

FOR YOU HAVE BEEN CALLED TO LIVE IN

FREEDOM

USE YOUR FREEDOM TO SERVE ONE
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July 2025| Monthly Newsletter of TMC-Lomira



Dear Trinity Church Family and Friends,

I pray this message finds you well as summer comes into full swing. The sun is shining, the flowers are blooming, and many of you are enjoying some well-deserved vacation time. Things have slowed down a bit here at church, which is quite normal for this season. I guess even our coffee pot in the fellowship hall is asking, “Where did everyone go?” It might need a vacation too! Speaking of rest, I’m reminded of the words in Psalm 23: 2, “He makes me lie down in green pastures, He leads me beside still waters.” May this season bring you peace, refreshment, and quiet time with the Lord.

As we move into July, we are reminded that our nation’s birthday is just around the corner. What a wonderful time to give thanks to God for the gift of living in a country where we are free to worship Him openly and without fear. Many around the world do not enjoy that same freedom. Let us never take it for granted. Praise be to God for the blessing of freedom! As we approach July 4th, I want to wish each of you a joyful and safe Independence Day. May your celebrations be filled with gratitude and joy.

I also want to take a moment to thank our Church Trustees for their hard work and faithful ministry. Our Trinity Tower is currently being redone, and once that is finished, we hope to move on to improving our driveways and parking lot. Blessings to all who are involved in these important projects, whether directly or behind the scenes. Your dedication is a blessing to our church family.

Earlier this month, from June 10–13, I had the joy of attending the Great Lakes Global Methodist Church Annual Conference in Spring Arbor, Michigan, along with Kathy Drexler, our lay delegate. Kathy Drexler, described it as a powerful time of worship, learning, and fellowship with over 700 Global Methodists. The theme, “EQUIP,” based on Ephesians 4: 11–13, reminded us that God gives us everything we need to build up His church. We heard challenging statistics, like how 80% of churches today are plateauing or declining, but also hopeful strategies for growth, especially through evangelism, hospitality, and discipleship. If you missed Kathy’s full report, you can find it in this July newsletter.



This brings me to a hymn we all know and love: “Trust and Obey.” Turn to page 334 in Our Great Redeemer’s Praise and let the last verse speak to your heart: “What He says we will do, where He sends, we will go, never fear, only trust and obey.” What a powerful reminder! Yet, how often do we find it hard to fully trust God, especially when life feels shaky? We’re a lot like the disciples in Matthew 14. When they saw Jesus walking on water, they were terrified. Peter took a brave step of faith and climbed out of the boat, but the moment he focused on the wind and waves instead of Jesus, he began to sink. The same thing happens to us when we let fear or distractions pull our eyes away from Him. So let’s keep our gaze fixed on Jesus, step by step, trusting Him no matter what.

As we move through July, I warmly invite you to join us in worship each Sunday. We will be exploring some beautiful scripture passages and thoughtful sermon themes that I believe will strengthen your faith and inspire your walk with Christ:

- July 6: Matthew 5: 17–20, “Fulfilled in Love, Freed in Christ”
- July 13: Luke 10: 25–37, “The Unexpected Neighbor: Love Beyond Limits”
- July 20: Luke 10: 38–42, “Choosing the Better Part”
- July 27: Luke 11: 1–13, “When You Pray, Say This…”

I truly hope you will join us. Let’s walk together, listen to God’s Word, and grow in faith as a church family. Let’s keep learning how to trust and obey, not just in word, but in how we live each day.

May your July be filled with sunshine, peace, and the gentle presence of the Holy Spirit. I thank God for each one of you. Let’s keep building His Church together, one step at a time.

With love and blessings,
Rev. Mulongo Mpoyo

Please take time to visit those farms with ties to TMC:

Country Blossoms Organics LLC - Ben & Jen Priesgen

Purple Thumb Lavender - Kathy Mintner’s daughters grow on this land

Schraufnagel Implement - Larry & Judy Schraufnagel

DODGE & FOND DU LAC COUNTY

FARMLAND FROLIC

JULY 12, 2025 10 AM - 3 PM

1. Ledgerrock Distillery

N5287 Grandview Rd Fond du Lac

2. Purple Thumb Lavender

N11502 East Lane Lomira

3. May Hill Farm

W4855 Super Dr Campbellsport

4. Inukshuk Alpaca Menagerie

N534 County Rd W Campbellsport

5. Country Blossom Organics

Rooted & Rise

Jocelyn's Soap

W281 Rolling Dr Lomira

6. Schraufnagel Implement

1201 Church St Lomira

7. Pieper's Fruit Farm

Dodge Co. Master Gardener Assoc.

