



News & Notes

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Worship Services **JULY** and **AUGUST**:

Sunday at 10:00 am

Wednesday at 7 pm



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Mark and Sonya Wuerffel/
Wycliff Bible Translators
Larry Yarger, World Partners
Eisleben Church, Germany

From our
Pastor



Hopefully this summer some rather major repairs and restorations will start taking place in the altar area and elsewhere throughout our church facilities. Please “pardon our dust” especially as the plaster is being sanded and repaired. This is being funded by the generosity of so many of you that are participating in our Campaign project to “Renew, Refresh, and Restore” some physical aspects of Trinity.

Last year on my sabbatical, one of the courses I had at Oxford University was entitled “Living Buildings: Architecture and Religious Experience”. We are truly blest with a building where holiness can be sensed and an encounter with the sacred can be heightened. Beautiful symbols and patterns in glass, wood, and paint hopefully can help draw us closer to the divine, or add a different dimension to our religious experience. But as with any building, the years can bring wear and tear. We are both repairing the old, and bringing in some new with additional windows.

Another exciting aspect of renewal and refreshment here at Trinity is the possibility of expanding our ministry and outreach to smaller children and their families. We hope to find a person willing to take on a part time position (calling?) as a Director of Family Ministry. Jesus said “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these” (Mt. 19:14). The emphasis of this ministry would be for newborns and children through elementary grades (and of course their parents as well). This could help grow both small group ministry (such as Mom to Mom groups, in home Bible studies, etc.) and larger functions such as outings, other social/spiritual activities.

If you know of anyone who might be interested in this position, please contact either myself or Pr. Jake, or the office for more details such as a job description and more in depth conversation.

May you have a wonderful summer and safe travels if you are going out of town. Please keep Trinity in your prayers as we minister and disciple in the present, but also prepare and plan for the future.

Yours in Christ, Pr. Ken



Worship
Schedule
for the
Summer

Sunday mornings in **June**: Worship services at 8:30 and 11:00 am

Sunday mornings in **July and August**

and **Labor Day weekend (9-1-13)** : Worship service at 10:00—only

Wednesday evening worship at 7:00 pm will continue all summer.



On the Wednesday evenings of July 10 and July 17
(while our Pastors are in Germany)

we will be using the Holden Village service.

Family Ministry - We are organizing a search committee for the Director of Family Ministry. If you are interested in serving on this committee, especially if you are a parent of a young child, please contact one of our Pastors

Also, if you, or someone you know, might be interested in this position, contact one of the pastors or the office.



OUR JULY BIRTHDAYS

- | | |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 - Sierra Allen | 17 - Sierra Campbell |
| - Sharon Padgett | - Shannon Chase |
| 2 - Ben Bakalyar | 18 - Steven Wood |
| 4 - Jerry Molitor | 19 - Evan Kokales |
| - Glenn Hall | - Ian Recla |
| 5 - Teri Koretsky | - Kim Tilma |
| - Cynthia Running-Johnson | - Mike Spresser |
| 7 - Molly Recchia | - Dan Gaymer |
| 8 - Kimber Cramer | 21 - Laura Woodruff |
| - Joseph Witt | 22 - Dee Wood |
| 9 - Gerhard Fuerst | 23 - Ginny Giese |
| - Hank Girr | - Rosemary McMullen |
| - Nicole Shugars | 24 - Leslie Chamberlain |
| 10 - Rev. Louis Grother | 25 - Wolfgang Kloth (90) |
| 13 - Jaxon Grubaugh | - Bill Sherrod |
| - Clare Lehman | - Megan Knapp Sorensen |
| - Rachel Fowler | 27 - Kelly Bittner |
| - Ebony Johnson | - Jared Woodhouse |
| - Alyce Shew | 28 - Tom Hall |
| 14 - Nicholas Hubbell | - Tatianna Tyler |
| 15 - Betsy Kelly | 29 - Tom James |
| - Chris Cleasby | 30 - Eric Shugars |
| 16 - Daina Aivars Graves | - Marissa Uchimura |
| - Linda Baker | 31 - LuAnn Woodhouse |



