

Summer Sunday Worship 9:00 AM

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July 2019 | Monthly Newsletter

UPCOMING SERMONS FOR July 2019

In the months of July-August, we will be in a summer worship series called “40 Days with Jesus: A Spiritual Adventure. What does it really mean to be a Christ-follower? How does Jesus stand on particular issues of our lives—things like compassion, justice, peace, and the problems we face? Join us for summer worship as we dig deeper into this faith we claim. Following are the messages we’ll be getting into in July:

July 7 – HIGH COST OF FOLLOWING JESUS – Matthew 6:33

July 14 – JESUS ON COMPASSION – Matthew 5:7

July 21 – JESUS ON JUSTICE – Matthew 7:12, Luke 6:31

July 28 – JESUS ON PEACE – Matthew 5:9

This series will continue through the month of August, too. Don’t miss out on digging deeper into your faith this summer! Not for the casual pew-warmer! We’ll be discovering the real Jesus—the Jesus of the Bible—together...

PROMISES ... PROMISES

“Devote yourselves to prayer with an alert mind and a thankful heart.”
– Colossians 4:2 (NLT)

“You can pray for anything, and if you have faith, you will receive it.”
Matthew 21:22 (NLT)



Dear Trinity family,

Paul’s words to the church at Colossae (above) ring true for us today too. One of the things we’re supposed to be about, as members of a local church, is to offer our prayers on behalf of the church—including the pastor, the leadership, and all the members who are in service to God’s kingdom through the local church. Continuing on the path we began last month—on the topic of membership in the local church, let me remind you of the part of our membership vows I’m going to be teaching on for the next couple of months:

From the (7) promises we make when we come into membership (§ 217, BOD/Book of Discipline), we’re going to look closely at and concentrate on the 6th one—what we actually *do* in the local church after we join as a member. It reads this way:

To faithfully participate in its ministries by *our prayers*, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness;

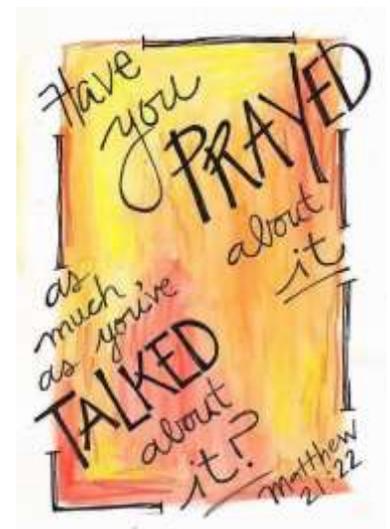
We covered the ‘presence’ part last month, as we began this series of teachings, and I’ll mention it again before we’re done. But this month, we back up to the first item on the list—our prayers. I’m a Facebook junkie, like many of you are—a great way to keep in touch with family & friends. And occasionally, I’ll read a post on there that really hits me—one I just can’t forget. Below is one of these I read not too long ago...

It seems we are a people who are good at letting others know we’re praying for them ... or telling our church, through the promises of membership, that we will pray for God’s will to be done through it. But, do we? Do we actually spend time praying about the things we say we will pray about? That’s what today’s part of our membership promises is talking about; this is what we actually *do* through the local church, and for the local church, and for the larger church (i.e. United Methodist, etc.). How are we doing in this area? As members, are we ‘participating’ in this way, as our vows state? The reason I’m asking is because ... this is what we promised before God and before our local church family—the Body of Christ known as Trinity UMC.

So, if—especially during these summer months—you cannot make it to worship because of summer travel and family time or because your permanent address is not in the Lomira area any longer, the one thing you can continue to do—whether you’re physically here or not—is to ... pray. It’s a great way to uphold your Trinity family & pastor each and every week. Let’s take time to revisit this promise we’ve made—especially as members. And let’s make sure we’re living up to our end of the bargain, okay?

