



Keep up to date!

As we go into the New Year, we ask that if you have a new address, phone number or email address, to please update your contact information with the office. Thanks to our database software we are able to send out emails and text messages to everyone very quickly. Updating your information means that you will be notified via text or email if we have to cancel services or events due to inclement weather. Thank you!





A blessed New Year to all of you my Trinity siblings in Christ!

The calendar has turned over to 2023, meaning that it is time once again for New Year's Resolutions! Many people are accustomed to making resolutions when a new year begins. They commit themselves to doing something differently, stopping some bad habit, or starting a better one; resolutions to lose weight, to stop smoking, to have a different attitude, to make more money; the list goes on and on.

Why do we make new year's resolutions anyway? It's because there is a part of ourselves that we are not happy with, or a part of ourselves that we want to change, or sometimes we just want to live our lives better than we have.

I guess everyone knows that there were many discussions that needed to take place and changes are on the way at Trinity UMC. As we begin, some may still wonder what this change is all about? The truth is change is hard... and it is exciting. What we need to know is change must be biblical, it can result in reaching more people for Christ, and if God is leading, we need to follow.

Isaiah 43:18-19 says, *"Do not remember the former things or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth; do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert."*

My understanding is resolutions are fine, but I believe they are things we can and should make at any time of the year, especially when the need for a change calls for it. Sometimes, we may call this repentance, or turning from some bad behavior and committing oneself to doing the right thing. I really like the message from Isaiah 13 because it is a message addressing God's faithfulness to us and an encouragement for us to trust Him. I would like for us to consider this: *Do we believe God has helped us and is still helping us? Does God have something new planned for us? Are we willing to trust God this year? Are we willing to follow Him and to receive whatever He gives, even if it calls for something difficult?*

May it be so! Let us go forth this new year remembering how great our God is, how good He has been to us, and how much we can and should trust Him to do great things in the future. He says, *"I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert"* (Isaiah 43:19)

As we look forward to entering into changes at Trinity UMC, below are scripture readings and sermon titles we will reflect on this month:

January 08, 2023: Matthew 2:1-12, **A wise Choice**

January 15, 2023: John 1:29-42, **Come and See**

January 22, 2023 Matthew 4:12-23, **Turning Point**

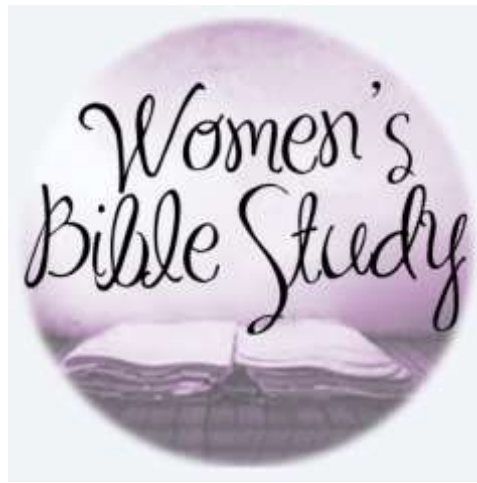
January 29, 2023 Matthew 5:1-12, **Blessed?**

Change that occurs in the midst of poor attitudes will lead to great setbacks. James 3:16 reminds us, *"Where envy and selfish ambition exist, there is disorder and every kind of evil."* Let's face it: change happens! Sometimes we rush ahead quickly to embrace it, and sometimes we shrink in fear of it. Let us be encouraged to seek wisdom and insight from God, always moving forward to make changes when needed and only to the glory of God.

It is going to be a good year. I am looking forward to us walking through it together.

Happy New Year and stay with God!

Rev. Mulongo Mpoyo

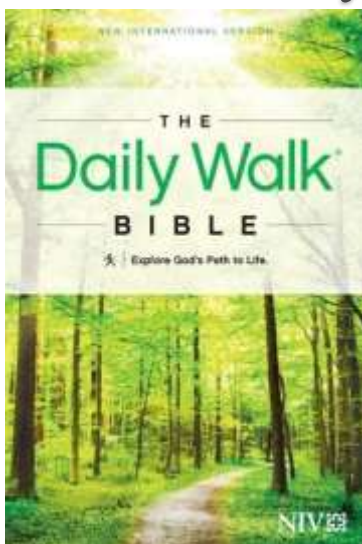


Women's Bible Study will be restarting on February 2! Thursday nights, 6:30 p.m. Fireside Room. We'll be reading the book, The Women of the Bible Speak: The Wisdom of 16 Women and Their Lessons for Today, by Shannon Bream. (You may have seen her as an anchor for Fox News.) There will be a sign up in the Coffee Connections Room starting January 8th. We will have a Zoom link for snowbirds and snow days!



