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**Lomira WI 53048**

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**Sunday Worship 9:00 AM**



**September 2023 | Monthly Newsletter**

**Join Us On The Journey—**

**Sunday, September 10**

***Sunday School, Youth Group, and Church-wide  
Kick-Off Event***

**9:00A.M. Service -includes commemoration of moving to the GMC**

**10:00A.M. -Activities for all kids 4K-12th grade**

***Music, Games, Prizes***

**10:30A.M. Potluck Brunch—sign up sheet located on the back table in  
the Coffee Connections Room. Please bring a dish to pass.**

***TMC will supply the beverages.***

***See you there!***



Dear Beloved Trinity Methodist Church Family,

As we stand on the threshold of September, a new season beckons, brimming with the blessings that have adorned our journey thus far. Let us pause to reflect on the month behind us and cast our gaze forward with hope and unwavering resolve.

In the dawn of each new day, the revival of breath within our lungs, and the privilege to serve and magnify God through our deeds, we find reasons to be thankful. With each fresh beginning, we are gently reminded of His ever-present companionship and the limitless wellspring of His grace.

The recent expedition that took my family to the Democratic Republic of Congo has left me overwhelmed by the outpouring of love and the prayers that surrounded us. Your unyielding support and the petitions sent heavenward served as our safeguard, ensuring our journey was safe and sound. My heart brims with gratitude.

While our vacation began against a backdrop of emotional turbulence upon learning of the passing of dear friends and family, brighter days dawned. Moments of joy and friendship with loved ones followed, illuminating our path.

The seeds of collective ideas sown during our all-church gathering are poised to take root and flourish. This journey commences with the eagerly awaited Rally Day on September 10. But how do we wholeheartedly partake in this transformative process?

**First and foremost, Trust in God:** Surrender all our activities into His care, placing our trust in His guiding hands through fervent prayer. Let us draw wisdom from Jeremiah 17:7-8 which says, *“Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in him. They will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit.”*

**Secondly, Reconciliation:** As echoed in Matthew 5:23-24, *“So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.”* Let us cast aside lingering conflicts, embracing reconciliation with our fellow brethren. Unity and forgiveness stand as the cornerstones of our path forward.

**Thirdly, Walking Together:** *“Can two walk together, unless they are agreed?”* queries Amos 3:3. Hand in hand with our Creator and one another, we embark upon this transformative journey, assured that He leads the way.

**Fourthly, Active Engagement:** Dedicate yourselves wholeheartedly to our church's vibrant activities, offering your skills, time, and resources to nurture the flourishing of our community.

Lastly, Sharing Boundless Love: As believers, our calling is to radiate God's limitless love, nurturing our spiritual growth while serving both our Creator and our wider community. Engraved in 1 Peter 4:10 is the reminder that our unique gifts are bestowed to be shared in service. Our spiritual voyage intricately weaves personal growth with communal well-being. Through our joyful service, we manifest God's words, mirroring His compassion. In this, we honor our purpose, magnify God's glory, and disseminate His love.

It is with profound gratitude that I embrace the role of your pastor. This mantle is not merely a duty; it is an honor to be part of a congregation that epitomizes the love and grace of Christ. Together, let us draw strength from His unfailing support and minister with profound love and unwavering trust.

As September unfurls its gifts beyond measure, may we walk guided by faith, our hearts brimming with love.

In the devoted love and service of Christ,

Rev. Mulongo Mpoyo

## Opportunity is Knocking on Your Door!

Pam Wellso

On Sunday, August 13th, I was in Manitowoc for the day, visiting my former church, then meeting girlfriends for a kayak trip. The pastor speaking at church that day is their District Superintendent for the Evangelical Free Church. He used the scripture in Ephesians 4 to remind us that all people in the body of Christ ARE the church, and all people play a role in the stability and maturity of the church and the people who attend. Our purpose, in Eph 4:12-13, is *to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith, and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.*

How do we do this? How do we produce spiritual growth and maturity in our Christian lives, and how do we produce growth in our church? Foremost, by everyone trusting Jesus for their salvation and having a personal relationship with Him. Then, by participating in the community of our Body of Christ, our church home. And, by regularly practicing the disciplines taught and encouraged by the words in our bibles: worship, prayer, fellowship, study of God's word, ministering to others, reaching out to our community and the world.

