



Adult Sunday School 7:45AM
Sunday Worship 9:00 AM
Sunday School & Youth Group
10:00 AM
Coffee Connections 10:00 AM
Confirmation 10:30 AM

March 2024 Monthly Newsletter

A look ahead at our Lent service schedule:

Weekly Wednesday Night Services 7:00 pm

(3/6, 3/13, 3/20)

Palm Sunday Service 3/24, 9:00 am

Maundy Thursday 3/28, 7:00 pm

Good Friday 3/29, 7:00 pm

Easter Morning Sunrise Service 3/31, 9:00 am

(Easter Breakfast 7:45am.)





Dear Beloved Trinity Methodist Church Family,

As we stand on the cusp of March, the weather in Lomira presents us with a unique backdrop for this year's transition from the reflective season of Lent into the bustling heart of spring. With sunrises arriving unusually early and temperatures swinging dramatically between 13- and 70-degrees Fahrenheit, navigating this climatic complexity adds an unexpected layer to our daily routines and spiritual practices. A daily scripture reading can help us feel grounded, giving us stories of faith to think about, especially about Jesus' journey to the cross. Adding prayer and meditation to our day, maybe during a sunny morning or a cold evening, helps us feel closer to God and find peace in our busy lives.

In addition, fasting or choosing to give up something, like a favorite snack, time on social media or other habits, helps us focus more on God and learn self-control. Doing things for others, like volunteering or helping a neighbor, shows God's love in action. It makes our community stronger and kinder.

Also, going to church during Lent, both Sunday services and Lenten services is really important. It's a special time to be with other believers, to worship together, and to prepare our hearts for Easter. All these practices, from reading the Bible to helping others and going to church, make our journey through Lent richer and help us grow in our faith.

This unpredictability, however, mirrors the ever-changing journey of faith, reminding us of the need for adaptability and resilience in our spiritual and community lives.

Amidst these environmental challenges, our journey of faith and community engagement at Trinity Methodist Church continues to deepen and expand. March promises to be a month bustling with spiritual activities and opportunities for growth, reflection, and fellowship. As we navigate through the significant moments of our Lenten journey, we are also preparing our hearts and minds for the joyous celebration of Easter.

This month, we gather with renewed focus and dedication, embracing a schedule rich in spiritual nourishment and communal engagement. Our Prayer Meeting on the second Tuesday at 6:00 pm will be a time for us to come together in prayerful support of one another, lifting our needs, hopes, and thanksgivings to God. The Adult Sunday School at 7:45 am each Sunday, alongside Confirmation classes at 10:30 am, will continue to offer thorough explorations of our faith, encouraging growth and understanding in our walk with Christ.

Our commitment to the Lenten season is reflected in the continuation of our Wednesday Evening Lenten services, leading up to Wednesday, March 20, 2024. This period of reflection and preparation intensifies as we enter Holy Week, starting with Palm/Passion Sunday on March 24, 2024, followed by two services on Maundy Thursday, March 28, and Good Friday, March 29, both at 7:00 pm. These gatherings will be pivotal moments for us to reflect on the sacrifice of Jesus Christ and the profound love God has for us. Our Easter Service on Sunday, March 31, 2024, will be a culmination of our Lenten journey, celebrating the resurrection of Jesus Christ and the hope it brings to our lives and the world. This is a wonderful opportunity to invite friends, relatives, coworkers, and neighbors to join us in these meaningful services.

Our sermon series for March will guide us through pivotal moments in the life of Jesus, offering insights and reflections that are pertinent to our theme of growth and spiritual development:

- March 03: John 2:13-22, "It is About Cleaning Us"
- March 10: John 3:14-21, "Whoever Believes..."
- March 17: John 12:20-33, "Dying and Rising"
- March 24: Mark 11:1-11 & Mark 15:1-15, "From Hosannas to the Shadow of the Cross"
- March 31: Mark 16:1-8, "Who Will Roll Away the Stone For Us"

March is a call to deepen our discipleship, to engage more fully in the life of our church, and to reach out with the love of Christ to those around us. Let us embrace this busy month with open hearts and minds, ready to be transformed and to witness the power of God's grace in our lives and in our community.

