




Sunday Worship 9:00 AM



FATHERHOOD
IS A VOCATION IN
GOD'S  **SERVICE**
 **TO BE NOT HELD** *lightly*
OR **frivolously**
 **BUT WITH THE**
SERIOUS DETERMINATION OF
SERIOUS MEN.

 Fr. Lawrence Lovasik

Father

[fah-ther] (noun)

1. The encourager, the protector, and the hero.
2. The teller of bad jokes, and the fixer of all things.
3. The one with the wallet.
4. Best hugger ever.



Dear Beloved Trinity Methodist Church Family,

As the weather warms up in Lomira, Wisconsin, June brings with it the promise of sunshine and longer days. The beautiful blooms and lush greenery fill our hearts with joy and anticipation for the summer ahead. There is something truly special about this time of year, as it invites us to spend more time outdoors, enjoy the company of loved ones, and appreciate the beauty of God's creation.

For me, this June is particularly joyful as I reflect on the blessing of being a grandfather. On October 4, 2022, my life was forever changed with the birth of Jayden Mulongo Mpoyo, our first grandchild. Jayden is the son of our oldest son, Eric, and our wonderful daughter-in-law, Tracy. It fills my heart

with pride and joy to see Jayden growing each day, especially knowing he carries my name as a part of his legacy.

Being a grandfather has brought an incredible sense of fulfillment and happiness. There is a unique joy in watching Jayden's curious eyes explore the world around him, in hearing his laughter, singing, seeing him dancing, longing to play with me, and in the simple moments of holding him close. These experiences have deepened my understanding of God's love and the importance of family.



This June, our church community has much to look forward to as well. We will kick off the month with Vacation Bible School (VBS) starting on June 1st. It's always a delight to see the children of our church learning and growing in their faith, and I am excited for the wonderful experiences they will have during VBS.



Pam Wellso and I will also be attending the Great Lakes Provisional Annual Conference in Indiana from June 5-7. This conference is an excellent opportunity for us to connect with other church leaders, share insights, and gain inspiration for our ministry here at TMC.

As we embrace the blessings and joys of this season, I encourage each of you to take time to appreciate the special moments with your loved ones. Whether it's a walk in the park, a family gathering, or simply a quiet moment of reflection, let us remember to give thanks for the blessings God has bestowed upon us.

In closing, here are the scriptures and sermon titles for the month of June:

June 02, 2024: "From Obligation to Joy: Transforming Our Perspective on Giving" (Malachi 3:10 and 2 Corinthians 9:6-7)

June 09, 2024: "Who Truly Belongs to Jesus' Family?" (Mark 3:20-35)

June 16, 2024: "Planting Seeds of Faith: A Father's Role" (Mark 4:26-34)

June 23, 2024: "Peace in the Storms of Life" (Mark 4: 35-41)

June 30, 2024: "Do not be afraid; only believe" (Mark 5:21-43)



May God bless you and your families abundantly this June. Let us continue to walk in faith, love, and gratitude, celebrating the blessings that each new day brings.

In Christ's Love,

Rev. Mulongo Mpoyo



Congratulations to three of our high school graduates as they were recipients of the 2024 Continuing Education Scholarship:



Connor Steers, son of Tammy Steers & Kevin Steers, graduated from Lomira High School; plans to attend UW Platteville this fall to study Agriculture Business/ Finance.

Sammy Todl, son of Kasey & Jim Todl, graduated from Lomira High School; plans to attend UW Lacrosse this fall to study Elementary Education.

Justin Marschie, son of Jessica & Justin Marschie, graduated from Oakfield High School; plans to attend UW Stevens Point this fall to study Biology.

College Essay Scholarship

Scholarships awarded to current college students who have completed at least one year of study.



Zach Dewhurst, son of Pam & Dan Dewhurst, attending UW Stout pursuing a degree in Mechanical Engineering; to graduate May 2025.

Nate Dewhurst, son of Pam & Dan Dewhurst, attending UW Platteville pursuing a degree in Mechanical Engineering; to graduate May 2026.

