



Salvation -

“There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.”

Acts 4:12



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April 2025 Monthly Newsletter



Dear Trinity Methodist Church Family,

As April unfolds around us, I find myself pausing to notice the quiet miracles of God's creation. While mornings and evenings still carry the crisp chill of winter, with temperatures sometimes dipping into the 30s, our afternoons bless us with warmer breezes in the 50s, gently announcing the arrival of spring. Have you noticed the tulips pushing their green shoots through the cold ground? These small wonders remind us of our Creator's artistry. The Psalmist beautifully declares, "*The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands*" (Psalm 19:1). In this transition from winter to spring, we see our Lenten journey reflected clearly, moving from darkness into glorious light.

Our Wednesday Lenten services, held at 7:00 PM, continue to guide us deeper into spiritual renewal. On April 2, we will explore "*Nurturing Spiritual Growth*" (Galatians 4:19; 1 Thessalonians 5:22-24), reflecting on Christ's patient work within our lives. Then, on April 9, the service titled "*Cleansing Our Conscience*" (Hebrews 10:22-24) will remind us of God's amazing power to fully cleanse and renew our hearts.

Palm Sunday on April 13 will come alive as our Sunday School presents "*By the Tree*," a play set along the road to Jerusalem. This special day marks the start of Holy Week, leading us to two meaningful gatherings: Maundy Thursday on April 17 at 7:00 PM, a special service of remembrance centered around Jesus' commandment to love one another (John 13:1-17), and Good Friday on April 18 at 7:00 PM, a solemn time of prayer and reflection on the sacrifice of Christ.

Then comes Easter Sunday, April 20! We will joyfully celebrate Christ's resurrection with the sermon titled, "*What Is Your Own Story of Jesus' Resurrection?*" (Luke 24:1-12). On this day, we will embrace the transformative power of the empty tomb, experiencing new life through the risen Christ.

Our regular Sunday services throughout April will also explore inspiring themes:

- On April 6, the sermon "*Worship or Waste?*" (John 12:1-8) will challenge us to consider how we honor Jesus through our offerings and devotion.
- On April 27, "*Unlocking Doors of Faith*" (John 20:19-31) will encourage us to open our hearts fully to the power of belief, trusting deeply in Christ's presence and peace.

To my beloved Trinity family, your faithful presence is truly a precious gift. Whether you have been part of our church for many decades or just a few weeks, you belong here. As Paul lovingly encouraged, "*May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for one another*" (1 Thessalonians 3:12). This April, may our hearts, just like the awakening earth around us, rise anew in the grace of God.

From the shadows of the cross to the glorious dawn of resurrection, let us walk these holy days together. Every tulip that blooms and each warm breeze gently whispers this joyful truth: **Our God brings life out of death.**

With the anticipated Easter joy,

Rev. Mulongo Mpoyo

P.S. Who in your life needs to hear the wonderful news, "*Christ is risen!*"? Let's boldly share this hope.



The **Trinity Shoebox Project** has been blessed by the generosity of many! Several have volunteered to assist with tasks such as banding cutlery, preparing lacing cards, and inscribing uplifting messages on your donated Christmas cards. Others have used their talents to craft gifts such as beautiful purses, praise ribbons, and handmade doll blankets. And yet others are generous shoppers, who take the extra time to locate deals, the 'thrill-of-the-chase', and go the extra mile, literally.



What we accomplish through the Trinity Shoebox Project is truly a team effort. We **THANK ALL** who participate in some capacity and also those who provide needed support. We are grateful for the opportunity to be the hands and feet of Jesus. May God bless you abundantly!



For more information, please follow Trinity Shoebox Project on Facebook





Cemetery Board -Submitted by:
Doug Kiehnau

What is the main purpose of your ministry? We make it available for deceased members and non-members to be buried at Emmanuel, Ebenezer, or Salem cemeteries or have their cremated remains spread in Trinity Woods.

Who are the members involved in your ministry? Glen Wellso, Jan Guell, Dan Michels, Jason Ehlert, Jeff Faber, Clarice Drummond, Doug Kindschuh, Wayde Beck, and myself.

What is a recent project you worked on with your ministry? I've been researching family members who have been buried at one of our cemeteries that have no available records. I use the "Find a Grave" website along with the Fond du Lac and Dodge County Records to determine who is buried in the unmarked graves.



What are the goals for your ministry? Our goals are to make the family members of the deceased content with our price and maintenance of the cemetery grounds.

How can members become involved in your ministry? Members can step up when a position becomes available on the board. Additionally, they can research unmarked graves or volunteer information when they know about an unreadable gravestone.

