

**Sunday Worship 8:00 & 10:00 AM**  
**Sunday School & Youth Group 9:00 AM**  
**Coffee Connections 9:00 AM**

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## ***UPCOMING SERMONS FOR APRIL 2019***

Welcome to spring, everybody! It's finally here... As you receive this newsletter, we are at least half-way through the season of Lent ... and we're still 'walking in the footsteps of Jesus.' Following is what you can expect in April, finishing up this series:

- April 7 – "Sinners, Outcasts, and the Poor" – John 4:3-10
- April 14 (Palm Sunday) – "What Kind of a King?" – Mark 11:7-10
- April 18 (Maundy Thursday) – "We Are God's Masterpiece" – Ephesians 2:10
- April 19 (Good Friday) – "The Crucified King" – Mark 15:21-42a

Then, on Easter morning, we will begin a new worship series that will take us through several weeks—late spring and early summer. This new series is one that everyone can relate to—no matter your age or current situation in life. It's called 'FACING YOUR GIANTS.' So, what are those things in your life that seem to get the better of you? What are those roadblocks in your life that keep you from being all you know you can be ... in Christ? Here's what you can look forward to starting on Easter this year:

- April 21 (Easter) – "Facing Your Giants" – 1 Samuel 17:1-11
- April 28 – "Facing the Giant of Fear" – Deuteronomy 1:19-40

We will continue these themes of 'giants' in our life that hold us back in the month of May. Folks, Easter is coming ... and the Good News that goes with that celebration! Don't miss out. And don't let your friends and family miss out either. Make sure you invite them to come *with* you. The biggest 'giant' in Jesus' life was death ... and he conquered that. And because he did, we can too, along with any other 'giant' we face. Join us for these life-changing messages, won't you?

See you ... in the Easter pew,

*Pastor Rom*

## “WHAT DOES EASTER MEAN?”

Jesus told her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in me will live, even after dying. <sup>26</sup> Everyone who lives in me and believes in me will never ever die....” – John 11:25-26a (NLT)

Dear Trinity family,

Easter greetings to all! It may be hard to believe in this day and age of exceptional communication that everyone *doesn't* know about the Easter story. But the truth is we live in a world where many don't. They haven't had the opportunity—for one reason or another—to hear the good news of Easter. So, as a Christian, how would I sum up what Easter really means? Here's one way to explain it...

A woman was diagnosed with a terminal illness and had been given three months to live. As she was getting her things in order, she contacted her pastor and asked him to come to her house to discuss some of her final wishes. She told him which songs she wanted sung at her funeral service, what Scripture verses she would like read, and what outfit she wanted to be buried in. She requested to be buried with her favorite Bible. As the pastor prepared to leave, the woman suddenly remembered something else. “There's one more thing,” she said excitedly. “What's that?” said the pastor. “This is important,” the woman said. “I want to be buried with a fork in my right hand.” The pastor stood looking at the woman, not knowing quite what to say. The woman explained. “In all my years of attending church socials and potluck dinners, when the dishes of the main course were being cleared, someone would inevitably lean over and say, ‘Keep your fork.’ It was my favorite part of the meal because I knew something better was coming—like velvety chocolate cake or deep-dish apple pie or poppy seed torte. “So, when people see me in that casket with a fork in my hand and they ask, ‘What's with the fork?’ I want you to tell them: ‘Keep your fork. The best is yet to come!’” Well, I grew up with a mom who always said that at family dinners. ‘Keep your fork.’ And no one had to ask why; we all knew...

When God knew there was no other way to repair the great divide in his relationship with humanity (caused by ‘sin’—those things that are not of

God), God sent us one who could rescue us from ourselves—who could atone for our sins. He sent us the only one whose life—namely, the sacrifice of his life—could repair the great rift in our relationship. He was the only answer to the sin that divided us. Jesus came and gave his very life as a once-and-for-all sacrifice for every one of us whom God loves—deeply. In the 1<sup>st</sup> century, Jesus' death was that of Roman crucifixion. It was horrible. Yet, Jesus loved each of us that much. He was crucified, physically died, and was buried on what we now know as Good Friday. And, just as he predicted, he rose to life again on the third day—Easter morning. And because he experienced resurrection—literally being raised from the dead, as followers of his who put our faith in him ... so *can we!*

This is why churches today greet one another on Easter Sunday with the phrase ‘He is Risen!’ And the response is ‘He is Risen, Indeed!’ In faith, we believe that. And since the 1<sup>st</sup> century, many have been witnesses either to the empty tomb and to the resurrected Christ. Those witnesses are recorded in the Gospels. Pastor Adrian Rogers says, “The resurrection is not merely important to the historic Christian faith; without it, there would be no Christianity. It is the singular doctrine that elevates Christianity above all other world religions.” ‘Sounds exclusive, doesn't it? Yes, it is. Those who are willing to put their faith in Christ are those who are blessed with the gift of life—literally, victory over death. This is the gift that comes with a faith in Jesus. The tomb is empty! And, yes ... keep your fork; God's wonderful grace can begin in your life today, but God's *very best* is yet to come!

