

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

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A look ahead at our Lent service schedule:

Weekly Wednesday Night Services 7:00 pm

(3/1, 3/8, 3/15, 3/22, 3/29)

Palm Sunday Service 4/2, 9:00 am

Maundy Thursday 4/6, 7:00 pm

Good Friday 4/7, 7:00 pm

Easter Morning Service 4/9, 9:00 am





Beloved siblings in Christ and Friends,

As we are journeying through the season of Lent, have you ever thought about the joy in sacrifice that Lent provides? Most of us don't delight in sacrifice; in fact, in our daily lives, we often do our best to avoid challenges and practices that push us outside of our comfort zones.

Yes, Lent is truly a hard time. It is a time to look in the mirror of truth and see our inner self. We were truly beautiful people. We were created in the very image of God. Yet the result of sin and evil have left us and our world terribly distorted. The Devil has made us disfigured individually and collectively.

Lent is the time and the place to repent. We need to confess and bring to the Lord Jesus our sins and those of the world—the ones that are personal and corporate (selfishness, dishonesty, pride lust, anger, racism, prejudice, addiction, animosity, conflict...)

Lent is a heart-rending time. "Repent your hearts, not your garments, and return to the Lord your God" (Joel 2:13). It is a time of penitence and change. The focus of Lent is on self-denial, on "giving something up."

Victory can be found when we deny ourselves and pick up our crosses and hardships in order to grow closer to Christ! The engagements of self-denial and repentance are appropriate when the sacrifice connects with Christian commitment. But there is another view of Lent: a time to prepare to celebrate the Resurrection.

When we prepare to celebrate something, we often do housekeeping assignments. If we are going to have a party at our house, we first spend some time cleaning the house. We lay in a supply of refreshments. We decorate. And when all is ready and the guests arrive, we celebrate. Preparing is never quite as much fun as celebrating, but it takes the preparation to make the celebration possible.

Lent is like that, a time for spiritual housecleaning, closets cleaning, a time to dust off our sins, make our hearts "right" and "straight", shine up our commitment, lay in a supply of thanks and decorate our lives with the joy of the Christian life. Then, when Easter comes, we know in our hearts what the celebrating is all about.

And that's the way it is with Easter. It's definitely a time for celebration. We celebrate the victory of life over death, of light over darkness, of delight over drabness. Jesus, the Son of God, our brother, and Savior, died to sin and rose to glory. Dirt and death hold us no longer. In him, The Risen Savior, we too will rise above our limits, even that of the grave. We in our world can come to a New Life a New Spring. It's time for celebration!

Please, plan to worship with us every Wednesday at 7:00 pm and every Sunday at 9:00 am during this holy season.

With you in Christ,

Pastor Mulongo Mpoyo

WHAT'S NEXT IN THE DISAFFILIATION PROCESS? (from Pam Wellso)

Now that we have voted to leave the United Methodist Church, we have three major questions before us, two of which need to be answered soon. What denomination do we align with? What is our new name going to be? How do we pay the disaffiliation fees of \$165,700? I'll address the denomination and name questions here.

We have had one congregational meeting to discuss the new denomination and name. The Disaffiliation Task Force and the Administrative Council are recommending that we affiliate with the Global Methodist Church. This would allow us to maintain our Methodist roots and to align with a denomination that does not have a trust clause (i.e., we hold onto the deeds of our properties).

Pam Wellso has printed articles to support this recommendation if print works better for you. On the computer, you can look at these:

[Considering Methodist Options - Good News Magazine](#)

[Wesleyan/Methodist Denominational Comparison Chart – Tom Lambrecht | Good News Magazine](#)

[Global Methodist Church | Join Us | Make Disciples](#) The GMC's Mission, Vision and Transitional Book of Doctrines and Disciplines can be found here as well as info on their structure, formation, and financial plan.

It may seem like we are moving fast on the denomination and name decisions, but we need them finalized so that legal work can be completed. This includes the official agreement with the Conference, incorporation, changing over deeds, letterhead, etc. For our new name, there is consensus that "Trinity" should be part of our new name.

We are planning a time for another congregational vote on March 12th, after worship. This will again be for members only but it will not be required that you be there in person. There will be a three-day window to vote March 12 through March 15th. If you are not in church on March 12th, then you will need to call or email Pam Wellso, who will check off all names on the membership list as their vote is received. (920-905-9511 or pam-back312@gmail.com) Decision will be finalized based on a simple majority vote.

The ballot is not finalized, but it will look something like this:

Should the congregation at Trinity Lomira align with the Global Methodist Church?

_____ Yes, I agree.

_____ No, I believe we should check into other options, such as _____

What is your recommendation for our name, going forth?

