

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

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UPCOMING SERMONS FOR APRIL 2021

In April, we will be starting a brand new worship series on Easter morning—Sunday, April 4. It's called 'GOD LOVES YOU.' Yes, you may have heard that before, but we'll be revisiting all the different ways God does love us during this series. If you're unsure right now about God's love for you, our goal is to convince you that that is a reality in your life. If you just need a little confirmation that your beliefs in that direction are for real, this series will be for you, too. Please plan on joining us, starting on Easter morning, for all you ever wanted to know about God's incredible love for YOU! Here are the messages for April (starting with Easter morning):

- April 4 – The Power of the Empty Tomb! – Mark 16:1-8
- April 11 – God Loved You Before You Were Even Born! – Jeremiah 1:4-9
- April 18 – God Carved His Love in Stone! – Deuteronomy 33:1-3
- April 25 – God's Love Never Quits! – Psalm 86:8-15; Hosea 11

And this series will continue through most of the month of May as well. Updates will be forthcoming in the May newsletter. Again, please join us if you can. If there's anything that is universally needed right now, in the world we live in, it's the fact that God does indeed love us ... and nothing can separate us from that LOVE!

Growing together in faith... *Pastor Rom*

“WHY IS EASTER SO IMPORTANT?”

Jesus told her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in me will live, even after dying. ²⁶ Everyone who lives in me and believes in me will never ever die....” – John 11:25-26a (NLT)

Dear Trinity family,

Easter greetings to all! It's hard to believe it's been a year since we were jettisoned into a global pandemic that has seemed to steer our lives ever since—in ways we never dreamt something could. But here we are a year later ... and *it's Easter once again*. I want every one of you to know just how important Easter this year is—right now! So, I'm going to share one of my favorite stories again that has everything to do with Easter...

A woman was diagnosed with a terminal illness and had been given three months to live. As she was getting her things in order, she contacted her pastor and asked him to come to her house to discuss some of her final wishes. She told him which songs she wanted sung at her funeral service, what Scripture verses she would like read, and what outfit she wanted to be buried in. She requested to be buried with her favorite Bible. As the pastor prepared to leave, the woman suddenly remembered something else. “There's one more thing,” she said excitedly. “What's that?” said the pastor. “This is important,” the woman said. “I want to be buried with a fork in my right hand.” The pastor stood looking at the woman, not knowing quite what to say. The woman explained. “In all my years of attending church socials and potluck dinners, when the dishes of the main course were being cleared, someone would inevitably lean over and say, ‘Keep your fork.’ It was my favorite part of the meal because I knew something better was coming—like velvety chocolate cake or deep-dish apple pie or poppy seed torte. “So, when people see me in that casket with a fork in my hand and they ask, ‘What's with the fork?’ I want you to tell them: ‘Keep your fork. The best is yet to come!’” I was raised by a mom who always said that. ‘Keep your fork.’ And, after dinner, no one had to ask why; we all knew...

When God knew there was no other way to repair the irreconcilable differences in his relationship with humanity (sin & God's presence being irreconcilable), God came up with a Master plan for reconciliation. He sent us the only One who could rescue us from ourselves—who could atone for our sins. He sent us the only one whose life—specifically, the sacrifice of his life—could repair the great rift in our relationship. He was *the only answer* to the sin that divided us. Jesus came and gave his very life as a once-and-for-all sacrifice for all whom God loves. In the 1st century, Jesus' death was via Roman crucifixion; it was horrible. Yet, Jesus loved each of us so much that He was crucified, physically died, and was buried on what we've come to know as Good Friday. And, just as he predicted, he rose to life again on the third day—Easter morning. With the power of God behind him, he experienced *resurrection*! And because he did—literally being raised back to life, as his followers who put our faith in him ... *so can we*!

What is it in your life that needs to be resurrected this year? What is it in your life that you need to power of God to bring new life to? What is it you just haven't been able to handle on your own ... or kick on your own ... and it's driving you mad? With Jesus, just like that first Easter morning, *the best is always yet to come*! And that's not just about when we leave this world. *God's very best is available to you TODAY!*

Our part in all of this is choosing the risen Christ—the One whose resurrection we celebrate at Easter. The tomb is empty! That's the GOOD NEWS of Easter. And those who are willing to put their faith in Christ are those who are blessed with the gift of life—literally, victory over death. This is the gift that comes with a faith in Jesus. And yes ... keep your fork. Why? Because with Jesus—the One who reconciles us back to God, the *very best* is always yet to come!

