



When God speaks of a new beginning, He has several things in mind. A new beginning from God means God giving you something new or God doing something new in your life.

**Something that is “new” means something “fresh.”**

This year, the Almighty God will give you fresh ideas for your:

- Ministry / Faith
- Business / Career
  - Family

The God of New Beginnings, if you yield to Him,  
will use you in a way He has never used you before.



Dear Trinity Methodist Church Family,

As we welcome the new year, I find it a profound blessing to share this message with each of you. The journey through 2024 has been one of both remarkable joy and undeniable challenge. It began with a sense of smooth sailing, as if the Lord had set a clear path ahead. However, as with all journeys, the path took unexpected turns, and I found myself navigating through some of the most challenging waters of my ministry.

In these moments, I was deeply comforted and guided by the words of the Apostle Paul in his first letter to the Thessalonians: “Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you” (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18). This scripture became an encouragement for me, reminding me to find joy and thankfulness even in the face of trials. It teaches us that every moment is an opportunity to glorify God, regardless of our circumstances.

I must extend a heartfelt thank you to Jill Franklin, whose support has been steadfast during these times. Her enthusiasm and hard work have not only helped sustain our ministry but have also been a source of personal encouragement. I am truly grateful for her collaboration on this journey.

To each person who has walked alongside me this past year, both in moments of joy and in times of pain, your presence and support have been instrumental. Your shared strength and faith have made our community stronger.

Looking ahead to 2025, setting resolutions, especially concerning the ministry, has been challenging. The landscape of our lives and our spiritual journey is ever-changing, and it requires us to be **continually seeking God’s direction. Let us approach this year with hearts open to the guidance of the Holy Spirit, ready to face whatever comes our way with faith and courage.**

As we step into this new year, I offer some words of wisdom to all our church members: Let your **faith be bigger than your fears, and your actions always reflect God’s love. Hold onto hope, engage deeply with the scriptures, and let us all strive to live out the mission that Jesus has laid out for us.** As Philippians 4:13 says, “**I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.**”

This month, we will explore several scriptures and reflect on their meanings for our lives:

- **On January 5<sup>th</sup>** , we will discuss John 1:1-18 in a sermon titled “How Was Your Christmas?” to reflect on the light of Christ that came into the world.
- **On January 12<sup>th</sup>** We will also explore Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 with a sermon called “The First Day,” focusing on the beginnings of Jesus’ ministry and our own new beginnings.
- **On January 19<sup>th</sup>**, In “Where Is Your Hope,” we will turn to Psalm 71:1-6 to discuss the enduring strength and hope found in God.
- **Lastly**, Luke 4:14-21 will guide our sermon “Jesus’ Mission Statement,” where we will explore the core of Jesus’ teachings and how we can apply them to our lives today.

In closing, I extend my deepest gratitude to God for His never-ending grace and to each of you for your faith and fellowship. May we all enter 2025 with hearts full of hope, eyes set on Christ, and hands ready to serve. I wish everyone a blessed and joyful New Year!

With all blessings,

Rev. Mulongo Mpoyo



# TMC's Sunday School Children Present:





The New Year is here and with it comes many challenges. After a rewarding 2024 with the completion of disaffiliation, we now move forward with the hope of new programs, new members and friends. One of our goals this year will be to address the structural problems of our property.

While our ultimate goal is to “serve” our Lord and our church, why not make one of your New Year Resolutions to be more engaged about what’s happening here at TMC? Here are a few suggestions on how you can be more engaged:

- Read the monthly newsletter (it’s packed with information including: Pastor’s letter, Church Council minutes, upcoming events, fundraising events and updates, etc.)
- Read the bulletin - (offers you a weekly calendar of upcoming events, prayer requests, etc.)
- Peruse the TMC website (shows the church office calendar, Newsletter, and livestreaming the Sunday service.)
- Become a friend of the TMC Facebook page (highlights recent events, team building activities, the weekly bulletin, etc.)
- Attend Service
- Stream the Sunday Service when unable to attend in person
- Read the weekly sermon preview -it’s packed with life changing advice.
- Attend a church council meeting
- Join a Ministry

Put Christ first in your life in 2025.

