

Sunday Worship

8:00 AM & 10:00 AM

Sunday School/Youth Group 9:00 AM

Coffee Connection

9:00 AM

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2017
January
Newsletter

UPCOMING SERMON SERIES FOR JANUARY 2017

After Pastor Rom and Jane's return from the Holy Land, we will be launching a new worship series called "GRACE ALONE." We keep hearing that word at church, don't we? We've probably heard it for years, but what's it all about? Is it available to us, as followers of Christ? And if it's available to us, how do we make sure we get it? And then, what does God's GRACE do for us? All these questions and more will be tackled in this upcoming series. Sermon titles and dates are as follows:

- January 22 – "An Exhausted World"
- January 29 – "The Beginning of Grace"
- February 5 – "I Fought the LAW and the LAW...!"
- February 12 – "Hugging the Cactus"
- February 19 – "Getting Over Ourselves..."
- February 26 – "What Are You Going to Do Now?"

One thing I've read about for years and I believe is this: If a person claims to be a follower of Christ, but never reaches their potential as a disciple in their lifetime ... it's usually because of a lack of God's GRACE. We have to understand this ... and here's a good opportunity to grow in this area. Won't you join us?



The Lord has done
great things for us,
and we are filled
with Joy!

Psalm 126:3

**Ring in the
New Year with joy!**

“LET’S SHINE FOR GOD IN 2017!”

“In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father.”
Matthew 5:16 (NLT)

Dear members & friends of Trinity UMC,

I do hope and pray this letter finds you all healthy, happy, and thankful for this past season of Advent and Christmas! There’s nothing like the holidays when you can share them at the very least with your church family, but also with other family and friends too. With Christ in the center of our thoughts and actions, this time of year is absolutely filled with Hope, Love, Joy and Peace—as only God can give.

And now, we’re in the New Year! Here we are with yet another year before us—a great opportunity for all kinds of things. Though for those of us who are Christ-followers, and unlike most of the world I might add, we need to look beyond ourselves for those opportunities. Now, don’t get me wrong. I don’t mind New Year’s resolutions that are about self-improvement and all that. But I also know that most of the New Year’s resolutions that are stated ... usually fall to the wayside in a matter of days or weeks—temporal at best. So, how do we spend the year ahead of us in such a way as to make an eternal difference? How do we make sure that what we do in 2017 will leave a legacy to those who follow us? Let’s talk about that for just a moment...

First off, the only things in this world that will last beyond this world are what’s of God. So, our life in Christ—with God—has to come first. We need to make our relationship with God a priority this year. You know, that daily devotional time you keep meaning to get around to, but it just never seems to happen. This year, start off by putting those times on your calendar! More often than not, what’s written down is what gets accomplished in this life (as opposed to what’s just thought about). What about that book you’ve been wanting to read on prayer? You’ve gotten to the point where you’ve said prayers—off and on—in your life, but do you live a life of prayer, of constant contact with God or acknowledgement of God’s presence in your life? The opportunity—2017—lies before you. If we set our feet down firmly in our relationship with God this coming year, that’s a powerful way to make an eternal difference—not just in your life, but in the lives of others around you too. (Don’t worry about ‘how’ that might all happen; just put your trust in God and watch his miracles unfold!) So, *put* God first ... first.

Secondly, in order to *keep* God first in your life (unlike the falling away from well-meant New Year’s resolutions), make sure there’s time every day for at least a short reading from the Bible—God’s word. As I tell our children when we give our 3rd grade Bibles, I don’t care if you just read one verse a day. The important thing is ... you deliberately put God first in your life by making sure you spend time hearing from God’s word. Is it magic? No. Is it inspired by God’s Spirit? Yes. There’s no two ways about it; God’s word will impact your life in ways you wouldn’t believe. And, again, spending time in God’s word won’t just impact your life. It will impact the lives of those around you too—for good!

Finally, think of something (really, somebody) you can help with—strictly out of your love for Christ—that can make a real difference in both your life and theirs. “In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see....” Pray about this! God may want you to reach out to the very person that drives you crazy ... but God wants you to love. Wouldn’t that be something?

