



## **January 2020 Monthly Newsletter**

**Sunday Worship 8:00 & 10:00 AM**

**Sunday School & Youth Group 9:00 AM**

**Coffee Connections 9:00 AM**

### **UPCOMING SERMON SERIES – JANUARY 2020**

As we begin the brand new year, we'll start off our year with a new worship series as well. The topic is one that's often requested. And I don't know of a better way to start the year than with learning more about ... *prayer*. There are so many cliché-ish ways to greet people in the New Year, but one of the most meaningful ways I've found is to let people know that you're praying for them—to have a wonderful New Year! Isn't that a great prayer—a great way to start a new decade? So, do you want to know more about this unique act of faith—the one Jesus taught us about? The messages in this series are as follows:

- January 5 – WHY PRAY? – Matthew 6:5-15
- January 12 – HOW TO PRAY FOR MYSELF – Luke 11:1; Psalm 138:3
- January 19 – HOW TO LISTEN TO GOD – Psalm 46:10
- February 2 – HOW TO PRAY FOR OTHERS – 2 Timothy 1:3

The first series of 2020 is called ... VERTICAL. You're not going to want to miss this one, folks ... as we learn to connect with Heaven!

*Pastor Rom*

## WHAT WILL THE NEW YEAR HOLD?

“So don’t worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring its own worries. Today’s trouble is enough for today.” – Matthew 6:34 (NLT)



Dear Trinity family,

As we begin a brand new year (and decade) together, we do not know what the future will hold. But, as followers of Christ, we know who holds our future. That’s not just a cute saying or song lyric. That’s truth straight from Jesus—from the famous Sermon on the Mount—Matthew 6 (above). And, folks, when Jesus says ‘don’t worry,’ we need to put our faith right there! There is no other option for those who are true disciples of Jesus.

In this New Year before us, there are so many uncertain things about life. For some of us, we don’t know if we’ll be working in the same place all year or if that will change. For some, we don’t know what kind of relationships we’ll experience in the New Year; there may be some changes there too. For others, it may be health issues that are in question in the New Year. The truth is ... *we just don’t know!* The one thing I do know though is this: *we have a choice about how we’re going to approach this New Year*—what attitude we’ll approach it with! The truth is, we can either ‘worry’ or ‘not worry.’ There’s our choices.

In light of these choices before us, let me ask you this. Has worrying ever gained you anything in the past? Has it helped you with a job you’re in? Has it helped you with a relationship you’ve had? Has it helped in the midst of questionable health issues you were facing? My guess is ... ‘no.’ According to Jesus, that’s not the best choice for us. Some have even said that worrying is denying God is who he says he is. That’s not what we want to do, is it?

The other choice we have is to be obedient to what Jesus—our Lord and Savior—has taught us through our ‘instruction book.’ And we can do that with confidence. What does Jesus tell us? “...don’t worry about tomorrow...” Doesn’t that sound good? To not have to worry about anything? We need to move from believing that ... to living it. The Psalmist is a great example (Ps. 112:6-7, TEV): “A good person will never fail; he will always be remembered. <sup>7</sup> He is not afraid of receiving bad news; his faith is strong, and he trusts in the LORD.” Does this describe you, as a Christ-follower? It should...

The truth is (if life hasn’t taught you this already), *we’re not in control*. No matter how much you *want* to be in control or *think* you’re in control, you’re not. That’s a part of the world we live in. But the GOODS NEWS, as we begin this New Year together, is that provisions have been made. You know somebody. You know someone who actually *is* in control. And they love you more than anyone ever could or could even dream of! And he—the Christ of Christmas, the One who is in control—has told you not to worry.

Worry comes from fear. We worry in life because we’re afraid of something. One of the characteristics of a life filled with the Spirit of God is ... NO FEAR. Jesus isn’t asking us to do something impossible. He’s just saying in essence, ‘Open your life to me. Let me fill you with my Spirit. And fear will be gone—your reason for worry.’ Won’t you allow Jesus to have his way with you, as we begin the New Year? Won’t you allow the Spirit of Christ to fill you, that you might be empowered to live a life free of worry?

