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300 Church St.  
Lomira WI 53048

  
Sunday Worship 9:00 AM



**Be the Change You Want  
to See in the World.**

**-Ghandi**

*August 2024 | TMC Monthly Newsletter*

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Dear Trinity Methodist Family,

A year ago, I shared my heart in our newsletter following the exciting step of our church's new journey outside the Wisconsin Conference of the UMC. As we embraced this fresh path, I encouraged us all to focus on a vital mission: Building bridges within and beyond our church walls.

Reflecting on Our Progress: Building Bridges

Building bridges, as we defined, is not only about forming connections but about merging a web of understanding, support, and unity among us and with the wider world. It is about paving ways that enhance relationships, encourage cooperation, and deepen our sense of belonging. Today, I invite each of you to reflect: How have I contributed to building these bridges this past year?

1. Relational Bridges: Have we listened more than we spoke? Proverbs reminds us of the folly in answering before listening. In our interactions, did we offer an ear and a shoulder more than advice and judgments?
  2. Leadership Bridges: As leaders, have we led with open hearts and hands? Have we shepherded with the eagerness and humility Peter talks about, serving not under compulsion but willingly?
  3. Generational Bridges: How well have we linked the wisdom of our elders with the vibrancy of our youth? Have our programs successfully brought different ages together, fostering mutual respect and learning?
  4. Cultural Bridges: In a world rich with diversity, have we celebrated the various cultures within our church family? As John's vision in Revelation paints a picture of unity in diversity, have we mirrored this heavenly scene?
  5. Social Bridges: Proverbs challenges us to honor God through kindness to the needy. Have our efforts reached the marginalized? Have we been God's hands and feet to those in difficult circumstances?
  6. Interfaith Bridges: Paul urges us to maintain the unity of the Spirit. Have we sought to understand and collaborate with other faith communities, fostering peace and mutual respect?
- Community Bridges: As we interact with the wider community, have our actions reflected the love and service Paul describes? Have we seized every opportunity to do good, especially to our fellow believers?

*Your Reflections Needed!* Please take a moment to consider these questions. Your honest self-evaluation is crucial as it helps us understand our strengths and areas needing improvement. Share your thoughts with us!

Looking Ahead: Sermon Reflections for August

- August 04: "*What Kind of Bread Do We Eat?*" - John 6:24-35
- August 11: "*Holy Bread for Holy Hunger*" - John 6:35, 41-51
- August 18: *Note: I will be on vacation*

August 25: "*Following the Leader*" - John 6:56-69

As we move forward, let's carry the lessons learned and the bridges built into another year of growth and service. Let us be the community God calls us to be, one that builds bridges not walls.

With all blessings,

Rev. Mulongo Mpoyo

## Who's In the Pews?

Ever wonder who you're sitting next to at church? Want to know a little more about them and their faith journey here at Trinity? If so, this "newish" contribution may answer a few of your burning questions. This month's spotlight is on John Muentner .



I grew up on our family farm in the Town of Byron with my parents John and Elaine and my sisters Dawn and Faye and my brother Dan. We lived right next to my grandparents Irving and Verna and my Uncle Walter.

I went to school in the Lomira School District starting with the little white schoolhouse in Brownsville. I was there through 2nd grade. Then, I was off to Lomira where I graduated in '76.

We went to church at Ebenezer until Trinity Church was built. I was confirmed here in '72.

My family now consists of my three daughters, Missy, Jenny, and Amanda and their families. I have six grandchildren; two boys Kadryn and Brayden, and four girls; Desi, Audrey, Ella, and Nora. Just as we lived next door to my grandparents, I am blessed to have my daughter Amanda and her family living next to me. Amanda and her husband Nate purchased the old farmhouse from my dad and renovated it. It is a great joy to see the remnants of the farm that they incorporated into the house as well as having my two little ones (Ella and Nora) right across the lawn.



