

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

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## ***April 2024 Monthly Newsletter***

I establish my covenant with you: Never again will all life be destroyed by the waters of a flood; never again will there be a flood to destroy the earth.”<sup>12</sup> And God said, “This is the sign of the covenant I am making between me and you and every living creature with you, a covenant for all generations to come: <sup>13</sup>I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and the earth.      **Genesis 9:11-14**

## **Holding Unto God’s Promises**

There are over 3,000 promises in the Bible. These are God’s unfailing, faithful promises to those who walk with Him. His promises are enduring forever and ever. God never breaks His promises as we humans do all the time. No matter the situation, God has a promise for you if you are willing to walk pleasing unto Him.

### **Just a few of God’s Promises**

Jeremiah 29:11

John 6:53

Matthew 11:28-30

Isaiah 40:29-31

Mark 10:27

Exodus 14:14

John 16:33

Luke 11:9-13

Matthew 9:23

Exodus 6:6





Dear Beloved Trinity Methodist Church Family,

The end of March has been a reminder of winter's persistence, as snow flutters down, mixing with rain and bringing back the chill of early mornings and late evenings. Despite the unpredictable weather, our hearts swell with gratitude, especially now as we find ourselves a day after Easter Sunday.

With the day after Easter Sunday behind us, our hope for the sunny and warm days of April grows, reflecting the promise of new life and resurrection that this time of year signifies. In the unfolding beauty of each season, both in the natural world and within our own lives' God's steadfast love remains evident, a truth made all the more poignant by Easter's message of hope and renewal.

As we move on in this Easter Season, let's remember the transformative power of Christ's love and resurrection, which guides us through our own journeys of faith and renewal.

April starts with a significant spiritual milestone for our community. On April 07, 2024, we will gather to witness and celebrate the confirmation of seven of our young members. This Confirmation Sunday marks not just their growth in faith but also our collective commitment to nurture and guide our youth on their spiritual journey.

Following closely, on April 14, 2024, we will have the joy of welcoming a new member into our church family through the holy sacrament of baptism. Each of these occasions reminds us of the renewing and transforming power of God's grace in our lives.

Our church community continually seeks to live out our vision: Love, Grow, Serve. In line with this, I extend my deepest gratitude to all the confirmation class members and church members who have committed to participating in the "Feed My Starving Children" program on April 06, 2024. Your willingness to serve is a living testimony to our shared values and the scripture, *"For I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty, and you gave me something to drink..."* (Matthew 25:35). May God bless you abundantly for your kindness and generosity.

Throughout April, our gatherings will draw inspiration from scripture and sermons that deepen our understanding of God's presence and purpose in our lives:

April 07, 2024: A day of celebration for our confirmands.

April 14, 2024: Luke 24: 36-48, with the sermon "You Are My Witnesses."

April 21, 2024: Reflecting on John 10:11-18, "I am the Good Shepherd."

April 28, 2024: Exploring John 15:1-8, "I Am The True Vine."

These messages will guide us in reflecting on the roles we play as witnesses to God's love, as followers of the Good Shepherd, and as branches connected to the True Vine.

Let this April be a month where the seeds of faith planted in our hearts bloom with the joy of Easter, the commitment of our confirmands, and the welcoming of new believers through baptism. Each step we take in kindness, each prayer shared, and each act of service brings us closer to the heart of God and to one another.

May this time of reflection, renewal, and rejoicing draw you closer to the abundant love and grace of our Lord.

*"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."* - Romans 15:13

With all blessings and prayers for a fruitful month,

Rev. Mulongo Mpoyo



# Look Beyond Your Shoebox

I packed a Christmas shoebox gift.  
I do it ev'ry year.  
These gifts are sent around the world  
To bring a child some cheer.

I focused on my shoebox,  
And what I put inside,  
When God told me to look beyond  
And see the other side.

I looked beyond my shoebox,  
And there I saw a friend,  
Who helped to get my shoebox  
From here to journey's end.

In truth, there were so many  
Who worked along the way.  
They took these gifts around the world;  
They labored night and day.

Some checked and taped & cartonized,  
And moved my box with care,  
While some raised hands of blessing  
And filled my box with prayer.

I looked beyond my shoebox  
And there I saw a child,  
Who received this gift of love  
While sitting meek and mild.



She heard the gospel message.  
He listened quietly.  
While many prayed Jesus to save  
Their souls eternally.