*Faith is the journey
from believing in God
to trusting God.*

What has your personal faith journey looked like?



Recently, I asked Nancy Hammock what her faith journey has looked like. Here is her response...

So, we have come full circle. We came to Trinity in the early 70's when we moved to Wisconsin. We church shopped for a few years and found that Lomira was the most welcoming and friendly. We made Trinity our home and met so many people who became "family" to us since we had no other relatives here. Reverend Clifford Olsen told me he would adopt us. We transferred our membership, neither of us were Methodist, and became involved in church activities, Sunday School teaching, missions work, Bible School, and Trustees. Our boys were confirmed here and our grandkids dedicated here.

After 30+ years, we made a decision to go to Fond du Lac and transferred our membership to Salem United Methodist. We worked with the youth, taught Sunday School, involved in all missions, went to Red Bird 5 times and to Henderson Settlement once on summer mission trips. Our 3 grandsons were confirmed there and we made many wonderful and lasting friendships.

Then came the decision by the conference and the Bishop to go in a direction we weren't comfortable with and didn't believe. I, Nancy, have been called racist and addled in the brain, but that really isn't me. I just have strong beliefs regarding marriage, social justice issues (Black Lives Matter) and the LGBTQ community. They are welcome in any church I am associated with and they certainly can be friends, and are, but don't try to make me believe the same as they do and that they are right and I'm wrong, that doesn't work for me. When we read about what the Bishop was espousing and learned more about the direction of the "United" Methodist Church, that wasn't us! Salem was told to listen to Pastor Adam Hamilton speak on line and learn what the future of the church was going to be. I had several Bible studies written by Adam Hamilton and they were outstanding. He is so well respected and his mega church brings in thousand of people every Sunday, BUT what he had to say was contrary to my beliefs. Salem people never discussed the disaffiliation, never had a question and answer session, they were completely in the dark. Of course that didn't mean they couldn't find answers on their own, but many didn't. Since that was the case, we felt we should come back to Trinity or a church that was aware of the decisions the conference was proposing on gay marriage, gay pastors in the pulpit and the redefining of marriage in the Book of Discipline. Our children and grandchildren should be safe from woke, transgender ideas and not have "the church" support those ideas and proudly fly the rainbow flag.

This church was a home and haven to us and we will forever be grateful for having found Trinity Methodist. I think, as the song says, "We are one in the spirit, we are one in the Lord. We will walk and work with each other and all the time praying that all unity will one day be restored, and They'll know we are Christian by our love.

I am the church, you are the church, we are the church together! - Bill and Nancy Hammock



Whatever You Do

Whatever you do to the least of my people
That you do unto me.

When I was hungry, you gave me to eat;
When I was thirsty you gave me to drink.
Now enter into the home of my Father.
Whatever you do to the least of my people
That you do unto me.

When I was homeless, you opened your door;
When I was naked, you gave me your coat.
Now enter into the home of my Father.
Whatever you do to the least of my people
That you do unto me.

When I was weary, you helped me find rest;
When I was anxious, you calmed all my fears.
Now enter into the home of my Father.
Whatever you do to the least of my people
That you do unto me.

Matthew 25:35-36
Willard F. Jabusch

2025 Totals

648 boxes = 139,968 meals

Feeds 383 children for 1 year



What are you doing to grow in your faith this Lent?

Here are a few responses from those who recently stopped in the church office.

Love like Jesus loves, forgive like Jesus forgives

Learn more about God by attending bible study

Keep the Sunday sermon in my heart

Increase my prayer time

Listen to religious podcasts

Read the bible

Sing praises to God

Attend every Wednesday night Lenten service

Learn the words to the music we sing at our Contemporary Service



March 11, 2025

6:00P.M.

Reports Given by Chairs Included:

- Good News from Treasurer John L that Trinity received \$17,39.64 from the IRS (Covid Money)
 - ⇒ Currently , TMC has no debt
 - ⇒ Unfortunately, giving is not meeting budget needs
- Membership update, given by Mary, noted that Mary reached out to those not attending or donating in 2024 to assure they were still looking to keep membership with TMC
- Augie Luedtke, Memorial Fund Chair, noted the Memorial Fund will pay for back lighting of church stained glass windows
- Tammy Steers, Christian Education Chair, updated the Council that on Palm Sunday, the Sunday School children and Youth Group will be performing the play, "The Tree" during church service.
 - ⇒ VBS will be May 16-17
 - ⇒ Plans for Mother's Day and Golden Club birthday

