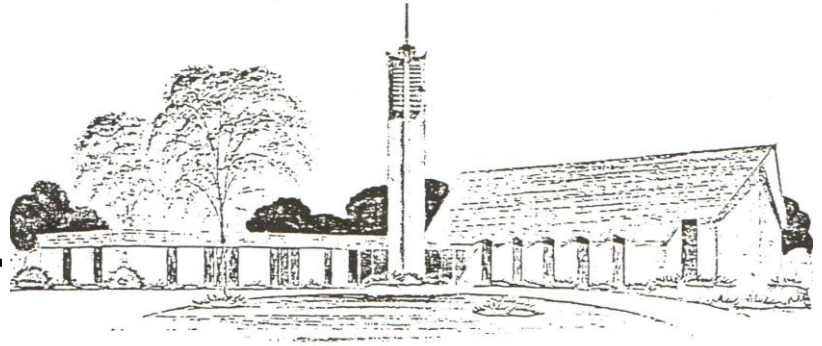




February 2012



**RINITY
HARVEST**



Build the Church ~ Bless the World

***Confirmation Students,
Parents, and Mentors:***

Pastor Kerry would like to meet with all of you after the Ash Wednesday worship service for a “short” meeting to check signals, review requirements, talk about a possible lock-in, make an needed “course corrections” discuss the upcoming Easter Sunrise Service, and mission trips for this summer. Hopefully everyone can attend!

New Members’ Class

Pastor Kerry is planning to hold a New Members’ Class in February and March on Monday evenings (7:00 pm). The three dates will be Feb.27, March 12 and 19. Each session will be about 90 minutes long and will cover a variety of topics related to our beliefs, our spiritual journey, and the United Methodist Church’s history and focus. If you have been regularly attending here for a while and are not a member, but would like to step forward and become a full member, please contact Pastor Kerry right away to be included in this class. Side note: This has proven to be an interesting class for long time church members as well. Let Pastor Kerry know if you’d like to join in!

***Summer Mission Trip to
Redbird Mission in Kentucky***

Summer is fast approaching! So is the deadline for the initial payment for our mission trip to Kentucky! We have room for another seven people (current eighth graders and older, including adults!!) We need to send in our deposits by March 1, 2012. The cost will be \$75 due to the generous support of the church with brat fries, soup lunches, and the bowling fund raiser. (This last sentence was a statement of faith but with continued support as we have received so far we will be able to offer the trip for \$75 rather than \$300!!!) A final accounting will indicate that support was also received from memorial money of one of our deceased members that had been ear-marked for missions.

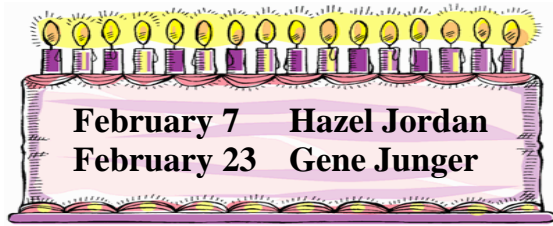
Might God be calling you to Kentucky? Pray! And then talk to Pastor Kerry about the possibility of your going. Let him know right away and be included in this summer’s Trinity Mission Team!

Year end contribution statements are ready for picking up in the church narthex.

TRINITY NEWS

80+ BIRTHDAY CLUB

Happy Birthday to the following who celebrate February birthdays:



50TH + WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Congratulations to Tom & Syd Henke as they celebrate their 51st wedding anniversary on February 13th.



Prayer concerns beginning the month of February:

Maureen Flury, Darlene Westphal, Damon Kavonius, Kay Riehbrandt, Steve Knott (friend of Fed & Betty Menzer), Loa Bosserman (Dorothy Bosserman's daughter-in-law), Abby Priest, Gerda Thelen, Katie Smith (friend of Sharon Germain), David Vesper (Michelle Vesper's father), Pat & Nancy Harvey's daughter, Trisha (friends of Fred & Betty Menzer), Bonnie Cramer (Judy Lerch's friend), Barbara Bond (Donna Luther's niece), Mary Beth Alexander (Glenn Eichstedt's cousin), Marisa Pauly (daughter of Jan Guell's friend), Tiny Sturrock (Jackie Zimmerman's mother), Tim Jandre (Bruce & Deb Bintzler's son-in-law), Bonnie Zimmer (friend of Meatball & Jackie Zimmerman), Vicki Engels (Kaye Lindberg's sister), and Charlie Bast (son-in-law of Nancy Andrews).

