

UPCOMING SERMON SERIES FOR MARCH/APRIL 2016

On Sunday, March 27 (EASTER), we begin a new worship series called 'The Real F Word'—forgiveness, of course. And, starting with Easter morning, then throughout the month of April, we'll be sharing in these messages for the series:

- Easter Morning: Finding Forgiveness
- How Can I Forgive Myself?
- How Can I Forgive Others?
- Is Forgiveness Really Forever?
- Livin' Forgiven

Again, this series will take us from Easter morning, all the way through the month of April, so make sure you mark your calendars accordingly! Forgiveness is one of those things that we all struggle with in life, at some time or another. We know God expects us to forgive, yet it seems impossible at times. Do you want to know more? Make sure you plan on worshipping with us not only on Easter morning, but throughout the month of April too. Forgiveness is absolutely possible for all of us... See you there!



Sunday, March 27th after the 8:00 Service

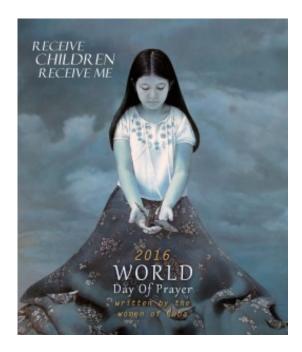
Menu: Scrambled eggs, sausage, coffee cakes, potatoes, applesauce, milk, juice and coffee.

Tickets will be sold between worship services in March.

Advance sales would be

appreciated.

Donations of coffee cakes
needed.



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER March 4th

1:30 pm Holy Family– Sacred Heart School
FDI

Receive Children, Receive Me!"

World Day of Prayer (WDP) is a worldwide ecumenical movement of women of many faith traditions. Each year a different country serves as the writer of the world Day of Prayer Service. For 2016, the Women of Cuba invite us to consider these words? "Receive Children, Receive Me". We will learn how Jesus responds to his disciples when the little children come to Him.

NT Bible Challenge

Tuesday March 1st: Mark 15 Wednesday March 2nd: Mark 16 Thursday March 3rd: Luke 1 Luke 2 Friday March 4th: **Monday March 7th:** Luke 3 **Tuesday March 8th:** Luke 4 Wednesday March 9th: Luke 5 Thursday March 10th: Luke 6 Friday March 11th: Luke 7 **Monday March 14th:** Luke 8 **Tuesday March 15th:** Luke 9 Wednesday March 16th: Luke 10 Thursday March 17th: Luke 11 Friday March 18th: Luke 12 **Monday March 21st:** Luke 13 Tuesday March 22nd: Luke 14 Wednesday March 23rd: Luke 15 Thursday March 24th: Luke 16 Friday March 25th: Luke 17 Monday March 28th: Luke 18 Tuesday March 29th: Luke 19 Wednesday March 30th: Luke 20 **Thursday March 31st:** Luke 21

Trinity will be holding a Blood Drive at the church on Monday March 7th, from 12p.m. - 6p.m.

There will be a Special Church Conference on March 20th at 9:20 AM to approve Karyn Michels as a certified candidate for ministry. The Presiding Elder will be Pastor Rom Pegram.

"THE REAL 'F' WORD..."

Even if that person wrongs you seven times a day and each time turns again and asks forgiveness, you must forgive." – *Jesus*, as recorded in Luke 17:4 (NLT)

Dear members & friends of Trinity UMC,

Easter's coming! Did you know that? And do you know what date it is? (I asked someone that the other day and their response was, "It's on Sunday again, isn't it?" Well, yeah...) Hopefully March 27th is already marked on your personal or family calendars, since Easter is such an important date in the life of the Church (that's us!). And yes, it's about family gatherings, and the ham dinner, and dressing up in spring colors. But, mostly Easter is resurrection day. It's the day God came through for Jesus! Jesus trusted God with his life ... and God came through! It's the day God's power in Jesus overcame death ... and he was resurrected. And because of what happened to Jesus, we now know that God's resurrection power can be real in our lives too! We can trust God with our lives, God will come through for us, and we too can know God's power of LOVE in our lives—even through our own death & resurrection!

What Jesus really did for us was take our place as the perfect (sinless) sacrifice—giving his life that we might know God's forgiveness in our lives. So, in a way, it seems like forgiveness is really what this season is all about. With that in mind, on Easter morning, we're going to start a new worship series on forgiveness. In the short time I've been in Lomira, this is the one topic by far—that I've had requests to preach on. It's something many people struggle with. We understand forgiveness to a point, but what is God's view of forgiveness, and how do we live that out in our lives? We're going to be talking about all of these things, beginning on Easter morning, March 27th, and then continuing on through the month of April.

