

Sunday Worship 8:00 & 10:00 AM
Sunday School & Youth Group 9:00 AM
Coffee Connections 9:00 AM

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SERMON SERIES FOR MARCH 2021 (LENT)

In February we began a new series for this season called 'Setting Our Face to Jerusalem' and we continue the messages for the series with:

- 3/7 Two Entrances
- 3/14 A Group Meeting, A Footbath, A Turncoat, and A Brand New Menu...
- 3/21 In The Midnight Hour...
- 3/28 The Least of These...
- 4/2 (Good Friday) Listen Closely!

This series will take us all the way through Good Friday at the beginning of April. So, *let me ask you a very personal question*: Do any of you have a stubborn streak? When you make up your mind about something, is it hard for anyone to change your mind after that? Is that your reputation? If so, I just want you to know that today ... *you're in good company!* Why would I say that? Because Jesus was the same way, at least *when it came to doing his Father's will* ... and that's where our Season of Lent is headed this year—*taking a look at a time when Jesus made up his mind about something* ... and it changed his life ... and it changed our lives ... and it changed the world! Are you interested in learning more about that? Join us during this very exciting season of Lent, as we prepare our hearts & minds for Easter...

How Can I Help?

You are probably asking yourself, “How can I help Pastor Rom, Jane and my church?” Many of us have the same question. I posed that question a couple weeks ago and the answer from Jessica was, “Please write a March newsletter article titled, ‘How can I help?’” Here goes....

The verses in Mark 12:29-31 are ones we all know and could recite from memory. “Jesus replied, “The most important commandment is this: ‘Listen, O Israel! The Lord our God is the one and only Lord. And you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, all your strength.’ The second is equally important: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ No other commandment is greater than these.”

Our Trinity family is facing some challenging times. Our leader, Pastor Rom, has spent the last year guiding us through a pandemic and disruption of the way we normally do church. Now our pastor and friend is experiencing significant medical issues that require most of his attention. How can we help? We can love the Lord and love others. In doing so, we will be the Church that God and Rom want us to be.

Here are two ways that we can love Rom and Jane. We can send cards, letters, and Facebook posts to support them and let them know that we are thinking about them. More importantly, we can pray that Rom’s chemotherapy treatments do their job and that he is able to tolerate them. Rom told us in his sermon on February 14 that there are many benefits of praying for others. Praying for Rom or Jane or someone else is a way of loving others and showing love for our neighbors. It’s a way of growing in our faith. It draws us closer to the people for whom we are praying. Finally, it’s a great way to make the devil tremble. (Interesting thought.) Let’s pray for Rom’s health. Let’s pray for Jane’s peace of mind. Let’s pray for the entire Pegram family. Remind the Pegram family that God is near and that He is working for them because they love the Lord.

If Rom knows that we are taking care of each other and our church, he can invest his energy in taking care of himself. There are many things that we can do to help our church family. Jessica tells me that many of you have already reached out to her to offer your assistance with office work, or driving Rom to appointments. That’s wonderful! Keep it up! We can also reach out to fellow members who may be more adversely affected by this pandemic and the shut down. We could make phone calls to church members who live alone and miss the company of others. Our members who reside in assisted living or are home bound would love a telephone call or a written note from a friend. All of us could use a little support from our friends these days. Wouldn’t the devil love it if we turned on each other in disgust over everything that we aren’t happy about right now. Let’s thwart that devil, folks! Show God that we love our neighbors even though our current situation is far from ideal. Acting and reacting in love will please God and help keep Rom’s mind at ease.

According to Jesus these two commandments in the book of Mark summarize all God’s laws. When we love God completely and care for others as we care for ourselves, then we have fulfilled the intent of the Ten Commandments. If you are uncertain about how you can help Rom, Jane or Trinity, ask yourself which course of action best demonstrates love for God and love for others. That will tell you how you can help.

