

Sunday Worship 9:00 AM

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August 2023 | Monthly Newsletter

Trust 21-Day Bible Reading Plan

___ Proverbs 16:20

___ Psalm 56:3-4

___ Proverbs 3:5-8

___ Psalm 119:41-48

___ Psalm 20:6-9

___ Psalm 4:4-5

___ Psalm 37:5-7

___ John 8:24-30

___ Psalm 40:1-3

___ John 10:37-38

___ Psalm 40:4-5

___ John 20:30-31

___ Psalm 62:5-8

___ Psalm 56:3-4

___ Isaiah 26:3-4

___ Psalm 26:1-3

___ Psalm 84:10-12

___ Psalm 25:1-5

___ Luke 18:9-14

___ Jeremiah 17:5-6

___ Jeremiah 17:7-8

For Each Day's Reading:

- 1) Summarize the passage in your own words.
- 2) What does this passage teach you about God?
- 3) What does this passage teach you about trust?

After Each Day's Reading:

- 1) Examine your beliefs. Are you being led astray by any beliefs that contradict God's Word?
- 2) Examine your lifestyle. Are there any words, actions, or attitudes in your life that contradict what you just learned?
- 3) What steps are you going to take to grow in what you just learned?
- 4) Pray and ask the Holy Spirit to help you walk in obedience to this passage.



Dear Trinity Methodist Church Family,

Grace and peace be with you all as we enter the month of August! As we gather in thankfulness, I want to express our gratitude to God for the gift of life and the unceasing blessings He continues to bestow upon us. Our hearts overflow with praise for His faithfulness and love that sustains us each day.

In this season of reflection and appreciation, I extend heartfelt thanks to all our Trinity UM leaders. Your dedication and support in serving God and our church community have been a source of inspiration to us all. Your commitment is a testament to the Spirit's work in our midst.

I also want to extend my deepest appreciation to every member of our church family. Your faithfulness, spiritual devotion, and generous support in various ways are invaluable to the growth and ministry of Trinity MC. Together, we continue to impact lives and share the love of Christ with the world.

As August unfolds, we anticipate a time of renewal and relaxation. This is a season when church activities may slow down as many of our members spend cherished moments at cabins or embark on vacation trips. These moments of rest and rejuvenation prepare us for the upcoming resumption of church activities and the start of the school year in September.

Before we resume Sunday School and other church programs, my family and I are planning to take a renewal trip to Africa from August 15th to August 29th. We kindly request your prayers for a safe and enriching journey as we seek to strengthen our spirits and recharge our souls.

During this period, we are reminded of the importance of building bridges within our church community. Building bridges refers to fostering connections, understanding, and unity among our members and the broader community. It is about creating pathways that strengthen relationships, promote cooperation, and enhance our sense of belonging.

To this end, let us consider these essential types of bridges that we should aspire to build in our church:

1. **Relational Bridges**: Encourage open communication and active listening within the congregation, fostering a supportive and caring community. Remember what the book of Proverbs 18:13 says *“If one gives answer before listening, it is foolishness and shame.”*

2. **Leadership Bridges**: Cultivate healthy relationships between church leaders and the congregation, demonstrating transparency, approachability, and humility as 1 Peter 5:2-3 says, *“Be shepherds of God’s flock that is under your care, watching over them, not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be not pursuing dishonest gain, but eager to serve; not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock.”*

3. **Generational Bridges**: Drawing inspiration from the wisdom of Psalm 22:6, *“Train children in the way they should go; when they grow old, they won’t depart from it,”* we need to create opportunities for diverse generations to interact and learn together. Mentorship programs bridge the gap, where elders impart wisdom while the youth bring fresh perspectives and energy.

4. **Cultural Bridges**: Embrace and celebrate the diverse cultural backgrounds within our congregation, promoting unity amidst diversity. Revelation 7:9 says *“After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands.”*

5. **Social Bridges**: Proverbs 14:31 advises, “*Whoever oppresses the poor shows contempt for their Maker, but whoever is kind to the needy honors God.*” So, social bridges reach out to the marginalized and those facing challenges, addressing community needs with compassion and love.