These are just a few items that could lead you on the path to a fuller, more enriched life.

Wishing you all a blessed 2025!

Bill Buske

TMC Budget Totals	
Year to date needed to meet budget	\$215,281.00
Received through 12/22/24	\$192,415.62
Budget Shortfall	\$22,855.38



Mug and Muffin dates have been set for the first half of the year. Ladies, please put these dates down on your calendar:

- January 18
- February 15
- March 15
- April 19
- May 17

All meetings will take place at 9:00am in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring homemade/store brought muffins to share and a craft project to work on.



Thank You

To my very dearest Trinity Family, Christmas in heaven would have been so beautiful! A miracle has happened! Jesus has plans for me right here. This will

be our best Christmas right here on Earth. I have always tried to give Jesus my best, but even now more than ever, all my love and praises will be given to Him for giving me a new life.

I lived to hear the past two Sundays of our Pastor's priceless sermons, "Prepare our hearts" and "Live to receive the Christ child, our Lord Jesus Christ."

As John the Baptist prepared the way, we need to do the same. Pastor helped us to know what we should do.

Seriousness of God's coming judgment calls us to act on our behavior with proper attitudes. Our actions need to live out the Gospel; walking in the footsteps of Jesus with kindness and love.

Attend Church and read God's word, but then reflect on and in our lives what we learn. Extend mercy and love of Christ to each other. Live by the fruits of the spirit! Our entire sermon on fixing grudges.

If I have wounded any soul here, please forgive me as Jesus forgives. I do love each of you with an open and loving heart.

Thank you for all your prayers and acts of kindness. Please keep praying for total healing of a stomach problem that took our precious Elaine Meyer to heaven one day suddenly. I am doing amazingly so well, except for healing.

God is so good! Let us worship the new born king together.

With humility and all my love,

Priscilla



**Thank you** to everyone who so graciously donated to the Mitten Tree. God has given each one of us unique gifts, and the love behind the home-made items and

those purchased is a wonderful reminder of God's gift to us all. All donations were taken to the Boy's and Girl's Club to be distributed to those in need.

This year TMC collected:

Hats / headbands - 82

Gloves - 15

Scarves - 1

## TRINITY MEN'S GROUP



The Men's Group will coordinate their dates this winter and spring to match Mug 'N Muffin. Please note the following dates on your calendar:

January 18

February 15

March 15

April 19

May 17

See you there@ 9:00am!

LET US  
PRAY

Please help the office keep our Prayer Requests up to date. Call the office or send an email to [churchoffice-tumc@gmail.com](mailto:churchoffice-tumc@gmail.com) to:

- Add a new prayer request
- Update a current request
- Give thanks to God that your prayer has been answered
- Have your prayer request removed

NEW YEAR  
NEW YOU

# CHRISTMAS BELLS ARE RINGING

The sound of Christmas handbells is sweet and yet powerful.

Christmas marks the birth of Jesus Christ and the bells' upbeat sounds symbolize this eventful occasion while captivating the listener.

Christmas handbells also celebrate this joyous holiday, reminding us to spread joy by giving, receiving and sharing love with one another.



Why not give of yourself and your time in 2025 and join the TMC handbell choir? They are always looking for new members to ring out glad tidings!



Church choir singing, especially at Christmas time, is a heartfelt expression of love and devotion. Singing songs of worship and praise can be a powerful way to connect with your faith and share your spiritual journey with others. By singing together, choir members nurture a sense of belonging and fellowship that extends beyond the church.



The church choir is a testament to the idea that everyone's voice has a place in worship, regardless of their talent. So, whether you're a seasoned vocalist or someone who simply loves to sing along to hymns, don't hesitate to consider joining your church choir.





