

UPCOMING SERMON SERIES FOR JUNE 2021

This month of June 2021, we'll be continuing in the sermon series we began last week called 'WIRED FOR WORSHIP.' Did you know that there is nothing that we, as the Body of Christ, do more in our lifetime together than worship? And if it's that important to our spiritual lives—our walk with God, shouldn't we be better at that than anything else we do as a church? Well, it begins with understanding—an understanding of God's ideas of worship, not ours. And that is where this series is going. Last week, we began with a message entitled 'Our Approach Really Does Matter!' And it does, doesn't it? As we continue with this vital topic, following are the messages you can look forward to in June:

- June 6– Sowing Seeds Mark 26-34 Mary Balson Preaching
- June 13-Our Approach Really Does Matter!" Matthew 22:31-40
- June 20 Constructing the Temple Ephesians 2:11-14, 16, 19-21
- June 27 Destroying the Temple 1 Corinthians 3:9b-17

After this month, we'll actually finish up this series on July 4. And if you can't be with us in person on that weekend, please do catch up with us online. 'Tearing Down the Walls...' will be the final message of this series and you're not going to want to miss it! I look forward to worshiping with you this summer of 2021—God's way!

Growing together in faith... Pastor Rom

"WHY DOES THIS HAVE TO HAPPEN TO ME?"

³⁸ And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God's love. ³⁹ No power in the sky above or in the earth below—indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord. – Romans 8:38-39 (NLT)



Dear Trinity family,

It is without a doubt the most asked question—especially when someone's been given a terminal diagnosis. 'Why?' Why does this have to happen to anyone? Why does it have to happen to Pastor Rom?

After we received confirmation of my diagnosis, I remember meeting Jane in the hallway of the parsonage. I'd just come out of the bedroom; she'd just come from the living room. The way she walked up to me I knew she wanted to tell me something. Jane is a woman of few words, but when she has something to say I've learned to listen. I said, "Sweetie, what is it? Do you need to tell me something?" If you've ever experienced a cancer diagnosis like mine, you know where this is going. If not, I'm sure you can imagine. She said with tears in her eyes, "Why does this have to happen to you?" You must understand, she'd already been through several surgeries with me—some fairly serious. She probably thought I'd had my share, so now ... why this?

I remember my first response. It probably wasn't helpful, but we were wading through this news the best we could. I said—always the theologian, "You and I both know we live in a fallen, imperfect world. And deadly disease is a part of it." Then I went on: "Why not me? I would much rather have this than my kids, or grandkids, or brothers or sisters." It was the best I could do for the moment. It was how I really felt. But I'm not sure my response helped Jane.

The truth is, maybe some of you have been asking the same question. I know you've been praying for both Jane and I as we go through this health crisis together. We appreciate that so much! But maybe, somewhere along the line, you've asked the same question—if not of me, of others. Why? And when you get a diagnosis like this, how in the world do you get through it?

There are two things I want to remind you of, as Christ-followers. The first is that we've been given an incredible gift of faith. How in the world do people get through times like this without their faith? I'm thankful I don't have to know. And no one does. The gift of faith is available to all. One of the greatest statements of faith in God that has come to my mind over the past few months is from Job 13:15a, where God has allowed unbelievable hardship in Job's life and Job's response is: "Though he slay me, yet I will trust him." I've had to come to that point—to the point of whatever God decides to do with my life, I'm going to be okay with it. Our faith needs to kick into gear during these times of our lives; it is a gift from God to get us through this life, no matter what. Oswald Chambers, my favorite devotional writer, describes faith in this way: "Faith is not some weak and pitiful emotion, but is strong and vigorous confidence built on the fact that God is holy love." And that's where I want to move to now.

I want to take a moment and remind you also of why we can place our undying faith in God. It's because of the reality of God's incredible love. Paul talks about it in the opening scripture (above) and says that 'nothing can ever separate us from God's love....' Chambers goes on to say that "Faith is the supreme effort of your life—throwing yourself with abandon and total confidence upon God." How in the world can we have that much confidence in God, especially during times of our lives that seem so out of control? It's because we're placing our faith in the One who is in control ... and we can bet our lives on that.

