

Summer Sunday Worship 9:00 AM

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August 2022 | Monthly Newsletter

Fear Not *Bible Reading Plan*

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| 1. Psalm 34 | 16. Psalm 118:1-9 |
| 2. Zephaniah 3:14-20 | 17. Matt. 14:22-33 |
| 3. Psalm 27 | 18. Matt. 8:23-27 |
| 4. Psalm 23 | 19. 1 Peter 5:5-7 |
| 5. John 14:1-14 | 20. Phil. 4:4-7 |
| 6. John 14:15-31 | 21. Psalm 3 |
| 7. Joshua 1:1-9 | 22. Psalm 25 |
| 8. Isaiah 43:1-3 | 23. Matt. 6:25-34 |
| 9. Exodus 14 | 24. Mark 6:45-50 |
| 10. Psalm 46 | 25. Isaiah 8:11-18 |
| 11. Isaiah 40 | 26. Daniel 6:16-28 |
| 12. Isaiah 41:8-13 | 27. 1 Samuel 17 |
| 13. Deut. 31:1-8 | 28. Rev. 21:1-4 |
| 14. Romans 8:9-17 | 29. 1 John 4:7-21 |
| 15. Romans 8: 31-39 | 30. Psalm 56 |



The trustees need volunteers to help trim the shrubs around the church. If you are interested in helping please contact Jeff Unferth (920-602-6804) or Gordy Zimmerman (920-948-3049)



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It's hard to believe that 2022 is flying by and we will soon be entering Fall. Time is really flying by and if we are not careful, we will be left behind. This means life is busy. Life seems to fill up and occupy our time with all kinds of things that seem important and often become out priority.

After proofreading Pam Wellso's article, a verse from the Gospel of Luke came to my mind, where Jesus says, "Do you think I came to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but division." (Luke 12:51)

This verse from the gospel of Luke is maybe the most disturbing among all the hard sayings of Jesus, for it describes a Jesus we never knew. Jesus is known as a wonderful counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, the prince of peace but here He is identified as a divider. Why?

Because God's word of truth divides. We see this truth in Jesus' life. Jesus proclaimed the truth. Jesus lived by the truth. Jesus died by the truth. Such is the truth of God's word that divides light from darkness. Such is the truth of God's word that is so valuable in our lives. Division is the natural result of Jesus' work on earth. He divides good from evil. As a result of Jesus' work on earth, people are either running from Him or to Him.

When people believe in Jesus, they are no longer "like the rest of mankind" (Ephesians 2:3). It is that distinction which is the cause of division. When a man or a woman comes to trust in Christ, his or her life is changed at its core in its direction, in its values, in its focus, in its purpose, and in its dreams. Faith in Jesus changes the dynamic of interpersonal relationships, inevitably dividing those who believe from those who don't, and those who repent from those who don't.

We should not be under any illusions. The call to discipleship is not easy, and it requires costly loyalty. Not everyone is prepared to pay the price, or to accept those who do pay the price. But through the power of the Holy Spirit, we can risk this division. And in so doing, we will find peace with God, and we will look forward to the peace He will bring on earth, as it is in heaven.

The truth is our society has turned its back on God's commands and, sadly, so has the church, for the church has embraced some of society's immoralities. The signs are plain. They are just ignored by the world.

The signs have already caused the divisions that Jesus speaks of in Luke 12. Both natural families and church families are divided. There are divisions caused by politics, economics, and religious practices. There is only one solution: Jesus. There needs to be true repentance, the turning from our sinful ways, and following Jesus as the only way. There is no middle ground when it comes to following Jesus. He demands our devotion, our worship, and our commitment, even if it means other relationships, even family relationships, are cut off. Are you willing to risk the disapproval of your family, even your church family, so that you can follow Jesus?

Please, join us in our Sunday worship services this month as we will reflect on the following scripture readings and sermon titles:

- Luke 12:32-40, "From Fear to Faith"
- Luke 12:49-56, "The Great Divider"
- Luke 13:10-17, "Woman, You Are Set Free from Your Infirmary"
- Luke 14:1, 7-14, "Humility: One of Christians' Qualities"

May God's blessings fall upon you as we all remember that there is need for us to stand up for Kingdom values. This is part of peacebuilding. But standing up for peace may well lead us towards division. Let us not be too scared by this, but let's have faith.

Yours truly in Christ,

Rev. Mulongo Mpoyo

What's all the buzz about the United Methodist Church splitting?