6. **Interfaith Bridges**: Seek opportunities for collaboration with other faith communities, fostering mutual respect and understanding. Paul clearly recommend in Ephesians 4:3 “*to make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.*”

7. **Community Bridges**: Engage actively with the wider community, partnering with local organizations and participating in events that demonstrate our commitment to serve and support. Galatians 6:10 says, “*Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.*”

By building these bridges, we can embody the true essence of being the body of Christ, united in purpose and love. It is a testament to the power of the Gospel in breaking down barriers and transforming lives.

As we continue this journey together, let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, the ultimate bridge-builder. Let His love and grace guide us as we reach out to one another and our community, fostering understanding, compassion, and unity.

May the peace of Christ, which surpasses all understanding, guard our hearts and minds as we serve together in love.

Blessings,





August Newsletter

Pam Wellso

Have you noticed any changes around the church building, inside and outside? Many people have been busy removing the “Cross and Flame” logo of the United Methodist Church from our premises, as required by the UM Wisconsin Conference. Have you

noticed the beautiful new logo in the Fellowship Hall on the stage door? It is the logo of the Global Methodist Church. There is also a new metal GMC logo sculpture being made for the outside of the building where the Cross and Flame previously hung. Updating the signs on Lomira Dr. and on Ashford is also being planned. The hymnals are our possession and there is no problem with the logo on the covers of them.

We have requested a “site visit” as required by the Annual Conference but this has not been scheduled yet. When it is completed, we will in turn receive the “Release of Trust Clause” which will allow us to register our deeds with the Dodge County Register of Deeds, in our name, and hooray! Our property is ours alone!



As of this writing, we have not yet had our congregational meeting for brainstorming ideas for the future of Trinity Methodist Church. Have you thought about what you’d like your church to do? To be? How do we get more people involved in the activities of the church? How do we get more people to attend worship? How do we engage young people? How do we reach out to the community? What is our mission? Our vision?

If you have any ideas, any input, what might work, please share them with Pastor Mulongo or the leadership of the church. Women’s Ministry will also be meeting to discuss these questions in August. If you would like to participate, contact Pam Wellso.



We will soon put all the activities and requirements of disaffiliation behind us. I’m praying that we can move forward with a sense of excitement in serving the Lord in our congregation, the community and world-wide. Just as we made history joining our three EUB churches together some 50 years ago, we are now part of history by being involved again in a new denomination. Let’s Go!!



How a Simple Shoebox Changes Lives

He was five years old living in extreme poverty in rural Mexico. His mom struggled to take care of him and his siblings since his dad was in prison (and would be in and out of jail most of his life).

Martin was doomed to follow in his father's footsteps and lead a life of drugs and crime. No one thought he would amount to anything other than "un delincuente" (a delinquent). No one invested in or cared about a little boy who would probably end up in juvi. No one gave him the time of day or thought he was worth the effort.



All that would change with a simple shoebox and a handwritten note. After being invited to a children's event, Martin received a gift that would forever alter his life and its course.

At this event, Martin received his first Operation Christmas Child shoebox. And while the toys and supplies inside were a blessing, the greatest impact came from a simple note that read, "God loves you and has a plan for your life."

Through the struggles and challenges of life, Martin always returned to that note and the promise that God was working all things together for good.

Even through his father's murder and his mother's heart attack (where her heart stopped for 2 minutes), Martin clung to the hope he had found as a child.

Now, Martin is 26 years old and was taken under the wing of a local pastor as a father figure. He is training to plant a church in an area that has none. His hope and desire is to impact lives through God's love just as his was transformed through a simple shoebox.

A Simple Shoebox

It was through the gift of a simple shoebox that the trajectory of Martin's life changed. Martin needed love and guidance as do thousands of other kids around the world.

If you are unfamiliar with, Operation Christmas Child, it is a ministry of Samaritan's Purse that organizes a shoebox collection each Christmas season.

Families from all over the United States, Canada, and other countries are asked to fill shoeboxes with toys, personal care items, and school supplies. The ministry then delivers the shoeboxes to children all over the world all year long!

Provision Through a Shoebox

Time after time I have heard story upon story of how a simple shoebox has not only permanently changed the life of a child but has met smaller needs as well.

One such story unfolded in one of the events we were blessed to attend.

An 8-year-old little boy opened his shoebox, and out of all the items in the box – the toys, the school supplies, etc. – he was most excited about a pair of socks.

Ivan later told us that his dad worked in a supermarket nearby and that he was going to go to work with him to earn money for socks because there was no money for new ones.