Pam Wellso gave me a book shortly after we received my diagnosis/prognosis of

pancreatic cancer. The book is entitled 'When God and Cancer Meet.' Lynn Eib, the author, is a cancer survivor and an advocate for others going through cancer treatments. Each chapter is a story; some were stories of survivors and others were stories of how God was busy healing in other ways. The one thing I've hung onto is something the author said early in the book. She said something like, 'Either God will take the cancer out of you, or God will take you out of the cancer. Either way, God's gotcha!'

I've said it before and, biblically, I'm going to stand on this now: There is no one who could or would love you more than God does. And if we can count on God's love like that, what is there to fear? It may not be what we planned. It may seem very much out of our control. We may be grieving changes in our lives we didn't count on (including anger, etc.). But if we're in relationship with the One who love us like God does, we don't have anything to worry about. I can honestly say that I haven't lost a night's sleep over my current predicament to date. It's the Spirit of God (Love) in my life that carries me through each day, that gives me strength for the treatments, and helps me get my rest at night. It's a joy to know that I can rest in God's everlasting arms ... and leave the future to him. No matter what, God's got me and God has you. Always remember that.

Trusting God for the future together, *Pastor Rom*

Stewardship and Finance Offering

"Summer Giving Challenge"

This past month the SF team was discussing ways how we could help inspire and motivate people to keep up their giving or to take the step towards giving and tithing. One of those ideas was a "Summer Giving Challenge." We all know that churches take a dip in giving in the summer months. People are on vacation more often or out visiting places on the weekends. If we are not in church, many of us do not think to continue our giving on the Sundays we miss, my family use to be that way. We have probably all been in that position. Last year the month of July and August were 2 of the best months of giving in our church and we would love to see that continue this year. That was a huge milestone that helped with how well our giving improved last year. I am challenging all of us this summer to make the effort to keep up your weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly giving (whichever your family does regularly). If you miss the Sunday, you would normally give then give extra the prior Sunday or catch up with extra the next Sunday. Another great option is to use the on-line giving option. You could set it up for the summer months and then not worry about having to remember your church offering each time. If you do not give regularly then use this challenge as a means to start by giving for the next 3 months. Tell us your story on how your life was affected by this challenge. We would love to hear how God worked in your life because you honored the Lord by returning a gift to him and taking a step towards discipleship.

SF Committee Chair Josh Marschie

ATTENTION ALL: Trinity friends who enjoy making music and those who enjoy listening!

From March 15, 2020 until the present day and days to come we have never been closed or without the preaching of God's word or Christian music to inspire us.

In the beginning Pastor Rom asked to work with us as alone household for safety reasons. Christmas 2020 and after, additional Trinity talents were shared on videos. We are excited that now more people in small groups can safely share music for our 9:00 am Sunday worship service and be recorded for online service. Remember as part of the church we are asked to share our time, talents and tithes.

Trinity has talent- Please share to bless God and your Church Family! Come as your own formed group, a family, instrumental or vocal. If you don't want to preform as a solo, we will sing or play with you! All are welcome- Make your ideas known!

We have harmony in the music department of our church. We hire out to other churches in need and know that Trinity has musical blessings other churches do not have.

Pam, our adult choir director is kindly planning great things in the small group choir anthem areal. We are looking forward to musical treats! We have reached out to Sandy, our bell choir director to bring back the bell quartet as well. For our talented band, we can do solos or small groups until the big group is safe to gather. Guitars players are also welcome to join in the joy!

A big thank you to all who have helped and all who will continue to add to our efforts. A most sincere and loving thank you to Pastor Rom for giving of himself to us in preaching, teaching, leading and musical talents.

My greatest love is working to coordinate music for the Glory of God at Trinity!

God Bless us all with peace! Jesus be our help for today and our hope for tomorrow! Be patient and stay positive!

Please find me in person or call me anytime. 922-0361 or 539-6929

Jason Ehlert

Worship Music Coordinator



total amount raised came to \$550.

Jackie Scharfenberg & Roger Clark

June Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Angels

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

Jackie coordinated the Mother's Day Flower Basket sale and obtained a Thrivent Action Team \$250 grant to compliment the efforts of the fund raiser. Despite the COVID-19 restrictions, the sale went well for a first attempt. The

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

The energy of Trinity's Shoebox Project is contagious! It's exciting to help with a project that reaches so many corners of the world with gifts for children that come with messages of God's love and grace for all.

How has the pandemic impacted you in a positive way?