Kathy Drexler



Holding Our Plans Loosely

Returning to Church 2.0

WHERE ARE WE? A common question we receive from churches is “Which phase of reopening are we in?” Be aware that whatever jurisdiction you are in has the most strict regulation: federal, state, county, city/village or religious judiciary, you must follow those. We track the [COVID-19 dashboard offered by DHS](#) and keep you updated, based on our conversations with public health experts regarding current conditions and what prudent and pastoral choices you might consider. We also recommend monitoring the data maintained by your county to keep track of more local conditions.



Feb. 15, 2021 Update:

Vaccinations completed in WI: 240,907/5.8 million = 4.1% [Source: WI DHS COVID-19 Vaccine Data](#)

Daily New Cases/100K population = 16.3 (7 day average) [Source: globalepidemics.org](#)

Daily Positive COVID tests = 3.1% (7 day average) [Source: WI DHS Summary Data](#)

These figures are still outside the threshold for safe gathering. Vaccinations are moving in the right direction, but supply is still limited. In light of these statistics, and the new, more highly transmissible COVID variants which are now circulating in the US, we recommend that churches abstain from gathering in physical space at this time.

Holding Our Plans Loosely: RETURNING TO CHURCH 2.0

Executive Summary

1. We recommend prioritizing life and health of neighbor in all ministry decisions as a Gospel witness.
2. Concurrent values include creativity (holy experiments), urgency and care in meeting human needs, and attending to diversity and accessibility.
3. Norms of these recommendations include taking seriously the church's role as community leader, and trusting in the resilience of the church.
4. Churches should take a two-step approach to gathering, tracking the following data:

FIRST, watch vaccination rates. When more than 50% of the population has been vaccinated, we can expect that it will begin to have an impact on viral transmission (although “herd immunity” will not likely be fully reached until vaccination rates exceed 75%).

THEN, track COVID cases per 100,000 population and the rates of positive tests. Our safer threshold for gathering is when cases are less than 5 per 100,000 population and positive tests less than 10%.

UNSAFE TO GATHER	MAKE IT SAFER	SAFEST
Vaccination rates <50%	Vaccination rates 50-70+%	Vaccination rates 70-85+%
Viral Transmission <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cases >10/100K• Positive Tests >10%	Viral Transmission <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cases 5-10/100K• Positive Tests <10%	Viral Transmission <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cases <1/100K• Positive Tests <5%

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5. Some of the most important things churches can be doing until it is safer to gather in person is to encourage people to be vaccinated, debunk myths about vaccinations and vaccines, and encourage continued protective behaviors.

6. When you begin gathering in physical space again, plan on event modifications, mitigations and protective behaviors until COVID in the community is very low. Expect these modifications to continue for a significant amount of time, perhaps this calendar year or longer. See full text of this document for information about phased plans, mitigating especially risky behavior, and healthy decision-making.

UNSAFE	MAKE IT SAFER	SAFEST
All at once Unmasked No distancing Full capacity Assembly singing Eating together	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Face masks mandatory ♦ Physical distancing ♦ Low-touch environment ♦ Outdoors or increased air exchange ♦ Shortened time of service ♦ Singing by worship leaders only ♦ Focus on sanitizing high-touch surfaces ♦ Sign-in / attendance list 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ All of the “make it safer” plus no or minimized singing ♦ Hybrid, phased plan ♦ Wait 1 month+ between phases ♦ Fallback plan for outbreaks ♦ Communication plan ♦ Team responsibility

<https://www.wichurches.org/2021/01/14/returning-to-church/>



Trinity Shoebox Project

THANKS: Lomira High School Winter Cheerleaders

Our TEAM had the privilege of partnering with the Lomira Winter Cheerleaders to complete a project for our shoeboxes. As a “Spreading the Cheer” activity, the squad assembled around 100 Praise Ribbons that the 2-4 year old shoebox recipients will greatly enjoy!



