

Being "rooted in Christ" means establishing your entire life's foundation on Jesus, which brings stability, strength, and spiritual growth.

This involves:

- living in Christ,
- drawing spiritual nourishment from Him,
- being continuously taught and built up in your faith,
- and cultivating a thankful heart.

Like a deep-rooted tree, a life rooted in Christ can withstand challenges, remain secure, and bear spiritual fruit.



Dear Trinity Family,

Someone once joked that Wisconsin really has only two seasons: winter and road construction. That always makes me smile because, in some ways, it feels true. But as I look around these days, I can clearly see that the season has truly changed. The long, hot days of summer are now behind us. The cooler breezes of fall remind us that winter is coming soon. The green leaves are turning into bright reds, oranges, and yellows, and the evenings are growing longer and colder. Seasons change, and

they remind us of the words from Ecclesiastes: "For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven" (Ecclesiastes 3:1).

October brings with it special reminders for us as a church. First, October is known as Pastor Appreciation Month. I want to take this moment to thank each of you for your love, prayers, and encouragement, not only for me but for all who serve the Lord in ministry. Your kindness is a blessing. October also ends with the celebration of Protestant Reformation Day on October 31, which reminds us of that great movement in the 16th century that called the Church back to the central truth of God's Word and salvation by grace through faith.

This month also allows us to reflect on the discipleship journey we have been taking together. In September, we began our sermon series "The Journey of Discipleship: From Surrender to Eternity." On the first Sunday, we heard the strong words of Jesus about what it means to follow Him: that the call of discipleship is total surrender. Then we learned that the mission of discipleship is to seek the lost, and that the stewardship of discipleship is faithful living. Each message has reminded us that following Jesus is not just about membership in the church but about living daily as His disciples. We will complete this

series on Sunday, October 5, with the final sermon: "The Warning of Discipleship is to Live Ready for Eternity" based on Luke 16:19-31. Don't miss this important conclusion!

Looking ahead, I am excited to share about two new opportunities starting in November. First, our Adult Sunday School will resume on November 16, every Sunday morning from 7:30 to 8:25 a.m. We will



study "Membership to Discipleship," which will help us grow in our understanding of what it means to be not just members of Trinity, but true disciples of Christ. A sign-up sheet is already in the Connection Room. Second, our Confirmation Classes will begin in November. The specific start date will be shared after my meeting with the confirmands and their parents. I ask that you keep our young people in your prayers as they prepare for this important step in their faith journey.

I'm also delighted to share that at our September staff meeting; we planned two Christmas Eve services to help us celebrate the birth of our Savior. At 4:30 PM, we'll have a blended traditional/contemporary service with music from the choir and Praise Band, and the Trinity Band providing the prelude and postlude. At 6:00 PM, we'll offer a softer, reflective service with carols and Holy Communion, accompanied by the Bell Choir. Mark your calendars—it will be a holy and joyful night!

As we move through October, here are the Scriptures and sermon titles we will be reflecting on together:

October 5 – Luke 16:19-31: "The Warning of Discipleship is to Live Ready for Eternity"

October 12 – Luke 17:11-19: "When the Heart Has Leprosy"

October 19 – Luke 18:1-8: "The Power of Persistent Prayer"

October 26 – Luke 18:9-14: "The Danger of Self-Righteousness"

Life itself is filled with changes, seasons change, the years turn, and so do we. But one thing is always the same: God's faithfulness. As Hebrews 13:8 reminds us, "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever." May this truth give us peace and hope as we step into this new month together.

Yours in Christ.

Rev. Mulongo Mpoyo



Stewardship and Finance Offering

Hello again Church Family,

This month we are going to look at the first of five questions on Giving to God from the 'New Living Translation - New Believer's Bible'.

STEWARDSHIP Why should you give a portion of your financial resources to God? The answer: God wants to prove his faithfulness through your regular giving, or tithes. Let's look at

Malachi 3:8-11 – 8 "Should people cheat God? Yet you have cheated me! But you ask, "What do you mean? When did we ever cheat you? You have cheated me of the tithes and offerings due to me. ⁹ You are under a curse, for your whole nation has been cheating me. ¹⁰ Bring all the tithes into the storehouse so there will be enough food in my Temple. If you do," says the Lord Almighty, "I will open the windows of heaven for you. I will pour out a blessing so great you won't have enough room to take it in! Try it! Let me prove it to you! 11 Your crops will be abundant, for I will guard them from insects and disease. Your grapes will

not fall from the vine before they are ripe" says the Lord Almighty. Here we find the only instance in the Bible where God actually challenges us to test him. And the challenge involves the giving or our financial resources.