Here are some more specifics of what we'll be covering: There are <u>3 levels of forgiveness</u> that we're going to explore during 'The Real F Word" series...

- 3rd level: FORGIVING OURSELVES one of the hardest forms of forgiveness to actually do...
- 2nd level: FORGIVING OTHERS especially why it's so important for both them and us...
- The Ultimate Level: FORGIVENESS
 WE RECEIVE FROM GOD—
 coming to a solid understanding of
 what Jesus really did for us and
 why it's changed our lives forever...

Folks, you're not going to want to miss out on this very exciting teaching starting on Easter morning! So, who do you know who could benefit from learning more about *forgiveness*? Who do you know who's been holding a grudge for way too long and it's affecting their life, maybe even their health, in negative ways? It's time to not only learn more about forgiveness yourself; it's also time to invite those who could benefit from this teaching to come to worship with you! Pray about it, would you? I know God will open doors for all of us to be able to do just that...

See you on Resurrection Day,

Pastor Rom





The Season of Lent 2016 at Trinity UMC

Please note *carefully* the following about the remaining schedule for Lent this year:

Lent 2016 Group Bible Study – 7 PM, March 9, and 16 (Fellowship Hall).

Maundy Thursday Worship – 7 PM, Thursday, March 24 (Sanctuary).

Good Friday Worship - 7 PM, Friday, March 25 (Sanctuary).

Easter Morning Worship – 8 & 10 AM, Sunday, March 27 (Sanctuary), with Easter Breakfast (Fellowship Hall) in between...

Traditionally, Lent has been a season for self-reflection and personal spiritual growth. And Lent 2016 will be no exception! It was on the Mount of Transfiguration that Jesus made his final decision to do God's will for his life—to go to his death for us. It was there that he 'set his face' or determined to go up to Jerusalem one last time. During this season, we'll be taking in every stop Jesus made along the way. What can we learn from his final journey to Jerusalem? What is there in these stories that will help us to grow closer in our walk with God? And what is it we need to 'set our face' to today? Our Wednesday night Bible studies will be digging deeper into what will be taught on Sundays throughout this season. Please come and join us for this season of Lent as we focus on Jesus 'setting his face' to Jerusalem...

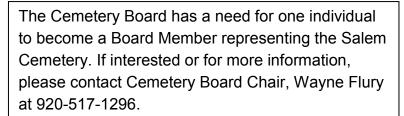
<u>Very important notice to THE CHOIRS (BOTH VOCAL & BELL)</u>: During the season of Lent—from Ash Wednesday through Wednesday, March 16—we'll be having abbreviated rehearsals, as follows: Bell Choir Rehearsal – 6-6:30 PM, Vocal Choir Rehearsal – 6:30-7 PM. This will allow our Wednesday night worship/Bible studies to always be at 7 PM. (With this schedule, for these 6 weeks in particular, please be mindful to be on time for rehearsals—ready to go at the start time—as they will have to begin and end promptly on the times listed above. THANK YOU!)

Easter Lilies If you wish to order a plant(s) in honor or memory of someone (or simply as a gesture), please complete this form, attach payment, and drop in the offering plate or church office. Lilies will be used to decorate the Chancel area on Easter Sunday. You may take your plant(s) home after the Easter Worship Services. Deadline to order is Sunday, March 6 \$12.00 per plant Quantity: In Memory of: In Honor of: Other (specify): Given By:

TUMC to welcome... Joel Ncahoruri Missionary from Cameroon

Joel will be with us on Sunday, March 13, at the 9 AM Coffee Connection time.

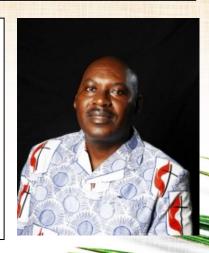
The Rev. Joel Ncahoruri is a missionary with the General Board of Global Ministries of The United Methodist Church currently serving as treasurer of the Cameroon Mission, one of the mission initiatives of the denomination.



The Staff Parish Relations Committee is pleased to announce that Jason Ehlert is the Custodian for our church.

Jason will be taking over for Karyn Michels starting Feb. 29th. We are so grateful to Karyn for her service to the church that continued to provide us with a clean & beautiful place to worship and we look forward to welcoming Jason into this role.

