Sunday Worship 9:00 AM Sunday School 9:15 AM Youth Group & Coffee Connections 10:00 AM



Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; <sup>38</sup> therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

Methodist Church

# Lomira LOVE. GROW. SERVE.

**October 2024 Monthly Newsletter** 



#### Dear Trinity Church Family,

As the leaves change color and gently fall, we see that summer has left us, and fall is here. The cooler air reminds us to get our warm jackets ready. Just as we prepare for the change in weather, let's also prepare our hearts for the changes in our lives. The Bible says, "*For everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose under heaven*" (Ecclesiastes 3:1). This reminds us that God is with us in every season.

October is a special month for many reasons. We celebrate the **Reformation**, a time when people worked to bring the church back to the true teachings of the Bible. They wanted everyone to know that we are saved by faith in Jesus Christ, not by our own efforts.

This month is also **Pastor Appreciation Month**. It's a good time to thank our pastors for their hard work and dedication. Let's show them our gratitude and keep them in our prayers.

I want to share some exciting news with you. Right now, I am attending the **First Convening General Conference** of **The Global Methodist Church** in Costa Rica. I am serving as one of the intercessors and as a French page, helping with interpretation and translation between English and French during the plenary sessions and Legislative Committees. We are having a wonderful time of learning and renewal. I look forward to sharing more about this experience when I return.

Looking back from October 2023 to October 2024, we have many blessings to celebrate. Last October, I met with **Pam Wellso**, **John Muentner**, and **Kathy Drexler** to review the Trinity Ministry opportunity sign-up sheets. Many of you stepped up to serve in different ways, and here's what we have accomplished together:

• Adult Sunday School: We had a successful time studying the Global Methodist Catechism deeply. However, this year, only two people have signed up. I encourage more of you to join us so we can learn and grow together.

• Monthly Prayer Group Meetings: These meetings have been a blessing. We completed six lessons about prayer, including "Understanding the Basics of Prayer," "Prayer and Faith," "Praying for Others," "Spiritual Warfare and Prayer," "Deepening Your Prayer Life," and "Prayer as a Lifestyle." Your participation has made these sessions meaningful.

• **Confirmation Classes**: Seven of our young people completed their classes and were confirmed. Let's congratulate them on this important step in their faith journey.

• **Contemporary Service**: We developed the idea of starting a contemporary worship service. Starting on the 27th of this month, the fourth Sunday of each month will be dedicated to contemporary worship. We hope this new service will bring joy and refreshment to many.

Here are the scriptures and sermon titles we will explore this month:

- October 6: "Elevating God's Design for Families" Mark 10:2-16
- October 13: "Identifying Personal Obstacles" Mark 10:17-31
- October 20: "Living as Servants Today" Mark 10:35-45

**October 27**: "Acknowledging Our Blindness" – *Mark 10:46-52* 

As we move into this new season, let's remember God's promise in **Jeremiah 29:11**: "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." Let us trust in God's good plans for us and walk together in faith.

May God bless you and keep you warm in His love.

With love,



## TMC – Adult Christian Education submitted by Kathy Drexler



## What is the main purpose of your ministry?

The purpose of this ministry is to provide opportunities for Trinity members and friends of the church to deepen their understanding of their faith in God. Secondarily, to challenge you and support you as you take the next steps on your journey towards discipleship.

#### Who are the members involved in your ministry?

Kathy Drexler is the chairperson of Adult Christian Education. She has been working with Pastor Mpoyo. Bob Coulter has recently stepped forward to lead a Bible study. We are in conversations with Trinity members about additional offerings. We welcome anyone willing to step forward to help us on our faith journeys.