Mug, Muffin and Craft! January 21, Feb. 18, March 18 9 a.m. Fellowship Hall Bring 6 muffins to share, store-bought is ok! Donuts are okay, too! We'll have the coffee pot and hot water ready. Bring a friend and a craft to work on, or learn a new craft! A great time for women to fellowship, share our burdens and get to know one another with a dose of laughter!

2023 Daily Bible Challenge and Bible Study



Reading through the Bible is difficult. *The Daily Walk Bible* offers a simple daily reading plan and tools to help us complete the journey and see how the Bible fits together. Each day's reading includes an **Overview** to give you a bird's-eye view of the day's reading, several chapters from the Bible, an **Insight** offering an interesting fact from the day's reading, and **My Daily Walk**—a short devotion to help you reflect on and apply a specific insight from the day's reading.

Every available Tuesday, we will be given a pause on the journey as we will be **Looking Back** over the readings from the previous week, **Looking Up** to God, and **Looking Ahead** to the reading to come. Please join us every Tuesday starting the second Tuesday of January at 6:00 pm.

If you need a copy of the Daily Walk Bible, please contact Jessica and she will order it for you. Thanks!



Trinity Holiday Outreach Project

The Christmas gifts from Trinity's Mission & Outreach activity were delivered to Hope Health & Rehabilitation Center mid-December. Each resident and tenant received a handcrafted gnome ornament, a bottle of Suave Body Wash, and a bag of candy treats. The Caring Ministry Team also delivered the gifts to the homebound members they visit through their ministry. What a great way to share a tangible expression of our love for our senior friends during the holiday season!

Special thanks to Debbie Zinniel for delivering and distributing the gifts at Hope, Amy Unferth for organizing the crafting event, and the Ladies Ministry team for sharing their time and talents to assemble the ornaments.

Also, many thanks to all who donated body wash! This gift is especially appreciated by the staff. Your generosity provided several extra bottles to share as needed throughout the year.



Trinity Shoebox Project Amazon Wish List

Using the QR code provided, please take a look and consider purchasing an item or two on our Amazon Wish List. The list includes current Operation Christmas Child shoebox gift ideas for our large packing events as well as supplies the team would find helpful to complete projects. The list will be updated throughout the year so check back periodically. We can't do what we do without you! Your generosity is greatly appreciated! Thank you!



How do I use a QR code with my cellphone?

1. Open the Camera app; select the rear-facing camera (default).
2. Hold your device so that the QR code appears in the viewfinder in the Camera app. Your device will recognize the QR code and display a notification.
3. Tap the notification to open the link associated with the QR code.



We'd like to take a moment to thank everyone who made the Trinity Shoebox Project a success in 2022. It takes a lot of hands and hearts to make it happen – and we can't do it without them all! Supporters who sew, crochet/knit, woodwork, paint, assemble, cut, laminate, sort, count, shop, bargain hunt, load/lift/deliver, and give generously of their monetary and God-given gifts. We are happy to announce that through donations and grants, we were able to cover all of our 2022 expenses!! We are truly blessed to know such caring people.

*Wishing You a Happy & Healthy New Year,
Amy Unferth & Heidi Zingsheim*



If you've been wondering... where did the shoeboxes go??????????



2022 Trinity
Shoebox Project
will bless children in

Lethoso



**“Whatever things you ask in prayer, believing,
you will receive.”**

—Matthew 21:22

Landlocked within the nation of South Africa, Lesotho is mountainous with little land suitable for growing crops. Due to a scarcity of jobs, much of the population travels out of the country to work. Samaritan's Purse began delivering Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts to children here in 1999. We have also offered these boys and girls our follow-up discipleship course, The Greatest Journey, since 2011.



Karabo and a Comb

(<https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child>)

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I still carry a brown comb in my pocket that I received in an Operation Christmas Child shoebox gift when I was 11. It's more than just a practical help, it reassures me of God's faithfulness every time I look at it.

It is a reminder that God knows my needs, even the little things—and that brings me joy.



THE LONELINESS OF LOSS

I experienced heartbreaking loss early in life. My father died when I was 5. Not long afterward, my mother left me with my grandma, and I didn't see my mother again for years.

Growing up in my grandma's village in Lesotho, a country encircled by South Africa, I helped take care of the family by hunting for food and tending to our garden and chickens. I walked four miles each way to fetch and carry well water.

