

Sunday Worship 9:00 AM

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Sunday School & Youth Group 10:00 AM

Coffee Connections 10:00 AM



October 2023 Monthly Newsletter

Bible Verses to Reflect on the Fall Season

- **James 5:7-8:** "Be patient, then, brothers and sisters, until the Lord's coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop, patiently waiting for the autumn and spring rains. You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord's coming is near."
- **Proverbs 3:9-10:** "Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the first fruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine."
- **Deuteronomy 11:13-15:** "So if you faithfully obey the commands I am giving you today—to love the Lord your God and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul— then I will send rain on your land in its season, both autumn and spring rains, so that you may gather in your grain, new wine and olive oil. I will provide grass in the fields for your cattle, and you will eat and be satisfied."





Dear Trinity Methodist Siblings in Church,

As we gracefully step into the enchanting embrace of October, we are reminded of the timeless wisdom found in Ecclesiastes 3:1-11. It tells us that each season holds its own unique charm, and there's a divine purpose for everything under the heavens. As summer takes its leave, we welcome the cool air, the display of vibrant colors, and a renewed sense of anticipation for the season ahead. Just as we wrapped up our summer adventures, it's time for our fall activities to fall into place, preparing us for the winter to come. In this journey of life, every season has its own beauty, and October reminds us to cherish each moment.

As the year winds down, let's remember that October is not just another month—it's Clergy Appreciation Month. It's also a time when, for many, the last day is synonymous with Halloween. However, it's so important to recognize that October 31st marks the annual celebration of the Protestant Reformation.

The Reformation is not just a chapter in history. It calls us to turn from self-righteousness and embrace the free grace of Christ offered to us in the Gospel. It's a living faith that continues to shape our lives and our churches.

Speaking of plans, we want to extend our heartfelt gratitude to Pam Wellso, John Muentner, and Kathy Drexler for their commitment. On September 13th, we gathered to review the Trinity Ministry opportunity sign-up sheets. We are grateful to everyone who has stepped up to be part of various ministries.

For your information:

Adult Sunday School will be held every Sunday from 8:00 to 8:40 am starting October 15, 2023, led by Pastor Mulongo Mpoyo, with Kathy Drexler as the organizational assistant.

Monthly Prayer Group meetings will be held every second Tuesday of the month, from 6:00 to 7:00 pm starting October 10, 2023, led by Pastor Mulongo Mpoyo, with Deb Zinniel as the organizational assistant.

Confirmation Classes will kick off in November, and the specific start date will be announced following my meeting with the confirmands and their parents.

Pam Wellso and I will be present at the inaugural Convening Session of the Great Lakes Provisional Annual Conference of the Global Methodist Church, scheduled for October 27-28, 2023 in Washington, IL.

As we immerse ourselves in these new ministries, we invite you to join us in our Sunday worship services throughout this month. Together, we will explore inspiring scripture readings and sermon titles:

October 01: "The Source of True Authority" – Matthew 21:23-32

October 08: "Cultivating Your Life's Vineyard" - Matthew 21:33-46

October 15: "Invited to the Abundant Table" - Luke 14:15-24

October 22: "A Touch of Healing, Restoration, and Peace" - Mark 5:21-34

October 29: "What Stands Between You and God?" - Matthew 19:16-30

October beckons us to savor the transition from one season to the next, to appreciate our clergy, and to continually reform our faith. We invite you to embrace this month's opportunities for growth, reflection, and worship as we journey together in faith.

May October's grace and beauty fill your hearts and homes.

Rev. Mulongo Mpoyo

LOOKING BACK MOVING FORWARD

The following is the speech Pam Wellso gave to the congregation on September 10. It was requested to be placed in the newsletter:

Today is a day of new beginnings at Trinity Methodist Church. Let's look back at where we've been until today.

While I wasn't there 55 years ago, the faithful members of Trinity, Salem and Ebenezer Evangelical United Brethren churches set aside their long time denomination and joined together and aligned with the newly formed United Methodist Church. There are some here who were part of those churches and likely remember the turmoil of that time. I can imagine there were people who were opposed to the change, and those who were advocating for the change. I imagine there were feelings of anger and hurt. I'm sure some left the church because of it. I imagine there was sadness over the loss of EUB traditions, loss of life-long church buildings among the additional difficulty of merging three churches into one.



The Body of Christ of Trinity United Methodist Church moved on, erecting this building, eventually paying off the mortgage. They forged ahead with ministry among each other and to the community and the world. This community of believers forged ahead with mission trips, Christian education for all ages, numerous pot-lucks, spaghetti dinners, youth group, choir and bell choir, holiday celebrations, confirmation classes, baptisms, weddings, all kinds of fellowship in addition to celebrating communion together and more importantly, worshipping our Lord together each Sunday.