Celebrating the resurrection together,

Pastor Rom



STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE

OFFERING



A happy Easter to all. Our trustees are continuing to look at the areas of our 55 year old buildings that either needs repairs or updates. They have found that the parsonage windows and patio door along with the church tower should be taken care of this year. Some of the parsonage windows have rotted sills and others need modifications so that rain water will drain away from the window instead of towards it. Because the parsonage walls are brick, the windows will need to be ordered as a custom size. The total cost of this project should be about \$12,500. The trustees are seeking alternative bids with the hope of getting a more favorable price. The church tower project is complex and we currently don't have enough information about what the project will entail, what the options are, or what the cost will be. We will let everyone know more as we get more information on the tower and other future projects.

We also have a technology issue that needs to be addressed. Back in December, the camera that we use for our services and church broadcasts went down. We have been using a loaner camera to get by. The camera is over 5 years old, which in modern technology means that it is obsolete and out of date. Instead of just getting a replacement camera, we have the option of installing a system that will allow us to do a live stream of our services, along with other church activities. The new system would cover all the things that the camera had done before and more. The new system will have 3 cameras which will allow us to do unique functions. This will be a great feature for weddings or children's programs when they come down the aisle, we will have a camera that can take that footage. The cost of this system is about \$14,600. We are eligible for a grant that is administered by the UMC Wisconsin conference. The grant would be for 50% of the project cost. Our net cost for this project would be about \$7,300.

So where are we financially? Actually we are doing fairly well. Our members have paid off over 60% of the roof loan. Last year, we received a PPP loan, and thanks to the good work by Jackie Zimmerman, our church treasurer, that loan has been forgiven. We have two investment funds, the Rosenkrantz and Berg fund that were set up so that the dividends from these funds could be used by future members of Trinity for making improvements to the church. We are happy to report that we now have \$25,000 available from these funds. The principle portion of these funds has not been touched, so the funds will still be fully able to help the church in the future. Lastly; you, our members have also come through. The generous giving of our membership has allowed us to end the year with a nice reserve, this means that we were able to hold our own through the winter. Therefore, we will be able take care of the parsonage windows and camera system without the need to borrow any money. What a great direction Trinity is moving, becoming stronger in our discipleship to God with our tithes and offerings. Many of us are taking those steps each week, each month, and each year to be stronger in our giving to him through our Church. Whether the church has a fully funded budget or not we do this because we love God and God loves us.

SF Committee Members

Gary Jesse & Josh Marschie



The Shoebox Project needs your support!

Please consider helping cover the costs of shipping and shoebox gifts by picking up a **M&M tube** from the OCC table and return it filled with **quarters**... after enjoying the chocolate treats!

This gift to you is part of our plan, they melt in your mouth and not in your hand. **Please return tube** to the office, leave in the inside OCC barrel, or place in the offering basket at any time. Note label on tube is from last year so please disregard dates.

Thank you!



Shoebox Project Shopping Opportunities...

Please consider purchasing **full size bars of soap** to donate to the Trinity Shoebox Project. Hundreds of bars of soap are needed to load the soap bags Tina and others who get 'hooked' create throughout the year. The



Please consider purchasing **tennis balls** to pack in our boy (and maybe girl) shoeboxes. The best bulk price we found is at our local Walmart. Athletic Works Pressureless Tennis Balls (18 balls) for \$8.88. The website states they are 'in-stock' at our local stores. Order online with free pick-up available.

Trinity Shoebox Project Facebook Trivia...

A ladies group in Australia gathers to make what item for 2-4 year old girl shoeboxes?

- A) Headbands B) Face Masks C) Tutus

Pam Wellso donated 81 boxes of what item from a clearance purchase?

- A) Pencils B) Fishing Hooks C) Chapstick

A tic-tac-toe board project featured used what material?

- A) Muslin Bags B) T-shirt Sleeves C) Plastic Canvas

What shoebox item was purchased during a recent Walgreen's clearance event?

