

Sunday Worship
8:00 AM & 10:00 AM

Sunday School/Youth Group 9:00 AM

Coffee Connection 9:00 AM

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UPCOMING SERMON SERIES FOR LENT 2017

Starting in the month of March, our Lenten worship series is called

**“SEEING THE UNSEEN CHRIST:
How His Presence Transforms Life.”**

Thinking about how

our lives would change if Jesus was right in the room with us—for church, in our T.V. room, at work, etc., is where we’re going for this season of Lent. Following are our sermon titles and dates for March:

- **March 1 (Ash Wednesday) – “Jesus Is In the House”**
- **March 5 – “We Are in Great Company”**
- **March 12 – “Love Your Friends”**
- **March 19 – “Which Kingdom for You?”**
- **March 26 – “The Safety Net”**

So, do you want to learn more about the power of Christ’s presence in this world ... or in your life?

Don’t miss out on this very powerful series during Lent 2017.

Won’t you join us?

Lent IS A TIME TO
GROW
CLOSER TO JESUS

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.

“JESUS IS IN THE HOUSE!”

“For where two or three gather together as my followers, I am there among them.”
– Matthew 18:20 (NLT)

Dear members & friends of Trinity UMC,

The month of March begins the season of Lent, along with our countdown to Easter 2017. I look forward to this time of year every year, because it challenges me in my faith. It forces me to take a look at where I am in my walk with God ... and consider where I need to be. This is a season of intentionality. And I want to be intentional about my faith. I want to be pro-active when it comes to my relationship with God. Am I where I need to be ... or aren't I? Is God pleased with where we're at in our relationship, or is God a little concerned with certain aspects of our life together?

On Ash Wednesday—the gateway to the season of Lent, we'll begin a new worship series for the season entitled “Seeing the Unseen Christ: How His Presence Transforms Life.” I don't know about you, but when someone really important comes to my house, it tends to affect my outlook, my perception of reality, and sometimes even my actions. I know Leverne Senn knows what I'm talking about, because one day she had a president of the United States visit her home—her farm. What if that would happen to you? Would it change your outlook, your perception of reality, or your actions?

Let me take this one step further. What would it be like to lean over to someone in church, realizing they were new to Trinity UMC, introduce yourself, then ask them their name ... to which they reply: Jesus. How would that grab you? What would it be like to share a pew with Jesus, the very one we come together to worship at Trinity (and, when you think about it, actually one of the Trinity)? Would it change your life in any way? I sure hope so. I would hope and pray that our lives would be absolutely transformed just knowing that Jesus was ‘in the house’...

