

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

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

**Coffee Connections 9:00 AM**



# **Creed: What do you believe?**

## **October 2020 Monthly Newsletter**

### **UPCOMING SERMONS FOR OCTOBER 2020**

In October, we'll be finishing up our 'CREED' worship series. As we continue to ask the question 'What do we believe?', we will continue to walk through the Apostle's Creed—our guide the most ancient apostolic (Jesus' centered) teaching. AND, we'll also be asking 'So what?' as we go through this series. In other words, what do these beliefs mean to my life right now? We live in an uncertain time, if there ever was one. Now is the time to KNOW what you believe! Following are the details:

- October 4 – "Living with The Holy Spirit" – Galatians 5:25
- October 11 – Stand Alone by Pastor Rom - TBA
- October 18 – "Living with God's People" – Psalm 122:1
- October 25 – "Living with Eternity in Mind" – John 3:16

We will continue to do outdoor worship throughout the month of October, weather-permitting. As a reminder, two options for worship 'on the grounds' are: 1) bring a lawn chair and dress like you would for a football game, or 2) drive onto the property and tune in via FM radio—remaining in your vehicle for the worship time. As I've stated before, as Methodists this is our heritage—the Methodist movement in England starting with field preaching. And, as Trinity United Methodist Church, this is also our heritage—our 7 acres being the former Lomira Evangelical Campground, where outdoor preaching was the norm. Please plan on coming to join the Body of Christ as we worship in the most beautiful sanctuary ever! 'Look forward to seeing you all at worship in October!

Worshipping 'in spirit and in truth' together... *Pastor Rom*

# “True Worshipers

Jesus replied, “Believe me, dear woman, the time is coming when it will no longer matter whether you worship the Father on this mountain or in Jerusalem. <sup>22</sup> You Samaritans know very little about the one you worship, while we Jews know all about him, for salvation comes through the Jews. <sup>23</sup> But the time is coming—indeed it’s here now—when true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth. The Father is looking for those who will worship him that way. <sup>24</sup> For God is Spirit, so those who worship him must worship in spirit and in truth.” – John 4:21-24 (NLT)



Dear Trinity friends,

Recently, I posted an interesting sign that I’d found on the Trinity UMC Facebook page—one that I think is most relevant to the time we’re in right now. I’ve seen way too much evidence, as



we’ve gone through the changes we’ve seen in the past few months, to not believe this is true. It says, “We’ve made Christianity a building-centric faith. But buildings don’t reach people. People reach people.” What a great reminder of who the Church actually is—people sharing the Good News of Jesus with people! A short time ago, I read an article covering an interview that had taken place on an NPR show toward the end of August. It was an interview with David Kinnaman, President of the prominent Christian research organization known as the Barna Group. The premise

of the interview, and thus the article, was that Barna’s best predictions were this: As a result of shutdowns stemming from the coronavirus pandemic, as many as one in five churches could permanently close within 18 months. (They’d actually made this prediction back in June, so it was even more so the case by the end of summer.)

As a long-time pastor, here’s my best interpretation of that Barna report. The future does not look good for those churches who have forgotten *who* they are and *why* they exist. For those who have forgotten the Great Commission—Jesus’ command to go and make disciples, there is probably not much of a future for their ministry. They will not make it. The pandemic has probably just magnified what was already lacking in those congregations. BUT, if a church wants to pursue Christ—truly wants to worship God as God’s word directs and share Christ with this hurting world we live in, they will be just fine now and after the pandemic ends. If you look closely at what the Barna Group’s recent report is really getting at, that’s probably a fairly accurate summary. Those whose only ministry is keeping their building (tradition) going, in other words, won’t make it. But, for those who still know why their building is there, who still know who they worship and what worship and ministry are all about, they will be just fine. So, why are we here? What is it that God wants us to be about? This is the perfect time to be asking ourselves these questions, if we want to have a future after this pandemic is over.

Jesus had a tendency, in his conversations with others, to cut to the chase, so to speak. He had that kind of conversation with the Samaritan woman at the well one day. She knew he was a man of God, because he told her what her life had been about—something only someone close to her should have known. And I believe, in this story, she was searching for a deeper truth about God than she’d previously known. She needed God in her life. So she started by sharing with Jesus what she did know—from her tradition. The ‘place’ to worship (the most important thing in those days) was Mt. Gerizim for the Samaritans. This was the place where Abraham and Jacob had both built altars (Gen. 12:7; 33:30). According to their ‘tradition,’ this was the mountain where Abraham had come to sacrifice his son Isaac. So, for the Samaritans, this mountain held the same spiritual prominence as the Temple in Jerusalem did for the Jews. But, this was one of those times where Jesus’ response was ... ‘yes, but I tell you...’

