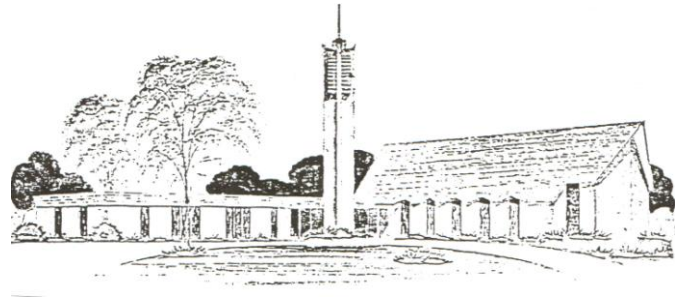




November 2009



Impressions

All the lonely people – where do they all come from? Somehow we know. Loneliness is a universal human experience.

The ultimate solution to loneliness is an awareness of the presence of God. If you have an active prayer life, you are never alone. If you worship Christ, you are not alone, because he is present when we worship. Our sense of communion with God grows immeasurably stronger in communion with other believers.

It is important to get out and find others to enjoy life with, others to pray with, others to sing God's praises with. Otherwise, we consign ourselves to a life apart from the God who inhabits our praises and who is in our midst when we gather in his name. It is also important to pool our gifts and work with others for the common good.

I am better than most at going into "la-la land," as my wife Paola puts it. I can be so wrapped up in my own train of thought that I am literally unaware of what is going on around me. Some of my children are gifted / afflicted with the same ability to be present in body

but absent in spirit. Our youngest, Anna, is turning out to be gifted in this sense. It's like Harry Potter putting on his invisibility cloak.

But we are made for each other. Our purpose is to serve at Loaves and Fishes, to participate at CropWalk, to prepare and offer music in worship, to read about and discuss ways to struggle through our marriages (and divorces). But our deeper purpose is to be there for another, to share ourselves and our gifts with another, to treat every stranger we meet as a friend we are meeting for the first time.

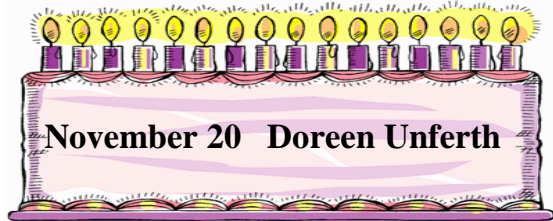
It's a beautiful life. But only if you decide to participate in it, rather than withdraw into a world of shadows where the bedbugs bite. It is always the right time to turn around and find your way again, not alone, but in the company of others.

Every Sunday and every other time we come together, we claim the promise: "Wherever two or three gather in my name," says Jesus, "there I am in the midst of them."

~ Pastor John Hobbins

TRINITY NEWS

80+ BIRTHDAY CLUB
Happy Birthday to the following who
celebrate November birthdays:



50TH + WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Congratulations to
Henry & Irene Hayes as they
celebrate their 62nd wedding anniversary on
November 30th.



Prayer concerns beginning the month of November:

Eunice Guell, Roger Lindgren, Darlene Westphal, Faith Beck, Damon Kavonius, Judy Renderman, Sandi Weiland (Fran Coulter's sister), Josh Wege, Bonnie Zimmer (friend of Meatball & Jackie Zimmerman), Dennis Stucke (Judy Stucke's son), Susan Bhend (Cindy Hodny's sister-in-law), Thomas Buffin (Glenn Eichstedt's brother-in-law), Vicki Engels (Kaye Lindberg's sister), Charlie Bast (son-in-law of Nancy Andrews), our members and friends in nursing homes, and to all who serve in the military.

PRAY FOR OUR

MILITARY

Trinity Church Events

Birth:

Owen Joseph Buske was born to John & Lisa Buske on September 26th. Owen has a big sister Katherine, and proud grandparents are Bill & Shari Buske.

I would like to thank the Luedtke Foundation for the scholarship money, as I continue my pursuit towards my Masters in Church Music. It is greatly appreciated. This year I have taken four classes: *Issues in Church Music, Choral Conducting, Handbell Performance*, and currently, *Composing and Arranging*. As you can see this degree really covers quite a range of classes which I am really enjoying.