Over the last few decades, our United Methodist Church denomination changed in such a way that many were unable to support, and so we found ourselves again in discussion about the direction of our beloved church, many now who are 3rd and 4th generation members of this fellowship of Christians.



I expect the emotions in the past several years have been the same as they were in 1968, but now I can give a first-hand account of so many tears and heartbreak among us. Tears of burning anger and sadness, hurtful words being spoken, decisions made to leave our fellowship, perhaps feelings of resignation and frustration over what was unfolding.

It will take time to heal, but today is the day that turn to another and say, we will do our best of forgive one another, to heal our

relationships and to again forge ahead in making this church, this Body of Christ, an active, bursting at the seams fellowship who is excited to minister to each other, to our community and to others around the world. How will you serve in the church? What can you do to help this church grow into a vibrant, active, loving group of people who want to care for each other, tell others about Jesus and worship our God for many years to come?



The remnants of our history are all around us, stained glass in the sanctuary and Coffee Connections room, at the front of the church outside is a cornerstone preserved from one of the EUB churches, our United Methodist hymnals, our altar clothes for the church seasons, years and years of confirmation class pictures, our cemeteries and our beautiful property, parsonage and church building which now belong solely to us. We have this history firmly in place and it will remain in our hearts, all of us, young and old. We now embark on a



new journey in the Global Methodist Church, holding to the truth of the Scripture, following the Methodist and Wesleyan traditions that have been the foundation of our church for so many decades. Today, we set aside conflict and we move on to serving our Lord, serving each other, welcoming all who seek new or deeper relationship with Jesus. Today, we kick off Sunday School and games for our young folks, we celebrate with special music and brunch. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!



Trinity Shoebox Project Update

It all starts with a shoebox gift, packed in Jesus's Name and full of love and prayer.



The Red Quarter Containers are back!

Starting with the first Sunday in October, the red cylindrical containers will be available on the Shoebox Project table in the Connections Room. These containers will hold 36 quarters. All financial donations for the Shoebox Project help fund shoebox contents and shipping. You can help make this quarter campaign successful by taking home and filling a container or two! For those whose blessings may not allow for a larger financial contribution, this may be a budget friendly option to participate in this awesome ministry.

Thank you for your support!



"Let the little Children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these." Mark 10:14

Amy Unferth and Heidi Zingsheim, pictured with Laurie Malchow our area coordinator, attended the Washington/Ozaukee Team OCC Project Leader Workshop on Saturday, September 16th in Neosho. The experience was invigorating! It was great to be able to come together for a common goal and be active in what Jesus commanded us to do through the Great Commission, to spread the Gospel to all nations of the world. We continue to be grateful to serve God through this hands-on global outreach opportunity.



The AWESOME power of an Operation Christmas Child Shoebox...

200 million shoeboxes have been distributed into the hands of children in **over 175 counties** since 1993. **12.6 million children came to Christ** through "The Greatest Journey" Discipleship program last year alone. That is the Gospel of Christ going to the Ends of The Earth. That is what Trinity Shoebox Project is doing through our partnership with the ministry of Operation Christmas Child. **Amaz-**



Discover the Destination of Your Shoebox Gift

Do you ever wonder where your shoebox gifts were sent? If you make your \$10 donation per shoebox online, you can receive a special label and Follow Your Box. As you checkout, a receipt with a unique label will be sent to your email address provided. Print the label and affix to your shoebox. This label will be scanned along the route. Later in the year you can use the Look-up Tool link, provided in the email, to find out the country where your shoebox will be delivered with the message of Christ's love. **How neat is that?!**

www.samaritanaspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/follow-your-box/

All shoeboxes sent by Trinity's OCC Ministry Team will include a **Follow Your Box Tracking Label**. We will share with you the destination of the shoeboxes once known.



Operation Christmas Child **IT'S SHOEBOX TIME!**

God is working in and among us for HIS glory! We are now in the season of collection, packing, and collaboration of shoeboxes for Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child. If your heart is led, please plan to pick up shoeboxes for your family and friends on Sunday during worship, during church office hours, or contact the Zingsheim family at 920-539-8807 for delivery.

Every shoebox gift is an excellent resource for evangelism and discipleship, which leads to multiplication of new believers and churches around the world! Everyone is invited to participate ... so, who will you share this **awesome** opportunity with? ***Spread the word!***

Financial donations to help cover expenses & shipping for shoeboxes packed by the Shoebox Project team on Trinity's behalf are needed and appreciated (cash/check to Trinity MC with 'Shoebox Project' in the note field). We are on target to pack **400 shoeboxes** this year! Please reach out if you know of an individual, family or business who may have an interest in participating in this ministry through a larger tax-deductible financial donation. **Your support is greatly appreciated!**

HOW TO PACK YOUR SHOEBOXES FOR A TRIP AROUND THE WORLD





Get a standard size shoebox to pack for a boy or girl. Need shoeboxes?

