



Worship Service: 9:00 AM  
Sunday School: 9:15 AM  
Youth Group/Connections: 10:00 AM

*Christ, A Savior is Born*



*December 2024 Monthly Newsletter*

**December Worship Schedule**

**12/01, 12/08, 12/15 ~ Worship Services 9:00 a.m.**

**12/22 ~ Children's Program 9:00 a.m.**

**12/24 ~ 4:00p.m. (Contemporary)**

**12/24 ~ 6:00p.m. (Adult Choir, Bells, and the Trinity Band will perform)**

**12/29 ~ Hymn Sing**

**9:00 a.m.**



Dear Trinity Methodist Church Family,

December is upon us, and with its arrival, the festive rush begins. This month is a bustling time filled with the joy of finding perfect gifts for our loved ones, adorning our homes with sparkling decorations, preparing sumptuous feasts, and partaking in joyous celebrations and gatherings. Our calendars overflow with visits to concerts where we savor the harmonies of bands and choirs, bask in the grandeur of performances like the Messiah, and root for our favorite teams at basketball and football games.

Amidst this overwhelming busyness, I urge you to pause and make a sincere commitment to God and yourself. This year, let's pledge to remain vigilant and fully present as we anticipate celebrating the birth of Jesus, our Savior made flesh. The simplicity of the manger, the humility of the shepherds, and the sight of the baby Jesus wrapped in cloth; these scenes invite us to reflect and offer thanks. As proclaimed by the angel in Luke 2:12: *"This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."*

Advent beckons us not only to celebrate Jesus' miraculous birth but also to meditate on His promise to return and usher in a new heaven and a new earth. As Revelation 21:1 unwraps, *"Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away."* Therefore, we must stay alert and prepared. Jesus cautions us in Matthew 24:42, *"Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come."*

As we journey toward Christmas Day with watchful hearts and eager anticipation, I invite you and your families to participate in each step of our Advent path. Let us discover together what this sacred season teaches us about God's enduring love and our own spiritual paths.

This year, we are excited to host two Candlelight Services on Christmas Eve. Our first gathering from 4:00 to 5:15 pm features a contemporary service enlivened with Scripture readings and uplifting carols led by the Trinity Praise Band. Following that, from 6:00 to 7:15 pm, we invite you to a traditional service filled with reflections on God's word, congregational carol singing, and special performances by the Adult Choir and Bell Choir. The Trinity Band will grace us with an attractive prelude to commence the evening. These services are splendid opportunities to rejoice and honor the sacred arrival of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Here is a preview of the scriptural reflections and sermon themes we will explore this month:

- December 1, 2024: Luke 21:25-36 – "Faith Over Fearful Signs: Being Alert at All Times"
- December 8, 2024: Luke 3:1-6 – "Turning Hearts in Preparation for the Lord's coming"
- December 15, 2024: Luke 3:7-18 – "What then Should We Do?"
- December 22, 2024: "Sunday School Program"
- December 24, 2024: Luke 2:1-20 – "The Good News of Great Joy For All"

Yes, December is indeed bustling with activity. Let's make sure that worshiping and celebrating God not only appears on our agendas but holds a place of prominence, perhaps even at the very top!

May the peace and grace of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, envelop you this festive season.

Merry Christmas!

Rev. Mulongo Mpoyo







# Trinity Shoebox Project

Let the Shoebox journey begin!

"Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or Imagine, according to His power that is at work with in us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever! Amen" Ephesians 3:20-21

**Many Thanks to YOU**---for Giving your Time and Gifts to God for the Blessing of children around the world. What a privilege we have to serve and be a part in changing a life for eternity. These children will know there is Hope when they open their shoebox. The thrill of knowing that God Loves them!!!

Toward the end of October, the Trinity Shoebox Project Team spent two nights packing shoeboxes from our accumulated inventory. On these nights, 454 shoeboxes were loaded with wonderful gifts. This means, that many children will hear of the love of Jesus and approximately 10 times that will be reached through one shoebox. The impact is Great!!!!

As you reflect on this past year--*Pray* for safe travels for these boxes and the many people that handle them. *Pray* for the children, their families, and communities that millions of lives will be changed for the Glory of God, through His Son Jesus Christ, the best gift ever!!!!





