

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

201 S. Washington St. Unity, WI 54488



2023

May 7

Sunday School 9:15

Worship 10:00 (Noisy Offering)

Confirmation

May 14

Worship 10:00

May 16

Council Meeting 6:30

May 21

Worship 10:00

May 28

Worship 10:00

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Words from the Church Council President:

Just a few updates this month. Pastor Bob Geise will be our administrative intern starting May 1st. He plans to lead us in worship once a month and will schedule supply pastors as they are available. He will also help with other pastoral needs as they arise. If you do need a pastor for any reason please contact Pastor Bob, myself or Pat Klimmer. Please understand since we are relying upon others to help us, you must communicate your needs and know that it may not happen on a moment's notice.

I want to thank everyone who has helped with leading Sunday services and we are always looking for more help. With summer coming, supply pastors will be harder to find and some members who have been helping will be getting busy with summer activities. Pat or I will find a message/sermon for you to read if needed so no need to spend hours writing your own. And doing a service with someone else is an easy way to get started.

Pastor Randy Olson from the synod was at our last council meeting and we continue to explore our options. OSL and St. Paul's have been and continue to be great partners in sharing Pastor Bob as we move forward. Please accept the changes that have happened and know that positive thoughts and prayers are needed if we are to continue.

Council President, Al Raatz

May Duties:

	Lay reader	Ushers	Comm. Asst.
May 7	Sara Uhlig	Wussow family	Kelsey Wussow
May 14	Cindy Hardrath	Wussow family	Kelsey Wussow
May 21	Barb Soback	Wussow family	N/A
May 28	Eric Elmhorst	Wussow family	Kelsey Wussow

Money Counters

May 7	Pat Klimmer & Susan Karsten
May 14	Patsy Schuh & Terra Newman
May 21	Al Raatz & Jared Klimmer
May 28	Doug Newman & Cindy Hardrath

In June.....those in charge.....

Altar Guild - Pat Suckow & Beth Krebsbach

Lay Readers - Cindy Hardrath

Ushers & Comm. Assistant - Eric Elmhorst



Church Website

That's right! Our church has a website. Thank you Emily (Uhlig) Loertscher for creating it and getting it up and running! Now people can find us on the internet and hopefully come and check us out! Check it out yourself! Here is our address:

unity-trinity-lutheran-church.com

Let's share some yummy recipes!

What's Cooking?

Garden Pizza

(recipe in blue church recipe book submitted by Karen Brown)

2 pkgs. crescent rolls

2 - 8 oz. pkgs. cream cheese

$\frac{2}{3}$ c. mayonnaise

1 T. minced onion

$\frac{1}{4}$ tsp. garlic powder

1 T. dill weed

Raw vegetables (such as cauliflower, broccoli, tomatoes, carrots, radishes, onions, celery, peppers); grated cheese, black olives, mushrooms - all optional

Heat oven to 375 degrees. Grease a 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ X 15 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. jelly roll pan. Spread rolls in pan. Bake for 10 to 13 minutes. Mix cream cheese, mayonnaise, onion, garlic powder, and dill weed. Spread on cooled pan of rolls. Top with raw vegetables. Refrigerate.

Sauerkraut Soup

(served at a Lenten soup supper; made by Barb)

1 medium potato cubed 1 lb. kielbasa or polish sausage cubed

1 32 oz. sauerkraut rinsed & drained 4 c. chicken broth

1 can cream of mushroom soup 1 c. cooked diced chicken

2 medium carrots sliced 2 ribs celery sliced 2 T. vinegar

2 tsp dill weed $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp pepper 4 slices bacon fried & crumbled

Put everything except bacon in a 5 qt. pot. Bring to a boil; stir occasionally; reduce heat to a simmer until vegetables are tender. Put bacon on top to serve.

What is Pentecost?

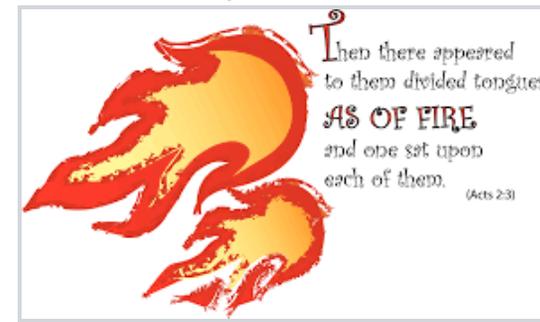
At Pentecost (in Danish *pinse*) we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit. The festival falls 50 days after Easter. The words *pinse* and *Pentecost* come from the Greek word *pentekoste* which means "the fiftieth".



Pentecost is the third most important festival of the Church. The two most important festivals are Easter and Christmas. Pentecost is a celebration of the coming of the Holy Spirit in the form of what seemed to be tongues of fire that came to rest on each of Jesus' disciples. The Holy Spirit enabled the disciples to speak languages other than their own. Thus they were equipped to go out into the world to tell all nations and people about Jesus.

Pentecost is the beginning of the Christian Church. That is why Pentecost is also called the birthday of the Church. The story of the Pentecost miracle tells us that God is present in the world again. Just as God was present in His son Jesus, God is now present through His Holy Spirit. The fellowship that was built around Jesus when he lived here on earth, died and rose from the dead was to be extended to the entire world.

The festival of Pentecost is May 28th this year. **Many ELCA worshipers wear red on the festival of Pentecost**, recalling the red of the flames of the Holy Spirit and as a sign that the Holy Spirit comes to all the believers, not just the leaders of the community.





Operation Shoebbox Christmas

Our church recently received a card sharing that our Christmas shoeboxes were sent to Guyana, South America; Suriname, South America; Zambia, Africa; and Lesotho, Africa. Other boxes went to Jamaica and Belize (the 1st time some Wisconsin boxes were sent to the islands), and Nigeria and Namibia.