Pick up shoeboxes in back entryway of church near bulletin board.

1

Select a quality **"wow"** toy such as a doll, soccer ball with pump, or stuffed animal.



2

Fill with other fun toys, hygiene items, and school supplies.



3

Most importantly, **pray** for the child who will receive your gift. Include a personal note and photo.



4

A donation of **\$10** is critical to cover shipping and other project costs.



5



Return filled shoebox to church (place in entryway) or contact Heidi or Amy to make other arrangements.

6

Make packing **Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes** a new family tradition!

Return
Deadline: **Sunday, Nov 12th**





Thanksgiving Dinner Chair Needed



The **community** Thanksgiving dinner needs your help!! We are looking for **a chair, or a task force**, who'd be willing to take on the organization of this year's event.

While this event is held at Trinity, it is for the entire community. Therefore, if you know someone outside of the church who might be interested in chairing this event, feel free to reach out to them.

The dinner allows those who may be alone this holiday to join in fellowship with others.

Please prayerfully consider how you could make a difference in other's lives this holiday season.

New Prayer Group

Beginning October 10, everyone is welcome to attend a monthly prayer group meeting. The meetings will be held on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:00pm.

Pastor Mulongo will lead this group and the focus will be on prayer in the Bible.

Mark your calendars with our first three dates:

October 10

November 14

December 12

This group will be on-going. Even if you miss a session or two, feel free to join in at any time.

Adult Sunday School

Who is God? Why does the church exist? What are the two ultimate outcomes facing humanity?

Pastor Mulongo will help answer these important questions as well as many others as he leads us in the study of the Catechism for the Global Methodist Church.

Starting October 15, please join Adult Sunday School every Sunday morning from 8:00-8:40 in the Sunshine Room.

TMC Budget Totals

Year to date needed to meet budget:
\$182,871.00

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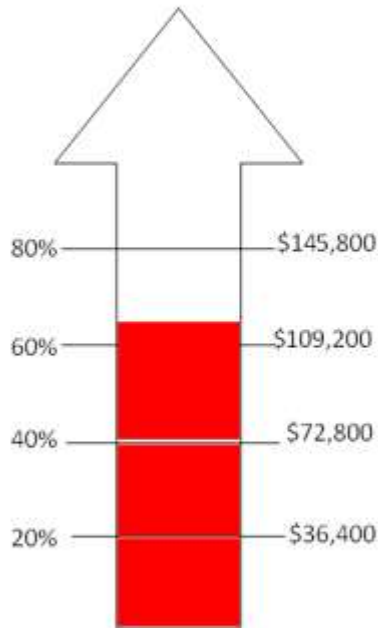
Women's bible study has begun. Please join in our sessions on Thursday mornings at 9:00am as we study the book, *Chasing Vines*, by Beth Moore. In addition to using the book, there is a study guide and DVD (with Beth Moore teaching) included. Contact Pam Wellso today if you'd like to participate.



Goal: \$182,000
 Money raised: \$99,200
 Pledged: \$20,000
 Total to date: \$119,200

Disaffiliation Fund

Help Us Reach Our Goal



Balance Needed \$62,800 -
 If you can help, contact
 Bill Buske or Deb Zinniel
 65% of goal reached as of 10/01/23

Tuesday, November 7th
4:00-7:00 p.m.

Annual ELECTION DAY Spaghetti Dinner

Trinity Methodist Church

300 Church Street • Lomira, WI

All-You-Can-Eat Spaghetti, Garlic Bread, Salad, and Tortes.

Ticket Prices: \$10.00

Children 4-10 - \$ 5.00

Under 3 - FREE

Advance Tickets will be available in the church office.

— CARRYOUTS AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR —

BAKE SALE DURING DINNER

PROCEEDS FROM BAKE SALE TO GO TO FUTURE MISSION TRIPS.



MEN'S GROUP

Hey Guys! We need a men's group at Trinity. Join us on Saturday, October 21 at 9:00 A.M. as we look to start this endeavor.

Our goals:

- Get to know each other
- Discuss our mission
- Eat Donuts

Expand your social circle and join us as we begin this new fellowship experience. See you there!

Mug & Muffins Returns

Ladies - Save the Dates:

Saturdays: 10/21 and 11/18 @ 9:00am

Bring a few muffins or donuts to share (home baked is good, but store bought works too!)



Bring a friend and craft project if you desire, or just come and sit with a cup of coffee, relax and gab.

No pressure, just fellowship!

The November Newsletter Deadline is October 19th. Please have all of your articles into the church office by noon that day. Thank you!

