



January 2018 Monthly Newsletter
Sunday Worship 8:00 & 10:00 AM
Sunday School & Youth Group 9:00 AM
Coffee Connections 9:00 AM

SERMON SERIES STARTING IN JANUARY 2018
“WIRED FOR WORSHIP”

We start the new year off here at Trinity with, truthfully, what’s at the core of each of our beings—a desire for God and to put God in first place in our lives. That’s called worship. Our new worship series for January 2018 is called “Wired for Worship” and we’ll be talking about the realities of God in us and our desire to please him. Following are the upcoming sermon titles for this series:

- January 7 - “Wired for Worship: Our Approach Really Does Matter!” (Matthew 22:34-40)
- January 14 - “Constructing the Temple” (Ephesians 2:11-14, 16, 19-21)
- January 21 - “Destroying the Temple” (1 Corinthians 3:9b-17)
- January 28 - “Preference or Purpose: Two Very Different Churches” (Philippians 2:1-5)
- February 4 - “Unity, Not Uniformity” (Ephesians 4:1-6)
- February 11 - “Tearing Down the Walls...” (1 John 4:7-21)

So, why do we do what we do together every first day of the week? What are Sundays all about and is it a sacred, holy day—as scripture alludes to? And what are we going to do with these weekly opportunities God gives us? We’ll touch on all these questions and more as we see how we’re ‘wired for worship’ in 2018. Join us, won’t you?

“THE NEW YEAR ... WITH ‘ETERNITY IN OUR HEARTS!’”

Yet God has made everything beautiful for its own time.

He has planted eternity in the human heart [italics mine], but even so, people cannot see the whole scope of God’s work from beginning to end.

Ecclesiastes 3:11 (NLT)

Dear Trinity family,

Greetings in Jesus’ name! I cannot tell you how excited I am to begin a new year of ministry with you all here at Trinity UMC. And we’re going to begin the year—at our weekend worship—with what’s at the core of our very being. It’s been said the fundamental difference between humanity and animals is that animals don’t worship, but people do. And I believe with all my heart that God has essentially wired us that way. The verse from the Old Testament book of Ecclesiastes (above) suggests this when it states, “...[God] has planted eternity in the human heart....”

Now, that being said, I understand that most people find themselves in day-to-day situations that don’t seem all that spiritual at all. Or worshipful. Classes that seem pointless apart from familiarizing yourself with new information or just filling the time. Or jobs that seem so mundane that you could just scream at times—jobs not appearing to have any eternal significance at all. And you begin to ask yourself ‘why?’

Well, as we begin the new year of 2018, we’re going to be looking at the truth of the above verse together. Has God planted a desire for eternity in our hearts? Do our lives count for more than just ‘filling the time’? How can we consistently stay in touch with God—no matter what our lives are about? The good news is that we can worship God wherever we’re at. That’s the beautiful thing about continual praise or worship, as the Bible talks about. It’s really about the attitude we do life with. And your attitude can change any mundane task into an offering to God. Worship can even happen at the photocopier at the office!

There are many tasks or many jobs that are sometimes physically taxing, but don’t overly deplete the brain. These tasks or jobs leave a lot of time to think about more important things, like God. Time to talk to him. Time to worship quietly. Time to listen. Time to pray. The point is ... everything on earth (with the exception of sin—those things that go against God) can be done as an act of worship to God. As a matter of fact, everything we do is worship ... when we do it *for* God! The way you do your work at school, or on the job, can *and should* be worship. Your attitude toward family—siblings or children or parents—can be an act of worship.

In preparation for our time of worship in the New Year, let me just say this: The question is not *what* you do, but *who* you do it for. Your mission is to turn your place in life ... into a true place of worship. If God has indeed placed eternity in your heart, are you cultivating that reality? What is your heart reflecting to those around you? All of our personal missions—scripturally speaking—is to worship with everything we say and everything we do. Do you want to learn more ... about what’s at the core?

See you in the pew, *Pastor Rom*





Thanks to everyone who so graciously donated to the Mitten Tree. God has given each one of us unique gifts, and the love behind the home-made items and those purchased is a wonderful reminder of God's gift to us all. A special thanks to Julie McBair for coming in to sort and organize the donations.

This year TUMC collected:

60 Hand-made Fleece Hats
40 Hand Stitched Beanie Hats
37 Purchased Beanie and Bomber Hats
11 Hand-knit Toddler Hats and Mittens
9 Pairs of Hand-knit Slippers
10 Hand-knit Afghans
38 Mittens, Gloves and Scarves.
These will be donated to families who use the Lomira Area Food Pantry and to the Salvation Army.

