

Of all the gifts that life has to offer, a loving mother is the greatest of them all.



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May 2025| Lomira TMC Monthly Newsletter



Dear Trinity Methodist Church Family,

Spring is finally here! The snow shovels can be put away (hopefully for good this time), and every day we see more signs of new life. The maple trees have been tapped, tulips are shooting up, and lawns are turning bright green again.

Soon, we hope the sun will shine brighter and warmer, heating the earth and the air. As we drive through the areas around Lomira, Fond du Lac, and Oshkosh, the scent of freshly turned earth fills our senses. We see tractors crisscrossing the fields, readying the soil and planting new seeds. All these signs tell us that May is a month brimming with new life. Thanks be to God,

the Giver of seasons and sustainer of all life. "You make everything grow at the proper time" (Ecclesiastes 3:11a).

However, the changes in the weather aren't the only seasons we go through. King Solomon wrote in the book of Ecclesiastes, *"For everything there is a season and a time for every matter..."* (Ecclesiastes 3:1) He speaks of life's many seasons, each holding its place in the grand tapestry of time.

As we step into the vacation season, several church activities will pause and resume in September. However, our Contemporary services and the vibrant tunes of our Contemporary Praise Band will continue to uplift us throughout the summer.

This month, we also celebrate the young people in our congregation who are graduating from high school. They are moving from one significant chapter of their lives into another as they prepare for college in the fall. Indeed, May is a time to celebrate many beginnings.

Personally, I'll be stepping away for a short vacation from May 27 to June 3. During this period, I will travel to Pittsburgh, PA, to attend my younger brother's doctoral graduation on May 30. It's a proud and joyful time for our family, marking another season of new beginnings.

For both our Trinity young people and my younger brother, we give thanks to God, who faithfully leads us from one chapter to the next. "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future" (Jeremiah 29:11).

Throughout May, our sermons will explore themes of new life and God's guidance:

- Throw Your Nets on the Right Side (John 21:1-9)
- When God Feels Like Mom (Isaiah 66:13)
- The Commandment That Can Transform the World (John 13:31-35)
- Where Can We Go for Peace in a Troubled World? (John 14:23-29)

May is indeed a season of new life. As spring awakens the earth from its winter slumber, we see life blooming all around us, in the plants and the young animals. These signs of new life are a testament to the renewal we experience in our Lord Jesus Christ. Through His death and resurrection, we are granted new life in His name.

Let us embrace this season of rebirth and reflect on the new life we are given through Christ.

In Christ,

Rev. Mulongo Mpoyo



#### **Stewardship and Finance Offering**

Hello all, it has been some time since I last wrote to you. We just had our latest SF Meeting, and we felt it was a good time to provide some updates on our Church's finances. Let's start with how we finished the 2024 year. We averaged 33 weekly offering contributors; we had a weekly giving average of \$3,090, and we ended the year with a deficit of \$15,731.

We received around \$5,000 during our Christmas Eve services, and we voted to give 10% of that offering back to church missions. We voted to give \$250 to the OCC program and \$250 to the Feed My Starving Children program. Mission programs are not part of the regular budget, so it is a way we can help those groups.

The Men's Group Ministry will be utilizing the Easter Breakfast money they raised to

support current and future endeavors. The trustees reported on the quotes received about the driveway and bell tower. The bell tower has been priced at \$40,000 - \$65,000, depending on different options of repair. The driveway could be done in three separate sections, but it would be less expensive (\$190,000) if we do it all at one time. We are in a place now where both these projects are at the forefront and need to be done. The SF committee discussed some options to cover these projects and will present them to the Church Council at their next meeting in May. If the Church Council approves to proceed with either of these projects, the Trustees will then pursue additional quotes to get the best quality professionals and price.

The sound system and Praise Band equipment are sounding good after Metro Sound helped with some setting changes and updates. We reviewed a quote from Metro Sound to update the Sanctuary speakers to more modern equipment, but at this time, we felt it best to table this project as the Tower and parking lot will need to take priority.

SF Committee Chair - Josh Marschie



There will be an **All Church Meeting** held on **Sunday, May 11** after service. The meeting will be run by the Trustees to **discuss church repairs,** including the bell tower and parking lot. See you at this informative meeting.



There will be a Trustees Meeting this Sunday, May 4 after the church service. Trustees, please meet in the Fireside Room.



The Men's Group Dept. of Transportation 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. Please don't forget the "General Fund." 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."

#### Thank you!



Have an idea for the Newsletter that you'd like to see? Want to submit an article of your own?