This time of year, marked by both meteorological and spiritual unpredictability, invites us to embrace change and uncertainty, trusting in the steadfast love and guidance of God. It's a period for us to actively participate in the array of spiritual activities offered, engage more deeply with our faith community, and reflect on the profound mysteries of our faith.

In anticipation of the blessings this month holds, let us move forward with faith, hope, and love, inviting all to join us in this sacred journey towards Easter. Together, as the family of Trinity Methodist Church, let us live out our calling to LOVE, GROW, and SERVE, making a difference in our world for Christ.

In His love and service,

Rev. Mulongo Mpoyo

FEED MY
STARVING
CHILDREN



Submitted by Nancy Hammock

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Feeding kids. Feeding spirits. Empowering communities.

This church has always had a heart for mission. Looking to help the least and the lost. FMSC is the next focus for Missions this spring. Feeding the hungry as Jesus said in Matthew 25:35. "I was hungry and you gave me something to eat."

Feed My Starving Children is a Christian non-profit organization dedicated to providing nutritious meals to children world-wide. FMSC meals are hand packed by volunteers just like us, and sent through an incredible network of partner organizations throughout the world. You have heard through church announcements and videos about the Mobile Pack



that is happening on April 6th at the Fairgrounds in Fond du Lac. Several of you attended the presentation by Ed and Debbie Alyanek from Grace Evangelical Free Church in Fond du Lac. In their presentation they shared not only facts about the meals and the nourishment they provide, but also about their travels to El Salvador and how they witnessed the meal distribution in the schools and villages there.

We hope you will join us in praying for those who have signed up to help pack the food and all who have donated to buy the ingredients that will be packed on April 6th. This bag of rice, soy, dehydrated vegetables and vitamins will provide 4-6 meals for a starving child and give them hope for the future. We will still be taking donations through March 3rd. There are still hearts on the tree in the Narthex! There is still room for you to help pack the meals from 9-11, 12-2, and 3-5. Sign up sheets are on the table in the Narthex. Thanks to all for your attention and participation in this vital mission.

BECAUSE OF YOU IN 2022/23

CHILDREN FED



1,225,983
kids fed for a year

SPIRITS FED



910,553
volunteers across the U.S.

COMMUNITIES EMPOWERED



1,809
artisans employed by FMSC
MarketPlace™ partners



447,483,816 TOTAL MEALS PROVIDED

Who's In the Pews?

Ever wonder who you're sitting next to at church? Want to know a little more about them and their faith journey here at Trinity? If so, this "new" contribution may answer a few of your burning questions.



1) Tell me a little about your childhood. Where are you from, etc.

I went to a number of different grade schools as a child. I went to first grade in Marblehead, second grade in Eden, third - sixth grades at BD Leath VanDyne and seventh- twelfth grades at Laconia in Rosendale. My dad sold Ariens equipment and AMF Ski-Daddler snowmobiles near the Eldorado Marsh. We lived by the Eldorado Marsh, so all of us kids love the outdoors as we spent a lot of time romping the marsh.

1) Tell me about your family now.

I've been married to my husband Tom since 1989. We don't have any children, but we always have at least one dog.

3) What is your favorite thing to do?

I love to read, work on OCC, and visit with friends. I made cards a lot before getting involved in OCC.

4) What is the biggest lesson you've learned in life?

- "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you."
- "Give your problems to God."

5) What is your biggest blessing/s?

Belonging to Trinity, which is helping me to grow my faith and prayer life.

6) What is your favorite memory?

Traveling with my husband through the Northeast and having a waitress tell us we might see a moose. Then, as we are driving along, there is a moose and Tom says, "Should I stop?" Years of laughs on that one.

7) What brought you to Trinity?

It was about 2010 and my life consisted mostly of work and walking dogs; something was missing. Tom and I were members of Church of Peace, but we weren't inclined to go because we didn't really want to drive to Fond du Lac. When I mentioned this to Tom, he said, "Why don't you try the church next door, my grandma used to go there."

8) What do you want to see more of at church?

Smiles from happy, friendly people.

9) What is your involvement at church (committees, activities)?

