

**Sunday Worship 9:00 AM**

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## **September 2020 | Monthly Newsletter**

### **UPCOMING SERMON SERIES FOR SEPTEMBER 2020**

WELCOME to Fall 2020, as we begin a new school year and a new ministry year at Trinity UMC. This year going into the fall year is quite different from past years. Even with planning for public school, or Christian Education, everything is still a bit uncertain. So, we're going to start a worship series that will speak to 'certainty', not 'uncertainty.' And I think we all need that... On Labor Day weekend, we will be worshipping ONLINE ONLY with our bishop & cabinet from the Wisconsin Annual Conference. Starting the second Sunday of the month, we'll be into our new worship series called "CREED: What do you believe?" Here are the topics for each week of the month:

- Sept. 6 – SPECIAL WORSHIP WITH BISHOP/CABINET FROM THE W.A.C.
- Sept. 13 – LIVING WHAT YOU BELIEVE – 1 Cor. 16:13
- Sept. 20 – LIVING WITH GOD AS FATHER – Psalm 46:1
- Sept. 27 – LIVING WITH JESUS AS SAVIOR – Eph. 1:13

Our 'CREED' series will then continue into October for a few Sundays. One thing we can always count on, no matter what's going on around us, is our faith in God—God himself. God is never changing. We can always count on a steady relationship with God. And this is the series to help make sure we have that going for us! Won't you join us for worship either 'on the grounds' or online, with our new series starting on the 13<sup>th</sup> of September? Remember: Our special worship with the bishop & cabinet will be ONLINE ONLY for Labor Day weekend (the 6<sup>th</sup>). We look forward to you joining us for worship in September, as we remember just what it is we actually believe...

Being disciples of Jesus together... *Pastor Rom*

## “GOD’S SANCTUARY”

“They are like trees planted along the riverbank, bearing fruit each season. Their leaves never wither, and they prosper in all they do.” – Psalm 1:3 (NLT)



Dear Trinity,

This past Sunday, I mentioned that we had the privilege to worship in the most beautiful sanctuary God has ever created. And, I’ll stick by that. Except for one Sunday morning, all since we have returned to corporate worship have been absolutely gorgeous—near perfect. And we thank God for this beautiful sanctuary that—at this time—is probably the safest place we can gather as a large group during the current health pandemic that still exists around us.

What struck me this week was how often ‘God’s sanctuary’ is mentioned or described in God’s word—particularly the book of Psalms. The theme begins right away in Psalm 1 and moves along from there, really concluding in the last book of the Bible—Revelation. So, it’s a consistent and powerful theme in scripture.

If you look at the scripture above—the first of many ‘sanctuary’ texts, you’ll see one of the early descriptions of God’s sanctuary. In Psalm 1:3a it says: “They are like trees planted along the riverbank, bearing fruit each season”—a great description of the sanctuary—the place God’s people gather (or actually God’s people). And, like many examples from scripture, the actual place can be anywhere (John 4:21). The imagery here is that of God’s people being a garden. And the purpose of that garden is to ‘bear fruit.’ Bearing fruit is generally associated with ‘bearing witness’ or sharing our faith with others. The more we delight in God (v. 2), the more fruitful we will be. But that only happens when worshipping God is our regular source of nourishment.

The next line in this sanctuary psalm (Ps. 1:3b) is this: “Their leaves never wither, and they prosper in all they do.” In describing God’s sanctuary (i.e. the people who gather to worship), this does not mean they are immune to failure or difficulties. Nor does it guarantee health, wealth, or happiness. What the Bible means by prosper (prosperity) is this: When we apply God’s wisdom (from the hearing of God’s word, for instance), the fruit we bear (i.e. living our faith, sharing our faith, etc.) will be good and will receive God’s approval. Just as our trees here ‘on the grounds’ soak up the water God has given them lately, and bear luscious fruit (i.e. acorns, etc.), we are also to soak up God’s word, producing actions and attitudes that honor God. To achieve anything worthwhile, we must have God’s Word in our hearts. That’s what happens in God’s sanctuary. And we have the most beautiful sanctuary God ever created right here at Trinity—YOU!

