

December Worship Schedule

12/7 & 12/14 ~ Worship Services 9:00 a.m.

12/21 ~ Children's Program 9:00 a.m.

12/24 ~ 4:00p.m. (Contemporary Band, Adult Choir, and the Trinity Band) 12/24 ~ 6:00p.m. (Bells Choir)

01/04 ~ Hymn Sing

Hello, my wonderful church family and friends!

A child once asked his pastor, "If God is everywhere, why do we go to church?" The pastor smiled and said, "Because even though God is everywhere, church is where we come together to meet Him on purpose with open hearts." This simple joke reminds us of Psalm 122:1: "I was glad when they said to me, Let us go to the house of the Lord." Worship brings us together, and God meets us there.

December is here, and our hearts turn to Advent, the season of hope, peace, joy, and love. As we prepare for Christmas, I want to begin by praising God for the joyful start of both

our Confirmation Classes and Adult Sunday School on November 16. I am grateful for every student, every parent, and every member who woke up early, signed up, and came with a desire to learn and grow. May God continue to guide us as we walk together from

membership to discipleship.

I also want to share a brief report from my recent mission trip to Cuba, where Tshishinen and I joined our Great Lakes Conference Superintendent, Scott Pattison, his wife Anita, and several pastors from our conference. We also worked with a wonderful team from Compass Church and met many new friends in Christ.

We praise God for the faithful leaders there; Willie, Juan, and Yodalis, who are serving Jesus with dedication and love. Through the Cuba Connection Ministry, we partnered in their humanitarian work. We visited day-cares, a nursing home, and many families, including single mothers with children who have physical or mental disabilities. We brought school supplies, items for health centers, rice, beans, blessing bags, and most importantly, prayers of encouragement.



Along with meeting physical needs, we also helped spiritually. We taught church leaders, encouraged pastors during a conference, and I was blessed to be one of six pastors preaching in six local churches on Sunday.

What touched me the most was the deep thankfulness of the people we met. Many did not know where their next meal would come from, yet their hearts were full of joy. In their eyes, I did not see despair - I saw hope. In their voices, I heard worship. In their homes, I felt hospitality as they shared the little they had as if it were a feast.

Their joy did not come from material things, but from God. Their thankfulness did not deny





their struggles but shone through them. Our whole team was so moved that we promised to return, not only to help, but also to learn. We went as helpers, but we came back as students. They showed us what it means to truly trust God in every situation and to praise Him with a sincere heart.

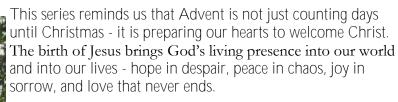


As December begins, I invite you warmly to attend our Advent Sunday services and our two Christmas Eve services on December 24:

4:00 p.m. - Family-friendly Christmas Eve Service 6:00 p.m. - Quiet Service with Carols and Holy Communion

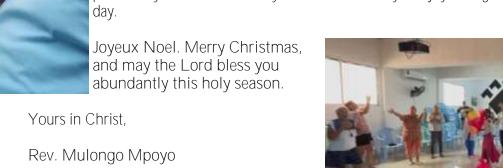
This year's Advent Sermon Series is titled "A Journey to Bethlehem: From Expectation to Fulfillment." It will guide us week by week as we prepare our hearts for the arrival of our Savior. Here is the Advent journey:

- November 30 "Stay Awake" (Hope) Matthew 24:36-44
- December 7 "Prepare the Way" (Peace) Matthew 3:1-12
- December 14 "Are You the One?" (Joy) Matthew 11:2-11
- December 21 "Sunday School Play" (Love) Matthew 1:18-25
- December 24 "Good News of Great Joy" (Christ) Luke 2:1-20



As we move toward Christmas, let us remember the angels' message to the shepherds: "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy for all people." (Luke 2:10)

That good news is still for us today. May this season fill your heart with Christ's peace, may His love shine in your home, and may His joy strengthen you day by day.