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What did he tell them? Truth and spirit are what living worship is all about, not the geographical location—not the place necessarily. Jesus turned the tables on everyone's tradition here as he let this woman know that it is *who* we worship that is of utmost importance. Worship in ignorance, regardless of what name we give it, is a sham and an empty form. This had become the situation among the Samaritans who had removed themselves from a great deal of the prophecies and teaching of the Old Testament. Sadly, they worshiped what they did not know.

I'm so thankful Jesus set the Samaritan woman straight, as well as the rest of us, when he taught that 'true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth.' Then he mentions, 'The Father is looking for those who will worship him that way.' In other words, what we're about is not so much about tradition as it is attitude. It's not the place we worship—on this mountain or on that mountain, inside a building or outside a building—that counts. What counts is that we know the One whom we worship and that we approach our gathering together in the same spirit. 'God is Spirit,' as Jesus reminds us ... and his Spirit is LOVE. Is it in that spirit that we're coming together these days, as true worshipers of His?

Thank you to those who've been so faithful to join us in worship over these past several months—both online and 'on the grounds.' We have a great heritage, as Methodists/ Evangelical United Brethren, in open-air preaching. But we have more than that. We have Jesus' teaching about what it means to be 'true worshipers.' If our focus remains on that ... and coming together in the right spirit, there is nothing we cannot accomplish for the Kingdom of God, both now and in the future!

Worshiping together 'in spirit and in truth,' *Pastor Rom*

## Education Update

**Sunday School and Youth Group Emails are sent out on Saturdays. The emails include links to the Sunday School Lesson videos and Youth Group Zoom meetings.**

**The youth group meets at 11:00 AM on Sundays via Zoom**

**Please contact the office if you are not getting these emails.**

**Oakfield United Methodist Church**  
220 S Main, Oakfield WI (920) 583-3352

**DRIVE** **PORK LOIN DINNER** **THRU**  
**OCTOBER 10**  
**4 to 7 PM**

**\$12**

**INCLUDES:**

**Grilled Pork Loin Chop Buttered Red Potatoes**  
**Applesauce Green Beans w/ Bacon Coleslaw**  
**Dinner Rolls w/ Butter Guth's Chocolates**



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# Stewardship and Finance Offering

During our last SF Moment Kathy Drexler gave a very heart-warming testimonial of how her and Pete looked at their stewardship to God decided to take the leap of faith and start tithing. The blessings they received meant so much to them. We know what the Bible says...give and you will receive. We probably all think this means if we give money, we are going to get money in return. The blessings the Drexler's received were greater to them than money. There is a quote from Dave Ramsey "Good things that cannot be calculated or quantified are set in motion in your life and in your finances when you give." Read that quote again, "things that cannot be calculated or quantified". The blessings God gives when you make the decision to start giving for the first time or you decide to up your giving (climb the giving ladder), or to start tithing are endless. Those blessings may not be in the form of money but in our health, our families, our relationships, our jobs, our sanity, and the list goes on. We need to always remember to be positive and keep thanking God for our daily blessings; we woke up, we had food to eat, we have shelter, and you have people that care about in at Trinity. I struggle with these on a daily basis we probably all do. Remembering to thank God is a tough habit to start, remembering that when my family gives its weekly offering to give it with happiness and to say a little prayer on that gift to God. The blessings that the Drexler's received are there for everyone. The SF team wants those uncalculated blessings along with financial blessings for you and your family.

I'd like to leave you with a story from our Maximize book we are studying in our SF meetings. "You may have heard the famous anecdote about how people catch monkeys in India. Long ago, an insightful hunter figured out that monkeys are selfish creatures, so he created a method of capture that takes advantage of that nature. First, the monkey hunter cuts a small hole in the one end of a coconut – a hole just big enough for the monkey to fit his hand in – and ties a long cord to the other end. Then he puts peanuts, banana chunks, or some other enticing treat into the hole, places the coconut in the monkey's path, and sneaks away, holding the other end of the cord. Inevitably, an unsuspecting monkey comes along, sniffs out the treat, and wiggles his little hand into the hole to grab the treasure. With that, the hunter's job is done. All he has to do is yank his side of the cord, and the entire monkey/coconut kit and caboodle lands at his feet. But isn't something missing here? Why wouldn't the monkey just pull his hand out of the coconut and run for his life? Remember monkeys are selfish. Once they get their hands on something they want, they won't let go. With his fist wrapped around the goods, the monkey can't get his hand out of the hole. If he would just loosen his grip and let go of the bounty, he could save himself. But he clings tightfisted to what's "his" and finds himself ensnared...even unto his own demise."