Sincerely, Glenn Eichstedt SPRC Chair





The 49th annual Lomira Lions Club pancake breakfast is Sunday March 13 th from 8 am to 1 pm at the Lomira American Legion.

GWEN'S PEN "FAITH"

Having focused on sacrifice for several months, (although it may have been as much or more about faith than sacrifice) I began thinking about a subject for March. But, again, God put the subject right out there where I almost stumbled over it.

While attempting to rid my "office" of extraneous papers and "stuff", I came to a typed letter on green stationery. It was written to my dad and signed by my mother's youngest sister on June 3, 1975, two months after Mom had died. Wondering why I had kept it, I started reading... Several paragraphs were "chit-chat", several were plans and information. Part-way down the second page, I found what I was looking for and have tried to copy it here pretty much as my aunt had written it, adding parentheses with italics where I thought explanation was important. Here's part of what she wrote to my dad:

My memorial to Vi (Viola, my mom) would be my outstanding two instances of her complete, simple faith. I was about 16. We were to go to Edgar's to milk the cows when they were away. We were to HAVE to be there before dark to go to the pasture and bring in the cows because Edgar warned us that they NEVER came in of their own accord and that we could not find them in the dark and that two of them were 'fresh' and HAD to be milked. SOOOO as usual we were late and were plodding along in the buggy with old Brownie putzing along and it was dark before we were half way. I was having a fit worrying about it. She was calm... said "Don't worry, they'll be there, I've prayed." Hmmmm. I thought, God can't push the cows home and furthermore it's our fault for being late ...so why should He help etc. etc. etc. I was up-tight. She was relaxed. We pulled in LONG after dark and milking time, got the lantern, and the cows were all hanging their heads over the fences in the cow lot.

Again, when Paul (Mom's third child) was a baby he was to go to Rochester for treatment on that foot. Paul Sr. (the letter-writer's husband) and I (the letter-writer) had driven her and for some reason, we were returning late at night and coming across the old cut-off, god-forsaken, Po Dunk, road cutting through the empty country north of the east church .. no town for many miles ... a few scattered houses back in the fields. With nothing before nor behind for miles, we ran out of gas. At 2:00 A.M. And the baby crying in the back seat Paul Sr. and I were in a state of "NOW WHAT?" Viola was calm and there we were. Soon she said, "Paul, walk down to the filling station ahead." We who lived in the area knew that a farmer about a mile down the road had a gas tank on his place and that people in the countryside could sometimes get gas there if they needed it. Well, at 2:00 A.M. this didn't seem like much of a solution to either Paul or me and Paul really thought it was a pretty crazy idea. But, he started out ahead down the dark road and Vi explained to him JUST where it was located etc. We sat in the car, me hoping that a car would come along, but none ever did. After the normal length of time that it would take to walk the distance and back, here came Paul carrying a can. I couldn't believe it but Vi wasn't surprised. She knew all the time. The poor old farmer had been wakened out of a sound sleep with the concern that maybe he hadn't locked his gas tank, and he had no rest until he got up and dressed and was crossing the field with his lantern in his hand getting to the gas tank with perfect timing just as Paul reached it. Well, the tank was locked and everything OK but he was there to give Paul the gas right on time just like the Hamilton Watch ... not a minute off. Paul always said that opened his eyes like nothing else ever had. Isn't that a striking story!!!! Her passing is making me more aware of realizing that same kind of faith. I mean of trying to.

GWEN'S PEN

FAITH (CONTINUED)

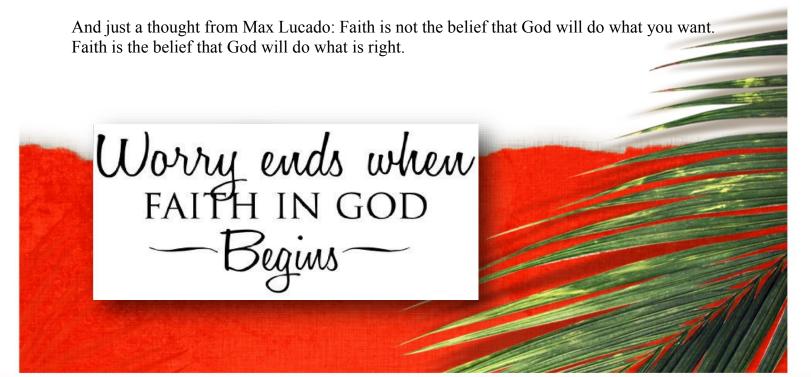
That's the end of my Aunt's letter, but I want to add an example from my own life, just to remind myself that Mom's kind of faith is still alive and available. One evening, when our kids were teens, they drove to the movie theater in a neighboring town. Later, about the time the show would have been over, our phone rang and I suddenly began shivering. But the phone call wasn't about an accident involving them, but a summons to the city in a neighboring state...to the hospital where our college son had been taken following an accident in which he was a passenger. A second passenger, his girlfriend, had died in the accident.