Jesus said (John 12:46, NLT), “I have come as a light to shine in this dark world, so that all who put their trust in me will no longer remain in the dark.” And who shines for God today? Those who call themselves Christian ... or a Christ-follower. That’s who. Folks, it’s time to let our light shine for God in the coming year—to draw close to God so that God can draw close to us ... and to others too. Do you want your life to count for something? Do you want to leave an eternal legacy behind? There’s no better way to do that than what I’ve been talking about. ... Now, let’s make 2017 count for eternity, shall we?

With great expectations for the year ahead, *Pastor Rom*



THANK YOU TO ALL!

Jane and I would like to thank everyone who blessed us in so many ways during this past Advent and Christmas season! We’d like to thank all (and you know who you are!) for the beautiful cards we received during the season, as well as many thoughtful and generous gifts we’ve been given. They all mean so much ... and especially the ‘love’ behind each and every one.

God’s blessings to you! *Pastor Rom & Jane*

PASTOR ROM & JANE IN THE HOLY LAND JANUARY 7-20, 2017

For those who may not be aware, Pastor Rom took over a tradition of hosting groups to the Holy Land from his father back in 2001. Rom had been to the Holy Land with his father for the first time in 1996, then went back in 2001 to train for being a host—taking over for his father at that time. This transition had been a long time coming, since Rom met their Israeli guide—a family friend for 40 years—when he was 18 years old. This January will make the 7th trip Pastor Rom (2nd for Jane) has made to the Holy Land—taking groups (especially pastors, if possible) to the place where Jesus walked. Rom sees this as ‘a calling’ to take followers of Christ (and some skeptics), and pastors who want to grow in their faith and their preaching, to the see the 5th Gospel—the land and the people of Israel.

Please pray for Pastor Rom and Jane during this time, as well as the other 33 people on the tour. You can follow along with them by going to our website (trinitylomira.org) and clicking on the ‘blog’ tab or to www.trinitylomira.org/blog directly as Pastor Rom and/or his brother Stan will be blogging at least once per day as the tour progresses.

You, as a congregation will also be very well cared for in Pastor Rom’s absence. The Rev. Roger Clapp will be here for the two Sundays Rom is in the Holy Land—January 8 and 15.

Pastor Bill Beaton (Salem UMC, Fond du Lac) will be on call for any emergencies, with Pastor Roger Clapp as a back-up. You can reach either of these contacts by calling our church office at (920) 269-4411 during office hours, by contacting Teresa Amerling—our Administrative Assistant, or by calling Pastor Bill directly on his cell phone at (715) 252-2262.



Trinity United Methodist Church will award scholarships

to high school seniors pursuing their first year of higher education in 2017. To be considered for financial support, applications must be received via email by the church office on or before April 15, 2017. Scholarship information can be found at:

<http://trinityumclomirayouth.weebly.com/trinity-higher-education-scholarship.html>

If you have any questions contact the Church Office at 920-269-4411 or churchofficetumc@gmail.com or contact Jessica Marschie, the Director of Christian Educations at 920-583-4675 or dustyroadgurl@hotmail.com



CARING MINISTRY A SHORT QUIZ

1. Are you looking for a way to get more involved at Trinity United Methodist Church?
2. Do you possess good listening skills?
3. Are you willing to share one hour a month of your time with a church member who would enjoy some company?

If you can answer “YES” to these questions, stay tuned for upcoming information on an exciting new caring ministry opportunity at TUMC!

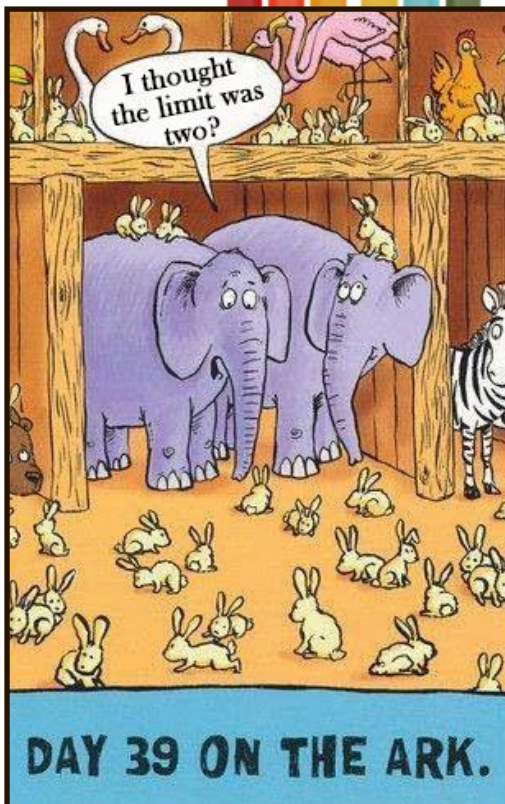


The Trinity United Methodist Church building was completed in the fall of 1966. The First Worship Service was held at the newly constructed church in Lomira on January 29, 1967.