# Good News. Great Joy.

Look what God accomplished thru us! We are the hands and feet of Jesus. Together we celebrate what God has done and what God has allowed us to be a part of. God is moving through so many people to get HIS gospel out to the ends of the earth.

Because of the generosity of so many, 511 shoeboxes, filled with wonderful gifts, have started their journey. Also, some larger items and those in abundance from our inventory were donated to the Hartford Shoebox Project so the gifts would reach the children this year.

Each shoebox is a tangible expression of God's love and an opportunity to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with a child, their family, and their community.



As previously reported, November 30<sup>th</sup> is the fiscal year-end for the Trinity Shoebox Project. We are elated to report that after our expenses are covered, we are able to provide the entire requested \$10 donation for each shoebox we collectively packed – **AMAZING!** We are excited about the future of the Trinity Shoebox Project ministry and will continue to pray that God will provide blessings to share as our TEAM and passion grows. The Trinity Shoebox Project is a year-round ministry and activity is already underway for next year. Our team seeks opportunities to take advantage of deal shopping throughout the year to get the most for every dollar of all financial donations. The hands and feet of Jesus are also already in motion on many projects. How will God work through you to share HIS gospel in the coming year?



A special THANK YOU to our Trinity Shoebox Team who have dedicated their time and talents to inscribe cards, sew dresses, pencil cases, blankets, sewing kits, tote bags, fleece bags, loom knitted hats, crocheted doll clothing and purses, cut t-shirts and braided jump ropes, assembled fishing, sewing and bead kits, crafted learning activities, washer necklaces, hand-held fishing “poles”, wooden tractors and other toys, peg-jump games... and SO much more!!

Christmas  
BLESSINGS

Our appreciation also goes out to those who contributed money, bargain shopped, made bulk purchases, and kept this project in mind when purging overstock at work and at home. Those who organized fundraisers as well as those who supported them are truly amazing! We simply could NOT do this without you. What an amazing group of volunteers we have!! We are truly blessed.

Amy Unferth & Heidi Zingsheim

# **Church Council Meeting Minutes**

November 12, 2024 6:00P.M. -7:20 P.M.

Date: November 12, 2024

Time: 6:00-7:20pm

Location: TMC

Facilitator: Bill Buske

Note Taker: Deb Zinniel

## **Approval of Minutes**

The minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed and approved.

## **Highlights:**

- Meeting Opened with Prayer
- Reports given by: Finance, Compassionate Fund and all other chairs as well as Pastor Mulongo.
  - Women's Ministry: Chair Needed. Looking for volunteers for this position.
  - Approved 2025 Budget with an amount of \$223,953.00. This budget included a slight increase for Pastor Mpoyo and Admin Jill Franklin.
- All volunteers were thanked for their service to the church. Many hours were put in recently by those supporting Landscaping efforts, OCC, and the Spaghetti Supper.
- The children's Christmas Program will be held on December 22, 2024. This will be held during the 9:00am service with Cookie Sunday to follow.
- Steeple and Parking lot repairs were discussed along with a background of what research has been done to date. Plan will be to move forward with action in Spring.
- Contemporary Equipment Need and Usage -fund raising options were discussed and a committee was put in place to address the needs.

## **Christmas Eve service times have been set. They are as follows:**

4:00 P.M. - Contemporary Service

6:00 P.M. - Traditional Service ( Adult Choir, Bells, and Trinity Band will perform)

## **Old Business:**

- Review of Fred Ferguson Gospel Service, Contemporary Service, and the Spaghetti Supper.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:20P.M.





## Memorial Committee- Submitted by: Augie Luedtke



### What is the main purpose of your ministry?

To utilize the funds, given through memorials, to promote the church and its activities.

### Who are the members involved in your ministry?

Augie Luedtke and Faye Beck

### What is a recent project you worked on with your ministry?

Update the sign boards on Ashford Avenue and Church Street. Additionally, we printed up the TMC yard signs so members could proudly display their affiliation with TMC.