_____ Trinity Church, a congregation of the Global Methodist Church"

_____ Trinity Global Methodist Church

_____ Trinity Church Lomira

_____ Trinity Methodist Church

These are important decisions! Please take time to ponder and research. Ask questions if you are unsure of anything in the Global Methodist Church. Most importantly, pray that God will guide us as we make these decisions and move forward in the life of our congregation.



Dollywood family amusement park is the top destination for family vacations in **Pigeon Forge, Tennessee**, nestled in the foothills of the Great Smoky Mountains.

Through our partnership with Samaritan's Purse, the **Trinity Shoebox Project** has received nine complementary tickets to **Dollywood valid March 10 - December 31, 2023**. We are offering these tickets to anyone interested for a **\$50 donation** (2023 single day ticket price is \$89).

If you or anyone you know is interested, please reach out to Heidi Zingsheim at (920)539-8807 or heidizingsheim@ymail.com.

CROSS THE WORLD

MAKING GOD'S LOVE VISIBLE, ONE CROSS AT A TIME

CROSS THE WORLD is a faith based ministry located in North Central Minnesota. They started up in the spring of 2011 with a mission to touch as many people's lives with a simple reminder that God is in their corner, no matter what encouragements they may need. Whether they've lost a spouse or child, suffered a financial or job loss, been diagnosed with a physical ailment ... whatever is presently tearing at their heart, everyone needs to know that God loves them. Their business sized crosses snuggle nicely into the palm of a hand, or fit into a pocket or purse, or sit by the kitchen sink ... and they remind us that God is with us wherever we are!

CROSS THE WORLD's mission started as the vision of one man, their friend Harlow. Deeply spiritual, Harlow was a numbers man and, knowing that the daily birthrate worldwide was about 340,000, he calculated that if only ONE PERCENT of that daily population growth was introduced or reunited to knowing God and basking in His goodness, the number of Christians across the world would seriously rock Satan's world! Harlow joined his Saviour before he was able to launch this exciting spiritual adventure, but, through five of his friends, CROSS THE WORLD was born and they are committed to carry Harlow's dream to everyone they can, telling them that Jesus loves them.

Each 'Pass It On' cross is crafted by a volunteer's hand, one at a time in their woodshop. The crosses measure 4" tall x 2 1/2" wide x 3/8" thick, a little larger than the business card sized message tag that is attached to each of them and they are constructed of various woods ... pine, birch, cherry, oak to name a few. No two crosses are alike; sometimes, not all the cross parts for that individual cross are the same.

Interestingly, all the wood they work with in their shop is given a second chance ... first rejected by a cabinet maker, it is recycled into a small cross and then freely passed on to others so it can live again. What a beautiful visual reminder of God's love for us and how freely He gives His love so we can all live in Him! Each cross is accompanied with a message tag, either in English or Spanish.



This picture was taken in Newberry, Upper Michigan where our church mission team traveled in 2017. Everyone who participated in the devotion gathering that day received this cross. Such a simple gift and message made a big impact to those who were sharing their time and talents with God's Country ministries.

The **Trinity Shoebox Project** orders these same crosses and gifts them in our shoeboxes, hoping to pass on the same encouragement. Would you consider a \$20 donation to cover the cost of 100 crosses for our shoeboxes? Blessings to you.

To learn more about the CROSS THE WORLD project, visit www.crosstheworld.org

Upcoming Change of Administrative Assistant – Trinity UMC

Jessica Marschie, the Administrative Assistant at Trinity UMC for the past 4½ years, has recently turned in her resignation, which the Staff-Parish Relations Committee has accepted. We are looking for someone who is a people-person, a self-starter and has good organizational skills to be an administrative assistant to the pastor, as well as a church secretary for the parish. Basic skill requirements would be: good keyboard abilities, proficient in Microsoft Office, copy machine experience, and editorial skills for bulletins and newsletters. 20 hours per week. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact the office or an SPRC committee member.



Annual Easter Breakfast

Trinity will once again host Easter breakfast this year. Breakfast will be served from 8:00am-9:00am followed by the Easter Service.

Menu: Scrambled eggs, sausage, coffee cakes, potatoes, applesauce, milk, juice and coffee.

Tickets available at the door.

Adults \$10, Kids 4-10 \$6, Kids 3-under are free.

Donations of coffee cakes needed.

TUMC

will award scholarships

...to high school seniors pursuing their first year of higher education in 2023. To be considered for financial support, applications must be received via email by the church office on or before April 15, 2023. 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

New Scholarship Opportunity!

As announced in the spring of 2022, the Christian Education department is now offering a new scholarship to current college students who have completed at least one year of study. To apply for this new scholarship please submit a 1-2 page essay on how you have used your faith as you pursue your education. To be considered, essays must be submitted to the office via email by April 15, 2023.

churchofficetumc@gmail.com

We have lots to celebrate this month!