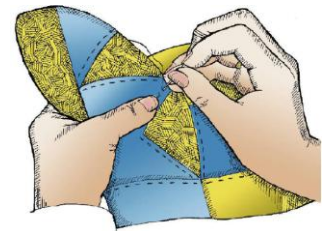
Thanks Again,
Diana Jewson
Trinity Bells Director



Correct Phone Numbers

Please update the church office with your current phone numbers as many of what are listed are no longer working numbers. We, or other members, may want to contact you but need the correct number in order to do so. Thanks for your help.

The Quilting Group will be meeting soon for a new season. We are in desperate need of any good, clean, used blankets of any size. Please put them in our cupboard by the west door. Thank you!



IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

On Sunday, November 8th at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall, Trinity will hold its Annual Charge Conference together with other churches in our Circuit. All church members are invited to attend. Rev. Jack Stubbs of Salem UMC will preside. There will be reports on the year behind us, a vote on the 2010 budget, and the chance to express hopes for the future.

Annual Election Day Spaghetti Dinner



Tuesday,
November 3rd
5:00-7:30 p.m.

All-You-Can-Eat spaghetti, garlic bread, salad, and tortes. Yummmm!

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| Ticket prices: Adults | \$7.00 |
| Children 3-11 | \$3.50 |
| Under 3 | free |

Tickets will be available from UMW members or at the church office.

We will be needing waitresses, waiters, and busboys/busgirls at the dinner. Please contact Mary Muehlius if you can sign up for a one-hour shift. It is only with volunteers that we can continue this tradition as a main missionary fundraiser. Tortes and bake sale items also appreciated. Thanks.



Are you a grumpy old man? Just kidding. A men's fellowship for those 70 years and older is starting at Trinity. First date: Tuesday, November 10th at 10:00 a.m. in the Fireside Room. Coffee, tea, and cookies or muffins will be provided.



Thanksgiving Worship Service

Mark your calendars! Join us for a Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service on Wednesday, November 26th at 7:00 p.m.

Fall brings thoughts of the upcoming holidays and now is the time to mention we will be hosting the 3rd Annual Thanksgiving Dinner on Thursday, November 26th at noon, sponsored



Thanksgiving Dinner

by the Lomira Area Food Pantry. Anyone who would like to attend is welcome – those who find themselves alone this holiday, who cannot manage to put together a family meal or those who simply want an opportunity to fellowship with others in the community, are welcome to attend. We are asking for any volunteers to help out in all ways – pre-preparing food to serve, donating funds to buy needed items, setting up, taking down, cleaning up, serving – you name it, we need it! If you are interested in this wonderful event, please contact Karyn Michels at (920) 979-3956 or the church office at (920) 269-4411.

Decorating the Trees



Christmas may seem far away but the decorating will take place on Friday, November 27th and Saturday, November 28th. Anyone interested in helping would be greatly appreciated. Our Memorial Tree is growing, and we have several beautiful ornaments already donated by some generous members but we could always use additions. Please contact the church office or Karyn Michels at (920) 979-3956 if you have questions or wish to make a donation to this lovely tree.

Trinity Handbell News



The bell choir started off the season well with their performance of “The Church's One Foundation”. Our next piece for November will be “Let All Things Now Living.”

We had a wonderful time at our 7th Annual Handbell Workshop; learned a lot, many new faces and returnees.

I have started my next class in my pursuit of my Masters. This one is *Composing and Arranging*. I have learned quite a bit these last few weeks. I am continually working on compositions. We have two major projects that we have to do and a number of smaller ones. This keeps me quite busy.

Keep on ringing,
Diana Jewson
Trinity Bells Director

Hope Health & Senior Living “Christmas Mall”



Craft & Bake Sale
Sunday, November 8th
9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Hope Senior Apartments
475 Grove Street
Lomira, WI



Unclaimed Kitchen Containers

If any unclaimed containers, bowls, or utensils are not picked up by the end of the year, we will assume that they are church property and will be put away. Please check the kitchen counter to see if you have left anything there.



Christmas Program

Christmas Rehearsal – December 12th
Christmas Program – December 13th

Practice will be held every Sunday at 8:30 a.m.
CD's are available to practice both music and lines at home.