Tithing has a long History. The word tithe actually means "one-tenth". In the Old Testament, Abraham presented a tithe to the priest-king of Jerusalem, Melchizedek (see Genisis 14:18-20). Jacob also pledged to offer God a tithe of all his possessions upon his safe return home (see Gensis 28:22). In the New Testament, Jesus mentioned it as well, though he warned that strict tithing must accompany concern for more important demands of the law - namely those which dealt with just and merciful giving (see Matthew 23:23, and Luke 11:42).

Tithing strengthens the Church. The "tithe" was for the "House of the Lord". For Old Testament believers, this meant the financial support of the Temple and the



priests. In the New Testament, this meant the support of the church. As Christians, it is vitally important that we become an active part of the local body of believers. As part of that body, we should support the ministry of our church on a regular basis with our tithes and offerings.

Tithing brings God's blessings. This brings us to God's personal challenge. If we are faithful to keep our priorities in order, God promises to "open the windows of heaven" for us and provide for our needs. This does not mean that God will provide everything we want. God only promises, to provide for our needs, not our *greed's*. God is not asking us to give because he needs our resources. The whole world is at his disposal. In essence, he is challenging us to make him the focus of our lives, rather than our money or possessions. He does not want us to "give to get" but to give because we have received. When we express our love to God by giving our resources, he promises to tangibly display his faithfulness to us in return. NLT-NBB more important than earthly life. He may test you, but he will never fail you.

Now that I have provided with you the teaching, I would like to share with you how God has worked in my life and my family's life in this matter. My wife and I had our own reservations about giving a whole tithe many years ago. At first it can seem like a lot to give up from your personal financial budget. The doubts are there...will we be able to afford giving up a tenth of our earnings? How do we survive month to month? Will God really come through and provide for us? All these same types of questions that any person would have was running through our minds. In the end we felt it was the right thing to do, that we had to do our very best to give to God accordingly to what he has given to us. I'm



telling you this because that was back around 2019, and we can testify that God has provided for all our needs. I'm not saying every month/ year was easy financially but we always had enough, God never let us down. All the most important **NEEDS** were taken care of. That's what I think this teaching is really getting at. If we do our part, God will do his, but he will do it to <u>His Will</u>, not ours. I think as humans we struggle with that part of it...His Will! If you think by giving God \$100 that you will be getting

\$1,000 back, that's not what he means. We forget about the things we don't see that he takes care of for us, and we might never even know. Maybe by running late one morning he saved you from a car accident. Maybe he prevented your family from getting ill. Maybe something bad happens to you, but we learn from that experience that helps at a future stage of our lives, or maybe we can help a friend with something in their lives from the experience we had. Being a disciple and true believer is giving your whole self to God in every aspect of our lives, no holding back. In the last few months that is what I am really starting to understand (it took 44 years) but I am starting to get it. Its being ok with everything that happens to you in life because you ultimately know God will never fail you, and eternal life is so much more important than earthly life. He may test you, but he will never fail you.

Think of giving to God, like the first time you were able to buy your mom or dad or that special person that raised you, something really nice as an adult. You finally had the means to spend money on them for all that they did for you growing up. God is no different, he gives, and gives, and gives to you in so many ways (weather we see it or know it). Does God not deserve that same respect, is he not greater than the people who raised us. I hope this message inspires you to Pray on this topic and let God work in you to meet His Will, however that maybe.

God is good all the time, and all the time, God is good.

Till next time.

SF Committee Chair

Josh Marschie

TMC Church Council 09/16/25 Meeting Minutes

Meeting opened with a prayer

- 07/15/25 meeting minutes and today's agenda were approved.

Deb Z delivered the Compassionate Report:

- Requests for food from the food pantry have increased while donations of money are not keeping up with the demand.
- Bruce, the food pantry director, is looking for additional assistance.