Celebrating the resurrection together,

*Pastor Rom*







**All Are Welcome!**

**Sunday, April 21st-Served at 9:10 am  
between the 1st and 2nd Services.**

**Menu: Scrambled eggs, sausage, coffee  
cakes, potatoes,  
applesauce, milk, juice and coffee.  
Tickets available at the door.  
Donations of coffee cakes needed.**

**Looking for help for VBS:**

**1 Group leader for the younger kids, 1  
outdoor rec leader for younger kids and  
2 craft leaders. Any high school youth  
that would be willing to help with a  
friend to earn community service  
hours, or help for the weekend, please  
contact Sarah Kretschmer at**

**sarahkretschmer76@gmail.com**

**920-904-6373**

**Thank you!**



*Thank you*

**Sending a prayer of Thanksgiving to our  
Trinity family for all of the kind words,  
caring messages and support for all of us  
during the past few months as our father  
completed his earthly journey and  
prepared to meet his Savior. Please know  
that your words of comfort were felt by our  
entire family.**

**Dawn Seibel, John Muentner Jr.,  
Faye Beck, Dan Muentner**

# LENT

**The Season of Lent 2019**

**at Trinity UMC**

**Following is the upcoming schedule for  
Lent 2019.**

**Lent 2019 Group Bible Study**

**"A Firm Foundation: Hope + Vision For  
a New Methodist Future"**

**7 PM, Wednesdays,  
April 3, 10, 24, May 1  
(Fellowship Hall).**

**Palm Sunday Worship**

**April 14th at 8 & 10 AM**

**Sunday School Children will sing at the  
10 AM Service**

**Maundy Thursday Communion Service**

**April 19th at 7:00 PM (Sanctuary).**

**Good Friday Worship**

**April 19th at 7:00 PM (Sanctuary).**

**Easter Sunday Worship**

**April 21st at 8:00 & 10:00 AM**

**Easter Breakfast in the  
Fellowship Hall between services.**



This is a digital library that is available to all from Trinity UMC. This library of digital resources is also 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 of Grace Ministries' resources on this site, please share it with them so they can receive Godly guidance for their lives as well. Samples of resources available:

- **Crisis 101** (Making sense of life when life doesn't make sense)
- **Family 101** (applying the 'one another' principles in the home)

Please check out this new resource that is available online at ([grace101.org](http://grace101.org)) Here's how you gain access:

**Username:** *tumclomira*

**Password:** *lovegrowserve*

## TUMC

### will award scholarships

...to high school seniors pursuing their first year of higher education in 2019. To be considered for financial support, applications must be received via email by the church office on or before April 15, 2018. Scholarship information and guidelines can be found at:

[www.trinitylomira.org](http://www.trinitylomira.org)

or picked up in the office.

If you have any questions contact Jessica Marschie, the Director of Christian Educations at 920-583-4675

[dustyroadgurl@hotmail.com](mailto:dustyroadgurl@hotmail.com)

\*please note, guidelines changed last year\*



*April*

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|--------------------|-------------------|
| 1. 1 Samuel 21-24  | 16. 1 Kings 12-14 |
| 2. 1 Samuel 25-27  | 17. 1 Kings 15-17 |
| 3. 1 Samuel 28-31  | 18. 1 Kings 18-20 |
| 4. 2 Samuel 1-3    | 19. 1 Kings 21-22 |
| 5. 2 Samuel 4-7    | 20. 2 Kings 1-3   |
| 6. 2 Samuel 8-12   | 21. 2 Kings 4-5   |
| 7. 2 Samuel 13-15  | 22. 2 Kings 6-8   |
| 8. 2 Samuel 16-18  | 23. 2 Kings 9-11  |
| 9. 2 Samuel 19-21  | 24. 2 Kings 12-14 |
| 10. 2 Samuel 22-24 | 25. 2 Kings 15-17 |
| 11. 1 Kings 1-2    | 26. 2 Kings 18-19 |
| 12. 1 Kings 3-5    | 27. 2 Kings 20-22 |
| 13. 1 Kings 6-7    | 28. 2 Kings 23-25 |
| 14. 1 Kings 8-9    | 29. Isaiah 1-4    |
| 15. 1 Kings 10-11  | 30. Isaiah 5-8    |

### PIGGLY WIGGLY RECEIPT PROGRAM

Please keep bringing your Piggly Wiggly receipts from the Lomira store only and deposit them in the container located in the Connections Room. The more receipts the more dollars we will have available for our church budget. Keep up the good work!