Please reach out to Jill in the church office and she can make space in the next edition for your request (appropriate content only.)



Dollywood family amusement park is the top destination for family vacations in **Pigeon Forge**, **Tennessee**, nestled in the foothills of the Great Smoky Mountains.

Through our partnership with Samaritan's Purse, the Trinity Shoebox Project has received complementary tickets to Dollywood valid March 10 - December 31, 2025.

As a **FUNDRAISER** for the **Trinity Shoebox Project**, we have **NINE** tickets to offer anyone interested, for a \$50 donation each. This is a great deal as a 2025 single day adult ticket price is \$92!

Who would enjoy Dollywood? "All ages! There are rides and attractions for the young at heart but our favorite feature of this theme park is the music! Award winning artists performing gospel, bluegrass, jazz, old-country, new-country, folk, Americana, and more! What a wonderful experience that we would do over again and again." The Zingsheim's

If you or anyone you know is interested, please reach out to Heidi Zingsheim at (920)539-8807 or heidizingsheim@ymail.com. Please help us spread the word!



Beautiful Purses! Many thanks to our wonderful volunteers, Michelle Large and Michele Dahlinger who have given of their time, talents, and resources to crochet beautiful purses for our shoeboxes!

Michelle Large crocheted 50 purses with added accessories for the 10-14 year-old girls.

Michele Dahlinger crocheted 150 beautiful purses for the 2-4 year-old girls.

Thank you both! We are very blessed!

## Attention Crafters! Garn Is Available In the Library

Trinity currently has a bounty of yarn available to share with everyone. New donations came in recently so stop in at the library to see what might catch your eye. Every day is a good day to start a project for yourself, your friends and family, or to donate to wonderful charitable programs.



# Your Faith Journey - The College Years

I was so inspired reading the college scholarship applications, that I reached out to a few of the applicants to see if they'd be ok with my using part of their essays in the Newsletter to highlight their faith journeys. Over the next few months, you'll be impressed by the deep faith these young adults have gained and how they are using this faith to guide their lives.

## This month's highlights: Kirsten & Katelynn Kretschmer



Philippians 4:13, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me," is a verse that I hold close to my heart. It reminds me that I am never alone in my journey. Whether I am facing challenges in my education, my work, or my personal life, I know that God is always there to guide me and provide me with the strength I need to keep going.

This verse is a constant reminder that with faith, anything is possible. It strengthens my resolve to keep moving forward, even when things feel overwhelming. I trust that God's plan for me is unfolding exactly as it should.

My faith has also taught me the importance of perspective. It has shown me how to see the good in people, to look beyond their flaws and focus on their strengths. This outlook makes life so much easier, both in my personal relationships and in my work.

Kirsten

When I encounter difficult situations, I try to remember to show grace, just as God shows grace to me. This approach has not only helped me in my work with children, but it has also shaped the way I interact with colleagues, friends, and others in my community. As I continue to grow in my faith, I strive to deepen my connection with God and to do everything through Him. Whether it's teaching a lesson, comforting a child, or lending a helping hand to a colleague, I want my actions to reflect

His love and kindness. I believe that by putting my heart and mind into God's work, I can make a meaningful impact in the lives of those around me.

Ultimately, I am deeply grateful for the path that God has set before me. I trust that He will continue to guide me, and I am excited for what the future holds.





Katelynn

My personal growth has been changed in many ways. That once little girl who used to dread coming to church to sit for what felt like years now can't imagine going a Sunday without being in God's house and sharing his teachings through music. I admit I have questioned my faith at certain times when I was too young to understand it all. I would find myself wondering why God does the things he does or gives people the things he gives. As I had started to become more involved and wanting to know these answers I found myself even more drawn to everything. Knowing how God has the power to heal, to forgive, and to love makes it hard to fade from his light. Life doesn't come with a manual, it comes with a mother. Happy Mother's Day





My mother Jenny plays a huge role in my life. She is by far

one of my biggest supporters in life; whether it is in sports, school, or in personal life goals, my mom is one of the first people there congratulating me. I can't thank her enough for being the best track throws coach a girl could ask for! Her guidance, sacrifices, and patience she has for my family and I truly shows the kind of person she is. Truly, my amazing, beautiful mom is one of my best friends and I am so thankful God chose me to be her daughter. If it wasn't for everything she has done for me I wouldn't be the person I have become today, and for that I am forever grateful. Love you mom! - Carlie



My mom has taught me the value of kindness through her actions. She showed

me how to treat people with respect and always be patient. She has also taught me to trust in our faith during hard times. Thank you mom. - Alex I recently asked the Youth Group and a few of the graduates/college students to write about the importance of their mother's role in their life.