My favorite part of the day was after supper when my grandma used to tell stories that often



had a good life lesson to them. Then, before we slept, we used to get on our knees and pray. My grandma became a mother to me. She taught me a lot, including how to read and write. But most importantly, she taught me about God.

When my grandma died, I felt that my heart had shattered with

despair. I went to live with my uncle in the city, but I missed being around nature in the countryside and hearing the homespun life lessons my grandma used to tell me each night. The following year, my mother died. Though I hadn't seen her often, I grieved the loss of the possibility that she would return to me.

EXPERIENCING GOD'S LOVE

When I was 11, I saw a flyer about an Operation Christmas Child event at a local church in Lesotho. My cousin and I attended the event, where we heard the Gospel and each received a shoebox gift.

I didn't have many things of my own. I was used to having to borrow something and then needing to give it back. When I received my shoebox gift, I couldn't believe that the things in it were all mine for me to keep.

"The shoebox filled one of the holes in my heart. God used it to give me hope."

That gesture was a gift in itself. It was the beginning of me reopening my heart that I had protected so long from loss and heartache and entrusting it to Christ.

I remember the shoebox filled one of the holes in my heart. God used it to give me hope and fill what I was in need of—to fill my brokenness. I made the choice to seek Him, but He sought me, the God who sees and knows the deepest needs of my heart.

I had a desire to know Him more and started to learn more about Him. Then, I surrendered my life to Him and experienced His presence in my life. Today, I have eternal life in Jesus Christ—because of His love for me.

"People tell me I am lucky—but I say I am chosen."

After all the things that God has seen me through, I've had a lot of people tell me I am lucky—but I say I am chosen. They say it's a coincidence, and I say it's a blessing. That's the difference between the one who has seen the light of God and one who has not.

Thanks to everyone who so graciously donated to the Mitten Tree. God has given each one of us unique gifts, and the love behind the home-made items and those purchased is a wonderful reminder of God's gift to us all. All donations were taken to Big Brothers Big Sisters in Fond du Lac to be distributed to kids in need and other local organizations

This year

TUMC

collected:

175 hats

23 pairs of gloves

50 scarves

30 headbands



If bad weather occurs and TUMC Worship Services need to be canceled you can check the following locations, where it will be announced.

Text: Please be sure to let the office know your cell phone number & keep it up to date. This is the fastest way to know of any cancellations.

Facebook :

Trinity United Methodist Church Lomira

Email

An email will be sent out to our TUMC Digital Newsletter subscribers. Please keep your info with the office up to date.

Website:

www.trinitylomira.org

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!



Thank you so much to those who dropped off cards, delicious treats and gifts for my family and I to enjoy. We really appreciate you thinking of us during the Christmas season.

God Bless,
Jessica Marschie & Family

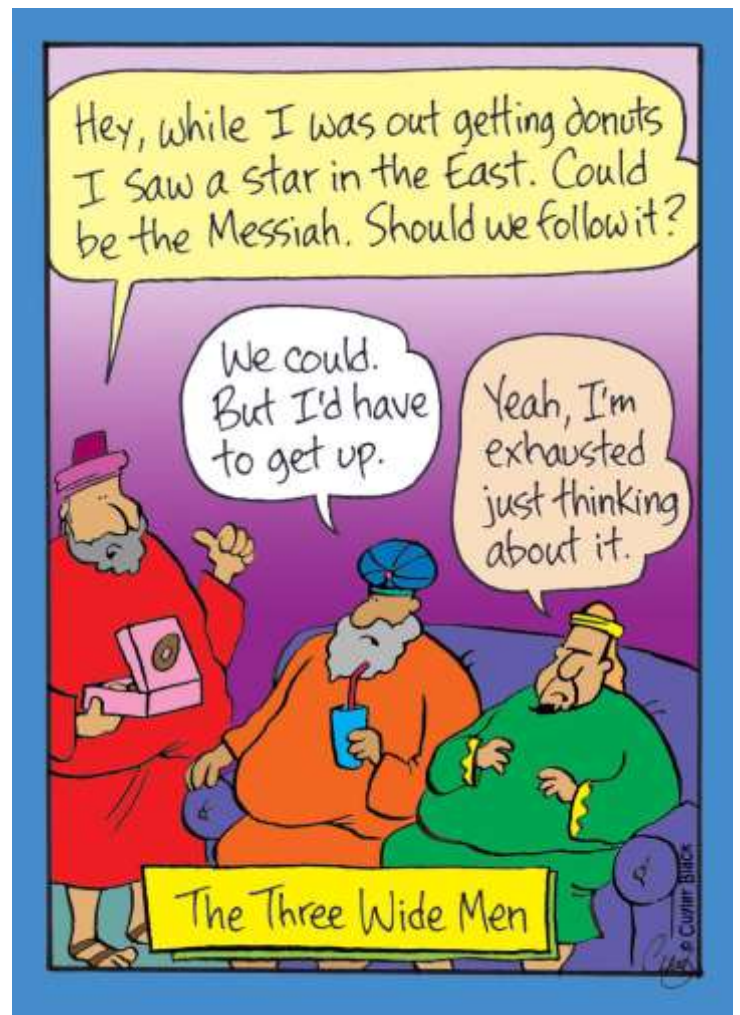
JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

