghan Premuda	
5/7	Robert Klingel	5/23	William Cox	
5/8	Brad Vonderheide	5/26	Jeff Berg	
5/11	Carolyn Snyder	5/27	Sherri Uebelhor	
5/12	Jim Sheetz	5/30	Lillie Campbell	
5/14	Gayle McDaniel	5/31	Logan Astrike	
5/17	Jack Astrike			

May Anniversaries



5/8	Corma & Gerald Knebel	43
5/12	Ann & Kim Schroeder	22
5/13	Candy & Mike Berger	30
5/23	Les & Mary Beth Brozman	33
5/23	Diane & Terry Kapp	49
5/23	Kari & Adam Roth	10
5/26	Heath & Kathirene	1





Vacation Bible School 2019 June 24-28 from 8:00 – 11:00 am Ages 3 year olds – those finishing 4th grade

"The Race Is On" for Vacation Bible School (VBS) at Trinity this summer. Please join us for "The Incredible Race". Spread the word outside of Trinity to come and join us for a week filled with God's Love and excitement! Registration papers are now available in the church entrance, and we can always use some extra hands to help out that week; even for just one day would be greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, please get with a VBS team member...Dana Schnarr, Kari Roth, Heather Goodhue, David Hubster, Audra Jahn, Judy Thom, or Andrea Hulsman. Thanks again for all your love and support for the youth on this Incredible Race!



A Word from Trinity Tree House . . .

Field trips in April and May included Buschkoetter Nursery and Jasper City Mill for the 2-Day Class. The 3-Day Class had excursions to the Dubois County Airport and Jasper Dairy Queen.

The 2018-2019 school year is quickly coming to an end.

- The last day of school for the 2-Day Class is Thursday, May 16.
- Graduation for the 3-Day Class will be celebrated on Friday, May 17.

As the school year comes to a close, the staff at Trinity Tree House would like to extend a thank you to all who helped through the year, especially Pastor Jane. We would also like to thank the parents of the students for all the support given us throughout the year. We wish everyone a safe and enjoyable summer.

Respectfully submitted by Kate Buchta

May 2019 – Worship Participants

May 5Ushers\GreeterMedia8:00 amMary Ann Weisheit, Connie SchmittKurt V.10:15 amJohn & Susan McGovren,Mark B.

Kevin & Melissa Blackgrave

Media Producer: Mark Blackgrave

Sunday School Offering: Nolan & Parker Jahn Communion Preparation: Susan McGovren

Communion Servers:

8:00 am Mary Ann Weisheit

10:15 am John & Susan McGovren, Kevin & Melissa Blackgrave

May 12Ushers\GreeterMedia8:00 amRick & Angie HobsonKurt V.10:15 amLarry LaGrange, Jerry Brewer,Brian M.

Mike & Angie Heck, Dan Sergesketter

Media Producer: Kurt Vonderheide

Sunday School Offering: Addie, Corbin, & Hannah Schnarr

May 19Ushers\GreeterMedia8:00 amCarol Rasche, Carol Mundy, Linda TroxlerAdam R.10:15 amJack Goodhue, Laurel Hubster,John K.

Amanda Schnell, Jace Goodhue

Media Producer: John Kahle

Sunday School Offering: Karsen & Kaiden Roth

May 26Ushers\GreeterMedia8:00 amGary & Alene Frank, Janice SundermanKurt V.10:15 amAdam, Kari, Karsen, & Kaiden Roth,Adam R.

