

Sunday Worship 8:00 & 10:00 AM

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Sunday School & Youth Group 9:00 AM

Coffee Connections 9:00 AM



November 2019 Monthly Newsletter



UPCOMING SERMONS FOR NOVEMBER 2020

In November, we'll be working through a pre-Advent series called "Thank You!" It's all about the power of a grateful life! And since is the month of our Thanksgiving holiday, this series will be a great reminder of who we need to be as followers of Christ. Here are the details:

November 1 – "The Power of Thank You"

November 8 – "Being Thankful During the Tough Times"

November 15 – "Unleashing a Life of Gratitude"

November 22– "Thank You ... Trinity Church!"

November 29 (Advent Begins) – "A Dream Worth Dreaming..."

This year has been an especially hard time to remember to be thankful. Even though we've been up against a lot of health issues, disruptions to our person and professional lives, and just plain tired of nothing being 'normal,' we are still so much better off than most of the world at this time. In other words, we have a lot to be thankful for! 'Looking forward to worshiping with you and being thankful together in November 2020!

Hope to see you soon... *Pastor Rom*

“IT’S YOUR CHOICE!”

“Always be joyful. ¹⁷ Never stop praying. ¹⁸ Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for you who belong to Christ Jesus.” – 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (NLT)



Dear Trinity friends,

I hope & pray this November newsletter finds you all coping with the new world we live in ... or better! The above scripture is one of those that’s a bit hard to hear during times like we’re in now though. Throughout my life, when extra challenges have come, when I’m frustrated with the way things are going, or—frankly—when I’m not getting things my way, I just don’t want to hear from the Apostle of Thanksgiving! That’s the Apostle Paul, by the way. No one whose words have been recorded in scripture have been more thankful than Paul.

If you don’t know Paul, you might think he was some high and mighty religious leader whose life was an absolute cake-walk. But in reality, that’s just not true. The opposite is probably closer to the truth. Paul was a member of the Sanhedrin (high Jewish Council) at one time. To be a member of the Sanhedrin, you had to be a married man. There’s no mention of Paul’s wife in scripture—in all that he did in the Early Church, but we have to believe that either she died or they divorced or something. Personally, his was not an easy life.

Professionally, Paul’s life was incredibly hard. He was first a persecutor of Christians, then a champion for the Christian cause, and he ended up a church planter. If you’ve ever started a church from scratch you know that it’s one of the hardest things in life to do—to start anything from scratch, really. He logged many miles on foot, sailed through storms on the Mediterranean—barely making it out with his life, he was jailed at times, he was further persecuted and stoned by his adversaries in many of the communities he preached the Gospel in. It was not an easy life. And yet, he has come to be known as the Apostle of Thanksgiving.

This is the month of Thanksgiving—one of our annual reminders that we need to be thankful, for many things. And, frankly (and I think Paul would tell us the same thing), *it’s really our choice!* Isn’t it? We can either bellyache about not having things in this life the way we want them (including worship) or we be thankful for what we do have! Seriously, it’s our choice! So what’s it going to be?

Paul’s words to us from 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (NLT)—in spite of *his* life circumstances, are: “Always be joyful. Never stop praying. Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for you who belong to Jesus Christ.” So, let’s review this for just a moment. *God’s will for us is this:* ALWAYS BE JOYFUL (including during a coronavirus pandemic in 2020). NEVER STOP PRAYING. I’ve discovered during this time that if I stop praying (or even slow down), my productivity in ministry almost always comes to a halt. It’s amazing how those two things are connected! And finally, BE THANKFUL IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES (even a worldwide pandemic that has set this whole world on its ear. This is God’s will for us, as followers of Jesus Christ. But putting it into practice is *our choice!*

We’ve been worshipping together as a Body of Christ since mid-July. I am so thankful for those who have continued to support Trinity in many ways, including with their presence (one of the things we promise to do when we join the church). I’ll be thankful when things get back to more of the ‘norm’ we’ve known before, but I choose to be thankful today. I’m so reminded of the Rolling Stone’s old song, “You can’t always get what you want!” (You knew I was going to bring that up, didn’t you?) Life has taught me, that is the truth. But with Christ shining in and through me, I have a choice. Paul reminds us that God’s will is for me to be joyful, pray always, and be thankful. That’s what I’m choosing to do. How ‘bout you?