Here are their responses:



My mother has been an important guide for me throughout my spiritual journey, education, and personal growth. As I have deepened my relationship with Christ, she has taught me the importance of h, but also sharing

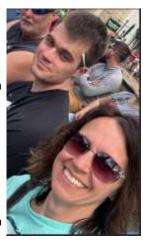
not only having my own faith, but also sharing God's word with others. She has always supported my passions, encouraging me to step out of my comfort zone and embrace new opportunities. I am forever grateful for the way she has challenged me both personally and academically, never letting me give up. Her support and encouragement have helped lead to my success and always remind me to strive to be the best version of myself. I would not be where I am today without her.

Happy Mother's Day! - Jaye



My mom had one of the biggest impacts on my life. She played a huge role in shaping my faith, helping me build a strong relationship with God and teaching me how to trust Him through everything. She also helped me find my passion for

agriculture by getting me involved in 4-H and FFA early on and encouraging me to work hard and never give up. Even though she's no longer here, the lessons she taught me and the example she set are still with me every day. Because of her, I've learned to work hard for what I love, live out my faith, and keep pushing toward my goals no matter what. She's a big part of who I am, and I try to live in a way that would make her proud. - **McKinley**  My mother has always been a shining example of compassion and selflessness in my life. Through her actions, she taught me the importance of living in a way that supports others rather than focusing only on



myself. Her patience, even in the most challenging situations, showed me that understanding and kindness often speak louder than frustration. I have always admired her genuine love for the world and wish that I could do a better job demonstrating that kind of affection in my own life. No matter what I am going through, she is always there for me, offering her support, comfort, and wisdom whenever I need it most. Her influence has shaped my values and the way I try to treat the people around me every day, and I truly don't want to imagine who I would be without my mother in my life.—**Nate** 

My sincere apologies for those mothers who were not highlighted in this article. No favoritism was shown to these women for any reason.

My hope is that you all receive the praise you deserve this holiday as you are so very special to so many. God Bless.

Want to write a short tribute to your father and let him know how special he is/was to you? Then please submit a short paragraph detailing how your father helps/helped shape your life to:

churchofficetumc@gmail.com

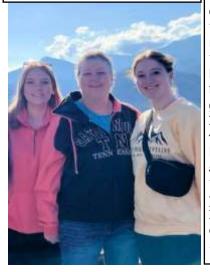
Please have your by May 22 so it can be a part of the June Newsletter.

All ages are welcome to honor their father in this manner.

My mother has always diligently put effort into being present in my life. She is there for every basketball game, concert, play, and educational event that I have ever had. She is a force to be reckoned with who makes sure I stay out of trouble and in school. Overall, she is a leader in my life who contributes to who I am. -Madeline

When asked to write what role my mother has played in my life my mind races. It's hard to choose a few things when she has done so many incredible things for me and my family. If I had to describe her role in one word it would be strength. My mother is such a strong woman. She has taught me that no matter what battles we are going through in life God has a plan for us to get through it. If it hadn't been for my mom being in my life I don't think I would have had the strength to face the hardships that I have. All thanks to my mama I know I have the power to get through anything life throws my way.

- Katelynn





My mother is always there for me. My mom helps me when I'm sick and is there when I need her. She always shows up for the events that I have. She is the best mother I could ask for.

- Clayton



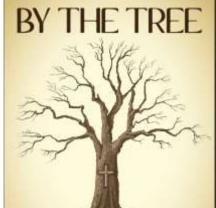
My mom is one of my biggest most loyal supporters in my life. Whether it comes to my job, school, sports, relationships or anything in between it's a great deal to have my mother's support in what I do. She is a rock and a person that you can go to when you need. Her battle with breast cancer is one of the biggest challenges she has had to face and I think her having to face that has made her faith greater. Through that time she was still able to support and be there for her children and her family. She has impacted my life in greater ways than anyone could know. I wouldn't be anywhere near where I am in my life if it wasn't for her (and my dad). Their caring spirits are something so genuine that I don't think I could live without. So thank you mom (and dad) for all that you have done for me and for what you've done for our family! I love you! Kirsten



There have been many goals in my life that I have wanted to achieve and during that time when I was working on achieving those goals, my mom was always there by my side giving me advice and helping me reach them. She was always there to help me if I

was struggling with school and whenever I had a question about something, she always had an answer. She has been a great role model and has taught me many new things that I will be able to use throughout the rest of my life. In 2023, I decided to pursue my dream career of working in the automotive maintenance field, but I wanted to go to school first in order to gain more knowledge about this career. I applied at Moraine Park Technical College and was accepted into their Automotive Technology Program. Throughout the two years that I went to school at Moraine Park, mom was always there supporting me and helping me if I needed it and I will forever be grateful for that. Throughout my life, my mom has always set a great example for me and that has helped shape me into the person that I am today. -Owen























# Easter Breakfast











A big **"Thank You"** to all that helped with the Easter Breakfast. From the table set up and decorating, to preparation, serving, clean-up, and making coffee cakes your assistance is greatly appreciated.