"Truly to the ends of the Earth!!"

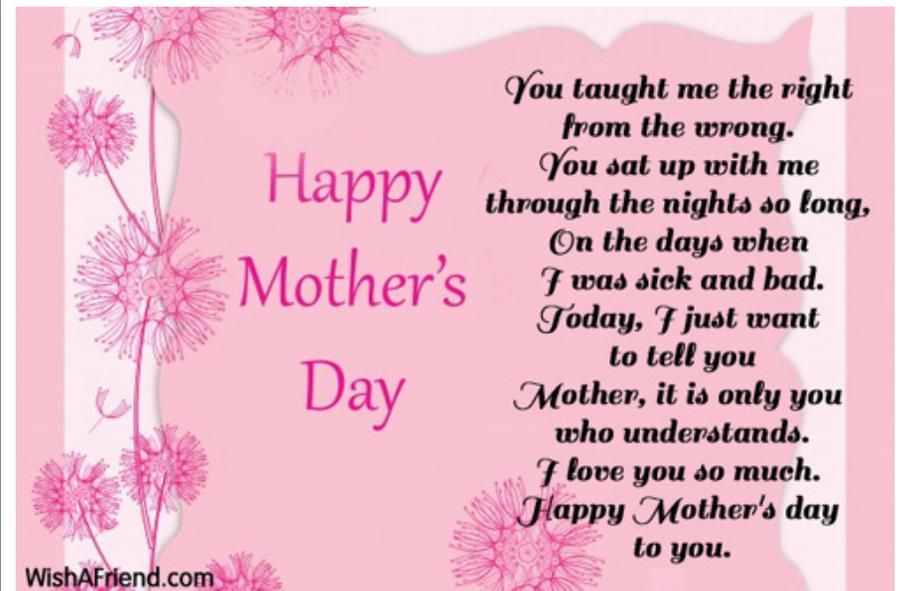
The Marshfield area total was 1,759.

We contributed 292 boxes!

Ephesians 3:20 - Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, (21 Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.)



**Barb Soback.....for all of the delicious soups during Lent.
Tim Anderson for donating 100 stamps for church mailings.
To those who helped with Lenten services.
To those who have and are filling in on Sundays leading worship.
To St. John's, Spencer, for your continued support of our food pantry with your monetary donations.**





May Birthdays

- 5 - Jacob Raatz
- 8 - Lester Bainer
- 10 - Patsy Schuh
- 17 - Lexi Krebsbach
- 22 - Kathy Mertens
- 24 - Kaye Jeske



May Anniversaries

- 23 - Roger & Deborah Reise
- 29 - Steve & Karen Brown

Happy Mother's Day!

Dirt and cookie fingerprints
 Are not too hard to find,
 You'll see them on our walls and drawers
 Where I go, they're left behind!
 But soon I'll learn to wash my hands
 And tuck them by my side,
 The walls and drawers clean once more
 No grubby marks to hide.
 So here I leave my fingerprints
 Each and every one,
 Painted as a reminder
 Of dirt and cookies and fun.

*Rejoice always,
 pray without ceasing,
 give thanks in all circumstances.*

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

WELCA News

- The next meeting is May 10th at 1:00. All women are welcome.
- The Harvest Dinner date has been moved to the 3rd Sunday (October 15th) due to worker needs. Please put the date on your calendar. Prepping will be on Saturday, the 14th. More help is needed!!
- An outing is being planned for mid-July. Any ideas, contact Karen Winkler.

What is Confirmation?

Here are some definitions gathered from various sources:



In the Sacrament of Confirmation, the baptized person is "sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit" and is strengthened for service to the Body of Christ.

Confirmation in the **Lutheran Church** is a public profession of faith prepared for by long and careful instruction. In English, it is called "affirmation of [baptism](#)", and is a mature and public reaffirmation of the faith which "marks the completion of the congregation's program of confirmation ministry".

[Lutherans](#), like [Roman Catholics](#), believe that [Confirmation](#) is based on Biblical precedents such as [Acts of the Apostles](#) 8:14-17:

Now when the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent them Peter and John, who went down and prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Spirit, for it had not yet fallen upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit.

[Confirmation](#) is a public rite of the Church preceded by a period of instruction designed to help baptized Christians identify with the life and mission of the Christian community. *Note:* Prior to admission to the [Eucharist](#), it is necessary to be instructed in the Christian faith (1 Cor. 11:28). The rite of confirmation provides an opportunity for the individual Christian, relying on God's promise given in Holy Baptism, to make a personal public confession of the faith and a lifelong pledge of fidelity to Christ.

The Rite of Confirmation provides an opportunity for the individual Christian, relying on God's promise given in Baptism, to make a personal public profession of the faith and a lifelong pledge of faithfulness to Christ. Confirmation teaches baptized Christians, who wish to become Lutheran, [Martin Luther's](#) theology on the [Ten Commandments](#), the [Apostles' Creed](#), the [Lord's Prayer](#), [Baptism](#), [Confession](#), and the [Eucharist](#).

Congratulations to Jacob Raatz!

Jacob will affirm his baptism through confirmation on May 7th. Please include him in your prayers as he continues on his Christian journey and commitment to Jesus today and the years to come.



Philippians 4:13 - I can do everything through him (Christ) who gives me strength.

Faith Statement - to show assistance and helpfulness in church.

Pastoral Needs?

Please contact Pastor Bob Giese with any needs or concerns. He has other connections as well to help with hospital visits. Pastor Bob's number is 847-899-7122. At this point Pastor Nancy Amacher has agreed to be the primary backup. Her phone number is 715-223-5316.

You may also contact Al Raatz (715-223-7166) or Pat Klimmer (715-659-2331) if you have any questions or concerns.