Men's Group- Submitted by:  
Pete Drexler



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

- Men to connect with other men
- Grow in our faith
- Encourage men to actively participate in our church and community

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

Bob Coulter, Pete Drexler, Jason Ehlert, Gary Jesse, Augie Luedtke, Jeff Luedtke, John Muentner, Pastor Mulongo, Lee Oestreich, Glen Wellso, Gordy Zimmerman

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

- Fred Ferguson Gospel Sunday
- Rides to church for Harold Johnson and Gene Junger

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

We need more members.

**What are the goals for your ministry?**

Continue to serve the church and community.

**How can members become involved in your ministry?**

Come to the Men's Group meetings which are normally held on the 3rd Saturday of the month at 9:00am. We coordinate out meetings with Mugs 'N Muffins.

Thank you to Deb and Lee Oestreich who graciously paid for Gene Junger's transportation to church on a recent Sunday.

Thank you to Augie Luedtke for transporting Had Johnson to church.



SPRC Group- Submitted by:  
Glen Wellso

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

The SPRC is the HR department of Trinity Methodist Church. We do the following:

- 1) Search and hiring of new staff
- 2) Wage and benefit negotiations with staff members.
- 3) Conflict mediation between staff or between staff members and the congregation.
- 4) Working closely with the Church council, Worship committee, and Finance committee for anything related to staff here at Trinity Methodist Church.

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

Our members are:

Chairperson Glen Wellso, Doug Kiehnau, Sarah Kretschmer, Pete Drexler, Tammy Steers, Matt Riehbrandt, and John Muentner, Lay Leader

If you ever have an issue or concern you'd like addressed that falls into one of the two categories listed above, please feel free to reach out to one of our members to talk through your potential issue.



## Trinity Holiday Outreach



Through the generosity of others, our **Caring Ministry Team** was able to gift the homebound members they visit a handcrafted nativity scene and a bag of candy treats. These gifts were also delivered mid-December to each tenant and resident at **Hope Health & Rehabilitation Center**. Many thanks to the Dewhurst, Unferth, and Zingsheim families for again providing a tangible expression of our love for our senior friends during the holiday season!

## Christmas Eve Apples



Doug Kindshuh's Story in His Own Words...

Growing up as a little kid, 2-3 year old, I remember at Salem Church, and the upstairs dance hall at the Brownsville Bowling Alley, receiving a white paper bag, twisted, with peanuts, a red apple and an orange, from Santa.

Time passed as I grew up and lost track of getting this goodie bag. Later in Jr High, I decided it would be a good gesture to come up with an idea of sharing a shiny red apple for Christmas Eve services, with guidance from the church secretary and pastors. We came up with the idea to pass



out a red apple as people left church. I told myself I wanted to make this a lifetime commitment with the exception of a few years when my brother David passed out oranges as he was involved with the FFA fruit sale fundraiser.

To this day, people of many ages remember the apple idea. Thru the years, the church secretary and pastor always ask, "How many years?" The dream started in 1970.

It is my wish to continue. After my passing someday, I would like to see my memorial be used to fund this Christmas dream.

Apple varieties may change, but the Christmas Eve Apple tradition will never end, even if we have bad weather and Christmas Eve services gets cancelled. There will always be a Christmas Eve Apple.

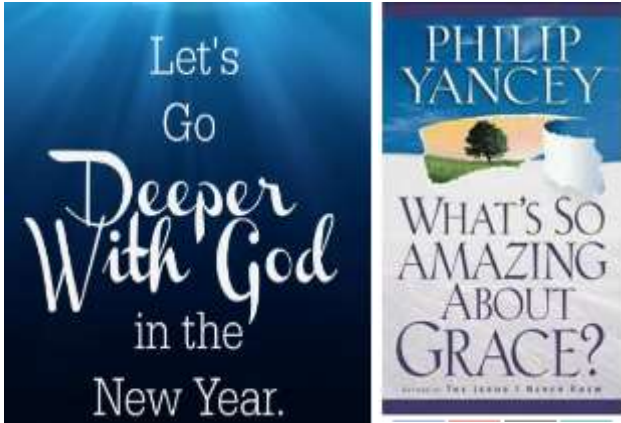
## Happy New Year From The Trinity Shoebox Project TEAM!