Trembling, I quickly gathered what I thought I might need when my husband, Larry, stopped short.

"We can't take the 'bug' that far and the kids have the station wagon," he said. We pondered for a minute or so when he added, "We have to change cars. The movie must be out by now and the kids will be on their way home." We would have to try to intercept them coming our way somewhere on the road, but there was more than one way between home and the theater. We would have to guess their route and risk missing them entirely. We both prayed as we squeezed into the 'bug'. Larry "had a feeling" about which route to take and praying, we left.

Yes, we met them, were able to stop them, changed cars and proceeded (still thanking and praying) to the distant hospital where we found our son injured and shaken, but up and walking. "Luck", you say? Just as there is no coincidence, there is no luck. It's God at work.

We know that God is always there in every situation. But stop for a moment and ask yourself whether or not you KNOW it! If we feel God there before us and around us, and even within us, how can we not believe Him when He reminds us, "Not one sparrow (What do they cost? Two for a penny?) can fall to the ground without your Father knowing it. And the very hairs of your head are all numbered. So don't worry! You are more valuable to him than many sparrows." Matt 10:29-31 TLB



Attention Middle & High School Youth

If you have participated in your school Solo-Ensemble Contest, please consider using your talents for God. We will help you to share your music as part of our Worship Services. If we didn't play for you at Festival, we will be happy to play for you at Church or your accompanist or a tape is welcome.

Priscilla Ehlert, TUMC Head Keyboardist 920-539-6927

Jason Ehlert, Worship Music Coordinator 920-539-6929



Sunday Night Group

Join us March 20, 2016 from 5pm-7pm. Dinner will be served so bring an appetite!

> R.S.V.P by March 13 to Janet Hesperich 920-602-1701 Sarah Kretschmer 920-904-6374





AV Worship Assistant needed for the 2nd Sunday of the Month at the 8:00 AM Worship Service starting April 10th.

A big heart-felt thankyou goes out to Sharon Germain who has been running the AV System every other Sunday morning for the 8:00 AM Worship Service. Sharon has decided to step down and offer the opportunity to someone new... Please contact Teresa in the office 920-269-4411

If you would be willing to fulfill this role for the church.

8:00 AM Worship Service.

Thank You

Dear Friends at Trinity, I want to thank you for your cards, prayers, phone calls and thoughts since my accident. I appreciate them very much. It has now been two weeks since the accident and I feel I am beginning to improve. It's going to take a long time to fully recover, but I know that prayer really works.

Again, I thank you for your continuing prayers.

God bless you all,

Vic Jewson

MAY YOUR HOME ALWAYS BE TOO SMALL TO HOLD ALL OF YOUR FRIENDS. -IRISH TOAST

Church Council News

I think that this is a good time and a great format to thank all the people that make our partnership here at Trinity so successful. You know what you have done and the positive effect it has on all of us. So--THANK YOU. On the business side of things, we have a Church Council meeting coming up on March 15th at Trinity, 7 PM start time. We have a period of time during the meeting for public input, so if you have something to say--please feel welcome. Just like any well run organization, we try our best to follow protocol, with agendas, minutes, and voting in a democratic manner--after every side of the issue has been considered--setting policy, so leaders can lead. Any questions? Please feel welcome to contact me. Thank-you, Chuck Rhein Church Council Chair

Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation Offers Scholarships for Students

The Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation is pleased to announce that scholarships are available to graduating high school seniors and current undergradute students attending vocational/technical, two-year or four-year higher education programs.

Hispanic students are encouraged to apply for the Hispanic Scholarship. Numerous additional scholarships are available for general studies as well as seminary and ministry careers.

