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

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November 2021 Monthly Newsletter

The Lord's Prayer

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THY HEAVEN IALLOWED THOSE OUR TODAY DAILY LORDS PRAYER BREAD AGAINST NAME GIVE SINS FATHER From your Pastor,



November is a month of celebration. In addition to the church's observation of special services for All Saints and Reformation Sundays, this month includes the holiday of Thanksgiving. We celebrate Thanksgiving in giving thanks to the God we know through Jesus Christ as the one who gives us our daily bread. Christian discipleship has thankfulness at its very center.

This year I want to thank God for standing by me through all the physical ills that have affected me. For hearing and answering my prayers. For guiding me toward wholeness and health. For giving me the courage and patience and strength to travel the road set before me. For all the transitions I went through. I also give thanks for my family and friends who have been so steadfast through all the chaos of my illness. I pray that God will bless them with the same measure of generosity that they have shown in their care for me this year. And by no means least, I am thankful to God for our church, Trinity UMC. You have sent us (my wife and I) words, cards and flowers expressing how grateful you are, to have me as your Pastor and assuring me of your prayers on my behalf. I have been overwhelmed by your kindness, and I thank God for each of you every day.

Here are the messages you can expect in November:

November 07: "The Lord's Family Reunion": 1 John 3:1-13 November 14: "The Supremacy of Prayer": Matthew 6:13 November 21: "When You Don't Feel Thanking God": Psalm 50:23

I challenge you to lay claim to Thanksgiving this year as a time to truly meditate upon and give expression to your appreciation for all God's grace in your life. Be as concrete as you can be. And as you give thanks, let an awareness of the magnitude of God's faithfulness grow in you, so that every day might become a day of thanksgiving to a God who worthy of nothing less.

Let's give thanks with a faithful heart,

Rev. Mulongo Mpoyo





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 11/7... so it's time to get

those needles busy! Hats, scarves and mittens

for men, women, boys and girls are needed.

Donations of tortes are needed for TUMC's Annual Election Day Spaghetti Dinner!



Please drop off in the kitchen on Tuesday.



Trinity's Election Day Spaghetti Dinner Needs You!



Tickets will be available in the office or you can purchase at the door on the night of the dinner. We will be needing cooks, set up, servers, wait staff, and dishwashers... Sign-up sheets are located on the table by the sanctuary.

If you have any questions please contact Tammy Steers. 920-960-9285



HAPPY THANKSGIVING! We welcome you for dinner.

The Lomira Area Food Pantry and Trinity United Methodist Church welcome you to join us for 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 dine in or carry out on Thursday, **Nov. 25th from 11:30-2:00pm**

Participants are encouraged to call and order ahead. Please contact Nancy at (920) 269-4885 or (920) 979-3454 by November 20th. If you would like to donate or purchase an item for use, please contact Nancy.



Ladies Bible Study will be starting a new book study in November. Our first night will be November 11. We meet Thursdays in the Fireside Room at 6:30 p.m. The book we will be embarking upon is by Elizabeth George, A Woman After God's Own Heart. "Discover the deep and lasting fulfillment that comes when you make the decision to follow God in every area of your life." Along with the book to read, there is a study guide which will cost \$15.99 together. Scholarships are available if needed. We anticipate the study will go into Spring. If you can only attend for certain seasons due to other obligations, please feel free to join us at anytime. Please contact Pam Wellso or sign up in the Coffee Connection so that books can be or-dered. Participation can be in person or via Zoom.

Charge Conference

This year our annual Charge Conference will take place on Thursday November 17th at 7:30pm. The meeting will be held online via Zoom.

Bill Seefeld - Servant Spotlight

One of the many benefits of serving on a committee or joining a small group at Trinity United Methodist Church is the opportunity to really get to know some of the wonderful people who worship with us each Sunday morning. Bill Seefeld is one of those special people.

Bill grew up on a farm in the Campbellsport area. He and his family attended Ebenezer Evangelical United Brethren Church. On August 30, 1955 Ebenezer joined Salem and Emanuel churches to form Trinity Evangelical United Brethren Church. In



1968 Trinity EUB joined the Methodist Denomination and became Trinity United Methodist Church of Lomira.

After college Bill got a teaching position at Oconto High School, where he taught social studies, coordinated the gifted and talented program, and directed the class plays. He lived and taught in Oconto from 1965-1998. He retired from teaching early to return home to care for his mother who was suffering from macular degeneration. In retirement he returned to Trinity UMC, his home church.