Congratulations to all of our 2024 High School Graduates

Justin Marschie

Koby Sacotte

Warren Sauer

Connor Steers

Sammy Todl

Taylor Westphal



In honor of **Earth Day** and as a “**Thank You**” to TMC for allowing them to hold their meetings in the Fellowship Hall, the **South Byron 4-H Club** recently planted a red maple on the church grounds.



Mug & Muffin & Men’s Group—last meeting on May 18 - returning in fall



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 spotlight is on John Lavarda.



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

I was raised and grew up in Lomira my entire childhood until graduating from Lomira High in 2010. I was the youngest of 4, having two older sisters and an older brother. Growing up I enjoyed spending time outdoors, whether riding my bike/scooter around town, fishing at the Lomira pond, swimming at the Lomira pool or "camping" out in the backyard! Once in middle school and high school, I became involved in sports year-round during the school year (Cross County, Basketball and Track) and worked weekends and summers at the local McDonalds.



Tell me about your family now.

I have 4 wonderful nephews and 2 amazing nieces that occupy a well-deserved portion of my time, all of whom are 10 or younger (quite the energetic group)! My oldest sister currently lives out in Queens, NY with my other sister more local in FDL and brother nearby in Lake Zurich, IL. My parents recently made a move to FDL and will soon begin enjoying retirement together after long stints at Grande Cheese and SSM Health (previously Agnesian), respectively. Of course, I can't leave out my best friend Buster who's been brightening my days for the last 7+ years after finding him at a local dog rescue.



What is your favorite thing to do?

One of my favorite things to do is gardening! I have many fond memories helping in the small backyard garden plot while growing up. Ever since moving back to Lomira, it was a goal of mine to rejuvenate the family homestead to its former glory (and then some), first and foremost replanting rhubarb at the request of my grandmother (Jan Clapp). Fruits and vegetables as well as annual/perennial flowers frequent my yard, and it brings me great joy to share my harvest with others.



Aside from gardening, I also enjoy distance running as well as collecting antiques and local memorabilia, a passion and interest that was bestowed upon me from Graci (Grantman) Bucklen at an early age.

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

God is constantly at work, even if you don't see or feel that to be so. Too often, I've found myself becoming down or upset with a specific situation or certain outcome in life. In His time, I've come to realize that in every case, God was fostering spiritual growth in me for what He has to come. Romans 5:1-5 (NIV)

What is your biggest blessing?

My biggest blessing(s) would have to be my family (both immediate and extended) in addition to my close friend group from college. I've been fortunate to have such loving and caring people of faith close by each and every day, to impart wisdom and knowledge, and to help guide me through life's inevitable challenges. I wouldn't be who I am today without them (and Christ) and for that I am eternally grateful.



What is your favorite memory?

Some of my favorite church memories include Sunday School and other youth activities early on in my journey at Trinity. I can still recall the excitement of being picked up after school by Gene and Marge Junger to go to LOGOS, specifically getting to sit in the backward facing seat of their wagon!



Outside of church, another specific favorite memory of mine is running the 800m and 4x800m relay at the state track meet in La Crosse, WI senior year of high school. Thanks to the many difficult workouts and the guidance of Coach Muentner, I was able to break the school record in both, placing on the podium in the open 800m.

What brought you to Trinity?

I have deep roots here at Trinity (and Lomira in general) that date back to the early days of the WI Evangelical Church. My great great grandfather Rev. John Klein actually served as the Wisconsin Conference secretary from 1911-16, and my family had been a part of Salem United Brethren Church and now Trinity ever since. I was both baptized and confirmed here at Trinity, and most recently reviving my membership and involvement with the church since moving back to the area.

What do you want to see more of at Trinity?

I would love to see more organized local community involvement, whether through specific events, service outreach, etc. I would also like to see our youth and young adult ministry grow and expand. Through my participation and involvement in the student organization Campus Crusade for Christ while attending UW-Madison, I learned the importance and impact God can have at that early stage in life.