Starting in June and going through Labor Day Weekend, Trinity will have one Sunday Worship Service at 9:00 AM. Thank-You!



## MEMORIES

Pondering what I would write about in

my next article, a variety of topics crossed my mind. As I was considering what to write, I was listening to a vintage radio program. I really enjoy listening to these old radio broadcasts from the 1930's, 1940's and 1950's and I have amassed a rather large collection of these programs. Each program released many memories of my childhood and of that time before television. The particular program was the Bob Hope Show and I was motivated by the theme song – "Thanks for the Memories". That might be a good topic to write about, -memories- that look into our past, that each of us has. Memories are ever part of our life and every day we live, we are creating future memories. Memories can be of things and people long past or as recent as yesterday. Whatever the case, I thank the Lord that He saw fit to provide us with the ability to remember.

Memories are important for many reasons. Remembering our past may keep us from making the same mistakes as we tread life's pathway. Memories of past events, deeds and achievements enrich us and provides a sense of accomplishment. More importantly, memories allow us to keep alive in our hearts and soul those people, like our parents and others who played significant roles in our lives. We treasure the memories of our parents, especially those who have gone on to glory. Memories help bridge the gap between us until we are called home by the Lord, there we will no longer have to depend on memories as we will be together with Jesus. The Memories of parents and important people still with us is just as powerful and significant. All memories are significant for all the reasons presented, and they allow us to better understand our roots that made us who we are. These memories can range from major events in our past to more trivial, but no less important glimpses into our past and of the people associated with them. Memories of sad times may bring tears and they can be pure joy that brings a smile.

The potent impact of memories are further cemented in my mind, when I was later listening to a hymn called "Precious Memories" The words to the hymn can say better than I the importance of memories. The lyrics are thus: "Precious memories how they linger, how they ever flood my soul. In the stillness of the midnight, precious sacred scenes unfold. Precious father, loving mother fly across the lonely years. I've old home scenes of my childhood in my memories appear. In the stillness of the midnight echoes from the past I hear, Old time singing, gladness springing from that lovely land somewhere". Oh what a potent statement about the power of memories. Many things can trigger a memory and I have an amusing one for you.

Every Sunday when I come to church, I travel down Highway KK and make the turn of Butternut Road. Immediately my mind evokes memories at Ebenezer Church that once occupied that corner. I can remember the church as well as the interior

and the people of the congregation. This must be from the early 1950's when Ebenezer was part of a three church circuit with Lomira and Knowles. The pastor at that time was Milton Giese. I can remember when Leo Mintner and I would wait for Reverend Giese to get to Ebenezer from one of the other churches. It was our task to precede the pastor to the front of the church and one of us was to plug in the alter piece (now stands in the connections room) while the other would light the candles. Using matches to light the candles could go easily or be difficult.

This little amusing memory concerns Sunday school. Sunday school included classes for everyone in the congregation and I remember their placement. The little kids held their own class behind the piano, the older grade school kids got the coveted choir loft for their class. The high school and young adults got the front pews – girls on the piano side, boys on the other, or organ side. Behind the girls were the elderly matriarch women and behind them were the older women. On the boys side, behind them were the young married couples class and in the last two pews were the older men's class. We were somewhat segregated.

The amusing memory concerns the latter group of older men in the back pews. Although I could name most of them, I will not here. This particular Sunday, Church service came after Sunday School and while others moved to new seats, the men often did not. Reverend Giese was in the midst of his sermon when a baby began bawling at the top of her lungs. The pastor looking at the frantic mother trying to quiet the child did not miss a step in his sermon. He announced to the congregation that he would rather listen to the crying of a baby than to listen to the snoring saints in the back pews. At that the wives turned around to see if their husband was one of the snores\_ there was my dad and others some with their heads down and some with their heads back sleeping. While not the thing to be doing in church, I'm certain that Reverend Giese and most of the congregation understood the circumstances. These men, mostly farmers, had been up at the crack of dawn to get the farm chores done in time to go to church, but there was some new seating patterns created after this by the wives.