THANK YOU Renee Pastorius and squad for sharing your time and talents for this and the many other projects you have undertaken during your cheer season. WE APPRECIATE YOU... Samantha Narance, Julia Sitzberger, Betty Daniels, CeCe Olig, Olivia Narance, Olivia Filber, Lindsey Gundrum, and Abi Tibbits.

Find out what the Trinity Shoebox TEAM has been up to by visiting our FACEBOOK page.





Chris Kuen

March Trinity Shoebox Project Angel



How have you been involved with Trinity's Shoebox Project?

I am currently making backpacks for the children of all age groups. I started this project in 2019 when I saw information in the monthly newsletter with a list of items that the Shoebox Project leaders were interested in collecting to fill the shoeboxes. I saw that they had backpacks on it, so I talked to Amy Unferth to get an idea of what they were looking for. I went into Pinterest to get some ideas for how to make them. I used ideas from a couple of different patterns and came up with my own way of how I wanted to sew them. I had scraps of material, along with curtains and sheets that I no longer was using, so that is what I used for my first go at sewing backpacks.



Cutting straps

My goal was to make between 2 to 3 dozen, however, that turned out to be 11 dozen for 2019 shoeboxes. I continued to sew and made 12 dozen for 2020. When making them, I usually use two to three contrasting colors of material (photo top left.) Two colors are used on the bag part, and the third color is used for the straps. Each bag is also lined with material, so they are sturdy for carrying the children's books and school supplies. The backpacks are about 14" wide by 17" long. I can get about 6 backpacks from 1 yard of material, plus whatever material is needed to make the straps.



Sewing tote bag

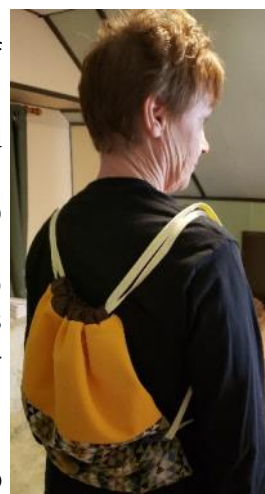
I am already sewing more backpacks for this upcoming year. Not sure how many there will be, but I do have a lot of material, so I expect a large quantity. I do have about 250 completed as of this article being written.



Two completed tote bags

Why do you choose to share your time and talents with the Shoebox Project?

Because I am retired, and I have time on my hands to help make something for these school-age children. I do enjoy sewing, so it was a good way to get back into sewing again, but I was also making something that was useful for these children who probably would not otherwise have such things for themselves.



How has the pandemic impacted you in a positive way?

I am spending a lot more time at home because of the pandemic, so it was a very good way to keep busy, and I know it's going to a very good cause. Backpacks are a nice thing to have to keep the children's school supplies all in one place. It makes me feel good that I was able to sew these backpacks and hopefully put a smile on a few faces.

What's the best place you've traveled to?

The best place I've traveled to I would say is Ireland. We did a 7-day bus tour with Globus Tour in 2018. I enjoyed being in another country and our tour guide was very knowledgeable and interesting. She made the bus tour very enjoyable. We visited such places as the Cliffs of Mohr, Blarney Castle and Garden, and we did a panoramic drive called the Ring of Kerry. Some cities which we stayed in or visited on the tour were Waterford, Dublin, Blarney (which is where the kissing stone is), and Limerick. We drove through many more on this tour.



STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE OFFERING

Hello all, the past 2 months the SF committee has been studying in the Maximize book about generosity and kindness and how to show this. Churches can get bad wraps for being money hungry...only caring about what is put in the offering basket each week and then asking for more and more and more. This is something we here at Trinity have been in the process of changing for the past several years, working to create a Generosity Culture. Here are a few examples: free coffee connections, postage paid offering envelopes, free VBS, Lenten bundles, free gift for first time visitors/guest just to name a few. Plus, there are more in the works so stay tuned for those. A simple hi how are you, a thank you, or encouraging words from welcoming people also make a huge difference in building generosity in a church. I think we have always had those types of people attending Trinity but sometimes we forget how a positive attitude can change a bad day or situation around.

