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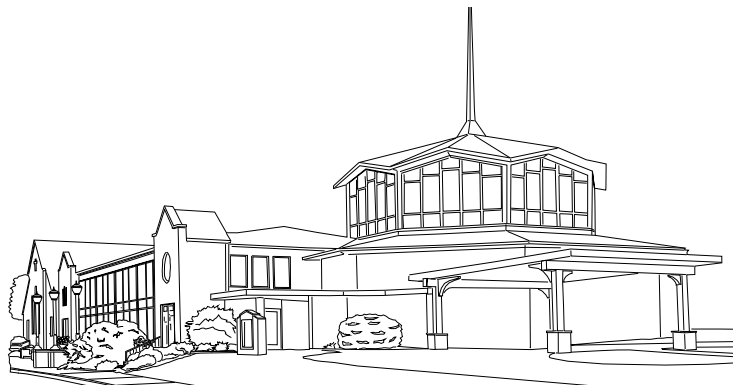
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Sunday Calendar

April 4 EASTER SUNDAY- COMMUNION

Worship 8 am & 10:15 am
Sunday School @ 9:15 - 10 am

April 11

Worship 8 am & 10:15 am
Sunday School @ 9:15 - 10 am

April 18

Worship 8 am & 10:15 am
Sunday School @ 9:15 - 10 am

April 25

Worship 8 am & 10:15 am
Sunday School @ 9:15 - 10 am

Office Hours

T-W-Th 8 am to 3 pm

Council Reports Due

T April 6

Newsletter Info Due

W April 14

APRIL Monthly Calendar

- Th 1 Combined Mandy Thursday & Good Friday Service @ 7 pm
- S 4 **Happy Easter!**
He is Risen!
- M 12 Church Council @ 7 pm
CEMT @ 5:15 pm
- S 18 Men's Fellowship @ 9 am
- T 20 Sunset Extension @ 4 pm
DAR @ 56 pm
- Th 29 Mail Newsletter

APRIL Weekly Calendar

Confirmation Class Rooms 201, 202
Wednesdays - 7, 14, 21, 28

Circle of Concern

Fridays @ 6:45 am

Sunday School Class @ 9:15 - 10:00 am
Preschool - 5th grade - Room 203
Confirmands - Room 201/ 202

Rooms 201, 202 & 203 are reserved solely for Confirmation and Sunday School classes.

For a safe environment for in-person worship,
FACEMASKS ARE MANDATORY!

For your convenience, facemasks are available. If you cannot locate one, please ask an usher for assistance.

Just As He Said

The mood starts somber; sin fills our lives,
but Easter news keeps our hope alive!
Our Savior rose! That change brings us life-
Hope reigns eternal amidst all strife.
Heaven! Forgiveness! Abundant days!
Abandon the fear – let's raise our praise!
And trust the promises of our Lord
as Easter blessings on us are poured!
Jesus, our Jesus, He is Alive!
He is alive! Just as He said!
He conquered death! Just as He Said!
He lives for all! Just as He Said!
He gives us Life! Just as He Said!

By Tim Wesemann (adapted)

GOOD NEWS>>> On April 4, 2021, the world will rejoice because the tomb will be empty!

Together we will celebrate and proclaim **JESUS IS ALIVE!** The empty tomb brings the promise of the renewal of life on earth and the promise of eternal life for all who believe.

Jesus was sent to live among us, giving us a model of right relationship with God and one another. He was sent to the cross, so that **ALL** sins might be forgiven. He died so that God's grace would be sufficient for all our challenges, sorrows and grief.

Jesus rose from the dead, announcing to the world that death is not the final voice; death does **NOT** have victory. Instead it is life and life everlasting that is the victor. This truly is the **GOOD NEWS** that we cling to as we remember all who lost loved ones to the Covid-19 virus as well as other illnesses. We are, through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus, assured that those we love are safely cradled in the loving arms of the Lord.

It is this **GOOD NEWS** that will call us together physically and spiritually on Easter morning.

It is this promised new beginning with our Lord that will make us one as we release our "alleluias". Together, as brothers and sisters in Christ, gathered and scattered, we shall proclaim that nothing is impossible for God.



May the blessings of Easter bring joy to your hearts!