## What is a recent project you worked on with your ministry?

Our recent project is the addition of a Bible study on the book of Romans. Over the summer Bob Coulter and Pastor Mpoyo worked with Kathy Drexler to create a new format for this educational offering. Bob Coulter has spent years educating himself on the Bible by watching 30 minute Les Feldick videos, daily. On Monday's at 1:00p.m. we have 14 Trinity folks coming to church to watch a 30 minute Les Feldick video on the book of Romans. Then the group spends 30 minutes discussing what we just heard. The class is informal and well received. It is a great way to take your first step into a Bible study. New classmates are welcome to join us at any time.

#### What do you need from TMC to be more successful as a ministry?

We need more people who are willing to participate in educational opportunities. Taking your first Bible study or Adult Sunday School class can be real intimidating. Please know that you will not be pressured to speak during any of our Trinity educational offerings. We respect the fact that everyone learns in different ways. Our goal is to provide opportunities for you to strengthen your faith and grow closer to God. Don't let fear prevent you from taking those first steps. There is such joy in developing a closer relationship with God.

#### What are your goals for your ministry?

We have a lofty goal for adult Christian education. Our goal is that every adult worshiping at Trinity is 100% certain that they will spend eternity with our Lord Jesus Christ in heaven at the end of their earthly life.

#### 7. How can members become involved in your ministry?

You can become involved in this ministry in a number of ways:

A. Sign up for any of our offerings.

B. Sign up for Adult Sunday School from 10:30a.m. - 11:25a.m., hopefully starting in October. We would like at least 6 people interested in studying how to become a disciple.

C. The Catechism of Christian Faith and Doctrine for The Global Methodist Church will be distributed in October. You will find your family copy in the quarterly financial statement. Please read and study your copy of the catechism. Pastor Mulongo is willing to offer a short class, later in the fall, to answer catechism questions.

D. Contact Kathy Drexler with ideas and suggestions on how to improve our educational opportunities at Trinity. Email Kathy at pkdrexler21@frontier.com.





# Mug & Muffin

Next Meeting - 10/19 9:00am

Bring a craft project to work on or just enjoy this social time with friends.

Contemporary Service 🕀 METHODIST CHURCH

Join us for our Contemporary Service October 27, 2024 with plans of holding one the 4th Sunday of each month.





## TMC – Youth Group submitted by John Lavarda

#### What is the main purpose of your ministry?

To offer a fun and exciting community open to all middle/high school age students, that provides the opportunity for spiritual growth and support.

#### 3) Who are the members involved in your ministry?

Myself, John Lavarda, serving as the Youth Group Leader.

#### 4) What is a recent project you worked on with your ministry?

Last year as a group, we spent one Sunday morning cleaning up garbage, sticks, and leaves on the church property, parsonage, and surrounding wooded area.

# 5) What do you need from TMC to be more successful as a ministry?

We can always use more students to join us weekly, so feel free to invite friends or family to attend! Additionally, we welcome guest speakers to come and share or speak on a specific topic that would be relevant to our students (or to even bring a fun activity!).

#### 6) What are your goals for your ministry?

To foster both personal and spiritual growth, empowering our young students to be active in their faith and journey with Jesus Christ, to ultimately build a community that reaches beyond the walls of Trinity Methodist Church.

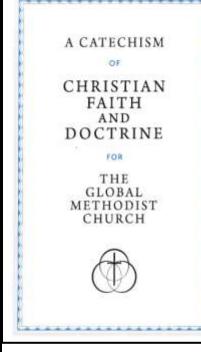
#### 7) How can members become involved in your ministry?

The youth group meets after church service each Sunday (Sept-May) at approximately 10am and runs for about an hour. Additional activities outside of that time will be planned and communicated throughout the year so stay tuned!









### Global Methodist Catechism For Every Family

Your generosity during the disaffiliation fund raiser netted more funds than was required to complete the disaffiliation process. The Trinity Church Council has authorized the purchase of many copies of The Global Methodist Church Catechism of Christian

Faith and Doctrine with some of that money.

The Council voted recently to give one Catechism booklet to each Trinity family.

