



*Miracle Worker - Promise Keeper -
Waymaker - Light in the Darkness*

Waymaker

Isaiah 42:16

August 2025 / TMC Monthly Newsletter

Sunday Worship 9:00 AM

www.trinitylomira.org

300 Church St.

Lomira WI 53048



The Cross Is Up the Tower at Trinity Methodist Church



Dear Church Family and Friends,

It's hard to believe that 2025 is going by so fast, and we are already getting close to Fall. It feels like we just took down the Christmas decorations and made our New Year's resolutions; most of which we've probably forgotten by now (unless your goal was to eat more dessert, then you might be doing well!). And now, here we are, already thinking about pumpkins and jackets again! Time is moving quickly, and if we're not paying attention, it can feel like we're being left behind, just watching the days go by. Life gets very busy, doesn't it? Our schedules fill up with work, school, appointments, chores, and so many other things that seem important. Sometimes we get so busy that we even forget where we put our car keys, only to find them right in our hands!

In the midst of all this busyness, we must pause and be reminded of what truly matters. Jesus said, "*But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.*" (Matthew 6:33). This verse is a powerful reminder to keep our hearts focused on the things of God, especially in seasons when life seems to rush past us.

One of the beautiful signs that helps us lift our eyes to God is the tower of our church building. For several months now, we have been talking, praying, and working on repairing the Trinity Methodist Church tower. Many wondered, how do we fix it? Where will we get the money? When will it begin? And little by little, the answers came. With deep prayers and tireless efforts from our members, the project began. And finally, on July 18, 2025, the work was completed. What a joy! We praise God for His guidance and faithfulness. I want to thank our church leadership, especially the Board of Trustees, and every one of you who supported the project through your prayers, gifts, and hands-on help.

In the Bible, towers often represented strength, safety, and God's presence. Proverbs 18:10 says, "*The name of the Lord is a strong tower; the righteous run to it and are safe.*" Our church tower is not just part of the building, it reminds us that God is our protection, the One we turn to in times of trouble.

And now, right at the top of the tower, a cross stands tall once again. The cross reminds us of Jesus, His love, His sacrifice, and His victory over sin and death. It tells the world that this is a place of hope and grace. Having the cross on top of our tower is our way of saying, "*Jesus is the center of this church, and we will lift Him high.*" As Galatians 6:14 says, "*May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.*"

As summer winds down, we're preparing for a season of growth and fellowship. Starting soon, we'll resume:

- Children's Sunday School
- Youth Group Gatherings
- Confirmation Classes
- *Book of Romans* Bible Study
- Adult Sunday School
- Winter Bible Study

Exact dates will be in the bulletins and September newsletter.



I invite you, your family, and your friends to join us for worship this August at 9:00 am every Sunday. We will be focusing on powerful messages from the Gospel of Luke. Here's what's coming:

- August 03: Guest preacher
- August 10: *Luke 12:32-40* — “From Fear to Faith: The Kingdom’s Gift”
- August 17: *Luke 12:49-56* — “The Great Divider: Sword of Truth”
- August 24: *Luke 13:10-17* — “Set Free on the Sabbath”
- August 31: *Luke 14:1, 7-14* — “God Exalts the Humble”

Each Sunday, we will lift our voices in praise, open our hearts to God’s Word, and celebrate the journey of faith together. Come and be part of this joyful season of worship and reflection.

May the cross on our tower always remind us of Christ’s love reaching out to all people.

May the Lord bless you and keep you. May His face shine upon you and give you peace. May your eyes be lifted to the cross, and your heart stay rooted in the grace of Jesus Christ. Amen.

With love and blessings,

Rev. Mulongo Mpoyo

The Power of Puzzles

Who doesn't love a good puzzle, and there are SO many different types to choose from! Wordfinds, crosswords, sudoku, the list goes on and on. Of course, there's the good old-fashioned puzzle pieces you lay out on a table. Raise your hand if you're working on one at your house right now... But puzzles aren't just for adults - kids like puzzles too! A fantastic form of exercise for brains of all ages, they are a great way to expand problem solving skills, as well as work on hand-eye coordination and spatial reasoning, while also boosting concentration and memory, building confidence, patience and perseverance.