LET US PRAY

- **Laurie** (Carol Dilling's niece) cancer 09/28
- **Lois Jewson** receiving physical therapy for broken arm/dislocated shoulder 09/26
- **Damon Kavonius** (Sarah Kretschmer's son), shoulder surgery 09/17
- **Mary** (sister-in-law of Pam Hilker) liver cancer 09/13
- **Glen Stewart** (neighbor and good friend of the Alf family) lung cancer 09/10
- **Lorna O'Donovan** diagnosed with stomach cancer 08/31
- **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
- **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

For Prayer Requests please contact Jill in the church office by email, our website (www.trinitylomira.org) or by phone. Our Prayer list covers for 6-8 months.

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MESSAGE BOARD

UPDATE

Signarama , out of Fond du Lac, has been hired to update our Church Street message board and replace our Ashford Avenue board.

The Trinity Memorial Committee has voted to fund the estimated \$7,036.00 project. A 50% downpayment was sent on 09/01.

Look for the new signs to be installed mid October.



October Anniversaries

- 2 Bruce & Kelly Brown
- 4 Dan & Pam Dewhurst
- 7 Gordon & Jackie Zimmerman
- 14 Gary & Rebecca Renderman
- 17 Greg & Amy Bloch
Jerry & Shirley Klein
- 18 Steve & Deb Janke
- 19 Todd & Lisa Lehner
- 21 Tom and Debbie Zinniel
- 24 Bob & Debbie Gudex
Jason and Michelle Kuehl

October Birthdays

- 1 Diane Luedtke
McKinley Krueger
- 2 Faith Beck
- 3 Taylor Westphal
Margaret Priesgen
- 4 Ella Bodden
- 6 Cindy Hodny
Caden Renderman
- 8 Mike Poetzel
- 9 Sandy Collier
- 10 Julie Faber
Steely Schaefer
- 12 Jeff Zingsheim
- 13 Ashley Schaefer
- 14 Greg Bloch
- 15 Lawrence Ledman
Justin Marschie
- 16 Courtney Duley
Trayton Renderman
- 17 Marshall Feucht
- 19 Tom Henke
Heidi Zingsheim
- 22 Jeff Faber
- 27 Jan Guell
- 29 Gary Renderman
Dena Walter
- 30 Kelsey Cobb
Lauren Michels
Jenna Rhein

Golden Club

Faith Beck

turns 91 on 10/2

Adelaide Place Room 118

478 W. Arndt St.

Fond du lac, WI 54935

Lawrence Ledman

turns 89 on 10/15

437 Harrison St. Apt. 4

North FDL, WI 54937

Thomas Henke

Turns 83 on 10/19

P. O. Box 308

Oakfield WI 53065

Lets send them

Happy Birthday wishes!



October 2023 TMC-Lomira

Worship Service: 9:00 a.m.

Sunday School/Youth Group, Connections: 10:00 am

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1</p> <p>Communion Sunday</p> <p>Handbell Choir Sunday</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>6:00pm Choir Practice</p> <p>6:30 pm AA & Al- Anon</p>	<p>5</p> <p>9:00am Ladies Bible Study</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Women's Retreat</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Women's Retreat</p>
<p>8</p> <p>10:15am Cemetery Board Meeting</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p> <p>6:00pm Prayer Group</p>	<p>11</p> <p>6:00pm Choir Practice</p> <p>6:30pm AA & Al- Anon</p> <p>7:00pm Bell Choir Practice</p>	<p>12</p> <p>9:00am Ladies Bible Study</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p>10:00am Food Pantry</p>
<p>15</p> <p>8:00am Adult Bible Study</p> <p>Choir Sunday</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p>6:00pm Choir Practice</p> <p>6:30pm AA & Al- Anon</p> <p>7:00pm Bell Choir Practice</p>	<p>19</p> <p>9:00am Ladies Bible Study</p> <p>6:00pm Communion</p> <p>Stewards Meeting</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p> <p>9:00am Mug & Muffin</p> <p>9:00am Men's Group</p>
<p>22</p> <p>8:00am Adult Bible Study</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>6:00pm Stewardship/ Finance Meeting (Budget Meeting)</p>	<p>25</p> <p>6:00pm Choir Practice</p> <p>6:30pm AA & Al- Anon</p> <p>7:00pm Bell Choir Practice</p>	<p>26</p> <p>9:00am Ladies Bible Study</p>	<p>27</p> <p>GMC Great Lakes Provisional Annual Conference</p>	<p>28</p> <p>10:00am Food Pantry</p> <p>GMC Great Lakes Provisional Annual Conf</p>
<p>29</p> <p>8:00am Adult Bible Study</p> <p>Handbell Choir Sunday</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p> <p>6:00pm Church Council Meeting</p>				

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