OUR JULY ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 - Kay & Don Nelson - 1983 (30 years)
- 10 - Katie & Jason Grubaugh - 2006
- 12 - John & Linda Baker - 1980
 - Dan & Dawn Gaymer - 2003
- 14 - Brandon & Julie Huston - 2012
- 16 - Ashley & Todd Super - 2005
- 17 - Eryn & Mark Sutherland - 2009
- 20 - Maryann & Dan Hubbell - 1991
- 27 - Karen & Warren Newell - 1968
- 28 - Tom Crothers and Kelly Clark - 1991
- 30 - Heidi & Randy Albertson - 2005
- 31 - Joanne & Bill Musselman - 1970



Births in our Trinity Family

Congratulations to Dan and Melissa List
on the birth of
Avery Genevieve

on May 31st at 3:14 pm

She weighed 6 lb, 2 oz and was 19 1/2 " long.
Avery has already attended church so many of you
have met her!



Tom James, Judy Cassell, Burt Potter,
Mary McCauley, (Mason's niece)
Robin Broome (Barb Sipe's sister) and
Steve Makie (Jane Simmons' brother)

Dear Trinity Family,
Thank you so much for the outpouring of kindness and
sympathy to my family and I upon the death of my mother.
The cards, flowers, gifts, thoughts, and prayers meant so
much to us and were truly evidence of the light of Christ
during a difficult time.

Thank you,
Pr. Jake, Melissa, Clare, and George Lehman

Olivia Luellyn Boyd,

Daughter of Lydia (Johnson) and Jeff Boyd and
Granddaughter of Bev and Bob Johnson
was born June 20 at 12:27 am,
weighing 6 lb, 1 oz and 21" long

The happy grandparents are in Florida enjoying this
new baby and caring for the family.



A Special Birthday

On July 10th, Pastor Louis Grother will be 99 years old!! At his request, the day will be spent quietly with his immediate family. Therefore, no festivities have been planned.

However, we have been told that he really enjoys reading his mail, so a mailbox loaded with cards and notes from his many friends at Trinity would be a great birthday gift!

His address is: 4309 Sunnybrook Drive, Kalamazoo, 49008

Cooling station

As part of our outreach to our neighborhood, I would like to explore the possibility of opening a cooling station for people who live in our neighborhood when the temperature is over 95 or 100 degrees.

In order for this to happen, we would need at least 2 volunteers to be present. If you are interested and could not be at the meeting in June, e-mail me at rasmamcm@msn.com or call 349-9429.

Thank you, Rasma McMullen



Renovations will begin in the sanctuary late June and continue during July. This will involve plastering and dust.... so we will need patience and understanding.



Men's Bible study will be taking a break through the rest of the summer.

Look for an announcement as we reconvene in September!



Pastor Jake Made it to Berlin!!!

It seems a shame he still had to buy a plane ticket, because Pr. Jake has completed his run from Kalamazoo to Berlin! He finished the 1450 mile trek on Tuesday June 11, almost a full month ahead of schedule and in total he ran for 7 days, 14 hours, 53 minutes, and 7 seconds at an average pace of 7:34 a mile to cover 1451.6 miles! Not bad for 11 months work!

And thanks to all who donated and pledged your support, we raised \$1.35 per mile which is \$2,642 for the youth of Trinity! If you have not yet paid your pledge you may do so at your convenience with a check to Trinity Lutheran Church marked "Run to Germany" on the memo line. All pledges are listed on the display in the fellowship hall. ***Thank you so much*** for your support in helping our pastor stay fit and our youth stay faithful!