Scholarships are granted each year from scholarship endowment funds established through generous gifts from individuals and families. All applicants must be a member of a Wisconsin United Methodist Church. Recipients are selected based upon academics, leadership and involvement in church, school and community life. Additional information can be found here or contact the Foundation at 888-903-9863. The deadline for application for the majority of these scholarships is April 1st. Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation

NEW HOLSTEIN FFA ALUMNI

750 Windsor Street, Suite 305, Sun Prairie, WI 53590

22nd Annual

FARM TOY & CRAFT SHOW

New Holstein High School 1715 Plymouth Street New Holstein, WI 53061

March 13, 2016

9:00AM - 3:00PM

Admission \$3.00 • Children 8 & Under - Free FFA Members - \$1.00

TUMC Budget Totals

Year to date needed to meet budget: \$33,300.00

Received through 2-28-16: \$28,932.27

Budget Shortfall: \$4,367.73

The 'Round Table' Bible Challenge discussion will not take place in March due to Easter morning activities. We will resume the 'Round Table' on the last Sunday of the month at the usual time in April...



A Special Thank You to Our Sunday School Children

We are all children of God at any age! Jesus said, "Let the children come to Me and do not stop them because the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to such as these. Remember this, whoever does not receive the Kingdom of God like a child will never enter it."

Our are so sweet and dear! Thanks for your beautiful voices singing on Bible Sunday, Christmas, Valentine's Day of Love. We will sing for Jesus on Palm Sunday, March 20th and Mother's Day May 8th. Awesome Job! Jesus loves you and Trinity Church loves you too! Jason Ehlert, Worship Music Coordinator

Greetings to all!

During our gathering last Sunday, the youth spent some time contemplating whether they would risk their lives to save certain groups of people (the visual used was from drowning). Discussion ensued on whether they would risk their lives to save those needing help, including animals, individuals they viewed as their enemies, or even people with communicable diseases....no right or wrong answers.

This thought provoking discussion was a lead-in to the topic of saving others from physical harm versus saving others from a life without Christ...and the eternal consequences. The group shared stories of people coming together during a time of hardship or crisis to offer what they can. Why then is it hard for each of us to reach out to save someone who has no faith?

We all agreed that experiences we've had within our own faith based education and activities, as well as those experience we've had visiting other churches, were positive. With the understanding it is hard for our youth to reach out and talk about religion one-on-one or in their everyday activities, Ryan offered the youth a challenge.

The 'Lifesaver Challenge'... bring a friend to church and/or our youth gatherings during the next three weeks of Lent leading up to Easter. What a great time to invite someone to share our faith in a more comfortable setting with the support of friends and family!

Proverbs 24:11-12 Living Bible (TLB)

11-12 Rescue those who are unjustly sentenced to death; don't stand back and let them die. Don't try to disclaim responsibility by saying you didn't know about it. For God, who knows all hearts, knows yours, and he knows you knew! And he will reward everyone according to his deeds.

Knowing that this challenge hinges on your support, we reach out to you with the same question....are you up for the challenge?

Your partner in Christian Education, Heidi Zingsheim

March Birthdays

- 1 Dan Michels
 Kaitlyn Oechsner
- 4 Lorraine Zastrow
- 5 Michael Jordan Kevin Baker
- 6 Hunter Oechsner Tyler Scharschmidt Gene Hake
- 7 Rebecca Alf Jessica Kindschuh
- 9 Molly Riehbrandt Zachary Schmid Alexis Stuebs
- 10 Alex Green
- 11 Michelle Wroblewski
- 13 Steve Bryant Andrea Cull Oliver Hayes
- 15 Leon Brasch Shelly Schaefer
- 16 Scott Plum Ryder Towne Danni Yoder
- 17 Cheryl Meyer
- 18 Alexander Faber Brandon Faber Judy Renderman Dayne Zingsheim
- 19 Elaine Muehlius Anne Ullius
- 20 Gary Jesse James Klintworth
- 22 Bruce Brown
- 23 Aubrie Brown Peggy Jo Moe Kasey Todl John Will Amanda Baker
- 24 Jazmyne Ruenger
- 25 Jackie Scharfenberg
- 26 Sherrill Haefs Bob Weidner
- 27 Marge Junger Joshua Marschie Francis Michels
- 28 Sarah Faris
 Debbie Unferth
- 29 Steve Faber
- 30 Victor Jewson Jonathan Luedtke Joseph Luedtke
- 31 Peter Vegetabile



In their 35 years as neighbors on Earth, Arnie and Bart never knew they were both Christians, FUNNY isn't it? Do your neighbors know what you believe?