Then it was time to open  
From me their gifts of joy.  
Such noise I can't imagine  
To see each treat and toy!

I looked beyond my shoebox  
And there I saw the Lord.  
He smiled, and said, "Well done, my child!  
Come, see now your reward."

And as I turned, I saw a line  
Far as the eye could see  
Of children coming to say thanks  
For boxes sent by me.

"Thank you for your gift of love  
And for the gospel too.  
Because you filled a shoebox,  
I'm now in heav'n with you."

by Allen Heindel, Great Lakes



# 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 "newish" contribution may answer a few of your burning questions. This month's person is **Elaine Muehlius** (who happens to be celebrating her 96th birthday in this picture.).



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

I was born to Walter and Adah Tolzman, in the apartment above my Grandpa Tolzman's hardware store in Lomira. It had previously been a hotel, so it was very roomy. Three connecting rooms were rented to teachers. I loved living there as I was an only child and just had to go outside to find friends and cousins to play with. When I was 10, we moved to a new house next to the park.

## 2) Tell me about your family now.



I had a wonderful husband, Jerry, for over 51 years. He died in 2002. We had 5 daughters: Susie and Tricia in Oconomowoc, Sally and Margaret in Fond du Lac, and Mary in Lomira. I also have 4 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. I have wonderful sons-in-law/significant others. Jerry and I were very involved with starting the local chapter of the AFS Club and hosted 8 AFS exchange students and teachers. Susie was very interested in hosting and brought home an informational flyer, so I went to an organizational meeting at school and came home President.

## 3) What is your favorite thing to do?

I love family get togethers, and especially when all are present! I also enjoy attending grandkids' activities: concerts, theatre/stage performances, and hockey games. On a daily basis, I spend many hours reading and watching TV: sports, game shows, mysteries, and news. I also enjoy lunch with friends. In the summer I enjoy going to Buttermilk Creek Park for concerts sometimes twice a week. During the fall through spring, I enjoy going to Lighthouse Big Band at Thelma Center for the Arts twice a month. In the past, I enjoyed low impact aerobics at the FDL Aquatic Center, where many friendships were developed. Travel has always been a highlight, and Jerry and I were fortunate to visit all of our AFS students in their homes in Australia, Panama, Germany, Thailand, China, St. Lucia, and Mexico. We also went on many cruises with family and friends. Until 5 years ago, I still was able to travel on many cruises in the Caribbean, Mediterranean, and on European rivers and bus tours.



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

Have a positive attitude, because worrying is a waste of time. "Don't sweat the small stuff." Trust God and live by "The Golden Rule." Smile!

## 5) What is your biggest blessing/s?

Jerry was a great father and we were blessed with a super family that continues to love getting together. Another blessing was the opportunity to serve as church organist in a shared position in some capacity from age 15-87?

## 6) What is your favorite memory?

I have so many great memories, including going to school in Lomira, 1 year at North Central College, and then 3 years of Nursing School at St. Agnes School of Nursing, where I reached my lifelong dream of becoming a nurse.



I worked there just one year, married, and became a stay-at-home mom with 5 daughters. I enjoyed being actively involved with the girls' activities. Later I had 19 great years of working at Hope Nursing Home as Director of Nursing until retirement. Many lifelong friendships were also established there and in Nursing School.

### 7) What brought you to Trinity?



I was born into the Salem Evangelical Church which later became Evangelical United Brethren and then transitioned to Trinity Methodist today! My dad, Walter Tolzman, was the Chair of the Building Committee of Trinity Church. I have fond memories of Youth Connection at the Campground, district camps in Forest Junction, and later family camps at Camp Lucerne.

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

At 96, church involvement is all past tense: Organist for many years, taught Bible School, member of Ever Ready Circle, Adult Fellowship, The United Methodist Women, and Church Women United in Fond du Lac where I met wonderful Christian women from all denominations. Our local Circle group served the first spaghetti supper. Gloria Faber and I were co-chairs. We ran out of spaghetti sauce, so quickly fried up hamburger and ran to the store to get Ragu sauce to add! We never anticipated such a huge crowd. Great memories I have from playing in the bell choir and touring with the group in England, Scotland, and Wales.

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

It is always nice to see better attendance, and I hope ours continues to grow. Church has always been a center in my life. It starts a little bit too early for my schedule, but I enjoy the Lenten services and catching up with friends/members.