- A) Coloring Books B) Socks C) Chapstick

Quality neckties purchased at a thrift store were used to make what?

- A) Aprons B) Purse Liners C) 10-14 y/o boys happy

Heidi Wondra inscribed bible verses on what?

- A) Christmas Cards B) Paper Towel Rolls C) Notepad Covers



Trinity Shoebox Project

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Follow our **FACEBOOK** page to find the answers to the above trivia



Lee Oestreich

April Trinity Shoebox Project Angel



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

Last year I made 100 toy trucks. I buy all wood and hardware needed to build. 50 were painted by Amy Unferth and 50 were raw wood.

I also made 50 triangle-shaped golf tee games (15 holes and 14 tees—you must jump tee to remove. The goal is to get down to one tee left.) All materials are donated at no charge.

This year I made 100 “fish poles” with 25’ - 30’ of 10# Berkley fishing line. I also made 24 pair of cradles for special plastic shoeboxes to be used as doll cradles. Next I will also be making 50 “roadsters” using wheels donated by Sandy & Reach Zitlow. I think Amy will paint. (Yes, she will!) Also planning on making 50 more golf tee games.



Since Lee has more projects than we have space to feature here, be sure to follow **Trinity Shoebox Project** on Facebook for more details and photos!



1) Cut wood and trace pattern



2) Cut shape with band saw



3) Drill windshield hole



4) Sand body of car



5) Drill axle holes and assemble

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

Operation Christmas Child (OCC) is a part of Franklin Graham's outreach program, which is a very worthwhile cause. Before this, I made building projects for the Fond du Lac Home Builders Home Show. I made toy trucks, bird houses and bird feeders. I cut and drilled all of the parts, then 4-10 year old kids built them with help from an adult, and were able to take the project home.

How has the pandemic impacted you in a positive way?

It really has not, but it has given me more time to spend in my workshop on projects.



What is your idea of a perfect day?

Full sun, 75—80 degrees, no wind. Small projects in the yard around the house completed by days end (such as planting plants), then finish the day grilling out with family. My “unrealistic” perfect day would be a day with Kay. 48 years together and now nothing but dreams of eternal life in heaven with Kay, my one and only.

I love these people heading up this OCC Project. They make it easy to get involved. Why not?! We all have time. Just set your priorities. It is fun.

We love you too, Lee! Thanks for all you do!!





This is a digital library that is available to all from Trinity UMC. This library of digital resources is also 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 of Grace Ministries' resources on this site, please share it with them so they can receive Godly guidance for their lives as well. Samples of resources available:

- **Crisis 101** (Making sense of life when life doesn't make sense)
- **Family 101** (applying the 'one another' principles in the home)

Please check out this new resource that is available online at (grace101.org) Here's how you gain access:

Username: *tumclomira*

Password: *lovegrowserve*

TUMC

will award scholarships

...to high school seniors pursuing their first year of higher education in 2021. To be considered for financial support, applications must be received via email by the church office on or before April 15, 2021. Scholarship information and guidelines can be found at:

www.trinitylomira.org

or picked up in the office.

If you have any questions contact Jessica Marschie, the Director of Christian Educations at 920-583-4675

dustyroadgurl@hotmail.com

please note, guidelines changed 2 years ago



Women's Ministries will be starting a new study in April: We will read and discuss the book, *Intimacy with the Almighty* by Charles Swindoll. From the Christian Book Distributors website: In *Intimacy with the Almighty*, Chuck Swindoll explores four spiritual disciplines that will greatly deepen your relationship and prayer times with God: simplicity, silence, solitude, and surrender. In learning to focus your time and life in these ways, you'll find greater ability to connect and commune with the Lord.

We will start on April 13, on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom for 4-6 weeks. The book is \$4. If you would like to participate and would like Pam Wellso to order the book for you, please let her know by phone 920-905-9511, text, or email pamback312@gmail.com. If cost is an issue for you, no problem. We won't let that prevent you from participating.

*Important: If you are ordering the book for yourself, make sure you get the edition with a Bible on the cover, and additional type at the top, "A Personal Journey". There seems to be different editions. We should all work from the same edition.