The pandemic allowed us to slow down and catch our breaths, especially when it came to work duties and catching up on some home projects. Jackie truly enjoyed taking several on-line trainings and becoming a National Association for Interpretation Certified Interpretive Guide Trainer. Roger enjoyed learning more about capabilities of technology as he helped make church videos and setting up virtual meetings.

What is the best place you've traveled to?

We can't just pick ONE best place to which we've traveled, but we do have a top three. Years ago, we spent two weeks exploring Alaska, which truly seems bigger than life. A few years back, we took a circle road trip of Arizona from the Grand Canyon to Petrified Forest and Sky Islands south of Tucson before heading back to Las Vegas. In 2019, we took a trip on Roger's bucket list – a ten-day adventure around Ireland. Roger's ready to retire there, while Jackie said she will come visit him. Ireland lives up to the name of the Emerald Isle and the Irish people demonstrate extremely warm hospitality and graciousness. On a sidenote, the

food there is amazingly tasty. We both are looking to retire in less than two years so we can go on more grand adventures within Wisconsin, throughout the United States, and to other countries.

Jackie and Roger have also supported Trinity Shoebox Project by donating: boxes of school supplies, several bags of new camp t-shirts, and tackle boxes with supplies from the nature center. They also provided Taste of Bacon door prizes to our recipe winners. Thank you so much for all you have done!! Your generosity is greatly appreciated.





Congratulations to our 2021 Graduates!

High School Graduates:

Owen Casper Graduated from Lomira HS. Plans to attend UW Oshkosh to study kinesiology.

Zach Dewhurst Graduated from Lomira HS. Plans to attend UW Stout to study mechanical engineering. **Zach is one of our Higher Education Scholarship recipients**.

Madysen Janke Graduated from Lomira HS. Plans to attend DePaul University to study digital media and cinematography. **Mady is one of our Higher Education Scholarship recipients**.

Cannon Klein Graduated from Lomira HS. Plans to pursue a large equipment apprenticeship.

Kylie Neill graduated from Lomira HS. Plans to attend UW Steven's Point.

Caden Renderman graduated from Campbellsport HS. Plans to go into the flooring and home remodeling business.

Steely Schaeer graduated from SMS Academy. Plans to attend the University of Tampa.

Dayne Zingsheim graduated from Lomira HS. Plans to attend UW Platteville to study mechanical engineering. **Dayne is on of our Higher Education Scholarship recipients**.

Summer Ladies Bible Study starting June 1 at 7 p.m.

Starting June 1 at 7 p.m., our Ladies Bible Study group will be looking at the Miracles of Jesus. **Dates will be June 1 through July 6, meeting via Zoom at 7 p.m.** Note this time change; we're trying to accommodate Summer activities while also keeping our group going. And with that in mind also: NO HOMEWORK! No book to purchase or read. Deb Wiedmeyer and I will be working from a leader's guide for our discussion.

The study is called: The Miracles of Jesus: Finding God in Desperate Moments, by Jessica LaGrone. The publisher's description says: Jesus demonstrated the presence and power of God by performing miracles. He turned water into wine, healed the sick, calmed the storm, opened blind eyes, and raised the dead. While these beloved stories draw our attention to divine power, they also have something else in common: human desperation. Every time we see Jesus performing a miracle, we also get a glimpse into the gift of desperation, a gift that opens us to the dramatic power of God through our desperate need for him. In this six-week Bible study, Jessica LaGrone leads us in a captivating exploration of the miracles of Jesus, helping us to see that our weakness is an invitation for God to work powerfully in our lives and reminding us that we need God on our best days just as much as we do on our worst. Jessica has been in several different positions in the United Methodist church as well as at Asbury Theological Seminary.

Zoom link: https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/8997512485?
pwd=b2wyTXFoT3psemIxZ1hxMXNMM3FHZzo9

Meeting ID 899 751 2485 and Passcode: Rom

Golden Club

We have lots to celebrate this month!

Gerald Klein

Turns 86 on 6/3

N11284 Butternut Rd.

Lomira, WI 53048

Marlin Towne

Turns 89 on 6/9

N4038 Towne Ln.

Fond du Lac, WI 54937

Lee Oestreich

Turns 80 on 6/10

W5808 Church Rd.