Putting our future in God’s hands together, *Pastor Rom*

Check out the following YouTube link to hear Allison Krauss sing “I Know Who Holds Tomorrow”  
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kHV51ZL819Q>

Pastor Rom's sermon on the second day of Advent concerning the second coming of Jesus Christ; I was truly amazed at the hundreds of passages in The Bible referencing the second coming of Christ. I also added that many of us will meet Christ before the second coming. Pastor Rom also issued a challenge to each of us, are we prepared for our meeting with Jesus prior to the second coming? As I contemplated the significance of what he said, I found myself thinking about tomorrow and was drawn to the words of the hymn: Morning Has Broken. The opening phrase is "Morning has broken like the first morning," but it is the last verse that has a greater message: "Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning born of the one light Eden saw play! Praise with elation, praise every morning, God's recreation of a new day."

Every tomorrow begins with the morning heralding a new day and that day will end with the sunset. What we choose to do with the new day may have great implications. Are we preparing to meet Jesus, are we choosing the right path to take, are we getting right with God? So significant because the new day may well be our last day and sunset-how well prepared would we be? Since no one knows the time nor day of our last sunset we must ensure our preparedness. I am 81 ½ years old and have seen over 30,000 mornings, over 30,000 days and over 30,000 sunsets. There are others that have seen more and others that have seen less- whatever the case, it was important what we did in those days. Did we choose the right path to take, did we make the right choices and decisions? Did we prepare ourselves to meet the Master?

Dottie Rambo, songwriter, hymnist and gospel singer wrote a hymn to illustrate this challenge. The hymn was: Too Many Sunsets Lie Behind the Mountain. In the hymn she equates our walk of life with crossing the hot burning desert and the struggles with the right path to take. We all make choices every day of our life and that becomes part of our heritage- what she refers to as sunsets behind the mountain. She infers that there would be days in which we would stray from the right path or make choices contrary to the teachings of God. So each of us may have made many mistakes in our past- our sunsets behind the mountain. But no matter how many of those sunsets lie behind our mountain, there is always the hope of tomorrow and the promise of a new day to get right with God. The hymn uses the metaphor of finding clean cool water or quench our thirst from crossing the hot desert. It isn't the quenching of our thirst she is alluding to, it's the finding of salvation.

We are ever tempted by earthly pleasures. Which sometimes contributes to our deviation from the straight and narrow way. A line from "Turn Your

Eyes Upon Jesus" alludes to these earthly pleasures: "the things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of His glory and grace. While we may have wasted many a sunset, God never ceased walking and talking with us. God's love never wavered and it's that love that helps us return to the right path and there comes a time when we meet God again. After that meeting and true repentance- our life becomes different. There is a new power in our life- Jesus Christ.

Tomorrow can cause uncertainty because we are not sure what the morning may bring. It can bring grief, despair, sorrow, fear, loneliness and hopelessness, but it can also bring happiness, joy, love serenity and hope. If you are prepared to meet God and you have faith in Him, tomorrow will never be a problem, it doesn't matter about the sunsets. Because He lives, I can face tomorrow, because he lives all fear is gone. I know who holds the future. How Awesome! Being prepared makes all the difference, so how do we really know if we are prepared to meet God? Alfred Acklay, a hymn writer, penned the following lyrics that really addresses the question of preparedness. He wrote: He lives, He lives, Jesus Christ lives today! He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way. You ask me how I know, He lives within my heart." That's the answer and what a message of hope and why tomorrow is something to look forward to- all of us will put many sunsets behind the mountain, but belief in God and it's everlasting love makes our life and the living worthwhile.

Ethel Waters, a professional singer and later a member of the Billy Graham Crusades gives us an example of being ready and not fearing tomorrow. Old and confined to a bed, she went through the California earthquake. Following the quake, Cliff Barrows of the Billy Graham Crusade went to see her. He asked if she was afraid during the quake. Her reply was now, I got God's number and he's got mine and I'm ready to go. Her signature hymn was "His Eye Is on the Sparrow" and one of her last comments was "See you in Heaven!"

Am I prepared for the second coming or the meeting with Jesus? Not knowing which tomorrow morning it will happen, my answer is hopefully I am. I don't know how many more sunsets I will put behind the mountain, but in that tomorrow, because of faith, I will see Jesus and reunite with loved ones that the Lord has led on. Another hymn comes quickly to mind: "What a day that will be, when my Jesus I will see. When I look upon the face of the One who saved me by His Grace. Then He will take me by the hand and lead me to the Promised Land. What a glorious day that will be." Are we prepared for that tomorrow? The Answer needs to be YES!!