This year, 2017, denotes the 50th Anniversary of that first worship service. Our congregation is honored to be worshipping in the same building as our parents and grandparents.

NEW ENVELOPE/GIVING SYSTEM COMING JANUARY 2017

We are working hard to switch over to a new system of envelopes/ giving for 2017. What you will notice will be no boxes of giving envelopes (designated by #) given to individuals or families as in the past. You will be seeing, however, a larger envelope—with more information requested on it—that will be placed in each and every bulletin on Sunday mornings. The way this works is simply this: For your offering, you are requested to use the supplied envelope, fill it out—particularly with the clear and legible spelling of your name, along with the amount given, then you will place these in the offering baskets during one of our worship services. (Giving as of January 1, 2017 will be recorded by your name instead of a number.) Note: This is also a postage paid envelope that can be taken home and mailed back in. Or, it can be taken home and your offering dropped off during office hours at the church. AND ... this will be only one way of many that you will be able to support Trinity UMC and its ministries. We will be talking more about alternative ways to give, as part of your discipleship, in the months to come. If you have any questions about this new system, please feel free to contact either Pastor Rom or the church office. Thank you!



Gwen's Pen

I was born on the thirteenth day of Christmas and I like to stretch out the Twelve Days of Christmas until then. I don't "un-decorate" (or is it "de-decorate," as in "deplane"?) until after the Twelve Days of Christmas are fully celebrated.

I can do that because my tree never sheds nor turns brown, having been purchased at a rummage sale in 1994. But the twelve days designated for celebrating Christmas are important. Although we don't know how long after Jesus birth the Magi arrived, ending their search for the Newborn King, we do know that the Twelfth Day commemorates that event.

We like to move from Thanksgiving into Christmas and, of course, the commercial world encourages that. I'm not knocking it. Those days of Advent are important. They offer a time for preparation of our hearts and evoke joyous anticipation. Still, to chop off the celebration of Jesus' birth even before we've finished His story, seems to me to be thoughtless at best. The song, "The Twelve Days of Christmas" does have some merit despite the listing of ridiculously impossible and unwanted gifts. It reminds us that Jesus birthday party doesn't end on December 26. I'm a little saddened when I see a discarded tree, a little missed tinsel on a branch, lying at the curb, awaiting pick-up and demise. I do, however, understand that sometimes circumstances demand it.

I have mentioned previously that in my childhood, the Christmas tree had a distinct advantage. It was always dug from the front yard (alternating yearly with another similar tree), placed in a wooden crate with as much root and soil as would fit, and was returned to its rightful place in the yard after Epiphany. Perhaps the lack of any tree lots or any wooded areas in the city contributed to that tradition. Regardless of the "whys" I enjoy the more, contemplative, peaceful days that follow Christmas Day and need no persuasion to delay the dismantling. Maybe I'm lazy or am simply procrastinating. I'm just defending an unpopular tradition.

Blessed Post-Christmas to you as you move into the New Year. May one of God's gifts be an increased awareness of His mysterious, but constant presence.



Happy New Year! Sunday School will begin again on Sunday, Jan. 8th. Also, I'd like to congratulate the kids on their part in this year's Christmas Program. I know many were unable to make the trip to Church that morning due to the snow storm. Below is a link to the Sunday School website, where you can see pictures from that morning. Please feel free to share this with Grandparents or other relatives who were unable to make the trip.

<http://trinityumclomirayouth.weebly.com/christmas-program-2016.html>

I hope you had a Merry Christmas and a safe start to the New Year!

Thank You, Jessica Marschie



Youth Group will be hosting The 2nd Annual “A Taste of Bacon”

For the love of bacon, come join the fun at
“A Taste of Bacon”

held at Trinity on Sunday Jan. 29th.

If you love (or even like) bacon, you will have a
good time of fun and fellowship!