We are striving as a SF committee to do the same by reaching out with kindness and thankfulness. We want to keep you informed of what our vision is for our church financially and how we plan to utilize your tithes and offerings to their fullest. We want to show you your "ROI" (return on investment) that you are getting when you donate to Trinity, that we are putting it to proper use. Helping explain the needs of the church and that we can't do it without your support. Giving you guidance and spiritual encouragement about the stewardship and discipleship that God requests of us. Lastly to teach and show generosity, that the members of Trinity are not selfish but that we want to give so that we can give back as a church to our surrounding communities and the world.

It is our job as a SF committee to financially grow the church, not just decide where the money should be spent. Finding ways to encourage our members to grow in their discipleship to God, to walk closer with him. To push us all to take steps towards tithing. If we can grow the church financially there will be enough to spread around for all. That is the ultimate goal to have enough to give as generously as Jesus did and as God does. To fulfill our duty as a church, we need your help. So, when we give information, pose a challenge to you, write about tithing, ask you to climb the ladder chart, discuss giving options such as automatic withdraw, we do it because that is what is required of a SF committee member to guide all of us to fulfill our discipleship with God. As we learn and grow, we share the knowledge so we can all be closer to God.

I challenge you all to find something you can do these next couple of months to take a step in your discipleship to show God you want to be more generous. Give something up and put that money towards your offerings. If you are not tithing yet, you could take 10% of your tax return and give it back to God. Review the ladder chart you received a few weeks back and find a way to climb that next rung. There are lots of ways, those are just a few examples of things you could do to grow your discipleship in the coming days.

"The Lord is pleased with those who worship him and trust his love." Psalm 147:11

SF Committee Chair
Josh Marschie



Trinity United Methodist Church

2021 Easter Flower Sale

Our 2020 Easter flower sale was such a success we've decided to do it again! This year we will again offer 3 options.

Pick up time Easter Weekend is TBD.

Order forms are **due back to the office by March 15th** and can be mailed or emailed to the office (churchofficetumc@gmail.com) or you can call

Jessica at (920)251-8862.

Payment can be mailed to the Church office 300 Church St. Lomira, WI 53048

6" Potted Easter Lily \$15.00 Qty. _____ \$_____

6" Potted Tulips (colors will vary) \$13.00 Qty. _____ \$_____

6" Potted Daisy Mums (Colors will vary) \$15.00 Qty. _____ \$_____

Name: _____



We have lots to celebrate this month!

Golden Club

Gene Hake

turns 85 on 3/6

P. O. Box 385

Brownsville, WI 53006

Leon Brasch

turns 92 on 3/15

125 Cedar Ridge Dr.

Apt. S239

West Bend WI, 53065

Elaine Muehlius

turns 93 on 3/19

N10453 St. Rd. 175

Lomira, WI 53048

Marg Junger

turns 88 on 3/27

P.O. Box 385

Brownsville, WI 53006

Francis Michels

turns 87 on 3/27

N11656 Butternut Rd.

Lomira, WI 53048

Barb Ledman

turns 88 on 3/28

437 Harrison St. #4

N. FDL, WI 54937

Victor Jewson

turns 82 on 3/30

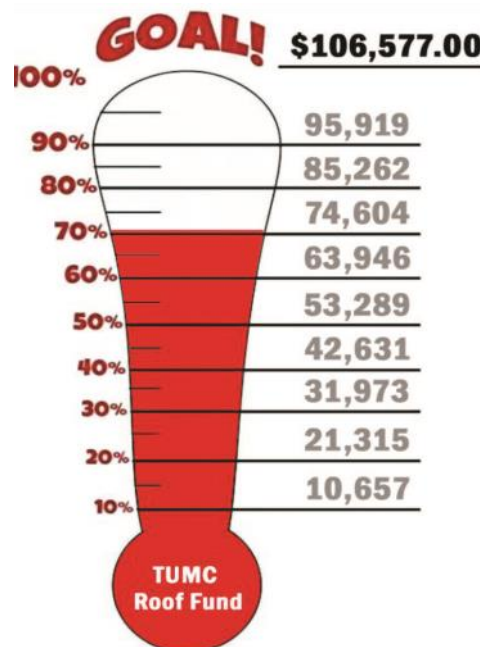
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Fond du Lac, WI

Lets send them lots of Happy Birthday wishes!