W3444 Zangl Rd Brownsville

8. Traveling Roots Farmstead

N9299 County Road AY Theresa

9. Widmer's Cheese

214 W Henni St Theresa

10. Valleyview Gardens & Mercantile

N9450 Mohawk Rd Theresa

11. Dutch Touch Greenhouse

N8410 State Road 175 Theresa

12. Mayberry Farms

W2364 Highway Y Mayville

LEGEND

Tour

Hands-On Activities

Handicap Accessible

Restroom on Site

Kids' Activities



GLOBAL METHODIST CHURCH Great Lakes

Annual Conference Report

Submitted by:

Kathy Drexler

Dear Trinity Congregation,

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to join Pastor Mulongo at the Annual Conference of the Great Lakes Global Methodist Church. Pastor Mulongo's cousin, Esther Somp, a third year seminary student at Drew University, joined us in Spring Arbor, Michigan for the three day conference. Over 700 Global Methodists from Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana and Michigan participated in the conference. The three of us praised our Lord Jesus Christ with uplifting music, inspirational prayer, many learning opportunities, and fellowship with other like minded Christians. What an experience!

The conference was led by Rev. Dr. Scott Pattison, our conference superintendent. The theme for the conference was EQUIP, based on Ephesians 4:11-13. "Now these are the gifts Christ gave to the church: the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, and the pastors and teachers. Their responsibility is to equip God's people to do his work and build up the church, the body of Christ. This will continue until we all come to such unity in our faith and knowledge of God's Son that we will be mature in the Lord, measuring up to the full and complete standard of Christ." At the end of the conference, Bishop Mark Webb ordained over 40 new clergy into the Global Methodist Church. We left the conference with information and resources to help EQUIP Trinity Methodist Church for our mission of loving, growing, and serving our God and our community.



Take a look at the video screen. Does anyone know what this acronym stands for? (Pause and look around)

IYKDWYBDYKGWYBG

It stands for, "If you keep doing what you've been doing. You'll keep getting what you've been getting."

Basically, if Trinity Methodist Church wants to get something different, we need to start a new life cycle. Pastor Mulongo and our church leaders are tasked with building our community of God into what God intends Trinity to be. God promises to bring us the gifts that we need to help Trinity grow. But we must do the legwork and build the church that He wants us to build, not the church that we want to build. Rev. Dr. Sam Rainer from "Church Answers" presented us with results of research on church trends. Here are some important statistics from his research. Right now 80% of churches are plateauing or declining. The median church size today is 65 weekly attendees. In 2000 it was more than double that at 137 weekly attendees. A typical church will lose 20% of it's attendance every year. As an example, take a church with a weekly attendance of 100 people. Research shows that churches will lose people at these percentages for these reasons:

- Death -1
- Moving -9
- Transfer -5
- Lack of frequency in attendance 5-10

According to Rev. Rainer, no church should die, if God can save any person he can save any church. Every church can grow. A church will grow in attendance in these ways. Listed in order of importance:

- Conversion growth - a brand new believer
- Biological growth - children born or adopted into a home
- Demographic growth - a new resident to the community who is already a Christian
- Transfer growth - existing resident moves from one church to another

Only 1% of churches have an ongoing emphasis on evangelism. Evangelism is described as the act of proclaiming the Gospel, or good news of Jesus Christ with the aim of persuading others to believe in Him and receive salvation. In Pastor Mulongo's sermon last week he stated that people around us are desperate for hope. People need to hear my story of how God has transformed my life, how God has given me everything that I have. We want our family and acquaintances to know the saving grace of God. Rev. Rainier offers these recommendations as to how we can be the feet of God and bring people to Jesus Christ:

1. Inviting people to Trinity is more important than actually getting those people to walk into our building.
2. The church leadership should work with members who are willing to help grow the church.
3. Churches should raise the bar of expectations. We should expect our members to attend every Sunday worship service unless they are ill or out of town.
4. We can win people with outstanding hospitality.
5. Children and youth ministry budgets should be large. Attracting young people and keeping them at Trinity should be a top priority.

I attended two break out sessions on discipleship. Allow me to highlight a few points from those sessions. A disciple is someone who loves Jesus, obeys Jesus, and works to bring other's to Jesus; an apprentice to Jesus, if you will. An observer should notice that a disciple engages their world differently than a non-believer.