I am a sports nut and enjoy the Packers, Brewers, Badgers, as well as all forms of Lomira high school sports. My favorite memory, of course, is built around a sport event. I was crossing that bridge in the last quarter mile of the '93 Fox Cities Marathon as I realized I was going to qualify for the '94 Boston Marathon, and then actually going to Boston and running it. It took 10 years and approximately 15,000 miles of training to get it done. Bucket list and life-changing, it opened doors for me in my life for the next 30+ years.



My favorite thing to do as I've gotten older is waterskiing. I love the challenge and excitement of it all.

The biggest lesson I have learned was from my Dad near the end of his life here as he said simply "to live your life with an attitude of gratitude. This will open doors of opportunity beyond anything you could dream of. "

My parents brought me to Trinity when I was young, but what really "brought me to Trinity" was my divorce. This pushed me to bring my three young daughters to church and also encouraged me to get involved. One of the first ways I did that was through the youth group.

In my role as Lay Leader, I am involved in almost every committee as well as ushering, reading and basically doing whatever I can to support our congregation.

In this exciting time of joining the new Global Methodist Church, I would like to see people expanding their commitment and involvement in "all things Trinity" and approach our involvement in serving our Lord and our Mission Field with enthusiasm and love.

# Making Disciples in the Philippines

Source: [samaritanaspurse.org/article/making-disciples-in-the-philippines-2/](http://samaritanaspurse.org/article/making-disciples-in-the-philippines-2/)

The boys and girls knew to quickly pick up their chairs and scoot to the side, clearing the narrow alleyway anytime a bicycle or motorbike needed to squeeze through. These interruptions to the discipleship class happened often enough that they had become normal, and the children and their teachers carried on with worship and Bible teaching once the traffic had cleared.

The tiny thoroughfare in the middle of the slum was the only space that members of Grace Baptist Church could find to hold The Greatest Journey lessons. But they were undeterred. Every Saturday morning, they arrived to find the boys and girls waiting for them and eager to hear the Bible story they'd come to share.



God is using Operation Christmas Child and The Greatest Journey, our follow-up discipleship program for shoebox gift recipients, to introduce children in this slum in Iloilo, Philippines, to the Gospel. Most of their families aren't Christians, and they had never before had an opportunity to learn about God's love for them.



## New Life in Christ

Anne, a member of Grace Baptist, had never worked with children and doubted that she could serve effectively. She even wondered why God had called her to teach The Greatest Journey. But she knew God wanted her to teach, and she wanted to obey.

As the weeks went on, she came to treasure her time leading the boys and girls and watching them become disciples of Jesus Christ.

"We're teaching the kids not only The Greatest Journey lesson, but how to develop daily habits. We teach them how to pray and how to read their Bible," she said. "I believe that if you touch their heart, they can serve the Lord our God."

## Ongoing Discipleship

Anne and other church members had wanted to reach the neglected community for a while but they weren't sure where to start. This slum is well-acquainted with hardship, as many people can't find jobs and those who do still don't earn enough to make ends meet. Their small homes are pieced together with wood and bamboo scraps and precariously crammed together. Alcohol and illegal drug use is common.

The church members were concerned about the physical needs of the children as well as their spiritual needs. "Some children go to school without food. These kids are hungry," said Charmaine, one of The Greatest Journey teachers. Her husband is also pastor of Grace.

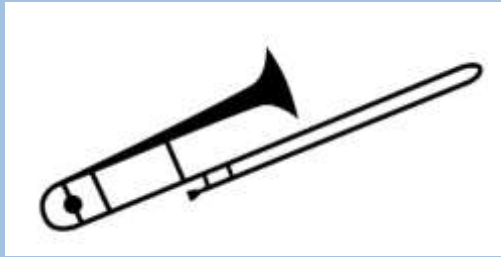
Operation Christmas Child and The Greatest Journey created the pathway the church needed to begin Gospel outreach among children and parents who desperately needed the eternal hope of Christ.