Lomira Community Theatre

Lomira Community Theatre is looking for musical and comedic talent to audition for “Remember When ...” – a music and comedy review to be performed on New Year's Eve at Brownsville Community Center. Bring music/performance CD's for 1940-1950's style songs/skits/jokes to auditions here at Trinity on Sunday, November 8th at 7:00 p.m. in the Sunday School Wing or Monday, November 9th at 7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

Enjoy an evening of the Lomira Community Theatre's “Remember When ...” ~ including a four course dinner, show and dance to welcome in the New Year's in the USO style. See Tina Rawlins at 979-4428 for details and tickets.



MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

The following "Volunteers in Mission" (VIM) projects are available for 2010:

U.S.A. MISSIONS (UMVIM):

January 2nd to 10th: ATLANTA, GEORGIA, Wesley Foundation "Project Extend" – Helping low income seniors and disabled adults remain in their homes; \$350.00 with bus transport, \$225.00 without bus.

January 19th to February 3rd: HAWAII, BIG ISLAND (openings available for 6 persons) – 38 acre camp Mekokiko helping with building projects; \$1,450.00 per person.

February 13th to 26th: ORLANDO, FLORIDA, Building project on Central Care Mission – building and grounds maintenance work; \$150.00 food and lodging, transportation not provided. Carpool from Sun Prairie is available.

March 15th to 26th: FAYETTEVILLE, ARKANSAS, South Central Jurisdictional Retreat Center – building and grounds maintenance work; \$425.00 with bus transport, \$225.00 without bus.

INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS:

FEBRUARY 2010: Chile

JULY, 2010: East Angola

SUMMER 2010: Lima, Peru

WINTER 2010: Liberia

JANUARY 2011: Cuba

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, CONTACTS, AND VIM BOOKLETS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE BULLETIN BOARD AT THE NORTH PARKING LOT ENTRANCE.

What's New in the Church Library ~Lorraine Zastrow



Book title: *Creating a Habitat for Humanity*
Author: Jonathan T. M. Reckford
Category: Education for Mission 2009

When a person experiences the care and compassion of others, often he or she has a new understanding of the world. When total strangers dig a well or serve in a soup kitchen or build houses, their acts of compassion can change lives.

Millard Fuller, founder of Habitat for Humanity International said, "I have always felt that a house is to a human family what soil is to a plant. You can pull a plant up out of the soil, pour all the water in the world on it, give it plenty of sunlight, and it will eventually die because it is not rooted. A plant needs to be rooted and so does a family. If a family isn't rooted, it will not flourish, grow or blossom. But once a family is well rooted, all kinds of wonderful things will begin to happen."

World Vision International president states that Jonathan Reckford, the author, draws from his rich experience to offer us a thoughtful perspective on how we Christians and non-Christians alike may engage with issues of housing for the poor. He gives us beautiful stories of individuals finding hope, communities coming together and God working through the obedient to show justice and mercy. As he explores the full dimensions of God's commandments in Micah 6:8, I am struck by how much the world needs justice and mercy today, and what a joy it is to pursue these and take part in sharing God's Kingdom in his beautiful stories, using biblical passages, and asking readers to reflect on their own purpose in life.

Some of our Trinity members have been there and done that. Others have helped locally. Our mission monies have made possible different projects throughout the world. Reading this book reminds us of our abundance and ways we do and can help our brothers and sisters throughout the world.



Missions Training and Trip

Sara Drexler

The last 6 months of my life has been a whirlwind of adventure, learning, and seeing God do amazing things. I was blessed with the opportunity to be a student in a Discipleship Training School (DTS) with the nondenominational Christian organization *Youth With a Mission* (YWAM). YWAM's purpose is to know God and make Him known, so as to build our relationship with God and then lead others toward a relationship with Him.

I left last April for the London, England YWAM base to have 3 months of classes, learning to live in community, outreach, youth ministry, and basic discipleship. A typical day started at 8:00 with breakfast and devotions followed by worship or prayer time with the whole base, and then classes until 1:00. We would have lunch together, then 2 hours of work duties (cleaning around the base), some free time, dinner prep, and after dinner various activities (evangelism, salsa class, youth group, working on stuff for the mission trip). The days were full of learning experiences!

After 3 months of training, we left for Argentina. There were 6 girls on our trip and a leader. We did so much over the 2 months we were there. When we worked with churches we would help out with kids' ministries, youth ministries, give testimonies at the services, perform dramas, and we were even given the opportunity to preach sometimes! We also did a lot of ministry outside the church walls. We spent time handing out hot drinks to homeless people and chatting with them, we visited a few orphanages and actually stayed at an orphanage for teen girls, we did evangelism at parks, and much more. It required stepping out of my comfort zone many times! The language barrier was a definite frustration for our team.

