

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

February
Newsletter



UPCOMING SERMON SERIES FOR February 2017

For the month of February, we will continue in our worship series called **"GRACE ALONE."** Don't miss out on this series, folks. We all are in need of God's grace. If we don't we are, it's probably because we don't really understand yet what it's all about. Come and find out. Following are our sermon titles and dates for February:

- 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?"



Let me say this one more time: 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?

“2017: THE YEAR OF HOSPITALITY”

“Keep on loving each other as brothers and sisters. ² Don’t forget to show hospitality to strangers, for some who have done this have entertained angels without realizing it!”
– Hebrews 13:1-2 (NLT)

Dear members & friends of Trinity UMC,

Last month, I talked about ‘shining for God’ in 2017. One of the way we’re going to do that this year is through our hospitality—how we treat those God sends our way. Now, don’t get me wrong. Trinity UMC, as well as the surrounding communities, have all been very hospitable to Jane and me since moving here a year and a half ago. And I think a good majority of folks around here are naturally inclined to hospitality. But that’s not exactly what I’m talking about.

This year, we need to get a new ministry off the ground. I’m going to call it a ‘Connections Ministry’, because it’s all about connecting people to the life of our church in significant ways. And that’s hospitality—how we treat those God sends our way. Do we treat folks matter-of-factly as we see new faces on Sunday mornings at worship? Or do we treat those God sends our way as true gifts from God, to help keep our congregation healthy with a constant influx of new blood, new gifts, and hopefully those open to being filled with God’s Spirit of Love?

Some of you know I’ve been coaching with both Pastor Nelson Searcy (Journey Church), as well as my brother Stan who’s studied under Nelson for years now. And what we’ve been learning about are the 8 Systems of a Healthy Church. The very first system Nelson (and Stan) recommend getting off the ground is what’s called The Assimilation System—technically how we assimilate people into the life of the church. But that sounds all too technical (and a bit boring), so I’m going to call it The Hospitality System, which is really about how we intentionally treat others so that they will *want* to come back to Trinity.

As we get this new ministry off the ground (Connections), I would sure appreciate all of your prayers for this. I want Trinity to be a healthy, growing Body of Christ both now and in the future. I want us to be a vital force for God’s kingdom that will make a positive difference in the lives of all whom God sends our way—a real asset for the Kingdom of God. Learning how to ‘shut the back door’ so that people will *want* to stay with us and be a part of our fellowship here is one of the key ways of making sure that happens.

Want you join me in praying for 2017: The Year of Hospitality here at Trinity? That’s one part all of us can help with. And I promise to keep all of you updated as to our progress with this new ministry as we go throughout this year...

With a great hope for our future together, *Pastor Rom*



KEEP ON LOVING EACH
OTHER AS BROTHERS.
-HEBREWS 13:1



"The best preparation for tomorrow is doing your best today."

H. Jackson Brown Jr.

"Save the Date"

Trinity will be providing a meal for Loaves and Fishes in Fond du Lac.

The Loaves & Fishes program provides hot meals to approximately 200-350 local people twice a week.

We need 12 volunteers to serve the meal and another 15 volunteers to make cookies for the meal.

The meal will be served on Wednesday March 1st
From 4-7 PM at Church of Peace.

Sign Up Sheets will be placed in the narthex mid-February.

For more information, please contact:

Lee Oestreich 920-921-0071

Garry Jesse 920-517-1624

Lent IS A TIME TO GROW CLOSER TO JESUS

The Season of Lent 2017 at Trinity UMC

Following is the upcoming schedule for Lent 2017.

Ash Wednesday Worship
March 1st, 2017, 7 PM (Sanctuary).

Lent 2017 Group Bible Study
7 PM, Wednesdays,
March 8, 15, 22, 29, April 5
(Fellowship Hall).

Palm Sunday Worship
April 9th at 8 & 10 AM
**Sunday School Children will sing
at the 10 AM Service**

Maundy Thursday Worship
April 13, 7 PM (Sanctuary).

Good Friday Worship
April 14, 7 PM (Sanctuary).

Easter Sunday Worship
April 16th, 8 & 10 AM
Easter Breakfast in the
Fellowship Hall between services

Very important notice to the choirs

(BOTH VOCAL & BELL)

During the season of Lent from Ash Wednesday through Wednesday, April 5th we'll be having *abbreviated rehearsals*, as follows:

Bell Choir 6-6:30

Vocal Choir 6:30-7

This will allow our Wednesday night worship/Bible studies to always be at 7 PM.