John Lavarda gave a report on Finance:

- Stated the church is holding it's own on the General Budget and that we need to address the payment of recent improvements.

Trustees reported:

- Final cost of the church steeple was \$53,000.00.
- Looking for ways to "light" the steeple in the dark.
- Reported that the removal of the old parking lot, and painting amounted to \$150,000. There was some additional cost (\$28,000) for the removal of "soft" spots, buried stumps, and buried rocks.



Finance team - will meet on October 18 to discuss the budget and how we will pay for tower and parking lot projects.

Kickoff Sunday:

- Report was given that all were impressed with the success of the day - 200 individuals attended church in person or online. Fred Ferguson is already confirmed for 9/13/26. Mum sale brought in \$1,250.00.

Religious Education:

- Sunday School will start on 09/21/25 with 12 students.
- Youth Group will start on 09/21/25.
- The Book of Romans bible study will start 09/22/25 @ 1:00pm . Availability for more to attend.
- Adult Sunday School starts 11/16/25 @ 7:30am. Sign-up in the Connections Room.
- Confirmation class is forming—currently six students enrolled. (Date study begins in upcoming bulletins/newsletter)

Senior Luncheon:

- Reported that 17 seniors have signed up for the 80+ luncheon held on 09/20/25 at 11:30am.

Men's and Women's Group: will meet on the same dates this fall (10/18 and 11/15 @ 9:00am)

Cemeteries: (Doug K) reported trees are down at Ebenezer Cemetery. Doug is working with town for help with the removal.

Pastor: gave his report and summed up his thoughts, "We are all disciples, seek the lost and invite them to visit TMC."



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Operation Christmas Child

IT'S SHOEBOX TIME!

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 **450+ 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 Sunday, Nov 16th



Trinity Shoebox Project Update

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





The Red Quarter Containers are back!

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 Linda Feldman the Logistics Coordinator for Fond du Lac and surrounding counties, attended the **Operation Christmas Child Project Leader Workshop** on Saturday, September 20th at the Plymouth Church in Oshkosh. During this workshop time was spent 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...

232 million shoeboxes have been distributed into the hands of children in **over 170 counties and territories** since 1993. **23 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 delivered 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.







You're Invited! And We're So Excited To Put on this Luncheon Just For You

If you're 80 or 80 (plus a few)

We want to serve you lunch



Trinity Methodist Church Fellowship Hall

Sign up in the Connections Room by September 16 or call Debbie @ 920-579-0654 to save you a spot. *If your spouse or caregiver is not 80 yet, no problem, they are invited too. Please, just let us know how many will be attending.



**Oh, and invite a friend, let's make this special - just like you!



I would like to thank Deb Z, Kathy D, and Barb S. for helping me put on the 80's luncheon on Saturday, September 20. Thank you as well to all who attended. I've heard from several of you that a good time was had by all! Deb Bintzler—Oestreich



Gospel Sunday

Trinity's freshly paved parking lot was at maximum capacity on Sunday, September 14th for our second annual Gospel Sunday. My family arrived at our usual time (5 minutes before the start of church), which meant that we got to sit nice and close to the front of the church. Looking around, we saw lots of familiar faces from our congregation, but best of all, we saw many members of the community that do not usually attend our church. The building was buzzing with energy as old and new friends greeted each other with handshakes, waves, and hugs.

Fred Ferguson delighted all in attendance with a variety of familiar tunes, encouraging us to sing along and clap our hands. I couldn't help but notice the smiles on so many faces as he sang some old favorites, and many of the youngest attendees danced in their pews as Fred strummed on his guitar. I hope Fred enjoyed performing for us as much as we enjoyed his performance!

Following the service, everyone got to enjoy a variety of delicious pies provided by our talented church bakers (and if you bought your pie at the store, we appreciate it just as much!). People visited and there were games and activities for children of all ages. A fun time was had by all.

Thank you to all who organized this event. I know that when you plan something like this, there is no job too small, so whether you brought a pie or handed out bulletins, your help made this event special. If you are new to Trinity or just came for a visit, we encourage you to come back again and check out our meaningful weekly services and activities. Children ages 4-6th grade can attend Sunday School during church services, Youth Group gathers right after church, and there are opportunities for bible study, adult Sunday School, and music ministry for adults. We have a beautiful church and a nice new parking lot; but the people are what make Trinity Methodist Church truly special, and we hope you make us part of your family.