At the end of the Bible, Revelation 21:3 to be exact, yet another ‘sanctuary’ text appears: “I heard a loud shout from the throne, saying, ‘Look, God’s home is now among his people! He will live with them, and they will be his people. God himself will be with them.’” And he is ... right here in his sanctuary!

I understand there are those who are purposefully staying away from worship right now due to COVID-19, it’s level of contagion, compromising health issues, etc. But what about the rest of you? We miss you! The ‘sanctuary’ just isn’t the same without you. And this is where your spiritual nourishment takes place. Make sure you join us either ‘on the grounds’ or online as we begin a new worship series in September called ‘CREED: What do we believe?’ It’ll be eternally worth your while...

See you in God’s Sanctuary, *Pastor Rom*

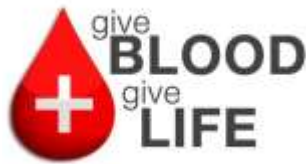


### ***Food Pantry Now Accepting Vegetables***

Fresh vegetables should be coming soon from our gardens. Please consider sharing with our Food Pantry. The Food Pantry is open the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month, and we would appreciate your donations dropped off on the Thursday before those Saturdays, between 9:00AM to 1:00 PM. A box will be placed in the hallway by the back entrance.

Thanks for your help!

**TUMC will host the next blood  
bank on Monday  
September 21st  
12:00-6:00 PM .**



**Worship will remain at  
9:00 am for outdoor  
worship and 10:00 am  
for online worship until  
further notice.**



Lee Oestreich and I, Sandy Porter, are the coordinators for Trinity's share of Loaves and Fishes. The 'stay at home order' started right before our first serving date and now our second serving date has past, too. Loaves and Fishes looks like it will not resume until the Covid thing is conquered. So Lee and I are hoping that you will support the food pantry as you have supported Loaves and Fishes. The local food pantry, that is based here at Trinity, has done an outstanding job in the past and has stepped up to keep providing food for those in need during the past 6 months. Therefore, PLEASE support the food pantry with your donations and dollars as you would support Loaves and Fishes.

Thank you,

Sandy Porter and Lee Oestreich





Our trustees have been hard at work tackling various projects around the church during the pandemic. They recently finished converting the bathroom off the choir loft into a storage room for instruments and sound equipment. Thank you to everyone who helped with this project!

On Sunday July 26th, Pastor Rom had the privilege of baptizing Madelynn Dahlinger during one of our first outdoor worship services. Madelynn is the daughter of Jake and Julie Dahlinger and granddaughter of Mark and Michelle Dahlinger. Congratulations Dahlinger Family!



As I help my kids get back to school and adjust to this new normal, I will not be keeping normal office hours September 1st, 2nd or 3rd. If you need to stop by the office please call ahead. If you need help with anything else please email [churchofficetumc@gmail.com](mailto:churchofficetumc@gmail.com) or call me at 920-251-8862

Thank you for your understanding!

Jessica Marschie



# Stewardship and Finance Offering

It is getting close to budget review time again and for a lot of the SF committee it will be our first go at this. At our last meeting we reviewed a list of items that the Trustee's put together that will need to be handled in the coming years.

Some of those items are:

- Repairing the parking lot
- Repairing or replacing pew cushions
- The car port tower needs up keep
- Windows in the parsonage need replacing
- There are trees that need to be removed at the parsonage before they come down on their own
- The church needs to upgrade our phone system as it is about 25 years old and not working properly



Now this may seem like a lot of items that need to be taking care of but your SF team is working together with the Trustees to look at how to do all these items the most economical way. We are also reviewing how to plan for these as we know it will take several years to make all this happen, so we need to start discussing a game plan and how to budget for these items. Together we are trying to find ways to use all resources available to Trinity.