Gwen's Pen... When I need help opening a jar or getting my right earring in; finding a small white pill on the white kitchen floor or a new address I scribbled on a paper scrap, I am reminded that God is here. No matter how small my need, God cares. My mom taught me that God is in the little things as well as in the seriously troubling things. To quote "Two Listeners" in their book, *God Calling* "I am the Lord of little things, the Divine God of little happenings. Nothing in the day is too small to be a part of My scheme. The little stones in a mosaic play a big part." Asking for help in the all-day, everyday things, as well as basking in the joys throughout the day, keeps His presence real. Nor do I forget to thank Him. I don't think God is offended by my trivia, but rejoices in my dependence on Him.

However, now and then a really big event through which God directs us reminds us dramatically that God is with us.

What now seems a long time ago, when my children were all school age, I worked nights in a small hospital. We specialized in nothing. Medical, surgical, pediatric, obstetric, orthopedic and anything in between came through our doors. The 11:00 to 7:00 shift was covered by two Nurses' Aids and myself, an RN. The doors were locked at night and anyone needing emergency care rang the doorbell for help. No doctor was in attendance, but there was always one on call.

I remember the night that I faced a serious challenge. When I arrived at the hospital I learned that one of my friends had been admitted in labor, anticipating the birth of her second child. The doctor had been in to examine her and felt she had considerable labor ahead of her before she should be moved into the delivery room.

I looked in on her regularly, noting her slow progress until, once again, I lifted the sheet to check her, and stifled a gasp. A tiny foot protruded from its mother. A footling! I immediately notified the doctor and then tried to recall what I had learned about delivering a baby who chose to emerge feet first.

I had assisted in many deliveries both as a student and later, but never had I actually seen a footling delivered. There were guidelines on which way to turn the shoulders, clockwise or counter clockwise. If the body and shoulders were delivered and the head was not yet out, the mother's muscles could clamp down and prevent delivery.

It had been too many years since I had been working in obstetrics. I was far from confident. I knew I could not let my friend know how concerned and frightened I was. I needed her confidence and her cooperation. If only the doctor would show up!

With my whole mind, strength and soul I prayed as I prepared to help my friend and her baby move safely through these dangerous minutes. As I approached the moment when the baby had to be turned, I gave it all to God and we had a healthy boy loudly objecting to the trauma of birth and an exhausted but radiant mother waiting to hold her son.

I don't remember when or even if the doctor arrived but I was filled with certain knowledge that God had not abandoned me. He is always here! Thank you, God!

If I ever confessed those feelings of inadequacy and fear to my friend, I don't remember it. She may have guessed, but her gift to me a few weeks later of a bracelet engraved with the baby's name let me know that she and I were okay. Thank God!



God is With Us...

Caring Ministry



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 are interested in learning more about TUMC's new Caring Ministry please contact Kathy Drexler at 920-583-3551.



Prayer Concerns

- **Family of Lorraine Zastrow**
- **Family of Jim Pollack** (*Wayne Flury's Cousin*)
- **Family of Wendy Tamm** (*friend of Nancy Vegetabile*)
- **Harper Olson** 4 year old running a high temp. and they do not know why
- **Jerry Wroblewski** (*Dave Wroblewski's Father*) *Recovering from Back Surgery* 1-27
- **Bobbi Cantapio** (*Friend of Dorothy and Gene Hake*) *Breast Cancer* 1-22-17
- **Sue Merkel** (*Friend of Dorothy and Gene Hake*) *Breast Cancer* 1-22-17
- **Jane** (*Friend of Michelle Large*) *Leukemia* 1-22-17
- **Wayne Faber** *Pneumonia* 1-22-17
- **Sandi Weiland** (*Fran Coulter's Sister*) *Melanoma* 1-22-17
- **Karlene Krueger** *Breast Cancer* 1-15-17
- **Donna Hanke** *Radiation Treatments for Cancer* Updated 1-15-17
- **Mary Radlinger** (*friend of Brenda Michels*) *Cancer Cells in her Spinal Fluid* 1-3-17
- **Kim Eddy** (*Judy Stucke's Brother*) *Stomach Cancer* Updated 1-1-17
- **Those serving in the military and their families**
- **Troubled Youth...that they find guidance and hope before suicide**