- Trustee Wayde Beck scheduled a water inspection with The Lomira Water Department for cross contamination. He made the necessary repairs to pass inspection.
 - ⇒ Discussion held on Spring yard clean up
 - ⇒ Parking lot repairs - researching options and estimates on the parking lot
- John Muentner gave update on sound system in church
- Men's Ministry will plan the Easter Breakfast
- Preliminary planning has started to have a Gospel music Sunday in September with Fred Ferguson
- Reminder will be made the first Sunday of the month to encourage people to read the monthly newsletter. Copies will be made available in the Connection Room for those who find it easier to read a paper copy.
- Next Meeting 5/13/25 6:00P.M.

BY THE TREE



Sunday, April 13th • 9:00 AM Service

Please come enjoy this wonderful play that the Sunday School & Youth Group will be performing. Invite family and friends to fill our church!!



Why not put all your eggs in one basket? Or at least one frying pan!.

Trinity will once again host Easter breakfast.

Breakfast will be served from 8:15am-9:00am followed by the Easter Service. (Those taking part in the worship service, feel free to come at 8:00am so you can attend breakfast and practice before service begins.)

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.

SCHOLARSHIP REMINDERS

Applications are due April 15, 2025

TMC will award scholarships

...to **high school seniors** pursuing their first year of higher education in 2025. Scholarship information and guidelines can be found at: www.trinitylomira.org

If you have any questions contact Tammy Steers or Carissa Backhaus, the Directors of Christian Education at

tammy@westphals.com

tolzmann@gmail.com



The Christian Education department is offering **scholarships 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**.

Please submit your essay to churchofficerumc@gmail.com



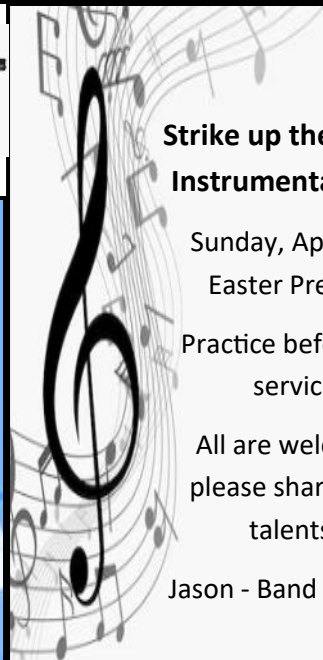
Strike up the Trinity Instrumental Band

Sunday, April 20 - Easter Prelude

Practice before the service

All are welcome, please share your talents!

Jason - Band Director



Methodist Church
Trinity
Lomira
LOVE. GROW. SERVE.

SETSAIL!

EVERYONE WELCOME

VBS - Friday, May 9th 6pm - 8pm
Saturday, May 10th 9am - 2pm

Please call the church office to sign-up or pickup a registration form - (920) 269-4411
VBS is FREE to all — Please bring a friend along!! Friday Nite we will have a campfire and Smore's!!
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A LETTER TO MY CHURCH FAMILY

Dear TMC Family,
I just wanted to thank you all for your thoughts and heartfelt prayers these past months. Your cards, phone calls, and care packages have greatly touched me. I will keep you updated on my progress as I know more.

Jeff Luedtke



Gene and I wanted to extend our appreciated thanks to our good Pastor and all the good people at Trinity for your prayers, cards, calls, and gifts while Gene has been at Hope Care. You expressed your love and caring and it meant so much to us.

Sadly, we will be leaving this loving community and moving to a facility in Pewaukee. Gene will be transported there on March 18. At that time, I will go to our daughter's house so I can continue visiting Gene every day until I complete my evaluation to reside there as well. In the interim, our family and I will be preparing our apartment for vacating it - ending April 30.

We will greatly miss all of you, but we'll keep our stored memories of you and our good experience at Trinity Methodist Church. "Thanks for the memories."

With our love and God's Blessings,

Dorothy & Gene Hake (Dorothy cell - (262)707-3955)

Our new address: Adava Care—1109 Cecelia Dr. #8 (Gene's Room#) Pewaukee, WI 53072



The Men's Group Dept. of Transport is creating a small fund to help transport members to church when they are unable to drive. Please see John M, Gordie, Glen W, or Augie to make a donation.

This donation is considered to be above and beyond your normal contribution. Don't forget the "General Fund."



Mug & Muffins & Men's Group Next Meetings

Saturday, April 20 @

Praise the Lord for all those who have given to the "Praise Band" fund. **With your generous donations, we have been able to improve the church sound system by incorporating our existing equipment with the new pieces we have purchased.**

While there have been improvements, we aren't done updating our equipment and sound system yet. So, please consider making a donation if you haven't already.