A SPECIAL 'THANK YOU' TO MARLIN TOWNE!

A very special 'thank you' to Marlin Towne for designing and building our new tall tables currently located in both the Connection Room (Narthex) and the Heritage (Sunshine) Room or entrance. They have already been used greatly for Sunday morning conversation. And we know they'll be used considerably in the future, too.

Thank you so much, Marlin, for sharing your gifts with Trinity!

The Connections Team



I absolutely love God and Jesus and my church family here at Trinity. I want to thank each and every one of you for your kind words, your small gifts, your yummy baked goods. Each and every one of you make me smile with the warmth of your love shared with Morgan and I at Christmas and throughout the year. God's Blessings in the New Year!

Teresa Amerling, Administrative Assistant

THANK YOU FROM PASTOR ROM & JANE

Our most sincere thanks to all who've remembered us during this very special season in a variety of ways—through cards, gifts, extra prayers & special thoughts or actions. You have been an incredible blessing to both of us ... and to our family!

God's very best to each & every one of you during this New Year of 2018,

Pastor Rom & Jane

Thanks, Thanks, Thanks, !

Starting the New Year 2018, I will be stepping down from the position of Chairman of the Church Council. The office is being filled by the very able, Gordy "Meatball" Zimmerman. Thanks to Meatball for taking this responsibility. My thanks to all of Trinity for your support, help, and encouragement. Without fail everyone I asked to help, did so willingly and with enthusiasm. That is what makes the engine run here at Trinity.

Also I want to thank you all for helpful thoughts, cards, and prayers, as I recovered from knee replacement surgery the last 2 months. Happy New Year. Chuck Rhein

grace ministries

GRACE 101 DIGITAL LIBRARY

Trinity United Methodist Church has been recently introduced to a ministry out of Richardson, Texas, called “Grace Ministries: Home of the 101 Back to the Basic Resources”. This is a ministry Pastor Rom has been familiar with for some time now and has used their resources in the past—a *very-trusted resource*. And now, because of a special package deal with Trinity UMC, this digital library is available to all from Trinity UMC ... and even more. This library of digital resources will also be made available to our community. In other words, if you’re a part of Trinity UMC and you know of someone who might benefit from one Grace Ministries’ resources on this site, please share it with them so they can receive Godly guidance for their lives as well (username/password below). Following is a sampling of areas you may want to tap into:

- **Fathering 101:** Be the Dad!
- **Periscope** (guiding future generations in the Christian faith)
- **Crisis 101** (Making sense of life when life doesn’t make sense)
- **Family 101** (applying the ‘one another’ principles in the home)
- **Lessons from the Tackle box** (carrying men to the next level in their relationship with God)

And much more... Please check out this new resource that is available online (grace101.org) or through our website (trinitylomira.org)! Here’s how you gain access:

Username: tumclomira **Password:** lovegrowserve



Topic: A Woman's Walk with God: Growing in the Fruit of the Spirit. Elizabeth George. Book which includes a study guide, set up for a 13 week course.

Do you yearn for a closer walk with God? For a greater understanding of what it means to let Him live through you? For the marks of His presence in your life? Author Elizabeth George gives practical help for how you can do that in this study of the fruit of the Spirit. Discover...love, joy, and peace that changes hearts, families, and friendships patience, kindness, and goodness that seeks the best for everyone faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control that brings spiritual victory in life's more challenging moments A Woman's Walk with God is an invitation to experience the joys of moment-by-moment living in the Lord's power—and producing the fruit of the Spirit in every circumstance!

Goal: Connecting the women of the church, Bible study, prayer, fellowship, growing in our relationship with the Lord.

Starting January 23rd...Meet at church on Tuesdays from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m., . Ladies only, adults. Sign-up sheets are available in the Connections Room

An Open Letter from Gwen's Pen

A joyful New Year to each of you as you recognize the growth within yourself and the congregation. We have capable and caring leadership both pastoral and “lay” people, to gently but purposefully lead us toward a dynamic, committed force in Lomira, the surrounding area, and beyond.

I've received many gifts since I moved, first to West Bend and then to the Denver area. Most of them have come as experiences and opportunities which, after all, are the most valuable and lasting presents. In addition, when I walk to our mailbox just around the corner, I am often rewarded with a card or note from one of you, my cherished tie to all of you at TUMC. Now and then my phone rings and I pick it up to hear a familiar voice from one of you.