Stewardship All things are possible with God Devote Time Share Talent Give Treasure A way of life

Stewardship and Finance Offering

Hello Church Family, I would like to begin this month's offering with an update from our latest SF meeting. In October, we as a committee have the yearly task of setting the next year's church budget. We use the current year's projected figures and come to our best guess as to what the new year's expenses will be for most categories. Then we take recommendations from the SPRC committee for the church staff's wages and salaries for the coming year. We also have a line item that covers current and future projects for the church grounds, such as the parking lot resurfacing for this year. With that said, our new weekly required amount is about \$4,600 to meet the budget and do all the things we plan to do. This is up \$300 from last year. Currently, we are receiving \$3,531 weekly this year. So, we have some work to do to make \$4,600 a week next year. We were able to pay in full for the Tower renovation with some church funds we had, but we decided to put the parking lot cost on a line of credit. You will see in your bulletins and on a poster board at church how much we need to raise to pay off the parking lot - \$178,168. Like I mentioned above, we have \$12,000 slotted in our budget to go towards the LOC yearly, but that also means we need to meet our \$4,600 weekly tithes and offerings.

We appreciate anyone who plans to give towards the parking lot, but please don't forget about the weekly needs of your church, too. We would like to acknowledge and graciously thank Capelle Diedrich Bros for their work on the Tower, and Northeast Asphalt and Fleischman excavating for their work on the parking lot. Please let these companies know how grateful we are for their efforts here at Trinity.

This month, we are going to look at the third of five questions on Giving to God from the 'New Living Translation – New Believer's Bible'. What happens when you give? The answer: When you give with the right motives, you will experience joy and God's generous blessings. In 2 Corinthians 9:6-14 - ⁶ 'Remember this—a farmer who plants only a few seeds will get a small crop. But the one who plants generously will get a generous crop. ⁷ You must each decide in your heart how much to give. And don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure. "For God loves a person who gives cheerfully." ⁸ And God will generously provide all you need. Then you will always have everything

you need and plenty left over to share with others. ⁹ As the Scriptures say, "They share freely and give generously to the poor. Their good deeds will be remembered forever."



¹⁰ For God is the one who provides seed

for the farmer and then bread to eat. In the same way, he will provide and increase your resources and then produce a great harvest of generosity in you. ¹¹ Yes, you will be enriched in every way so that you can always be generous. And when we take your gifts to those who need them, they will thank God. ¹² So two good things will result from this ministry of giving—the needs of the Christians in Jerusalem will be met, and they will joyfully express their thanks to God. ¹³ As a result of your ministry, they will give glory to God. For your generosity to them and to all believers will prove that you are obedient to the Good News of Christ. ¹⁴ And they will pray for you with deep affection because of the overflowing grace God has shown through you.

One of Paul's goals in his ministry was to mend the division that existed between Jewish and Gentile believers. To do this, he took up a gift offering from the Gentile believers to be given to the needy Jewish believers in Jerusalem. Apparently, the believers in Corinth were lagging behind in their giving. So Paul, in this portion of 2 Corinthians, wrote of the benefits of giving to God and the work of his church. Here are the three important truths from this passage about our giving as believers.



- **1. Our Motives Are Important.** The passage says that God prizes cheerful givers (verse 7). The word cheerfully could also be translated as "hilariously." We should give hilariously, joyfully, not out of mere duty or guilt. As Jesus said, it is truly "more blessed to give than receive" (Acts 20:35).
- 2. As We Give, God Will Give to Us. You can't outgive God (verses 8&10). As Jesus said "If you give, you will receive. Your gift will return to you in full measure, pressed down, shaken together to make room for more, and running over. Whatever measure you use in giving-large or small-it will be used to measure what is given back to you" (Luke 6:38). Coming back to our motive for giving, we should not fall into the trap of "giving to get." We should give because God has so graciously and generously given to us.
- **3. Others are Helped because of Our Financial Help.** We should always be on the lookout to help Christian brothers and sisters who are in need. Paul was not speaking of the tithe you give, but an offering above and beyond your tithe (verse 11-14). Our tithe goes to the church. Our offerings go to other situations, like help-

ing those in need. When these people receive our gifts, they see that our faith is deeper than mere words.