Working together to make this Body stronger,

Pastor Rom



The Essay...Continued



Like an old radio show: now for the conclusion of the enigmatic four sentences written by Dorothy. To reiterate: "I am a witch. I was born an alien to my race and family. I can never hope to love or to be loved. All I want is a home in the woods and live there with my animals." Four troubling sentences from a thirteen year old girl about to begin High School. I wondered what could prompt a young girl to write that about herself. Was it for real or just some kind of practical joke? This made me anxious to meet my new student. As it turned out, I didn't have to wait for the first day of school. I received a phone call from Dorothy and she wanted to talk about school...I sensed an agenda. We set the meeting for the next day at school.

I was working in the office conference room getting ready for the new school year when the school secretary ushered Dorothy into the room. Admittedly, I was surprised when I saw her- it was not what I expected. She told me that she was born with a condition that greatly distorted her facial features. I was certain this had something to do with the four sentence essay, but there needed to be more. There was more and the more was very disturbing. Sensing my need to know more, Dorothy told her story and why the essay.

She said that due to her facial disfigurement, others could not get beyond that point to really get to know who she really was. "From the first day of school, school life was a nightmare. The other kids laughed at me and called me names like "Witch Hazel", "Frankenstein's Daughter", "Snagglepuss" and others. They shunned me because they thought I was different.

They would "accidentally" bump into me causing my books and papers to scatter on the floor. No one ever offered to help me pick them up and some kicked the books and papers down the hallway-laughing all the time. They would point at me and whisper or giggle and I knew they were referring to me. This was a daily occurrence. In Junior High it got worse and I became the target of practical jokes and insults. Once I got trapped by a large number of 8th grade boys. Some were on their knees and others standing, asking for a date. A crowd gathered and they laughed and joked about the happening. Finally a teacher broke up the crowd, but did little to the great hurt and humiliation I felt. I cried because how could people be so cruel and do things like that to others." She feared what High School might bring.

I wondered how she had endured all this for eight years- this constant barrage of insults and taunting's day after day. How do you do it, I asked. She said -I try to avoid contact as much as possible, which is difficult in school. Being in class offered some respite, but passing periods, hallways, riding the bus, using the bathroom, and working in groups proved very difficult.

Representing her teachers, there were things we could do to make her life somewhat easier. We stood in the hallways, we let her use class time to visit the bathroom, we let her leave early to get books and papers for her next class. I allowed her to use my classroom at noon time. We said we could offer some assistance, but could not shield her from all.

So again I asked how she was able to handle the situation- her response was amazing. She said that she had great faith in God and even though love from others might never happen, she knew her parents loved her and so did God. Many times I questioned why I was created this way, which after a tough day, I would cry and cry. Then I would reach out to God knowing that he loved me no matter how I looked. I often read the 23rd Psalm, my favorite. I also prayed to be strong- she was strong and endured so much. She kept going and kept her composure, there by gaining the admiration of some others. She was resolute- she was going to (Continued)

finish school and graduate.

Finish school she did, a very proud moment for her and her family. To endure what she had to and still gain victory was amazing. The story doesn't end there as I had the occasion to visit Dorothy ten or fifteen years after graduation. She lived alone in a house on a dead end road next to a woods. She still avoided people except to go to town for groceries, go to church, visit the doctor and conduct business. I asked if she was happy- she said not really happy, but she was content with her life. What do you do being alone so much? Her response: I have a big garden and sell much produce, do a lot of canning, I have to knit, do crewel work and cross stitching. She showed me some of her handiwork- it was beautiful, and I have my animals and my two dogs to care for.

As we chatted, I saw Dorothy as a contented person. She sat on the sofa and the two dogs-one on either side. The dogs were ever alert to her movements and that they loved her and she returned that love. I asked her if she remembered the four sentence essay she wrote so many years ago- she said yes but somehow the feelings are different now. What about the sentence "I can never hope to love or be loved"? To this she responded, I do love and I am loved. My dogs are devoted to me as I am devoted to God and knowing that God loves me- I have to be happy and on that note, the visit ended.