Jenny Priesgen

Photos Submitted by: Heidi Zingsheim







Pie & Ice Cream Social









MUM SALE



We would like to thank everyone who participated in the Mum Sale on Sunday, September 14. It was a "huge" success again this year. We had two generous donors donate more than enough money to purchase the mums. So much so, we had a \$100 profit before we even started the sale. The total income from the mum sale was \$1,250.00 which will go towards "OCC—The Trinity Shoebox program."





















TMC's 2nd Annual









Men's Group is back and



meeting the following dates:

*October 18 *November 15 9:00 A.M.



A fall clean up day is being planned by the Trustees. No date has been set yet, as they are waiting for the leaves to fall, etc.

Please watch the bulletin, Facebook, your email, the church website, etc. for your opportunity to help keep the TMC campus looking immaculate.

Mug & Muffin Fall Dates

- October 18 9:00A.M.
- November 15 9:00A.M.

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



supply a few craft projects for us to work on as well.

Bakers are needed for the annual Spaghetti Supper



Bake Sale. All proceeds from the Bake Sale go to help cover the OCC postage cost.

Please deliver your items to

TMC on November 4th after 8:00am

- No need to cut or package your items.
- If your bakery has nuts in it, please note accordingly.





Trinity's Election
Day Spaghetti
Dinner Needs
You!

We will be needing cooks, set up, servers, wait staff, and dishwashers... Sign-up sheets are located in the Connections Room. If you have any questions, please contact Tammy Steers.

Tickets will be available in the office or you can purchase at the door on the night of the dinner. Bring a friend or family member along to share this special evening.

FALL

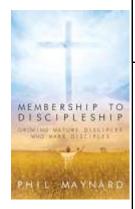
Adult Sunday School

Adult Sunday School will begin on November 16, 2025. Classes will run from 7:30-8:25 AM. Pastor Mulongo Mpoyo will lead the class in a study of discipleship.

Did you know that church members can be disciples and disciples can be church members, but being a member does not automatically make a person a disciple of Jesus Christ? Would you like to be a growing, maturing, disciple of Jesus Christ? Join us and find out what it takes to make that happen.

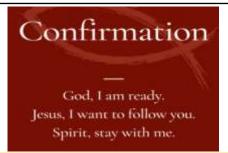
All church leaders are highly encouraged to

attend this study of discipleship. This study is designed to be a practical guide to giving the Trinity Methodist congregation the tools it needs to move toward a deeper and richer experience of what it means to follow Christ together.



There is a book that will be guiding our discussions. The book is titled, "Membership To Discipleship, Growing Mature Disciples Who Make Disciples" by Phil Maynard. The cost of the book is \$10.00.

Sign up sheets will soon be located in the Connections Room.



Confirmation Classes will begin shortly.

For those parents already signed up, please watch for an email from Pastor Mulongo detailing an upcoming Confirmation Meeting.

If you haven't already signed up, please contact the office. 920-269-4411

Praise the

Lord for all those

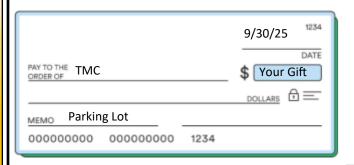
who have given to the "Praise Band" fund as we have been able to improve some of the church sound system. We're not done updating our equipment yet, so please consider making a donation. This donation is considered to be above and beyond your normal contribution.



"NO ONE HAS EVER BECOME POOR BY GIVING.

Want to help offset the cost of our recent tower or parking lot projects? Why not make a donation to that cause by simply writing a check payable to TMC and noting "tower" or "parking lot" in the memo section. That will ensure the funds are applied appropriately.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.





YTD Food Pantry #'s

Total Costs (2025) =\$42,027

Donations in 2025 = \$25,758

Shortage (2025) = \$16,269

FOOD ASSISTANCE

We offer food assistance twice a month to individuals and families living in Lomira or its directly surrounding communities. Each household is welcome to visit once per month—no proof of income required

COMPASSIONATE FUND

In addition to food support, our Compassionate Fund provides assistance with essential expenses through a simple application process.