Love – Pastor Jane



Jack Astrike	Northwood Retirement Community, Assisted Living 400 Pleasant View, Apt. #1, Jasper, IN 47546 (812-634-7920)
Norma Blackgrave	St. Charles Health Campus, Room #103 3150 St. Charles Street, Jasper, IN 47546
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Carrie Loveall	855 Missouri Street, Apt. #17, Ferdinand, IN 47532 (812-998-2010)
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Marge Schneider	Life's Journey of Avon, 10241 E County Road 100 N Indianapolis, IN 46234
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Jason Stockburger	The Timbers, Room #316-2, 2909 Howard Drive, Jasper, IN 47546

Consider sending cards to those not able to be in worship due to the pandemic:

Ray & Mary Ann Bawel, Corrine Clark, David Fisher, Shirlene Dreher, Helen Seemann,
Brian & Sandy Ferrell, Pete & Carol Rasche, Jerry Brewer, Rhonda Johnson, and others.



Pastoral Care update: Please call Pastor Jane with any updates.

Let us Pray for . . .

- ♥ Our sympathy is extended to the family of **Mark Denu** who mourn his death. Mark leaves behind children, Juel and Kolton and companion, Cindy (Brinkman) Denu.
- ♥ Our sympathy to **Mary Klingel** and family as they mourn the death of Mary's husband Bob.
- ♥ **Sherry M.**, doing therapy in the skilled care unit of the hospital following leg surgery
- ♥ **Donna M.**, is now home.
- ♥ **Carol E.** - has begun chemo.
- ♥ **Adopt-A-Family mother** - Good News: tests show no cancer; more testing is needed.
- ♥ **ALL in need of healing, including those coping with cancer**; may God grant them hope.
- ♥ Let us pray for those **battling COVID-19**; may God grant them courage and comfort.
- ♥ Let us give thanks for the gift of a vaccine for **COVID-19** and continue to pray for the **heroes in the health care system**; may God grant them strength.
- ♥ All those who continue to **stay at a distance for the sake of their health**.
- ♥ **School systems & businesses**, as they continue to meet various challenges.
- ♥ Those dealing with the **devastations from snow, ice, wind, fire and water**.



Be A Blessing!

Pray often. **Be Kind. Give Thanks.** Do Good. Have Courage. **Lead with Love.**
Practice Peace. **Be the Light. Work for Justice.** Encourage Others. **Be Joyful.**

From the Pulpit - April 2021 ... 8:00 am & 10:15 am

April 1 **Maundy Thursday/Good Friday Service @ 7 PM** **Communion**

Together we shall journey from Palm Sunday to the cross,
hearing from those who were touched by the life of Jesus.

April 4 **Easter Sunday - Communion**

Bible Lesson: Luke 24: 1-12

Easter Message: "Amazed by an Idle Tale"

April 11 Bible Lesson: Luke 24: 13-35

Message: "Burning Hearts"

April 18 Bible Lesson: Luke 24: 36-53

Message: "Truly, this is the Son of God"

April 25 Bible Lesson: Acts 8: 26-39

Message: "Read, Believe and Be Baptized"

The wearing of a mask and social distancing is appreciated in order to keep us healthy and safe.

Communion: Please pick up your communion wafer & cup as you enter the sanctuary.



Sunday School Easter Celebration on Sunday, April 4th!

9:15 am Meet Pastor Jane in the Sanctuary!

Bring your Easter basket as rumor has it that the Easter Bunny is coming our way!
There will be games and activities outside if the weather permits; if not, we will
invite the Easter Bunny inside.

Confirmation:

Wednesday night on April 7, 14, 28 from 5:30 – 6:15 PM

Sunday Mornings @ 9:15 am



Note: No class on March 31st instead of class, please come to the
Maundy Thursday worship service on April 1st at 7 PM.