Trinity Church Events

Death:

Our deepest condolences go to the family of **Dr. Leland Friedrich** who was called to eternal life on Sunday, January 1st. A service will be planned sometime in Spring.



Many belated thanks to all members and friends of Trinity who remembered me with beautiful Christmas and Get Well cards. These helped to cheer my days during the holidays as well as my move to an appointment here in Lomira recently. Special thanks to Pastor Kerry for his prayers and visits during this transition. May God bless each one of you at Trinity through this year. Sincerely,

~ Lorraine Zastrow

We would like to thank all who came to the Mission Trip Soup Sunday. It was a great success. Special thanks to all who donated the wide variety of desserts, from delicious brownies to elegant tortes.

Special thanks to Syd Henke for the bread and butter, and to all who helped serve and clean up; Doug Kindschuh, Tina Rawlins, and Robert Meyer for cleaning up the dishes; and Lee & Kay Oestreich, Ralph & Sharon Germain, Doug Kiehnau, Michelle Lepinsky, and the high school girls, Amber and Aubrie Brown and Rachel Stuebs for serving and making sure everyone had food and help.

Again, thanks to all who helped make the Mission Trip Café a success.

~ Bruce & Debbie and Gerry & Cheryl

ATTENTION:

Help needed on church cemeteries. General maintenance, lawn mowing, and seeding new grave sites at Salem and Ebenezer cemeteries. You will need your own lawn mower and maintenance equipment. This is a paying position.

We are also looking for persons interested in serving on the Cemetery Board.

Please contact:

Jerry Jordan (920) 960-9828
or Henry Guell (920) 921-9370

Sunday Worship At Trinity

Feb. 5 – Will Jewson preaching on Mark 1:29-39. No Communion today.

Feb. 12 – Scouting Sunday

We'll be celebrating our involvement in the lives of many Lomira area boys and girls as we invite our Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, Venture Scouts, Girl Scouts and Brownies to join us in worship. The Scouts will "present the colors" at our 9:30 service as we pledge our allegiance to both the U.S. flag and the Christian flag. Pastor Kerry's message will be based on Mark 4:35-41 where Jesus calms a storm and will include his story of Boundary Water canoeing and "walking on water."

Feb. 19 – "Young at Heart Sunday"

The Sunday School students will have some special songs for the 9:30 service, and there may be a skit or reading, too. We'll celebrate with Luke and Cherie Reitz as Prentice is baptized. The Jazz Band will be with us to "jazz things up!" We'll be remembering Jesus' Transfiguration. Pastor Kerry's message on Mark 2:1-12 about the healing of the paralytic will lead us to a Service of Healing with the anointing of oil and the laying on of hands.

Feb. 26 – Special Multi-Generational Worship Service

Today, both morning worship services will be blessed with our special guest, Rev. Rich Rubietta, from Grayslake, Ill. Rich is a conference approved evangelist of the Northern Illinois Conference of the United Methodist Church. His ministry is to go to local churches and help make their worship experiences exciting and inviting to people of all ages. He builds a bridge via his music between the generations so that all can worship together "in Spirit and in Truth." Rich has an engaging way of developing creative worship services that retain the tradition of the great hymns while truly involving our youth and the unchurched. Come and bring your friends!! Pastor Kerry and Rev. Rubietta will join together to lead us to the throne of God. The morning message is "Chance to Dance."

Ash Wednesday Worship Service

February 22nd is Ash Wednesday.

Our worship service will be **at 6:30 pm**, with chancel choir and bell choir practices starting at about 7:15 pm. Pastor Kerry will lead our Ash Wednesday service as we begin a Lenten Season where our Wednesday evening services (all at 6:30 pm) will focus on Old Testament passages that Jesus fulfilled during Holy Week, especially on Good Friday. We'll begin by looking at Psalm 69:21 that prompted Jesus to cry out from the cross, "I thirst." We'll consider His humanity and our own; His weakness and our own. Humble acknowledgement of our sinful state marks the beginning of Lent that culminates with the victory over sin that marks our Easter celebration!

The February 29th service will be led by Rev. Philip Burt, a retired UM pastor now serving the Eldorado UMC west of Fond du Lac. He will continue the series of messages on Old Testament passages fulfilled by Jesus during Holy Week.



