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May 2024 From the Pastor's Pen

Dear friends, Scams are everywhere, from false UPS needs you to call/contact them to someone saying they are from your bank, false utility worker, even to send gift card information. Delete, investigate, ask someone before calling – Do NOT click on that link!! If you don't know who to ask, you can always call me or the sheriff department.

Greed is behind this, pure selfish greed. No wonder it's one of the 7 deadly sins. Greed and selfishness are often behind wars, divorce and most crimes. It gets between neighbors and siblings and even church members. Look at this quote by Erich Fromm:

Greed is a bottomless pit which exhausts the person in an endless effort to satisfy the need without ever reaching satisfaction.

Life is more than money and things. And thinking only of one's own needs and status will never make you fill satisfied or at peace. Luke 12:15 says, '**Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions**'. So look at what you DO have and appreciate it. Look at who is in your life and cherish them. Try to put yourself in someone else's shoes – empathy. Take a break from ads;

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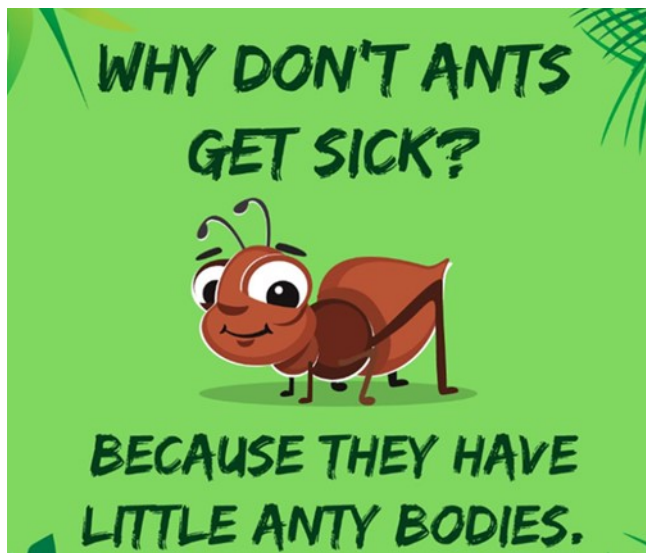
- FAKE -

stop shopping just to do something. Instead go for a walk, look at the different birds around you, call a friend or send a note, color, pray, clean the fridge – but be careful not to sit and marinate about things you want or wish you had. Think about how you can slow down impulse purchases, like waiting 24 hours before a purchase. Be aware that the stuff at the checkout lines is there specifically for impulse buying. Yes, stores do this on purpose. So my friends, keep alert, keep your eyes focused on the good Lord - and on the needs of each other.

Pastor Terri ☩



Next Month: We will begin offering continuous Communion distribution, Whereby people may come forward to receive the wine and the bread before returning to their seats. Communion kits will remain be available.



Just a friendly reminder that hygiene products of all kinds are still in demand at the food pantry...soap, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant and the likes. EVEN DIAPERS! Please help the TLCW fill our shopping cart!

Assistants	May 5	May 12	May 19	May 26	
Acolyte	Amari H	Ava N.	Jameson N	Connley M.	
Lector	Kari B.	Krista P	Sandy P	Garret G	
Usher	Ed H.	Hank S	Derek P	Tom G.	
Liturgist	Tom G	Mike W	Michelle C	Mike K	
Camera	Izzy N	Brayden H	Avery C	Kendel Q	
Greeter	Cathy W	Kathy L	Crystal M N.	Hank & Nancy	
	May 2	May 9	May 16	May 23	May 30
Mowers	John S. & Bill W.	Hank S & Ed H	Tom G & Ray	Glen & Peggy	Greg & Terri
	May 6	May 13	May 20	May 28 (Tuesday)	
Counters	John & Terri	Terri & Dana	Dana & Monica	Monica & Sharon	

May Altar Guild: Penny Ross, Chair; Joyce Pavelec & Karen Meunier

May Garbage: Hank S. **May Food Pantry:** Peggy Q.

Kids For Christ [KFC]

★ **Sunday School** last day is May 19

★ **Teacher Recognition** May 19

★ **Graduate recognition** is ???