The Ministry of Vineyard Outreach, 811 S Westnedge, Kalamazoo, Mi, is in need of adult volunteers who can commit their time and talents to benefitting our program children and families in the following ways:

Tuesdays, 2:00 until 6:00, June thru mid-August, Summer Recreation & Arts Programs

Tuesdays, 4:30 until 6:30, October thru mid-December, Kids Klub Supper Hour

Wednesdays, March thru mid-December, 4 to 5, 4:30 to 5:30, or 5:00 to 6:00, Homework Help

Thursdays, 6:00 until 8:00, March thru mid-December, Kids Evening Playtime

Garden care, lot care and snow shoveling, seasonal

Board members, Wednesdays, 7:30 a.m., monthly

Holiday Pecan Making Volunteers, December 6th and December 7th, 9:00 to 4:00

For more information:

www.vineyardoutreachministry.org, vinoutmn@iserv.net, 269-349-2388

WELCA Mission Action

The WELCA Mission Action projects for July and August are the Kalamazoo Drop-In Childcare Center (offerings) and the Kairos Dwelling, (offerings and needed items). If you are not familiar with Kairos Dwelling, it is a hospice dwelling on Gull Road, Kalamazoo, "providing housing, food, compassionate care and emotional support for terminally ill guests, and at no cost to them or to their families."

Kairos means "God's time" per the website of Kairos.

www.kairosdwelling.com

This year their needs include a variety of items:

Tall flexible straws, paper plates (dinner/dessert size)
paper towels and napkins

Liquid laundry soap, must be high efficiency – "he" on box and dryer sheets

Ground coffee, regular

Gift Cards

Panera (soup for quick food for new admissions) and
Meijer gift cards

(If donating gift cards, please leave with Trudi in the office or her mail box.)

In these busy summer months, a very special thanks for all your generous donations to Kairos Dwelling and to KDCC and the other WELCA Mission Action Projects. Lists of needed items are by the donation bins and on the bulletin board on the wall.

Questions or comments? Please call me at home at 345-2218.

Vivian Wood WELCA Mission Action Chair

Funeral Luncheon Team

We now have a "team captain", Jim Magerlein, and several assistants. In order to care for our church families following a funeral service, we want to provide the refreshments and/or luncheon that they prefer.

Once our pastors have met with the family, Jim will be advised of their preferences. Depending upon the available time, Jim and the "assistants" will plan accordingly.

If you are willing to provide a salad, side dish, etc., please email the office - or call- and we will add you to the team. We will try to take turns so that the same people are not called every time. We are simplifying our plans, but will still need a little help serving and cleaning up, so please include your thoughts and availability.

~ trudi

Pantry Patter

Our recent experience with the mail-carriers' drive has saddened us and resulted in a favor we have to ask of you.

About one quarter to one third of the food we received was outdated (beyond the expiration date). Some items were from as far back as 2007! We are "sad" because we have to discard the food that is so outdated. (We operate our pantry on the philosophy that if this is something we would not want to eat ourselves, we should not be providing it to "Kalamazoo's Hungry" either). Apparently, many people who donate to the mail-carriers' drive clean out their pantries without attention to the age of the foods they donate. This is not a criticism; it is just an observation.

Our "favor" is that when donating to our pantry or food collection drives, please check the dates on the items you give to assure they are no more than a year old for canned goods and 3 months for other packaged goods (crackers, baking supplies, pasta, and cookies for example).

The items we need currently for distribution from the pantry are:

- Various beans of all kinds in packages or cans;
- cans of pork & beans;
- canned meat of all kinds (e.g. chicken, tuna, spam);
- mustard & catsup;
- peanut butter and
- FRESH PRODUCE. As your home ("victory" for those old enough to remember) gardens start to ripen.....we will take all the fresh produce you can give us. Loaves & Fishes has been unable to provide any produce for the last month or so.

As always we are grateful for and humbled by your generosity!

With sincere thanks,
Your Trinity Pantry Coordinating Committee

New Photo Galleries Posted on the Website

www.tlckzoo.com

Window Renovation

(Ed. note. Cutting holes in the sanctuary walls!!
Check it out!)



HIGH SCHOOL

Andrew Lielzuika graduated from Portage Northern High School. He is the son of Ardis and Holly Lielzuika and plans to attend GVSU to study Film & Video Production and Business

Ingrid Johnson graduated from Loy Norrix High School. She is the daughter of Pastor Ken and Mary Johnson and will be attending the University of Michigan to major in Education.

