



## ***UPCOMING SERMON SERIES FOR February 2020***

In February 2020, as we've done in the past, we will be going through a worship series on relationships. With February 14—the day of love—as our inspiration, the series we'll be starting on February 9 is called: "Relationship Rescue: Finding the Lifeline of Hope." And who doesn't need a bit of a hand when it comes to relationships? We'll be looking at wisdom from God's word on this topic, as we move through the following topics:

- February 2 – HOW TO PRAY FOR OTHERS – 2 Timothy 1:3 (*Finishing up the Vertical worship series*)
- February 9 – BACK TO THE BASICS – Psalm 144:7, etc.
- February 16 – DATING DILEMMAS – Psalm 144:11, 1 John 4:19, etc.
- February 23 – MARRIAGE MAINTENANCE – Psalm 144:11, Eph. 5:31-33, etc.

For anyone struggling with relationships right now, this series is for you! We'll cover all the basics, as well as looking at how to avoid dating dilemmas—no matter what your age, and then we'll look at what it takes to keep a marriage running smoothly, a little preventive maintenance for the days ahead. Don't miss out on this one, folks! If not for you, I'm sure we all know someone we can pass God's wisdom for relationships on to!

*Pastor Rom*

## LEARNING HOW TO LOVE...

“When we get together, I want to encourage you in your faith, but I also want to be encouraged by yours.” – Romans 1:12 (NLT)



Dear Trinity family,

First off, I can't believe it's February! Secondly, I love this month. It's the month of love, isn't it? Don't anyone forget—*especially on February 14*—to take the time to tell those you love ... that you love them! Life is too short (and many of you know that from life experience); we need to say 'I love you' while we can. Relationships are so important, aren't they?

The truth is, we can't live for ourselves if we want to please God. God will bless your life if you participate in what the Church calls 'fellowship.' We need to be a part of a church family (and what a blessing that is!), developing relationships with other believers. Take a look at the scripture posted above one more time: “When we get together, I want to encourage you in your faith, but I also want to be encouraged by yours.” The Apostle Paul, who wrote this, didn't mind encouraging others, but it had to be reciprocal. It's a two-way street. You encourage me; I'll encourage you. And that's a great little description of what the local church is supposed to be all about. We're here not just for ourselves, but for the sake of others too.

The bottom line is this: *God wants us to learn how to love!* And we learn how to love one another through relationships. Whether at work, at school, at church, or in your neighborhood, we need relationships to help us become what God wants us to be. I'm thankful for Trinity—being that place we can love and be loved. But, the truth is, many don't have this privilege in their lives. There are many of our neighbors and classmates and those we work next to who still need to have a place to love and be loved in their lives. So, with that in mind, I want you to consider something.

This month, we're starting a new worship series (February 9) called: “Relationship Rescue.” The subtitle is even more telling. The subtitle is: “Finding the Lifeline of Hope.” And who in this world doesn't need a good dose of HOPE once in a while—especially when it comes to our relationships?

In February, in particular, if you know someone who doesn't currently have a place they can call their 'church home'—a place where they can love and be loved, invite them to come with you to church at Trinity! I promise you, the message you'll be hearing during this upcoming series will help you to grow in the area of love. God wants us to learn how to love—or love better! Won't you come join us as be the church together in the days ahead?

Leaning on one another in everything, *Pastor Rom*



## Stewardship and Finance Offering

The stewardship and finance committee have an exciting and new direction. In the upcoming months you will be seeing more from your SF team as we work through our new goals and teachings, so that we can inform and teach you the members of Trinity. Such changes as...articles in the newsletters, new giving statements, awareness of giving options, and so much more. We are much, much more than just setting the budget – stewardship and finance is as much about the faith of giving as it is about the gift. Please take a moment and read the article below. Consider the 1% increase in your giving for the year, try it and see how it affects you.