Golden Club

Gene Hake

turns 86 on 3/6

1024 Printer Dr. #3

Lomira, WI 53048

Elaine Muehlius

turns 94 on 3/19

N10453 St. Rd. 175

Lomira, WI 53048

Barb Ledman

turns 89 on 3/28

437 Harrison St. #4

N. FDL, WI 54937

Leon Brasch

turns 93 on 3/15

125 Cedar Ridge Dr.

Apt. S239

West Bend WI,

Francis Michels

turns 88 on 3/27

N11656 Butternut Rd.

Lomira, WI 53048

Victor Jewson

turns 83 on 3/30

N4002 Hickory Rd.

Fond du Lac, WI
54937

Lets send them lots of Happy Birthday wishes!

Strike up the Band!

Trinity band will play during church on March 5th and Easter morning, April 9th. We will practice at 8:15 both mornings. If you are interested in playing in the band please contact Jason Ehlert 920-922-0361



TUMC Budget Totals

Year to date needed to meet budget:
\$

Received through

2-26-2023: \$

Budget Shortfall: \$



May your troubles be less,
and your blessings be more,
and nothing but
happiness
come through your door.



*The April Newsletter Deadline is
March 24th. Please have all of your
articles into the church office by
noon that day. Thank you!*



March Birthdays

- 1 Dan Michels
Kaitlyn Oechsner
Brian Schaefer
- 5 Kevin Baker
- 6 Hunter Oechsner
Gene Hake
- 7 Rebecca Alf
Logan Petrie
- 9 Molly Riehbrandt
Alexis Stuebs
- 11 Michelle Wroblewski
- 12 Pam Wellso
- 13 Steve Bryant
Andrea Cull
- 15 Leon Brasch
Shelly Schaefer
- 17 Cheryl Meyer
- 18 Alexander Faber
Brandon Faber
Judy Renderman
Dayne Zingsheim
- 19 Elaine Muehlius
Anne Ullius
- 20 Gary Jesse
James Klintworth
- 22 Bruce Brown
- 23 Aubrie Brown
Amanda Baker
Peggy Jo Moe
Sarah Schellin
Kasey Todl
- 25 Jackie Scharfenberg
- 26 Sherrill Haefs
- 27 Joshua Marschie
Francis Michels
- 28 Debbie Unferth
Barb Ledman
- 29 Steve Faber
- 30 Victor Jewson
Jonathan Luedtke
Joseph Luedtke
- 31 Peter Vegetabile

March Wedding Anniversaries

- 9 Wayde & Faye Beck**
13 Steve & Amy Unferth
30 Russ Wendt & Mary Muehlius

TUMC Prayer Concerns

- **Victor Jewson** heart and diabetic issues 2/26
- **Lillee Thorn** health issues 2/26
- **Jolene Emmer** (Mike and Janice Emmer's daughter in law) sepsis 2/12
- **Tim Menzer** (Fred's nephew) esophageal cancer 2/14
- **Jackie Zimmerman** having nerve problems 2/2
- **Corey Rubusch** hodgkins lymphoma 1/26
- **Dan Michels** various health issues 1/22
- **Lucy Jewson** (Victor's Sister) had a stroke, doing well now 1/22
- **Katie Schwanke** surgery 1/18
- **Dan Stephany** heart failure 1/12
- **Had Johnson** recovering from fall/broken collarbone 1/8
- **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
- **Ellen Doornbos** (fiancé of Jungers grandson) leukemia, starting chemo 5/25
- **Mary Brandt** bladder cancer 5/1

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.

March 2023 TUMC-Lomira

Worship Services Online 9:00 am

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 6:00 pm Choir 6:30 pm AA & AI -Anon 7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service	2 6:30 pm Ladies Bible Study	3	4
5	6	7	8 6:00 pm Choir 6:30 pm AA & AI -Anon 7:00 pm Lenten Service	9 6:30 pm Ladies Bible Study	10	11 10-11:00 am Food Pantry
12	13	14	15 6:00 pm Choir 6:30 pm AA & AI -Anon 7:00 pm Lenten Service	16 6:30 pm Ladies Bible Study	17 St. Patrick's Day 	18 2:00 pm AA Banquet
19	20	21	22 5:00 pm Bells 6:00 pm Choir 6:30 pm AA & AI -Anon 7:00 pm Lenten Service	23 6:30 pm Ladies Bible Study Newsletter Deadline	24	25 10-11:00 am Food Pantry
26	27	28	29 5:00 pm Bells 6:00 pm Choir 6:30 pm AA & AI -Anon 7:00 pm Lenten Service	30 6:30 pm Ladies Bible Study	31	

Mulongo Mpoyo, Pastor

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Or by Appointment

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WORSHIP SERVICES

9:00 AM

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Tues-Thur 9AM-1PM

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