"This has opened doors for us to talk about Jesus. We want them to have a personal relationship with Him," Charmaine said.

Much to their delight, and even surprise, boys and girls in the slum never tired of learning about God during The Greatest Journey. "Even if it was hot, even if it was crowded, they were so enthusiastic," Charmaine said. They enjoyed the time so much that Charmaine and Anne wanted the regular gatherings to continue once the lessons were finished. They started a weekly worship and Bible study for the children in Charmaine's home. Even children who didn't participate in The Greatest Journey have become interested in the weekly gathering at her home.

"This has been one of my greatest joys," Charmaine said.

**Fond du Lac  
Symphonic Band Concert**



**Thursday, August 15 7:30 P.M.**

**Steer Park, Lomira**

**Please come for a fun, summer evening of music with Jason and musician friends.**

**Food concessions provided by the Lomira Public Library**



Volunteers Needed for our next Loaves & Fishes dinner commitment.

Date: August 7

Time: 4:00pm

Location: Church of Peace, Fond du Lac

Please sign up on the volunteer sheet in the Connections Room.

**\*\*\* Cookie donations will be needed as well. Please drop these off @ TMC by 3:00pm on 08/07.**



Dear Trinity Family,

I want to thank everyone who sent cards, texts, or made calls during my time in the hospital and at home recovering. I appreciated hearing from you all.

Thank you for the prayers as well. Please know, I'm getting stronger each week.

God Bless you all,

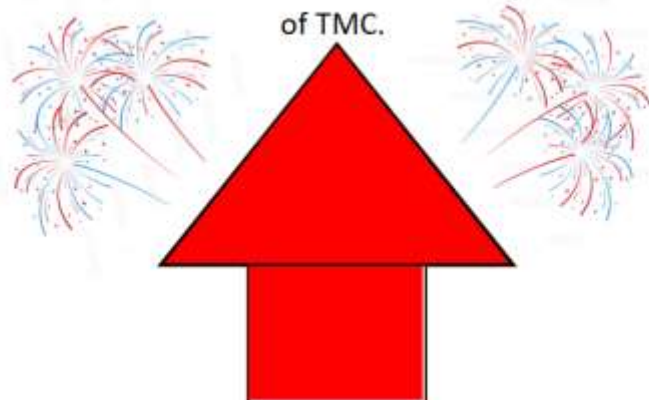
Julie Faber

## Disaffiliation Fund

**Goal: \$182,000 Money raised: \$190,000+  
OVER THE TOP: \$8,000+**

A big "Thanks" to all who participated in the disaffiliation fund raiser. As of July 24, we have received over \$190,000. With the original goal of collecting \$182,000 met, we were able to "Free Trinity" from the United Methodist Church's control. The excess funds we've collected will be used to promote the "New" direction

of TMC.





## Reason to Sign up for Sunday School

- 1) Grow your faith in God
- 2) Spend time with other similar aged students.
- 3) Hands on lessons with fun takeaways.
- 4) Memorize bible verses and songs.
- 5) Upbeat and god centered music activities.

**Sunday School starts September 15th  
when the sermon starts approximately 9:15 AM.**

*If interested please reach out to Jill.*



### ON DAVID & PSALMS

- 1** Making peace is part of God's game plan. (David & Abigail)
- 2** Following God is the best game plan. (David & the Ark of the Covenant)
- 3** Showing kindness is in God's game plan. (David & Mephibosheth)
- 4** Forgiveness is always God's game plan. (David & Nathan)

Grow kids



### ON SOLOMON

- 1** God gives us directions to follow. (Adonijah Tries to Become King)
- 2** God listens to our requests. (Solomon Asks for Wisdom)
- 3** God is worthy of our worship. (Solomon Builds the Temple)
- 4** God gives us true wisdom. (Solomon's Wise Ruling)
- 5** God helps us do big things. (The Queen of Sheba Visits Solomon)