### What do you need from TMC to be more successful as a ministry?

We need individuals to think about leaving a portion of their finances to TMC after they pass. We need to ensure the church has finances available as we head into the next generation and that we can continue our mission to Love, Grow, Serve.

### How can members become involved in your ministry?

We need members to talk to their friends and family about TMC. They need to promote TMC's activities and help bring new individuals into the church.





## Trustees - Submitted by Jeff Unferth



### What is the main purpose of your ministry?

To handle maintenance projects around the church and parsonage.

### Who are the members involved in your ministry?

Wayde Beck, Steve Unferth, Jeff Zingsheim, Gordie Zimmerman, Dan Dewhurst, Carol Dilling, Lee Oestreich, Augie Luedtke, Jim Sauer, and Doug Kiehnau.

### What is a recent project you worked on with your ministry?

Reupholster church pews, fix heater in the kitchen, replace the outside spotlight, researching parking lot and steeple repair, re-shingle the roof, etc.

### What do you need from TMC to be more successful as a ministry?

We need more volunteers to step up and help with the projects. We need additional

finances to work on the parking lot and steeple.

### How can members become involved in your ministry?

Just feel free to talk to any of our members. Volunteer, volunteer, volunteer.



Jeff is retiring as the head of the Trustees. If you see Jeff, please thank him for his years of service and his dedication to the church, parsonage, and grounds.

Replacing Jeff will be co chairs:

Wayde Beck  
Dan Dewhurst  
Jeff Zingsheim



## Please welcome our new handbell ringers this season.

We are so grateful for both continuing and new members. Please thank them when you see them!

We are working to present "O Come, Emmanuel" December 8th as well as "Angels We Have Heard On High" for the 6 p.m. Christmas Eve service. Handbell ringing is a unique and complex form, an ensemble where we are asked to sound like 12 people playing one instrument! We hope this ministry enriches your worship experience and gives us yet another way to praise God!

**New ringers** - Shirley Klein, Barb Sauer, Veronica Sauer, Michel Mwanza, and Ellie Alf; Heidi Zingsheim (seasonal)

**Continuing ringers**- Priscilla Ehlert, Kathy Drexler, John Lavarda, Jason Ehlert. Michelle Large, Cheryl Meyer

Directing with Joy and Gratitude,  
Clarice Drummond (248-568-8026)





*You are invited to join us  
for a cup of Christmas Tea!*

**Sunday, December 8  
1:00pm-3:00pm**

Light lunch will be served.

*Open to All Ladies: Middle School through the Golden Years*

Please feel free to invite your mothers, sisters, best friends and neighbors; anyone who may enjoy a moment of rest and pampering before the hectic holiday time starts.

Any questions? Please see Deb Bintzler-Oestreich or Barb Sauer.



In the spirit of the season, we are calling all Sewers and Shoppers to help decorate our Mitten Tree! We are collecting hats, mittens/gloves, and scarves to help those in need in our area. Please support our

mission by donating "handmade" or store bought items and placing them on the mitten tree in the Connections Room.

Please do your part to keep other's hands, heads, and hearts warm this winter.



If you have a spirit of praise and song in your heart, the TMC choir is for you!

Why not try something new in 2025 and join our adult choir? Practices are on Wednesdays at

6:00P.M. All you need is a willing attitude and a sense of adventure!



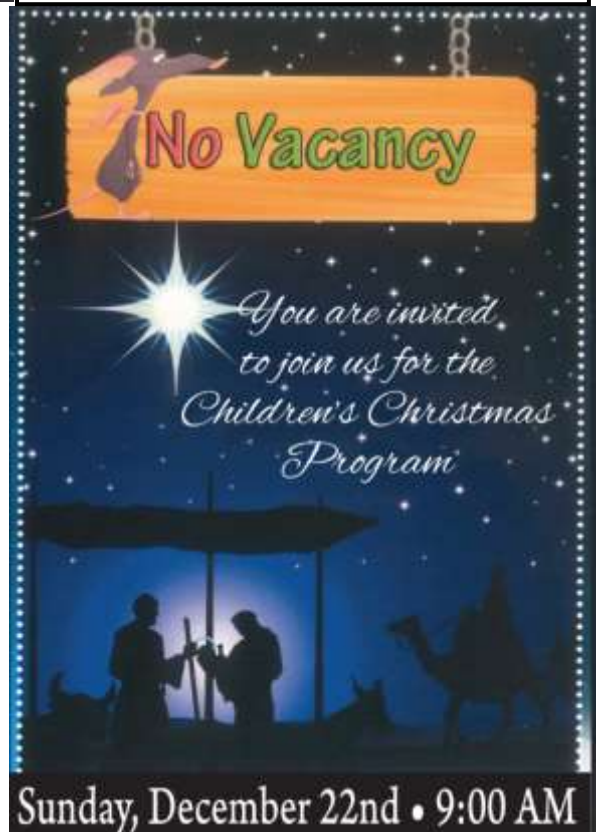
Reunited, and it feels so good!