★ Bible Verse: Song of Songs 2:11-13 "See! The winter is past... Flowers appear on the earth; the season of singing has come; the cooing of doves is heard in our land. The fig tree forms its early fruit; the blossoming vines spread their fragrance."

★ **Activity:** May Day baskets: Need some kind of container and then fill it with goodies such as: Popcorn, pretzels, candy, bubble gum, licorice or even flowers. Container can be a disposable cup with a pipe cleaner handle. Add a note such as "Happy May Day!" or even a poem like: "April showers bring May flowers. And what do May showers bring? Happy thoughts and Sunshine Smiles and wishes for a wonderful spring." Tradition has it you place it on someone's door anomalously, ring the bell and run away 😊. But you can simply place it on someone's desk.

★ **Table Talk:** Can you name the neighbors? What is your favorite place/part of your yard? Why?

★ **Bedtime Prayer:** Now I lay me down to sleep, I thank you Jesus for flowers sweet, for colors of spring and your angels' wings. Guide me, guard me all through the night, and wake me with the morning's light. Amen.



Property/Ramp Hill Notes: The new steps are in; the hand-rail will be installed soon. Thank you, David Janssen who is helping with the new tiles by the handicap ramp hill doors. And a Thank you to Dennis Quinnell for his donation of parts and time for parsonage maintenance and repairs. And a note of gratitude to all of you for your support and patience with the construction going on here at Trinity.



Ask rain from the LORD
in the season of the spring rain,
from the LORD who makes the storm clouds,
who gives showers of rain to you,
the vegetation in the field to everyone.
Zechariah 10:1



Giving Option

Just as in your home, the church needs regular giving. Here are some ways to contribute: ♥ In person ♥ Use our web-site link ♥ Snail-Mail ♥ Electronic giving Vanco—fill out the form below, attach a voided check, and return to the Office ♥ Set giving up with your bank.

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Weekly on Monday General Fund \$ _____

Weekly on Friday Ramp Hill. Fund \$ _____

Semi-Monthly

(transferred on 1st and 15th of each month)

Monthly on the 1st \$ _____ per donation

Monthly on the 15th

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May Schedule



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Last day Sunday school May 19th		1 6:00 Choir & Confirm.	2	3	4
5 9 Worship 10 Educ. Fellow. TLCW & Council	6 4:30 Bible Study	7 8:30 Quilting	8 6:00 Choir & Confirm.	9	10	11 
12 Mother's Day 9 Worship 10 Educ. 10 Fellow.	13 4:30 Bible Study	14 8:30 Quilting	15 6:00 Choir & Confirm.	16	17	18 Synod Assembly
19 wear red 9 Worship 10 Educ. 10 Fellow. <i>Pentecost</i>	20 Noon Newsletter Items Due 4:30 Bible Study	21 8:30 Quilting	22 6:00 Choir & Confirm.	23	24	25
26 9 Worship 10 Fellow <i>Holy Trinity</i>	27 Office Closed. No Bible Study	28 8:30 Quilting	29	30	31	Congregation- al Meeting Sunday, June 2 10am



Abbreviated Unapproved Council Meeting Minutes - April 8, 2024

Full minutes on Bulletin board.

Opening devotion: Micah 6:8.

ü Reviewed March 2024 Council minutes. Accepted with minor corrections.

ü Reviewed March 2024 Treasurer Report:

ü Reviewed Pastor's Report: Shut-in visits done. 3 upcoming wedding – all off-site. Trinity is hosting the Pastor's Conference April 11. Pastor will be giving the Invocation at the EMS Day April 13. Pastor is penciling in a vacation possibly June.

Next Meeting: May 5 10am. Semi-Annual Congregational Mtg. will be on Sunday, June 2, 10am.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. New members to be welcomed May 19.

B. Ramp Hill: Handicapped doors have been moved back and construction continues. Railings will be installed on the steps coming up from the parking area.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Communion Distribution: After reviewing the Worship Committee notes and much discussion, a motion carried to combination of continuous communion distribution and the packets beginning June 2.