Mother's Day Flower Basket Sale



Fund Raiser for Operation Christmas Child

An outreach program of Samaritan's Purse

Profits will be matched by Thrivent and an anonymous donor.

\$25.00 for a 10" Premium Basket

Provided by The Village Flower Shoppe located in Kekoskee

Name _____ Phone # _____

_____ Shade Basket (begonia, impatiens, fuchsia)

_____ Sun/Shade Basket (lobelia, Gerber daisy, bacopa)

_____ Sun Basket (petunia, geranium, Calibrachoa/

We cannot guarantee specific type of flowers for each basket.

_____ of Baskets X \$25.00 = Total Due \$ _____

Make checks payable to Trinity United Methodist Church

**Orders with payment due April 21 to Trinity United
Methodist Church, 300 Church Street, Lomira, WI 53048.**

_____ Friday, May 7, Trinity UMC Pickup (4:00-7:00 pm)

_____ Saturday, May 8, Trinity UMC Pickup (8:00-10:00 am)

_____ Saturday, May 8, Home Delivery (within 15 miles of Trinity UMC;
please provide name, address and phone number)



THANK YOU TO EVERYONE!

We would like to thank everyone who has reached out to us in significant ways during this difficult time of questionable health. Many have texted or called to check up on us. Many have sent cards (some more than once) and those cards & notes are greatly appreciated—every word so encouraging. Some have sent gifts—very practical and uplifting. We are so appreciative. And, finally, thank you so much for your continuing prayers on our behalf. We are hoping and praying that later this month new scans will show good news! Easter blessings to all of you. We miss you & keep you in our prayers, too. *Rom & Jane*

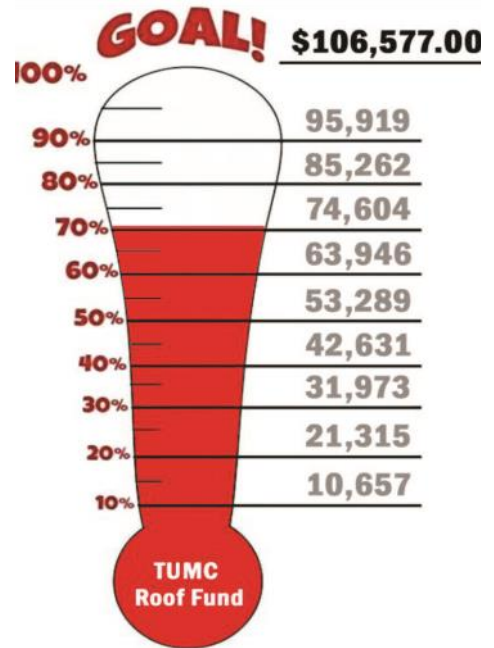


I want to thank everyone for their good wishes on my 90th birthday. It, truly, has meant a lot during this long, unintended, absence from Sunday services.

Gene Junger

Please Help TUMC

Reach Our Goal!



\$75,773.00

as of 3-28-20

We have lots to celebrate this month!

Golden Club

Dorothy Hake

Turns 85 on 4/15

1024 Printer Dr. #3

Lomira, WI 53048

Carol Luedtke

Turns 87 on 4/15

P. O. Box 86

Eden, WI 53019

Lets send them lots of Happy Birthday wishes!

TUMC Prayer Concerns

- **Paul Hesprich** (Bob's brother) glioblastoma, on hospice 3/29
- **Randy Hake** (Hake's son) kidney cancer, surgery scheduled for 4/13
- **Kimberly Heine** (Karlene Kruegers sister) suffered a stroke 3/23
- **Family of Mike Warner** 3/17
- **Jen Schramm** (coworker of Sarah K) diagnosed with breast cancer, surgery set for 3/11
- **Joey Donald** (confirmed at Trinity) hit by a car; surgery coming up 3/10, long recovery ahead of him (also he & wife expecting child) 2/28
- **Brent Hilker** (Pam's son) injured during a snowboarding fall 2/27
- **Lauren** (Pam H's niece) broke her ankle while hiking, during treatment discovered she is pregnant and has blood clots, needs daily shots 2/27
- **Maralyn Hein** (Marge Junger's cousin) broken tibia, confined to a wheelchair 2/21
- **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
- **Alexis Feucht** a Senior at Campbellsport HS diagnosed with brain cancer. Surgery successful. Radiation to begin soon; more treatment determined from there 10/18
- **Aaron Zuhlke** (friend of Judy Lerch) aplastic anemia (hereditary); needs bone marrow transplant 10/23
- **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
- **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
- **Raymond Kittleson** (friend of the Kiehnau's) doing testing in preparation for chemo 5/20