On a recent visit to Colorado, TMC member Pam Hilker stopped in to visit another TMC member, Gwen Hinz.

Many laughs and memories were shared at their visit!



We will once again have Christmas Cookie Sunday on December 22nd after the Children's Program service. Donations of Christmas cookies are appreciated. Please drop them off in the kitchen before service that day. Thank you!



*You are invited  
to join us for the  
Children's Christmas  
Program*

**Sunday, December 22nd • 9:00 AM**





Not everyone is able to make it to church. Please remember these Trinity friends this Christmas with cards and Christmas cheer.

### AT HOME:

**Elaine Muehlius**  
N10453 SR175  
Lomira, WI 53048

### NURSING HOMES:

**Harold (Had) Johnson**  
Sage Meadow  
597 Kingswood Ave  
Fond du Lac, WI 54935

**Gene Junger**  
St. Frances Home  
33 Everett St.  
Fond du Lac, WI 54935

**Gene Hake**  
Hope Senior Living  
475 Grove Street  
Lomira, WI 53048



State Champions! After beating Belleville 36-0 in the Division 6 state semi-final game, the Lions earned the opportunity to compete at UW Madison Camp Randall Stadium. On 11/21 Lomira beat Grantsburg 26-19 to become the first ever football team in school history to win the state title. Congratulations to TMC's very own Dalton Zingsheim and Kincade Todt! As starting offensive linemen, Kincade played right tackle while Dalton played left guard and was the punter.



Lomira High School's Easton Zangl (17), Joshua Poister (63), Jackson Goebel (4) and Dalton Zingsheim (54) celebrate following the Lion's victory over Grantsburg High School during their WIAA Division 6 state championship football game at Camp Randall Stadium in Madison, Wis. on Thursday, November 21, 2024. Lomira defeated Grantsburg 26-19, Wm. Glasheen USA TODAY NETWORK-Wisconsin

# Lomira FFA

Thank you to the Lomira FFA for hosting a food drive to help stock our local food pantry. During their recent drive, they collected 250# for the holidays. Thank you, FFA!







## Annual Election Day Spaghetti Supper

- 339 meals served
- Spaghetti dinner profit - \$3,040.00 profit applied toward the "general budget"
- Bake Sale Profit - \$1210 (a new record!) - profit applied towards OCC postage
- Oodles and Oodles of volunteers—Thank you!





## Golden Club

**Shirley Klein turns  
90 on December  
13th!**

**N11284 Butternut Rd  
Lomira, WI 53048**

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



The family of Robert and Vivian Miner recently donated this planter to Trinity Methodist Church.

The planter was constructed with bricks from Salem Evangelical United Brethern Church.

After some small repairs, flowers will be planted in it next spring.

## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 Janie Hodny  
7 Emmitt Todl  
8 Fred Menzer  
Prentice Reitz  
10 Aiden Stoffel  
11 Robert Gudex  
Kathy Walker  
13 Shirley Klein  
Katelynn  
Kretschmer  
15 Tyler Michels  
16 Pam Hilker  
18 Pam Dewhurst  
19 Molly Michels  
21 Luke Reitz  
Katie Schwanke

## DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

4 Gerry & Cheryl Meyer  
11 Lee Oestreich & Debbie  
Bintzler-Oestreich  
29 Larry & Judy Schraufnagel  
30 Richard & Sandy Zitlow



If bad weather occurs and TMC Worship Services need to be canceled you can check the following locations, where it will be announced.