B. Treasurer: Motion carried to accept Cathy Westover as Treasurer.

C. May Semi-Annual Mtg: address budget deficit: how to increase revenue & reduce expenses.

D. Loan Update: We have a \$50,000 Line of Credit; \$2700 has been withdrawn to date.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

a. Education Ministry: May 19 will be the last day of Sunday School with Teacher Recognition

b. Outreach: Susie delivered handmade Easter cards to resident at Villa Pines and Rosebrook Sr. Living. Kids Day is April 27; volunteers needed.

c. Property Committee: Church Yard clean-up will be April 13.

d. Worship Ministry: Communion distribution options.

e. TLCW: No report

f. Endowment committee: will address requests at the May meeting.

g. Landscape Committee: meeting April 11.

Derek Pavelec moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Mike Willis.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Submitted in His service, Sandy Willis, Sec.

TLCW Brat Fry

Saturday, July 13th at AF County Market.

Please sign up

if you can help or donate food items.

Proceeds are for the Summer bible Camp and Ramp Hill.



Stewardship Moment: In your purchases looked for the recycled or up-cycled products from recycled phone chargers, sofas, containers & paper. Also look for products from sustainable resources such as bamboo and other plant-based items from band aids to phone grips and seat covers. ♥ And don't forget to hold off mowing this month as long as possible to help our pollinators.

The Story Behind Hymn "Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness" by James K. Manley

The refrain goes "Spirit, Spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness calling and free; Spirit, Spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, Wind, Wind on the sea." © 1978 James K. Manley. All rights reserved.



James Keith Manley was born in Holyoke, Massachusetts, in 1940 and is an Ordained Pastor of the United Church of Christ. He has toured and shared his music during his retirement in churches in the United States, Canada, Australia, and Micronesia. Recent songs have focused on mitigating the effects of climate change and living creatively in a global community.

Manley wrote "Spirit of Gentleness" in 1975, sometimes called "Spirit Song," and was first released on a cassette recording titled *Spirit*. Side note: A friend had commented to him that it needed a fourth verse; Jim disagreed, but after a sleepless night, wrote the final verse.

As is the case with many hymns on the Holy Spirit, the refrain of the hymn assumes the prayer posture of a petition - "blow through the wilderness" and "stir me from placidness." The composer recognizes two contrasting qualities of the Holy Spirit: "gentleness" and "restlessness." The final phrase, "wind on the sea," reminds us of Genesis 2b: "and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters".

Each stanza unfolds a particular manifestation of the Spirit. Stanza 1 ends with two petitions: "Awake from your slumbers" (Eph 5:14) and "rise on your wings". Isa 40:31. The final stanza reminds us that Spirit is still speaking today by "breaking ancient schemes." Drawing up images familiar in passages from Luke 4:18-19, the Spirit frees those in the "bondage of sorrow." It enables "captives to dream dreams." Repeating Acts 2:17, "our women see visions - our men clear their eyes." With simple lines and imagery this hymn brings the Spirit's presence as a partner in the Trinity.

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Against such things, there is no law. Gal 5:2



KEY: A Paul 1Cor.13. B Gen.4:9 Cain's response to God after he killed his brother Abel. C Psalm 23 David. D Luke 6:31 Jesus to the crowd. E Exodus 10:3 Moses to Pharaoh. F Luke 1:42 Elizabeth to Mary. G Ruth 1:16 Ruth to Naomi after all their husbands had died. H Luke 22:48 Jesus questioned Judas. I Esther 4:14 Mordecai's question to Queen Esther. J Gen. 2:23 Adam to Eve. K James 1:19 James to his readers. L *Trick* © quote from James Baldwin.

Bible Moment: Can you name the speaker/ book and or context of these quotes?

- A The greatest of these is love.
- B Am I my brother's keeper?
- C The Lord is my shepherd.
- D Do to others as you would have them do to you.
- E Let my people go.
- F Blessed are you among women.
- G Where you go, I will go, and where you stay I will stay.
- H Are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?
- I How do you know you aren't here for such a time as this?
- J You are bone of my bones, flesh of my flesh.
- K Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry.
- L Not everything that is faced can be changed; but nothing can be changed until it is faced.

Holy Humor: Bulletin Bloopers: The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on the Water.' The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus.' // Don't let worry kill you off – let the Church help.



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