SF Committee Chair  
Josh Marschie

*“For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has—not according to what one does not have”. (2 Corinthians 8:12)*

This year join me in taking care of the problematic and typical shortfalls in our church budgets. Many stewardship books propose a step of 1% of income per year as you grow toward tithing. In Wisconsin, if the roughly 34,000 giving households increased their giving by an average of 1% of income in 2020, our churches would receive \$18 million more in 2020 than in 2019. Overall, we would increase our giving from 3% to 4% of our collective income.

If you make the median income in Wisconsin, then one percent is about \$600. That is \$11.54 per week in 2020. Coming up with another \$12 per week for the church may take some effort and sacrifice, but you can see that for most families earning the median, this would be doable.

If your household earns \$100,000 per year, one percent is \$1,000, or about \$19 per week. If your household earns \$25,000 per year, one percent is \$250 or just under \$5 per week.

**Generosity is not a big check; rather, it is these weekly increments,** that today you will resolve to give to God in 2020. If you have already pledged, tell them you want to change it, or just start giving the additional \$5 or \$12 or \$19 or whatever is 1% of your income over and above your giving last year.

If most giving units increased their giving in this way, **your church would close the budget gap** that people have been worrying about. Apportionments would be paid, and delayed maintenance would be done. More importantly, your congregation would be able to feed the hungry, help the poor, send youth on mission trips, sponsor missionaries and do good in many other ways. **Isn't this why you are a church?**

Jim Wells, Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation



**Beat The  
Winter Blues  
Bazaar**

**Saturday Feb 29th 9:00 am - 2:00 pm**

**Sunday March 1st 11:00 am - 2:00 pm**

Get out of the house on Leap Year to find a treasure! Women's Ministry is holding their 2nd annual bazaar to raise funds for the roof project and other ministries at Trinity.

We are looking for donations of handmade crafts, children's clothing, toys, books, home and seasonal décor, great rummage and in addition, silent auction items and baskets. Donations can be dropped off in the Fellowship hall beginning Feb. 24th.

More Volunteers are welcome! Contact Pam Wellso for mor info at 920-905-9511



Lunch will be sold by the Missions Group to raise funds for this summers mission trip.

Come join the fun at Trinity's 5th Annual  
"Taste of Bacon & Cheese"

Event held on Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup>  
following the all-church meeting... Noon(ish)  
for the benefit of Trinity's

**Operation Christmas Child Ministry**

All free-will donations will help fund the \$9 shipping costs for 200 shoeboxes.



## Bakers and Cooks.... WE NEED YOU!

We are hoping for a record turnout so...

**Please** consider preparing & sharing  
your favorite (or experimental) dishes  
containing **bacon** OR **cheese** OR **both!**



Candies, appetizers, salads, main dishes, desserts... Endless possibilities!  
Use your imagination... and lots of bacon & cheese!

Please see sign-up sheet on OCC Table in Connection's Room

\*Please reach out to 'reserve' limited oven space for baking & warming



The Operation Christmas Child Ministry Team is excited to share some of the shoebox projects they have been working on. Every gift-filled shoebox is a powerful tool for evangelism and discipleship – transforming the lives of children and their families around the world through the Good News of Jesus Christ. Learn how you can become more involved.

Please join us for delicious food and fellowship.... **Invite your friends!**

\*Bring the kids! We're planning a special treat just for them.

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**The Operation Christmas Child Ministry**  
appreciates your support!

We can't do what we do without you! Follow your 

The 170 shoeboxes packed on behalf of Trinity were delivered to the following countries...



## Trinity blessed children in... **Chili**

Located in South America, Chile is the world's longest country with nearly 4,000 miles of coastline stretching from north to south. Samaritan's Purse began distributing gift-filled shoeboxes there in 2003 and launched The Greatest Journey in this nation in 2000.

### **Economy**

The quality of life of Chileans **improved** significantly over the last decade. Its economic model helped bridge the income gap but still falters with **significant income inequality**. Chile is seeking economic restructuring to help build a more productive workforce offering better job opportunities to women and youth.