This year the Trinity Shoebox Project is fortunate to have been blessed with an assortment of **300** personally hand-crafted whale, seal, pig and dinosaur wood puzzles courtesy of **Dan and Pam Dewhurst**. This fun game will be packed in our 2-4 year old boys and girls Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes.

Thank you so much Dan and Pam, for once again sharing of your time, talents and resources to provide such a wonderful addition to our shoeboxes.

“Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms.”

– *Peter 4:10*



Church Council Meeting Minutes

July 15, 2025

Reports Given - Financial

- Quarterly statements will be mailed/emailed out the first week of August. If we have a valid email address on file, your statement will come that way.
- As of July 15, 2025, we are ahead of budget.
- Some investments have been liquidated to cover the cost of the steeple repair.

Sunday School

- The Sunday School rooms received a fresh coat of paint. Dan & Pam Dewhurst and Carissa Backhaus painted those rooms with donated paint.
- Tammy Steers picked up a new 24 book series with Jesus, a book of songs and four bibles for the younger children that Kathy will use.

Men's Group

- The Men's Group will provide refreshments and smores after church on August 17 by the tower.
- Pete Drexler will coordinate a golf outing for Kickoff Sunday

SPRC

- Glen W announced he will stay on as chairman of the Committee.

Cemeteries

- Doug Kiehna reported he received a letter that STH 67 will be repaired in 2028. The sidewalk by the cemetery will be shut down until 2032.

Pastor's Report

- Pastor is planning to go on a Great Lakes Annual Conference Mission trip to Cuba from November 3-10, 2025. The trip will cost \$1600.75. A motion was made and seconded that this be paid out of his continuing education and pastoral office fund account.
- Confirmation class will start this fall.

New and Old Business

- **Tower** work was completed on 7/11/25 and the cross will be lifted back into place on 7/18/25. The tower needed to be lowered two feet more than originally thought, which raised the cost. LED lights may be installed at a later date.
- **Parking Lot** paving project will start in August for an estimated cost of \$150,000.

Fall Kickoff Sunday

- September 14 is slated to start our Fall Program. Fred Ferguson will lead us in worship, followed by an ice cream and pie social, Sunday School Kickoff, mum sale, and golf outing. A flyer will be sent via mail to Theresa, Lomira, and Brownsville residents.

New Committee being organized to create a consistent look across our various "Communication" tools like Facebook, TMC Website, Bulletin, Newsletter, Mailers, Yard Signs, Bulletin Boards, etc. First Meeting to be held on July 22.



• TMC Tower Project

- Approximate Cost \$49,500
- Being paid for with liquidated investments
- 12' - 14' brick removed
- Weak bricks replaced
- Cap replaced
- Lighting being reviewed

Gospel Sunday

Non-Denominational Community Gathering



An Hour of Live Music
Featuring Lomira's Very Own
FRED FERGUSON

Sunday, September 14 • 9:00am

Enjoy an Hour of Live Music PLUS...



**Ice Cream
& Pie Social**



Mum Sale

\$20 ea. Proceeds benefit the Trinity
Shoebox Project in partnership with the
Operation Christmas Child Ministry



**Kids Games
& Crafts**



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Open to the public • Everyone welcome!

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. - Jill

This month's highlights: McKinley Krueger

Congratulations!
Wisconsin 4-H Key Award Winner
McKinley K.

GRADE 12th Grade

CLUB Campbellsport

TIME 12 Years in 4-H

PROJECTS Beef, Communications, Flowers, Swine, Vet Science, Environment, Foods & Nutrition, Youth Leadership

"As a mentor and advocate for agriculture, McKinley has empowered fellow 4-H members and strengthened her community through education and service. Her commitment to growth and excellence embodies the true spirit of 4-H."