Thank you for your constant thoughts and, of course, prayers and evidence of Christian love and service. I miss you and am making an effort to find new friends and support through the United Methodist church here.

The church here is much larger than Trinity. Even the small group of older people who met for pizza on a Sunday noon included many who didn't know each other. I hope to find several groups that call each other by our first names.

I feel the need to include a “story” in this letter to you beloved people. For years you have been forgiving my frequent references to personal experience.



When I was about seven, Dad thought it was time I stopped jumping off the end of the pier into the lake feet first, holding my nose. It was time to learn to dive.

It didn't take long to get wet, Dad dove smoothly from the diving board while I held my nose and jumped in feet first. We climbed the wooden ladder nailed to the side of the pier and stood, dripping, at its edge. 'Now put your hands together over your head and slowly point them down toward the water,' he said. Dad demonstrated as he instructed me and we were side by side bending toward the water. "Now just fall in," he said and he dove in. I straightened up to watch. A small shower splashed my

legs. Dad surfaced, blew the water from his nose, and with one quick side-ward sweep of his head, smoothed out his hair and swam to the ladder, climbing up to join me.

"Now you try it," he said. I positioned myself, bending over the rippling water and Dad moved in behind me, his long frame enveloping me. He took my hands in his, bent forward and together we tumbled gently into the water. I came up triumphant. "I did it! I did it! I can dive!" I shouted as

I swam to the ladder eager to try it again. Dad praised me, then quietly followed me and once again we both stood on wet boards, but this time, side by side, toes curled over the edge. "One, two, three, go!" Dad counted and he was in the water, but I stood as if my feet were glued to the pier, unable to make myself fall forward without Dad's protective embrace. "You have to do it by yourself," he said. "I'll wait down here for you." That seemed to provide some sort of safety net. I readied myself again over the shimmering blue below. Gentle swells below distorted my image into that of an undulating belly dancer. I hung in this position for some time listening to the drops splash through the cracks and watching the perfect circles emerge from the rippling shadow under the pier. I think Dad's outstretched arms must have ached as I repeatedly readied myself and then stepped back to whine that I couldn't do it. Dad simply smiled and assured me that he knew I could.

Once again I stepped to the edge and prepared myself, my fingers pointed toward Dad's waiting arms. A small fresh puddle formed at my feet as little rivulets ran down my legs. Stalling, I shifted my weight from one foot to the other and back again. Suddenly, someone walked by behind me and I felt a gentle push. My arms flew out like wings as I tried to regain my footing, but I fell headlong into the friendly water and came up in Dad's arms. We swam together to the ladder,

Seconds later we both stood dripping, side by side, poised for another dive. This time we fell in together on the word "go". I had learned to dive. I've always suspected that some silent signal passed between Dad and whoever gave me that nudge. Dozens of belly flops later, I had a bit more style although I never acquired a very graceful entrance. Dad, however, could jack-knife from the springboard when he was seventy-five.

Why did I tell you this long story? Difficult and sometimes scary challenges are part of our learning and growing process even as adults and people in their nineties. Sometimes we need a nudge from an unexpected (and sometimes unwanted) source. But we can be sure that we will succeed safely when we have God's safe and loving arms outstretched to us. With Joy I send each of you Post-Christmas greetings and sincere thanks for the way in which you have soothed my heartaches and enriched my life. I'm incredibly fortunate and continually grateful for your gifts of prayer, encouragement, caring and example. Thank you so much and may you continue to support one another with enthusiasm and always with the joy we find in Christ. **In His Love, Gwen**

UM NORTH EAST DISTRICT 2018 EVENTS
FINANCE TRAINING

For anyone involved in finance in the church
Saturday, January 13, 2018
Event will be 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Neenah: Faith UMC

SPRC TRAININGS

For Staff Parish Relations Committee
Saturday, January 20, 2018; 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Green Bay: Bethany UMC

Saturday, January 27, 2018; 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Fond du Lac: Covenant UMC

The February Newsletter Deadline is
Jan. 19th.

Please have all articles to the church office
by noon that day. Thank you!

TUMC Budget Totals

Year to date needed to meet budget:
\$198,750

Received through
12-31-2017: 195,756.17
Budget Shortfall: \$2,993.83



If bad weather occurs and TUMC Worship Services need to be canceled you can check the following locations, where it will be announced.