### **Climate**

In Chile, there is a **wide variety of climates**: desert but mild in the north, Mediterranean in the center, oceanic in the south, and cold in the Andes. Chile is a land of **extreme natural events**: volcanic eruptions, violent earthquakes, and tsunamis. Fierce winter storms and flash floods alternate with severe summer droughts. The average high temperature during summer is **68°F**, while winter lows between June and July drop to **46°F**.

## Trinity blessed children in... **Ukraine**

Ukraine is a country in Eastern Europe. It is the second largest country in Europe after Russia and is known for its agricultural production. Samaritan's Purse began distributing gift-filled shoeboxes there in 1996 and launched The Greatest Journey, the follow-up discipleship program, in this nation in 2010.

### **Economy**

As of 2018, Ukraine is the **poorest country in Europe** in terms of GDP per capital. At US\$40, it has the lowest median wealth per adult in the world, and suffers from a **very high poverty rate** as well as **severe corruption**. However, because of its extensive fertile farmlands, Ukraine is one of the world's largest grain exporters.

### **Climate**

The climate of Ukraine can be described as **warm, dry summers** and **fairly severe winters**. January is the coldest month with daytime temperatures around **32°F**, but winter months can be quite colder with heavy snowfall. Dry weather is enjoyed during the summer months with the average temperature of **75°F** in July.



### **BIG NEWS... the numbers are in!**

Join us in Praising God for the **8,850,144** shoebox gifts packed in the US and **10,569,405** Worldwide in 2019!



Thank you to everyone who offered to give loom knitting a try... Enjoy!

### **Q: Does a knit hat get packed in every shoebox?**

**A:** Unfortunately, there is not enough room to pack everything we would like. Every shoebox will be blessed with a clothing item. Some may have flip-flops and a summer dress. Others may have a t-shirt and baseball cap. Others may have a knit hat, scarf and mittens... or many other combinations. We pack the shoeboxes as full as we can with many wonderful gifts!

### **Q: How do you know a shoebox with a knit hat will bless a child in a cold region?**

**A:** Have faith! Once it leaves ours, the shoebox is in God's hands!



### **Q: What will you do if there are any extra donated knitted hats?**

**A:** Once Trinity's shoeboxes for this year are packed, any remaining knitted hats could be offered to individuals/families packing shoeboxes, included on the Mitten Tree to be donated to the Solution Center in FDL, sent as filler to the Hartford OCC packing event or OCC processing center in Chicago.... endless possibilities. We will make sure all your lovingly crafted items find their way to someone in need. Thank you so much for sharing your time and talents!

## Heroes

Our society, culture, history and religion offer a great variety of people we call heroes (both male and female) and sometimes referred to exceptional animal deeds and exploits. What then is a hero? Webster's collegiate dictionary defines a hero in the following ways: A hero is someone of great strength and courage. A Hero is one admired for their nobility of character and behavior, bravery, exploits and achievements. They also watch over and protect others to the ultimate sacrifice where they lay down their life for another. Heroes also serve as ideals or models to be emulated. A hero is an exceptional person and their stories are important and worthy of remembrance.



I think there are two categories of heroes: those that receive great acclaim and adoration. Heroes like the Biblical Moses, who led the Israelites out of Egypt; David who slew the giant Goliath, Audi Murphy and Alvin York during WWII and I; Martin Luther King and Mother Teresa; George Washington and Abraham Lincoln and others whose exploits are detailed on TV or print. Then there are the unsung heroes, they include our military men and women, our police, our firemen and first responders. Every day they are heroes, which we occasionally know about when they have achieved some good or are killed in the line of service. I was a schoolteacher and I went to work each day with little regard to the possibility of not coming home at night. We cannot say the same for military men, police or firemen.