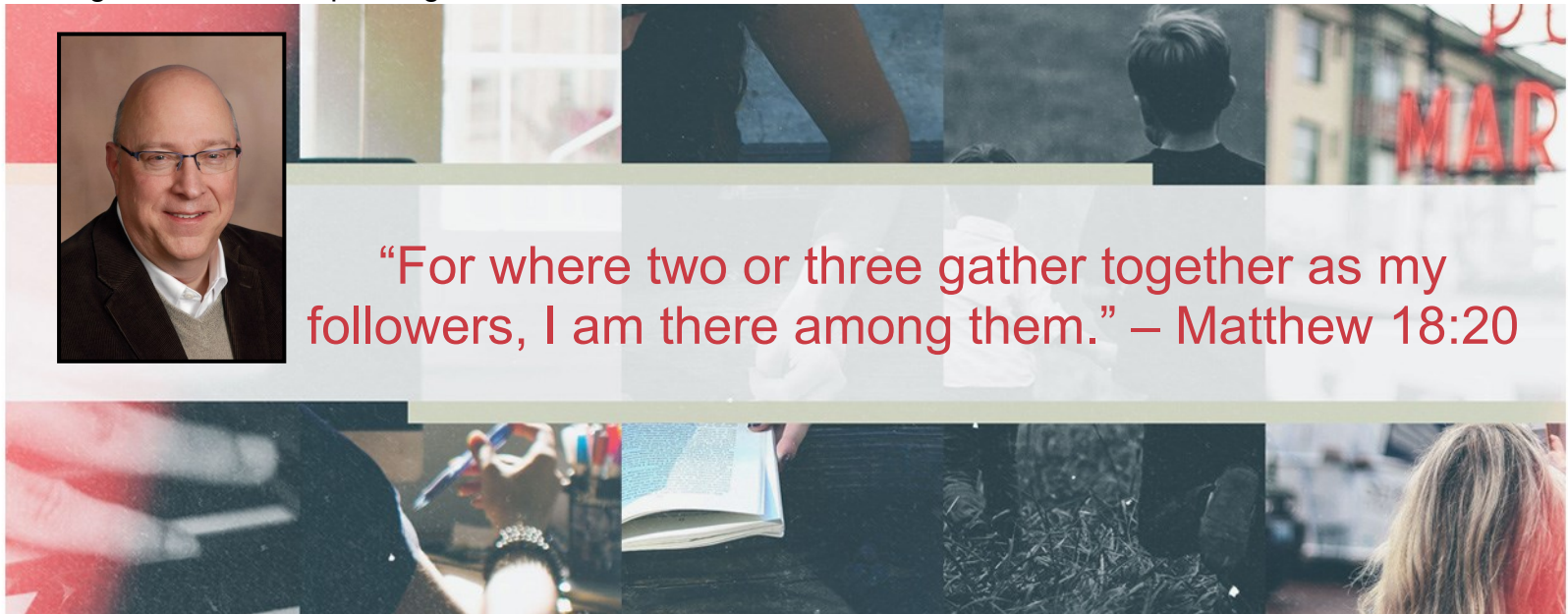
That's what we're going to be thinking about and studying about this season of Lent. Is the presence of Christ in our lives—all of our lives—powerful enough to help transform us into who God wants us to be? It's a great time of the year to think about this ... and think about it together.

Along with Ash Wednesday worship (March 1, 7 PM) and our regular Sunday worship times, we will also be gathering for Wednesday night group Bible Study during the season. We'll start at 7 PM on Wednesday nights in the Fellowship Hall. I'll be leading a Lenten theme-related Bible Study that's always a good time of fellowship too. Don't miss out on these opportunities to intentionally grow in your faith!

Being intentional disciples together, *Pastor Rom*



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Gwen's Pen

This is a simple, warm story.
It has no exciting climax, deep lesson, or unforgettable action.
It's just about everyday compassion.

Ben, my grandson from Eau Claire, drove down in his Suburban to “pick up” several larger pieces of furniture from the basement which, in an effort to rid my house of needless stuff, I had happily offered him several weeks earlier. He stayed the night and the following morning at 9:00 Dan and Tom Schmidt were at the door ready to help with the loading before they left on their Father-Son day together. The job went well. Our gracious, selfless helpers then brushed themselves clean of lint, cobwebs, and dust and left with our sincere thanks.

Before long, my son, Dave, phoned to say that he was gathering equipment for moving the piano from my house to his in West Ben and could Ben stay long enough to help him? No problem. Ben could stay until 4:00 if necessary. We spent our time talking and baked a pizza for lunch. Dave arrived in his Van, pulling a trailer loaded with planks, padding, and a piano dolly. The two of them lovingly wrapped and strapped the instrument, lifted it onto the dolly and moved it seemingly effortlessly out onto the deck.

Dave, a licensed Diesel mechanic, and a full-time driver of Semi tractor-trailers, backed the rented trailer down the driveway and with almost no maneuvering, jackknifed it 45 degrees, lining it up perfectly (with only inches to spare) between the iron railings on either side of the concrete steps leading to the deck. (I could have omitted the detailed description, but I am in awe of my son, and others of you, who can make a trailer do what you want it to do.) Planks from the deck to the trailer (over the steps and at almost the exact level of the deck) made the transfer smooth.

Dave and his precious cargo left a little after 4:00 and I was eager for Ben to leave as I knew it would be a long, lonely, dark drive back to Eau Claire and he had not slept well the night before at my house. We hugged and he urged me to call him for help in subsequent efforts to empty the house. He seemed reluctant to go, but after another hug or two, he was gone.