I'm currently the church financial secretary (feel free to call me with any questions or requests.) I'm on the Church Council, belong to Women's Bible Study, the Prayer Group, the Food Ministry, the Membership committee, and Loaves and Fishes.

Another church/community project I am very enthusiastic about is the Lomira Compassionate Fund/Food Pantry. Ralph and Sharon Germain recruited me as the group's treasurer. Besides working with money, I also help box food and distribute it.

Trinity also lead me to Operation Christmas Child, which put me in touch with the Hartford Shoebox project, which I help with year round.



Volunteers Needed

The Easter Breakfast is quickly approaching and we need your help. There are many shifts available from helping set up tables on Saturday afternoon to prepping food on Easter morn. Please sign up on the Easter Breakfast form in the Coffee Connections Room .

Bakers—donations of coffee cakes are needed as well!

We are looking to update our records for **all** of our Trinity participants. Please make sure you fill out a form, whether or not you've done so in the past, so we can ensure we have everyone's accurate information. If we don't hear from you, we will be reaching out to capture this data.



Directory Form Update

Please choose an option ☐ Member ☐ Friend of TMC ☐ Visitor

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zipcode _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email Address _____

Birthdate _____ Anniversary _____

Other Family Members in your Household (Spouse)

Spouse Name _____ Spouse Email _____ Birthdate _____

Spouse Cell Phone _____

Other Family Members in your Household (Child)

Child Name _____ Birthdate _____

Child Name _____ Birthdate _____

Child Name _____ Birthdate _____

Child Name _____ Birthdate _____



Annual Easter Breakfast

Trinity will once again host Easter breakfast this year. Breakfast will be served from 7:45am-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 Budget Totals

**YTD needed to meet budget:
\$33,768.00**

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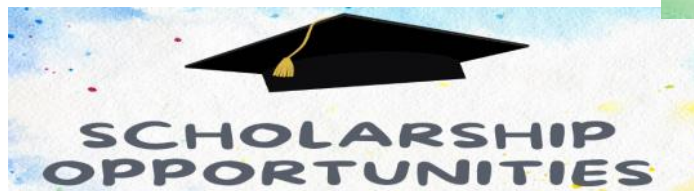
2-25-2024: \$24,138.94

Budget Shortfall: \$9,629.06



"May your days be many
and your troubles be few.
May all God's blessings
descend upon you.
May peace be within you
may your heart be strong,
May you find
what you're seeking
wherever you roam."

~ Irish Blessings



TUMC

will award scholarships

...to high school seniors pursuing their first year of higher education in 2024. To be considered for financial support, applications must be received via email by the church office on or before April 15, 2024. 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

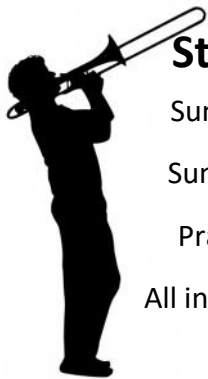
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Scholarship Opportunity!

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, 2024.

churchofficetumc@gmail.com



Strike up the Trinity Band!

Sunday, March 10 - Play Lenten Prelude

Sunday, March 31 - Play Easter Prelude

Practice before both services

All instrumental musicians, please come and share your talents!

Jason - Band Director

SUNDAY SCHOOL

- **Children** will sing praises during the Palm Sunday worship service
- Hosanna is a cry of adoration—praise to Jesus!
- Come and worship as a family on this special day!



Bruce Sterr, right, takes over the Food Pantry helm from Ralph Germain.

2023 Food Pantry Recap

- 442 patrons served
- 1141 total family members served
- 913 Piggly Wiggly vouchers

Retired Chairman - Ralph Germain

New Chairman - Bruce Sterr

Thank you to Ralph for all your years of service!



Looking for individual(s)/families to greet all persons attending Sunday worship service.

If interested, please contact Kasey Todt at 262-689-7711 or kasey@westphals.com.

Three ringers are still needed for Easter.

These are the practice times over the next four weeks:

03/06—5:00pm

03/13—5:30pm

03/20—5:00pm

03/27—7:00pm



Can you make a commitment of four hours over the month of March to help us? May be a great idea for musical/high school students. Please contact Jill in the church office if you're available to assist the music ministry. Thank you.