As soon as the last shoebox was packed for 2024, the planning was already underway for the next year. Our bulk shopping team takes advantage of holiday sales, clearance events, loyalty shopping perks, and often travel a route from store to store... the thrill of the chase! Many on our crafting team are already busy with specific project requests. Others are completing tasks to prepare for a project assembly or splitting bulk purchases. Great job all!

If you find yourself with *extra time to give* throughout the year, consider reaching out to see if we can find a project or activity that aligns with your time and talents. *Like to shop?* We can always use **quality** filler (small items)... items you would gift your own family... in any quantity. *Have financial blessing to share?* Please consider a financial donation! Our team gets so much joy from our involvement with OCC that we encourage everyone to consider participating in some capacity. Have a great New Year and please keep everyone involved in the entire shoebox process in your prayers!





**“Grace with Gratitude” Bible Study led by Deb Wiedmeyer**  
 The “Grace with Gratitude” bible study will be held weekly on Mondays at 12:30 pm from  
 January 6 - February 24.

The study is open to men and women and will look deeply at “Grace” which appears in nearly 200 verses in the bible. We will explore some of the verses starting in the Old Testament. We will dig deep into the types of grace and learn from Philip Yancy, how we can fill our lives and those of others, with this grace and do it with gratitude.

Please sign up in the Connections room to be a part of this gratifying study. Any questions, please contact Deb at [deb.skylar@live.com](mailto:deb.skylar@live.com)

New Year. New You .



If you have a spirit of praise and song in your heart, the TMC choir is for you! Why not try something

New in 2025 and join our adult choir? Practices are on Wednesdays at 6:00P.M. All you need is a willing attitude and a sense of adventure!

Pam Hilker

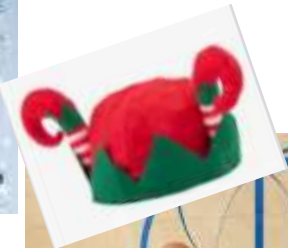


A special thank you to Ed Faber for purchasing the ornaments for the sanctuary tree.

To his family, Trisha, John, and children for their time and talents to decorate the big tree.

That was so very generous and appreciated by TMC. May God bless you richly.

Priscilla, Jason, and your TMC family



Santa’s elves were hard at work fixing tables on their 3rd Anniversary!

The table’s legs were pulling away from the table as they were not folded properly. Please see the attached instructions located underneath these tables for proper storage.

Thank you to everyone who takes on special projects on the TMC campus.

We couldn’t do it without everyone’s help. It takes a Village!



# A Christmas Tea

*A special thank you to Debbie Bintzler-Oestreich and Barb Sauer for hosting the Ladies Tea this past Sunday. The decorations, fellowship, food, program, and prizes were all so nice. We marvel at all that was done for us!*

*What a perfect way to kick off the holiday season than to spend time with so many members and friends of our church family.*

*Lila Ebert and other attendees of the Ladies Tea*







*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 your care.