Bill has served on the Trinity Staff Parish Relations Committee since January of 2015. He has been instrumental in welcoming both Pastor Rom Pegram and now Pastor Mulongo Mpoyo into ministry at Trinity. He has been a valued member of the SPRC during any and all church related issues that have arisen during the past 7 years. Bill's dedicated service to the SPRC will end in December 2021.

Seongmin Kim was a ministerial intern at Trinity during the 2016-2017 school year. Seongmin's year long project was to help Trinity create a Caring Ministry. Pastor Rom recruited Bill to join himself, Jane Pegram, Joan Brasch, Kathy Drexler, and Seongmin to develop this new ministry. This committee met monthly and developed the blueprint for Trinity's Caring Ministry. The purpose of the Caring Ministry Team has become serving the shut in members of our congregation, taking them communion, praying with them, listening to them, and keeping them connected to the church that they love. In the fall of 2017 Bill became one of Trinity's first caring ministers, a position that he still holds today. Bill visited Roy leaMeyer, Trinity's oldest living member, twice every month until the Covid pandemic made those visits impossible. Bill and Roy shared their love of history and became close friends.

Bill humbly and graciously serves the Lord and his church family at Trinity. Many of us have been blessed to be the recipients of Bill's generosity, love, wisdom, and service to others. Bill Seefeld truly has the heart of a Christian servant.

6th Annual Trinity Holiday Outreach Project

With your help we are hoping to collect 70 bottles of Suave Body Wash (15 or 18 FL OZ), any scent. A team from Trinity will be crafting a Christmas Gift to accompany 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 outside drop box or labeled bin located by the back door of church by December 5th 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! *If able, watch the church Facebook page for count updates*

The DEADLINE to return filled OCC SHOEBOXES is SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14th







Following story by Nhung Hurst, northwest regional manager for Operation Christmas Child During a recent trip to Uganda... (Falling ill during first part of trip)

We headed to our next distribution, and I felt well enough to hand out the gifts. I noticed one little boy who had taken the lid off his shoebox but hadn't touched anything. He seemed oddly removed from the whole thing, so I carefully showed him each item. Nothing sparked his interest until I got to a pair of little black gloves. He put up his right hand, so I put the glove on. Then he showed me his other hand. That's when I noticed that he only had two fingers on his left hand—his thumb and pinky. I could tell that the stubs of the other three fingers were scarred, but I put the glove on and counted out five fingers.

The smile that lit his face was the greatest comfort to me. In that **moment, I didn't feel sick or filthy.** I understood right then that when we belong to God, we are clothed in dignity regardless of our external appearance and surroundings. I needed that little boy as much as he needed me then.

Later, I learned from orphanage workers that this 4-year-old boy, Joram, had been abandoned by his grandparents and left in the

garage of the orphanage along with his two sisters. The children's parents had died of AIDS. When Joram was 2 his grandparents took him to a witch doctor to cure him of his muteness. He had never



uttered a word and they thought he was possessed by some demon. The witch doctor promised a cure but needed three of his fingers for the remedy. When the grandparents saw that he wasn't cured, they placed all the children in the orphanage.

It grieves me to know that he suffered that kind of needless pain, but I know that he is created in the image of our heavenly Father and is loved. I know that I will never see a pair of gloves without thinking of this little guy ever again.







How have you been involved with the Trinity Shoebox Project? I have always tried to help someone in need around the holidays, and have packed my own shoeboxes over the years. Now, with Trinity coordinating this major project, I have been helping with shipping costs and packing. I love being on the hunt throughout the year for items on clearance, low cost or even at rummage sales. I always keep my price list with me for good deal guidelines. This year, with help from Tina Rambousek, I cut 67 Superhero capes to coordinate with Superhero masks that someone else purchased. They were rolled up together with "Jesus is My Superhero" coloring pages for easy packing. If anyone wants to get involved, it helps to see how the shoeboxes are packed as full as possible so that a child gets a maximum amount of love! Come to church on a packing evening just to check it out!

Why do you choose to share your time and talents with Trinity Shoebox Project? The Operation Christmas Child project is a part of Samaritan's Purse, an organization started with the Billy Graham family and continues under the direction of Billy's son, Franklin. They also help around the world with crisis situations such as tsunamis, Afghanistan withdrawal, portable hospitals for Covid; I was able to serve for one week in New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina. (Hardest week of my life!) Also, I was serving with another mission group in Alaska at a camp which was located next door to the Samaritan's Purse facility for veterans who are struggling after serving. I was impressed with the beauty of the place and all that is available to those who go there to be ministered to. All this to say, Samaritan's Purse is a top-notch organization of high integrity. I can serve with them and donate to them knowing that anything I do will go on to have a lasting impact in this world in the name of Jesus Christ.