Fond du Lac, WI 54937

Dorothy Bosserman

Turns 98 on 6/24

1130 N. Westfield St.

Oshkosh, WI 54902

Syd Henke

Turns 80 on 6/26

P. O. Box 308

Oakfield, WI 53065

Lets send them lots of Happy Birthday wishes!



Now through Labor Day Weekend, Trinity will have one Sunday Worship Service at 9:00 AM. Thank-You!



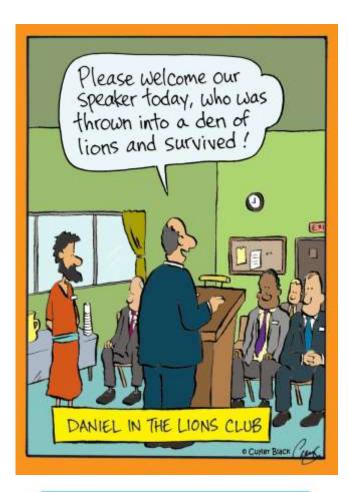
Ideas for a Retirement gift for Rom and Jane Pegram are needed. Please think about how our congregation might "send off" the Pegram's in July as they move on to Nashville. One idea is a scrapbook, perhaps with each family contributing a page. Are there any scrapbookers out there who can help? Contact Pam Wellso at 920-905-9511 with ideas.

TUMC Prayer Concerns

- Bill (Deb Skillings brother) knee replacement 5/27
- Family of Doreen Unferth 5/17
- **Gwen Hinz** broken arm 5/17
- Kirsten Kretschmer sprained MCL and ruptured ACL, surgery set for 5/26
- Gordon Zimmerman stroke in his eye 5/10
- Victor Jewson atrial fibrillation, procedure set for July 5/11
- Karlene Krueger cancer 4/23
- Tina Rawlins knee surgery 4/26
- Kimberly Heine (Karlene Kruegers sister) suffered a stroke 3/23
- 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
- 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
- Alexis Feucht a Senior at Campbellsport HS diagnosed with brain cancer. Surgery successful. Radiation to begin soon; more treatment determined from there 10/18
- Cathy Wetzel diagnosed with stage-4 breast cancer 10/16
- Karlene Krueger's Mom diagnosed with breast cancer, surgery in November 10/15
- Carrie Mueller (Pronounced Miller; Tina Rambousek's friend) on dialysis for kidneys; will need a transplant 9/14

For Prayer Requests please contact Jessica in the church office by email, phone or our website www.trinitylomira.org

Our Prayer list covers for 6-8 months. If you feel someone needs to continue or be placed back on the list, please let Jessica know. Thank You.





Please contact the office if you are interested!

June Anniversaries

- 3 Rom and Jane Pegram
- 5 Ward & Jeanne Hinz
- 7 Glenn & Jackie Eichstedt
- 14 Ralph & Sharon Germain
- 16 Andrew & Melissa Oeschner
- 17 Chuck & Mary Rhein
- 25 Richard & Anne Ullius
- 27 Will & Diana Jewson
- 28 Joshua & Jessica Marschie



June Birthdays

- 1 Lucas Hodny
- 3 Jerry Klein Andrew Oechsner
- 4 Carlie Priesgen Melissa Oechsner Joshua Wroblewski
- 5 Victoria Bloch
- 7 Michelle Vesper Mitchell Janke
- 8 Colton Luedtke
- 9 Marlin Towne
- 10 Kathy Lavarda Brenda Michels Lee Oestreich
- 11 Nancy Andrews Brian Meyer Tina Rambousek Trisha Schwanke
- 12 Faye Beck
 Allison Casper
 Nicole Dittberner
 Margaret Muehlius
- 14 Missy Casper
- 15 Jeff Unferth
- 16 Cassie Beck
- 18 Dan Dewhurst Amanda Ditter
- 19 Jessica Marschie
- 22 Michelle Large Debra Skilling
- 24 Dorothy Bosserman
- 25 Pam Flury Jenny Priesgen
- 26 Wayde Beck Syd Henke

TUMC Budget Totals

Year to date needed to meet budget: \$96,844.00

Received through

5-30-2020: \$83,866.00

Budget Shortfall: \$12,978.00

The July Newsletter Deadline is June 22nd. Please have all of your articles into the church office by noon that day. Thank you!

June 2021 TUMC-Lomira Worship Service 9:00 AM

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

Rom Pegram, Pastor

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SUMMER WORSHIP SERVICES 9:00 AM

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