-Bill Seefeld



**Thanks** to everyone who so graciously donated to the Mitten Tree. God has given each one of us unique gifts, and the love behind the home-made items and those purchased is a wonderful reminder of God's gift to us all. A special thanks to Pastor Rom and Jane who delivered the donations to the Solution Center.

This year TUMC

collected:

100 hats

33 pairs of gloves

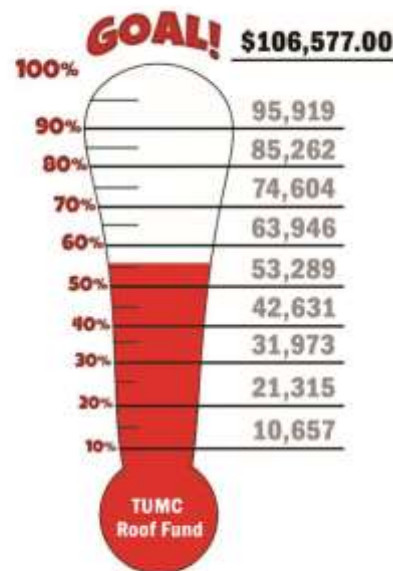
20 blankets

2 scarves

These will be donated to homeless individuals and families in need who visit the Solution Center in Fond du lac.



## Please Help TUMC Reach Our Goal!



**\$59,707.37**  
**as of 12-15-19**

Thanks to the Trinity Family!

A big thank you to our precious and amazing children. Jesus and Trinity Church were greatly blessed by your most wonderful Christmas program. Many, many positive comments! We will have lots of fun with the Young at Heart music for February 9th.

Trinity band players, thanks for pulling together to once again blow people away with your talents.

Everyone working in harmony brought great joy to God's house. The Bells, choir, solo and small group singers and solo instrumentalists added so much to each service. Everything was enjoyed in a beautifully decorated church.

Keep all of the beauty and spirit of Christmas in your hearts to be blessed with joy and peace in the New Year

God Bless & Keep You  
Priscilla & Jason

THANK YOU!!!

A big THANK YOU to all of my Adult Choir members!! I appreciate your hard work and dedication, while we work on old or new music and we can still laugh and have fun while doing it. I'm very proud to be your choir director and I enjoy the wonderful messages in music, that we spread to others. Sometimes it's not an easy task, but the end result is God's word.

Thank you for a great 2019! We move forward into 2020, with bigger and better praises to our Lord ahead. "Come, Share, Rejoice" and with cheerful songs lift your voice!!

Keep a song in your heart!  
Pam Hilker  
Adult Choir Director

## THANK YOU TO PAST LEADERSHIP

My personal thanks to leadership who have helped carry us through this past year, here at Trinity UMC—especially SPRC Chair: *Glenn Eichstedt* and Finance Chair: *Larry Schraufnagel*. Both have served many years and have been instrumental in helping Trinity UMC move forward to where we are today. Please take a moment and thank these individuals when you get a chance. We could not have accomplished all we have without their leadership.

Sincerely,  
Pastor Rom

## PASTOR'S 2020 BIBLE CHALLENGE

For 2020, as I have done since 2015, I am challenging the congregation to GET INTO GOD'S WORD—regularly. There is nothing in this world that will help you grow more spiritually than reading, meditating on, and studying God's word. This year, I'm going to do this challenge with a little more flexibility. I'm going to choose one of the following reading plans ... and would ask you to do the same. It's your choice this year!

The following options are from [www.bibleplan.org](http://www.bibleplan.org) and should help everyone—no matter what your time restrictions—to find a plan suitable to your needs:

**Yearly plans** (i.e. Bible in a Year, New Testament, Old Testament, Chronological, Chronological (with readings from the OT and NT), M'Cheyne Reading Plan, and 2 Chapters per Day: NT, Proverbs, and Psalms).

**Monthly plans** (i.e. Proverbs, Psalms, New Testament, and The Gospels).

**1 Chapter per Day plans** (i.e. Entire Bible, New Testament, Old Testament, and Psalms).

**Assorted Other Plans** (i.e. Advent—Luke's Gospel, Bible in 90 Days, Old Testament in 2 Years, All the Words of Jesus, and New Testament Letters).

Again, all of these can be accessed through [www.bibleplan.org](http://www.bibleplan.org) right from your home computer. If you need assistance with this, please contact the church office and Jessica can run you a copy of whatever plan you would like. Again, *the main thing is that we—as disciples of Jesus Christ—make God's word a priority and stay in it!* Happy reading in 2020...