Submitted by Pam Wellso

Your Church Council wants you to be aware of what's happening in the United Methodist Church and how the current events will affect our church home. The matter is extremely complicated, I will try to condense the issues with this first article.

How did we get here? While not a new debate, the theological differences between two sides has become increasingly wide, to the point that separation of the denomination has been proposed. You may have heard of terms like "Progressive", "Centrist" or "Traditionalist". In 2020, all sides gathered at the negotiating table and developed and agreed to The Protocol for Separation known as "*Protocol of Reconciliation and Grace through Separation*". It provided for a "gracious exit" for any Annual Conferences or local churches who wanted to leave the UMC, without costly fees and legal battles. It was hoped that it would have been voted upon at the 2022 General Conference (the international governing body) which was subsequently postponed due to Covid. Support for the Protocol has now been withdrawn and it is essentially dead.

Why is this happening now? What's the rush? At the 2019 Special General Conference, which was called to debate the issues dividing our church, a new paragraph was adopted into the UMC Book of Discipline, the governing book of our denomination. This paragraph allowed for churches to disaffiliate from the UMC for "matters of conscience" with an expiration date of December 31, 2023. Disaffiliation needs to be approved at Annual Conference (the Wisconsin governing body), which means any church wanting to disaffiliate needs to have all requirements completed by June 2023 Annual Conference. Churches need to go through all 17 steps of the process for disaffiliation, with the first deadline being September 1, 2022.

What are the theological differences? **Very basically:**

*Is the Bible a definitive book, inspired by God, absolute truth, OR, a book that is seen through the lens of current social and political changes?

*Was Jesus born of a virgin, did he perform miracles, did he bodily rise from the dead and the Way, Truth, and Life? OR, these things about Jesus might be possible, but there are many ways to God and these may not be important to our faith.

*God directs us to love Him with our whole heart and we need to have a personal relationship with Jesus; sin is disobedience to God. OR, loving our neighbor is most important command from God, with emphasis on social ethics.

*Engaging in homosexual behavior is sinful and disobedience against God. OR Homosexuality is natural, healthy and normal.

But I have so many questions! On July 19, your Church Council unanimously voted to start the discussion for disaffiliation. A task force is being formed; please contact me if you would like to be part of this group. We will soon be scheduling times when everyone can learn more and ask questions. Disaffiliation only happens with a 2/3 vote of the membership which would occur in early 2023, if we proceed. Now is the time to start educating yourself!

What can I do now? Most importantly, **pray** for your church leaders as they investigate disaffiliation and all the ramifications and benefits, pros and cons. None of them take this lightly and want to do what is best of our church family, as you have entrusted them. **Talk to your leaders:** coffee, lunch or campfire. Pastor Mulongo, Kathy Drexler, Chuck Rhein, Pam Wellso, Bill Buske, Gary Jesse are all willing to meet with you. Other resources: Pam and Kathy have printed resources if reading is better for your learning. Good News Magazine has recorded a set of 6 videos, 15 minutes each, on YouTube which anyone can view. (These videos look at the issue from a Traditionalist/Pro-Disaffiliation viewpoint.)

Golden Club

Helen Koene

Turns 87 on 8/5

385 Main St. Apt. 9

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Larry Schraufnagel

Turns 81 on 8/19

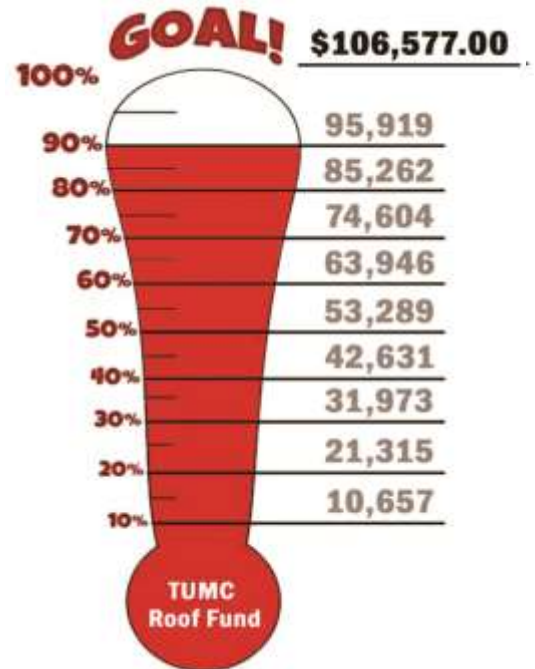
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*Lets send them lots of
Happy Birthday Wishes!*

Please Help TUMC

Reach Our Goal!