1 Mila Reitz
 4 Reagan Rosenkranz
 5 Kevin Beck
 Ashley Strassman
 7 Tristin Duley
 Gwen Hinz
 10 Paul Jewson
 Mark Lavarda
 11 Mikayla Klein
 13 Tom Klein
 Colton Renderman
 15 Roger Clark
 Mary Kiehnau
 Grant Renderman
 Mitchell Wroblewski
 18 Daniel Riehbrandt
 19 Shari Buske
 Mark Hodny
 20 Melissa Poetzel
 21 Penny Beck
 Mark Dahlinger
 22 Taylor Klein
 23 Chad Alf
 25 Randy Faber
 27 Chris Kuen
 29 Keanna Mae Cole
 Madysen Janke
 Augie Luedtke
 31 Kathy Mintner

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

6 Bob & Fran Coulter
 14 Bill & Michelle Large
 21 Gene & Dorothy Hake
 24 Victor & Lois Jewson
 28 Kevin & Penny Beck

The February Newsletter
 Deadline is
 Jan. 24th.
 Please have all articles
 to the church office by
 noon that day. Thank
 you!



Golden Club

Gwen Hinz
turns 96 on
January 7th!
 11 S. Adams Street
 Apt. 203
 Denver, CO 80209

Lets send her lots of
 Happy Birthday
 wishes!



TUMC will be hosting a Blood
 Bank on Monday February
 6th, starting at noon. You can
 sign up online at
redcrossblood.org



TUMC Prayer Concerns

- **Dorothy Hake** health issues 12/21
- **David Menzer** (Fred's Brother) recovering from pneumonia 12/20
- **Gia DelPonte** 3 year old recovering from brain surgery 12/4
- **Janice Volbright** going through chemo, doing well 11/20
- **Kay Lindberg** in hospice care 11/20
- **Mike Skelton** Parkinson's and other health issues 11/20
- **Carol Lieungh** (Augie and Andi's neighbor) brain cancer 8/21
- **Ellen Doornbos** (fiancé of Jungers grandson) leukemia, starting chemo 5/25
- **Mary Brandt** bladder cancer 5/1

For Prayer Requests please contact Jessica in the church office by email, phone or through our website www.trinitylomira.org When making your request please remember to keep us updated often as to the condition of the individual who needs prayers, so that this may be shared with those who are praying. Also please inform us if someone is ready to be removed.

Update the Office in 2023

As we move into the New Year...If you have a new home phone number, cell phone number, address or email...please let us know.

Also please update Jessica in the church office for current Prayer Concern needs. Many members of the church ask how individuals are doing, so lets keep the list up-to-date.

January 2023 TUMC-Lomira

Worship Services 9:00 AM
Coffee Connection/Sunday School/Youth Group : 10:00 AM

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 New Years Day No Sunday School	2	3	4 6:00 pm Choir 6:30 pm AA & Al- Anon	5 6:30 pm Women's Bible Study	6	7
8 COMMUNION SUNDAY	9	10 6:00 pm Bible Study	11 6:00 pm Choir 6:30 pm AA & Al- Anon	12 6:30 pm Women's Bible Study	13	14 10-11:00 am Food Pantry
15 10:15 am Cemetery Committee Meeting	16	17 6:00 pm Bible Study	18 6:00 pm Choir 6:30 pm AA & Al- Anon	19 6:30 pm Women's Bible Study	20	21
22	23	24 Newsletter Deadline 6:00 pm Bible Study	25 6:00 pm Choir 6:30 pm AA & Al- Anon	26 6:30 pm Women's Bible Study	27	28 10-11:00 am Food Pantry
29	30	31 6:00 pm Bible Study				

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WORSHIP SERVICES

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