### ON CHRISTMAS

- 1** Jesus is the savior God promised. (An Angel Appears to Mary)
- 2** God sent Jesus at the perfect time. (Zechariah, Elizabeth & John)
- 3** Jesus brings joy to the world. (Mary Visits Elizabeth)
- 4** Jesus is God's greatest gift. (Jesus is Born)
- 5** Everyone is invited to worship Jesus. (The Magi Visit Jesus)



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METHODIST CHURCH

Everyone is Welcome to our  
**ICE CREAM & PIE SOCIAL**

Crafts to Make • Kid's Games • Music



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**SUN., SEPT 8TH**

Front Lawn at Trinity • 10:30 am - 12:30 pm



**We Will Strike Up the Trinity Band**

- We plan to play in August with our college members still home
- Ongoing each month in the fall leading right into the Christmas season
- Dates pending
- Will contact all musicians personally
- Look for additional details in the bulletin—all are welcome to help
- Looking forward to using our talents to Praise our God!

Jason, Band Director



**Special  
Music**

Our needs  
are never  
ending

Special music helps fill the worship service in the winter months when our choirs are not performing.

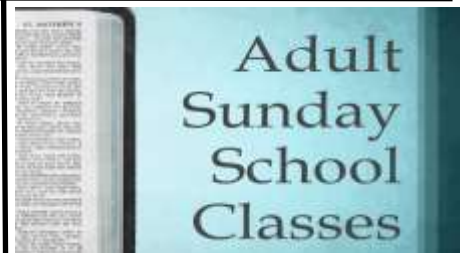
If you want to be included in our "special music" performances, all offers are welcome. We will make it happen.

Thanks to all those who have stepped up in the past.

God Bless!

Jason, Worship Music Coordinator

920-922-0361 or 920-539-6929



**Adult Sunday School**

Starts Sunday, September 29  
10:30am-11:30 am

We will be studying the book  
**"Membership to Discipleship,  
Growing Mature Disciples Who  
Make Disciples"** by Phil  
Maynard.

Cost: \$15.00 to cover the book

Direct Questions to Kathy  
Drexler

Sign Up in the Connections  
Room



## Trinity Golf Outing

Sunday, September 8

3:00pm

### The Golf Club at Camelot Golf Course

9 - hole scramble outing. The team picks the best ball and plays all of their shots from that spot.

**\*\*\$30 for golf, cart, and sandwich after golf**

Prizes : there will be no prizes, but there might be some rules.

**Trinity members, friends, and non-members are welcome**

Sign up individually or as a team in the Connections Conference Room

**For more information, contact**

**Pete Drexler**



## **The Trinity Adult Choir & Bell Choir are looking for “singers” and “ringers.”**

If you are interested in joining one of these choirs, or both, an outside social and fun gathering is planned for Wed. August 21 at 6:00. Bring lawn chair, beverage of your choice, and a snack, finger food, or dessert to share. If you have any questions, or would like more information, give one of us a call:

Adult Choir Director: Pam Hilker 920-382-5200

Bell Choir Director: Clarice Drummond 248-568-8026

Dear Trinity Church Family,



I want to thank all of you that sent cards, calls, and prayers for the passing of my mom, Faith Beck. I know she missed seeing everyone while she was at Adelaide Place. A special “thanks” to Carol Dilling for coming and giving communion and reading scripture. I know she enjoyed that so much.

Another big “thank you” to all the women that helped in the kitchen or made something for the funeral.

Thank you all for the memorials. Funds will go to church projects and church choir music.