Starting in October, one Catechism booklet will be available for each family. If your family is a Trinity member or Trinity friend there is one book for you. The Catechism booklet will be inside your next quarterly financial statement.

Please take the time to thoroughly read through your copy of the booklet. In a question and answer format it explains the essential teachings that The Global Methodist Church expects its members to understand and believe.

It is highly likely that you will have questions after personally studying the essential teachings in the Catechism. If you are interested in deepening your understanding of GMC doctrine and getting answers to those questions, sign up in the Connections Room. If there is interest, we will offer another study of The Catechism of Christian Faith and Doctrine for The Global Methodist Church.

See Kathy Drexler, Coordinator of Adult Christian Education, with questions.



**Men's Group is back and** meeting the following dates:

October 19

November 16

9:00 A.M.

Mug and Muffins will supply the treats if we supply the coffee. Seems like a "win" for us men!



# Subject: Your Shoeboxes were Received! A message from afar... Good News! Great Joy!

Hi, Trinity Shoebox Project!

**My name is Kayla Milligan and I'm on staff with OCC! I've been on a vision trip in Grenada the** past few days and I can say your boxes have safely arrived and are in the hands of children in Grenada!!! We saw several of them at this outreach event. Also, GREAT idea putting a picture of **what the item is attached to it I thought that was genius. I pulled the frisbee out and didn't** know what it was but then I saw the picture!

The picture of the boy with the sunglasses specifically got the box from Michelle! I read the note to him and let them know it was from Wisconsin in the United States. They speak English here too which is really cool. They were soooo happy to receive their gifts! Before they received their shoeboxes they heard a gospel presentation and were given a Greatest Gift booklet that explains the Gospel in more detail.

They were also invited to come back for the Greatest Journey which is our 12 lesson follow up discipleship program. This teaches kids how to become followers of Jesus and how to share Him with others!

The specific prayer requests from Walker Church of God were to pray that the children would come back for The Greatest Journey and stick with it through the whole 12 lessons. This church is strong in their love for God and deeply passionate about prayer. They **had around 60 kids at this outreach event! The location of the church isn't in an area with** many children, so the congregation members went door to door with printed invitations for the children. Many of the children come from homes with unbelieving and disengaged parents. For the children farther away, the church is even driving by many houses to pick kids up. They have just laid a foundation for a new building, and praying for the growth of their **church. They're excited to see how 0CC will aid in this growth.** 

Thank you for partnering with us in ministry!!! These children got to hear about Jesus and His love for them because of YOU all. So thank you and keep up the good work!!!

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# **Trinity Shoebox Project Update**

It all starts with a shoebox gift, packed in Jesus's Name and full of love and prayer.



Starting with the first Sunday in October, the red cylindrical containers will be available on the Shoebox Project table in the Connections Room. These containers will hold 36 quarters. All financial donations for the Shoebox Project help fund the purchase of shoebox gifts and cover collection, processing, shipping, training, Gospel materials, and other project costs. You can help make this quarter campaign successful by taking home and filling a container or two! For those whose blessings may not allow for a larger financial contribution, this may be a budget friendly option to participate in this awesome ministry.



Thank you for your support!



"Let the little Children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these." Mark 10:14

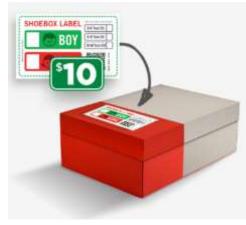
Amy Unferth and Heidi Zingsheim, pictured with Laurie Malchow the area coordinator for Washington and Ozaukee counties, attended the **Operation Christmas Child Project Leader Workshop** on Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at the Shepard of the Hills Lutheran Church in Hubertus. During this workshop time was spend in prayer, encouragement, guidance, and fellowship. It was great to be able to come together for a common goal and be active in what Jesus commanded us to do through the Great Commission, to spread the Gospel to all nations of the world. We continue to be grateful to serve God through this hands-on global outreach opportunity.