The Wisconsin 4-H Key Award is a prestigious honor given to 4-H members who have demonstrated consistent growth, leadership, and community involvement. It's the highest award recognized by Wisconsin 4-H. The award recognizes 4-H members in their 9th through 13th grade years who have truly embraced the 4-H commitment.

As I prepare to graduate from Campbellsport High School and begin college at Black Hawk East to study Animal Science and Agricultural Business, I find myself reflecting on how deeply my faith and church community have shaped the person I am today.

From a young age, my involvement in the church has been a steady and grounding part of my life. It's where I learned the importance of kindness, hard work, and trusting in God's plan even when life feels uncertain. These values have carried into everything I do—whether it's showing livestock through 4-H and FFA, helping my younger siblings with school, or waking up early to take care of animals on our farm. I've come to understand that faith isn't just something you practice on Sundays; it's something you live out in the everyday moments.



In addition to helping me stay grounded, my faith has shaped how I lead and serve others. Through mentoring younger members in agriculture and lending a hand wherever it's needed, I've learned to lead with humility and purpose. I hope to one day become a livestock nutritionist and use my knowledge to give back—by helping families succeed in agriculture and teaching youth about proper animal care, responsibility, and work ethic. I believe God has given me these passions for a reason, and I plan to use them to make a positive difference in my future community.



I would like to thank everyone who has acknowledged my receiving of the “Brave Hearts Hero Award” from the Red Cross.

I have not done this alone. I have a very reliable team behind me. They include:

- The loyal blood donors
- The cookie bakers
- The potato salad maker
- The sandwich makers
- The check-in table workers
- The food servers
- The cheese donators
- The financial donators
- TMC—for allowing us to host the drives here
- Those who run the drives when I’m away.

There are so many who have helped, I would list you all, but I’m afraid I may forget someone’s name. Just know that I remember who you are and the contribution you’ve made.

Thank you for all you have done to make this mission a success!

Deb Bintzler-Oestreich



We’ve received a tentative date from Northeast Asphalt for the resurfacing of our parking lot.

Please note, the resurfacing is currently scheduled for the week of August 18.

Everything is dependent upon the weather, but please plan your church visits accordingly as the parking lot will be closed during the daytime hours that week as the asphalt company will have large equipment working on the lot.

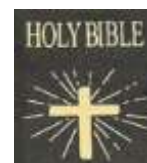
Thank you for your consideration.



We can't wait to kick off a brand-new season of Sunday School this fall!

Each week, kids will:

- ♥ Dive into the stories of inspiring Bible heroes
- ♥ Explore meaningful lessons from Scripture
- ♥ Take part in hands-on group activities, creative crafts, and lots of joyful fun.



It’s going to be a year full of:

- ♥ Faith
- ♥ Friendship
- ♥ Discovery



We’d love your child to be part of it!

Start Date: Sunday, September 21st
Time: 9:15 AM
Ages: PreK – 6th Grade



Whether your child is brand new to Sunday School or has attended in the past, we look forward to another joyful and faith-filled year of learning and growing together in God’s Word.

If interested, please contact the church office to register.

Music Matters @ TMC

Calling all Singers, Ringers, Praise Band & Trinity Band Members (including those who have previously been a member or those who wish to join!)

What: A food, fun, and fellowship gathering with a special BBQ hosted by Pastor Mulongo.

When: Tuesday, August 19 @ 6:00pm

Where: TMC

Outside - weather permitting

Fellowship Hall - inclement weather

Why: To form deeper connections with the many musicians we have here at TMC. Please bring a lawn chair, personal beverages, utensils, and a dish to pass.

RSVP to Jill in the church office by Tuesday, August 12 if you are able to attend.

Churchofficetumc@gmail.com or 920-269-4411.

Attention!!

To all Singers, Ringers and Wanna Bees,

Our music season begins on Wednesday , September 10th!

Choir 6:00P.M.

Bells 7:00 P.M.

Come, check us out and sing / ring along!

The choir's first performance will be Sunday, September 21.

New members are welcome and appreciated !