Pastor Rom

## THANK YOU FROM PASTOR ROM & JANE

Many thanks to all for cards, gifts and prayers during this past Christmas 2019 season! Our hearts were warmed with each example of Gods' outpouring love and we are so appreciative. There truly is no place like Trinity United Methodist Church! Thanks again!

Pastor Rom & jane

## ADULT FELLOWSHIP CHRISTMAS GATHERING

On Sunday, December 15, the Adult Fellowship group from Trinity United Methodist Church gathered for the last time of 2019. We were blessed to have an invitation from Debbie Bintzler, who hosted the end-of-year party. There was great conversation upon arrival, as we all sat around a beautiful fire in the fireplace. Then, there was a beautiful and delicious meal that everyone (especially Debbie) provided. The evening was capped off with some fun games Debbie had prepared for us. And they were challenging. How many different breeds of dogs are there anyway (and other intriguing topics)? Thank you, Debbie Bintzler, and all for a very pleasant evening, indeed! For more information on our monthly Adult Fellowship meetings, please contact Gene or Marge Junger. Happy New Year, everyone!



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

### **Radio:**

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

### **TV:**

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

### **Website:**

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

### **Facebook :**

Trinity United Methodist Church Lomira

### **Email**

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

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

Remember...Safety First! God Bless!





thanksgiving  
gather  
thankful family  
blessed grateful  
together blessings  
november



A BIG Thank You to Nancy Pahnke and all who volunteered and donated items to this years Thanksgiving meal. 130 meals were served.





# make a joyful noise

Sunday School Christmas Program  
December 15th, 2019







On December 15<sup>th</sup>, Trinity Youth stopped in at **Hope Health/Hope Senior Living** to visit with the tenants and residents... including Lester Unferth and Evelyn Krug (missed Barb York!) They delivered our simple gifts from Trinity along with a sweet treat and a little Christmas cheer.

The Suave Body Wash was a blessing to many and very much appreciated. **Thank you to all who donated!** The ornament was a nice way to commemorate the holiday. Thanks to Amy Unferth, Heidi Zingsheim and team for sharing their time and talents.





Bacon was becoming a little spoiled, given it was getting all the attention in past years, so we decided to give it some friendly competition and share the event spotlight with another Wisconsin favorite. Let's give a warm welcome to **Bacon's** new side-kick (or nemesis)... **CHEESE!**



Come join the fun at Trinity's 5th Annual  
**"Taste of Bacon & Cheese"**  
For the benefit of Trinity's **Operation Christmas Child Minis-**



Please mark **February 9<sup>th</sup>** on your calendar and plan to enjoy fun and fellowship while tasting delicious dishes made from Bacon or Cheese or Both! **Bakers and Cooks – we need you!** Over the holidays, please keep an eye out for dishes you may want to share (or experiment with). More event details will be provided throughout January.



Amy Unferth and Heidi Zingsheim traveled to the **Chicago based Operation Christmas Child Processing Center** with a group from Washington County. What a great experience to be able to volunteer at another stop along the shoebox journey! All the shoeboxes processed that day were heading to the Ukraine. Once they reach the carton, the next person to open the shoebox will be the child receiving the gift! It was very inspiring to be among other who shared a passion for OCC. Please consider joining us next year.



**Thank you** to all who participated in the Operation Christmas Child quarter collection campaign in November. Together we raised **\$386** toward the shipping cost of the shoeboxes packed by the OCC Ministry Team. **Congratulations Pam Wellso** for being selected during the drawing for the OCC T-shirt!



If you plan to discard, please consider donating the front covers of your **Christmas Cards** to OCC. A note of hope and love will be inscribed by volunteers and the cards inserted into OCC shoeboxes. Drop in *Thank you!*

The words Grateful and Blessed take on so many new meanings. As we enter the new year, may all of your homes and hearts be filled with gratitude. The year 2020 will bless us with many opportunities to be disciples of Jesus. Volunteers are already busy crafting shoebox items while others mindfully shop clearance and bulk sales. **THANK YOU ALL** for your greatly needed support and participation in the largest and for many the most impactful Christmas ministry in the world, Operation Christmas Child.