## The AWESOME power of an Operation Christmas Child Shoebox...

**220 million shoeboxes** have been distributed into the hands of children in **over 175 counties** since 1993. **20 million children came to Christ** through "The Greatest Journey" Discipleship program last year alone. That is the Gospel of Christ going to the Ends of The Earth. That is what Trinity Shoebox Project is doing through our partnership with the ministry of Operation Christmas Child. *Amazing!* 





### **Discover the Destination of Your Shoebox Gift**

Do you ever wonder where your shoebox gifts were sent? If you make your \$10 donation per shoebox online, you can receive a special label and Follow Your Box. As you checkout, a receipt with a unique label will be sent to your email address provided. Print the label and affix to your shoebox. This label will be scanned along the route. Later in the year you can use the Look-up Tool link, provided in the email, to find out the country where your shoebox will be de-livered with the message of Christ's love. *How neat is that?!* 

www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/follow-your-box/

All shoeboxes sent by Trinity's OCC Ministry Team will include a **Follow Your Box Tracking Label**. We will share with you the destination of the shoeboxes once known.





**God is working in and among us for HIS glory!** We are now in the season of collection, packing, and collaboration of shoeboxes for Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child. If your heart is led, please plan to pick up shoeboxes for your family and friends on Sunday during worship, during church office hours, or contact the Zingsheim family at 920-539-8807 for delivery.

**Every shoebox gift is an excellent resource for evangelism and discipleship**, which leads to multiplication of new believers and churches around the world! Everyone is invited to participate ... so, who will you share this *awesome* opportunity with? *Spread the word!* 

**Financial donations to help cover expenses & shipping** for shoeboxes packed by the Shoebox Project team on Trinity's behalf are needed and appreciated (*cash/check to Trinity MC with 'Shoebox Project' in the note field*). We are on target to pack **400 shoeboxes** this year! Please reach out if you know of an individual, family or business who may have an interest in participating in this ministry through a larger tax-deductible financial donation. Your support is greatly appreciated!



Make packing Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes a new family tradition!

Return Deadline: Sunday, Nov 17th



# **FRED FERGUSON** GOSPEL SUNDAY



Thank You

Dear Trinity Methodist Council and Congregation,

I would like to Thank You for the opportunity to Give Praise to our Lord and Savior through Music this last Sunday, September 22nd. Your kindness and generosity are well beyond measure. I certainly hope you enjoyed the service as much as I did.

> Your Friend in Christ, Fred Ferguson









**Thank you** to Fred Ferguson for the inspirational Gospel Service you delivered this past Sunday. The congregation was energized and motivated by your performance.

In church attendance - 165

Online views - 115

Thank you to Gary Jesse and the rest of the kitchen crew who helped serve the ribs and pulled pork luncheon. The food was delicious and appreciated by all.



#### TMC CHURCH BOARD MEETING MINUTES

#### September 17, 2024

#### **Reports received from:**

- Treasurer
- Financial Secretary
- Compassionate Fund (Aid to needy families)
- Adult Christian Education plans to start in October for an 8-week session.
- <u>Mug's</u> and Muffins & Men's Group both groups will start meeting September 21@ 9:00am.

#### **Topics Discussed:**

- First Day of Sunday School
- Plans for Gospel Sunday with Fred Ferguson
- Election Day Spaghetti Supper anyone under 15 is free

#### **Disaffiliation Fund:**

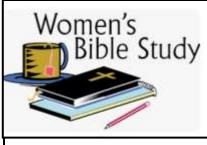
Goal \$180,000

Result \$190,016

- The additional funds received through the fundraiser will be used to promote "Trinity Global Methodist Church."
- To date, the funds have been used to purchase 120 "Our Great Redeemer's Praise" Hymnals, 50 TMC yard signs (which are available to you in the Connections Room), and copies of the Global Methodist Church Catechism. Each family will receive a copy of the catechism in their quarterly financial statement.