See you at worship (however that will be), *Pastor Rom*

Stewardship and Finance Offering

The SF committee will be working on the 2021 budget over the next month and for most of us this is a new experience. We ask that you keep us in your prayers as we work through this and that God may work his will in our budget planning. I would like to let you all know some of the items that the committee is addressing during this budget period.

A few months back we mentioned all the future maintenance needs that Trinity will be facing over the next several years to keep the building and parsonage in good working condition and in good appearance. We are taking these items into consideration during this budget planning period to determine the best plan of action. Looking at how we can cover these over the next 5-10 years and which ones need immediate attention and which ones we can hold off on for now. These items are not being overlooked by your SF committee and we need to address them before it's too late. Another area that the committee is looking at is putting a plan or goal in place to have the roof fund paid off. This may still take some time as the roof loan is costing Trinity less than \$200 a month in interest and our other accounts are earning more than that each month in interest, so paying off the roof loan in short order may not be the best avenue for us. We are considering all possibilities though. We have also put in place a tracking system to be able to see how each budget category is spending throughout the year. This will be a very beneficial tool for budget planning for years to come.

Lastly, we the members of Trinity are the most crucial part of making a budget work and work to its fullest. It is our responsibility to God to keep climbing the ladder of giving and tithing. If you have never given now is a perfect time to start. I posed a challenge to all members of Trinity this past week in the SF update email (10/26). I think we can get our budget deficit down under 20,000 before the end of the year but it is going to take work from all of us. Increase your giving \$6 a person or \$12 per family over the next 9 weeks and let's see what happens. Most importantly see what happens in your life, does that increase in giving really affect you or does God step in and give you blessings that are worth every penny of the extra weekly giving. If you have been following these SF articles you will know what this means...Don't be a Monkey, let go of your treasure and trust in God!

SF Committee Chair
Josh Marschie





HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

We welcome you for dinner.

The Lomira Area Food Pantry and Trinity United Methodist Church welcome you to pick up Thanksgiving Dinner. This event is open to all in the community who wish to enjoy good food - free of charge.

This years event will be delivery and curb side pick up (carry out) only on
Thursday, **Nov. 26th from 11:00-12:30**

Participants are encouraged to call and order ahead.

Please contact Nancy at (920)269-4885 by November 20th.

Meals will need to be reheated.

Thank you to the SPRC committee and everyone in the congregation for remembering us during Pastor appreciation month. We appreciate you thinking of us.

Rom and Jane



**We will begin collecting
early this year
for the Mitten Tree!**

A bin for Mitten Tree donations will be near the back door starting Sunday 11/8... so it's time to get those needles busy!

Hats, scarves and mittens for men, women, boys and girls are needed.

Charge Conference

This year our annual Charge Conference will take place on Tuesday December 8th at 7:00 pm. The meeting will be held online via Zoom.



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

Facebook :

Trinity United Methodist Church Lomira

Email

Are you experiencing:

- Anxiety?
- Loneliness?
- Depression?
- Problems with Family and Friends?
- Other Emotional or Mental Health Challenges?

Here are numerous resources for help:

NAMI (National Alliance of Mental Illness)

1-800-950-6264

M-F 10am - 6pm ET

Get information - they can recommend resources for your specific concerns.

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline

1-800-273-8255

You can call for yourself or on behalf of someone else.

Crisis Text Line

Text "NAMI" to 741-741

"I need a quick response but I don't want to talk on the phone."

Google "NAMI National Warmline Directory"

"I just need to talk to someone. I'm lonely. I feel a panic attack coming on. I'm sad and can't snap out of it."

You will talk to a kind human being but not a trained crisis worker.

Wisconsin does not have a NAMI warmline but other states will take calls from Wisconsin. (Highlighted in Red on the website.)

Rhonda's House Support Line - Iowa- (516) 688-7484 open 24/7

Crisis Line of Fox Valley - Illinois- (630) 966-9393 open 24/7

KEYS National Warmline - Indiana - (800) 933-5397 open M-F 8am - 4:30pm

There are over 40 more warmlines that takes calls from out-of-state, mentioned on the website.

emotionsanonymous.org

Emotions Anonymous International (EAI) is a nonprofit organization that facilitates the ongoing efforts of an international fellowship of men and women who desire to improve their emotional well-being. EA members come together in weekly meetings for the purpose of working toward recovery from any sort of emotional difficulties. EA members are of diverse ages, races, economic status, social and educational backgrounds. The only requirement for membership is a desire to become well emotionally.