My unsung heroes are much closer and rarely receive public acknowledgement. They are Mom and Dad. Yes, parents are truly heroes. Abraham Lincoln upon creation of Mother's Day said the following "All that I am or ever hope to be, I owe to my sainted Mother". Samuel Langhorne Clemens (Mark Twain) author of Tom Sawyer and Huckleberry Finn was once asked by a reporter "Who were the smartest people he ever knew?" Without missing a beat, he replied his parents. Mom and Dad were the smartest and he further added: "The older I got, the smarter they became." Parents, when you really think about it do exhibit all the traits listed in Webster's Dictionary. In the faith-based movie "New Hope", the minister asks the parents of a troubled youth would you die for him? They answered yes. Then he asked if they would live for him. They said yes, knowing that it might be the harder path.

I can only speak for my parents; both have gone on to glory and I often wonder: did I really thank them for living for me and my brother? Growing up you never thought of them as heroes and maybe didn't say thanks. I was going through some old family memorabilia and found a Mother's Day card sent to my Grandma by her son. It simply said thanks for being the greatest mom in the world. This was his last letter home as he was killed in action during the Korean War. He was

able to say thanks, but I might have to wait until I see them again in Heaven. So if you have parents, be thankful and appreciative.

I remember growing up on a small dairy farm south of Eden. We were poor, as I look back now, but poverty never entered my mind then. My parents, my brother and I lived off the milk checks from 18 cows, egg money and the occasional sale of a calf. What was not covered by money was made up for by hard work. Dad and Mom worked around 12 hours a day, everyday with no time off for holidays. The cows needed to be milked twice a day no matter what. Most of the work back then was done by hand. Besides sharing the farm work, Mom grew a large garden and did a lot of cooking and baking. I wonder why they spent so much of their life working so hard, but it was so that my brother and I would have a good life. Which I never realized at the time.

They sacrificed so much. When I was seven or eight, we visited our cousin in Milwaukee, and he had an electric train set. That Christmas all I wanted was a train set and sure enough there on Christmas was a train layout and an American Flyer train, was I happy! I recently found the record book of that time. I never realized that that train cost my parents two months of milk checks. That and other sacrifices were made all the way through my college graduation. But there was the ever-present love, care and support that made us a happy family. I truly believe that their final thoughts before going on to glory was of my brother and me. Even though both are gone, there are things that remind me of them and their love and sacrifices. Cleaning out the cupboard, I happened upon the bread tins Mom used to bake bread- they were blackened with use and age and will never see another loaf of Mom's bread, but they do stir memories. I thank God for the gift of memory.

As I write these words, I really wonder if I really thanked Mom and Dad for all they did for me. I hope I did, but I will get a chance when I go on to glory. My uncle Robert (only a couple of years older than me) was in the Air Force and a gunner during the Korean War, in which he was killed. Thinking about that card he sent, I understand why God included in the Ten Commandments "Honor thy Father and Mother." God knew that they would be heroes and would do it unselfishly. We should be proud of our parents and take the time to show appreciation before it's too late, and won't be in the situation I have of "did I or didn't I thank them?" The only way I will ever know is when I get to Heaven. So, Mom and Dad, if you hear me, thanks for being my heroes. We all have one true hero, Jesus Christ.

-Bill Seefeld



## THANK YOU TO OUR TREASURERS (WHAT?!)

My personal thanks to **Pam Dewhurst**—specifically for being the Treasurer of Trinity UMC for the past several years (since I've been here at Trinity)! Pam, like those before her, has been very committed to God, her church, and her position as Treasurer. One of the projects Pam took on when she took over as our Treasurer was to automate the books; she is the one who moved us from paper records to having everything on the computer—a huge accomplishment. For sure, Pam has made my first 4 ½ years here at Trinity much easier, as I've never had to be concerned with bill-paying, and all the other details Pam has taken care of that most are not aware of. Please take a moment, if you would, and thank Pam for her past service! There's no one more deserving. (BTW, Pam is involved in several other things around Trinity that make this place tick on a regular basis!)