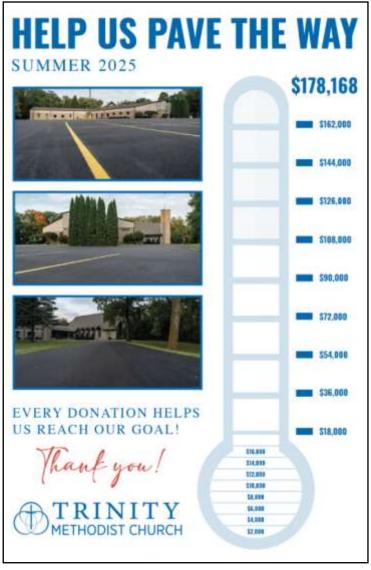
When you give to the Lord's work, that money, which really had no effect in any spiritual sense before, will be used to touch the lives of others for the glory of God. God is looking for openhanded people - people upon whom he can pour out his blessings, and who, in turn, will give it to others.

In the 'My Utmost for His Highest' it says...The Lord does not give me rules, but He makes His standard very clear. If my relationship to Him is that of love, I will do what He says without hesitation. If I hesitate, it is because I love something I have placed in competition with Him, namely myself. Jesus Christ will not force me to obey Him, but I must. And as soon as I obey Him, I fulfill my spiritual destiny. My personal life may be crowded with small, petty happenings, altogether insignificant...When I stand face-to-face with God, I will discover that through my obedience, thousands were blessed. When God's redemption brings a human soul to the point of obedience, it always produces. If I obey Jesus Christ, the redemption of God will flow through me to the lives of others, because behind the deed of obedience is the reality of Almighty God. – Oswald Chambers

Give not just because God commands it, but give because you Love God. Abide to all God's commandments because of your love for Him. Do not hesitate, start today listening to His Word, trusting in Him. Faith is trusting God knows best and going through life letting Him take the lead. Do not let money control you. If you put money above God in your life, you will never truly trust in God. More importantly, you can never experience His full blessings that He wants for you. I ask you to pray on this message and give your lives fully to God. God is good all the time, and all the time, God is good.

Till next time – Merry Christmas to you and your families.

SF Committee Chair Josh Marschie





Trinity Shoebox Project Let the Shoebox journey begin!

"Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work with in us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever! Amen" Ephesians 3:20-21.

Many Thanks to YOU---for Giving your Time and Gifts to God for the Blessing of children around the world. What a privilege we have to serve and be a part in changing a life for eternity. These children will know there is Hope when they open their shoebox. The thrill of knowing that God Loves them!!!

Toward the end of October, the Trinity Shoebox Project Team spent two nights packing shoeboxes from our accumulated inventory. On these nights, 462 shoeboxes were loaded with wonderful gifts. This means, that many children will hear of the love of Jesus and approximately 10 times that will be reached through one shoebox. The impact is Great!!!!

As you reflect on this past year--*Pray* for safe travels for these boxes and the many people that handle them. *Pray* for the children, their families, and communities that millions of lives will be changed for the Glory of God, through His Son Jesus Christ, the best gift ever!!!!!























Good News. Great Joy.

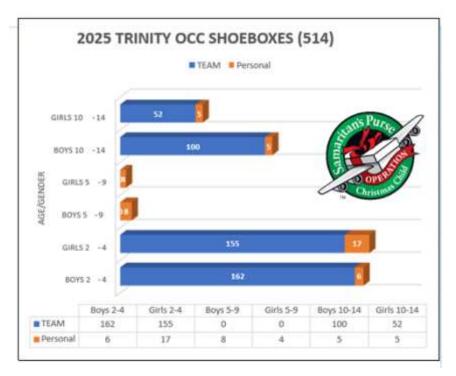
Look what God accomplished thru us!

We are the hands and feet of Jesus. Together we celebrate what God has done and what God has allowed us to be a part of. God is moving through so many people to get HIS gospel out to the ends of the earth.

Because of the generosity of so many, 514 shoeboxes, filled with wonderful gifts, have started their journey. Also, some larger items and those in abundance from our inventory were donated to the Hartford Shoebox Project so the gifts would reach the children this year.

Each shoebox is a tangible expression of God's love and an opportunity to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with a child, their family, and their community.





As previously reported, November 30th is the fiscal year-end for the Trinity Shoebox Project. The donations received by that date are used to cover costs of gifts and minimal admin expenses. The remaining balance is gifted to Samaritan's Purse for the suggested \$10 donation per shoebox that helps cover collection, processing, shipping, training, Gospel materials, and other project costs. We are excited about the future of the Trinity Shoebox Project ministry and will continue to pray that God will provide blessings to share as our TEAM and passion grows.

