

#### SERMON SERIES CONTINUING FOR MAY 2017

On Easter morning, we started a new worship series called "PLAN B." And we asked the question, "Have you lived long enough yet to realize you're not actually in control of life?" It seems that no matter what situation we find ourselves in, many times we end up with a 'Plan B.' This series will continue throughout the month of May (breaking for a special message on Mother's Day). The sermon titles and dates for May are as follows:

- May 7 "God Knows..."
- May 21 "Me, Too!"
- May 28 "The Cross"

Again, you'll notice that Sunday, May 14, is missing in the schedule. That's because it's Mother's Day and this year Pastor Rom will be preaching a special message called "You Don't Always Have Forever..." based on Proverbs

23:25. Join us as we continue to wrestle with the Plan Bs of our lives...



#### "THE BEST GRADUATION GIFT EVER..."

"Do not be afraid or discouraged, for the LORD will personally go ahead of you. He will be with you; he will neither fail you nor abandon you." – Deuteronomy 31:8 (NLT)

Dear members & friends of Trinity UMC,

I can't believe it's the month of May already! Spring is in the air, the weather seems to be getting progressively milder, many will be planting their gardens soon (we hope), and some of us will be enjoying the area's Farmer's Markets on a regular basis! It's my favorite time of year, if you haven't guessed by now...

It's also that time of year when we experience transitions—from spring to summer, what we'll be doing special this summer, and what we need to do to get ready for those special events of summer. But let's not forget about one of the major life transitions that takes place in the month of May—graduation. Even before graduation, there will be those transitioning out of Grade School and into Middle School. There will be those transitioning out of Middle School and into High School. And then come the graduations—from High School, from Technical College, from the University, and from Graduate School. All kinds of transitions we many times take for granted, yet huge transitions in the lives of those who are making them—not to mention their loved ones. Ah, the loved ones...

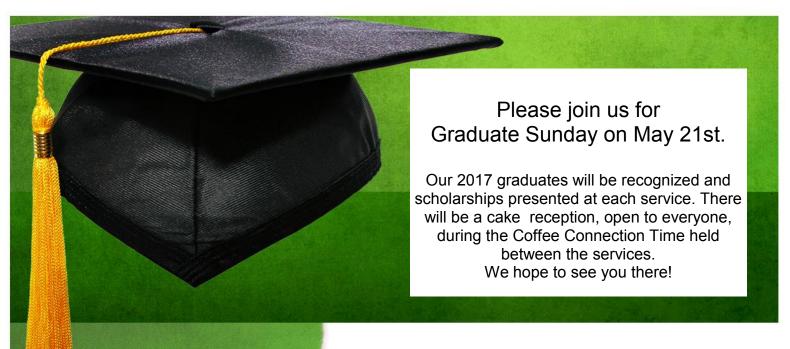
Let's not forget—whatever we do—about those parents who may have a child graduating for the first time from High School. I know the graduates usually don't give this a second thought, but it's a huge transition for the parents too. For them, this time of life can even be somewhat traumatic—especially if this is the first time through the experience of transition to a new time of life.

So, why am I talking about the season, the month of May, transitions, and graduations in particular? It's because God's word has a lot to say about this time of our lives—an encouraging word, if you will. Sometimes, graduations—from High School to College in particular—can leave us with more questions than it does answers. Questions pop up like "What now?" or "What's next?" Or "How will I make it without my family?" If we think too much about the 'unknown' of the future, fear can creep into our lives; that can be debilitating if we allow fear to win. And if fear wins, then we can become discouraged. That's not always pleasant to think about, but that's how life goes sometimes.

One of the greatest gifts we as parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles, or friends and neighbors can give our graduates is ... the gift of FAITH. Know that God is there for you, graduates! Know that God will walk with you—be the constant—in your future. God encourages us with this promise from the Old Testament: "Do not be afraid or discouraged, for the LORD will personally go ahead of you. He will be with you; he will neither fail you nor abandon you (Deut. 31:8, NLT)." And that, graduates (and moms & dads) is a promise! It's not the kind of promise

we give to each other so often, not knowing whether we can really follow through or not. This promise is from the greatest 'Promise Keeper' of all, who's never broken a promise, and who's always been able to follow through. It's the greatest gift we can give our graduates! Let's support them together with the gift of faith as we celebrate their accomplishments on Sunday, May 21, at both services.

See you in the pew, Pastor Rom



If you know of members graduating from an apprenticeship, technical program or college, please let Teresa in the office know by Sunday May 14th, so they may be recognized as well, on Graduation Sunday May 21st.