Aside from these amusing memories, Ebenezer holds many more relevant memories. Ebenezer will always have a special place in my heart because it is where I really met Jesus. Serious or light hearted memories, we can have them every day. Whatever they are about they are part of our life and we can take heart that we were given this ability by the one who created us. It was from that concept that moved William Shakespeare to pen the phrase "What a piece of work is man/woman." I love to remember things from the past and the people as well. Without memories what would life be like? More stories from my memory are forthcoming. So in the stillness of the midnight what memories will you have? **-Bill Seefeld**



# Operation Christmas Child Ministry Update

Great things are going on a Trinity...do you feel the **excitement**?!!

‘Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the LORD, and he will reward them for what they have done’ **Proverbs 19:17 (NIV)**

During **March & April** we are targeting OCC gifts for **5-9 year old boys & girls**. If you have the means and interest in shopping, please consider adding a few of these ‘**FUN**’ items to your shopping basket or online cart this month...



Barbie clothes & accessories \* Sunglasses

Marbles & Jacks \* Matchbox size cars

Figurines such as little ponies & resin animals \* Hair accessories

Tote bags/drawstring backpacks \* Boys underwear




Lego type building blocks  
Balls (tennis, baseball, rubber)



Playing cards  
Socks



If you are unable to shop but still want to be involved, you may make a donation at any time throughout the year to the church. If donating by check, **PLEASE be sure to indicate ‘OCC Items’ or ‘OCC Shipping’ in the memo** so we can be good stewards of your gift and utilize it in the manner for which you prefer. We couldn't do what we do without **YOU!** 



Through our partners at the Hartford Shoebox Project we were able to participate in the split of a large bulk purchase. Our team purchased **60** good quality **soccer balls** and **pumps** for a very favorable price! This will make an outstanding ‘WOW’ shoebox gift for boys ages 5-9 and 10-14.

**\$3**

Please consider sponsoring a soccer ball and pump for  
These items will be on display on the OCC table **April 10<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>**.



A soccer field, set-up by relief workers at a Syrian refugee camp, makes the situation a bit more bearable for the children. This space offers an outlet for children to play, socialize with peers, and process the trauma of war and displacement. Don't miss out on the opportunity to touch the lives of boys like these.

## TUMC Prayer Concerns

- **Ron Kretschmer Sr.** stroke 3-26
- **Don Plzak** (Mary Kiehnau's Brother) cellulitis 3-24
- **Diana Jewson** stroke 3-13
- **Mickey Oeschner** *Awaiting Kidney Transplant on April 17th*
- **Laurie Reichling** (Carol Dilling's Niece) cancer relapse 3-3
- **Dan Gilgenbach** (Owner of Mike's Music) stage 4 stomach cancer 3-3
- **Jean Porter** (Sandy's Sister) recovery from a car accident 3-3
- **Bill Buerger** *Cancer is spreading 02-24-19*
- **Bill Eggers** Recovering from heart valve repair 2-10
- **Dave Theilen** (Tina Rawlin's Friend) Kidney problems 1-3
- **Robert Rambousek** (Tina's Uncle) Prostate cancer 12-30
- **Ed Michels** Health issues 12-23
- **Vickie Mulder** (Mary Kiehnau's sister) Heart condition 12-2
- **Sandy Collier** Chronic lymphocytic leukemia 11-15-18
- **Adrian Powers** ( Lila's daughter's Father-In-Law) Cancer returned
- **Dave Cook** *New Cancer Tumor 09-16-18*
- **Kathy Hefter** (Friend of Debbie Bintzler) *Bone Cancer 9-9-18*
- **Linda Landaal** (Friend of Sharon Germain) *Struggling with Pancreatic Cancer 07-12-18*
- **Jackson Kohlmann** (Grandson of Nancy Kohlmann of Heartfelt Floral) *Battling cancer*
- **Caroline Maierhafer** (Victor Jewson's Cousin) *Cancer 5-13-18*
- **Shana (Judy Stucke's Niece)** *95% of Brain Tumor removed, Tolerating Chemo well, Good Attitude! 4-22-18*
- **Tim Westphal** (Dave and Carol Luedtke's Neighbor) *Cancer in the sinus's has spread to the Lymph Nodes 3-14*
- **Tim Jantz** (Friend of the Menzer's) *Waiting for a Heart Transplant 2-15-18*

### TUMC Budget Totals

**Year to date needed to meet budget:**

**\$50,532.00**

**Received through**

**3-27-2019: \$38,268.00**

**Budget Shortfall: \$12,264.00**

*Our Prayer list covers for 6 months. If you feel someone needs to continue or be placed back on the list, please let Jessica know. Thank You.*

### Update the Office

As we move into Spring...If you have a new phone number, address, email or prayer request...please let us know by filling out a **"Connection Card"** while at church. Thank you!