Continued Prayers From 2016

- **John "Harpy" Rahjes** *Cancer has returned*
- **Danika Newberry** *Serious Heart Problems- Lakeland College Student*
- **Steve Kelly**

For Prayer Requests, please contact Teresa in the church office at churchofficetumc@gmail.com, or through our website www.trinitylomira.org, or 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

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
churchofficetumc@gmail.com

or contact Jessica Marschie, the Director of Christian Educations at
920-583-4675

dustyroadgurl@hotmail.com

**Mark your calendars...the
Sunday School Kids will be
singing at the
2nd service for Young at
Heart Sunday on Feb. 12th.**



NEW ENVELOPE/GIVING SYSTEM

We have switched 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 see, 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!

***The March Newsletter Deadline is Feb. 20th. Please
have all of your articles into the church office
by noon that day. Thank you!***

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 worshiping in the same building as our parents and grandparents.

Bonnie Falk added this information:

“Leslie Hirsig, her dad was influential on the building committee and is pictured with the model, that he made. He is pictured with Reverend Richard Schweitzer.

I understand The model is nowhere to be found. It is really too bad, because it took a great amount of planning and skill on his part, to create the model.”





Jane Pegram ...Winner of the 2nd Annual "Taste of Bacon" Recipe Contest with Cheesy Baked Potato Soup Yield: 14 cups

4 large baking potatoes (From Southern Living Homestyle Cooking)
5 oz. shredded cheddar cheese
2/3 c. Butter
8 oz. sour cream
2/3 c. Milk
3/4 t. Salt
4 green onions, sliced
1/2 t. Pepper
12 oz. bacon, cooked and crumbled

Bake potatoes at 400 for 1 hour or until done. Cool, then cut potatoes in half lengthwise and scoop out pulp, mash to desired texture. Discard shells. Melt butter in a Dutch oven over low heat. Whisk in flour until smooth. Cook 1 minute whisking constantly. Gradually whisk in milk; cook over medium heat, whisking constantly, until mixture is thickened and bubbly. Stir in potato pulp and green onions; bring to boil. Cover, reduce heat and simmer 10 minutes. Add bacon and remaining ingredients; stir until cheese melts. Serve immediately.

TUMC's Mission Group invites anyone who would be interested in mission work for 2017 to attend a meeting, scheduled for Feb. 5th at 11:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. They will be discussing locations, plans and dates for this year's up-coming Mission Trip. For more information please contact Debbie Bintzler at 920-269-4065.

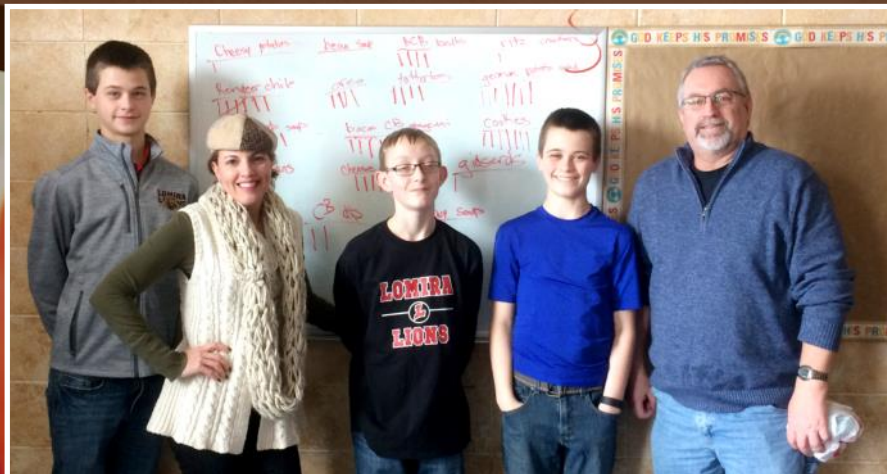
Thank you for allowing us to use your church parking lot to line up for the Christmas Parade. Without your generosity, this event would not have been possible. Please accept this donation of \$50.00 in exchange for your kindness. Thank you!
The Lomira Parade Committee

THANK YOU TO ALL PAST LEADERS!