John & Janice Schnarr,

Greg, Addie, Corbin, & Hannah Schnarr

Media Producer: Mark Blackgrave

Attendance at Trinity UCC

DATE	WORSHIP	ATTENDANCE	TOTAL	YOUTH	ADULTS		
Mar 31	8:00 am	25	72	No Sunday School			
	10:15 am	47	72				
Apr 7	8:00 am	26	82	8	2		
Apr 7	10:15 am	56	82				
Apr 14	8:00 am	28	90	11	2		
Apr 14	10:15	62	90				
Apr 21	8:00 am	46	171	14	1		
	10:15 am	125					
Apr 28	8:00 am	27	- 80	17	3		
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OTHER LENTEN SERVICES							
Apr 3	7:00 PM	34	Wednesday Night				
Apr 18	7:00 PM	35	Maundy Thursday				
Apr 19	7:00 PM	32	Good Friday				

May 2019 – Child Care and Acolytes

Date	Child Care (10:15)	Acolyte	
May 5	Sherri Uebelhor / Jace & Jack Goodhue	Harry Hulsman	
May 12	Heather Goodhue/ Maggie & Ella Hubster	Mason Mauck	
May 19	Melissa Hafele / (No youth)	Ushers	
May 26	Lisa Schmidt / (No youth)	Ushers	



Walk to Jerusalem:

As of Easter Sunday, we had "walked" nearly 4800 miles, with 1500 miles to go to reach Jerusalem. Please continue to turn in your blue log sheets in the box in the foyer or email Janet at ilmeyer@gmail.com.

We will continue to walk until we arrive.

April 2019 Council Highlights . . .

Council Highlights from April 8th Meeting:

- Confirmed to work toward a goal to fill the church secretary position by September.
- Acknowledged and appreciated all the volunteers performing office tasks during the interim period.
- Confirmed the addition of a 3-foot strip of concrete to the east end of the circle drive parking lot.

We appreciate all the efforts to help with the office tasks; a special thanks to Rhonda Johnson, who has taken on the task of producing the monthly newsletter.

During this interim period with not having a secretary, it's even more important than ever to make sure Pastor Jane is copied on all communication. There are a lot of background logistics that take place at the church, and providing Pastor Jane that information will assure everything will run smoothly, with no surprises...the best surprise in no surprise.

Reminder: now that Spring is here, we need to realize outside temperatures will fluctuate. Thus, a sunny day or cloudy day will cause variations of temperature in our building, especially in our sanctuary and foyer. The Property Team wants everyone to know the system is now set on cooling. Please do not adjust temperature down past 68°; it will make the system work hard, which could cause future expensive maintenance issues. Turning the temperature down does not make the building cool any faster.

Submitted by Mark Blackgrave, Council Vice President



All-Church Work Night!

The Property Team will have a work night on **Monday**, **May 6**th **from 5:30 – 8:30 PM.** Anyone who can join us will be welcomed with open arms. The main thing we need help with is landscaping cleanup. Bring gloves, rakes, trimmers, or any other implement you would find helpful for this task. Thank you in advance for helping!!!

~ Ellen Vonderheide, Property Team Chair



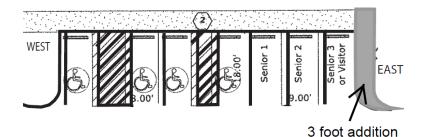
GHI... Circle Drive Update!

The question for me is — will this project ever be finished? We are there: the three post lights have been installed, the first blades of grass are peeking through the ground cover, a new motion sensor for the breezeway lights is working, and the handicapped parking signs are up. We are still waiting for the senior and visitor signs. There is some painting and some work on the canopy to be finished. Hopefully by the end of May all of this will be done, and the grass is being mowed.

There was one more surprise that came up – something we hadn't considered. Once the lines for the parking spaces were painted on the surface, we realized that during the planning process, there wasn't an allowance made at each end of the line of parking spaces for people to exit vehicles. The bible tells us Jesus walked on water, but we need to make sure if you park in our specialty parking lot, you have a solid surface to walk on! The goal is to have this completed sometime before the end of May, weather permitting. When this concrete section is poured, it will close the space designated for visitor parking at the end of the lot for at least two weeks. (See the diagram below.)

We are in the process of finalizing the payment of the remaining invoices for the circle drive project. You can still send in your pledges or make a contribution to help cover expenses for this project.

Submitted by Mark Blackgrave, Circle Drive Project Manager



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