**The May Newsletter**  
**Deadline is April 23rd** Please have all of your articles into the church office by noon that day. Thank you!



## April Birthdays

- 1 Dell Beck  
Sally Muehlius
- 2 Jim Green  
Nicole Scharschmidt
- 3 Riley Menzer  
Nyle Wellso
- 6 Lindsay Hesprich  
Gordon Zimmerman
- 7 Ward Hinz
- 8 Priscilla Ehler
- 9 Kim Scharschmidt  
Christine Lavarda  
Lori Winter
- 10 Dylan Bloch
- 11 Lauri Grantman  
Blake Oechsner  
Tammy Steers
- 12 Ralph Germain  
Russ Wendt  
Danelle Flury
- 15 Steve Hayes  
Carol Luedtke  
Dorothy Hake  
Amber Ullius  
Derek Dittberner
- 16 Wayne Flury  
Don Adelmeyer
- 17 Sierra Marzahl
- 20 Amy Unferth
- 21 Sue Bialk  
Cameron Schaefer  
Keeley Towne
- 22 Katie Stoffel
- 24 Gena Poetzel  
Caleb Schaefer  
Amanda Bodden  
Jason Ehler  
Teagan Hayes
- 25 Brynne Schultz
- 27 Briana Novacek  
Kristyn Emmer  
Randi Rosenkranz
- 30 Kevin Rhein  
Aubree Alf



## Our Annual Spring Yard Cleanup Day

is scheduled for Saturday, April 13th, from 8:00 to 12:00 a.m. when we will be picking up sticks and debris and preparing the lawn for the summer months. The workload is always easier when shared with the helping hands of others. So come enjoy the Spring weather, your attendance will be greatly appreciated.

## April Wedding Anniversaries

- 7 Ryan & Susan Menzer
- 15 Brent & Dana Guell
- 17 Ronald & Sarah Kretschmer
- 19 Walter & Barbara Adelmeyer
- 20 Greg & Lavonne Brasch
- 21 Glen & Vickie Renderman
- 27 Leon & Joan Brasch  
Jeffery & Heidi Zingsheim
- 29 Mark & Kathy Lavarda




## SAVE THE DATE!

The Sunday School kids sing  
 at the 10 am service on  
 Palm Sunday, April 14th





**April 2019 TUMC-Lomira**  
**Worship Services 8:00 & 10:00 AM**  
**Sunday School/Youth Group/Coffee Connection 9:00 AM**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 5:30 pm Girl Scouts	3 5:30 pm Bells 6 pm Choir 6:30 pm A.A. & Al-Anon 7 pm Lenten Bible Study	4 6:00 pm Boy Scouts 6:30 Girl Scouts	5	6
7 6:00 pm Wolf Meeting	8 6:00 VBS Meeting	9 8:00 am UM Men's Group 3:00 pm Hope Nursing Home Service 7:00 pm Church Council Meeting	10 5:30 pm Bells 6 pm Girl Scouts 6:00 pm Choir 6:30 pm A.A. & Al-Anon 7:00 pm Lenten Bible Study	11 6:00 pm Girl Scouts	12	13 10:00 am Food Pantry
14 Palm Sunday 9:00 am Adult Bible Study 10:00 am SS Kids Sing 	15	16 5:30 Girl Scouts	17 5:30 pm Bells 6:00 pm Choir 6:30 pm A.A. & Al-Anon 7:00 pm Lenten Bible Study	18 Maundy Thursday 6:00 pm Cub Scouts 6:30 pm Girl Scouts 7:00 pm M/T Communion Service	19 Good Friday 7:00 pm Good Friday Service 	20
21 Easter 9:10 am Easter Breakfast 	22	23  Newsletter Deadline	24 5:30 pm Bells 6 pm Girl Scouts 6:00 pm Choir 6:30 pm A.A. & Al-Anon 7:00 pm Lenten Bible Study	25	26	27 10:00 am Food Pantry 5:00 pm Women's Ministry Movie Night
28 Confirmation/ET Sunday 10:00 am Adult Bible Study	29	30				

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WORSHIP SERVICES  
First Service – 8:00 A.M.  
Sunday School/Youth Group, Coffee Connection 9:00 AM  
Second Service– 10:00 A.M

Church Office Hours:  
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