How do we know what we're doing is working? Eph 4: 14-16: *Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming. Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.*

While waiting for our kayak time, I went to Goodwill and bought a book I've heard of before, but hadn't read, Love Does, by Bob Goff. I've only read a few chapters so far but it spoke to me as I think about where we are in this transition in our church. The author lives his life by not just feeling love, or verbally telling someone about love but Doing Love, by showing others the love of Jesus by Doing, by Acting, in someone's life so that they see the love of Christ for them. A small bit paraphrased from the book: *Living a life fully engaged is something most people plan to do, but forget, or put it off to another day. God didn't chose "someone else" to express His presence to the world. He chose you and me. We are the means, the method, the object and the delivery vehicles. We need to stop plotting the course and instead just land the plane on our plans to make a difference by getting to the "do" part of faith. In the end, love doesn't just keep thinking about it or keep planning for it. Simply put: love does.*

Now, maybe this sermon and this book had an impact on me because I often call myself Procrastination Pam, or the Queen of Good Intentions. Can anyone identify with this? But, now is the time to have a new attitude. Instead of sitting in the pews taking everything in, what is it that you can do to foster growth in our church, to foster new attitudes, spiritual growth and maturity in the lives of those we connect with at least weekly in our church building.



God has given each of us some ability to make an impact in the lives of the church, our community and the world.

Through September 10, please visit the tables in the Coffee Connection room with more information about all the opportunities available to anyone who is willing to participate and serve in Jesus' name. Bible study? Prayer? Pot Lucks? Youth Group? Greeting? Nursery? Sing? Play an instrument? Men's group? Missions? What is your ability? What is your passion? Please take time to consider and commit to how you will serve at Trinity Methodist Church this year.

We are excited to share with you the list of ideas that were generated during our recent congregational meeting on July 30, 2023. Your active participation and valuable input have been instrumental in shaping the future direction of our church community. As we continue to grow and evolve together, we welcome further suggestions and thoughts from each of you. Please don't hesitate to approach Pastor Mulongo or John Muentner, or you may also jot down your ideas and place them in one of their mailboxes conveniently located by the offices. Your contributions are essential to our shared journey of faith and ministry. Together, let's keep building bridges and fostering unity within our church family.



### For the Church Building

On the Trustees list:

- Replace pew cushions
- Repave driveways and parking lots
- Repair Bell Tower

Repaint the sanctuary: paint color and fabric for pews were chosen before Covid pandemic

Other updates: have a group look at interior and exterior of building for updates needed to give our church a fresh, contemporary look.

### Engage the Community

- Christian concerts
- Outdoor summer services
- Food Pantry-Ralph Germain would like to step down as leader. Are there a few people from TMC who could do this?
- Outreach training
- Playground for kids
- Community Garden
- Sept. 3 Lomira Appreciation Day-hand out brochures and something free-ice cream, string cheese, something with GMC logo
- Logos program for kids

### Be a Welcoming Church

- Greeters at doors
- Name tags
- Re-open the nursery
- Welcome Banners
- "Say hello to someone you don't know, before you say hello to someone you do know"
- Restart the Bell Tower chimes

#### For the TMC Body

- Game night / Movie night : cross-generational
- Skits/Madrigal
- Trinity's Got Talent: talent show
- Camp out night: youth or all church
- Church potlucks
- Adult Sunday School—perhaps use the Global Methodist Church catechism for discussion
- Prayer Group
- Prayer Partners
- Include contemporary music in worship, perhaps praise band one time per month
- Choir, hand bell choir
- Hanging of the Greens event
- Men's monthly event, could be called Dudes and Donuts!
- September 2023 Wesleyan Covenant Service
- Youth Group returns with monthly





# Women's Retreat—Focus on Jesus

**Registration is now open for the Women's Retreat—Focused on Jesus: Romans 12:2**

**Details are as follows:**

**Dates:** Late afternoon Friday, October 6— Late afternoon Saturday, October 7

**Location:** Beautiful Green Lake Conference Center in Green Lake

**Rooms:** In the historic Roger Williams Inn overlooking Green Lake.

Each room has a queen bed and 2 twins, accommodating 4 women in each room.