#### PRAYER REQUESTS

As a reminder, our prayer list covers 6 months. To note or update your prayer request so it appears in the bulletin, please use of the following options:

- Email Jill at [churchofficetumc@gmail.com](mailto:churchofficetumc@gmail.com)
- Call the church office at 920-269-4411
- Use the TMC Weekly Prayer List sheets in the Coffee Connections Room.
- Use the online Prayer Request form at [trinitylomira.org](http://trinitylomira.org)



## VBS 2024 is going to be OUT OF THIS WORLD!

### Join us Saturday June 1, 2024

Registration is now OPEN  
Cost is FREE!

Please reach out with questions.  
Sarah Kretschmer

[sarahkretschmer76@gmail.com](mailto:sarahkretschmer76@gmail.com) or

Carissa Backhaus [tolzmanc@gmail.com](mailto:tolzmanc@gmail.com)



#### Mobile Pack

#### Reminder

Saturday, April 6 @

Fond du Lac Fairgrounds

Please arrive a few minutes early so you can be in place when your shift starts. Thank you for your participation.



TMC will be hosting a Blood Bank on Monday, April 29, starting at noon. You can sign up online at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org)



Please sign up to bring "sweet treats" to our Sunday coffee hour. There is a sign-up sheet in the Connections room for April and May.



### Mug & Muffins

**Saturday, April 20 @ 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, April 20 @ 9:00am**

**Future Meeting Dates:**

**May 18**



Why not do something different this month and attend the next **Prayer Group Meeting** which will be held on **Tuesday, April 9 @ 6:00P.M.**

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

You may even learn a little more about some of the promises God made to his people.

### 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 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](mailto:churchofficetumc@gmail.com)

### 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:

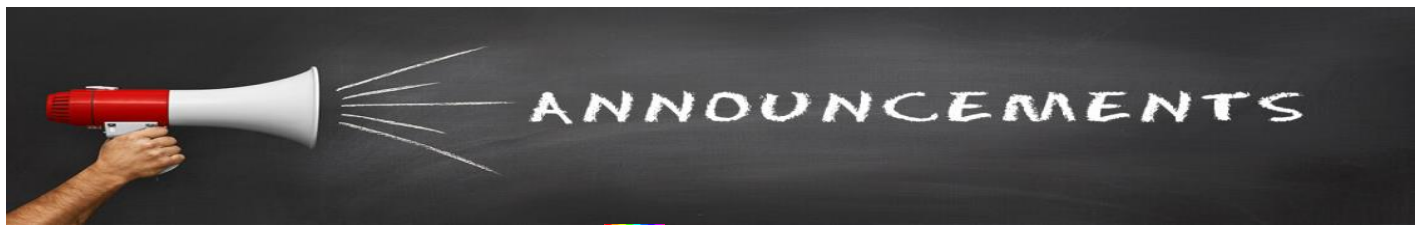
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And submitted to the office via email [churchofficetumc@gmail.com](mailto:churchofficetumc@gmail.com)

If you have any questions contact Jessica Marschie, the Director of Christian Educations at 920-583-4675

[dustyroadgurl@hotmail.com](mailto:dustyroadgurl@hotmail.com)

\*please note, guidelines changed 4 years ago\*



## Welcome to our newest member :

Mia Lynn Dean who was baptized on  
March 17.



Thank you, thank you, to my wonderful  
"Trinity Family!!"

Your texts, talks, calls, cards, support,  
prayers, love and hugs to me, during  
these difficult days, means more to me  
than you'll ever know.

I'm very "Thankful & Grateful" to God, for  
all of His help, support, love and for bring-  
ing me to Trinity. Thank you all, for your  
continued prayers, as we go through my  
cancer journey together!!

Big "HUGS" to you all!

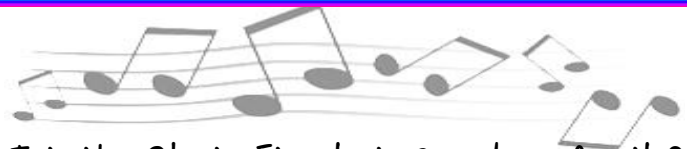
Pam Hilker

## Sanctuary Study Committee

Anyone interested in being on a committee to study  
a possible sanctuary update, please sign up on the  
proper form in the Coffee Connections Room.