Upon reflection of Dorothy and her life, I can understand why we meet people who will shape our thoughts and life. In geology there are rock masses known as geodes. The outside is rough and ugly, but you crack open the rock, the inside is an amazing array of beautiful crystal. Unfortunately people only see the outside and miss the crystal treasure. Dorothy was a geode. A line from Amazing Grace: "Once I was blind, but now I see." Don't judge others by the cover, more is on the inside - that was the message of Dorothy- Take time to look behind the outside shell, be willing to find the crystals.

-Bill Seefeld



**WHITE ELEPHANT
S A L E**

And **CHICKEN
BAR-B-QUE**

SUNDAY, JULY 14TH

STERR PARK, LOMIRA
Serving at 11:00 a.m. • Auction at NOON

CHICKEN BAR-B-QUE
Adult: \$10.00
Children (Under 12): \$6.00

HAMBURGERS • REFRESHMENTS • BRATS
Games for Children Sponsored by FBLA

FOR SALE
ANTIQUES • NEW ITEMS
No Comprovers Please!

Donation of items will be appreciated
For Pick-Up, Contact Don Luedtke 920-960-1610
or Dave Luedtke 920-960-4478

"Run For Sight"
Race Distance: 5K Competitive Run • 2 Mile Fun Walk
Registration 7:00 • Run 8:30 a.m. • Walk 8:30 a.m.
Awards For Runners: Medals for 1, 2, and 3
Mile. 100% of all proceeds benefit the American Diabetes Association.
Any questions call: Don Luedtke 920-960-1610

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Help save lives!



**Donate blood
at our
upcoming
blood drive!**

**TUMC Will be hosting a blood
drive at the church on
Monday July 15th
from 12-6 PM.**

Cookie donations are appreciated!

TUMC Prayer Concerns

- **Family of Jane Klein** 6-23
- **Richard Haefs** hospitalized with pneumonia 6-23
- **Cal Voight** suffering from various health issues, in a rehab facility 6-18
- **Pat Roth** another heart attack, fluid in his lungs 6-16
- **Diana Jewson** stroke, making great progress every day 6-16
- **Annette Michels** recovering from hip replacement 5-26
- **Eugene Balson** chemo for bone cancer 6-3
- **517 Water Street** pray for peace and love to thrive 6-3
- **Bill Balthazor** (Michelle Large's Brother) going through chemo, doing well 5-19
- **Fran Michels** home recovering from bypass surgery 5/19
- **Kim Wetzel** health complications 5/5
- **Brianna Luedtke** bell's palsy and other health issues 4-28
- **Brenna Slavic** (Friend of Mitch Wroblewski) 9 year old had brain surgery 4-21
- **Jean Porter** (Sandy's Sister) recovery from a car accident 3-3
- **Robert Rambousek** (Tina's Uncle) Prostate cancer 12-30
- **Vickie Mulder** (Mary Kiehnau's sister) Heart condition 12-2
- **Sandy Collier** Chronic lymphocytic leukemia 11-15-18

Our Prayer list covers for 6-8 months. If you feel someone needs to continue or be placed back on the list, please let the office know.

For Prayer Requests please contact Jessica in the church office by email, our website (www.trinitylomira.org) or by phone.

Also please contact the office if you would like to become a member of our prayer team.

Thank You.



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

**We started Memorial Weekend and will continue through Labor Day Weekend, with one Sunday Worship Service at 9:00 AM.
Thank-You!**



UPCOMING MEMBERSHIP CLASS

We will be offering a membership class this fall, either for those desiring to officially join Trinity United Methodist Church as their local congregation or for anyone wanting to brush up on the privileges/responsibilities of their own membership, or to just explore membership in general. There will be a sign-up sheet in August in the Narthex for this upcoming class. This will be a 6-week class with the pastor, beginning in October. We'll be meeting **Sundays at 4 PM** in order to accommodate those now interested. The dates will be as follows:

October 6, 13, 20 & 27

November 10 & 17

(Only the first class might interfere with a Packer game!) Please do sign up if interested in exploring the topic or if you have a desire to be a member of Trinity UMC in particular. And please feel free to talk to me with any questions you might have. I look forward to spending this quality time with you!