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Thank-You

#### Congratulations To Trinity's 2017 High School Graduates!

**Aubrie Brown** 

**Brett Buske** 

**Ellen Hodny** 

Mikayla Klein

Ryan Riedel

**Marissa Schultz** 

**Emily Schwanke** 

**Aricka Ullius** 

**Ryan Ullius** 

Mitchell Wroblewski

# GRADUATION



#### TUMC's Caring Ministry is set to begin.

Below are significant dates leading up to the program's implementation:

- 1. May
- This month we are asking volunteers to formally sign up for the program.
- We need more volunteers to meet our needs. The sign up sheet is on the table in the narthex.
- 2. Training Sessions: June 21, 2017 and July 12, 2017
- Both sessions are required Both sessions begin at 6:30 and last about an hour
- Pastor Rom and Jane will be doing the training
- 3. September
- Implementation begins

To use an analogy..... The unwritten rule of the U.S. Military is to leave no soldier behind or forgotten. To a similar degree we can apply that rule to our church family and the Caring Ministry. There are church members, for whatever reasons, who are unable to attend church or partake of certain church functions. Whereas the military's mission is to protect our country; the mission of the Caring Ministry is to meet the spiritual and special needs of those unable to attend. We are asking only for one hour per month to meet those needs. Just like the military trains and equips the volunteers to be successful, so is it with our training sessions. Volunteers will be provided with strategies, techniques and tools (like serving Communion) to help them fulfill their mission. Each volunteer will be matched with a church member unable to attend church.

Lastly, the motivational force to join the military is patriotism. The motivational force behind the Caring Ministry can best be summed up by the last two lines from the faith based movie, The Last Medallion. Sally, a woman of strong Christian values, runs a foster home. Jim, once one of her foster children, stops off to deliver some toys and say hello. Some how he is forced to tell the children the faith-based tale of the Last Medallion. In doing so, he misses a major playoff game. Sally says she's sorry he missed the game, but Jim said the experience was far more rewarding than the game. As he leaves, he says to Sally, "Thanks for loving me all those years." and her reply was, "Isn't that why we're here." Our motivational force is Christian love and as Jesus loves us, perhaps we can love others. If you sense Jesus speaking to your heart, the Caring Ministry is in need of more volunteers.

#### Thank You...

to everyone who came to support the Krueger Family by attending TUMC's Easter Breakfast that was

held in between worship services on Easter Sunday. A total of \$1,091.60 was raised and is being donated to the family to help with Karlene's Medical Cost as she fights Stage 4 Breast Cancer.

We were also very happy to have Scott and Karlene.

along with their children, participate as Joseph, Mary, Baby Jesus and Angels during our Maundy Thursday Christian Worship Drama.

Please keep this very dear family in your continued prayers.



Scott and I would like to thank everyone at church for all of their prayers, love and support during this difficult time in our life. I am very overwhelmed with of the support that we have had from our church family. I told Scott, I am so glad that God lead us to all of you! I know that with the support of our family, church family and friends we will make it through any bumps in the road. I am so blessed with all the people around me. God's blessings, Karlene

### We would like to thank everyone who helped with the Easter Breakfast.

The Saturday setup crew and food prep people. The Sunday cooks and servers those who helped in the dining hall, the dish washers and clean-up crew. All of you who brought coffee cakes. Thanks for all the table decorations what an added touch. We hope we haven't missed anyone. A special thank you to all who came to eat and support the cause, your generosity overwhelmed us.

Thanks so much.

Lee Oestreich & Marlin Towne

Listen online to 105.3 *K-LOVE* Radio WLVE *91.7* in Fond du Lac, WI. *K-LOVE* plays positive, encouraging contemporary Christian music.



Karlene is currently receiving a targeted therapy treatment which will consists 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.
Or click on the link below.



The church office is closed Monday, May 29 for Memorial Day.

The June newsletter deadline is May 19th. Please have all articles to the church office by noon.

I am enclosing a recent amazing article about the generous gift (\$10,000) to Camp Lucerne Chapel renovation, given in honor of Rev James Klein, "son" of the Lomira Congregation. The enclosed article is in the "WI Conf. 2016 Impact Report". The donor, Claire Schultz, describes the impact of her counselor, Jim Klein....over 50 years ago when she was a young camper and he the counselor.