March Meetings

March 12 - Prayer Group 6 pm

SF Meeting 7pm

March 16 - Mug & Muffin 9am

Men's Group 9am

March 19 - Church Council 6pm

Meeting Reminder!

THE WORST WINTER EVER

'The Doctor Went the Rest Of the Way on Snowshoes'

Readers share memories of cold, snow and the determination of tough folks who pulled through.

Things Went A-"fowl"

MY DAD, Clyde Jewson, was playing hockey on the Peshtigo River in Argonne with friends when they spotted smoke coming from his home. They ran down the road in their skates to find the house engulfed. The only thing they could save was the stove that started the fire.

Being farmers, my parents couldn't leave their livestock, so they cleaned up an outbuilding and made it their temporary residence.

On March 30, 1939, Mom went into labor with her first child. The snow was so deep, the town's bulldozer plowed a path to the bridge leading over the river. The bulldozer couldn't clear the snow on the bridge, however, because the equipment was too heavy.

The doctor rode to the bridge and then walked the rest of the way to my parents' place on snowshoes. He delivered me in the chicken coop.

—Victor Jewson, Fond du Lac

A published article in "Our Wisconsin" by our very own Victor Jewson. Please take a moment and enjoy this fun article.

Make your Lent memorable by completing the following activities:



Why not do something different this Lent and attend the next **Prayer Group**

Meeting which will be held on Tuesday, March 12 @ 6:00P.M.?

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

Lenten Trivia

Who helped Jesus carry his Cross?

What was the original meaning of the word "Lent"?



Mug & Muffins

Saturday, March 16 @ 9:00am

Bring a few muffins/ donuts to share. Bring a friend and craft project if you desire, or just come and sit with a cup of coffee, relax and gab.

TRINITY MEN'S GROUP

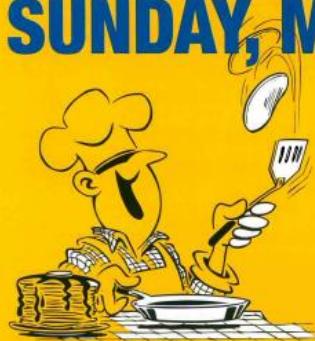
Next Meeting—Saturday, March 16 @ 9:00am

Future Meeting Dates:

April 20 May 18

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

SUNDAY, MARCH 10th



Serving From:
8 AM - NOON

Also Serving
Eggs and Sausage

Held At:

The Golf Club at Camelot

W192 WI-67, Lomira, WI 53048

Ticket Prices:

Adults: \$10.00 • Ages 5-10: \$7.00

Kids 4 & Under FREE



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Golden Club

We have lots to celebrate this month!

Gene Hake

turns 88 on 3/6

1024 Printer Dr. #3

Lomira, WI 53048

Leon Brasch

turns 95 on 3/15

125 Cedar Ridge Dr.

Apt. S239

West Bend WI, 53095

Elaine Muehlius

turns 96 on 3/19

N10453 St. Rd. 175

Lomira, WI 53048

Victor Jewson

turns 85 on 3/30

N4002 Hickory Rd.

Fond du Lac, WI

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Lets send them lots of Happy Birthday wishes!