We had several leaders end their 3-year rotation of leadership and go off of committees at the end of this past year. I just wanted to take a moment and thank you for your leadership in the past. Your leadership and faithfulness to God and this church have helped bring us to the point we are now at. We could not have done it without you! So thanks, once again, for your past service. God's blessings to each of you!
Pastor Rom

The 2nd Annual "Taste of Bacon" Fundraiser was a success...providing fun, fellowship and numerous dishes all made with at least 1 pound of bacon. The event brought in \$631.00 which will be donated to the Furnace Fund. It is led by Youth Mission Leaders John Muentner Jr...who has a true love of Bacon, and Teresa Amerling, they are pictured below with Youth Group Members Zach and Nate Dewhurst and Owen Unferth. The winning recipe this year goes to Jane Pegram, with her Cheesy Baked Potato Soup.

**More photos from
the 2nd Annual
"Taste of Bacon"
to come...
in the next issue!**



TUMC Budget Totals
Year to date needed to meet budget:
\$18,750.00

Received through
1-29-2017: \$15,131.44
Budget Shortfall: \$3,618.56

Imagine No More Hypothermia
Furnace Fund thru
1-29-2017 = \$46,266.72

February Birthdays

- 1 Judy Schraufnagel
- 2 Emily Batterman
- 3 Emily Schwanke
- 4 Peter Buske
Ryan Riedel
- 6 Judy Lerch
- 7 Zachary Dewhurst
- 8 Evan Wilcox
- 10 Skylar Thorn
Cynthia Bryant
Aricka Ullius
Ryan Ullius
- 11 Sharon Germain
- 17 Debbie Bintzler
Tori Beck
- 18 Joel Menzer
- 20 Bill Buske
Vickie Renderman
- 22 Kevin Haefs
Jonathan Luedtke
- 23 Gene Junger
Sarah Fester
- 25 William Beck
- 27 Glenn Eichstedt
- 28 Doug Kindschuh
Will Jewson
- 29 Deb Janke

Love

Anniversaries

- 13 Tom and Syd Henke
20 Kevin and Jenna Rhein
27 Todd and Lori Klein

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 \$46,266.72!**

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



February 2017 – Trinity United Methodist Church

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRI	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 12:00 pm Staff Meeting 6:00 pm Hand-bells 6:30 pm A.A. 7.00 pm Choir	2 Lorraine Zastrow Funeral 12:00 pm-Visitation 1:00 pm- Service 6:00 pm Boy Scouts 6:00 pm GSTroop - 1st Grade Room	3	4
5 8:00 am Worship 9:00 am Sunday School/Youth Group 10:00 am Worship	6 6:00 pm Cub Scouts Leader Meeting	7 7:00 pm Troop 8042 Cadets-Scout Room	8 6:00 pm Hand-bells 6:30 pm A.A. 7.00 pm Choir	9 6:00 pm Troop 8005 Brownies - 1st Grade Room 7:00 pm Troop 8201 Juniors-Scout Room	10	11 10-11:00 a.m. Food Pantry
12 8:00 am Worship 9:00 am Sunday School/Youth Group 9:10 am 2017-Bible Reading Discussion Group 10:00 am Young at Heart Worship/Sunday School Kids Singing 1:30 pm Youth Group Event-Bingo at Hope Nursing Home	13	14 Valentines Day 9:00 am Men's Group(At Suzie's Home Cooking) 3:00 pm Hope Nursing Home Service 6:00 pm SPRC Meeting 7:00 pm Bear Den - Scout Room	15 6:00 pm Hand-bells 6:00 pm Troop 8581 Brownies - Scout Room 6:30 pm A.A. 7.00 pm Choir	16 6:00 pm BS Pack and Troop Meeting - Fellowship Hall 6:00 pm Kindergarten Troop - 1st Grade Room	17	18
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26 8:00 am Worship 9:00 am Sunday School/Youth Group 10:00 am Worship	27 6:00 pm Wolf Den Fellowship hall	28 6:00 pm Tiger Den Fellowship hall 7:00 pm Bear Den - Fellowship hall	March 1 Ash Wednesday 6:00 pm Hand-bells 6:30 pm A.A. 6:30pm Choir 7:00 Worship Service	2 6:00 pm BS Troop 740 6:00 pm Kindergarten Troop - 1st Grade Room	3	4

Rom Pegram, Pastor

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WORSHIP SERVICES

First Service – 8:00 A.M.

Sunday School/Youth Group 9:00 AM

Coffee Connection 9:00 AM

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Church Office Hours:

Mon-Fri 9AM-1PM

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