Jim is my late husband, and died of cancer 50 yrs. ago at age 33. He graduated from Lomira schools, North Central College, and Ev Theological Seminary (now Garrett) in Evanston now. Served Churches in Wautoma, and Beloit where he died in 1967. We were married almost 5 yrs, and had 3 children. I am a Lomira girl as well and he waited for me to grow up so we could marry...he being 7 yrs older. He is buried in the Salem Cemetery next to our infant son Kevin.

I think Trinity Church is celebrating 50 yrs this year, and perhaps in May of 1967 his funeral dinner in the fellowship Hall could have been the first.

Jim's brothers, Jerry and Gordon are still members of Trinity church, as are their families. I'm sure there are people in the congregation who remember him. How amazing that a half century after a young girls church camp experience is so profound an experience, she is willing to give a generous gift to that Camp, and honor one of her counsellors as she celebrates her own Golden Wedding anniversary! This says SO much about our Camp Ministry, as well as the volunteers who give generously of their time. A rare story that blesses everyone...especially the families involved.

The family picture is Jim, myself, Bonnie Hirsig Klein Falk, Brett and Melissa taken in 1967 shortly before he died. I remarried Rev Wesley Falk several years later....met at Camp Lucerne where he was a director and me a counselor....He adopted Brett and Melissa and we have a child, Elizabeth. All 3 kids are married with their own children now. We still keep in touch with the Kleins and I still LOVE Lomira...Wes and I will be buried in Salem cemetery near all of my family. Sincerely Bonnie Falk

PS: Beverly is my legal name...no one EVER called me that but my 5th grade Lomira teacher

## **Fundraising**

Why I Give: A Word From A Donor by Claire Schuetz

Bonnie Hirsig Klein Falk, Brett and Melissa taken in 1967.

Pictured below...

Pastor Jim Klein,

I love Camp Lucerne. When I was a kid, in the '50s and '60s, I went to camp every summer. We loved swimming in the lake, hiking in the woods and singing by the campfire.

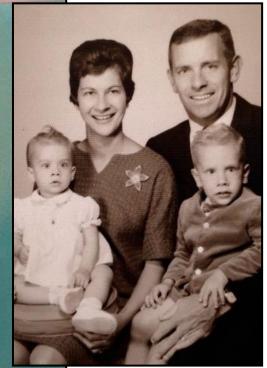
My favorite place at Camp Lucerne was the chapel. I loved looking out the large window over the altar at the fir trees. It was the first time I felt the Holy Spirit in me.

I met Jim Klein there. I knew him as a college, then seminary, student. He was a counselor every year. All the girls had a crush on him. He would lead us on hiking trips; he once took us to a migrant farm and would lead

us in discussions. I remember talking with him once about if there really was a God.

I told him when I grew up I wanted him to be the minister at my wedding. When the time came, he was a minister at my aunt's church in Beloit. He married us in Monroe. He brought his wife. They had two small children. After the wedding, we moved away. We never heard of Jim's death until years later.

We just celebrated our 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary and wanted to honor Rev. Klein. Donating to the chapel seemed a fitting way to do so.



# There is a New Meeting Schedule for Adult Fellowship

In the past, our Adult Fellowship Group would begin their spring meetings in April. It has been decided that this year they will begin their meetings in May.

The first Fellowship time is scheduled for May 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Following this, meetings will be held on July 16th, September17th and November 19<sup>th</sup>.

A meal will be served in the Fellowship Hall at 6:30 PM followed by a program in the Fireside Room or Sanctuary. The program topic will be announced before each meeting.

All are welcome and invited to attend.

For more information, please call Gene Junger at 920-583-2011.

TUMC Budget Totals
Year to date needed to meet budget:
\$63,750.00
Received through

4-23-2017: \$64,447.86 Budget: + \$697.86





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 \$50,961.32 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

We need Children's Time Leaders for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the month and as substitutes.

Pastor Rom and Teresa will help to train and help with ideas for the Children's Moment. We just need someone willing to work with the children of our church during the service.

Please contact Teresa in the office 920-269-4411

If you are willing to fulfill this very important role for the church.

#### 2017 Bible Reading Challenge

The Bible Reading Challenge for 2017 has begun. Please pick up your reading schedule in the narthex if you would like to participate.

There will be an Open Round-Table
Discussion with Pastor Rom and the group on
the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sundays of the month at 9:10 am in
the Fellowship Hall.

Next discussion is May 14th at 9:10 AM.

#### **Sunday School Teachers Needed**

Sunday School will be wrapping up for the year, but it's never too early to plan ahead and this year we will be in need of a few new Sunday School Teachers.