Also, thank you to all who came and feasted with us. A profit of \$671.00 was made, thanks to individuals who donated the cost of the food. The funds will go to the Men's Group for future projects. -Lee Oestreich















# TMC's Fall Kickoff

will be bigger and better this year. Look at all the events planned:

#### Sunday, September 14

- Fred Ferguson Gospel Hour
- Pie & Ice Cream Social
- Sunday School Kickoff
- Mum Sale—profits benefit OCC

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



#### Men's Group and Mug 'N

Muffins will have their next meeting on May 17 at 9:00am.

Bring a craft project to work on or just

enjoy this social time with friends. OCC may supply a few craft projects for us to work on as well.

The Men's Group will supply the coffee and ladies will supply the sweet treats.

If you know of members graduating from High School, an apprenticeship, technical program or college, please let Jill in the office know, so they may be recognized in the June newsletter.

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Sunday, June 8th @ 9:00am

See our TMC graduates recognized !

**GRADUATION SUNDAY** 

BRAT FRY Friday, May 23rd & Saturday, May 24th 10:00 am - Until we Sell Out at Hoff's Quality Meats in Browsnville BRATS • HAMBURGERS • BAKED GOODS Fundraising is for Trinity Shoebox Project in partnership with the Operation Christmas Child Ministry Mission: Sharing God's love with children worldwide thru a shoebox filled with simple gifts Shoebox Project Funds used to cover costs of gifts and \$10 donation per shoeb LOVE. GROW SERVE 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 campline and Smore's!! TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH • 300 Church SL, Lomina, WI 53048



### New Community Group meeting at Trinity Lomira!

A new community group has formed and will be meeting in the Fireside Room at

Trinity on the fourth Thursday of every month. The group is open to anyone who has an interest in Fiber Arts. We're mainly working with wool, on projects that are traditional rug hooking. Any crafter is welcome though, such as crochet and knitting, quilting, embroidery, etc.

Our May meeting is May 15th, then starting June 26th, we'll be there on the fourth Thursdays. Beginners and those who are just curious are welcome! For questions, contact Pam Wellso.



Let's remember all the veterans buried in our cemeteries this Memorial Day.

Military honors will take place at:

- 8:30am at Emanuel for 18 members
- 10:00am at Ebenezer for 16 members
- 10:45am at Salem for 39 members

Military honors are a time-honored tradition that *recognizes the commitment, courage, and sacrifices made by service members*.



Any Questions? Email: runforareason25@gmail.com



10:00 am - Until we Sell Out

at Hoff's Quality Meats in Browsnville

**BRATS • HAMBURGERS • BAKED GOODS** 

#### Looking for helpers on Saturday:

- 2 Grillers Starting at 9 am
- 4 Servers Starting at 10 am
- 1 Cashier Starting at 10 am

Last Year we were cleaned up by 2:00 pm If you can help, please contact Tammy Steers

### **Bake Goods Needed**

Please bring them to church Thursday Nite or Contact: Tammy Steers to drop off at my house 920-960-4285

We will sell Baked Goods at a \$1.00 a Piece so you can bag if you would like to or I will bag. Thank you!!



#### Congratulations to:

#### Hadley Sarabeth Heimermann

and her parents Nate and Ann on Hadley's recent baptism at TMC.

May God continue to bless you on your spiritual journey throughout your life.