One of our best resources is ourselves and our weekly giving. Everything we are able to do at Trinity is because of each of you and your faithful giving. All the things we have is because of what we put back into our church – “Time, Talent, and Treasure”. Think back to the founders of Trinity and the sacrifices they made to put this church together and the years of hard work and dedication since then. Now it is our turn to put forth the effort so that Trinity is prosperous for our next generations. We have to keep changing our thinking on how we view our finances and our finances to God. Through our stewardship to God and his blessings we make all this possible. Think about the projects of the recent past such as the new roof, new furnace, projector system, replacing light fixtures, safe sanctuary upgrades, the week of youth missions work at the church, and the new sound system we just purchased. All these items were made possible because of God, he gave us the wealth and we choose to return it back to him. Just like in the past we will do it again. Thank you God, for our wonderful church. God Bless Trinity, its founders, and its members.

SF Committee Chair  
Josh Marschie

**The trustees will be taking down some trees on the property over the next few weeks. If you are interested in any of the firewood, please contact Jeff Unferth (920)602-6804**





# The Operation Christmas Child Ministry Team Invites You To Pack Shoeboxes!

The COVID-19 global pandemic has disrupted everyday life for millions of people around the world. Yet, through the Operation Christmas Child project, Samaritan's Purse continues to share the eternal hope of the Gospel and to serve in Jesus' Name. Following local guidelines in each receiving country where determined safe, they are carefully working with trained local volunteer teams to share shoebox gifts and The Greatest Journey discipleship program with children who need to know that God has not forgotten them.

**What a blessing to have the opportunity to be disciples of Jesus through this powerful ministry!** Not only is the OCC ministry team packing shoeboxes on your behalf, we encourage you and your family to pack shoeboxes as well. This experience can be a great tool to teach our children about sharing, caring, loving someone they have never met, and the importance of giving in Jesus' Name... and it's a great reminder to those 'young at heart' as well. To experience the love of Jesus through a simple gift can be life changing for a child. Be grateful for all the blessings you have been given and follow your ❤️

An abundance of OCC shoeboxes are available at Trinity, free of charge. Shoeboxes can be picked up on Sunday mornings when services take place on the grounds, during office hours, or please reach out to the Zingsheim family for delivery. **Everyone** is welcome and encouraged to participate. **Who will you invite to pack a shoebox this year?** Spread the word.



*And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.*

Hebrew 13:16 (NIV)



The 'Sew Blessed' group from the **United Methodist Church in Markesan**, Pastor Rom's previous church, recently delivered items lovingly crafted for our OCC Shoeboxes. These gifts included the beautiful pillowcases, crocheted slippers, knitted hats, a crocheted blanket, and box full of crocheted stuffed animals. These animals, pictured above, were made by an incarcerated man that was met through prison ministry. This man was a graphic designer and makes the animals with no patterns. He's been doing this for 15+ years and they get better each time he makes them. It's his way of giving back to society for the wrongs he has done. They were made with love and compassion and it's hoped they will bring joy to those that receive them. We are 'sew thankful' for the opportunity to share our passion for OCC with this group and the children will be 'sew blessed' to be the recipients of these wonderful gifts!



Hello Parents of Trinity,

Over the past month the education committee has gone back and forth on our options regarding Sunday school and youth group for the upcoming school year. Many factors came into play and many decisions had to be made. Because of the room size, it would not be possible for many of our classes to meet in person and maintain social distancing. We also discussed having class outside, but there were too many obstacles to overcome. As a compromise, we opted to go virtual.

This year Sunday school and youth group will start on September 13<sup>th</sup>. Every Sermon video starting that day will include a short Children's moment. Parents will be emailed on Saturdays, with links to the sermon videos as well as a Virtual Sunday School video for the kids to enjoy. We'll also occasionally challenge the kids with different projects or activities to help keep them engaged. Prizes have been purchased as well as donated as extra motivation. Youth Group will work through emails and zoom calls. Communication will come from the church office and the teacher. A registration email will be sent out this week to each family. Please mail a registration slip to the church for each child, this way we are ready to go when we can again meet in person.

These decisions were not made lightly. We understand the importance of a Christian Education as well as the impact of meeting in person. We hope that this is only a temporary solution and we will all be together again soon. We encourage parents to attend or watch the sermons with their children each week, as well as read bible stories together to help strengthen their Christian Education and Faith.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me in the office or by calling 920-251-8862.