Campbell's' Product Labels for Missions



The United Methodist Women thank you for your contribution of Campbell's product labels to be donated to missions. These labels are exchanged for needed equipment by the recipient charity. However, ONLY LABELS CONTAINING THE UPC CODE ARE ACCEPTED BY CAMPBELL'S. The UPC code is found below the "Nutrition Facts" chart and consists of vertical lines above the number 51000 and is enclosed by a dotted line. The complete label or just the UPC code within the dotted lines is acceptable. Labels may be placed in the container found next to the Food Pantry grocery cart.

\$ MONEY MATTERS \$

We ended 2011 with an \$8,500 short fall!! Money had to be borrowed to meet the short fall. For 2012 we need \$70 for every member just to pay our Conference Membership. Additionally, we must meet our normal expenses. Therefore, we need \$3,700 weekly. Please be as generous as possible.

~ *The Finance Committee*

Administrative Council Note:

At the January 24th meeting of the Administrative Council, it was noted that we have been able to repay \$1000 of the loan we made to ourselves in 2011! Great news! In an effort to “keep the ball rolling,” the Council voted to have the Wednesday Lenten offerings be all designated to our debt reduction. So starting on Wednesday, February 22nd (Ash Wednesday), our Wednesday evening worship service offerings will go to this purpose. “Trust the Lord and do good,” the Psalmist reminds us. Let’s sow the seeds of a great blessing with this effort that won’t see our evening offering as just part of the routine.

Free Will Offering on February 26th

Our special guest on the 26th, Rev. Rich Rubietta, is a conference approved evangelist, which means he is endorsed by the Northern Illinois conference but receives no salary or compensation from the conference. He “earns his keep” and supports his wife and family entirely from free will offerings that he receives from local churches for ministering to them, or at retreats that he leads. If each adult who attends can give a small amount above and beyond their regular Sunday morning offering, then we’ll be able to support him adequately. We’ll pass around a second set of offering plates that day to receive this special free will offering (cash or a check made out to Abounding Ministries, the name of his non-profit ministry shared with his wife and her ministry activities). Rich will bless us greatly that day; come ready to bless him in return.

85 ALIVE! This is a phrase that Pastor Kerry invented and it draws our attention to the matter that Trinity Church finished 2011 with all our bills and obligations paid but that we had borrowed **85** hundred dollars (\$8500) from our segregated funds to meet those obligations during the course of the year. If a church wants to remain truly **ALIVE!** it must not fall behind financially. We do not want to cut ministries or services. We want to grow and expand our Christian work in the community and to our constituency. So here is the challenge: can we (many of us) give something over and above our regular giving? And mark these extra gifts “Alive 85” or write “for debt” on the check or envelope so we can pay ourselves back as soon as possible. Then we can move forward in ministry without this encumbrance hanging over us. And maybe this is an opportunity for you to get a little closer to the Biblical goal of tithing (giving 10% of income) as the “average” United Methodist gives only 3%. Let’s “live, give, and love” as though Trinity is NOT an average United Methodist Church!!

Mission Trip Fund-raiser –

Bowling party in Brownsville!!

On Sunday, February 19th everyone is invited to the bowling alley in Brownsville for an afternoon of fun, fellowship, and bowling. We can all head to Brownsville soon after the second service is over. For \$15 you get to bowl three games! The church will receive about half of that amount and it is ear-marked for this summer’s mission trip to Red Bird Mission in Kentucky! You can also buy your lunch and snacks there and spend several great hours with your friends. Please invite your friends to come and bowl, too. The more bowlers we have, the more money we earn for the mission trip! Non-bowlers can come and eat and visit and have fun, too. What a great way to spend a Winter afternoon! **Hey, Youth! How many of your friends can you get to come?** Maybe we can set up a challenge game or two: youth vs. adults, or men vs. women, or ... Remember, this is “Young at Heart” Sunday! This will be a great time to feel “young at heart!”

From the Pastor

February is marked by many notable “holidays” such as Ground Hog’s Day, Lincoln’s Birthday, Valentine’s Day, Washington’s Birthday, and Ash Wednesday (which often falls in February as it does this year), and this year, Leap Year Day on the 29th. Some of these days are more significant than others; they all might give us food for thought. Presidents Lincoln and Washington were both men of faith. Abe Lincoln once said, “I have been driven many times upon my knees by the overwhelming conviction that I had nowhere else to go.” Valentine’s Day was, and still is, the feast day to remember St. Valentine, who died a martyr’s death for his faith in Christ! It’s a day we think about “love.” As Christians we remember that Christ’s love for us is Agape Love (to use the Greek word) which means a sacrificial, giving kind of love, that goes much deeper than romantic love or brotherly love.