Offerings Available

Adult Christian Education Offerings

We are offering three opportunities for Trinity members to grow in their faith. Please consider participating in all of them. Everyone in a leadership position at Trinity, like the chairperson of a committee or leader of a group, is highly encouraged to attend the Adult Sunday School class. **Sign up sheets will be available in the Connections Room prior to the start of each class.** Reach out to Kathy Drexler if you have questions about these studies or if you have suggestions for other learning opportunities.

Book of Roman's Bible Study

Facilitated by Bob Coulter on Monday's
1:00 - 2:00 PM
(September 22, 2025 - December 8, 2025)

We will watch a 30 minute Les Feldick video and discuss what we have learned.

Those who attended the last two sessions can verify that we have a much better understanding of our faith after learning from Les, Bob, and each other. Ask us about it!

Adult Sunday School

Sunday's from 7:30 - 8:25 AM starting November 2025
(specific date announced in September newsletter)

We will learn how to move from membership to discipleship and guide each of us toward a deeper and richer experience of what it means to follow Jesus Christ. There is a book that will be guiding our discussions. Contact Kathy Drexler or Jill Franklin to get the book. Cost \$10.00.

Facilitated by Pastor Mulongo Mpoyo - Everyone in a leadership position at TMC is encouraged to attend this Adult Sunday School session.

Winter Bible Study

Monday's likely from 1:00 -2:00 PM in January and February 2026

Continue the study of the book "*Amazing Grace*"

Facilitated by Deb Wiedmeyer-Mazza

Those who attended the winter of 2025 session can verify the value of the study.

More specific details forthcoming.



Volunteers Needed for our next **Loaves & Fishes** dinner commitment.

Date: August 11

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 08/11.**

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."**

The Trinity Band Returns in September—Watch for more details in the bulletin



**CHURCH
QUARTERLY
GIVING**



TMC's 2nd Annual



Sunday, September 14 @ 3:00pm

9-hole Scramble @ Camelot

\$25 for golf and cart

\$33 for golf, cart and sandwich

(Don't want to golf? Join us for a sandwich for just \$8)

Sign up sheet located in the Sanctuary.



**Mug 'N Muffin
Summer Season**

There's no reason to wait all summer long to see your "crafting" friends. Join us on Saturday, August 16 at 9:00am for crafting fun.

Coffee and S'mores

The Men's Group will show off the tower renovations on Sunday, August 17. Join in on the tour and enjoy a little sugary treat and coffee.



**Youth
Group
Resumes**

Sunday, September 21 @ 10:00am

Calling all 7th - 12th graders to experience and talk about God in your own way this fall. TMC believes that the teenage years are a crucial time in life and God has given us a window of opportunity to raise up future generations through youth prayer, teaching, fellowship, and fun. Come and join us on your faith journey!

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

Second Quarter statements are being delivered to your email address as long as we have a valid email on file.

Please look there for your statement.

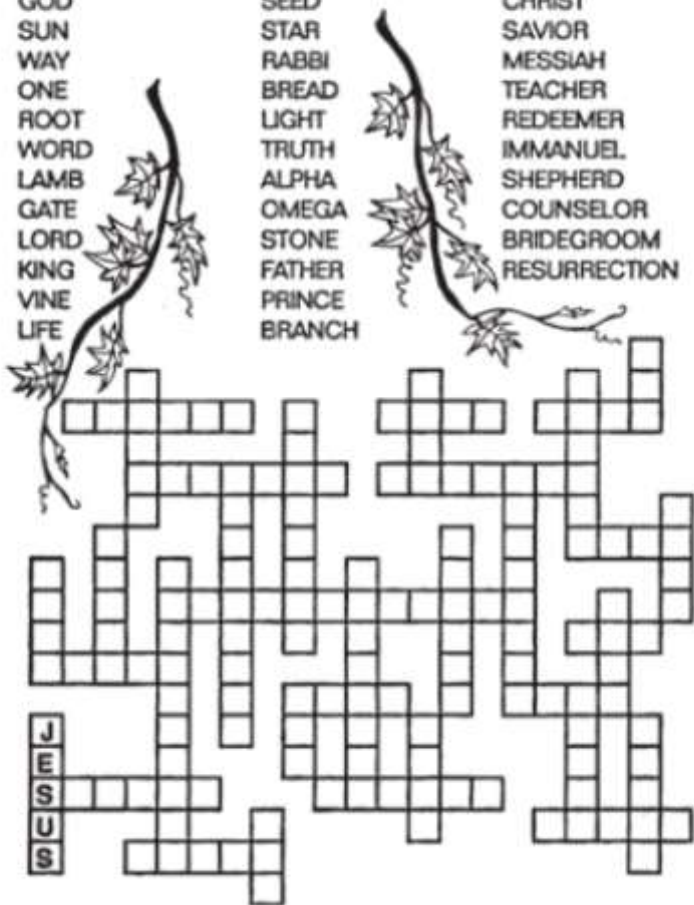
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BibleWise