We appreciate your generosity to help support this mission. We consider this giving opportunity to be above and beyond your normal church contributions. Please don't forget to give to our "General Fund."



Wisconsin 4-H Hall of Fame Announces Class of 2025 Laureates

Leverne Senn (in memoriam) – Founding member of the Mighty Mites 4-H Club in Fond du Lac County, Leverne began her 4-H leadership journey. She served as the club leader and clothing leader of the Campbell-sport 4-H Club for 35 years. She helped grow the club to one of the largest in the county and encouraged club members to make their community a better place through many service projects.

KIDS CORNER



GUESS THE VERSE!

What did God tell Moses? Use the key on the right to crack the code.

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“BRING MY PEOPLE OUT OF EGYPT, I AM THE GOD OF YOUR FATHER.”

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		L	☺

OH LORD,
 Give us **eyes** to see
ears to hear
minds to understand
hearts to believe
 and
mouths to tell others
 of your **love**
 and **salvation**. Amen!

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CROSSWORD

DOWN:

- Number of wise men at Jesus' birth
- First book in the Bible
- He parted the Red Sea
- Jesus' mother
- Daniel was thrown into this animal's den

ACROSS:

- Word that means "good news"
- The large boat that Noah built
- Twelve followers of Jesus
- Queen who rescued the Jewish people

DOWN: 1. THREE 2. GENESIS 4. MOSES 6. MARY 8. LION - ACROSS: 3. GOSPEL 5. ARK 7. APOSTLES 9. ESTHER

The Jelly Bean Prayer

- Red** is for the blood He gave.
 - Green** is for the grass He made.
 - Yellow** is for the sun so bright.
 - Orange** is for the edge of night.
 - Black** is for the sins we made.
 - White** is for the grace He gave.
 - Purple** is for the hour of sorrow.
 - Pink** is for a new tomorrow.
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Jesus  's Me!

WHEN THE
RAINBOW
 APPEARS, REMEMBER GOD'S
PROMISE.

GENESIS 9:13-15



My Love Letter to Jesus

For God so loved the world

That he gave his only Son,

That whoever believes in him should not perish

But have eternal life.

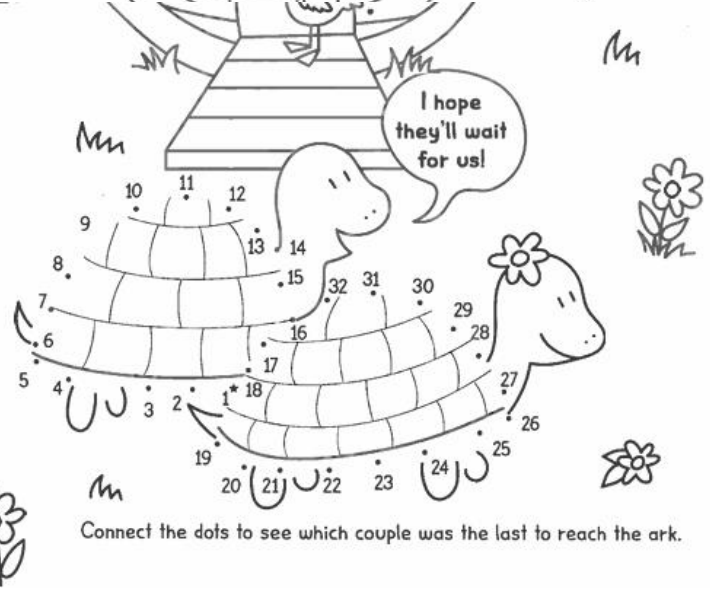
John 3:16

I love you Jesus,

Thank you for

Please help me

Please write a letter to Jesus and pray it nightly with your family. **Want to share it with the church office? It may end up in next month's newsletter.**



WORD SEARCH

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DISCIPLE CHURCH FORGIVE GRACE RISEN BIBLE
 FOLLOW JESUS SPIRIT KINGDOM ANGEL FAITH

SPOT THE DIFFERENCES!

Can you spot all 7 differences? Which instrument is David playing?





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.