The Trinity Shoebox Project is a year-round ministry and activity is already underway for next year. Our team seeks opportunities to take advantage of deal shopping throughout the year to get the most for every dollar of all financial donations. The hands and feet of Jesus are also already in motion on many projects. How will God work through you to share HIS gospel in the coming year?

A special THANK YOU to our Trinity Shoebox Team who have dedicated their time and talents to inscribe cards, sew dresses, pencil cases, blankets, sewing kits, tote bags, fleece bags, loom knitted hats, crocheted doll blankets and purses, cut t-shirts and braided jump ropes, assembled fishing, sewing and bead kits, crafted learning activities, washer necklaces, hand-held fishing "poles", wooden cars and other toys, peg-jump games... and SO much more!!



Our appreciation also goes out to those who contributed money, bargain shopped, made bulk purchases, and kept this project in mind when purging overstock at work and at home. Those who organized fundraisers as well as those who supported them are truly amazing! We simply could NOT do this without you. What an amazing group of volunteers we have!! We are truly blessed.



Church Council Meeting Minutes -November 11, 2025

- Brownsville Marshall Kurt Stuckart reviewed our safety program and presented new ideas for church safety. A committee will be formed to work on building security.
- The Nominations committee presented a list of officers for 2026.
- Memorials updated on project they are working on.
- SPRC announced salaries for 2026.
- Sunday School will perform their Christmas program December 21. All the "youth" will be involved. No Sunday School December 28 or January 4, 2026.
- Thanksgiving Dinner will be held at Trinity on Thanksgiving 11:30am 1:30pm. This event is open to the community.
- The Compassionate fund reported that the number of families using the food pantry is up. The food pantry is in need of food donations and cash. A new drop box will be installed shortly where individuals can drop donations during non-office hours.
- Pastor updated the team with starting Confirmation and Adult Sunday School classes. He gave a verbal report on his Cuba Mission trip. More information will follow.
- The trustees reported on their "Fall-Clean Up" effort. While few workers showed up due to the weather, the yard work went smoothly due to the number of "tractors" on site.
- Financial reports were given for September and October. As of October 31, TMC is approximately \$8,600 short of making budget.
- The Stewardship and Finance Committee proposed the budget for 2026. The budget was approved for an increase of \$17,000.
- The speaker system in the church is being looked at for potential repairs / improvements as there have been speaker issues the past few Sundays.
- The Spaghetti Supper and Bake Sale were a success. The total fed were 299. The meals netted a profit of \$2,583.58 while the bake sale netted \$1,024.60.
- Men's Group and Women's Group will meet 11/15/25.
- The next meeting will 1/13/26 @ 6:00pm.



Not everyone is able to make it to church. Please remember these Trinity friends this Christmas with cards and Christmas cheer.

AT HOME:

Elaine Muehlius N10453 SR175 Lomira, WI 53048

Judy Stucke 2076 Wildwood Dr. Cedarburg, WI 53012 Judy Schraufnagel 1202 Maple Street Lomira, WI 53048

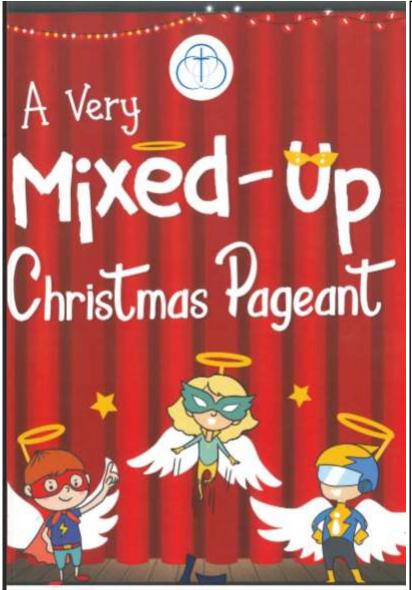
Ed Faber N10820 Cty. Trk Y Brownsville, WI

NURSING HOMES:

Harold (Had) Johnson Violet Meadows 597 Kingswood Ave Fond du Lac, WI 54935

Gene Junger St. Frances Home 33 Everett St. #105 Fond du Lac, WI 54935 Janice Volbright Hope Nursing Home 438 Ashford Ave. Lomira, WI 53048

Gene & Dorothy Hake Adava Care 1109 Cecelia Dr. #8 Pewaukee, WI 53072



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21ST 9:00 AM



When attending the "Christmas Pageant" in December, why not drop off a few items listed below in the "Food Pantry" cart? It would "warm" your heart and the hearts of others to know you care.