#### Other Business:

- If you have any ideas to promote our church, we still have some funds available.
- Old hymnals are free and available in the Fireside Room until 11/1/24.
- · All upcoming events will be listed in our Sunday bulletins.
- If you have any questions, contact Board Chair, Bill Buske, at 920-948-2532.



**Starts:** Friday, September 27 @ 8:30am in The Fireside Room.

Led By: Deb Wiedmeyer

**Studying:** the book "What's So Amazing about Grace? By Phillip Yancy along with your bibles.

This series is timed to finish before Thanksgiving.

Contact Deb for more information.

### Adult Sunday School

Proposed Class to run Sundays from 10:30am - 11:25a.m.

Studying: Phil Maynard's book, Membership to Discipleship, Growing Mature Disciples Who Make Disciples"

Cost: \$15—Sign up in the Connections Room.









































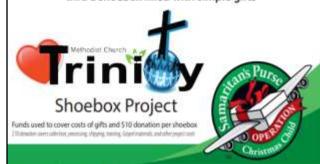






Fundraising is for Trinity Shoebox Project in partnership with the Operation Christmas Child Ministry

Mission: Sharing God's love with children worldwide thru a shoebox filled with simple gifts





# Trinity Handbell Ringers Needed!

To keep our beautifully refurbished and improved 3-Octave Malmark Handbells Ringing to their fullest, we need at least two more members or friends of Trinity to give this a try!

While previous musical experience is helpful, it is not required! We are a friendly and supportive group and will be welcoming to all!

### Would you like to:

- Shadow/Attend a rehearsal,
- Talk to some of our members
- Ask me questions,
- Take an individual introduction to ringing?

We are happy to introduce you to ringing in any way that would be most helpful to you! Most of all, ringing can be a fun and rewarding small group ministry at Trinity.

Waiting to hear from you, Clarice Drummond (248-568-8026) musicamd@gmail.com.



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### Your Friend in Christ,

#### Fred Ferguson



# THE UNITED METHODIST HYMNAL

Our new "**Our Great Redeemer's Praise**" hymnals have arrived and have been placed in the church pews.

If you care to take a United Methodist Hymnal or have previously had one dedicated in memory of a loved one, those hymnals can be picked up in the Fireside Room. All hymnal have been alphabetized by the person remembered for your convenience. All hymnals should be collected by November 1.

Worried you didn't donate a hymnal? No fear. there are approximately 70 hymnals without a dedication. Please take one home.



- Sarah Kretschmer radiation starts on September 25 and lasts through Nov. 5 09/17
- Gene Junger, staying at St. Frances Home in FDL 09/05
- Des Hull, coworker of Sarah Kretschmer, breast cancer surgery scheduled for September 4 -will wait for pathology to determine next steps 09/03
- Adam Holzman, coworker of Sarah Kretschmer, waiting on testing to see if he can do targeted therapy, if not, then more chemo. 09/03
- Mary, sister-in-law of Pam Hilker, removed from liver transplant list. More treatment required and more prayers needed. 08/20
- David Menzer, Fred's Brother, in therapy to build strength for COPD machine 08/20
- Mike Johnson, surgery on multiple foot fractures 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
- Nancy Feucht, Casey Buske's mother, diagnosed with a rare blood cancer 05/01

## **TC Budget Totals**

YTD needed to meet budget: \$160,398.00 Received through 09-15-2024: \$124,438.44

Budget Shortfall: \$35,959.56

# THANK YOU FOR DONATING



Thank you to Nora Buske and the Lomira High School FFA Team for **donating "birthday cake"** mix items to the Food Pantry.

Nora and team included handwritten birthday cards as well as everyone should be remembered on their special day.

The food pantry thanks you for thinking outside the box !