Pastor Rom

Note: Trinity UMC suggests a \$10 donation to cover the materials used in this membership class.



July

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| 1. Psalms 26-31 | 17. Psalms 106-107 |
| 2. Psalms 32-35 | 18. Psalms 108-114 |
| 3. Psalms 36-39 | 19. Psalms 115-118 |
| 4. Psalms 40-45 | 20. Psalms 119 |
| 5. Psalms 46-50 | 21. Psalms 120-125 |
| 6. Psalms 51-57 | 22. Psalms 126-132 |
| 7. Psalms 58-65 | 23. Psalms 133-139 |
| 8. Psalms 66-69 | 24. Psalms 140-145 |
| 9. Psalms 70-73 | 25. Psalms 146-150 |
| 10. Psalms 74-77 | 26. Proverbs 1-3 |
| 11. Psalms 78-79 | 27. Proverbs 4-6 |
| 12. Psalms 80-85 | 28. Proverbs 7-9 |
| 13. Psalms 86-89 | 29. Proverbs 10-12 |
| 14. Psalms 90-95 | 30. Proverbs 13-15 |
| 15. Psalms 96-102 | 31. Proverbs 16-18 |
| 16. Psalms 103-105 | |



Dear Trinity United Methodist Church,
I would like to thank you for choosing me to receive your generous scholarship. Without your help I wouldn't have achieved my goal of attending a 4 year university straight out of high school. Thank you for seeing my potential and believing in me.

Thank you,
Janie Hodny

SHOEBOX STORIES

#shoobox recipients share about the eternal impact of a simple gift.



Meet Jaki...I've never met my birth mother. People at the orphanage told me that she brought me there when I was a few months old. At the orphanage in Guatemala, the caretakers provided for our basic needs. They taught us, fed us, and clothed us, but their limited resources meant that we ate a steady diet of rice and beans and wore whatever clothes were available, no matter what the size. Sometimes, the girls wore boy clothes because that's what the orphanage had on hand.

I don't remember us having any combs or brushes. We did have a toothbrush — one toothbrush for 10 girls. We shared it, like we shared everything else. That's why I was so excited when we each received our own Operation Christmas Child shoebox with the wonderful gifts inside.

My favorite thing I received in my box was a toothbrush of my very own. I got a lot of use out of it. It was a prized possession. **To this day when I pack shoebox gifts, I don't just include one toothbrush—I pack at least four of them in each box!** That way, the children can use them for a long time, or have enough of them to give to their friends or family members. I also received a stuffed animal. I was 5 years old, so I loved to hug it. I was delighted to receive crayons and coloring books. When the girls and I colored, there was no white space left on the pieces of paper. We filled every available space with color.

The possessions we really cherished we kept underneath our mattresses. I didn't receive a photo in my shoebox, but some of the other girls did. They kept the photos underneath their mattresses so they could pull them out to look at them then tuck them away again for safekeeping. I always include a photo and a letter in the shoeboxes I pack because I remember how much the girls treasured them. **Even if they couldn't read the writing, it meant something to them that they were from those who had given them the gifts.**

I had heard about Jesus at the orphanage. But it wasn't until I received my shoebox and studied his teaching a few years later that I truly knew that Jesus really does love me. A year after I received my shoebox, I was adopted by a couple from the U.S. My parents took me to church and, within the year, I accepted Jesus as my Lord and Savior.