Wishing you all a safe and healthy school year,

Jessica Marschie

Christian Education Chair





## ~ CHOIR NOTES ~

Hello my friends and choir members. It's that time of year, where I "normally" would be picking out choir music, thinking of new ideas with new choir music and getting ready for the start of our choir season. But, as we all know, it's not a "normal" year! There is still no safe way, for the choir to get together to rehearse and sing. Singers are super spreaders of the virus! We all need to stay vigilant, use masks, stay a safe 6 feet apart and wash our hands often. We've all heard this before. Unfortunately, having us all sitting in the choir loft to sing again, won't be happening any time soon. This makes me sad, but we need to stay safe and keep others safe too!! A duet, with singers staying 6 ft apart, or a soloist with the accompaniment, 6 ft away, would be the best singing approaches right now.

I've seen some of you at the outdoor worship services and it's hard for me not to give you a hug (you know how I am..). These have been wonderful worship times, under God's heaven and blue skies (until this last Sunday, when the rains came and sent us home early). But, we were able to go home and watch the Sunday service online. Priscilla and Jason keep the wonderful music going and Pastor's sermons touch all of us, with God's messages and words of encouragement.

I don't know when the choir will be able to sing again, or when we all will be able to safely gather together inside God's house. Only God knows that answer! But, I do Believe, He will let us know in His time. Let's all keep watch, stay strong, say your prayers, watch out for each other and until we can all sing together again.....

Keep a song in your heart!!!

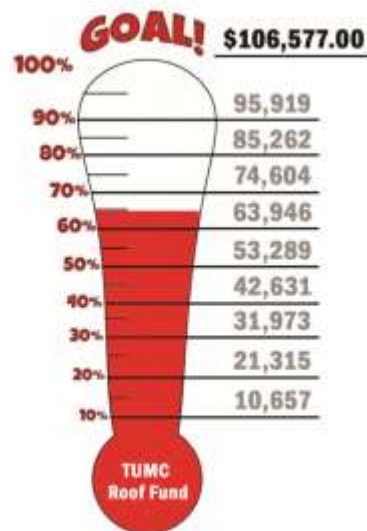
Pam Hilker

Adult Choir Director



## Please Help TUMC

### Reach Our Goal!



**\$69,053.37**

**as of 8-30-20**

## A BIG HI TO ALL OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL FRIENDS!!!

We miss you! Remember in the time we are not singing together, we can all keep a song in our hearts.

Never forget some of the messages from our favorite songs such as "Jesus Loves Me", "Jesus Loves The Little Children", "Trust and Obey" and "I am a C". Jesus Loves us all and we can trust him to show us his great plan for Covid 19 soon.

We are praying for God to bless and keep you and your families safe until we are together again.

You are always in our hearts!

Jason and Priscilla



## **TUMC Prayer Concerns**

- **Teachers, administrators, students and parents** 9/1
- **Andrew Dilling** emergency appendectomy 8/31
- **Kay Steffens** sarcoidosis 8/12
- **Tony O'Malley** leukemia, home recovering 8/12
- **Doug Kuen** Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma 7/21
- **Bob Hesphrich** 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
- **Stacey Gruenwald** broken foot 7/8
- **Brenda Bergman** cancer has spread, starting a new round of radiation 6/24
- **Larry Ledman** health issues 6/23
- **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.*