Leap Year—an extra day in 2012! How might we use that extra day? Maybe it won’t seem like an extra day because there will still be seven days that week, but the idea is still intriguing. How do we use our time? What would I do if I did have an extra day that I didn’t have before? How might I spend at least a few minutes of February 29th in remembering, worshiping, or serving God? (Don’t forget we have a Mid-week Lenten Service that night.)

Just a few stray thoughts. And you have that “extra day” to ponder them!

In Christ’s Service,
Pastor Kerry

“It is not faith in Christ that saves you (though faith is the instrument); it is Christ’s blood and merits.”

—Charles H. Spurgeon



Most of the following is not from my pen, but from that of an anonymous writer. I have altered and supplemented it to reflect my own thoughts, grateful that the writer allows me to do so.

Today I wish you a day of ordinary
miracles
a fresh pot of coffee you didn't have to
make yourself,
an unexpected phone call from an old
friend,
green stoplights on your way to work or
to shop.

I wish you a day of little things in which to
rejoice ...
the fastest line at the grocery store,
a parking place wide enough and close
enough for comfort,
a good sing-along-song on the radio,
your keys right where you look for them.

I wish you a day of awareness ...
that morning light is not a right, but a
gift,
that a sunset is God's goodnight hug,
that an injury is a reminder of our
incredible repair systems,
that every face is a precious work of art.

I wish you a day of happiness and perfection
... bite-size pieces of perfection that
make you aware that the Lord is smiling
on you, holding you so gently because
you are someone special and rare.

They say that it takes a minute to find a
special person, an hour to appreciate him/her,
a day to love him, but an entire life to forget
her. You are that special person.

College Scholarships Available

Anyone who is entering his/her freshman year of college in the fall of 2012 may apply for a college scholarship. Applications are available in the church office. Application deadline is April 15th.

“Foundations for Friendship”

Friends don't bully one another...



Saturday, February 25th
9:30 am-11:30 am
Salem UMC - Fond du Lac
120 Sheboygan Street,
Fond du Lac, WI

Sponsored by Salem's
Christian Education Team

**9:30 to 10:00 - Continental Breakfast/
Fellowship Time**

**10:00 to 11:30 - Program with question and
answer time**

**Youth Leaders, Christian Education
Directors, and Parents ... Are you
concerned about the problem of bullying?
Then you need to attend this program!**

We will present the “positive side of not bullying”. Our hope is to give you help to stop the spread of bullying whether it's at home, at work, in school, in Sunday School, or wherever life takes you.

Please RSVP to Julie Francis at 920-921-8605
or julie@salemchurch.com
by Wednesday, February 22.

“Faith is knowledge within the heart,
beyond the reach of proof.”
—Kahlil Gibran

Pack Well

During Lent, as we focus on Christ's journey to the cross, let's also examine the journey of our lives. The first task when leaving on any adventure is packing. What have you placed in your bag? Are you weighed down with temptations, self-doubt, money worries, relationship troubles? Have you overlooked any important items? Maybe your bag feels too empty for the challenges ahead.



Remember to pack mercy, grace and forgiveness.

Thanks to Easter, we know that our journey in Christ continues, even when the road becomes difficult. So as you prepare for Lent, carry with you the hope made possible by Jesus' sacrifice on our behalf.

– Based on the “Journey to Hope” sermon series at www.rethinkchurch.org/lent



Refocus for Lent

Give up complaining – focus on gratitude.
Give up harsh judgments – think kind thoughts.
Give up worry – trust God to provide.
Give up discouragement – be full of hope.
Give up bitterness – turn to forgiveness.
Give up hatred – return good for evil.
Give up anger – be more patient.
Give up pettiness – become mature.
Give up jealousy – pray for trust.
Give up gossiping – control your tongue.
Give up sin – turn to virtue.
Give up giving up – persevere.
– Author unknown



UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER



Saturday, February 18th - NOON - 1:30 p.m.

Join us at church to decorate cookies, cupcakes and Valentine's Cards for the church service on Sunday. The Sunday School children will be serving the coffee hour at both church services and handing out valentines to the members. We will also take valentine's and baked goods to the nursing home Saturday.

We are looking for bakers to bring in undecorated cookies and cupcakes for the children to decorate, please let Tammy Steers know if you can help with that. Donations of frosting would be very helpful too!