As a teenager I now get to help the children pack shoeboxes at my church. I tell them that I received a shoebox gift and answer their questions about what to put in the boxes. I explain how important basic items like paper and pencils **are to a child who doesn't have them.** **They're amazed that I had to share a toothbrush—they couldn't imagine having to share things like that.** But they grasp at an early age what it is to give to others.

I hope that my story will make a difference in other children's lives—both those who pack shoeboxes and those who receive them. I'm so thankful that someone took the time to pack one for me.



OCC Team members have been busy loom knitting beautiful hats to include in our shoeboxes. If you have **YARN** that you no longer have a purpose for, please consider donating it.

Would you like to give loom knitting a try? There are a few looms available for your use. For more information please call Shirley Klein (920-269-4189) and leave a message.

We couldn't have imagined how uplifting it feels to learn that others share our passion for the Operation Christmas Child Ministry and what this outreach opportunity offers. Each shoebox we loving pack, overflowing with simple gifts, offers an opportunity for a boy or girl to experience the love of God in a tangible way and hear the Gospel. The yearlong process of preparing for the annual packing events offers our congregation,

SIMPLY
Blessed

Amy Unferth & Heidi Zingsheim



July

July Anniversaries

- 4 Mike and Teresa Amerling
- 10 Dan & Brenda Michels
- 13 Augie & Andy Luedtke
- 17 Peter & Nancy Vegetabile
- 18 Gene & Marge Junger
- 27 Brian & Ashley Schaefer
- 28 Tim & Bridget Thorn



July Birthdays

- 1 Janis Johnson
Sandy Zitlow
- 2 Kylie Neill
Lee Jesse
- 3 John Muentner, Jr.
- 4 Owen Unferth
- 5 Gloria Faber
Richard Ullius
- 6 Dennis Michels
Jim Todl
- 8 Pastor Rom Pegram
- 9 Harold Johnson
- 10 Leightin Graf
Fran Coulter
Kaye Voight
- 11 Teresa Amerling
Josh Kanas
Ron Kretschmer
Tim Thorn
- 12 Nora Buske
- 13 Evelyn Krug
Karyn Michels
- 14 Felix Cardenas
- 17 Debra Gudex
- 18 Cal Voight
- 19 Lillie Thorn
Michelle Neill
- 20 Bob Adelmeyer
Bruce Dilling
Madeline Marschie
Scott Krueger
- 21 Elizabeth Doemel
- 22 Alexandria Bloch
Ed Faber
- 25 Ben Buske
Pam Giese
Leverne Senn
Dalton Zingsheim
Sarah Wright
- 27 Mackenzie Klein
Addison Stoffel
- 28 Mike Lavarda
Barb York
- 29 Nathan Dewhurst
Lynn Haefs
- 31 Blake Renderman
Connor Steers
David Wroblewski



TUMC Budget Totals

Year to date needed to meet budget:
\$105, 275.00

Received through

6-23-2019: **\$83,656.93**

Budget Shortfall: \$21,618.07

July 2019 TUMC-Lomira
Worship Service 9:00 AM

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|--|------------------------------|--|-------------------------------|--|-----|-------------------------------|
| | 1 | 2 | 3 6:30 pm AA & Al-Anon | 4 OFFICE CLOSED  | 5 | 6 |
| 7 | 8 | 9 8:00 am UM Men's Group 3:00 pm Hope Nursing Home Service | 10 6:30 pm AA & Al-Anon | 11 | 12 | 13 10:00 am Food Pantry |
| 14 10:00 am Adult Bible Study 6:00 pm Boy Scouts 740 | 15 12:00 pm Blood Bank | 16 | 17 6:30 pm AA & Al-Anon | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| 21 | 22 | 23 Newsletter Deadline | 24 6:30 pm AA & Al-Anon | 25 | 26 | 27 10:00 am Food Pantry |
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SUMMER WORSHIP SERVICES

9:00 AM

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Tues-Fri 9AM-2PM

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