We would like to have 2 teachers in each classroom as a team working together with the kids. So volunteer with a friend, or alone and we will pair you up. For more information, please contact our Director of Christian Education, Jessica Marschie at 920-583-4675

#### **May Friendship Day**

Covenant UMC in FDL will be Hosting the May Friendship Day Lunch and Program-Kindling New Fires of Love- on May 5th at Noon. Call Elaine Muehlius for tickets at 269-4062 Donations of fruit cups, granola bars and instant oatmeal are appreciated.

#### **Prayer Concerns**

- · Marge Junger Breast Cancer- Surgery on May 8th
- Gene Junger Cancer of the Larynx 4-27-17
- · Karlene Krueger Breast Cancer
- · Lori Wilhelm (Friend of Sandy Collier) Cancer in Lymph Nodes/Breast Cancer-just started Chemo
- Donna Hanke At Mayo Clinic Fighting her battle with Cancer 04-23-17
- · Julie Thomas (Leverne Senn's Grandniece) Recurrence of Ovarian Cancer, Surgery on 4-27-17
- · Ron Olson Congestive Heart Failure, Kidney Issues and Dementia 4-23-17
- · Mark Green (Nancy Steger's Son) Inoperable tumor on Fused Spine/Proton Beam Therapy 4-23
- Kim Eddy (Judy's Stucke's Brother) Update Not able to do Chemo to treat his cancer until they get his Hemoglobin levels up and prayers for strength and energy 04-18-17
- · Matt Huelsman (Friend of Sandra Porter) Stomach Cancer 4-16-17
- · Patty Vogel (Friend of Randy and Julie Faber) Surgery 4-16-17
- · Shelly Stienke (Cousin of Wayne Flury) Brain Tumor 4-9-17
- · Dave Cook At home and doing well after having a Brain Tumor Removed 4-10-17
- · Nori Odoi Pancreatic Cancer 4-2-17
- · Mark Green Tumor 03-26-17
- · Phyllis Pulz (Deb Mazza's Sister) Pancreatic Cancer 03-12-17
- Pat Kubicek (Deb Mazza's Sister) Dementia Challenges 03-12-17
- Shirley Konrath (Deb Mazza's Sister) Dementia Challenges 03-12-17
- · Kelly Sanders Setback in fight with Cancer 02-19-17
- · Pam Buske Cancer on her kidney 02-12-17
- · 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
- · Jerry Wroblewski (Dave Wroblewski's Father) Recovering from Back Surgery1-27
- · 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
- Those serving in the military and their families

#### **Continued Prayers From 2016**

- · John "Harpy" Rahjes Cancer has returned 2016
- Danika Newberry Serious Heart Problems- Lakeland College Student 2016
- · Steve Kelly 2016

#### **Thank-You for the Prayers...**

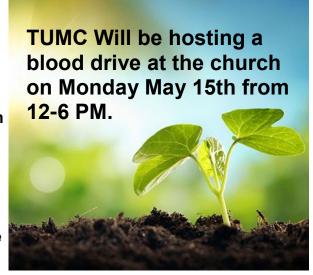
Jeff Leitner (Friend of Sandy Collier) Tumors were non-cancerous, Prayers are answered!

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 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.





# May Birthdays

- 2 Jackie Eichstedt
- 3 David Luedtke Logan Gornjak-Faris Cannon Klein
- 4 Annette Michels
- 5 Jerry Jordan
- 8 Peter Scheerer Damon Kavonius
- 9 Scott Scharschmidt
- 10 Peter Schultz
- 12 Lila Ebert Sandra Plum
- 13 Wendy Hayes Dave Giese Angela Eichstedt
- 14 Isabel Westphal
- 15 Penny Essmann Gerry Meyer
- 17 Janet Hesprich
- 21 Doug Kiehnau
- 23 Eloise Alf
- 24 Joan Brasch
- 25 Donna Luther John LaVarda
- 26 Janice Haefs Bill Seefeld Weston Rhein
- 27 Casey Buske
- 29 Aisha Ullius
- 30 Jacqueline Zimmerman Joel Arndt

# MOM

Happy Mother's Day!

To All Moms...
New Moms, Old Moms
Adoptive Moms,
Step Moms,
Foster Moms,
Soon-To-Be Mom's
Friends and Family
who are like Mom's
and to Mother's in Heaven!

May God bless each and everyone of you!