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS APRIL 2021

April 1 - Maundy Thursday/Good Friday @ 7 pm (Combined Worship Service)

Acolyte: Pastor Jane
Bible Reader: Pastor Jane
Organist: Sarah Sergesketter
Special Music: "Were You There"
Usher: Denise Schnell
Media Producer & Tech: Mark Blackgrave
Communion Preparation: Janis & John Schnarr
Communion Servers: Self-Serve

April 4 - Easter Communion

Acolyte: Pastor Jane
Bible Reader: Pastor Jane
Organist: Sarah Sergesketter
Special Music:
Time with Young Disciples: Pastor Jane
Media Producer: Mark Blackgrave
Media: 8 am Kurt Vonderheide
10:15 am Mark Blackgrave
Ushers: 8 am Mary Ann Weisheit &
Connie Schmitt
10:15 am Susan & John McGovren
Child Care: None
Communion Preparation: Janis & John Schnarr
Communion Servers: Self-Serve

April 11

Acolyte: Pastor Jane
Bible Reader: Pastor Jane
Organist: Sarah Sergesketter
Special Music:
Time with Young Disciples: Audra Jahn
Media Producer: Kurt Vonderheide
Media: 8 am Adam Roth
10:15 am Brian Meyer
Ushers: 8 am Linda Troxler
10:15 am John & Janis Schnarr
Child Care: None

April 18

Acolyte: Pastor Jane
Bible Reader: Pastor Jane
Organist: Sarah Sergesketter
Special Music:
Time with Young Disciples: Heather Goodhue
Media Producer: Kurt Vonderheide
Media: 8 am Kurt Vonderheide
10:15 am Adam Roth
Ushers: 8 am Bill Small
10:15 am Jan & Rod Kalb
Child Care: None

April 25

Acolyte: Pastor Jane
Bible Reader: Pastor Jane
Organist: Sarah Sergesketter
Special Music:
Time with Young Disciples: Pastor Jane
Media Producer: Nichole Lechner
Media: 8 am Kurt Vonderheide
10:15 am Brian Meyer
Ushers: 8 am Ann & Jeff Berg
10:15 am Larry LaGrange
Child Care: None

March Council Decisions and Actions

- Denied a request by the Worship Ministry Team to change the current worship services schedule.
- Denied a request for the choir to sing on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday.
- Addressed the large unplanned expenditure to repair the heating system, \$4,124.50.
- Approved money for camper scholarship, with money coming from the Edna Joseph Funds.
- Approved the relabeling of funds collected for youth to be used for additional camper scholarships at the discretion of the Christian Education Ministry Team.

It is important that everyone understands the council decision and actions. Allow me to explain these actions.

- At times it is good to review long-term items and practices. Council received a request from the Worship Ministry Team, to review our need for two worship services. The church is experiencing lower attendance in services, so the thought was that we should consider offering only one worship service. Pro and cons were discussed. One thing most of the council agreed upon is that with the lingering pandemic, it is not the best time to make changes to our worship schedule. Additionally most of the council agreed that our Pastor and congregation should have the final say in any changes to our worship service schedule.

- Everyone wants as many things to return to normal as possible, especially after a year of a health pandemic. Sarah Sergesketter asked if the choir could return to singing for Palm Sunday and Easter. Council feels we still need be diligent in staying safe, so it was decided to hold off on the return of the choir for now. This decision was made for the safety of the Congregation, our Pastor and the choir members.

- The church has two boilers. Unfortunately the heating core in both boilers needed to be replaced. The one heating core was still under warranty, but the other heating core was a huge expense. The maintenance fund was used to help pay for this major expense, so to all those who turn in their maintenance envelopes each month, we say **thank you** for your support and generosity. Our church is truly blessed.

- Camper scholarships are available. The church will pay 50% of **Merom camp** cost. You can also apply for a Lincolnland Association Scholarship; they will pay the other 50% for campers attending the **Merom camp**. Our church will also subsidize attendance to other summer camps. If planning on attending summer camp this year, please send an email to the church office if you are interested in any of these scholarships.

We are finishing up the **annual report** and once completed they will be emailed to everyone who gets a newsletter via email. There will also be a few copies available in the church foyer. You can request one be mailed to you, but please only if necessary as we are trying to keep expenses down. The actual annual meeting has yet to be scheduled.

Should you have any questions regarding the above actions, please feel free to contact me.