**Text: Please be sure to let the office know your cell phone number & keep it up to date. This is the fastest way to know of any cancellations.**

**Facebook :**  
Trinity Methodist Church Lomira

**Email**  
An email will be sent out to our TMC Digital Newsletter subscribers. Please keep your info with the office up to date.

**Website:**  
[www.trinitylomira.org](http://www.trinitylomira.org)

All weekly events will also be cancelled at TMC during the week if the Lomira School System is closing or has cancelled after school activities.

Remember...Safety First! God Bless!



### CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

#### The church office will be closed:

- Week of December 23
- Week of December 30.

If you have an emergency and need to talk to Pastor Mpoyo, please call 414-690-5796.

*The January Newsletter  
Deadline is  
December 17th. Please have all  
of your articles into the*

#### TUMC Budget Totals

Year to date needed to meet budget:  
\$198,387.00  
Received through 11-24-2024:  
\$163,702.62  
Budget Shortfall: \$34,684.38

# LET US PRAY

## Prayer Concerns

- Mark Sterr, friend of Faye Beck, diagnosed with rare illness which requires special treatment and causes other health related problems 11/26
- Mary Karius, Barb Sauer's sister, intubated at Froedtert ICU, with Stage 4 lung cancer infection 11/26
- Anne Biesek, friend of Betty Menzer, diagnosed with Luekemia, hospitalized 11/19
- Harold Johnson, moving to Sage Meadow in FDL 11/19
- Gene Hake, fell and broke arm, he is currently staying at Hope Senior Living 11/26
- Roger Scharfenberg, joy for a successful surgery and for your prayers 11/19
- Rob Kiehna, Doug Kiehna's brother, Stage 4 Prostate Cancer, 11/13
- Sarah Kretschmer, in remission, still healing from radiation burns 11/12
- Bill Toll, friend of Sarah Kretschmer, stage 4 liver cancer 11/12
- Adam Holzman, coworker of Sarah Kretschmer, chemo is going well 11/12
- Jeff Luedtke, starting treatment by taking oral chemo 11/05
- David Menzer, Fred's Brother, finishing up with therapy 10/30
- Steve, close friend of Deb Zinniel, prostate cancer 10/22
- Mary, sister-in-law of Pam Hilker, difficulty with new cancer treatments 10/12
- Gene Junger, staying at St. Francis Home in Fond du Lac 10/05
- Nancy Feucht, Casey Buske's mother, diagnosed with a rare blood cancer 06/01



We are thankful for those who took the time to help decorate God's house for Advent and Christmas. This was a fun Trinity family time. God bless your talented hands and generous hearts.

May all who enter, enjoy and feel the peace of the season.

Most importantly, let's all get our hearts ready for the coming of Jesus as he is the reason for the season.





# December 2024 TMC-Lomira

Worship Services 9:00 AM / Sunday School 9:15 AM  
Connections / Youth Group 10:00 AM

						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:00am Communion Sunday / Choir Sunday	2 1:00pm Book of the Romans Study	3	4  6:00pm Choir 6:30 AA 7:00 Bells	5	6	7
8  9:00am Service / Bells 1:00pm - Ladies Christmas Tea	9	10	11  6:00pm Choir 6:30 AA 7:00 Bells	12	13	14  9:00am Men's Group 10:00am Food Pantry
15 9:00am Service / Adult Choir	16	17	18 6:00pm Choir 6:30 AA 7:00 Bells	19	20	21
22 9:00am Sunday School Children's Program	23	24 4:00pm Contemporary Service 6:00pm Traditional Service	25 	26 	27	28
29  9:00am Hymn Sing	30 	31 	1 	2 	3 	

Rev. Mulongo Mpoyo  
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**WORSHIP SERVICES**

Adult Sunday School—7:45 A.M.  
Service – 9:00 A.M.  
Sunday School/Youth Group 10:00 AM  
Coffee Connection 10:00 AM

Church Office Hours:  
Tues-Thur 9AM-1PM

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*Return Service Requested*