Radio:

Sunny 97.7 Fond du Lac
Oldies 103.3 & AM 1170
WTCX 95.1 & 96.1 The Rock Fond du Lac
WMDC Great 98 Mayville Radio
K107 Fond du Lac
KFIZ Talk AM 1450 - Fond du Lac
WXRO 95.3 Beaver Dam
WBEV Talk AM 1430 - Beaver Dam
WTMJ AM 620 and 94.5 KTI-Milwaukee

TV:

CBS 58 News Milwaukee
ABC 2 WBAY Green Bay Station
ABC 27 WKOW Madison
TMJ4 Milwaukee

Website:

www.trinitylomira.org

Facebook :

Trinity United Methodist Church Lomira

Email

An email will be sent out to our TUMC Digital Newsletter subscribers.

Phone Call:

If you do not have access to the above, please sign up on the To-Be-Called Sheet In the Narthex .

All weekly events will also be cancelled at TUMC during the week if the Lomira School System is closing or has cancelled after school activities.

Remember...Safety First! God Bless!



For the love of bacon, come join the fun at Trinity's 3rd Annual

“A Taste of Bacon”

held at Trinity on Sunday Jan. 28th.

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, salads, main dishes, and desserts.

The congregation along with family and friends are welcome to attend, taste test and vote for their favorites.

The “Taste of Bacon will be held after the 2nd service on the 31st from 11:00am -12:30 pm.

Have questions...please contact

John Muentner Jr. 920-904-1919

or

Teresa Amerling 920-269-4411

(The winning recipe this last year goes was Jane Pegram's Cheesy Baked Potato Soup.)



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
- 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 Daniel Riehbrandt
- 19 Shari Buske
Mark Hodny
- 20 Melissa Poetzel
- 21 Penny Beck
Mark Dahlinger
Paula Green
Zack Ruenger
- 22 Taylor Klein
Harper Feucht
- 23 Carolyn Krueger
Chad Alf
- 24 Joseph Bialk
- 25 Randy Faber
- 26 Jennifer Greenfield
- 27 Chris Kuen
- 29 Madysen Janke
Augie Luedtke
- 31 Kathy Mintner

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

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



Judy Schraufnagel's Oreo Cookie Torte

- 15 oz pkg. Oreo Cookies
- 1/2 cup margarine, melted
- 8 ounce package cream cheese
- 1 cup powdered sugar
- Two 8 ounce cartons non-dairy whipped topping
- 6-serving pkg. chocolate instant pudding
- 2 1/3 cups milk

Crush cookies well in food processor, reserve 1 cup for topping. Mix crumbs and margarine together and pat into a 9 x 13" pan. Refrigerate for one hour. Mix cream cheese and powdered sugar and one carton nondairy whipped topping until smooth. Spread over crust. Mix milk with pudding and pour over cheese mixture. Top with remaining whipped topping and sprinkle reserved crumbs on top. Chill 3 to 4 hours before serving.



TUMC Prayer Concerns

- **Deb Wiedmeyer-Mazza** *Recovering from Shoulder Surgery 12-22-17*
- **Michael Koster** 12-17-17
- **John Masterson (Co-worker of Roger Clark)** *treatment for throat cancer ended, getting better and waiting for surgery 12-3-17*
- **Lori Wilhelm** *is having radiation treatments thru Dec.12 and some more scans 11-19-17*
- **Joel Patzer (Augie Luedtke's Nephew)** *Cancer 10-24-17*
- **Baby Vanessa** *Born at 27 weeks Blood on the Brain and Lungs Underdeveloped 11-19-17*
- **Jeff Fell** *broken kidney injury from hit and run 11-12-17*
- **Dave Cook** *Brain Cancer 10-24-17*
- **Doug Schacht (Friend of Glenn and Jackie Eichstedt)** 10-13-17
- **Ross Jesse** *Cancer of the Gallbladder, Lungs and a growth on the liver 10-15-17*
- **Ron Olson** *Congestive Heart Failure 10-8-17*
- **Wayne Faber** 9-20-17
- **Pat Gillis** *Radiation Treatments Starting 08-23-17*
- **Mike Amrhein (Ron Kretschmer's Friend Pete's Dad)** *Cancer 08-15-17*
- **Shahzad Masih** *Christian teenager in Pakistan arrested for alleged blasphemy*
- **Cindy Huele (Friend of the Hake's Daughter)** *Cancer 08-13-17*
- **Betty Mueller (Customer of Julie Faber)** *Pancreatic Cancer 08-13-17*
- **Melody (Friend of Deb Bintzler)** *Full of Cancer 07-18-17*
- **James Lipetri's** *stage 4 Liver and Intestines. He was given a 1 1/2 year prognosis, starting chemo.*
- **Karlene Krueger** *Recovering from Breast Cancer Surgery 6-27-17*
- **Mickey Oeschner** *Needs a kidney 6-4-17*
- **Shelly Stienke (Cousin of Wayne Flury)** *Brain Tumor 4-9-17*
- **Nori Odoi** *Pancreatic Cancer 4-2-17*
- **Pat Kubicek (Deb Mazza's Sister)** *Dementia Challenges 03-12-17*
- **Shirley Konrath (Deb Mazza's Sister)** *Dementia Challenges 03-12-17*
- **Jackie Marquardt (Friend of Penny Beck)** *diagnosed with a lung condition 2-7-17*
- **Randilin Nichols (Debbie Bintzler's Sister-in-law)** *Stage 4 Cancer 2-6-17*
- **Bobbi Cantafio (Friend of Dorothy and Gene Hake)** *Breast Cancer 1-22-17*