Submitted by Mark Blackgrave, Council President 2021

MISSION ALIVE ... AT TRINITY UCC

OUTREACH MISSION – BLANKETS OF LOVE

Our mission for April is Blankets of Love sponsored by Church World Service. A blanket can provide warmth to a victim of a flood or fire or serve as bedding to a guest in a homeless shelter. CWS reports that during 2020, 16,965 blankets were distributed. With your \$10.00, you can give a blanket that can provide warmth and shelter, comfort and privacy, and healing and hope wherever God's people may need care. Your support makes a difference in the lives of these children and families. Donations can be put into your regular giving envelope noting that it is a Blankets of Love gift. Thank you for your generosity, so we can "Blanket the World with Love".

Thank you!

Goal: \$400 (40 blankets)

The Outreach Team



LENTEN MISSION UPDATE . . . To date, we have collected \$2,968.

Imagine:

You can't wash your hands with clean water.

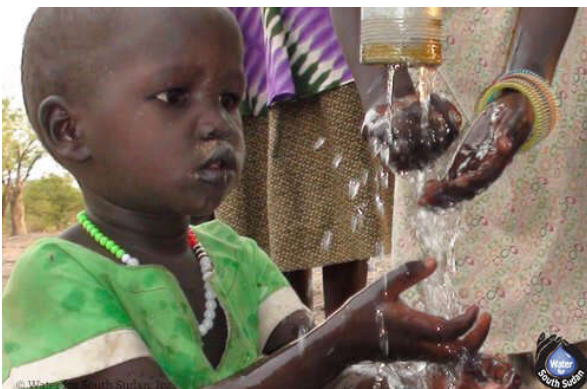
A member of your family is deathly ill from waterborne illness.

Your sister walks nearly four miles each day carrying 80 pounds of water.

Your daughter can't attend school because gathering water consumes her life.

Your friend gives birth without access to clean water.

Families in South Sudan don't have to imagine; this is their reality. Access to clean water means healthier families, girls can go to school and families have food to eat. *Clean water means everything.*



You have the power to give South Sudanese families an opportunity to improve their lives. Please do that. **Donate to our Lenten Mission of \$5,000 -- 1/3 the cost of drilling one well.**

Thank you!

MEET OUR 2021 ADOPT-A-FAMILY . . .

A single mom and her 2 young sons (ages 7 & 9) are this year's recipients of our prayers and monetary donations through our **Adopt-A-Family Project**.



The past few months have been a struggle for them. The older boy is autistic and also suffers from some bowel problems. He has had 9 surgeries so far! Mom mentioned that he has mental issues as well — brought about by the fact that all his problems are overwhelming for him. Naturally, the mom missed a lot of work as a result of dealing with her son's health issues and lost her job because of that.

She also is facing some health challenges of her own. Although growths near a salivary gland and her groin area have tested benign...more testing is required to identify the cause. Many unknowns!

The job loss plus the health problems have made it difficult to make ends meet. Thanks to your donations in the jar, we are able to provide some much needed assistance. Each month Outreach, on your behalf, uses the money from the “**spare change/dollars**” jar to help our Adopt family with usual household expenses or some unexpected bills. So far this year we have helped with a mortgage payment, a car payment, and groceries. With each month's gift, Mom expresses how much she appreciates our help.

Please continue to give generously – if you aren't yet attending church – consider putting a little extra donation with your offering and **mark it Adopt-A-Family**. Mail it or drop it in the silver box outside the church office door. Many thanks for your love and concern for this family!

Submitted by Jan Kalb, Outreach Team



Why do we celebrate Earth Day?

Earth Day is intended to inspire awareness of and appreciation for the Earth's environment. There are many ways that families can celebrate Earth Day. Not only is it the best time of year to get outside and enjoy the weather, it is a perfect opportunity to teach children how they can also enjoy and take care of their environment for the future.

Earth Day was the brainchild of **Senator Gaylord Nelson of Wisconsin**, a staunch environmentalist who hoped to provide unity to the grassroots environmental movement and increase ecological awareness.



Ref.: Wikipedia

COMMUNITY FOODBANK . . .

Since the last newsletter information was collected, a lot has been given to the Community Food Bank through Trinity UCC. Those items are listed below.

12 rolls of toilet paper, 6 bars of soap, 60 toothbrushes, 10 toothpastes, 2 - 32 oz. bags of cereal, 3 jars spaghetti sauce, 3 boxes of pasta and 20 boxes of "Helper."