TUMC Budget Totals YTD needed to meet budget: \$73,202.00 Received through 4-27-2025 \$86,183.60 Current Overage: \$\$12,981.60

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- Jeff Luedtke, bone marrow transplant pushed back a week transplant scheduled for May 15 04/29
- Gary Mulder, Mary and Doug Kiehnau's brother-in-law, pneumonia and broken hip, waiting for bone marrow transplant 04/29
- Phyllis Scharfenberg, Jackie's mother, recovering after surgery to repair a broken leg caused by a fall 04/22
- Shari Buske, recuperating at home 04/22
- Gene Junger, prayers for recovery from his recent hospitalization 04/15
- Pastor Kerry Wilson, medication cleared up his infection feeling better 04/15
- Nina McGlothlin, Nancy Andrews' granddaughter, prepping for breast cancer surgery 04/09
- Liona Brockway, Victor Jewson's cousin, at home under hospice care 03/18
- Carlene Cardenas, health issues 03/18
- 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
- People in Congo, being persecuted for being Christians
- 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



#### **May Birthdays**

- 2 Lennon Stuckart
- 3 David Luedtke
- 4 Annette Michels
- 8 Damon Kavonius Annie Sacotte
- 12 Lila Ebert
- 15 Gerry Meyer
- 17 Janet Hesprich
- 19 Eli Alf
- 20 Bill Hammock
- 21 Doug Kiehnau
- 23 Ellie Alf
- 25 John LaVarda
- 26 Weston Rhein
- 27 Casey Buske
- 30 Jacqueline Zimmerman
- 31 Deb Wiedmeyer

#### **May Anniversaries**

- 1 Jeffery & Rebecca Luedtke
- 5 Jonathan & Lisa Luedtke
- 8 David & Michelle Wroblewski
- 9 Gary Jesse & Sandy Porter
- 10 Shawn & Amanda Ditter
- 21 Randy & Julie Faber
- 24 Glen and Pam Wellso



Thank you to Lyric Backhaus for turning in her **Love Letter to** Jesus from the April Newsletter.

Here's what Lyric wrote:

I love you Jesus because you are powerful.

Thank you for your food.

Please help me with Math. Love, Lyric

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# Golden Club

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

David Luedtke

Turns 94 on 5/3 P. O. Box 86

Eden, WI 53019

#### Annette Michels

Turns 87 on 5/4

N11656 Butternut Road

Lomira, WI 53048

#### <u>Lila Ebert</u>

Turns 92 on 5/12

1030 North Ave.

Lomira, WI 53048

#### **Bill Hammock**

Turns 81 on 5/20

W5778 Lost Arrow Road

Fond du Lac, WI 54937



Thank you Trinity Adult Choir for a very joyful season of praise! You nailed our Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter finale songs. I'm so very proud of you all!

Stay tuned for the date and time of our outside gathering in August and our first practice in September.

Enjoy your summer break. Keep a song in your heart. Pam Hilker - Adult Choir Director

## GOD'S LOVE IS EVEN GREATER THAN A MOTHER'S LOVE

Just like a good mother, God loves you and will never abandon you

The June Newsletter Deadline is May 22. Please have all of your articles into the church office by noon that day. Thank you!



# W<mark>orship Services 9:00am</mark>

Sunday School 9:15am

Coffee Connections / Youth Group 10:00am MAY 2025 CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4 9:00am Communion Sunday 10:00am Trustees Mtg 3:00pm Girl Scouts 6:30pm 4H	5 1:00pm Study of the Book of Romans	6 8:30am Lomira H.S. AP Testing 5:00pm Girl Scouts	7 8:30am Lomira H.S. AP Testing 6:30pm AA 7:00pm Bell Choir	8 8:30am Lomia H.S. AP Testing	9 8:30am Lomira H.S. AP Testing 6:00pm VBS	10 9:00am VBS 10:00am Food Pantry
11 9:00am Final Sunday School Service 10:00am All Church Meeting Mother's Day	12 8:30am High School AP Testing 1:00pm Study of the Book of Romans 5:00 Girl Scouts	13 8:30am High School AP Testing 6:00Church Council Meeting	14 8:30am High School AP Testing 6:30 AA 7:00 Bell Choir	15 9:00am Fiber Arts Group	16 8:30am High School AP Testing 6:00pm VBS	17 8:00am VBS 9:00am Men's Group 9:00am Mug 'N Muffin
18 3:00pm Girl Scouts	19 1:00pm Study of the Book of Romans	20 5:00pm Girl Scouts	21 6:30 AA 7:00 Bell Choir	22	23	24 10:00am Food Pantry
25 9:00am Contemporary Sunday	26	27 Pastor on Vacation	28 6:30pm AA 7:00pm Bell Choir Pastor on Vacation	29 4:30pm Bloch Wedding Rehearsal Pastor on Vacation	30 2:00 Bloch Wedding Pastor on Vacation	31 Pastor on Vacation

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**Tues-Thur 9AM-1PM** 

**Church Office Hours:** 

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

9:00 A.M.

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**Or by Appointment**