SUPPORT THE PANTRY

Support the Lomira Area Food Pantry with a cash or food donation to help our community in times of need.

Month	# of FP Patrons	# of Vouchers	Voucher Cost	Purchased Food Cost	\$ Assistance Paid Out	\$ Donations Paid In
January	50	104	\$2,197	\$52	\$1,625	12,620
February	54	106	2,281	2,397	958	6,800
March	55	106	2,186	652	585	856
April	61	111	2,206	982	200	2,165
May	52	87	1,576	1,445	2,831	1,100
June	63	113	1,919	2,071	378	550
July	49	82	1,715	2,076	1,048	767
August	61	107	1,452	4,117	1,232	300
September	68	118	1,976	1,335	535	600
Total for Year	513	934	\$17,508	\$15,127	\$9,392	\$25,758

Golden Club

Thomas Henke
Turns 85 on 10/19



P. O. Box 308

Oakfield WI 53065

Lets send him Happy Birthday wishes!



TMC Budget Totals

YTD needed to meet budget: \$167,934.00

Received through September 161,823.95

Budget Shortage: \$6,110.05

October Anniversaries

- 4 Dan & Pam Dewhurst
- 7 Gordon & Jackie Zimmerman
- 17 Greg & Amy Bloch Jerry & Shirley Klein
- 18 Steve & Deb Janke
- 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
- 22 Jeff Faber
- 27 Jan Guell
- 30 Jenna Rhein



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.

- Gwen Hinz, long time member, is in hospice care, will be moved out of her facility this week 09/24
- Mary, sister-in-law of Pam Hilker, has moved to at-home hospice, doctors striving to give her the best quality of life with her remaining time (approximately 2-3 weeks) 09/24
- Tim Colleran, former member Lori (Krug) Colleran's husband, recently diagnosed with pancreatic cancer 09/23
- Jeff Luedtke, will start "Fast Track" weekly infusions to stimulate red and white blood cell counts 09/18
- Mike Schroeder, friend of Judy Lerch, diagnosed with Stage IV brain cancer and a mass on his lung; treatment will start with chemo and radiation 09/17
- Kathie Hefter, friend of Deb Bintzler-Oestreich, has aggressive form of bone cancer 09/16
- Betty Menzer, rang the bell on August 27 to celebrate finishing her radiation treatments 08/28
- Gene Junger, returning to St. Francis in Fond du Lac on 08/08
- Judy Stucke, receiving dialysis 08/05
- Kelly Harmsen, friend of Betty Menzer, diagnosed with breast cancer prayers for recent diagnosis and upcoming treatments 07/29
- Rachel Dolezalek, extended family member of Carol Dilling, will be working n El Monte, Mexico as a missionary for the fall semester. Prayers for a safe and successful journey. 07/29
- Janice Volbright, at Hope Nursing Home for rehab 06/10
- Nina McGlothlin, Nancy Andrews' granddaughter, recovering from breast cancer surgery 5/29



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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 6:00pm Choir 6:30pm AA 7:00pm Bells	2	3	4
5 9:00am Communion Sunday	6 1:00pm Study of the Book of Romans	7 5:00 Girl Scouts 6:00pm SPRC Meeting	8 6:00pm Choir 6:30pm AA 7:00pm Bells	9	10	11 10:00am Food Pantry
12 9:00am Bells 11:30am South Byron 4H	13 1:00pm Study of the Book of Romans	14	15 6:00pm Choir 6:30pm AA 7:00pm Bells	16	17	18 9:00am Men's Group 9:00am Mug 'N Muffin
19 9:00am Choir Sunday 8:00am - OCC Fellowship Hall	20 1:00pm Study of the Book of Romans	21 5:00pm Girl Scouts 6:00pm Stwrd & Finance Mtg	22 6:00pm Choir 6:30pm AA 7:00pm Bells	23 9:00am Fiber Arts	24	25 10:00am Food Pantry
26 9:00am Contemporary Sunday 12:00pm OCC— Shoebox Packing	27 1:00pm Study of the Book of Romans All day—OCC Shoebox Packing	All day—OCC Shoebox Pack	29 6:00pm Choir 6:30pm AA 7:00pm Bells	30	HAR fex	VEST tival

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