Please Help TUMC

Reach Our Goal!



\$75,143.00

as of 2-21-20



TUMC will host

the next blood

bank on Monday

March 16th 12:00-6:00 PM .

Cookie donations are appreciated!

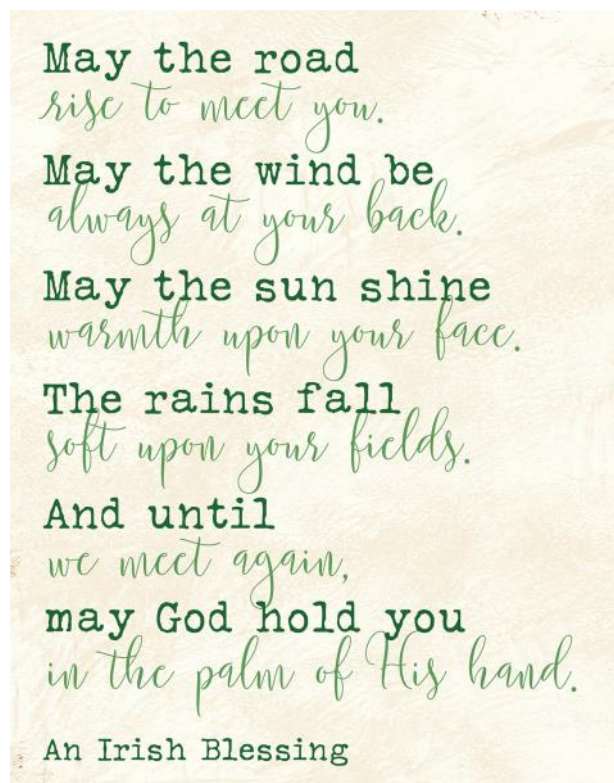
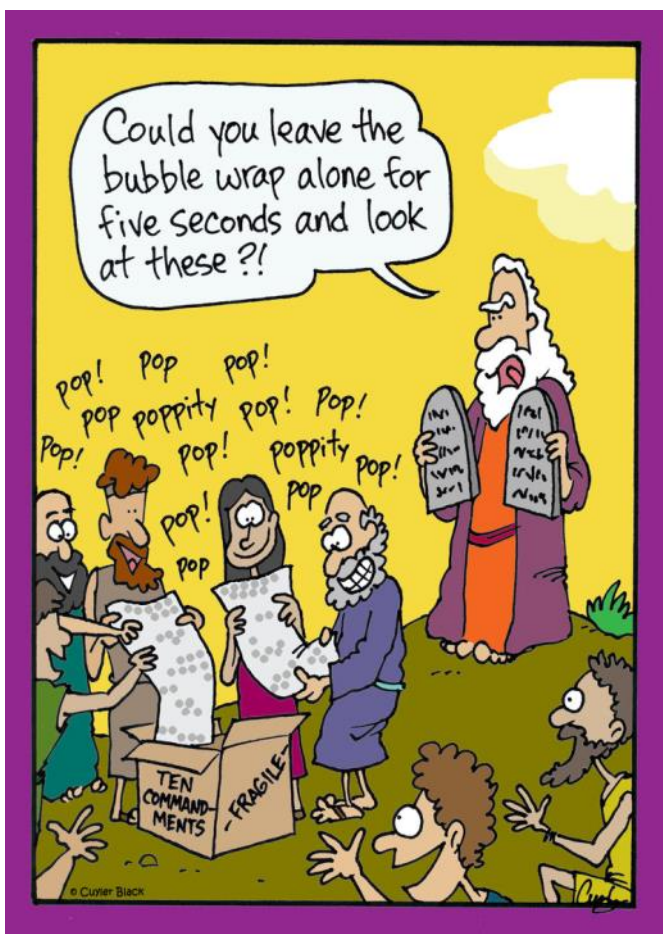
TUMC Budget Totals