Our youth will be entering their tastiest bacon
dishes...but anyone who would like to enter a
dish is welcome! The more bacon the better!
There will be 5 categories...all created with using
a pound of bacon...breakfast, appetizers, sal-
ads, main dishes, and desserts. The congregation
along with family and friends are welcome to at-
tend, taste test and vote for their favorites.

Last Year John Muentner Jr's “Reindeer Chili”
was the #1 Favorite!

The “Taste of Bacon” will be held after the 2nd ser-
vice on the 29th from 11:00 am -12:30 pm.

Have questions...please contact
Youth Mission Team Leaders
John Muentner Jr. 920-904-1919
Teresa Amerling 920-269-4411



The 2016 Trinity Youth Group LOCK-IN is in the books! Eleven youth from our congrega-
tion spent the night at church on Thursday,
December 29th. Some of their activities in-
cluded a scavenger hunt/Christmas trivia
contest, cut/tied fleece blankets for Project
Linus, plastic wrap gift ball challenge, White
Elephant gift exchange, Spike-Ball tourna-
ment, ping pong, 'Mafia', hide-n-seek.... the
list goes on. They were well fed and yes,
they did sleep [some]. Thank you for sharing
your youth with us for a night of fellowship
and fun!

**The February Newsletter Deadline is
Jan. 23rd.**

**Please have all of your articles into the
church office by noon that day.
Thank you!**

THANKS FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE

A great big ‘THANK YOU’ to all...for the wonderful
cards & gifts and yummy treats... given to Morgan
and I during the Christmas Season. What a joy it is to
be here with you, to serve as your
Administrative Assistant! God has certainly blessed
me through all of you. Happy New Year!
Teresa Amerling

UPDATE: A lot of people have been asking how my recent appointments at Froedtert have been going. Last week was pretty much a routine appointment, we went through my medical records and then set up an MRI. Today I went in for that MRI along with having an appointment. I learned that my doctor has seen my heart disease twice before, I would be his third case. As we got to talking he brought up what could be a treatment plan.

He explained that he knows a doctor in Boston who has dealt with my condition before. I cannot be put under anesthesia and I would go through a laser surgery so that means I would be awake during the surgery. The surgery would be focused on the ventricles in my heart which would allow blood flow again. I would be out there anywhere from 2 weeks up to 6 weeks. Nothing is set in stone right now. My doctor first needs to refer me to the doctor in Boston and then I have to get accepted into their program. If and when I get accepted, I would then get put on a waiting list! Prayers are really becoming my miracle. I can't thank everyone enough for their love and support. I will continue to keep everyone updated as things move forward!! **Danika Newberry**

Thank you... Pastor Rom & Trinity Faith Community, for the continued prayers for Mom's (Jane Klein) recovery. She has made the transition to the healthcare center for rehabilitation - same facility where Dad (Gordon Klein) resides...

Hillview Healthcare Center,
3501 Park Lane Drive,
LaCrosse, WI 54601

Mom's physical therapist reported today that her progress with range of motion exceeds expectations this soon following surgery. We appreciate the power of prayer!
God Bless, Peggy J. Klein

Woodlands Senior Park
Henry Guell, Rm-115
1446 Lynn Ave.
Fond du lac, WI 54937

We wanted to give an update regarding our daughter, Barbara Keay. She is recovering nicely and adjusting to the necessary changes in lifestyle. We thank the congregation for their prayers.
Marge and Gene Junger

January Prayer Concerns

- **Karlene Krueger** *Breast Cancer*
- **Mary Radlinger** *(friend of Brenda Michels) Cancer Cells in her Spinal Fluid*
- **Danika Newberry** *Serious Heart Problems- Lakeland College Student*
- **Donna Hanke** *Cancer Treatments*
- **Kim Eddy (Judy Stucke's Brother)** *Stomach Cancer*
- **Laurie Reichling (Carol Dilling's Niece)** *Stage 2 Breast Cancer*
- **Steve Kelly**
- **Those serving in the military and their families**

Please note that Prayer Concerns need to be updated for the New Year. If someone needs to be on the list please email Teresa in the church office at churchofficetumc@gmail.com, you may also contact us through our website www.trinitylomira.org to send in your request. You may also call the church office at 920-269-4411. When making your request please remember to keep us updated often as to the condition of the individual who needs prayers, so that this may be shared with those who are praying. Also please inform us if someone is ready to be removed from the list. Thank-you. Teresa Amerling Administrative Assistant TUMC