Discipleship is not just about having information. It's about our behaviors. Discipleship is not just about education. It is about a personal transformation. Small group studies are a proven Wesleyan way to grow disciples. The Great Lakes GMC has partnered with The River Network. The River Network has devised a simple Discovery Bible Study Guide to use as a template for small group studies. I look forward to presenting more detail on Discovery Bible Studies in the near future.

To wrap up this report, if you want more details about Annual Conference and the legislation that was voted upon you can go to greatlakesgmc.org. It was just announced that Annual Conference 2026 will be held June 10-12 in Green Lake, WI. Any member of our church can attend Annual Conference as a non-voting member. With next year's conference being held less than an hour away it would be a great opportunity to learn from and fellowship with other Global Methodists from the Great Lakes Conference.

Thank you!



TMC Church Tower Project

FAITH ★ FAMILY ★ FREEDOM

The Church Tower Project is well under way. Work began on June 17, 2025. As you remember, votes were taken at an All Church Meeting on May 11 and the following work was agreed upon by the congregation:

- The tower will be lowered 10 to 12 feet until a good brick veneer is reached. The remaining portion will be repaired as needed and the cross will be reattached.
- Update: The church tower had to be lowered another two feet as Capelle Bros. and Diedrich were unable to salvage enough useable brick for the restoration of the remaining tower.
- Cost will be \$49,880.00
- Lights will be readdressed by Trustees when needed (lights currently not operational)
- Project will take approximately one month to complete
- Payment will be addressed by the Admin Board and Financial Committee.



2025 TMC Scholarship Winners

Announced on Graduation Sunday

High School Recipients

• 2025 TMC's Continuing Education Scholarship Winners Announced

- Dalton Zingsheim – Studying Engineering @ UW Madison
- Katelynn Kretchmer – Studying Substance Use Disorder Counseling @ MPTC
- McKinley Krueger – Studying Animal Science and Agricultural Business @ Black Hawk College
- Carlie Priesgen – Studying Business @ Ripon College



Congratulations to TMC's 2025 College Essay Scholarship Winners

*Kirsten Kretschmer
Nate Dewhurst
Owen Unferth
Jaye Zingsheim
Alex Faber*





American Red Cross Celebrates Local Heroes



Congratulations to TMC's very own Deb Bintzler-Oestreich who was recently honored by the American Red Cross "Brave Hearts" as being the "2025 Blood Services Hero of Southeastern Wisconsin." Deb was nominated for this award by her manager who was so impressed by Deb's years of service.

Deb has worked tirelessly over the last 35 years as an advocate for blood donations in the Lomira community for the American Red Cross. Since stepping in to lead TMC's blood drives since 1990, **Deb has coordinated 204 drives and helped collect approximately 17,500 units of blood. As each unit of blood can assist three individuals, Deb's reach could surpass thousands of people. What an impact!**

Debbie prides herself in being more than just a coordinator of the blood drives as she goes above and beyond to create a warm, community centered experience for every donor. From home cooked meals to summer cookouts, Deb puts her heart into every detail. Even while vacationing in Arizona, Deb prepares meals in advance so the tradition continues.

The 20th annual Brave Hearts event celebrated the humanitarian mission of the American Red Cross and the local heroes who have gone above and beyond in their efforts to build better communities and make a positive impact on the lives of others. Brave Hearts celebrates local individuals and groups who have exhibited acts of courage, kindness, and service," said Mark Thomas, CEO and Regional Executive for the Red Cross of

Wisconsin."

Thank you Deb for all you've done to assist in saving the lives of others!

To see Deb's Red Cross interview, use the following link: https://youtu.be/pn2LiSEyo7o?si=XiOXalhgm_ggHClc



Food Pantry Website Under Development

The Lomira Area Food Pantry is soon to have it's own website. Individuals will be able to:

- Make donations online / See Food Pantry Needs / See logistics, who to contact, phone numbers, hours of operations, etc.

Keep watching the bulletins as we will announce the launch of the website.



Juice	Jello	Cereal
Cake Mix	Vegetables	PB & J
Crackers	Soup	Pasta
Rice	Beans	Mac & Cheese
Brownies		

2025 Food Pantry & Compassionate Fund Numbers

Month	# of FP Patrons	# of Vouchers	Voucher Cost	Purchased Food Cost	Assistance Paid Out \$	Donations Received \$
January	50	104	\$2,197	\$52	\$1,625	\$12,620
February	54	106	\$2,281	\$2,397	\$958	\$6,800
March	55	106	\$2,186	\$652	\$585	\$856
April	61	111	\$2,206	\$982	\$200	\$2,165
May	52	87	\$1,576	\$1,445	\$2,831	\$1,100
Total to Date	272	514	\$10,446	\$5,528	\$6,199	\$23,541

Stronger than the Storm

Thank you to Jeff Unferth, Bruce & Carol Dilling, and Doug Kiehnau who “muscle” through the clean up of a downed tree limb on the TMC parking lot recently.