Sunday, February 19th - Serving for Coffee Hour

Children will be singing at the 9:30 service and 7th/8th grade students will be doing readings.



Sunday, April 1st (Palm Sunday)

Children will be singing at the 9:30 service.



Sunday, May 13th (Mother's Day)

Children will be singing at the 9:30 service.

**Sunday, May 20th
Last Day of Sunday School**

Between both services there will be a bake sale to raise money for VBS. After the 9:30 service there will be activities for the children to kick-off the beginning of summer and our VBS program!





- 25 *William Beck*
- 27 *Glenn Eichstedt*
Merlene Hayes
- 28 *Will Jewson*
Doug Kindschuh

February Birthdays

- 1 *Judy Schraufnagel*
- 2 *Emily Batterman*
- 3 *Emily Schwanke*
- 4 *Peter Buske*
Ryan Riedel
- 6 *Judy Lerch*
- 7 *Zachary Dewhurst*
Hazel Jordan
- 8 *Lisa Blanckaert*
Cathy Steele
Evan Wilcox
- 10 *Cindy Bryant*
Sheryl Gellings
Brayden Sanders
Aricka Ullius
Ryan Ullius
- 11 *Sharon Germain*
Ashley Guell
- 13 *Ryan Schwartz*
- 17 *Debbie Bintzler*
- 18 *Erin Connell*
Robert Coulter
Joel Menzer
- 19 *Darlene Westphal*
- 20 *Bill Buske*
Vickie Renderman
- 22 *Kevin Haefs*
Jon Luedtke
- 23 *Sarah Fester*
Gene Junger
- 24 *Tom Luedtke*



February Anniversaries






- 8 *Wayne & Maureen Flury*
- 13 *Tom & Syd Henke*
- 20 *Kevin & Jenna Rhein*
- 22 *Norman & Thelma Grantman*
- 27 *Todd & Lori Klein*

Congratulations to
Doug Kiehnau
who received this year's award for



the Lomira Area
Chamber of Commerce
Outstanding Citizen of the Year

February 2012 ~ Trinity United Methodist Church

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Worship Services: 7:45 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. Sunday School – Adults and Children: 8:30 a.m.			1 No Confirmation Classes 7:00 pm Choir 7:00 pm Handbells	2 <i>Groundhog Day</i> 	3	4
5 Will Jewson Preaches	6 7:00 p.m. GPS	7 3:00 p.m. Hope Nursing Home Service	8 Confirmation - 6:30 -7 th /7:30 – 8 th 7:00 pm Choir 7:00 pm Handbells	9	10 	11 10:00-11:00 a.m. Food Pantry
12 Scout Sunday	13 7:00 p.m. GPS	14 <i>Valentine's Day</i> 10:00 a.m. Men's Fellowship 	15 Confirmation - 6:30 -7 th /7:30 – 8 th 7:00 pm Choir 7:00 pm Handbells	16 6:00 p.m. Finance & Stewardship Committee Meeting	17	18 Noon – 1:30 p.m. Sunday School kids decorate cookies
19 Young at Heart Worship Services 9:30 S.S. Kids sing 11:30 am Bowling Fundraiser at Dan's Bowl	20 No GPS  PRESIDENTS' DAY *****	21	22 <i>Ash Wednesday</i> 6:30 Lenten Worship Service 7:15 Confirm Mtg. 7:15 pm Choir 7:15 pm Handbells	23 	24	25 10:00-11:00 a.m. Food Pantry
26 Guest Speaker - Rev. Rich Rubietta	27 No GPS 7:00 p.m. First New Members Class	28	29 <i>Leap Day</i> 6:30 Lenten Worship Service 7:15 pm Choir 7:15 pm Handbells	Youth Group: Mondays at 7:00 p.m. Adult Fellowship – February 19th at 6:30 p.m. A.A. Meetings – Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.		

February Greeters

February 5 – Henry & Eunice Guell
February 12 – Barb York
February 19 – Doug & Chris Kuen
February 26 – The Cardenas Family

February Refreshments

February 5 – Larry & Judy Schraufnagel
February 12 – The Kretschmer Family
February 19 – *Sunday School Kids*
February 26 – Lila Ebert and Leverne Senn

WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE

First Service – 7:45 A.M.
Sunday School – 8:30 A.M.
Second Service – 9:30 A.M.

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Trinity Harvest

Trinity United Methodist Church

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Lomira, WI 53048

Return Service Requested