And His Name Shall Be Called . . .

Jesus had many names. All the words below were used to refer to Jesus in the Bible. Fit the names into the puzzle. (Hint: Start with the longest names.)

GOD	SEED	CHRIST
SUN	STAR	SAVIOR
WAY	RABBI	MESSIAH
ONE	BREAD	TEACHER
ROOT	LIGHT	REDEEMER
WORD	TRUTH	IMMANUEL
LAMB	ALPHA	SHEPHERD
GATE	OMEGA	COUNSELOR
LORD	STONE	BRIDEGROOM
KING	FATHER	RESURRECTION
VINE	PRINCE	
LIFE	BRANCH	



Neil de Vries and Mary Currier: More Bible Activities You Can Do. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Books Publisher, 1999.



Jesus is known by many different names.

Waymaker, Miracle Worker,
Promisekeeper, Light in the Darkness
are just a few.

Let's see how many you can name:

S _____

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T _____

L _____ O _____ G _____

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B _____ S _____

A _____ & O _____

G _____ S _____

M _____

P _____ O _____ P _____



Messiah Blessed Redeemer
Savior Light of the
King of Kings World
Lamb of God
I AM Jesus
Lion of Judah
Son of God Christ
The Way. The Truth. The Life.
IMMANUEL



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.

- Jeff Luedtke, is home with his lovely wife, Becky. Monitoring his recovery weekly. 07/31
- Betty Menzer, had breast cancer surgery on 06/10, awaiting answers on upcoming treatments, so thankful for the prayers and continued support from TMC 7/29
- Kelly Harmsen, friend of Betty Menzer, diagnosed with breast cancer - prayers for recent diagnosis and upcoming treatments 07/29
- Maria Bruggink, niece of Betty Menzer, awaiting reconstruction surgery 7/29
- Carl Bruggink, Betty Menzer's brother-in-law, having pacemaker issues - prayers for strength, healing, & recovery 7/29
- Pam Malesevich, friend of Betty Menzer, upcoming surgery on August 5
- Shelly Bloch, friend of Betty Menzer, fell and broke femur - prayers for healing 07/29
- Rachel Dolezalek, extended family member of Carol Dilling, will be in El Monte, Mexico working as a missionary for the fall semester. Prayers for a safe and successful journey.
- Gary Mulder, Mary Kiehna's brother-in-law, situation improved greatly, possibly coming home in 3 weeks
- Tim Colleran, former member Lori Colleran's husband, who was recently diagnosed with prostate cancer 07/15
- Gene Junger, fighting infection 06/25
- 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
- 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
- Nina McGlothlin, Nancy Andrews' granddaughter, recovering from breast cancer surgery 5/29
- Aunt Sue, Jackie and Roger's aunt, diagnosed with several mini strokes after Easter. Blood oxygen saturation low - recovering in rehab 5/6
- Phyllis Scharfenberg, Jackie's mother, recovering after surgery to repair a broken leg caused by a fall 04/22
- Tom Lentz, Jackie and Roger's friend, blood clots found in lungs and legs 03/10