**Meals:** Will be provided in the ornate cabin-style cafeteria with an incredible fireplace and floor to ceiling windows.

**Rate:** Book by September 10th to receive the Early Bird Pricing of \$150

Book after September 10th, prices will be \$175

\*\*\*The booking rate includes overnight lodging, all meals, and materials.

A deposit of \$75 is due by Sunday, September 3rd to secure your spot.

**Daytime Only Guest:** For those unable to clear two days, plan to come on Saturday, October 7 for \$50—this includes your meals and materials. Registration for that option does not open until September 1. You won't be "behind" by missing the Friday session.

This is a great opportunity for mothers, daughters, grandmothers, aunts, friends, you name it, to gather in Christ's name. Retreats of this nature are best done in groups of those you love; we welcome all women who wish to attend.

Those wishing to **STAY OVERNIGHT** can register **HERE:** <https://forms.gle/uGiYFTzWjFusBqHbA>

\* Please be prepared to indicate who you will be rooming with. If coming alone, we will match you with roommates.

Those wishing to attend only the **DAYTIME SESSION** can register **HERE:** <https://forms.gle/iv6oAPeP7jSmYpZX9>

\*\* Daytime registration will not open until September 1

For questions and further information, contact Pam Wellso at 920-905-9511. No one will be excluded due to financial matters. If you need assistance, contact Pam.

# Sunday School Kick-Off



The first day of Sunday School will be **September 10th**. Kick off this year will look a little different. **Sunday School will start with music at 10 AM**, as usual. Then the Transitional Committee will be hosting an **ALL Church Brunch at 10:30 AM**. All of our families are invited to **bring a dish to pass and join in**. This is a great opportunity for our older members to get to know our Sunday School and Youth Group members, and a time of fellowship and reflection.

After brunch, we will have a few games for the kids if they wish to participate.

**Youth Group is encouraged to help with the brunch** and join in on the fun. On September 17th, they will meet at their regular time for pizza and soda and will brainstorm what they would like to do through Youth Group this year. Pastor Mulongo has a lot of fun activities in mind, so don't miss out on your chance to decide which ones we do!"

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Important Musical Note  
Sunday, September 10th  
Rally Day

We will **STRIKE UP THE TRINITY BAND**

Play the prelude for 9:00 worship service

Rehearsal before church

All instrumentalists, please share your talents to praise God!

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN**

During service, we will sing the chorus to "Jesus Loves Me" with the adult choir for "Special Music." Children, you know the words—come and sing for Jesus!

New and fun songs planned for weekly Sunday school music time. All come to get ready for Bible Sunday in October.

Looking forward to making music together with the band and the children!

**Jason—Trinity Band Director**

**Jason & Priscilla—Sunday School Music Coordinators**



Music is an important part of worship to our God. We are looking for all musicians to share their musical talents and skills with the Trinity congregation. Please contact Jason Ehlert with any ideas you have to offer. Thank you to all the faithful helpers who have already blessed Trinity and praised God with their abilities.

**Jason—Worship Music Coordinator**

**920-922-0361 or 920-539-6929**



### ***Food Pantry Now Accepting Vegetables***

Have an excess of produce? Why not donate some of your “greens” to the food pantry? The Food Pantry is open the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month. Donations can be dropped off on the Thursday before those Saturdays, between 9:00AM-1:00 PM.



Coffee Connections will resume in September. Our plan is to have beverages ready by 8:45 so you can take a drink with you to enjoy during the service. Treats will be available when you leave the service.

We hope that each family can provide a treat at least once during the year; a signup sheet will be in the Connections Room. If you are ever available to assist with making coffee, serving & cleanup, this will be greatly appreciated. Questions? Call or text Michelle Large at 920-960-6571.



**TUMC will host the next blood bank on**

**Monday, September 25th 12:00-6:00 PM .**

## To the Choir & Congregation

After enjoying our Summer break, the choir will begin practicing on Wednesday, September 6th @ 6:00P.M.

All voices are welcome to join the choir! We sing the 3rd Sunday of each month with a few other Sundays / Holidays added in as well.