The Sunday School Kids will be singing for Mother's Day during the 10:00 Worship Service. This is the last day of Sunday School and Youth Group.



# May Anniversaries

- 1 Jeffery & Rebecca Luedtke Derek and Nicole Dittberner
- 4 Francis & Annette Michels
- 5 Jonathan & Lisa Luedtke
- 8 Gerald & Carolyn Krueger David & Michelle Wroblewski
- 9 Gary Jesse & Sandy Porter
- 10 Shawn & Amanda Ditter
- 17 Jerry & CeCe Jordan
- 18 Gerald & Adena Walter
  21 Randy & Julie Faber
  Peter & Ann-Marie Scheerer
- 24 Glen and Pam Wellso
- 27 Gary & Kathleen Walker
- 31 Richard & Janice Haefs

May 19th & 20th 10:00AM-5:00PM (Kountry Korners HWY 41 & 67)

SO MAKE SURE TO BUY A BRAT... OR 2...OR 3!!!

5 Volunteers are needed per shift.

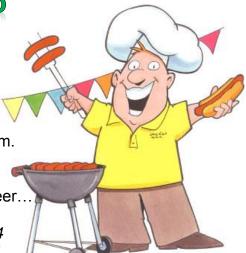
Shifts are 9am-1pm & 1 pm-5pm.

Sign-up sheets are in the church narthex.

For more information or to volunteer..

please contact:

Debbie Bintzler 920-579-0654 Doug Kiehnau 920-948-7045



#### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2017

All upcoming 4K – 6<sup>th</sup> grade children of our church family and the community are invited to join us for...



Begins Friday, June 9th from 6:00-8:30 p.m. and continues Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. here at *Trinity UMC* 

\$12 per child Registration Fee

REGISTRATION DEADLINE:
SUNDAY, MAY 14<sup>th</sup>
Forms available on Sunday School wing bulletin board.



Videotaping Sermons... June - August

Please contact Teresa in the church office if you are able to assist with videotaping the sermon during the upcoming summer months.

It has been requested the taping be done at the 10 AM service but please contact Teresa with your

availability, for either service. If you are unsure as to your schedule, you can also check back in with

Teresa later in the summer to see if you are able to fill any holes.

Haven't videotaped yet? Teresa will make arrangements to get you the training you need. It's a piece of cake!

Thanks to all who have assisted so far!



We will be having a "Farewell Celebration for Seongmin" on Sunday, May 28th at 9:00 in the Fellowship Hall.

As a Student Pastor she has blessed our church in many ways. From her beautiful voice to her work with our Caring Ministries Program.

Please stop by to wish her well!

Intellectual growth should commence at birth and cease only at death.

Albert Einstein



May 2017 – Trinity United Methodist Church Lomira						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRI	SATUR- Day
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	2 7:00 pm Troop 8042 Cadets- Scout Room Last Meeting	3 6:00 pm Hand- bells 6:30 pm A.A.	4 6:00 pm BS Troop 740 6:00 pm Kindergarten Troop - 1st Grade Room last meeting	5	6
7 8:00 am Worship 9:00 am Sunday School/Youth Group	8 6:00 pm SPRC 6:00 pm Last Scouts Leader Meeting	9 8:30 am Men's Group (At Suzie's Home Cooking) 3:00 pm Hope Nursing Home Service 7:00 pm Church Council	10 6:00 pm Hand- bells 6:30 pm A.A.	11 6:00 pm Troop 8005 Brownies - 1st Grade Room	12	13 10- 11:00 a.m. Food Pantry
14 Mothers Day 8:00 am Worship 9:00 am Last day of Sunday School/ Youth Group 9:10 Bible Challenge Discussion Group 10:00 am Worship School-Kids Sing	15 12-6 pm Blood Bank	16	17 6:30 pm A.A. 7.00 pm Choir	18	19 News- letter Deadline 10am- 5pm Brat Fry	20 10am- 5pm Brat Fry
21 Graduate Sunday 8:00 am Worship 9:00 am Cake Recep- tion 10:00 am Worship 6:30 pm Adult Fel- lowship	22	23	24 6:30 pm A.A.	25 6:00 pm Troop 8005 Brownies - 1st Grade Room	26	27 10- 11:00 a.m. Food Pantry
28 8:00 am Worship 9:00 am Seongmin Farewell Celebration 10:00 am Worship	29 Memorial Day Church Office Closed	30	31 6:30 pm A.A.		5	6

#### Rom Pegram, Pastor

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Or by Appointment

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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: Mon-Fri 9AM-1PM

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