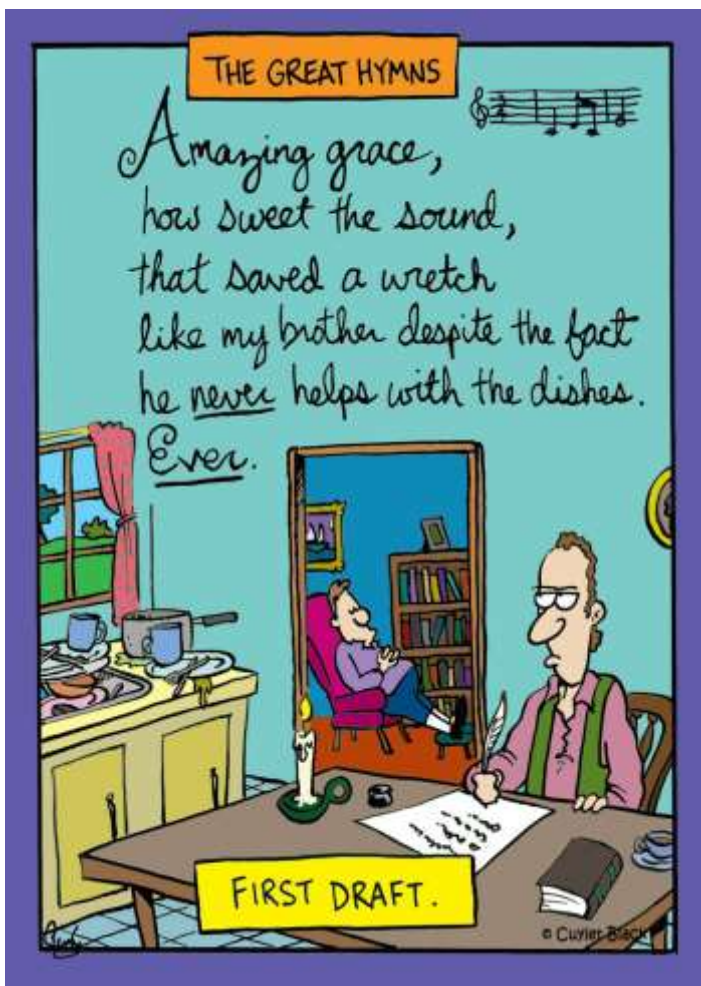
### **TUMC Budget Totals**

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

**Received through**

**8-30-2020: \$126,226.00**

**Budget Shortfall: \$18,779.00**



### September Anniversaries

- 1 Marshall & Kelly Feucht
- 3 Scott & Kim Scharschmidt
- 4 Peter & Casey Buske
- 8 Mark & Peggy Moe
- Duane & Lori Winter
- 21. Mike & Gena Poetzel
- 22. Jeremy & Jessica Schobat
- 24 Chad & Rebecca Alf
- Steve & Cindy Bryant
- 25 Bill & Shari Buske
- 30 Fred & Betty Menzer

**The October Newsletter Deadline is Sep. 24th. Please have all of your articles into the church office by noon that day. Thank you!**

### September Birthdays

- 1 Becky Luedtke
- 2 Pete Drexler
- 3 Sarah Kretschmer
- Cooper Thorn
- 4 Allison Batterman
- Sammy Joan Todt
- 5 Brett Buske
- 6 Glen Renderman
- 8. Jeanne Hinz
- 9 Kirsten Kretschmer
- Roy Meyer
- 10 Mark Wetzel
- 11 Craig Rosenkranz
- Johnathon Krueger
- 14 Ellen Leland
- 15 Quintin Graf
- 16 Jason Kuehl
- Justin Poetzel
- Cherie Reitz
- Kevin Steers
- 17 Peter Jewson
- Clayton Marschie
- 18 Brooklyn Krueger
- 20 Barb Adelmeyer
- Patrice Burmeister
- Corinn Rhein
- Tammy Westphal
- 22 Lois Jewson
- 23 Betty Menzer
- 24 Cheyanne Renderman
- 25 Callen Mae Schaefer
- 26 Steve Janke
- 27 Kevin Gudex
- 29 Kathy Drexler

*faith*

## Golden Club

Roy Meyer turns 103 on September 9th. Let's fill his mailbox with happy birthday wishes!

Roy Meyer  
410 Grove Street  
Lomira, WI 53048

Wishing all our students and school staff a safe, happy and healthy school year!

## September 2020 TUMC-Lomira

### Worship Service 9:00 AM

**All meetings are teleconference until further notice.**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 6:30 pm SPRC meeting	2	3	4	5
6 ONLINE WORSHIP ONLY	7	8	9	10	11	12 10:00 am Food Pantry
13 Communion 1st Day of Online Sunday School	14 6:00 pm Stewardship and Finance meeting	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 12:00 pm Blood Bank	22 7:00 pm Church Council Meeting	23	24	25	26 10:00 am Food Pantry
27	28	29	30			



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