\$100,057.00

as of 7-24-22

Trinity Church Family

Please join Jason Ehlert for Concerts in The Park.

The Fond du lac symphonic band with Jason Ehlert as Trombone Soloist

Wednesday August 10th at

Buttermilk Creek Park -Fond du Lac

And Thursday August 18th at Sterr Park – Lomira





Please consider helping out the **Trinity Shoebox Project** by purchasing **SCHOOL SUPPLIES** when the sales begin. We are specifically targeting the following items....

Spiral Notebooks

*Single Subject; Wide or College ruled
Pen & Gear Brand at Walmart for 35c – select colors*



Loose Leaf Paper

Wide or College ruled



Scissors

Blunt or Sharp



Large Erasers

Pen & Gear Reward Erasers at Walmart are amazing!



Pencil Cap Erasers

Colored Pencils

*12-Count, Any Brand
Pen & Gear Brand at Walmart for 50c – Great price!*



Crayons

*24-Count, Any Brand
Pen & Gear Brand at Walmart for 25c – Great price!*



Highlighters Glue Sticks Sharpie Markers



Where to shop? Check out Walmart online/in-store where the Pen & Gear brand have had good prices... 24-cnt crayons for 25c, 12-cnt colored pencils for 50c, spiral notebooks for 35c (select colors), 100-cnt Reward Erasers for \$3.97... Download the app to scan prices!



Don't like to shop? Your financial support is greatly appreciated! We can't do what we do without all of you!

Thank You!

Sailors Brave Difficult Seas to Deliver Shoebox Gifts in the Pacific

JULY 20, 2022 • PACIFIC ISLANDS

A MISSIONARY TEAM FROM THE MARSHALL ISLANDS SAILS TO AN ISOLATED ATOLL TO HOST OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD OUTREACH EVENTS.



WHEN A KETCH APPROACHED THE ISLANDS OF MEJATTO AND EBADON CARRYING CARTONS OF OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX GIFTS, ACCESS WAS SO SHALLOW THAT A SMALLER

A team of seven recently set sail on a 57-foot boat named Cloud Nine with cartons of Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts on board. Their destination? An isolated part of Kwajalein Atoll. Home to some 11,000 people scattered across 100 small islands, Kwajalein Atoll is a part of the Marshall Islands, a nation located in the Pacific Ocean between Hawaii and Indonesia. Situated on a more than 1,000-square-mile coral reef and featuring one of the world's largest lagoons, the atoll is an isolated place at the ends of the earth that even boats find tricky to access.

"We had a very rough sail there, and when we got inside the lagoon it was not great weather or anchorage, but we felt safe," said Katie, a missionary to the Marshall Islands who sailed together with her husband Scott, the captain of the ketch.

When they reached the island of Mejatto, another smaller boat shuttled them ashore with the cartons of shoeboxes. Here they held an outreach event in which they shared the Gospel in a child-friendly manner and distributed 96 gift-filled shoeboxes that were packed with care by people from around the world. Moved by these tangible expressions of God's love and the stories from Scripture, a total of 87 children accepted Jesus Christ as their personal Lord and Savior at the event!

"It was an amazing outreach," said Katie, but while the team was ashore distributing the shoeboxes the weather turned in the lagoon. Thankfully, Captain Scott had stayed back on Cloud Nine to guide it through the huge squall that dragged their anchor 148 feet.

"A little scary since the only thing behind us was reef," said Katie, "but he was able to reset the anchor and make our vessel secure for the night."

BEFORE RECEIVING THEIR SHOEBOX GIFTS, CHILDREN LEARN ABOUT GOD'S GREATEST GIFT—JESUS CHRIST.

Forgotten No More

The next day, the team visited neighboring Ebadon, known as the forgotten island. The boat shuttle owner had warned them that they only had five hours to get in and out during high tide. Otherwise, the water level gets too low for even the shuttle to travel because the reef is so large.

Undeterred by the time constraints, the team loaded the shoebox gifts onto the shuttle and set off to serve the island with a population of just 74. When they made it ashore, Kebot—who is the acting mayor, principal, and teacher all rolled into one—warmly welcomed them and escorted them to the school where the outreach event was to be held. There amid lots of singing and skits, the team presented



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the Gospel again and 47 children received fun-filled shoebox gifts. We praise God that 41 of these boys and girls also trusted in Christ as their Lord and Savior!