We appreciate your quick effort in tidying up this unforeseen issue.



THE GROUNDS CREW

Thank you to Wayde Beck, Doug Kiehnau, and Jim Sauer for tackling a few of the “church landscape” projects. Your assistance is greatly appreciated and helps reduce our landscape expenses.



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: Nate Dewhurst



When I was younger I rarely picked up my Bible outside of church, but that all changed after leaving for college. There are lots of people in the world and many of them have different beliefs than I do. Even amongst Christians there are differences in beliefs, so I wanted to have a solid understanding of what I actually believed, and why I believed them. This led to me reading my bible much more often and the deeper I dove into God's word, the more intrigued I became. Reading the Bible firsthand instead of listening to the words come out of someone else's mouth allowed me to focus on the sections that caught my attention and reread passages that at first didn't make sense. As I read more books from the Bible, I found myself wanting to read even more of them. One specific book from the Bible that I feel changed my life more than any of the others was Ecclesiastes. If you are unfamiliar with this book, it is a book of wisdom where the author tries to find the purpose of life, but instead realizes that most things in this world are actually quite meaningless. He finds that

acquiring more wisdom only makes him more worried for society, obtaining more wealth does not bring him a more fulfilling life, and that indulging in alcohol and partying does not make his life any more satisfying in the long run. He realizes that every person on this planet will one day die, and most of them will be completely forgotten about soon afterwards. This brings the realization that the only source of eternal love and joy comes from heaven, and so that is what we should dedicate our Earthly lives to. Serving God and choosing to live our lives with Him while we are here in this world, to ensure that we will be with him for eternity. This realization was revolutionary to my life, as I often found myself in a similar situation to the author. I often spent so much time worrying about earthly things such as my grades and what people thought about me, that I would lose sight of what really mattered in life. Once I realized that the things I once thought defined were only temporary, I started dedicating more time to God, and have discovered that the more I give my life to Him, the more satisfied I am with my own life.



Save
the
Date

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
- Mum Sale - profits from the sale go to OCC

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

Mug 'N Muffin Summer Season

There's no reason to wait all summer long to see your "crafting" friends. Join us on Saturday, July 21 at 9:00am.



Deb Bintzler-Oestreich has graciously agreed to take over the organization of the Mug 'N Muffin crew. Watch for more communication from Deb going forward.

The Men's Group Dept. of Transportation is looking to assist those unable to transport themselves to

church. Please see John M, Gordie, Glen W, or Augie to schedule a pickup. See you on Sunday!



Praise the Lord for all those who have given to the Praise Band" fund. **With your contributions, we have been able to improve the church sound system. We hope you can hear the improvement.**

We're not done updating our equipment and sound system yet, so please consider making a donation if you haven't already.

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

We are looking for volunteers to help the audio-visual team on Sundays at 9:00am. **All "techy"** adults / high school students or graduates are encouraged to find about more about this opportunity.

No previous experience necessary. Training will be provided for streaming, slideshow, camera, and sound equipment.

Please reach out to Jill in the church office for more details: churchofficetumc@gmail.com



New Date for "Run For a Reason"

Run For A Reason
Abby Sauer Memorial 5K Run/Walk

August 9th

Fireman's Park, Theresa WI

\$40 PER RUNNER

8:00AM - REGISTRATION

10:00AM - RACE START

AWARDS AFTER RACE

Live Music And Lunch Will Be Offered After The Event

Any Questions? Email: runforareason25@gmail.com





True Freedom

What freedoms do you have by believing in Jesus?

Turn your responses into the church office.



★ FOURTH OF JULY TEST ★

1. Why do we celebrate the Fourth of July?
2. How many verses does the Star Spangled Banner have?
3. What was the population of the colonies on July 4th, 1776?
4. What is our national bird?
5. Which bird was almost our nation bird?
6. What two things should the flag never touch?
7. What shape is our flag supposed to be folded?
8. Who sewed the first American flag?
9. Which city has America's largest fireworks display?
10. Who wrote the Star Spangled Banner?
11. Which president of the United States was born on the Fourth of July?
12. In what city was the Declaration of Independence signed?
13. How many signatures are on the Declaration of Independence?
14. What country gave us the Statue of Liberty?
15. Why were the stars in a circle on the first flag?