TUMC Budget Totals

Year to date needed to meet budget:
\$57,226.00

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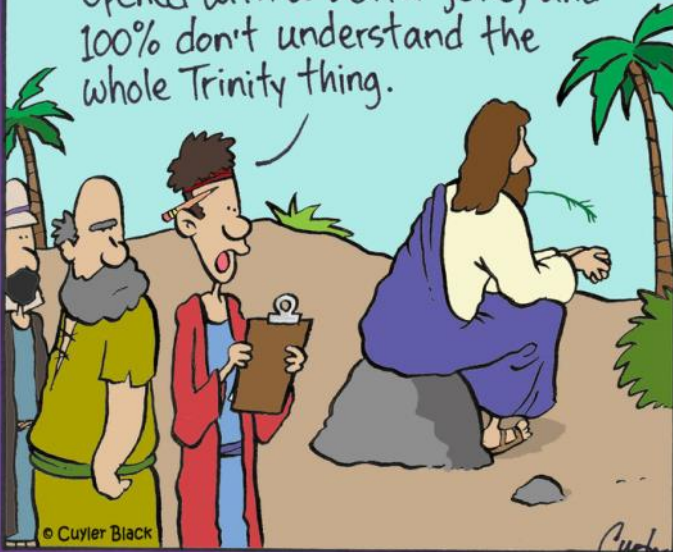
3-25-2021: \$43,841.00

Budget Shortfall: \$13,385.00

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.

THE 13th DISCIPLE, REUBEN THE POLLSTER, TURNED OUT TO BE AN IRRITANT AND WAS SOON DISMISSED.

91% of people want to see more miracles, 58% believe your Sermon on the Mount could have opened with a better joke, and 100% don't understand the whole Trinity thing.



The May Newsletter
Deadline is April
27th Please have
all of your articles
into the church
office by noon that
day. Thank you!



April Birthdays

- 1 Dell Beck
Sally Muehlius
- 2 Nicole Scharschmidt
- 3 Riley Menzer
- 5 Nyle Wellso
- 6 Lindsay Hesprich
Gordon Zimmerman
- 7 Ward Hinz
- 8 Priscilla Ehlert
- 9 Kim Scharschmidt
Christine Lavarda
Lori Winter
- 10 Dylan Bloch
Steve Schellin
- 11 Lauri Grantman
Blake Oechsner
Tammy Steers
- 12 Ralph Germain
- 13 Russ Wendt
- 14 Danelle Flury
- 15 Steve Hayes
Carol Luedtke
Dorothy Hake
Amber Ullius
Derek Dittberner
- 16 Wayne Flury
- 17 Sierra Marzahl
- 20 Amy Unferth
- 21 Sue Bialk
Cameron Schaefer
Keeley Towne
- 22 Katie Stoffel
- 24 Gena Poetzel
Caleb Schaefer
- 25 Brynne Schultz
Jason Ehlert
- 27 Randi Rosenkranz
- 30 Kevin Rhein
Aubree Alf

spoiler alert:
the tomb 
was empty

Luke 24:24



April Wedding Anniversaries

- 7 Ryan & Susan Menzer
- 15 Brent & Dana Guell
- 17 Ronald & Sarah Kretschmer
- 20 Greg & Lavonne Brasch
- 21 Glen & Vickie Renderman
- 27 Leon & Joan Brasch
Jeffery & Heidi Zingsheim
- 29 Mark & Kathy Lavarda



April 2021 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	2	3
4 Easter Sunday Communion	5	6	7	8	9	10 10:00 am Food Pantry
11	12 6:30 pm SF Meeting	13	14	15	16	17 OCC Volunteer Event
18	19	20	21	22	23	24 10:00 am Food Pantry
25	26	27	28	29	30	

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