Golden Club

Helen Koene

Turns 90 on 8/5

385 Main St. Apt. 9

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

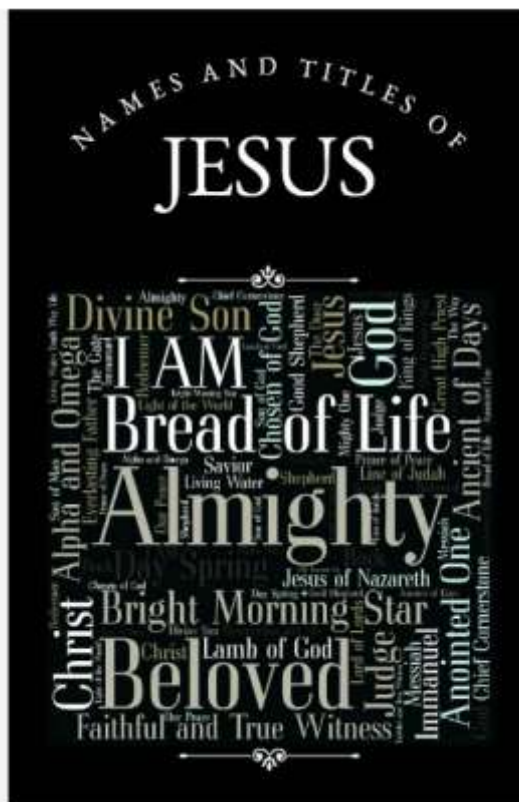


August Birthdays

- 2 Sandra Porter
- 3 Tari Bloohm
- 5 Helen Koene
- 7 Ruth Ireland
Rod Drummond
- 10 Steve Cull
- 14 Bridget Kiehnau
- 16 Steve Luedtke
- 18 Elaine Unferth
- 19 Lisa Luedtke
- 20 Mary Muehlius
- 21 Reese Todl
Koby Sacotte
- 25 Amy Bloch
Andy Luedtke
- 28 Steve Unferth
Vickie Unferth
- 30 Chad Menzer
- 31 Michelle Kuehl



Meet the newest member of Deb Zinniel's family. **Dodger** Zinniel came "home" Saturday, July 12 at 12:00p.m., weighing in at 22lbs 13 oz. Make sure to say "hi" if you see Dodger running in her yard.



The Village of Lomira Tourism Commission is sponsoring "Music in the Park" featuring:

**The Fond du Lac Symphonic
Band**

**Thursday, August 14
@ 7pm - Sterr Park**

Featuring *An Ellington Festival*, *O'er the Land of the Free*, a Gershwin medley, and *Stars & Stripes Forever*.

** The Friends of the Library will host a pie/bake sale during the show. ** In case of inclement weather, TMC will be the backup location for the concert.

Come see TMC's very own, Jason Ehler perform.

TUMC Budget Totals

**YTD needed to meet budget:
\$129,180.00**

**Received through July 27, 2025
\$129,636.60**

Budget Overage: \$456.60

**The September
Newsletter Deadline
is August 21. Please
have all of your
articles into the
church office by
noon that day.
Thanks!**



Sundays 9:00am
Worship Service

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	** Weather Permitting				1	2
3 9:00am Communion Sunday	4	5	6 6:30pm AA	7	8	9 10:00am Food Pantry
10	11	12 9:30am Nominations Committee	13 6:30pm AA	14	15	16 9:00am Mug 'N Muffin
17 10:00am Men's Group—Tower tour with s'mores and coffee	18 ** Parking Lot Resurfacing	19 6:00pm Praise Band, Bells & Choir BBQ ** Parking Lot Resurfacing	20 6:30pm AA ** Parking Lot Resurfacing	21 ** Parking Lot Resurfacing	22 ** Parking Lot Resurfacing	23 10:00am Dodge County Historical Society Banquet 10:00am Food Pantry
24 9:00am Contemporary Service	25	26	27 6:30pm AA	28 9:00am Fiber Arts Group	29	30
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Mulongo Mpoyo, Pastor

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SUMMER WORSHIP SERVICES

9:00 A.M.

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Tues-Thur 9AM-1PM

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