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.


- Gene Junger, fighting infection 06/25
- Betty Menzer, had breast cancer surgery on 06/10, thankful for good results on biopsies, prayers needed for upcoming treatments 06/26
- Jeff Luedtke, had bone marrow biopsy, doctor was happy with results; tweaking a few meds 6/25
- Mary, sister-in-law of Pam Hilker, continuing to battle liver cancer - getting worse 06/25
- David Menzer, Fred's Brother, experiencing breathing issues, attending therapy and trying new medication 06/24
- Marla Bruggink, niece of Betty Menzer, finished radiation, awaiting other modifications 6/24
- Anne Biesek, friend of Betty Menzer, in remission from Leukemia, monitoring continues, feeling fatigued, but generally ok 06/24
- Janice Volbright, at Hope Nursing Home for rehab 06/10
- Jane Brown, sister in law of Victor & Lois Jewson, now a resident of Home of Hospice Hope 06/2
- Gary Mulder, Mary Kiehna's brother-in-law, had bone marrow transplant on 6/2
- Nina McGlothlin, Nancy Andrews' granddaughter, recovering from breast cancer surgery 5/29
- Larry Schraufnagel, currently in Hope Rehab - asking for prayers 05/22
- Aunt Sue, Jackie and Roger's aunt, diagnosed with several mini strokes after Easter. Blood oxygen saturation low - recovering in rehab 5/6
- June Faith Beck, Dell and Crystal Beck's daughter, born 5 weeks early, doing well 5/6
- Phyllis Scharfenberg, Jackie's mother, recovering after surgery to repair a broken leg caused by a fall 04/22
- Pastor Kerry Wilson, medication cleared up his infection - feeling better 04/15
- Tom Lentz, Jackie and Roger's friend, blood clots found in lungs and legs 03/10

Our Prayer list covers 6 months. If you feel someone needs to continue or be placed back on the list, please let the office know.

July 2025 TMC-Lomira

Worship Service 9:00 AM



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 6:30pm AA	3	4 	5
6 9:00am Communion Sunday	7	8 6:00pm SPRC Meeting	9 6:30pm AA	10	11	12 10:00am Food Pantry
13 9:00am Worship Service 11:00am Thomas Baby Shower	14	15 6:00pm Church Council Meeting	16 6:30pm AA	17	18	19 9:00am Mug 'N Muffin
20 9:00am Worship Service	21	22	23 6:30pm AA	24 9:00am Fiber Arts	25	26 10:00am Food Pantry
27 9:00am Contemporary Sunday	28	29	30 6:30pm AA	31		

Golden Club

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

Ed Faber

Turns 88 on 07/22
N10820 Cty. Trk Y
Brownville, WI 53006

Gloria Faber

Turns 89 on 7/5
611 Fifth St.
Lomira, WI 53048

Had Johnson

Turns 89 on 7/9
P. O. Box 203
Brownsville, WI 53006

*Let's send them lots of
Birthday Wishes!*

July Birthdays


- 1 Sandy Zitlow
- 3 John Muentner, Jr.
- 4 Owen Unferth
- 5 Gloria Faber
Richard Ullius
- 6 Dennis Michels
Jim Todl
- 9 Harold Johnson
- 10 Fran Coulter
- 11 Ron Kretschmer
- 12 Nora Buske
- 13 Karyn Michels
- 14 Felix Cardenas
- 17 Debra Gudex
- 19 Lillee Kiehnau
- 20 Bruce Dilling
Madeline Marschie
Scott Krueger
- 22 Alexandria Dean
Ed Faber
- 25 Pam Giese
Dalton Zingsheim
- 27 Addison Stoffel
- 28 Mike Lavarda
- 29 Nathan Dewhurst
- 31 Connor Steers
David Wroblewski

July Anniversaries

- 10 Dan & Brenda Michels
- 13 Augie & Andy Luedtke



**The August Newsletter
deadline is July 24th.
Please have all of your
articles into the church
office by noon that day.
Thank you!**

	TMC Budget Totals
	YTD Needed to make Budget \$107,650.00
	To Date Received \$112,961.60
	Budget Overage \$5,311.60

it's a Boy!



Announcing

Brooks Andrew Hilker

Born June 12, 2025

6lbs, 9oz; 20"

Grandson of Pam Hilker

Joins Mom, Dad, and big
brother Caden



Mulongo Mpoyo, Pastor

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SUMMER WORSHIP SERVICES

9:00 A.M.

Church Office Hours:

Tues-Thur 9AM-1PM

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