Dear friends,

We are living in unprecedented times. I never expected to nor have seen what we're going through now before in my lifetime. While acknowledging the depth of frustration and angst within the Trinity congregation right now, we also acknowledge what a serious time this is within the COVID-19 pandemic we've been a part of for months. We're not doing very well, here in Wisconsin, regarding the mitigation of the virus. Dodge County even earned the designation of being one of the worst counties for COVID activity in our state this past weekend. Due to these circumstances, your leadership here at Trinity is moving with great caution. And it's not just us. Following is a letter from our bishop to all United Methodists in Wisconsin--because he cares...



October 28, 2020

To all my sacred siblings in Christ in our Wisconsin Conference,

I look with deep sadness and dismay at the rising numbers of COVID-19 cases across our wonderful state and wonder when this will come to an end. As the winter months arrive, the flu season approaches, and the pandemic continues to flourish and spread, I increase and intensify my prayers for health and wellness, safety and vitality for all people. To that end, I continue to strongly recommend that our churches do not engage in in-person worship during these difficult days.

Across our Conference, we are receiving daily reports of pastors and parishioners who have contracted COVID-19 and are suffering through the disease. This impacts individuals, families, communities, and congregations, and the more we are together, the longer this terrible virus will continue to spread. I know, and I share the grief, of how hard it is not to be able to be together to worship and praise God. I am continually amazed and inspired by the creativity of our pastors, worship leaders, and teachers to provide online alternatives. Safety, health, and protecting life must be our top priorities as disciples of Jesus Christ. Setting aside our personal wants and desires to return to church is the responsibility of every Christian – the health and well-being of others is the most important thing.

There will come a day in our future when we can return to our regular engagements and encounters. On that day, we will rejoice. On that day, we will sing, and we will celebrate. On that day, we will give God thanks and praise that we have emerged from the wilderness into the Promised Land. That day is coming, but that day is not yet here.

We have not mandated that churches cannot meet following the most stringent protocols of masking, social distancing, numbers in attendance, and sanitizing guideline, but this is the closest I can come. I am asking all Wisconsin United Methodists to NOT gather in-person until our state health officials tell us it is safe to do so. We are suffering, and many lives are permanently damaged or lost. It is our duty and our privilege to care for one another and not spread this terrible virus.

Please know that you are all in the prayers of your Bishop and cabinet. We care very deeply, and we will continue to do all in our power to thrive through this pandemic and get our churches open and fully functioning again.

Thanks be to God!

In Christ's Love,

Hee-Soo Jung, PhD
Bishop

ADVENT WREATHES FOR YOUR HOME

Lee Oestreich has been busy making beautiful advent wreathes. If this is something you would be interested in adding to your Christmas decorations at home please contact Lee. 920-921-0071



Should the Need Arise...

The loss of a loved one often happens at the least expected moment, giving rise to the need of making unplanned arrangements in a time of sorrow. Planning ahead for this inevitable event is recommended and will ease the burden at this stressful time of need.

The selection of the final resting place should be given careful consideration with respect to the final wishes of the family and the loved one. Location, accessibility, maintenance, and family tradition are important qualities that should be thought of well in advance of the demand.

Trinity United Methodist Cemetery Association sponsors three well developed, beautifully landscaped, perpetually maintained final resting places. Located in quiet, rural surroundings, choice parcels are available on the sites of the former Emanuel and Ebenezer churches. The Salem grounds in the Village of Lomira offers more urban surroundings. These sites represent historic family resting places dating back to before the Civil War. Many sites are available at each of these locations. More detailed information may be obtained at our church website. www.trinitylomira.org

CEMETERY ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCES PRICE INCREASE

The Trinity Cemetery Association announced an increase in the cost of purchasing cemetery lots at all three of the locations. Increased costs of perpetual care and maintenance are the primary reasons for the need. New prices became effective as of January 1, 2020:

For members of Trinity Church, lot prices will be increased to \$500.00 per lot from the current \$300.00. Perpetual care will be increased to \$500.00 per person from the current \$300.00.

For non-members, lot prices will be increased to \$1,000.00 per lot from the current \$600.00. Perpetual care will be increased to \$1,000.00 per person from the current \$600.00.