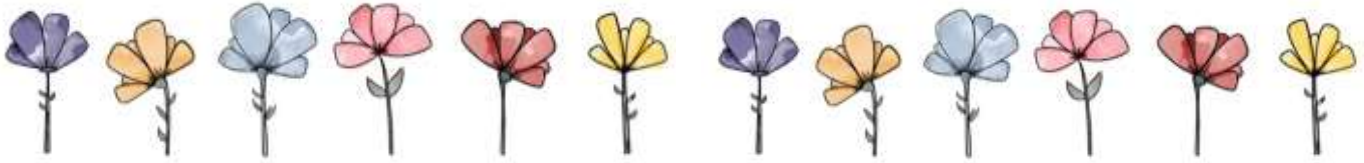
As he opened the box and saw the socks, his face lit up over such a small thing that many might often take for granted.

Ivan saw God's provision in a tangible way through a simple shoebox.



Finding ways to be more grateful and focus on the positive aspects of your life is a great way to improve your daily outlook. By creating the habit of gratitude through positive journal prompts, you'll build resilience and give yourself a chance to focus on the things you truly care about on a regular basis.

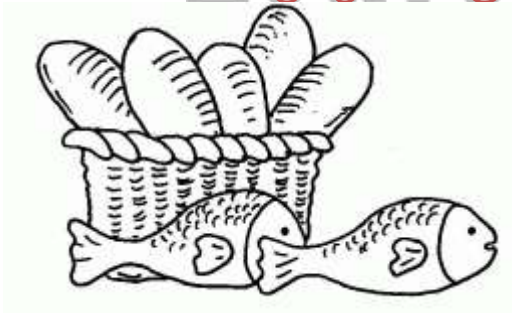
Noticing and appreciating the positive also reduces materialism, enhances generosity, and lowers stress and depression.



Gratitude Prompts

1. Name a person you are thankful for that shaped who you are today.
2. What is something from each of your senses you are grateful for today? (Sight, smell, taste, touch, sound)
3. What challenge did you overcome that you now see the benefit in?
4. What book are you grateful for and why? What are the teachings?
5. What are you grateful for about your town? Your time period? Your country?
6. What are you most grateful for in your morning or night routine?
7. Name three everyday objects that you are grateful for.
8. What music are you most grateful for?
9. Name three unique things you are grateful for about 2023.
10. Name three people you are grateful for outside of your immediate family. Why?
11. What brings you gratitude with the passing of time? (Something you notice more than you used to.)
12. What do you love most about each season of the year?
13. What discovery have you made in the last year that you are thankful for?
14. What food did you eat today? Take a moment to share gratitude for the food and water that sustains you and imagine where it came from.
15. Do you have shelter? A warm place to sleep? Food on your table? Spend a few minutes being grateful for the necessities in life.
16. What did you do today that made you happy?
17. What aspect of nature did you appreciate in the last week?

Loaves & Fishes



Our next date for “Loaves & Fishes” is Monday, August 7.

To make the dinner more special, we are requesting a donation of your favorite cookies be delivered to church by the afternoon of August 7. Each prepared meal will receive one to two cookies. Let’s help others satisfy their sweet tooth.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.



The September Newsletter Deadline is Aug. 24th. Please have all of your articles into the church office by noon that day. Thanks!



The Lomira Area Food Pantry is seeking a volunteer coordinator to lead the coordination of all volunteers and activities associated with the Food Pantry. This is a vital role that includes setting up all boxes to be picked up by those in need on the second and fourth Saturday of each month, taking calls from those in need and supplying their requests, coordinating Lomira Area Food Pantry Board Meetings (approximately twice per year), and administering the Lomira Area Food Pantry Scholarship program.

The Lomira Area Food Pantry provides food and monetary assistance to those in need who live in Lomira and the surrounding communities.

We are looking for someone who is passionate about helping others and making a positive impact in the community. Training will be provided.

If you're interested in learning more about this position, please contact Ralph Germain at 920-979-3041. Your support is greatly appreciated in helping us continue to serve those in need.