For Prayer Requests please contact Teresa in the church office by email, phone or through our website 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.

Update the Office in 2018

As we move into the New Year...If you have a new phone number, address or email...please let us know.

Also please update Teresa in the church office for current Prayer Concern needs. Many members of the church ask how individuals are doing, so lets keep the list up-to-date.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>2018 Bible Reading Challenge By Day</p>	1	<p>2 GEN 1:26-2:17 5:30 pm Girl Scouts 6:30 pm LCT</p>	<p>3 GEN 2:18-3:24 5:30 pm Lions Den 6:00 pm Bells 6:30 pm AA & Al-Anon 7:00 pm Choir</p>	<p>4 GEN 4:1-18 6:00 pm Boy Scouts 6:00 pm Tiger Den 6:30 pm Girl Scouts</p>	<p>5 GEN 5:18-24</p>	6
7	<p>8 GEN 6 5:00 pm Wolf Den</p>	<p>9 GEN 7 8:00 am UM Men's Group 3:00 pm Hope Nursing Home Worship Service 5:30 pm Girl Scouts 6:30 Caring Ministry Meeting</p>	<p>10 GEN 8 5:30 pm Girl Scouts 6:00 pm Bells 6:30 pm AA & Al-Anon 7:00 pm Choir</p>	<p>11 GEN 9:1-17 6:00 pm Brownies 6:00 pm Girl Scouts</p>	<p>12 GEN 15</p>	<p>13 10-11:00 am Food Pantry</p>
<p>14 9:00 am Bible Reading Challenge Round Table Discussion</p>	<p>15 GEN 17 12-6:00 pm Blood Bank 6:00 pm Boy Scouts Leader Meeting</p>	<p>16 GEN 22 5:30 pm Girl Scouts 7:00 pm Church Council</p>	<p>17 ROM 4:1-5, 9-25 5:30 pm Lions Den 6:00 pm Bells 6:30 pm AA & Al-Anon 7:00 pm Choir</p>	<p>18 GEN 16:1-15 6:30 pm Girl Scouts 6:00 pm Boy Scouts Pack Meeting</p>	<p>19 GEN 18:1-15, 21:1-7 Newsletter Deadline</p>	<p>20</p>
21	<p>22 GEN 24</p>	<p>23 GEN 26 5:30 pm Girl Scouts 6:00 pm SPRC</p>	<p>24 GEN 25:27-34 11:00 am Staff Meeting 5:30 pm Girl Scouts 6:00 pm Finance Meeting 6:00 pm Bells 6:30 pm AA & Al-Anon 7:00 pm Choir</p>	<p>25 GEN 27 6:00 pm Brownies 6:00 pm Girl Scouts</p>	<p>26 GEN 31</p>	<p>27 10-11:00 am Food Pantry</p>
<p>28 11:00 am Taste of Bacon</p>	<p>29 GEN 32</p>	<p>30 GEN 39</p>	<p>31 GEN 41 6:00 pm Bells 6:30 pm AA & Al-Anon 7:00 pm Choir</p>			

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

Second Service– 10:00 A.M

Church Office Hours:

Tues-Fri 9AM-2PM

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