Year to date needed to meet budget:
\$35,216.00

Received through

2-21-2021: \$24,083.00

Budget Shortfall: \$11,133.00



The April Newsletter Deadline is March 23rd. Please have all of your articles into the church office by noon that day. Thank you!

Daylight savings begins on March 14th. Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour!



March Birthdays

- 1 Dan Michels
- Kaitlyn Oechsner
- Brian Schaefer
- 5 Kevin Baker
- 6 Hunter Oechsner
- Gene Hake
- 7 Rebecca Alf
- Jessica Schobat
- Logan Petrie
- 9 Molly Riehbrandt
- Alexis Stuebs
- 11 Michelle Wroblewski
- 12 Pam Wellso
- 13 Steve Bryant
- Andrea Cull
- 15 Leon Brasch
- Shelly Schaefer
- 17 Cheryl Meyer
- 18 Alexander Faber
- Brandon Faber
- Judy Renderman
- Dayne Zingsheim
- 19 Elaine Muehlius
- Anne Ullius
- 20 Gary Jesse
- James Klintworth
- 22 Bruce Brown
- 23 Aubrie Brown
- Amanda Baker
- Peggy Jo Moe
- Sarah Schellin
- Kasey Todl
- 25 Jackie Scharfenberg
- 26 Sherrill Haefs
- 27 Marge Junger
- Joshua Marschie
- Francis Michels
- 28 Debbie Unferth
- Barb Ledman
- 29 Steve Faber
- 30 Victor Jewson
- Jonathan Luedtke
- Joseph Luedtke
- 31 Peter Vegetabile

March Wedding Anniversaries

- 9 **Wayde & Faye Beck**
- 13 **Steve & Amy Unferth**
- 30 **Russ Wendt & Mary Muehlius**

TUMC Prayer Concerns

- **Maralyn Hein** (Marge Junger's cousin) broken tibia, confined to a wheelchair 2/21
- **Laid off workers in our area**
- **Rod Rucks** (Judy Lerch's cousin) heart surgery 2/8
- **Pastor Rom** pancreatic cancer 2/4
- **Pastor Scott McMurray** in hospital in Milwaukee area with throat cancer – well into chemo treatments now 1/3
- **Mary Lou Trauba** (Michelle Wroblewski friend) recent stroke 1/25
- **Had Johnson** for heart ailments (tests being run) 12/12
- **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 Senior 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
- **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
- **Tony O'Malley** leukemia, set for an additional surgery this month 10/15
- **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
- **Ann Kadinger** colon cancer (Pat Burmeisters Friend) 7/16
- **Gary Jesse** prostate cancer, doing well with treatment 7/14
- **Raymond Kittleson** (friend of the Kiehnau's) doing testing in preparation for chemo 5/20

Our Prayer list covers for 6 months. If you feel someone needs to continue or be placed back on the list, please let Jessica know. Thank You.

March 2021 TUMC-Lomira

Worship Services Online 9:00 am

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 6:30 pm Zoom Bible Study	3	4	5	6
7 Communion Sunday	8	9 6:30 pm Zoom Bible Study	10	11	12	13 10-11:00 am Food Pantry
14	15	16 6:30 pm Zoom Bible Study	17	18	19	20
21	22	23 6:30 pm Zoom Bible Study	24	25	26	27 10-11:00 am Food Pantry
28	29	30 6:30 pm Zoom Bible Study	31			

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