grateful  
AND blessed

Amy Unferth & Heidi Zingsheim



## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Mila Reitz
- 4 Reagan Rosenkranz
- 5 Kevin Beck
- Ashley Strassman
- 7 Tristin Duley
- Henry Guell
- Gwen Hinz
- 9 Vicki Schneider
- 10 Paul Jewson
- Mark Lavarda
- 11 Dawn Faber
- Mikayla Klein
- 13 Tom Klein
- Colton Renderman
- 15 Roger Clark
- Mary Kiehnau
- Grant Renderman
- Mitchell Wroblewski
- Karlene Krueger
- 18 Daniel Riehbrandt
- 19 Shari Buske
- Mark Hodny
- 20 Melissa Poetzel
- 21 Penny Beck
- Mark Dahlinger
- Paula Green
- Zack Ruenger
- 22 Taylor Klein
- Harper Feucht
- 23 Carolyn Krueger
- Chad Alf
- 25 Randy Faber
- 27 Chris Kuen
- 29 Keanna Mae Cole
- Madysen Janke
- Augie Luedtke
- 31 Kathy Mintner



## JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

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

The February Newsletter  
Deadline is  
Jan. 23rd.  
Please have all articles  
to the church office by  
noon that day. Thank  
you!



Thank you all for the  
cards, gifts and  
treats this Christmas  
season. My family  
and I enjoyed them  
and appreciate you  
thinking of us this  
time of year!  
Merry Christmas!  
Jessica Marschie



## Volunteers Needed

Nursery attendants for 8AM & 10 AM  
Services

Looking for volunteers to help in the  
Church nursery. Youth and adults are  
needed to make this happen. We are  
looking to do a rotating schedule. If  
you prefer one service over the other we  
will be happy to accommodate. We are  
looking to have the nursery up and  
running as early as possible in 2020.  
Please contact Tina Rambousek at  
414-430-3570 or  
trambousek75@gmail.com, subject line  
Nursery.

## TUMC Prayer Concerns

- **Jean Bintzler** neck surgery on 12-9
- **Unborn Granddaughter** (Barb Adelmeyer) will need heart surgery after birth 12-1
- **Bekah** (Hakes granddaughter) gestational diabetes 11-24
- **Mark Ryan** (Chuck R's neighbor) variety of health issues 11-17
- **Nancy Feucht** (Casey Buske's Mom) chemo treatments for breast cancer 11-3
- **Dave Cook** health issues 11-3
- **Larry & Ruth Johnson** health issues 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
- **Larry Schraufnagel** home, progressing 9-23
- **Ed Michaels** under hospice care 9-22
- **Ray Wifler** (Andy Luedtke's B-I-L) at Harbor Haven 9-15
- **Richard Miller** (Kathryn's husband) health issues 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

For Prayer Requests please contact Jessica in the church office by email, phone or through our website [www.trinitylomira.org](http://www.trinitylomira.org) When making your request please remember to keep us updated often as to the condition of the individual who needs prayers, so that this may be shared with those who are praying. Also please inform us if someone is ready to be removed.

### Update the Office in 2020

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

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



# January 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
			1 6:00 pm Bells 6:30 pm AA & Al-Anon 7:00 pm Choir	2 6:00 pm Finance Meeting	3	4
5 Communion Sunday 6:00 pm Wolf Meeting	6	7 6:00 pm SPRC 6:30 Ladies Bible Study	8 11 :00 am Staff Meeting 6:00 pm Bells 6:00 pm Girl Scouts 6:30 pm AA & Al-Anon 7:00 pm Choir	9 6:00 pm Girl Scouts	10	11 10-11:00 am Food Pantry
12 6:00 pm Boy Scouts	13	14 8:00 pm UM <b>Men's Group</b> 3:00 pm Hope Nursing Home Service 6:30 Ladies Bible Study 7:00 pm Church Council	15 6:00 pm Bells 6:30 pm AA & Al-Anon 7:00 pm Choir	16 6:00 pm Cub Scouts	17	18
19	20 12:00 pm Blood Bank	21 5:30 pm Girl Scouts 6:30 pm Ladies Bible Study	22 6:00 pm Bells 6:00 pm Girl Scouts 6:30 pm AA & Al-Anon 7:00 pm Choir	23	24	25 10-11:00 am Food Pantry  12:00 Hope Pizza Sale
26 6:00 pm Boy Scouts	27	28 6:30 pm Ladies Bible Study	29 6:00 pm Bells 6:30 pm AA & Al-Anon 7:00 pm Choir	30	31	

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**WORSHIP SERVICES**

First Service – 8:00 A.M.

Sunday School/Youth Group 9:00 AM

Coffee Connection 9:00 AM

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