One Day Women's Retreat: Saturday, November 9

Time: 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Where: Community Methodist Church, Waterford

What to expect: Worship through his Word and Christexalting music, testimonials from women who hope against hope, lunch, door prizes, learning. What more could you ask for?

Cost: \$25 until Nov. 1, \$30 after Nov. 1.

Contact Pam Wellso or Kathy Drexler for car-pooling opportunities.



CHECK OUT THE WILDLIFE & BREATHE IN THE FRESH COUNTRY AIR! REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED

CONTACT KARYN MICHELS AT 920.979.3956 WITH ANY QUESTIONS

Trinity Methodist Church Ministries

Explore the opportunities for Faith, Fellowship, Fun.

# Want to get more involved at TMC?

Not sure where to start?

Why not pick up one of our **TMC Ministry flyers** available in the Connections Room and learn more about the possible educational and volunteer opportunities going on now.







# October Anniversaries

- 2 Bruce & Kelly Brown
  - Dan & Pam Dewhurst
- 7 Gordon & Jackie Zimmerman

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- 14 Gary & Rebecca Renderman
- 17 Greg & Amy Bloch Jerry & Shirley Klein
- 18 Steve & Deb Janke
- 19 Todd & Lisa Lehner
- 21 Tom and Debbie Zinniel
- 24 Bob & Debbie Gudex Jason and Michelle Kuehl

# October Birthdays

- 1 Diane Luedtke McKinley Krueger
- 3 Taylor Westphal Margaret Priesgen
- 6 Cindy Hodny
- 9 Sandy Collier
- 10 Julie Faber Steely Schaefer
- 12 Jeff Zingsheim
- 13 Ashley Schaefer
- 14 Greg Bloch
- 15 Justin Marschie
- 19 Tom Henke Heidi Zingsheim

The November

Newsletter Deadline is October 19th. Please have all

of your articles

into the church office by noon

- 22 Jeff Faber
- 27 Jan Guell



On behalf of the **Leverne Senn family**, thanks to the Trinity Methodist Congregation and Staff.

- To Pastor Mulongo, Priscilla, Jason, Jill, and all other church members who assisted in any way for the memorial service for Leverne.
- To Cheryl Meyer and Doug Kindschuh and those who provided food and services for the funeral luncheon.
- To those who visited Leverne at Hope
- Special thanks to those who served communion to Leverne

From Jim & Debbie Senn, Deb & Larry Pollack, Mary Beth & Paul Schlecht, Dan & Kim Senn, and Lila Ebert that day. Thank you!

## **October 2024 TMC-Lomira**

## Worship Service: 9:00 a.m. Sunday School: 9:15am Youth Group, Connections: 10:00 am

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
			6:00 Choir	6:00pm	8:30am	
			6:30 AA	Nominations	Women's Bible	
			7:00 Bell Choir	Meeting	Study	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
9:00am	1:00pm Study of		6:00 Choir		8:30am	10:00am Food
Communion	The Book of		6:30 AA		Women's Bible	Pantry
Sunday	Romans		7:00 Bell Choir		Study	
			7.00 Bell Choli			
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
9:00am Bell	1:00pm Study of		6:00 Choir		8:30am	9:00am Men's
Choir	The Book of		6:30 AA		Women's Bible	Group / Mug 'N
Pastor	Romans		7:00 Bell Choir		Study	Muffin
Appreciation						
Day						
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
9:00am Choir	1:00pm Study of		6:00 Choir		8:30am	10:00am Food
Sunday	The Book of Romans		6:30 AA		Women's Bible Study	Pantry
			7:00 Bell Choir			
27	28	29	30	31		
9:00am	12:00pm Blood	7:00pm	6:00 Choir			
Contemporary	Bank	Stewardship	6:30 AA			
Service	1:00pm Study of	and Finance	7:00 Bell Choir			
	The Book of	Meeting				

Return Service Requested Lomira, WI 53048 300 Church Street Trinity Methodist Church

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