This year, we will have a special performance on Sunday, September 10 at the 9:00A.M. service. The Sunday School children will be joining us to perform “Jesus Loves Me.” **Special verses have been added to the song which will recognize grandparents on “National Grandparent’s Day.”**

Please consider joining the choir if you love to sing, laugh, eat treats, and praise our Lord in song.

Keep a song in your heart!

Pam Hilker

Adult Choir Director





**This is why what you do is so IMPORTANT.  
1 shoebox or 500.  
They all matter.**

***Operation Christmas Child Area Coordinator Devotion by Stephanie Seymore***



Why do we do what we do with Operation Christmas Child? I mean really, what is the reason? I've been thinking a lot lately about the reason I pack shoeboxes, lead area teams, deal with some of the situations on my Shoebox Shoppers Facebook page and am passionate about OCC. We talk about the great commission a lot, but do we actually think about how this ministry fulfills that commission that the Lord gave us? At Easter, we are all thinking about Jesus's death and resurrection. And then what happened after that? One of the very last things that Jesus shared with his disciples was the GREAT Commission.

*"Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age." Matthew 28:18-20*

Obviously, if this was one of the last things he shared then, it was something very important. I think sometimes in the busyness of what we do and the "tasks" that we have we forget the simpleness of this command. That is the most beautiful thing about it. It's something we can ALL do. I think that's why it was one of his last commands. Think about it:

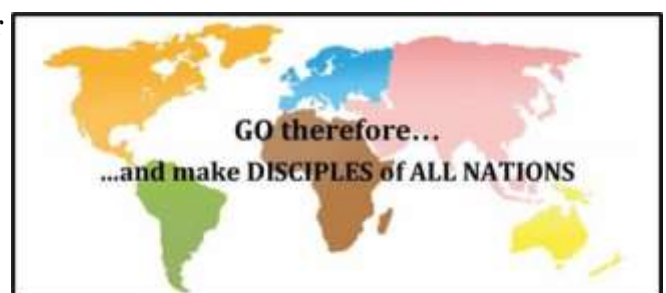
- \*We all have authority from heaven and on earth
- \*We can all make disciples
- \*We can all teach new converts to obey God's commands

The ministry of OCC just makes that even easier for us to do. Each shoebox is a small commission heading out to make disciples and that is followed up with teaching them as well through The Greatest Journey. It actually is a very simple gift and simple process and yet so life changing. Especially when you think about the families, friends and neighbors that will also hear the gospel because we all send simple gifts.

Jesus is with us to the very end of the age as we participate in this ministry, his ministry, done with his authority. Think about the lives touched by this ministry because we take time in our lives to follow His Great Commission. Over 150 countries in 25 years have received shoeboxes. If that isn't going into all the world, I don't know what is. So many languages, so many closed off areas that might never have heard without our simple gift. So many people who were lost and needed to hear God's simple message of His amazing gift to them.

I think so often we don't really realize how we are fulfilling God's commission to us through our service with OCC. We get stuck in the details, the tasks that need to be done, the events that need to be planned, people that need to be trained and the problems that can arise etc. We feel like we aren't missionaries out spreading God's word or pastors teaching God's children. But that's the awesome thing. WE ARE! We may not be in those 150 countries or be teaching TGJ, but we are making disciples and teaching them because we listened to God's call in our lives to serve with the ministry of Operation Christmas Child. We are training others to serve, we are organizing churches and groups to pack, and we are growing the ministry here in the US so that it can go out to all the nations. That is the GREAT COMMISSION!

So, next time you are in a quiet moment, grab a shoebox and take the time to pack and pray over each item you put inside it. Just be in that moment and actually think about what you are doing. Think about Jesus telling his disciples to spread the gospel to every nation and fast forward to what you are doing in that VERY MINUTE. Think about how that box will connect you with one child who will hear about Jesus and whose life may be forever changed because you are following Jesus's command to spread the gospel. I think we get caught up in the busy work of the ministry so sometimes it's just important to be in that one moment and remember what it is that one box really means. Pray for that child who will receive it and then close it up and know that is one more time you have shared the gospel to all the nations!





**Attention  
Shoebox Project TEAM!**

The countdown to the Shoebox Collection Week has started!

Soon we'll need to take final inventories, assemble shoeboxes, finish projects, schedule packing events... all the little details.

If you have shoebox project gifts to donate, please bring them to church by **early October**.