Food Pantry Wish List

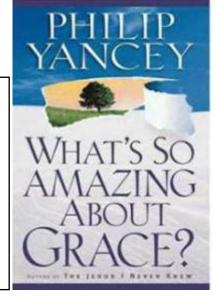
Juice
Cereal
Canned Vegetables
Soup (can or packaged)
Canned Fruit
All Types of Canned Beans
Canned Tuna / Chicken
Tomato Products (diced, sauce, or paste)
Peanut Butter
Strawberry or Grape Jam
Pasta or Rice
"Helper" meals (pasta/beef/tuna)
Mac & Cheese
Jello or Pudding

**Please ensure all donated items have a current "best by" date.



The 2026 Bible Study will run on Mondays, January 5- February 23 from 1:00—2:00p.m., and is a continuation of "What's So Amazing About Grace" by Philip Yancy. There is no requirement to have attended the first session as we will be discussing Grace and its many values as well as how we can bring more grace into our lives and the lives of others. This book contains many stories to help us along that path. I look forward to being a part of your exploration of Grace!! - Deb Wiedmeyer-Mazza

Please ponder this excerpt over the coming holiday season: Grace means there is nothing I can do to make God love me more and there is nothing I can do to make God love me less!

















- 299 meals served
- \$paghetti dinner profit \$2,583.00 profit applied toward the "parking lot"& "general budget"
- Bake \$ale Profit \$1,024.60 profit applied towards OCC postage
- Oodles and Oodles of volunteers—Thank you!















Thank You, to all the wonderful bakers out there. You helped make the Spa-

ghetti Supper Bake Sale a huge success again this year. Together, we made a profit of \$1,024.60 that will go to the great OCC project that Heidi and Amy run so efficiently.

Thanks again . I surely could not do this alone. - Debbie





You are invited to join us for a cup of Christmas Cheer on Sunday, December 7

1:00pm -3:00pm (lunch & dessert served.)

Open to All Ladies: Middle School through

the Golden Years

(All women are encouraged to wear an old hat or fascinator.)

Prizes will be awarded!

New this year - The Lomira High School Choir group will perform.

Sign up sheets are in the Connections Room. See Barb S. or Deb Bintzler-Oestreich w/ questions.



We will once again have Christmas Cookie Sunday on December 21 after the Children's Program.

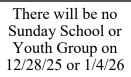
Donations of Christmas cookies are appreciated. Please drop them off in the kitchen before service that day.

Thank you!



In the spirit of the season, we are calling all Sewers and Shoppers to help decorate our Mitten Tree! We are collecting hats, mittens/ gloves, and scarves to help those in need in

our area. Please support our mission by donating "handmade" or store bought items and placing them on the mitten tree in the Connections Room. Please do your part to keep other's hands, heads, and hearts warm this winter.



Both classes will resume on January 11, 2025.





The Tradition Continues....

Doug Kindschuh will be passing out Christmas apples after both services on Christmas Eve.

Doug came up with this idea as a child after receiving a paper bag wrapped with nuts, an apple, and an orange. He remembers the special feeling it gave him and wants to pass that feeling along to members of our congregation.

Please stop by Doug on Christmas Eve and let him spread some holiday cheer to your family.



Gwen's Choir

Thank you to everyone who took the time and came to sing in the choir in memory of Gwen Hinz. Your singing was beautiful! I'm sure Gwen felt the love in every note that was sung. Thank you again for remembering her with your voices. - Pam Hilker







BABY JESUS IS BORN







Golden Club

Shirley Klein turns
91 on December
13th!

N11284 Butternut Rd Lomira, WI 53048

Lets send her lots of Happy Birthday wishes!





DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Janie Hodny
- 4 Elizabeth Christianson
- 7 Emmitt Todl
- 8 Fred Menzer Prentice Reitz
- 10 Aiden Stoffel
- 11 Robert Gudex Kathy Walker
- 13 Shirley Klein Katelynn Kretschmer
- 14 Jake Dahlinger
- 15 Tyler Michels
- 16 Pam Hilker
- 18 Pam Dewhurst
- 19 Molly Regan
- 21 Luke Reitz Katie Schwanke
- 29 Kennedy Hackbarth
- 30 Bob Hesprich

The January
Newsletter
Deadline is
December 17th.
Please have all
of your articles
into the church
office by noon
that day.
Thank you!

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 4 Gerry & Cheryl Meyer
- 11 Lee Oestreich & Debbie Bintzler-Oestreich
- 30 Richard & Sandy Zitlow



If bad weather occurs and TMC Worship Services need to be canceled you can check the following locations, where it will be announced.

Facebook:

Trinity Methodist Church Lomira

Email

An email will be sent out to our TMC Digital Newsletter subscribers. Please keep your info with the office up to date.

Website:

www.trinitylomira.org

All weekly events will also be cancelled at TMC during the week if the Lomira School System is closing or has cancelled after school activities.

Remember...Safety First! God Bless!



TUMC Budget Totals
Year to date needed to meet budget:
\$202,382.00

Received through 11-23-2025: \$196,867.35

Budget Shortfall: \$5,514.65



<u>Prayer Concerns</u> 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.

- Donna Plzak-Klein, Mary Kiehnau's mother, health issues 11/25
- Shari Buske currently at Evergreen Rehab in Oshkosh 11/25
- Lois Jewson, diagnosed with colon cancer will need surgery to remove contained tumor 11/18
- Judy Bruggink, had gallstones removed, will need additional follow-up to watch other gallstones 11/18
- Maria Bruggink, niece of Betty Menzer, reoccurrence of cancer 11/11
- David Menzer, Fred's brother, reoccurrence of cancer 11/11
- Kelly Harmsen, friend of Betty Menzer, doctors have determined chemo is necessary to reduce the risk of reoccurrence 11/11
- Paula Beitz, mother of Andi Luedtke, fell and broke hip, had surgery to repair, waiting on rehab location 11/06
- Tim Colleran, former member Lori (Krug) Colleran's husband, diagnosed with pancreatic cancer has received 5 of 8 chemo treatments which are working as the tumor is shrinking and the blood markers are improving upcoming surgery after chemo is finished 10/29
- 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
- Gene Junger, returning to St. Francis in Fond du Lac on 08/08
- Judy Stucke, receiving dialysis 08/05
- 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



December 2025

Adult Sunday School 7:30 AM
Worship Services 9:00 AM
Sunday School/Youth Group 9:15 AM
Coffee Connections 10:00 AM
Confirmation 10:30 AM

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	1	2	3	4 6:00pm Girl	5	6
9:00am Worship Service	1:00pm Study of the Book of Romans 6:00pm Girl Scouts	5:00pm Girl Scouts	6:00pm Choir 6:30pm AA 7:00pm Bells	Scouts		
7	8	9	10	11	12	13 10:00am Food
9:00am Communion Sunday 1:00pm Christmas Tea	1:00pm Study of the Book of Romans	2:30pm Charge Conference	6:00pm Choir 6:30pm AA 7:00pm Bells			Pantry
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
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21	22	23	24	25	26	27
9:00am Children's Program 5:30pm Girl Scouts	1:00pm Study of the Book of Romans		4:00pm Contemporary Service 6:00pm Traditional Service	Christ the Lord		10:00am Food Pantry
28	29	30	31	1	2	
9:00am Worship Service		OFFICE Closed	OFFICE Closed	New Jea WE WILL BE CLOSE NEW YEAR'S DAY		

Rev. Mulongo Mpoyo Cell 414-690-5796 Church Office: (920) 269-4411 Office Hours Tues.-Thurs. 9AM-1PM Or by Appointment

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WORSHIP SERVICES

Adult Sunday School—7:45 A.M. Service – 9:00 A.M. Sunday School/Youth Group 10:00 AM Coffee Connection 10:00 AM

> Church Office Hours: Tues-Thur 9AM-1PM

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