- Gene Hake, had another fall at Hope Senior Living 12/23
- Bill Toll, friend of Sarah Kretschmer, at home hospice 12/23
- Adam Holzman, coworker of Sarah Kretschmer, numbers are steady, still doing chemo 12/23
- Mark Sterr, friend of Faye Beck, admitted to Froedtert Hospital with pneumonia and sepsis 12/17
- Jeff Luedtke, starts next round of chemo on 12/20, special thanks to anyone who has ever given blood as he has received 9 units to date 12/11
- **David Menzer, Fred's Brother, continuing to make small improvements 12/11**
- Anne Biesek, friend of Betty Menzer, diagnosed with Luekemia, back at home, and her blood counts are improving, continues to have a good recovery 12/10
- **Marie Wiedmeyer, Deb Wiedmeyer's sister-in-law, struggling with multiple blood clots 12/10**
- Steve Luedtke, had a pacemaker implanted, has A-fib. The plan is to have cardio version reset his heart rate. Steve has had low platelets, hard to tolerate blood thinners for cardio version. 12/03
- **Phyllis Scharfenberg, Jackie's mother, back in the hospital with extremely low electrolytes, quad muscle tear, and UTI in addition to recovering from knee surgery 12/03**
- Carol Melang and baby, co-worker of Bridget Thorn, pregnancy complications 12/03
- Anne Biesek, friend of Betty Menzer, diagnosed with Luekemia, back at home, and her blood counts are improving, continues to have a good recovery 12/10
- **Rob Kiehnau, Doug Kiehnau's brother, Stage 4 Prostate Cancer, 11/13**
- Sarah Kretschmer, in remission, still healing from radiation burns 11/12
- Mary, sister-in-law of Pam Hilker, difficulty with new cancer treatments 10/12

## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Mila Reitz
- 5 Kevin Beck
- 7 Gwen Hinz
- 9 Vicki Schneider
- 10 Mark Lavarda
- 15 Roger Clark
- Mary Kiehnau
- Mitchell
- Wroblewski
- 18 Daniel Riehbrandt
- 19 Shari Buske
- Mark Hodny
- 21 Penny Beck
- Mark Dahlinger
- 23 Chad Alf
- 25 Randy Faber
- 27 Chris Kuen
- 29 Augie Luedtke
- Madysen Janke
- 31 Kathy Mintner

## JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 6 Bob & Fran Coulter
- 14 Bill & Michelle Large
- 21 Gene & Dorothy Hake
- 24 Victor & Lois Jewson
- 28 Kevin & Penny Beck



## Golden Club

**Gwen Hinz turns 97  
on January 7th!**

11 S. Adams Street Apt. 203  
Denver, CO 80209

**Shari Buske turns 80  
on January 19th!**  
975 Bavarian Court  
Oshkosh, WI 54901

**Lets send them lots of  
Happy Birthday wishes!**



The February Newsletter Deadline is Jan. 23rd. Please have all articles to the church office by noon that day. Thank you!

## New Year's Resolutions

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- FOCUS
- DISCOVERY
- HOPE
- ATTITUDE
- IMPROVE
- STRENGTH
- EVALUATE
- MEANING
- BRAVE
- GOAL
- RESULTS
- ATTAINABLE
- DETERMINATION
- PURPOSE
- ACHIEVE
- PROCLAIM
- REACH





# January 2025 TMC-Lomira

Worship Services 9:00 AM  
 Sunday School 9:15 AM  
 Coffee Connection/Youth Group 10:00 AM

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 6:00 pm Choir 6:30 pm AA 7:00 pm Bell Choir	2	3	4
5 9:00 Communion Sunday	6 12:30pm Grace with Gratitude bible study	7 5:00pm Girl Scout Troop #8450	8 6:00 pm Choir 6:30 pm AA 7:00 pm Bell Choir	9	10	11 10:00 AM Food Pantry
12 9:00am Bells Sunday 6:30pm South Byron 4H	13 12:30pm Grace with Gratitude bible study 5:00pm Girl Scout Troop #8330	14 6:00 Church Council Meeting	15 6:00 pm Choir 6:30 pm AA 7:00 pm Bell Choir	16	17	18 10:00am Private Event
19 9:00am Choir Sunday	20 12:30pm Grace with Gratitude bible study	21 5:00pm Girl Scout Troop #8450	22 6:00 pm Choir 6:30 pm AA 7:00 pm Bell Choir	23	24	25 10:00 AM Food Pantry
26 9:00 Contemporary Service 3:00m Girl Scout Troop #8223	27 12:30pm Grace with Gratitude bible study	28	29 6:00 pm Choir 6:30 pm AA 7:00 pm Bell Choir	30	31	

**Mulongo Mpoyo, Pastor**

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**WORSHIP SERVICES**

**9:00 AM**

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