With this announcement of Pam stepping down from the Treasurer position, let me also take a moment to welcome our new Treasurer (recently approved by our Church Council)—**Jackie Zimmerman**. Jackie has done this particular job in the past, and comes to us recently retired from an accounting background. Jackie is currently working with Pam for a smooth transition.

Sincerely, Pastor Rom

## EXTRA! EXTRA! READ ALL ABOUT MEMBERSHIP!

If you're not aware, on the first Sunday of the New Year, we had another 'Membership Sunday.' We welcomed 9 new members into the life of our church. Eight went through the 6-week (actually 5 in this case) Membership Class together, along with four who are already members; one did one-on-one sessions with Pastor Rom, covering the same material. The new members are as follows:

- Janet Demunn
- Jason Kuehl
- Ben Priesgen
- Jennifer Priesgen
- Abby Sauer
- Sarah Schellin
- Steve Schellin
- Debra Skilling
- Tony Skilling

Since we had a 'Membership Sunday,' it's also a good time for the rest who are members of Trinity to be reminded of the promises you've made in joining this local Body of Christ. When we join the local church, we promise to support it in these ways: our prayers, our presence (at least 50% in worship—attendance taken via Connection Card), our gifts (working toward a biblical tithe), our service (every member should be involved in at least one form of ministry in the church), and our witness (how we live our lives). So there's the reminder. Let's all work together to have a strong, winning membership here at Trinity, shall we?

thank you

Thank you for the anonymous gift of money, that was put in my "choir " slot! As requested, it will be put towards a new piece of choir music. I appreciate your thoughtfulness in remembering the choir. God Bless you!

Keep a song in your heart!

Pam Hilker



I think it's important to give a roaring Thank You to all the ladies involved in planning and working at that wonderful Christmas Tea recently. It was so beautifully done and so much appreciated by all who attended. The food table was "tastefully" arranged with just the right menu for the Tea, with delicious, and some unique, desserts. The tables were adorned with beautiful red and white live floral arrangements which were given to one winner of a game at each table. I was the lucky one at our table and I enjoyed that arrangement for a long time.

Before the Tea began, I noticed the hostesses formed a prayer huddle..What better way to begin a party celebrating the season of our Lord and Saviour!

Pam Wellso so ably headed the program which included Devotional, prayer, introductions, and her very own uniquely baked three layer cake in three colors. That was prefaced with the story of the three colors. AND, it was delicious.!

Several ladies were involved in the success of this brand new idea. Pam Wellso was the leader, Betty Menzer, Debbie Bintzler (decorations), Tina Rambousek, Jane Pegram, Cathy Wetzel and Tina Rawlins. I apologize for any names left out and any miss spelled. But, huge hugs, applause and great gratitude go out too each and every lady who gave their time and efforts to make this the wonderful success it was. We all, who attended, couldn't say enough good things about the Christmas Tea, and hope there will be more to follow. with more attendees.. You won't want to miss it!! A great way to take that much needed holiday break and catch your breath. WELL DONE!

Dorothy Hake



## TUMC Prayer Concerns

- **Mary Mitch** (Hartford Shoebox Project team leader) battling cancer 1/22
- **Jeff** (relative of Menzer's) surgery to remove tumor on 1/24
- **Bill Turner** (friend of Menzer's) heart issues 1/12
- **Randy Faber** bypass surgery 1/10
- **Tracey Roane** (Scott K's Sister) breast cancer 1/5
- **Mary Rivera** (Cathy Wetzel's sister) health issues 1/5
- **Tony O'Malley** (Sandy O'Malley's Husband) leukemia 12/29
- **Paul Schwefel** (Wayne Flury's friend) prostate cancer 12/24
- **Unborn Granddaughter** (Barb Adelmeyer) will need heart surgery after birth 12-1
- **Bekah** (Hakes granddaughter) gestational diabetes 11-24
- **Nancy Feucht** (Casey Buske's Mom) chemo treatments for breast cancer 11-3
- **Jodi Hernandez** (Glenn Eichstedt's sister) chemo treatments; 6 mo. Prognosis 10-20
- **Amanda Liebe** (Scott Kruger's cousin's daughter) leukemia 10-13
- **Tom Stahla** (Friend of Jan G) recovering from stroke 10-6
- **Ray Wifler** (Andy Luedtke's B-I-L) at Harbor Haven 9-15
- **Brenda Bergman** pancreatic cancer (meal train online)
- **Robert Rambousek** (Tina's Uncle) undergoing radiation treatment 8-11
- **Carl Freitag** (Carlene Cardenas' brother) Parkinson's (10 years) 3-6 months to live 8-11
- **Diana Jewson** stroke, making progress everyday 6-30
- **Kim Wetzel** health complications 5/5

## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Carissa Backhaus  
Judy Schraufnagel
- 2 Emily Batterman
- 3 Emily Schwanke
- 4 Peter Buske  
Ryan Riedel  
Mike Sacotte
- 6 Judy Lerch
- 7 Zachary Dewhurst
- 10 Skylar Thorn  
Cynthia Bryant  
Brayden Sanders  
Aricka Ullius  
Ryan Ullius  
Catrina Rambousek
- 11 Sharon Germain
- 13 Ryan Schwartz
- 17 Debbie Bintzler  
Tori Beck
- 18 Joel Menzer
- 20 Bill Buske  
Vickie Renderman
- 21 Cathy Wetzel
- 22 Kevin Haefs  
Jonathan Luedtke
- 23 Gene Junger
- 25 William Beck
- 27 Glenn Eichstedt
- 28 Doug Kindschuh  
Will Jewson  
Finley Sacotte  
Marley Sacotte
- 29 Deb Janke



## FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 13 Tom and Syd Henke
- 20 Kevin and Jenna Rhein
- 27 Todd and Lori Klein



<b>TUMC Budget Totals</b>
Year to date needed to meet budget: <b>\$16,572.00</b>
Received through
1-26-2020: \$12,782.11
<b>Budget Shortfall: \$3,789.89</b>

Mark your calendars...the Sunday School Kids will be singing at the 10:00 am service for Young at Heart Sunday on Feb. 9<sup>th</sup>. Followed by the all congregational meeting (Child Care Provided) & Taste of Bacon & Cheese!



## February 2020 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
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2 Communion/ Scout Sunday 6:00 pm Wolf Pack	3	4 5:30 pm Girl Scouts 6:30 pm Ladies Bible Study	5 6:00 pm Bells 6:30 AA & AI- Anon 7:00 Choir	6 11:30 am Adult Bible Study	7	8 10:00 am Food Pantry
9 Young At Heart Sunday <b>ONE SERVICE</b> <b>10:00 am</b> Service 11:00 am All Church Meeting Taste pf Bacon & Cheese to follow	10 6:00 pm Stewardship & Finance Meeting	11 8:00 am UM Men's Group 3:00 pm Hope Service 6:30 pm Ladies Bible Study	12 11:00 am Staff Meeting 6:00 pm Bells 6:00 pm Girl Scouts 6:30 AA & AI- Anon 7:00 Choir	13 11:30 am Adult Bible Study 6:00 pm Girl Scouts	14 	15
16	17	18 5:30 pm Girl Scouts 6:30 pm Ladies Bible Study	19 6:00 pm Bells 6:30 AA & AI- Anon 7:00 Choir	20 11:30 am Adult Bible Study 6:00 pm Cub Scouts	21	22 10:00 am Food Pantry
23 6:00 pm Boy Scouts	24	25  Newsletter Deadline	26 ASH WEDNESDAY 6:00 pm Girl Scouts 6:30 AA & AI- Anon 7:00 PM Worship Service	27 11:30 am Adult Bible Study	28	29 CHURCH BAZAAR

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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

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Tues-Thur 9AM-1PM

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