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

I currently serve as the Church Treasurer and Youth Group Leader here at Trinity. I was glad to be able to step into the role of treasurer last Spring and honored to be asked to help with the youth beginning last fall. Aside from those duties, I also participate in the music ministry here at Trinity, being a part of both the singing and bell choirs, the Trinity Band and ensembles with Jason and Priscilla, and singing and playing guitar on occasion. I also look forward to getting the contemporary worship band back together which I've been remiss on getting around too (thanks for being patient!).





Disaffiliation Fund

Help Us Reach Our Goal

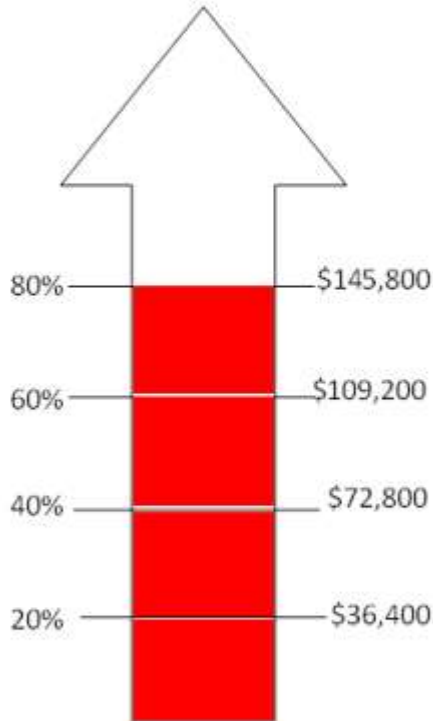
Breakdown

Donations have been received from:

- 43 Households (63 members)
- 3 non members

There is still time to give in order to meet our July 1 deadline!

Goal: \$182,000
 Money raised: \$144,871
 Pledges Remaining \$ 275
 Balance Needed \$ 36,854



If you can help, contact Bill Buske or Deb Zinnel
80% of goal reached as of 5/10/24

This is the last call for raising funds for our disaffiliation obligation.

From day one, we said the **funding had to come from the "heart,"** not from someone knocking on your door demanding funds.

So, here we are, with one month remaining and we are approximately **\$35,000 short of our goal.**

To date, 63 members or (43 households) have raised close to \$150,000. Thank you to all who have donated.

These numbers indicate that only 1/3 of our of our members have contributed. As a member of TMC and the Global Methodist Church, I think we are better then one-third involvement.

June is the end of the fund raiser. If you would like to participate, **send checks or cash to Bill Buske or Deb Zinnel labeled "Disaffiliation!"**

Thanks for helping out!

Bill Buske



The **"Strategic Vision Team"** will hold their first meeting on **Tuesday, June 11 at 6:00 P.M.**

This team, made up of individuals who signed up last fall or were recruited

because of their position of leadership in the church, will be trained as to what the expectations of being a member of this team entails.

The goal of this group is to create a vision for TMC moving forward.

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Let There Be Music



We thank the precious Sunday School children for working hard singing praises. Trinity is blessed when they share songs at worship services. Small group, but mighty! Great job! Jesus loves you! We love you!

Priscilla and Jason

**Sunday School Music
Coordinators**



The Trinity Band is amazing and a real blessing to God and our church family. Adults and students, thanks so much for sharing your talents. God bless you for getting up early to practice and playing preludes often. It is a true joy to work together! Looking forward to a beautiful band future for Jesus! Thanks so much.

Jason—Band Director

Special Music is an ongoing way to share your gifts and talents. All are welcome and appreciated so very much. Please talk to me and I will help you to do your thing for the Lord!

A big thanks for all the never ending faithful helpers from week to week.

Attention all Men: Father's Day June 16th.

All men who enjoy singing are welcome.

The special music for the worship service will be "Faith of our Father's"

Gather to practice before the service (8:20am)

Jason—Worship Music Coordinator



Have questions or want to join in the joy of music? Call Jason at 920-922-0361 or 920-539-6929.