God bless everyone,

Julie Faber



## 2024 TMC Directory Additions & Corrections

Please update your 2024 Trinity Methodist Church Member Directory to show the following changes:

- Pam Hilker’s address - 321 N. Mountin Drive
- Debbie Bintzler - Oestreich email: hometowntowing@frontier.com
- Brenda Michel’s email address - michelsfarmsllc@gmail.com
- Pam Wellso’s email - pamback312@gmail.com
- Ed Faber’s phone number: 920-904-5493
- Tina Rawlins’ address : 1471 S. 98th St. Apt #103 West Allis, WI 53214
- Zach Schmid’s (friend) address—1326 Church St. Lomira Phone: 920-251-2598





## 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, came through surgery for his right leg amputation with a smile on his face and grateful to God for another day 07/25
- Don Doyle, open heart surgery 07/23
- Laverne Senn, has been moved to the nursing home 07/16
- Sarah Kretschmer completed eighth weekly chemo – six more treatments to go, tires easily but trying to stay positive and push through 07/16
- Mike Johnson, surgery on multiple foot fractures 07/16
- Prayers for America, that we can be a peaceful and unified nation during the election of our next president 07/16
- Paul Christiano, hurricane victim 07/11
- Christopher Galow, son of Dick Galow, lung cancer - started treatments in early July 7/11
- Laura, Dick Galow's niece, diagnosed with leukemia - having treatments 07/11
- Gene Hake, continuing health issues - extra prayers needed 07/09
- Harold Johnson, receiving injection treatments for macular degeneration 07/09
- Pam Hilker healing, gathering strength and energy slowly, scan in August 06/12
- Mary, sister-in-law of Pam Hilker, tumor is below 5 cm, so she is now on the liver transplant list. No further treatments needed at this time. Scan will take place in 3 months. 05/30
- David Menzer, Fred's Brother, seeing some small improvements in certain health conditions 5/08
- Nancy Feucht, Casey Buske's mother, diagnosed with a rare blood cancer 05/01



If you haven't picked up your quarterly giving statement in the Connections Room these last few weeks, please do so this weekend. This will be the last shot before we send them in the mail

# Golden Club

**Helen Koene**

Turns 89 on 8/5

385 Main St. Apt. 9

Lomira, WI 53048

**Larry Schraufnagel**

Turns 82 on 8/19

1202 Maple St.

Lomira, WI 53048

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

## 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
- 3 Tari Bloohm
- 5 Helen Koene
- 7 Ruth Ireland  
Rod Drummond
- 8 Jane Pegram
- 10 Steve Cull
- 14 Bridget Thorn
- 16 Steve Luedtke
- 18 Elaine Unferth
- 19 Lisa Luedtke  
Larry  
Schraufnagel
- 20 Mary Muehlius
- 21 Reese Todl  
Koby Sacotte
- 25 Amy Bloch  
Andy Luedtke
- 28 Steve Unferth  
Vickie Unferth
- 30 Chad Menzer
- 31 Michelle Kuehl  
Jaye Zingsheim



## 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

## TUMC Budget Totals

Year to date needed to meet budget:  
\$126,630.00

Received through 07/28/24 \$ 96,980.25

**Budget Shortfall: \$29,649.75**

**The September Newsletter  
Deadline is Aug. 22nd.  
Please have all of your  
articles into the church  
office by noon that day.**



# August 2024 TMC-Lomira

## Worship Service 9:00 AM

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4 9:00am Communion Sunday	5	6	7 6:30pm AA & Al-Anon	8	9	10 10:00am Food Pantry
11	12	13	14 6:30pm AA & Al-Anon	15	16	17
18			21 6:30pm AA & Al-Anon	22	23	24 10:00am Food Pantry
25	26 12:00pm Blood Drive	27	28 10:30am Staff Meeting 6:30pm AA & Al-Anon	29	30	31

**Mulongo Mpoyo, Pastor**

**Church Office: (920) 269-4411**

**Cell (414) 690-5796**

**Office Hours Tues.-Thurs. 9AM-1PM**

**Or by Appointment**

**Email:**

**revmpoyomm@yahoo.fr**

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**SUMMER WORSHIP SERVICES**

**9:00 A.M.**

**Church Office Hours:**

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

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