## Memorial Committee

The Memorial Committee purchased the sign, for  
\$515, on our front lawn announcing all of our Easter  
and Lenten services. Good news, the sign can be  
reused to advertise our future Lenten services as well.



## Trinity Choir Finale is Sunday, April 21.

The choir will then be off for the summer months and will  
return again in September. I've asked the choir members  
to pick their favorite songs, that we've sung before, for the  
finale.

Please come on Sunday, April 21 and enjoy our choir season  
finale songs, along with God's message. The choir is always  
looking for new members. Let me know if you're interested  
in joining. All voices are welcome.

Thank you! - Pam Hilker

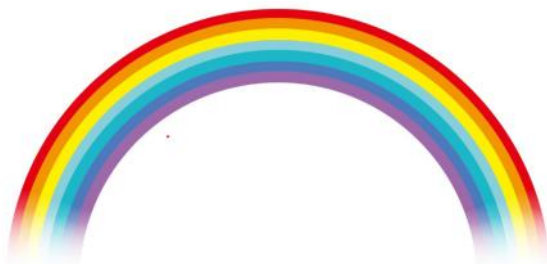
Attendance March 24, 2024=85

Offering Last Week

03/17/24 - 3/24/24 = \$3,344.00

Shortage Year to Date = \$13,469.09





## Noah's Ark Coloring Contest

Sunday school children/Confirmation students/

**Children@heart** - please stop by the

Coffee Connections room to get your copy of Noah's Ark. Please return your "decorated/colored" copy by Sunday, April 14. Prizes will be awarded to those voted best in class.

All entries will be hung up on the church bulletin boards the week of April 21 .



## God's Promises — No Laughing Matter

The Lord was gracious to Sarah, just as he had said he would be. He did for Sarah what he had promised to do. Sarah became pregnant. She had a son by Abraham when he was old. He was born at the exact time God had promised him. Genesis 21:1-2 (NIV)

Complete the activity.

At the bottom of the page is a list of words. These words are hidden in the puzzle. The words have been placed horizontally, vertically, and diagonally. When you find a word, draw a circle around it.

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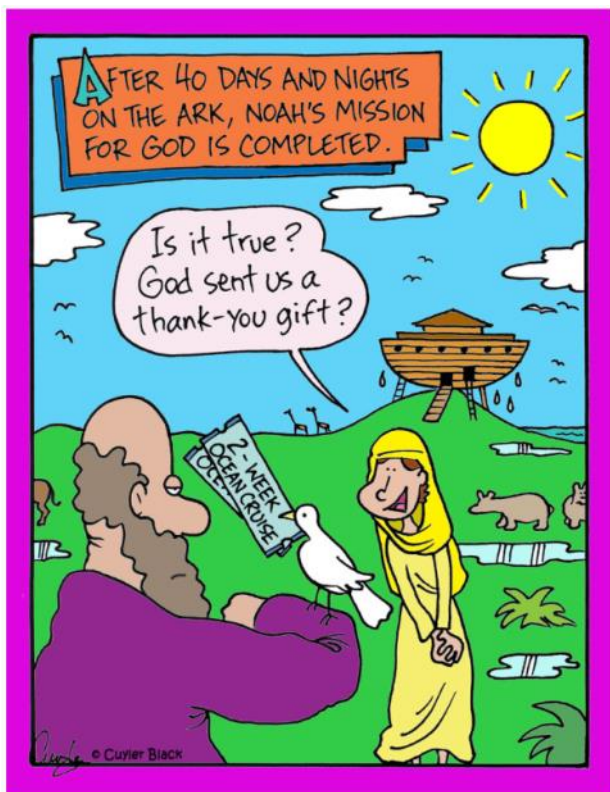
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# God's Promises

- 1) God promises eternal life
- 2) God promises peace
- 3) God promises victory over temptation
- 4) God promises forgiveness
- 5) God promises Jesus will come back







*Prayer Concerns* – As you pray through the week, send a note or make a phone call to those on our list. Just a simple gesture to show you care.