Considering the weather and Covid-19, this shows Trinity as a caring Church. Thank you!

Please remember *APRIL's item is Canned Vegetables.*



Jenny LaGrange, Outreach Committee

MUSIC NOTES:



Thank you to everyone who has been silently joining us in song during our worship services. For now, we will still be using only soloists and instrumentalists. But we all await the day when we can once again enjoy the beautiful voices of our Gather & Sing Choir. Until then, keep singing silently as your voices are being lifted to the heavens.

Have a happy and joyous Easter!

Sarah Sergesketter

TRINITY TREE HOUSE NEWS . . .

Easter and spring were welcomed and celebrated in April with egg classes and participating in an egg hunt.

The school year is quickly approaching the end. The last day of school for the **2-day class is Tuesday, May 18**. The last day of **class and graduation for the 3-day class is Wednesday, May 19**.

At this writing there are still openings in the 2-day class for the 2021-2022 school year. The 3-day class is full.



HAPPY EASTER!

HAPPY SPRING!

Respectfully submitted by Kate Buchta, Director

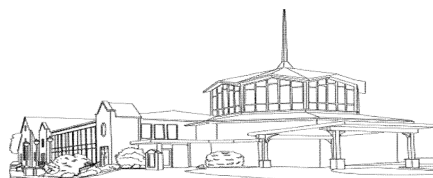
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April Birthdays

Lelani Wittwer	4
Hadley Rumbach	7
Kurt Heise	9
Sarah Sergesketter	11
Sabrina Peters	12
David Peters	14
Brett Wright	14
Brandi Hellman	16
Margie Schneider	16
Carol Rasche	18
Mitchell Mauck	19
Harrison Hulsman	22
Adrienne Palmer	24
Matthew May	27

April Anniversaries

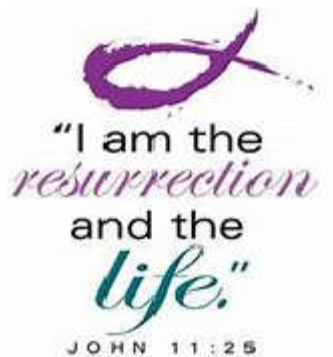
	<u>Years</u>
Greg & Lisa Kincer	6 36
Jeff & Ann Berg	15 32
Kurt & Treva Heise	19 35
Scott & Julie Beck	22 43
Nick & Pat Seng	27 47
David & Debi Stockburger	28 48



CHURCH & SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

February & March Worship Services

Date	Worship	Attendance	Total
2/28	<u>8:00 am</u>	<u>16</u>	50
	10:15 am	34	
3/7	<u>8:00 am</u>	<u>17</u>	60
	10:15 am	43	
3/14	<u>8:00 am</u>	<u>11</u>	42
	10:15 am	31	
3/21	<u>8:00 am</u>	<u>15</u>	46
	10:15 am	31	



February & March Sunday School

Date	Youth	Adults	Total
2/28	9	3	12
3/7	10	1	14
3/14	7	4	11

Please join the Trinity Faith Family in 2021

Sunday Morning at Trinity UCC - Jasper

8:00 am **Morning Worship** (1st Sunday – Communion)

9:15 am **Sunday School** (9:15 - 10:00 am)

10:15 am **Morning Worship** (1st Sunday – Communion)

Music Ministry :

Until further notice, Soloists and Instrumentalists only

Children's Ministry: No activities at this time.

Jr. & Sr. High Youth Ministry:

Confirmation: Two year program of Bible study and Faith development – begins at 6th grade

Sunday Morning Youth Breakfast & Conversation - **Cancelled until further notice**

Circle of Concern: Friday mornings at 6:45 am.

Mission Outreach: Support of local, national, and global missions and disaster relief.

Women's Guild: No meetings until further notice.

Men's Fellowship: No meeting until further notice.

Trinity Tree House Preschool: 2-day class for 3 year olds; 3-day class for 4 year olds.

Christian Service & Fellowship at home, at church and in the community.



Community events held at Trinity Church Building

Groups not meeting until further notice

Holistic Council

Music Together

Survivors of Suicide

The Lounge Series

Weight Watchers