But in the end God used us despite the language barrier and despite our feelings of not knowing how to help some people we encountered. It really made me appreciate the simple things here, like how clean our cities are, central heating (it was winter there when we went), not having to worry about stray dogs, safety, and gender equality, just to name a few.

The trip was definitely a success in my mind! I learned more than I expected to and I met some amazing people. If you would like to read more about my trip I tried to keep a journal online of my experience.

www.mytripjournal.com/londonywam

This experience has given me a better knowledge of world missions and organizations that youth can be involved in to grow in their relationship with the Lord. I plan to continue pursuing a degree in youth ministry from North Central University in Minneapolis starting in January. I know that YWAM has broadened my perspective to challenging more youth (really, any Christian) to be involved in world missions. I am hoping that God opens the door for me to go on another mission's trip this summer either internationally or within the US.



Crop Walk Thank You

The Lomira Compassionate Fund would like to thank everyone who participated in our 5th Annual Crop Walk in Memory of Joanne Guay. Whether you walked, donated or helped with the walk, we couldn't have done it without your help. Corporate sponsors donated \$2,235 and walkers raised \$4,454 for a total of \$6,689. The top walker who raised the most money was our very own, Robert Meyer – congratulations Robert! The weather was not the best but we still had 80 walkers. Thank you from the bottoms of our hearts.

The Lomira Compassionate Fund



Gwen's Pen

I wasn't expecting it when, a few years ago, I first began standing at the crossing with my stop sign before and after school. As the kids walked past me, most of them said "Thank you." It's my job, I thought. Who gets thanked for doing their job?

Many of us do, many don't. Some of us are "bosses" and some aren't. But all of us enjoy affirmation. Whether we're on the giving end or the receiving end, "Thank you" raises our spirits ... our thoughts. I think most, if not all of us here at Trinity are generous with our expressions of gratitude to one another. I hear it often not just among ourselves, but when we're out in the community. We're aware of the waitress who fills our coffee cups, the mail person who delivers our letters or a package, the bagger at the Piggly Wiggly, the service people who come to our home to repair something or install it, and so many others. We naturally thank them. I hear it a lot. But there might be a few whose services slip by us. What about the person who phones us to ask for a donation. Often we are annoyed at being interrupted just to be asked for money again, and again. A sincere "I appreciate what you're doing" could go a long way to lift her spirits. And what about the person who answers the phone at "Customer Service?" (That is, if we ever get past the recordings to a real live person. *Excuse the digression into slight negativity.*)

And maybe sometimes we forget those who drive by the house picking up our garbage or yard waste. Yes, it's their job, but we appreciate it getting done every week rain or shine.

And do we forget the professional people who teach us, lead us, heal us, or those who share their music with us? They become so much a part of our day and do it so well that we forget how much they add to our lives.

Beyond the "thank you" is gratitude: our constant awareness that everything and everyone contributes to who we are and how we grow. There are other cultures in which gratitude is an essential part of life; where every animal and plant used for food clothing, shelter, or medicine is thanked and blessed for its contribution. We have become so distant from our sources that we would never think of thanking that pork chop under plastic wrap on a Styrofoam tray. We're so accustomed to flicking a switch for light, heat, communication, and hundreds of other tasks that it is seldom that we remember how it comes to us and those who make it possible.

And perhaps we even neglect gratitude for our heritage and our awareness of God, the Creator, who makes all things work together for good. All we are asked to do is align our spirits with the SPIRIT.

So in this new month, the month in which we are reminded to voice our thanksgiving (that for which we should need no reminder) let's resolve to be more aware of who we are, and how we are what we are; more aware of those who make it possible for us to be who we are, where we are, and how we are.



A little girl was busily drawing a picture. When her mother asked what she was drawing, the girl replied, "I'm drawing a picture of God."

"But, honey, no one knows what God looks like," said the mother.

"Well, they will when I get through!"