Charges for other services can be found on the church web site www.trinitylomira.org

Listed under the links to Lomira tab or by calling Jan Guell at 920-948-9410

5th Annual Trinity Holiday Outreach Project

With your help we are hoping to collect 75 bottles of Suave Body Wash (15 or 18 FL OZ), any scent. A team from Trinity will be creating an ornament to attach to the wrapped bottles. These gifts will be taken to Hope Health & Hope Senior Living to be distributed to each tenant and resident for Christmas. Given the safety measures in place, unfortunately the youth will not have the opportunity to visit Hope to deliver the gifts. If enough bottles are collected, we hope to include **Trinity's Shut-In's** again this year!



If interested in participating, please place the body wash you purchased (specifically requesting 15 or 18 FL OZ Suave Body Wash for uniformity) in the labeled bin located by the back door of church by December 6th or contact the Unferth or Zingsheim families for porch pick-up. We appreciate your help to be able to provide this special gift for our senior friends... this year more than ever! **If able, watch the Facebook page for count updates*

The DEADLINE to return filled OCC SHOEBOXES
is **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15th**



You still have time to pick-up and pack a shoebox – what a great tradition for your family!
Filled shoeboxes may be left in or near the OCC barrel – we'll find them!

What can God do through you?

When Grace Baptist Church in Wild Peach, Texas, began packing Operation Christmas Child gifts in 2003, they asked a very practical question: *How many shoeboxes can we afford to pack?*

The church, 25 members at the time, packed 20 gift-filled shoeboxes. In 2013, after a decade of packing a few dozen shoeboxes a year, they started asking a different question –

“God, what do you want us to do?”

The following year, the church packed 532 shoeboxes. The next year, they packed more than 2,000. The numbers have increased every year since then for the congregation of more than 50 members, exceeding more than 10,000 shoeboxes a year. The church raises the funds to cover the suggested \$9 per shoebox donation reaching over \$100,000 in one year.

“We haven’t done anything special but seek to obey God and what He’s told us to do,” said Pastor Mark Brumbelow. His wife, Cherry, said, “It’s God doing amazing things. We know it’s not us – it’s the Lord.” **“Pray, and then step out in obedience to the Lord,” Cherry said. “When we’re doing what God calls us to do, it’s not a burden—it’s wonderful.”**

Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen. Ephesians 3:20-21



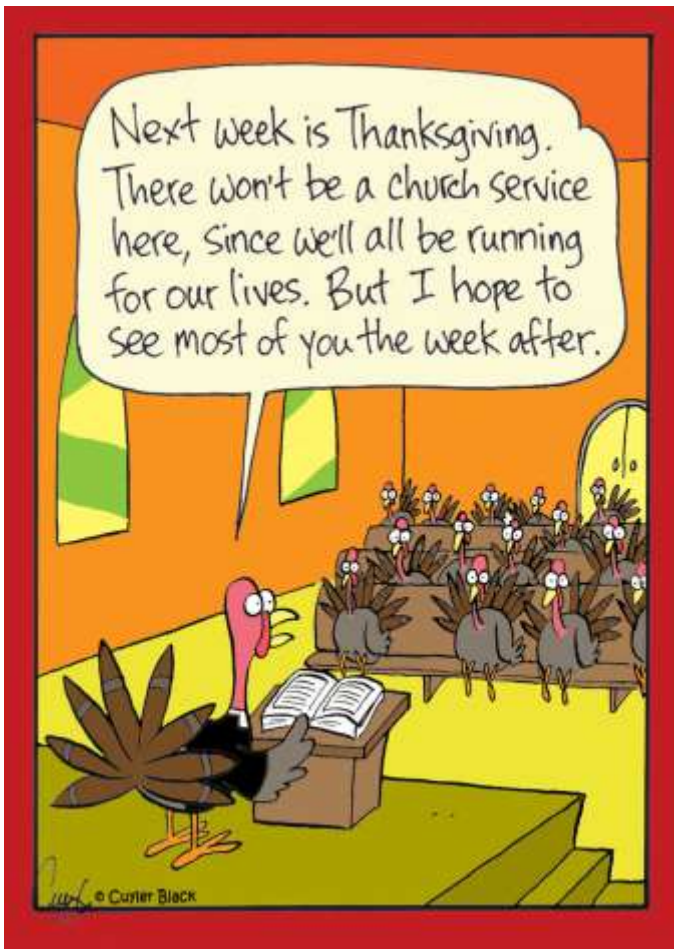
TUMC Prayer Concerns

- **Tracey Roane** (Scott K's Sister) finished chemo, doing well. Carpal tunnel surgery soon 10/29
- **Nancy Andrews** has had COVID. Recently in hospital with pneumonia. 10/24
- **Joey Donald** (confirmed at Trinity) was recently hit by a car when he stopped to help another car in distress. He is facing multiple surgeries 10/27
- **Alexis Feucht** a junior at Campbellsport HS diagnosed with brain cancer. Surgery successful. Radiation to begin soon; more treatment determined from there 10/18
- **Tiffany Sponholz** (friend of Sarah Kretschmer) in hospital with Meningitis and getting worse 10/23
- **Aaron Zuhlke** (friend of Judy Lerch) aplastic anemia (hereditary); needs bone marrow transplant 10/23
- **Faith Beck** now has COVID. Prayer for her, others in her facility, and the staff who've been infected with the virus 10/24
- **FRONT LINE WORKERS...**
- **Cathy Wetzel** diagnosed with stage-4 breast cancer 10/16
- **Karlene Krueger's Mom** diagnosed with breast cancer, surgery in November 10/15
- **Doug Kuen** Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma update: Going home on 10/17, will need to travel back and forth for labs, but overall doing well 10/15
- **Tony O'Malley** leukemia, set for an additional surgery this month 10/15
- **Syd and Tom Henke**, both have Covid. Syd has been back and forth to the hospital & on oxygen; Tom is very fatigued 10/8
- **Carlene Cardenas** set to have knee replacement surgery on 10/27
- **Scott Weick** (husband/father of 4-year old daughter) emergency heart surgery to remove mass, several complications 9/30
- **Brian (Michelle) Neill** diagnosed with Meniere's disease 9/29
- **Ali (Iranian living in UK** friend of Tina Rawlins) 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
- **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
- **Doug Kuen** Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma update: Moving to Froedtert Wednesday (16th) to start process leading up to bone marrow transplant (Todd: Donar) 7/21
- **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
- **Raymond Kittleson** (friend of the Kiehnaus) 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) or by phone.

Thank You.



TUMC Budget Totals

Year to date needed to meet budget: \$178,149.00

Received through 10-20-2019: \$149,699.86

Budget Shortfall: \$28,449.14

Golden Club

Doreen Unferth turns 95 on November 20th!

Doreen Unferth

Hope Senior Living

475 Grove St. # 202

Lomira, WI 53048

Lets send her lots of Happy Birthday wishes!



November Anniversaries

- 1 Steve & Andrea Cull
- 3 Doug & Mary Kiehna
- 12 Mark & Cindy Hodny
- 13 Bruce & Carol Dilling
- 15 Felix & Carlene Cardenas
- 19 Steve & Diane Luedtke
- 27 Eric & Brandy Westphal

November Birthdays

- 1 Neil Bialk
Kelly Brown
Matthew Riehbrandt
- 2 Eric Westphal
- 3 Brennan Kanas
- 5 Judy Stucke
- 6 Harold Muehlius
Tina Rawlins
- 7 Hanna Faber
Lucy Stucke
- 10 Ellen Hodny
Todd Klein
- 11 Carlene Cardenas
- 13 Carol Dilling
- 16 Christopher Luedtke
- 18 Andrew Luedtke
- 19 Michelle Dahlinger
Ryan Faris
Jeff Luedtke
Dustin Westphal
- 20 Betsy Klein
Kincade Todl
Doreen Unferth
- 21 Gerald Walter
- 22 CeCe Jordan
- 23 Ben Kindschuh
Stephanie Luedtke
- 24 Jaxton Cole
Robert Meyer
- 25 Ellen Michels
Elaine Riedel
- 26 Rob Schaefer
- 27 Kati Kindschuh



Sunday Nov. 1st
Turn clocks back

November 2020 TUMC-Lomira

Worship Services: 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 4:00 pm ET Class	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 4:00 pm ET Class	9	10	11	12	13	14 10-11:00 am Food Pantry
15 4:00 pm ET Class	16 6:00 pm Stewardship and Finance Meeting	17	18	19	20	21
22 4:00 pm ET Class	23	24	25	26 THANKSGIVING Office Closed	27	28 10-11:00 am Food Pantry
29 4:00 pm ET Class	30 12:00 pm Blood Bank	<div> <p><i>The December Newsletter Deadline is November 19th. Please have all of your articles into the church office by noon that day.</i></p> </div>				

Rom Pegram, Pastor

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