80+ BIRTHDAY Club

- 4 Lorraine Zastrow
- 6 Gene Hake
- 15 Leon Brasch
- 19 Elaine Muehlius
- 27 Marge Junger Francis Michels

Happy Anniversary

March Wedding Anniversaries

- 9 Wayde & Faye Beck
- 13 Steve & Amy Unferth
- 24 Nate & Amanda Bodden
- 29 Josh & Colleen Haefs
- 30 Russ Wendt & Mary Muehlius



March 2016

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28	29		2	m	4	9
8am - Worship @ Trinity United		6pm - Girl Scout Troop 8042	5pm - GS Troop 8581	5:45pm - Boy scouts	1:30pm - World Day of Prayer -	
9am - Coffee Connection			6pm - Handbell Practice	5:45pm - Girl scout troop 8005		
9am - Sunday School			6:30pm - AA	5:45pm - Girl Scout Troop 8172		
9am - Youth On A Mission						
9:10am - Round Table						
10am - Worship @ Trinity United						
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8am - Worship @ Trinity United	12pm - Blood Bank	9am - Men's Group	6pm - Handbell Practice	6pm - Girl Scout Troop 8201		Pinewood Derby
9 am - Coffee Connection		3pm - Hope Nursing home	6pm - Trustees @ Trinity United	6pm - Tiger and Wolf Pack		10am - Food Pantry
9 a m - Sunday School		6pm - Cub Scouts Leader	6pm - Weeblo's #2			
9am - Youth On A Mission			6:30pm - AA			
10am - Worship @ Trinity United			6:30pm - Choir Practice			
11am - Easter lilies need to be			7pm - Lenten Bible Study @			
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
12am - Daylight Saving Time begins		6pm - Girl Scout Troop 8042	5pm - GS Troop 8581	5:45pm - Girl Scout Troop 8005		
8am - Worship @ Trinity United		7 pm - Church Council	6pm - Handbell Practice	5:45pm - Girl Scout Troop 8172		
9am - Coffee Connection			6:30pm - AA	6pm - Cub Scouts Pack Meeting		
9am - Joe Ncahoruri Missionary			6:30pm - Choir Practice			
9am - Sunday School			7 pm - Lenten Bible Study @			
9am - Youth On A Mission						
10am - Worship @ Trinity United						
11am - Lomira Lions Pancake						
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
1am - Palm Sunday	6pm - Tiger and Wolf Pack		6pm - Handbell Practice	6pm - Girl Scout Troop 8201	7 pm - Good Friday Worship	10am - Food Pantry
8am - Worship @ Trinity United			6pm - Weeblo's #2	7pm - Maundy Thursday Service		
9am - Coffee Connection			6:30pm - AA			
9 a m - Sunday School			7 pm - Choir Practice			
9am - Youth On A Mission						
9:20am - Church Conference						
10am - Worship @ Trinity United						
10am - Worship Service/Children						
5pm - Youth On A Mission						
27	28	59	30	31	-	2
1am - Easter Day			6pm - Handbell Practice			AA Banquet
8am - Worship @ Trinity United			6:30pm - AA			
9am - Breakfast			7 pm - Choir Practice			
9 am - Sunday School						
9am - Youth On A Mission						
10am - Worship @ Trinity United						

Rom Pegram, Pastor

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WORSHIP SERVICES

First Service - 8:00 A.M.

Sunday School—9:00 A.M.

Youth On A Mission 9:00 A.M.

Coffee Connection 9:00 A.M.

Second Service-10:00 A.M

March Prayer Concerns

- Richard R Kornfehl (Lomira School Crossing Guard) Stroke
- Amy Boehning (Friend of Nancy Vegetabile) Kidney Failure
- Mary Kiehnau's Brother "Tony"
- Laurie Reichling (Carol Dilling's Niece)

Stage 2 Breast Cancer

- Kay Oestrich Cancer
- Natasha (Jessica Marschies's 7 yr. old neighbor)

Kidney Transplant

- Todd Wallender (Josh and Jessica Marschie's Neighbor)

 Cancer
- Carl Bruggink (Fred and Betty Menzer's Brother-in-law)

 Quint-Bypass Recovery
- Steve Kelly
- Carlene Cardenas Wrist and Thumb Surgery
- Kathryn Bintzler (Bruce Bintzler's Mom) Cancer
- Pastor Marcy Stone (Jackie Eichstedt's Cousin)
- Elsmer Zimdahl (Vickie Renderman's Dad)
- Eileen Kretschmer (Ron Kretschmer's Mom)
- Gordon Schultz and Family Cancer
- John "Harpy" Rahjes Throat Cancer
- Dennis Stucke (Judy Stucke's Grandson)
 Navy Basic Training
- Gary Kuehn Cancer

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