Suddenly the house was quiet but there was the non-faded, dusty rectangle on the carpet where the piano had been. There was the kitchen to put in order, dishes to wash, and the spare bed to strip. I got busy ... for about 20 or 30 minutes ... when the phone rang.

“Hi, Grandma. This is Ben.” *What in the world? Car trouble? Forgot something? A second “Goodbye”? Surely not an accident!* “How would you like me to cook supper for you tonight?” “What? What are you talking about? Aren't you on your way home?” “Yeah. But I'd like to cook supper for you tonight.” “Well, are you going to sleep over then?” “I don't know yet. Would you like me to cook supper for you tonight?” he repeated. “Well, sure. I'd love it.” “Okay then. I'll come back, stop at the store, and then come cook your supper. See you in a little while.” ...We had burgers, French fries, and lots of steamed broccoli “al dente” just the way I like it. He offered to help with the dishes, I declined and then he said, “Well then, I think I'll go.” Following another hug and good-byes, he drove off in the dark just a few minutes after six.

I believe what prompted his return was the feeling of emptiness after a full day and his concern that I would be lonely when both he and Dave left at almost the same time. Also I had confided, during our afternoon conversation, that it was no longer fun to cook for myself and that often I planned nothing but just hunted through the leftovers in the fridge when it was mealtime.

Ben's compassion touched me. You, the reader, and Ben will probably not remember his thoughtful, selfless gift, but I'm sure I shall think of it often.

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 \$47,541.72** 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

TUMC Budget Totals
Year to date needed to meet budget:
\$30,000.00
Received through
2-19-2017: **\$26,514.94**
Budget Shortfall: **\$3,485.03**

You will now find a Child's Activity Table in the narthex, with activity sheets for younger and older children. Activity bags are also available. Please return the bags after Worship Services. Thank-you.

Well, we have moved through the holidays and with that have emptied out the pantry at Trinity.

The Sunday School could use donations of snacks such as cookies, pretzels and crackers to serve to the kids on Sunday Mornings.

Please help us to fill those shelves.

Thank-you!

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.

Loaves and Fishes

Trinity will be providing a meal for Loaves and Fishes in Fond du Lac. The 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 have been placed in the narthex.

For more information contact:
Lee Oestreich 920-921-0071
Garry Jesse 920-517-1624

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



The Adult Choir and Sunday School children combined their voices to make a joyful noise during the Young at Heart Celebration on Sunday, February 12th at the 10 AM service at TUMC.



Trinity UMC has a number of members who are unable to attend church. Years ago these people served the church as Sunday school teachers, chairs of committees, choir members and much more. Now, due to age or disability, they are mainly confined to their home or assisted living facility. The caring ministry team would like to guarantee that these members, often referred to as “shut in’s”, feel like they are still part of our congregation. We want them to know that we care about them and their spiritual needs, even if we do not see them in church on Sundays. Our plan is to assign one caring ministry team member to each of our “shut in’s”. The team member will pledge to visit his/her “shut in” for at least one hour every month for the foreseeable future. Team members will be trained and well prepared for caring ministry prior to their first visit. This training will require an additional hour of time on a quarterly basis. Read the April TUMC newsletter for more information on the training and preparation of the Caring Ministry Team. Please contact Kathy Drexler (920-583-3551) if you are being nudged to learn more about Trinity’s Caring Ministry Team.

LOVE.GROW.SERVE. Karlene Krueger, a member of TUMC, a leader, a mom, a farmer, a wife, a maverick. Karlene was the first female FFA member to be awarded the American Star Farmer award in 2002 and now has her FFA Jacket hanging in the Smithsonian Museum. Recently, she has been leading the local 4-H chapter and assisting the Campbellsport FFA chapter and Ag department... Karlene was recently diagnosed with stage 4 breast cancer. Despite this life changing news, Karlene and the family have stayed positive and hopeful. She and her husband Scott



have three young children. Karlene is currently receiving a targeted therapy treatment which will consist of an oral type of chemo that she will take between 3-6 months prior to having surgery. She is still working at this time, however is exhausted at the end of the work day, so a prepared meal would make a huge difference for her to be able to dedicate all energy to her three young children. Please consider helping out by sharing a favorite meal with them. You can log onto our website, www.trinitylomira.org then go to the Outreach Page and then click on Meal Train to sign up.