- Shari Buske, at St. Lukes Hospital in Milwaukee, showing significant improvement after suffering a stroke, current plan will be to have rehab in the hospital 03/27
- **The family of Hubert Eggers** who recently passed away 03/25
- Liona Brockway, Victor Jewson's cousin, at home under hospice care 03/18
- Pastor Kerry Wilson, homebound for a few days with infection - being treated with IV 03/18
- Carlene Cardenas, health issues 03/18
- Anne Biesek, friend of Betty Menzer, in complete remission from Leukemia - 03/10
- Maria Bruggink, niece of Betty Menzer, doing well with her treatments for breast cancer 03/10
- David Menzer, Fred's Brother, stable condition while in therapy 03/10
- Larry Schraufnagel, currently in Hope Rehab - Lomira 03/10
- Tom Lentz, Jackie and Roger's friend, blood clots found in lungs and legs 03/10
- Dorothy and Gene Hake, prayers for processing a period of transition 03/10
- People in Congo, being persecuted for being Christians
- Phyllis Scharfenberg, Jackie's mother, slowly healing from knee surgery, another GI scope is scheduled to determine if her GI track is healed enough so they can stretch her esophagus. 2/26
- Jeff Luedtke, new chemotherapy and additional units of blood being administered to prepare Jeff's bone marrow for transplant. 02/25
- Mark Sterr, friend of Faye Beck, working on regaining his strength at home - has A-fib 02/11
- Amanda Schaefer, wife of Mitch, had two strokes on 12/23 after 4th child born, continued prayers for recovery 2/5
- Mary, sister-in-law of Pam Hilker, tumor marker is going down, continuing treatments 1/15
- Adam Holzman, coworker of Sarah
steady, still doing chemo 12/23

Kretschmer, numbers are

Word of the week

salvation

definition - God's plan to save us from the consequence of sin which is death and separation from him.



April Birthdays

- 1 Dell Beck
- 2 Nicole Stuckart
- 6 Lindsay Hackbarth
Gordon Zimmerman
- 8 Priscilla Ehlert
- 9 Kim Scharschmidt
- 11 Tammy Steers
- 15 Carol Luedtke
Dorothy Hake
Amber Ullius
- 16 Wayne Flury
- 20 Amy Unferth
- 21 Cameron Schaefer
- 22 Katie Stoffel
- 24 Caleb Schaefer
- 25 Jason Ehlert
- 26 Mitch Sauer
- 30 Kevin Rhein
Aubree Alf



**The May Newsletter
Deadline is April 24.**

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

Golden Club

Dorothy Hake

Turns 89 on 4/15

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Carol Luedtke

Turns 91 on 4/15

P. O. Box 86

Eden, WI 53019

Lets send them lots of Happy Birthday



Sunday, September 14

TMC's Fall Kickoff will be bigger and better this year. Look at all the events planned:

- Fred Ferguson Gospel Hour
- Pie & Ice Cream Social
- Sunday School Kickoff

You won't want to miss it! Spread the word!

April Wedding Anniversaries

- 17 Ronald & Sarah Kretschmer
- 21 Glen & Vickie Renderman
- 27 Jeffery & Heidi Zingsheim
- 29 Mark & Kathy Lavarda



Augie and Andi Luedtke proudly share the exciting news that their first great grandchild was born:

Kevi Jade Bagnall was born Sunday, March 9

She weighed 6# 15 oz. and was 20" long.

Congratulations to the family!



CONGRATULATIONS TO MOLLY AND DOMINIC REGAN ON THE BIRTH OF THEIR DAUGHTER, 'MILLY MARIE.'



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

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Fri

Sat

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6 9:00am Communion Sunday 3:00pm Girl Scouts	7 1:00pm Study of the Book of Romans	8 5:00pm Girl Scouts	9 5:00pm Bell Choir 6:00pm Choir 6:30pm AA 7:00pm Lenten Service	10	11	12 10:00am Food Pantry
13 9:00am TMC Youth Present 	14 1:00pm Study of the Book of Romans 5:00pm Girl Scouts	15	16 5:00pm Bell Choir 6:00pm Choir 6:30pm AA	17 7:00pm Maundy Thursday 	18 7:00pm Good Friday 	19 9:00am Men's Group 9:00am Mug 'N Muffin
20 8:15am Easter Sunday Breakfast 9:00am Easter-Sunday Service 	21 1:00pm Study of the Book of Romans	22 5:00pm Girl Scouts	23 6:30pm AA 7:00pm Bell Choir	24	25	26 10:00am Food Pantry
27 9:00am Contemporary Service	28 12:00pm Blood Drive 1:00pm Study of the Book of Romans	29	30 6:30pm AA 7:00pm Bell Choir			

Mulongo Mpoyo, Pastor

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WORSHIP SERVICES

9:00 A.M.

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

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