March Birthdays

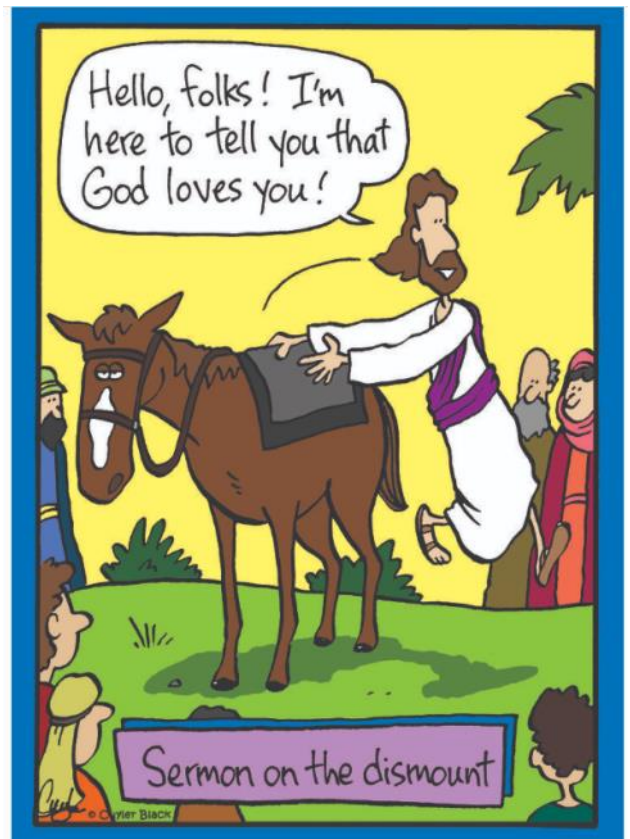
- 1 Dan Michels
- 6 Gene Hake
Tyler Scharschmidt
- 7 Rebecca Alf
- 9 Molly Riehbrandt
- 11 Clarice Drummond
Michelle Wroblewski
- 12 Pam Wellso
- 13 Steve Bryant
- 15 Leon Brasch
Shelly Schaefer
- 17 Cheryl Meyer
- 18 Alexander Faber
Brandon Faber
Judy Renderman
Dayne Zingsheim
- 19 Elaine Muehlius
Anne Ullius
- 20 Gary Jesse
- 22 Bruce Brown
- 23 Amanda Baker
Kasey Todl
- 25 Jackie Scharfenberg
- 26 Sherrill Haefs
- 27 Joshua Marschie
- 28 Debbie Unferth
- 30 Victor Jewson

March Wedding Anniversaries

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



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



LET US PRAY



May you live as long as you want, and never want as long as you live. —Irish Blessing

- **Sarah Kretschmer**, diagnosed with invasive lobular carcinoma, meeting with surgeon on March 8 02/28
- **Andrea Hands**, Deb Z's sister-in-law, kidney failure and sepsis 02/28
- **Debbie Cichocki**, Mary Kiehnau's sister, had triple bypass - at home recovering 02/27
- **Julie Faber**, heart surgery on 03/26 02/22
- **Cory Immel of Oakfield**, recovering at home after brain bleed -needs rehab 02/22
- **Pam Hilker** - mass found on right kidney 01/30, diagnosed with Renal Cell Carcinoma (cancer), biopsy on 02/29, surgical consult on 03/07 02/21
- **Ethan Harbridge**, friend of the Steer family, brain bleed and other concerns 02/15
- **Cody Leland**, son-in-law of Wayde and Faye Beck, health concerns 02/14
- **Jeff Block**, brother-in-law of Michelle Large, heart issues 02/14
- **Mary** (sister-in-law of Pam Hilker) tumor marker has gone up, staying the course to do another blood test in six weeks, March 7th MRI with results on March 13 - liver board review in March 01/30
- **Karl Gudex**, Krueger family neighbor, barn fire 01/24
- **Mike Skelton** Hospice care being provided 01/24
- **Kathy Skelton** (wife and caretaker of Mike) appreciates prayers for strength/resilience 01/24
- **David Menzer** (Fred's Brother) recovering at home after hospital stay - pneumonia 1/24
- **Lori Heimann**, friend of Sarah Kretschmer, receiving treatment for colon cancer 1/24
- **Nancy Feucht**, Casey Buske's mother, diagnosed with a rare blood cancer, upcoming bone marrow biopsy 1/14
- **Todd Pinnow**, treatment for cancer 1/10
- **Jeff Budahn**, friend of Sarah Kretschmer, recovering from a stroke 1/03
- **Robert Hartzheim**, brother-in-law of Victor & Lois Jewson, diagnosed with a rare nerve disease - responding well to taking multiple medications daily 11/29
- **Glen Stewart** (neighbor and good friend of the Alf family) lung cancer 9/10
- **Jolene Emmer** (Mike & Janice Emmer's daughter in law) sepsis 2/12

Our Prayer list covers for 6+ months. If you feel someone needs to continue or be placed back on the list, please let Jill in the office know. Thank You.

March 2024 TMC-Lomira

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Mulongo Mpoyo, Pastor

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WORSHIP SERVICES

9:00 AM

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