Medical bills and other expenses associated with this illness will soon pile up. The Campbellsport FFA is hosting a Krueger Family Benefit Brunch on March 12th at 10:00am at the Campbellsport High School to raise money to help them through this time! There will be a pancake brunch at \$8/plate, auctions, raffles, and several other family-friendly activities! Donations are welcome.

Irene Hayes has moved to
Woodlands Senior Park in FDL.
Her new address is
Woodlands Sr. Park
Irene Hayes 106A
77 American Dr.
Fond du Lac, WI 54937

2017 Bible Reading Challenge

A New Bible Reading Challenge for 2017 has begun. Please pick up your reading schedule in the narthex or go online to our website if you would like to participate. There will be an Open Round-Table Discussion with Pastor Rom and the group on the 2nd Sundays of the month at 9:10 am in the Fellowship Hall.

Prayer Concerns

- **Louis Eddy (Judy Stucke's Sister-in-law)** heart attack and triple by-pass 2-24-17
- **Kim Eddy (Judy Stucke's brother)** updated 2-23-17
MRI and Brain Scan...cancer may have spread to his brain, waiting for results
- **Rom Kretschmer** Knee Replacement on 3-2-17
- **Family of Lance Stanwyck**
- **Kelly Sanders** Setback in fight with Cancer 02-19-17
- **Jane (Friend of Michelle Large)** Update-Leukemia Treatment is Working 2-12-17
- **Sister Jo (Previous Owner of Hope)** In hospital with Respiratory Flu 2-12-17
- **Pam Buske** Cancer on her kidney 02-12-17
- **Wayne Faber** at home again, but still recovering from pneumonia 2-13-17
- **Jackie Marquardt (Friend of Penny Beck)** diagnosed with a lung condition 2-7-17
- **Dell Beck** Surgery on 2-21-17
- **Randilin Nichols (Debbie Bintzler's Sister-in-law)** Stage 4 Cancer 2-6-17
- **Mary Kiehnau** Knee Injury 02-5-17
- **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
- **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
- **Those serving in the military and their families**

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 by email, phone or through our website at www.trinitylomira.org

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.

TUMC's 2017 Mission Trip to God's Country Cooperative Parish

TUMC's Mission Group met and is happy to announce that this year's mission trip will be to God's Country Cooperative Parish in Newberry Michigan. Those 12 and older are welcome to join in on the Mission Trip which will run July 23rd to July 29th. You can find more information about God's Country Cooperative Parish by visiting our website, www.trinitylomira.org, the information will be found under our Outreach page under Missions. Questions can be directed to Debbie Bintzler at 579-0654 or 269-4691.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER AT SALEM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH FDL MARCH 3rd, 1:30 PM

Please join the women of Church Women United in this special time of worship, friendship and fellowship. Throughout the service, the women of the Philippines invite us to accept Jesus' infinite blessing and exhort us to receive others into the kingdom of God.



Trinity will be holding a
Blood Drive at the church
on Monday March 20th,
from 12p.m. - 6p.m.

**50TH ANNUAL
PANCAKE
BREAKFAST**

**SUNDAY
MARCH 12th**

Serving From:
8 AM - 1 PM

Held At:
LOMIRA AMERICAN LEGION HALL

Donations:
Adults: \$7.00 • Ages 5-10: \$4.00
Kids 4 & Under FREE

Sponsored By:
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Members of Trinity's Youth Group and friends ventured to Hope Nursing Home this afternoon to assist the residents playing bingo and engage in pleasant conversation. During our time together this morning the Youth Group assembled treat bags for prizes. This was a great opportunity for our youth to share their time with some of senior community members... enjoyed by all.