Golden Club

Helen Koene

Turns 88 on 8/5

385 Main St. Apt. 9

Lomira, WI 53048

Larry Schraufnagel

Turns 82 on 8/19

1202 Maple St.

Lomira, WI 53048

*Lets send them lots of
Happy Birthday Wishes!*



Fond du Lac Symphonic Band Concerts



Don't miss our own *Jason Ehlert* featured as the trombone soloist playing the folk tune "Annie Laurie"

- Wednesday, August 9 7:15 P.M. at Buttermilk Creek Park—Fond du Lac
- Thursday, August 17 7:30P.M. at Steer Park—Lomira (food concessions available by Friends of the Lomira Library.)

Please come for an evening of fun!



Prayer Concerns

- **Tim Menzer** (Fred's nephew) esophageal cancer - continued prayers through testing and treatment 7/18
- **David Menzer** (Fred's Brother) prayers needed for finding the best available treatment options 07/18
- **Mike Skelton** Parkinson's and other health issues 07/18
- **Lilee Thorn** abdominal pain—upcoming testing in August 06/01
- **Jackie Zimmerman** recovering from surgery 3/17
- **Victor Jewson** heart, left shoulder/arm issues and diabetic issues 2/26
- **Jolene Emmer** (Mike and Janice Emmer's daughter in law) sepsis, getting better 2/12
- **Corey Rubusch** hodgkins lymphoma 1/26
- **Dorothy Hake** back issues 1/3

Our prayer list covers 6-8 months. If you feel someone needs to continue or be placed back on the list, please let the office know.

For prayer requests please contact Jill in the church office by email or by phone.



TUMC Budget Totals

**Year to date needed to meet budget:
\$140,670.00**

Received through 07/23/30 \$114,279.15

Budget Shortfall: \$26,390.85



August Anniversaries

- 6 *Jim & Kasey Todl*
- 7 *Pete & Kathy Drexler*
Jeff & Elaine Unferth
- 10 *Bob & Janet Hesprich*
- 13 *Luke & Cherie Reitz*
Brian & Katie Stoffel
- 14 *Roger Clark &*
Jackie Scharfenberg
- 16 *David & Carol Luedtke*

August Birthdays

- 2 *Sandra Porter*
- 4 *Mary Rhein*
- 5 *Helen Koene*
Karen Graf
- 7 *Ruth Ireland*
- 8 *Jane Pegram*
Lexus Raue
- 10 *Steve Cull*
Lisa Lehner
- 14 *Bridget Thorn*
- 15 *John Buske*
- 16 *Steve Luedtke*
- 18 *Patti Stuebs*
Elias Dittberner
Elaine Unferth
- 19 *Lisa Luedtke*
Larry
Schraufnagel
- 20 *Mary Muehlius*
Chael Westphal
- 21 *Reese Todl*
Koby Sacotte
- 25 *Amy Bloch*
Andy Luedtke
- 26 *Richard Doemel*
Nancy Vegetabile
- 27 *Layla Rambousek*
- 28 *Steve Unferth*
Vickie Unferth
- 30 *Tyler Faris*
Layne Fester
Chad Menzer
- 31 *Michelle Kuehl*
Jaye Zingsheim



Music is an important part of worship to our God. We are looking for all musicians to share their musical talents and skills with the Trinity congregation. Please contact Jason Ehlert with any ideas you have to offer. Thank you to all the faithful helpers who have already blessed Trinity and praised God with their abilities.

Jason—Worship
Music Coordinator

920-922-0361 or 920-539-6929

MORNING PRAYER

"KEEP MY EYES ON YOU"

Dear Loving Father,
Thank You for waking me up today.
Thank You for Your love and care.
Thank You for everything You have freely given me in this life.
I pray that I can keep my eyes on You and live a life that proclaims Your excellence.
In Jesus name, I pray

Amen

THE GRACEFUL CHAPTER

August 2023 TMC-Lomira

Worship Service 9:00 AM

| August 2023 TMC-Lomira | | | | | | |
|--------------------------|-----|-----|--|-----|-----|-------------------------------|
| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
| | | 1 | 2 6:30 pm AA & AI Anon | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 6 Communion Sunday | 7 | 8 | 9 6:00pm Church Council Meeting 6:30 pm AA & AI Anon | 10 | 11 | 12 10:00 am Food Pantry |
| 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 Office Closed 6:30 pm AA & AI Anon | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 6:30 pm AA & AI Anon | 24 | 25 | 26 10:00 am Food Pantry |
| 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 6:30 pm AA & AI Anon | 31 | | |

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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