In Acts, we are called to serve in Jerusalem (locally), Judea (our culture), Samaria (other cultures) and the ends of the earth. I keep this in mind when I support local ministries such as the food pantry and those that are worldwide such as Samaritan's Purse.



How has the pandemic impacted you in a positive way? By more frequent phone and in-person visits with my mother, we have been able to repair our relationship and have grown into a lovely friendship which will help us in the years ahead as she and I navigate aging and dementia.

What is your idea of a perfect day? A perfect day is road tripping with Glen Wellso, Anywhere. We are in the process of making a list and checking off "101 things to do before our 50th wedding anniversary". (We'll both be over 100 years old, every -one's invited to the party). We have been to Hawaii and climbed Diamond Head volcano, toy shows in Iowa, Peter Frampton concert in Denver. We hope to go to Alaska together, possibly driving there in 2022! We are working on going to every Wisconsin County Fair; we've been to 17 so far. String Cheese and Costco runs to Grafton, Amish Bakery in DaltonAnytime!





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:**

An email will be sent out to our

TUMC Digital Newsletter subscribers.

Text:

If you have not been getting text over the last year, please let the office know.

All weekly events will also be cancelled at TUMC during the week if the Lomira School System is closing or has cancelled after school activities.

Remember...Safety First! God Bless!

Bibles were presented by the Education Department to the following students on October 10th, during Bible Sunday.

> 4K Aubree Alf

5K Callen Schaefer

3rd Grade Eloise Alf Chase Cull Preston Cull Quintin Graf Reese Todl

4th Grade Bella Hardee Gabe Priesgen Prentice Reitz Corinn Rhein Finley Sacotte Marley Sacotte

Congratulations!



TUMC FALL YARD CLEANUP

Yard Cleanup day has been cancelled. If you would like to help with anything around the church grounds, please let Jeff Unferth know.

TUMC Prayer Concerns

- Family of Judy Rhein Nelson 10/22
- Jerry Cote brain bleed 10/17
- Don Plzak health problems 10/17
- Deb Skilling hip replacement surgery soon 10/10
- Bob Geiger brain cancer 9/29
- Loni Wetzel diagnosed with congestive heart failure 9/26
- Gloria Faber car accident, several broken bones, home recovering 9/23
- Michelle Kuehl surgery for diverticulitis, home recovering 9/23
- Laurie (Carol Dillings Niece) recurrence of cancer 6/1
- Karlene Krueger cancer 4/23
- Kimberly Heine (Karlene Kruegers sister) suffered a stroke 3/23
- Pastor Rom pancreatic cancer 2/4

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.





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



Sunday Nov. 7th Turn clocks back

TUMC Budget Totals Year to date needed to meet budget: \$189,286.00 Received through 10-20-2019: \$163,142.00 Budget Shortfall: \$26,144.00

Mark your calendars!

December 5th Trinity will host a

Ladies Christmas Tea





Women's Ministry will again be holding20
27the Beat the Winter Blues Bazaar in February.Start saving up your treasures for donation.More information to come!



1	Neil Bialk
	Kelly Brown
	Matthew Riehbrandt
2	Eric Westphal
5	Judy Stucke
6	Harold Muehlius
	Tina Rawlins
7	Hanna Faber
	Lucy Stucke
8	Porter Sacotte
10	Ellen Hodny
	Todd Klein
11	Carlene Cardenas
13	Ben Priesgen
14	Carol Dilling
	Kaia Schellin
	Sharie Stuebs
15	Debra Zinniel
16	Christopher Luedtke
17	Gabe Priesgen
18	Andrew Luedtke
19	Michelle Dahlinger
	Ryan Faris
	Jeff Luedtke
	Dustin Westphal
	Lizzie Staus
20	Betsy Klein
	Kincade Todl
21	Gerald Walter
23	Stephanie Luedtke
24	Robert Meyer
25	Ellen Michels
	Elaine Riedel
26	Rob Schaefer

Evan Casper

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat			
	1	2 4:00-7:00 pm Spaghetti Dinner	3 6:00 pm Choir	4	5	6			
7 All Saints Day Communion	8	9	10 7:00 pm Choir	11	12	13 10-11:00 am Food Pantry			
14	15	16	17 7:00 pm Choir 7:30 pm Charge Conference	18	19	20			
21	22	23	24 7:00 pm Choir	25 THANKSGIVING Office Closed	26	27 10-11:00 am Food Pantry			
28	29	30	The December Newsletter Deadline is November 23rd. Please have all of your articles into the church office by noon that day.						

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