The Wisconsin United Methodist
2017 SUMMER CAMP catalogs have arrived!
Check it out online at.
www.wiumcamps.org/summer-camps/

BETTER ^{TOUR} TOGETHER

GAITHER VOCAL BAND



Milwaukee Theatre
March 24th at 7:00 PM
visit

<http://www.milwaukeeetheatre.com>
for ticket prices and more information.

Attention Middle & High School Youth

If you have participated in your school Solo-Ensemble Contest, please consider using your talents for God. We will help you to share your music as part of our Worship Services. If we didn't play for you at Festival, we will be happy to play for you at church or your accompanist or a tape is welcome. Anyone is welcome to share their musical talents at our church. Please contact:
Jason Ehlert , Worship Music Coordinator
920-539-6929

Spring Forward

Daylight
Savings Time
Sunday
March 12th.



March Birthdays

- 1 Dan Michels
Kaitlyn Oechsner
Brian Schaefer
- 5 Michael Jordan
Kevin Baker
- 6 Hunter Oechsner
Tyler Scharschmidt
Gene Hake
- 7 Rebecca Alf
Jessica Kindschuh
Logan Petrie
- 9 Molly Riehbrandt
Zachary Schmid
Alexis Stuebs
- 10 Alex Green
- 11 Michelle Wroblewski
- 13 Steve Bryant
Andrea Cull
- 15 Leon Brasch
Shelly Schaefer
- 16 Scott Plum
Ryder Towne
- 17 Cheryl Meyer
- 18 Alexander Faber
Brandon Faber
Judy Renderman
Dayne Zingsheim
- 19 Elaine Muehlius
Anne Ullius
- 20 Gary Jesse
James Klintworth
- 22 Bruce Brown
- 23 Aubrie Brown
Amanda Baker
Peggy Jo Moe
Kasey Todl
John Will
- 24 Jazmyne Ruenger
- 25 Jackie Scharfenberg
- 26 Sherrill Haefs
- 27 Marge Junger
Joshua Marschie
Francis Michels
- 28 Sarah Faris
Debbie Unferth
- 29 Steve Faber
- 30 Victor Jewson
Jonathan Luedtke
Joseph Luedtke
- 31 Peter Vegetable

happy
St. Patrick's
day!

MAY YOUR HOME ALWAYS
BE TOO SMALL TO HOLD
ALL OF YOUR FRIENDS.
-IRISH TOAST

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The Back Pew - Jeff Larson



In their 35 years as neighbors on Earth, Arnie and Bart never knew they were both Christians. **FUNNY** isn't it? *Do your neighbors know what you believe?*



March Wedding Anniversaries

- 9 Wayde & Faye Beck
- 13 Steve & Amy Unferth
- 24 Nate & Amanda Bodden
- 29 Josh & Colleen Haefs
- 30 Russ Wendt & Mary Muehlius

March 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 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
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 6:30pm Choir 6:30 pm A.A. 7.00 pm Lent Bible Study	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 Worship	13	14 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 7:00 pm Church Council	15 6:00 pm Hand-bells 6:00 pm Troop 8581 Brownies - 6:30pm Choir 6:30 pm A.A. 7.00 pm Lent Bible Study	16 6:00 pm BS Pack and Troop Meeting - Fellowship Hall 6:00 pm Kindergarten Troop - 1st Grade Room	17	18 1:30 Boy Scouts Pinewood Derby
19 8:00 am Worship 9:00 am Sunday School/Youth Group 10:00 am Worship	20 Newsletter Deadline 12-6:00 pm Blood Bank	21 7:00 pm Troop 8042 Cadets-Scout Room	22 6:00 pm Hand-bells 6:30pm Choir 6:30 pm A.A. 7.00 pm Lent Bible Study	23 6:00 pm Troop 8005 Brownies - 1st Grade Room	24	25 10-11:00 a.m. Food Pantry
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	29 6:00 pm Hand-bells 6:30pm Choir 6:30 pm A.A. 7.00 pm Lent Bible Study	30	31	April 1st AA Banquet

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WORSHIP SERVICES

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