We to find ourselves being just like the monkey's, holding on tight, afraid or nervous to trust God with our finances. To give back with what God has given us. I too have the same resolve at times and I have to work on it daily to be thankful for all the blessings that are given to me and then give to God with that thankful heart. Kathy's story helped remind me of that, helped remind me why it is important to give each week unselfishly. We are all here to help each other along the way. I encourage you to all go listen to Kathy's SF moment on our YouTube channel (Trinity United Methodist Church Lomira) "The Quiet Giants of Jealousy" from 8/30/20.

SF Committee Chair  
Josh Marschie





# Operation Christmas Child IT'S SHOEBOX TIME!

**The Operation Christmas Child Ministry is in full swing!** It's OCC shoebox packing time! Please plan to pick up shoeboxes for your family and friends on Sunday during outdoor worship, during church office hours, or contact the Zingsheim family at 920-269-4849 for delivery.

**Every shoebox gift is an excellent resource for evangelism and discipleship**, which leads to multiplication of new believers and churches around the world! Everyone invited to participate ... so, who will you share this awesome opportunity with? Spread the word!

**Financial donations to help cover expenses** for shoeboxes packed by the OCC Ministry team on Trinity's behalf are always appreciated (cash/check to Trinity UMC with 'OCC Fund' in the note field). We are on target to pack over 350 shoeboxes this year! This is above our initial goal due to a request from our district to pack what we can without the obligation to cover shipping costs in full given the unique situations arising from the pandemic. In the following years we will continue to seek donations to cover our shipping costs. Please reach out if you know of an individual, family or business who may have an interest in participating in this ministry through a larger tax-deductible financial donation. *Thank you!*

## HOW TO PACK YOUR SHOEBOXES FOR A TRIP AROUND THE WORLD



Get a standard size shoebox to pack for a boy or girl.

Pick-up shoeboxes in back entryway of church near bulletin board.

1

Select a quality "wow" toy such as a doll, soccer ball with pump, or stuffed animal.

2



Fill with other fun toys, hygiene items, and school supplies.



3

Most importantly, **pray** for the child who will receive your gift. Include a personal note and photo.

4



A donation of \$9 is critical to cover shipping and other project costs.

5



6

Return filled shoebox to church (place in entryway) or contact Heidi or Amy to make other arrangements.

Make packing Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes a new family tradition!

**Return Deadline: Sunday, Nov 15th**







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

**TV:**

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

**Website:**

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

**Facebook :**

Trinity United Methodist Church Lomira

**Email**



Trinity United Methodist Church has been recently introduced to a ministry out of Richardson, Texas, called "Grace Ministries: Home of the 101 Back to the Basic Resources". This is a ministry Pastor Rom has been familiar with for some time now and has used their resources in the past—a *very-trusted resource*. And now, because of a special package deal with Trinity UMC, this digital library is available to all from Trinity UMC ... and even more. This library of digital resources will also be made 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 Grace Ministries' resources on this site, please share it with them so they can receive Godly guidance for their lives as well (username/ password below). Following is a sampling of areas you may want to tap into:

- Fathering 101:** Be the Dad!
- Periscope** (guiding future generations in the Christian faith)
- Crisis 101** (Making sense of life when life doesn't make sense)
- Family 101** (applying the 'one another' principles in the home)
- Lessons from the Tacklebox** (carrying men to the next level in their relationship with God)

And much more... Please check out this new resource that is available online ([grace101.org](http://grace101.org)) or through our website ([trinitylomira.org](http://trinitylomira.org))! Here's how you gain access:

**Username:** tumclomira

**Password:** lovegrowserve

# TUMC Prayer Concerns

- **Beth Quintero** (friend of Cathy Wetzel) has been ill and through a lot of testing for over 2 weeks 9/24
- **Dick Haefs** recovering from heart surgery 9/21
- **Jamie Cleland's Mother** (co-worker of Josh M.) prayers for home recovery from massive heart attack 9/20
- **Ali (Iranian living in UK)** friend of Tina Rawlins who is a Christian who escaped from Iran—now living in UK, faced with threats to his family if he doesn't return and go to trial. Prayers for Ali (he) and all who are persecuted for their faith. 9/22
- **Archie Craig Eichstedt** (Glenn & Jackie's 6<sup>th</sup> grandchild/5<sup>th</sup> grandson) was born on September 14, 1 PM, 7 lbs, 7 oz, 20 inches long. 9/16
- **Carrie Mueller** (Pronounced Miller; Tina Rambousek's friend) on dialysis for kidneys; will need a transplant 9/14
- **West Coast Fire Victims** – Pam Wellso's aunt in southern Oregon, lost her home with entire community of 76 homes
- **Tony O'Malley** leukemia, home recovering 8/12
- **Doug Kuen** Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma update: Moving to Froedtert Wednesday (16<sup>th</sup>) to start process leading up to bone marrow transplant (Todd: Donar) 7/21
- **Bob Hesprrich** four-wheeler accident, broken ankle, surgery 7/16
- **Ann Kadinger** colon cancer (Pat Burmeisters Friend) 7/16
- **Gary Jesse** prostate cancer, doing well with treatment 7/14
- **Brenda Bergman** cancer has spread, starting a new round of radiation 6/24
- **Tracey Roane** (Scott K's Sister) finished chemo, starts radiation soon 6/15
- **Raymond Kittleson** (friend of the Kiehnau's) doing testing in preparation for chemo 5/20

*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](http://www.trinitylomira.org)) or by phone. Thank You.*

# THANKYOU!

Thank you so much to Glen and Pam Wellso for the fall decorations for outside worship!



The Lomira Food Pantry will soon be looking for families who are willing to buy Christmas gifts for those who use the Food Pantry. To participate or for more information please contact Ralph Germain with questions.

920-979-3041

## TUMC Budget Totals

Year to date needed to meet budget:  
\$161,577.00

Received through 09-27-2020: \$1,38,005.86

Budget Shortfall: \$23,571.14



## October Birthdays

- 1 Diane Luedtke  
McKinley Krueger
- 2 Faith Beck  
Elise Riedel
- 3 Taylor Westphal  
Margaret Priesgen
- 4 Tyler Straub  
Ella Bodden
- 6 Cindy Hodny  
Caden Renderman
- 8 Mike Poetzel
- 9 Sandy Collier
- 10 Julie Faber  
Steely Schaefer
- 12 Jeff Zingsheim
- 13 Ashley Schaefer
- 14 Greg Bloch
- 15 Lawrence Ledman  
Justin Marschie
- 16 Courtney Duley  
Trayton Renderman
- 17 Marshall Feucht  
Kathleen Moen
- 19 Tom Henke  
Heidi Zingsheim
- 22 Jeff Faber  
Elizabeth Neill
- 24 Morgan Flasch
- 27 Jan Guell
- 29 Gary Renderman  
Dena Walter
- 30 Kelsey Cobb  
Lauren Michels  
Jenna Rhein

## Golden Club

**Faith Beck**

**turns 88 on 10/2**

Adelaide Place Room 118

478 W. Arndt St.

Fond du lac, WI 54935

**Lawrence Ledman**

**turns 86 on 10/15**

437 Harrison St. Apt. 4

North FDL, WI 54937

**Lets send them Happy Birthday wishes!**



## October Anniversaries

- |    |                                |    |                          |
|----|--------------------------------|----|--------------------------|
| 2  | Bruce & Kelly Brown            | 17 | Greg & Amy Bloch         |
| 3  | Andrew and Jennifer Greenfield | 18 | Jerry & Shirley Klein    |
| 4  | Dan & Pam Dewhurst             | 18 | Steve & Deb Janke        |
| 7  | Gordon & Jackie Zimmerman      | 19 | Todd & Lisa Lehner       |
| 13 | Cal & Kaye Voight              | 21 | Tom and Debbie Zinniel   |
| 14 | Gary & Rebecca Renderman       | 24 | Bob & Debbie Gudex       |
|    |                                |    | Jason and Michelle Kuehl |
|    |                                | 25 | Josh & Gretchen Kanas    |



# October 2020 TUMC-Lomira

## Outdoor Worship Service: 9:00 a.m. Online: 10:00 am

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		Sunday Nov. 1 <sup>st</sup> Turn clocks back one hour at 2 AM.		1	2	3
4 Communion Sunday 4:00 pm ET Class	5	6 6:00 pm SPRC Meeting	7	8	9	10 10-11:00 am Food Pantry
11 Online Service Only	12 6:00 pm Stewardship & Finance Meeting	13	14	15	16	17
18 4:00 pm ET Class	19	20 6:00 pm SPRC Meeting	21	22	23	24 10-11:00 am Food Pantry
25 4:00 pm ET Class	26	27	28	29	30	31
<b><i>The November Newsletter Deadline is October 22nd. Please have all of your articles into the church office by noon that day. Thank you!</i></b>						

Rom Pegram, Pastor

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