The team left the island grateful for all that God had accomplished, wearing gifts of shell leis and Marshallese headdresses from the residents of Ebaddon.

Operation Christmas Child outreach events in the Marshall Islands are part of a broader Pacific Islands initiative in which Samaritan's Purse is seeking to reach 500,000 children on 1,000 Pacific islands with a gift-filled shoebox and a presentation of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.



**WONDER FILLS THE EYES OF CHILDREN AS THEY AWAIT
OPENING THEIR SHOEBOX GIFTS!**



**A MISSIONARY TEAM FROM
THE MARSHALL ISLANDS
HOSTS AN OUTREACH
EVENT TO PRESENT THE
GOSPEL TO CHILDREN OF
THE KWAJALEIN ATOLL.**



*The above article was shared from
the Samaritan's Purse website
under Operation Christmas Child.
Visit their site for more information
and other interesting stories about
what Samaritan's Purse is doing
around the world.*

TUMC Prayer Concerns

- **Family of Rom Pegram** 7/2
- **Mike Skelton** (Fred's Brother in Law) Parkinson's diagnosis and other health complications 6/14
- **Dave Menzer** (Fred's brother) good news with his cancer treatment 6/14
- **Steve Bruggink** (Betty's nephew) doing well recovering at home 6/14
- **Kathy Junger** (Gene and Marg's daughter in law) parkinson's 6/9
- **Ellen Doornbos** (fiancé of Jungers grandson) leukemia, starting chemo 5/25
- **Carol Lieungh** (Augie and Andi's neighbor) esophageal cancer 5/10
- **Mary Brandt** bladder cancer 5/1
- **Evelyn Krug** 4/10
- **David Rinzel** recovering from open heart surgery 4/21
- **Howie Gilbert** had a few strokes, recovering 3/31
- **Sara Marschie** (Josh's Mom) Multiple Myeloma 3/28
- **Jim O'Connor** ALS 1/6

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.

TUMC Budget Totals

**Year to date needed to meet budget:
\$137,430.00**

Received through

7-24-2022: \$114,883.00

Budget Shortfall: \$22,547.00



August Anniversaries

- 6 **Jim & Kasey Todl**
- 7 **Pete & Kathy Drexler**
Jeff & Elaine Unferth
- 10 **Bob & Janet Hesprich**
- 13 **Luke & Cherie Reitz**
Brian & Katie Stoffel
- 14 **Roger Clark &**
Jackie Scharfenberg
- 16 **David & Carol Luedtke**

August Birthdays

- 2 **Sandra Porter**
- 4 **Mary Rhein**
- 5 **Helen Koene**
Karen Graf
- 7 **Ruth Ireland**
- 8 **Jane Pegram**
Lexus Raue
- 10 **Steve Cull**
Lisa Lehner
- 14 **Bridget Thorn**
- 15 **John Buske**
- 16 **Steve Luedtke**
- 18 **Patti Stuebs**
Elias Dittberner
Elaine Unferth
- 19 **Lisa Luedtke**
Larry
Schraufnagel
- 20 **Mary Muehlius**
Chael Westphal
- 21 **Reese Todl**
Koby Sacotte
- 25 **Amy Bloch**
Andy Luedtke
- 26 **Richard Doemel**
Nancy Vegetabile
- 27 **Layla Rambousek**
- 28 **Steve Unferth**
Vickie Unferth
- 30 **Tyler Faris**
Layne Fester
Chad Menzer
- 31 **Michelle Kuehl**
Jaye Zingsheim



For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.
Luke 12:34



Faith

**The September
Newsletter Deadline is
Aug. 23rd. Please have
all of your articles into
the church office by
noon that day. Thanks!**

August 2022 TUMC-Lomira

Worship Service 9:00 AM

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 6:00 pm South Byron 4-H	2	3 6:30 pm AA & Al Anon	4	5	6
7	8	9 6:00 pm SPRC Meeting	10 6:30 pm AA & Al Anon	11	12	13 10:00 am Food Pantry
14	15	16	17 Office Closed 6:30 pm AA & Al Anon	18	19	20
21	22	23	24 6:30 pm AA & Al Anon	25	26	27 10:00 am Food Pantry
28	29	30	31			

Mulongo Mpoyo, Pastor

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SUMMER WORSHIP SERVICES

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