November Birthdays

- 1 *Neil Bialk*
Kelly Brown
Denese Byington
Matthew Riehbrandt
- 2 *Matthew Lindberg*
- 5 *Judy Stucke*
- 6 *Harold Muehlius*
Tina Rawlins
- 7 *Hanna Faber*
- 9 *Adam Eichstedt*
- 10 *Ellen Hodny*
Todd Klein
- 11 *Ann Bialk*
Carlene Cardenas
- 12 *Lia Piittmann*
- 13 *Carol Dilling*
- 16 *Christopher Luedtke*
- 18 *Andrew Luedtke*
- 19 *Michelle Dahlinger*
Jeff Luedtke
Dustin Westphal
- 20 *Jaime Doyle*
George Idzikowski
Betsy Klein
Kincade Todl
Doreen Unferth
- 21 *Nicholas Scharschmidt*
Gerald Walter
- 22 *CeCe Jordan*





- 23 *Ben Kindschuh*
Stephanie Luedtke
- 24 *Jenna Abitz*
Robert Meyer
Jackie Willis
- 25 *Gordon Klein*
Ellen Michels
Elaine Riedel
- 26 *Rob Schaefer*
- 27 *Scott Flasch*
Kati Kindschuh



November Anniversaries

- 1 *Steve & Andrea Cull*
- 3 *Doug & Mary Kiehnau*
- 7 *Jasson & Amy Johnson*
- 8 *Todd & Emily Hayes*
- 10 *Dustin & Tammy Westphal*
- 12 *Mark & Cindy Hodny*
- 13 *Bruce & Carol Dilling*
- 15 *Felix & Carlene Cardenas*
- 19 *Steve & Diane Luedtke*
- 23 *Tom & Cheryl Gellings*
- 25 *Tab & Sue Schwartz*
- 30 *Henry & Irene Hayes*

November 2009 ~ Trinity United Methodist Church

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|--|--|---|--|---|---|---|
| 1 All Saints Day - One Service at 9:30 a.m. with Communion (no 7:45 a.m. service) | 2 BLOOD BANK Noon – 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. Compassionate Fund Meeting | 3 5:00-7:30 p.m. Annual Election Day Spaghetti Dinner | 4 6-8 Confirmation 6:30 A.A. 7-8:30 Handbells 7:30 Choir | 5 10:00 a.m. Northgate Service 2:30 Hope Service | 6 <i>World Community Day</i> | 7 |
| 8 7:00 p.m. Circuit 24 Charge Conference | 9 7:00 p.m. U.M.W. | 10 10:00 a.m. Men's Fellowship Group | 11 <i>Veteran's Day</i> 6-8 Confirmation 6:30 A.A. 7-8:30 Handbells 7:30 Choir | 12  | 13 6:00-10:00 p.m. Confirmation to Synagogue in Milwaukee | 14 10:00-11:00 a.m. Food Pantry |
| 15 | 16  | 17 | 18 6-8 Confirmation with Parents 6:30 A.A. 7-8:30 Handbells 7:30 Choir | 19 | 20  | 21 Pastor John will be gone through November 24th |
| 22 U.M.W. Sunday 6:30 p.m. Adult Fellowship | 23 | 24  | 25 6:30 A.A. 7:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service | 26 <i>Happy Thanksgiving!</i> Noon Community Thanksgiving Dinner | 27 Christmas Tree Decorating | 28 10:00-11:00 a.m. Food Pantry Christmas Tree Decorating |
| 29 | 30 | <p>Worship Services – 7:45 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. Sunday School – 8:30 a.m. November 1st – No 7:45 a.m. service</p> | | | | |

November Greeters

November 1 – Jim & Paula Green and Family
November 8 – Todd & Lisa Lehner and Family
November 15 – Jeff & Becky Luedtke
November 22 – John Muentner Jr. and Family
November 29 – Saul Reyes & Sandra Collier

November Acolytes

November 1 – Brett Buske and Ryan Ullius
November 8 – Aubrie Brown and Mikayla Klein
November 15 – Mitchell Wroblewski and Ryan Riedel
November 22 – Ellen Hodny and Aricka Ullius
November 29 – Lindsay Hesprich and Alexis Stuebs

November Nursery Attendants

November 1 – Flasch Family
November 8 – Open
November 15 – Fester Family
November 22 – Schaefer Family
November 29 – Steers Family

November Refreshments

November 1 – Riedel Family
November 8 – Hobbins Family
November 15 – Meyers Family
November 22 – Willis Family
November 29 – Cobb Family



WORSHIP SERVICE AND SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

First Service – 7:45 A.M.

Sunday School – 8:30 A.M.

Second Service – 9:30 A.M.

Trinity Harvest

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