- **Don Scharfenberg**, Jackie's brother, shoulder surgery 03/25
- **Sarah Kretschmer**, biopsy results of two lymph nodes came back good - all margins were clear. Upcoming oncologist meetings in the next few weeks. 03/25
- **Brian Kiehna**, Doug's brother, involved in teen suicide 03/19
- **Mike Skelton** hospice care being provided at home - decisions being made on best treatment options for the future 03/19
- **Kathy Skelton** (wife and caretaker of Mike) feels the prayers and support of the TMC family - greatly appreciates the cards sent from the bible study group 03/19
- **David Menzer** (Fred's Brother) CT scan came back good/seeing doctor in 6 months/trying to get oxygen level down 03/19
- **Connie Troskey**, Deb Zinnel's mom, diagnosed with breast cancer; consultation for treatment this week 03/13
- **Cory Immel of Oakfield**, recovering at home after brain bleed - returning to work two hours a day 03/13
- **Paul Ehlert**, Jason's dad, back surgery 03/13
- **Pam Hilker** - mass found on right kidney 01/30, diagnosed with Renal Cell Carcinoma (cancer), biopsies and test results back, waiting on surgical date 03/12
- **Mary** (sister-in-law of Pam Hilker) tumor marker has gone up, tumor has grown, two more cancer spots have been found; not eligible for transplant 03/12
- **Debbie Cichocki**, Mary Kiehna's sister, had triple bypass - at home recovering 02/27
- **Julie Faber**, heart surgery on 03/26 02/22
- **Ethan Harbridge**, friend of the Steer family, brain bleed and other concerns 02/15
- **Jeff Block**, brother-in-law of Michelle Large, heart issues 02/14
- **Tim Westphal**, David Luedtke's neighbor, cancer 02/14
- **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
- **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

## April Birthdays

- 1 Dell Beck
- Sally Muehlius
- 2 Nicole Scharschmidt
- 5 Nyle Wellso
- 6 Lindsay Hesprich
- Gordon Zimmerman
- 7 Ward Hinz
- 8 Priscilla Ehlert
- 9 Kim Scharschmidt
- Christine Lavarda
- 11 Tammy Steers
- 13 Russ Wendt
- 15 Carol Luedtke
- Dorothy Hake
- Amber Ullius
- 20 Amy Unferth
- 21 Cameron
- Schaefer
- 22 Katie Stoffel
- 24 Caleb Schaefer
- 25 Jason Ehlert
- 30 Kevin Rhein
- Aubree Alf



Thank you to everyone for the cards, wishes, and singing to me at Wednesday night service. It made my 96th birthday even more special.

Elaine Muehlius

**We have lots to celebrate this month!**

## *Golden Club*

**Dorothy Hake**

**Carol Luedtke**

Turns 88 on 4/15

Turns 90 on 4/15

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**Lets send them lots of Happy Birthday wishes!**

## **April Wedding Anniversaries**

- 7 Ryan & Susan Menzer
- 17 Ronald & Sarah Kretschmer
- 20 Greg & Lavonne Brasch
- 21 Glen & Vickie Renderman
- 27 Leon & Joan Brasch
- Jeffery & Heidi Zingsheim
- 29 Mark & Kathy Lavarda

## *7 of God's Promises*

GOD IS ALWAYS FAITHFUL

GOD WILL NEVER LEAVE YOU

GOD WILL HELP YOU

GOD KEEPS ALL HIS PROMISES

GOD WILL LOVE YOU FOREVER

GOD WILL KEEP YOU SAFE

GOD WILL COMFORT YOU

***The May Newsletter Deadline is April 23rd.  
Please have all of your articles into the church  
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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	1	2	3 Pastor @ GMC Convention  1:00pm Sydney Henke funeral  6:30pm AA& Al-Anon	4 Pastor @ GMC Convention  9:00am Ladies Bible Study	5 Pastor @ GMC Convention	6
7 <b>9:00am Confirmation Sunday</b>	8	9 6:00 Prayer Group	10 6:00pm Choir Practice  6:30pm AA& Al-Anon	11 9:00am Ladies Bible Study	12	13 10:00am Food Pantry
14 9:00am Lennon Bo Stuckart Baptism	15	16	17 6:00pm Choir Practice 6:30pm AA& Al-Anon 7:00pm Bell Choir	18 9:00am Ladies Bible Study	19	20 9:00am Mug and Muffin  9:00am Men's Group
21 9:00am Choir Finale Performance  9:00 Kennedy Lynn Hackbarth Baptism	22	23	24 10:00am Staff Meeting 6:00pm Bell Choir 6:30pm AA& Al-Anon	25 9:00am Ladies Bible Study	26	27 10:00am Food Pantry
28 9:00 Bell Choir	29 12:00pm Blood Bank	30				

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