Many thanks to all our generous crafters. We can't do what we do without all of you!



**It's back-to-school time!**

Our Shoebox Project Team has had success finding great deals on school supplies throughout the year and are anxiously waiting for clearance sales to top off our inventory.

*Many thanks to those who donated!*

Don't forget to stock up on school supplies for your shoebox gifts.



*Crocheted Owls and Dragon Fly Keychains—  
crafted by Michelle Large*



*Crocheted Hand Puppets  
Crafted by Judy Zingsheim*



*Memory Game  
Crafted by Heidi Zingsheim*



*Bi-annual event at Church of  
Peace - Fond du Lac*

*12 Trinity volunteers*

*105 take out meals served*

*Pork cutlet, mashed potatoes &  
gravy, corn, buttered bread,  
cookies, milk*



# LET US PRAY

## Prayer Concerns

- **Pennie Junger** (Gene Junger's daughter-in-law) recovering from recent covid infection 8/14
- **Lois Jewson** broken left arm and right thumb 08/06
- **David Menzer** (Fred's Brother) prayers needed for finding the best available treatment options 07/18
- **Mike Skelton** Parkinson's and other health issues 07/18
- **Jackie Zimmerman** recovering from surgery 3/17
- **Victor Jewson** heart, left shoulder/arm issues and diabetic issues 2/26
- **Jolene Emmer** (Mike and Janice Emmer's daughter in law) sepsis, getting better 2/12
- **Corey Rubusch** hodgkins lymphoma 1/26
- **Dorothy Hake** back issues 1/3

## TUMC Budget Totals

Year to date needed to meet budget: \$

Received through 8-27-2023:

Budget Shortfall: \$

## September Birthdays

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|----|--|
| 1  | Becky Luedtke  |
| 2  | Pete Drexler   |
| 3  | Sarah Kretschmer<br>Cooper Thorn                                       |
| 4  | Allison Batterman<br>Sammy Joan Todl                                   |
| 5  | Brett Buske  |
| 6  | Glen Renderman   |
| 9  | Kirsten Kretschmer   |
| 10 | Mark Wetzel  |
| 11 | Craig Rosenkranz<br>Johnathon Krueger                                  |
| 14 | Ellen Leland   |
| 15 | Quintin Graf   |
| 16 | Cherie Reitz   |
| 17 | Clayton Marschie   |
| 18 | Brooklyn Krueger   |
| 20 | Barb Adelmeyer<br>Patrice Burmeister<br>Corinn Rhein<br>Tammy Westphal |
| 22 | Lois Jewson  |
| 23 | Betty Menzer   |
| 24 | Cheyenne Renderman   |
| 25 | Callen Mae Schaefer  |
| 26 | Steve Janke  |
| 29 | Kathy Drexler  |

**The October Newsletter Deadline is Sep. 21st. Please have all of your articles into the church office by noon that day. Thank you!**

## September Anniversaries

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| 4   | Peter & Casey Buske                        |
| 8   | Mark & Peggy Moe                           |
| 21. | Mike & Gena Poetzel                        |
| 24  | Chad & Rebecca Alf<br>Steve & Cindy Bryant |
| 25  | Bill & Shari Buske                         |
| 30  | Fred & Betty Menzer                        |

## Golden Club

Lois Jewson turns 83 on September 22nd

Lois Jewson  
N4002 Hickory Rd.  
Fond du Lac, WI 54937

# September 2023 TMC-Lomira

## Worship Service 9:00 AM

## Sunday School 10:00 AM

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 Communion Sunday	4	5	6 6:00 PM Choir Practice 6:30 PM AA & Al-Anon	7	8	9 10:00 am Food Pantry
10 Potluck Church Picnic—Sunday School, Youth Group and Church-wide Kick-off Event	11	12	13 6:00 PM Choir Practice 6:30 PM AA & Al-Anon	14	15	16 9:00 AM Mug & Muffin
17	18	19	20 6:00 PM Choir Practice 6:30 PM AA & Al-Anon 7:00PM Church Council Meeting	21	22	23 10:00 am Food Pantry
24	25 12:00—6:00 PM Blood Bank	26	27 6:00 PM Choir Practice 6:30 PM AA & Al-Anon	28	29	30

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