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.

- The family of Mike Skelton, who recently passed away 05/28
- Kathy Skelton, wife and caretaker of Mike, thanks the members of TMC for their prayers as she knows she couldn't have gotten through the past few years without the strength of God. 05/28
- The family of Jean Walkens, Victor Jewson's aunt, who recently passed away 05/28
- Vanessa Miller, granddaughter of Deb Wiedmeyer, thankful to everyone for their prayers and love. Vanessa has recovered finally and is ready for summer play. 05/28
- The family of Iris Kay Bulson, Pam Wellso's mother, who recently passed away 05/21
- Sarah Kretschmer completed third "rough" chemo treatment—one "rough" treatment remains, then onto a 12 week chemo session 05/21
- Mary, sister-in-law of Pam Hilker, had chemo beads injected on 04/18 - tumor has shrunk slightly, two additional cancer spots found on recent scan 05/18
- Pam Hilker at home recovering from a successful surgery, pathology report came back clean, no additional treatment needed at this time, follow up in 3 months 5/16
- Tim Westphal, David Luedtke's neighbor, finished cancer treatment - awaiting testing 05/16
- David Menzer, Fred's Brother, seeing some small improvements in certain health conditions 5/08
- Nancy Feucht, Casey Buske's mother, diagnosed with a rare blood cancer, upcoming bone marrow biopsy 01/14

Father's Day Prayer

Thank you God,
for my father who loves me,
for my grandfather
who cares for me
and for God,
my eternal father,
who made me
and is always with me.
How Blessed I am!
Amen

Golden Club

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

Gerald Klein

Turns 89 on 6/3

N11284 Butternut Rd.

Lomira, WI 53048

Lee Oestreich

Turns 83 on 6/10

W5808 Church Rd.

Fond du Lac, WI 54937

Nancy Andrews

Turns 82 on 6/11

W6844 County Rd. Y

Brownsville, WI 53006

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



June Birthdays

- 1 Lucas Hodny
- 3 Jerry Klein
- 4 Carlie Priesgen
Joshua Wroblewski
- 5 Victoria Bloch
- 7 Mitchell Janke
- 8 Colton Luedtke
- 10 Kathy Lavarda
Brenda Michels
Lee Oestreich
- 11 Nancy Andrews
Brian Meyer
Trisha Schwanke
- 12 Faye Beck
Nicole Dittbemer
- 15 Jeff Unferth
- 16 Cassie Beck
- 18 Dan Dewhurst
Amanda Ditter
- 19 Jessica Marschie
- 22 Michelle Large
- 25 Jenny Priesgen
- 26 Wayde Beck

June Anniversaries

- 25 Richard & Anne Ullius
- 27 Will & Diana Jewson
- 28 Joshua & Jessica Marschie



TUMC Budget Totals



Year to date needed to meet budget: \$84,420.00

Received through May 19, 2024: \$67,692.31

Budget Shortfall: \$16,727.69

June 2024 TMC-Lomira

Worship Service 9:00 AM

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 VBS 8:30am— 2:30pm
2 9:00am Communion Sunday 9:00am Bell Choir Finale	3	4	5 Pastor @ Great Lakes Provisional Conference 6:30pm AA	6 Pastor @ GLPC	7 Pastor @ GLPC	8 10:00am Food Pantry
9	10	11 6:00pm Strategic Vision Group Meeting	12 6:30pm AA & AI-non	13	14	15
16 	17	18	19 6:30pm AA & AI-non	20 First Day of Summer 	21	22 10:00am Food Pantry
23	24 12:00pm Blood Bank 	25	26 6:30pm AA & AI-non	27	28	29
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Mulongo Mpoyo, Pastor

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WORSHIP SERVICES

9:00 A.M.

Sunday School/Youth Group, Coffee Connection 10:00 AM

Church Office Hours:

Tues-Thur 9AM-1PM

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