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

1 **Mila Reitz**
 4 **Reagan Rosenkranz**
 5 **Kevin Beck**
Ashley Strassman
 7 **Tristin Duley**
Henry Guell
Gwen Hinz
Carisa Thompson
 9 **Vicki Schneider**
Duane Winter
 10 **Paul Jewson**
Mark Lavarda
 11 **Dawn Faber**
Mikayla Klein
 13 **Tom Klein**
Colton Renderman
 15 **Roger Clark**
Mary Kiehnau
Grant Renderman
Justin Straub
Mitchell Wroblewski
Karlene Krueger
 18 **Dan Riehbrandt**
 19 **Shari Buske**
Mark Hodny
 20 **Melissa Poetzel**
 21 **Penny Beck**
Mark Dahlinger
Paula Green
Zach Ruenger

22 **Taylor Klein**
Harper Feucht
 23 **Carolyn Krueger**
Chad Alf
 24 **Joseph Bialk**
 25 **Randy Faber**
 26 **Jennifer Greenfield**
 27 **Chris Kuen**
Sarah Morgan
 29 **Madysen Janke**
Augie Luedtke
Keanna Cole
 31 **Kathy Mintner**

ANNIVERSARIES

6 **Bob & Fran Coulter**
 14 **Bill & Michelle Large**
 21 **Gene & Dorothy Hake**
 24 **Victor & Lois Jewson**
 28 **Kevin & Penny Beck**

You may contact
 the church office
 for a list of the
 basket raffle
 winners if you are
 interested.
 Thank-you!

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Mitten Tree.

We collected 15 sets of hats, gloves, mittens and scarves, 4 scarves, 59 hats, 34 mittens and gloves, 6 pairs of booties and 8 lap throws.

Whatever could not be used here in Lomira, was taken to another organization in Fond du Lac.

TUMC Budget Totals

Year to date needed to meet budget:

\$192,400.00

Received through

12-30-2016: **\$179,992.15**

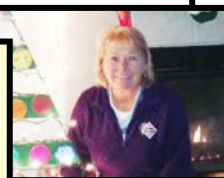
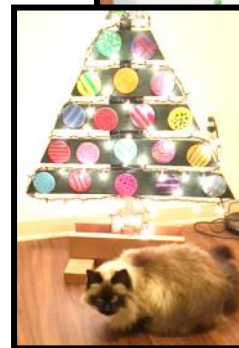
Budget Shortfall: **\$12,407.85**

Imagine No More Hypothermia

Furnace Fund thru

12-30-2016 = **\$44,296.72**

I just want to say I love my wooden tree that I won at the raffle! And I want to say thank You from my son Kyle & his cat Sassy! I won the 2 wooden Christmas trees from the raffle & the smaller one I gave to Kyle for his apartment in Madison, as you can see it's perfect! Thank you so much! **Pam Hilker**



IMAGINE
 NO

HYPOTHERMIA

Trinity Church has replaced the Heating System. The cost is \$60,000. A fund for the Heating System has been set up. **We have currently raised \$44,296.72**

Trinity Members we still need your financial support in the new year to reach our goal. Thank you to everyone who has already so graciously given to this fund.

Please memo your checks "INH". Thank you,
 The Finance Committee



January 2017 – Trinity United Methodist Church

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRI- DA Y	SATURDAY
Worship Services: 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Children's Sunday School/Youth Group 9:00 a.m. Coffee Connection Every Sunday between Worship Services. Open to Everyone!						
1 10:00 am Worship	2	3 7:00 pm Troop 8042 Cadets- Scout Room	4 6:00 pm Hand- bells 6:30 pm A.A. 7.00 pm Choir	5 6:00 pm BS Troop 740 6:00 pm Kin- dergarten Troop - 1st Grade Room	6	7
8 Guest Pastor Roger Clapp 8:00 am Worship 9:00 am Sunday School Youth Group 10:00 am Worship	9 6:00 pm Cub Scouts Leader Meeting	10 9:00 am Men's Group(At Suzie's Home Cooking) 7:00 pm Bear Den - Scout Room	11 6:00 pm Hand- bells 6:30 pm A.A. 7.00 pm Choir	12 6:00 pm Troop 8005 Brownies - 1st Grade Room 7:00 pm Troop 8201 Juniors- Scout Room	13	14 10-11:00 a.m. Food Pantry
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Mon-Fri 9AM-1PM

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