Scott Alfes graduated from Loy Norrix High School. He is the son of Sandy Roethler and Todd Alfes and will be attending the Project Search program at Bronson Hospital this fall. He has moved into his own apartment and has a new cat named Pierre!

Holly Krill graduated from Portage Northern High School. She is the daughter of Joe and Robyn Krill and will be attending Wayne State on a diving scholarship.

Michael Yarzebinski graduated from Plainwell High School. He is the son of Don and Vonda Yarzebinski and will be attending Michigan State University majoring in Physics.

Abigail Snow has completed her home school studies and will be attending Kalamazoo Valley Community College full-time in the Fall. The following year she plans to work in the college program at Disney World and then pursue a Bachelor of Fine Arts, majoring in theater arts. Abigail is the daughter of Tim Snow and Renee Beck.

Peter Jones graduated from Portage Northern High School. He is the son of Steve and Linda Jones and plans to attend Michigan State University, majoring in Computer Engineering.

COLLEGE AND ADVANCED DEGREES

Joan Hamlow graduated from Indiana University - Kelley School of Business. She earned a Bachelor's degree with double majors in Accounting and Finance, minor in Anthropology

This summer she is preparing for and testing on the Certified Public Accounting exams. (one done and passed, three to go!)
She will begin a position with Deloitte (Indianapolis) as an Auditor in September.

Jesse Gardner graduated from Hope College on May 5 with a degree in Accounting. On July 10 he will leave for a month of travel in Europe. On August 12th, he will begin working at Plante Moran in Kalamazoo.

Abby Wohlfert graduated from KVCC on April 28 with her AAS - Business Administration
Abby is working and still plans to study nursing. She is on the wait list for that program at KVCC.

Ellen Nelson graduated from the University of Michigan School of Art and Design with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree on May 4th.
Currently, and for the rest of the summer, she is teaming up with U of M's neuroscience department to illustrate a children's book that will be a resource for kids who have brain tumors. She just signed the lease on a studio in the Park Trades Center in downtown Kalamazoo to continue her painting practice, as she applies for various teaching artist jobs. She would like to eventually move to Detroit, hopefully in just a year, to continue teaching and making art there. Grad school is a definite, but a bit farther on the horizon.

Jeremy Johnson and his wife Jessica each graduated from medical residency in June. Jeremy has been awarded a Fellowship in cardiology at MetroHealth Medical Clinic and Jessica has been awarded a Fellowship in pediatric infectious diseases at Case Western Rainbow Babies—both in Cleveland. Jeremy is the son of Bob and Bev Johnson.

News from the SCRIP Table

Our Meijer Community Rewards for May were \$74.00 and will be added to the summer months' rewards paid in September. Harding's shoppers from Trinity who are signed up for eScrip rewards earned \$9.16 in April. We have applications for all three of these programs at the SCRIP table and would be happy to help you join us in earning free money for Trinity's Social Ministry Team's projects.

Summer can be a quiet time at the SCRIP table but so far we are doing well with even a week where our sales topped \$2000! People needing new appliances have ordered SCRIP and we have also had several large sales of home improvement cards. When Menard's will give you a rebate of 11% it becomes a win-win if you are able to use their gift cards and earn 3% for Trinity as well. ☺

Again I would like to express my thanks to Vivian and Gene Wood for handling the SCRIP sales, etc., while I was out of town. I am always confident things will be handled well when they are in charge.

Please keep SCRIP in mind for all your summer events. Thanks for helping us help others!



The 25¢ A Week Challenge

Are you thinking of taking on the 25¢ challenge to build a personal care kit for Lutheran World Relief during the next Lenten season? For only 25¢ a week, you can save enough to purchase the items for a complete personal care kit: a quick dry bath towel, two bars of soap, a toothbrush, a nail clipper, and a sturdy comb. If you would like to participate, some small coin collection boxes are now available in the fellowship hall to catch your coins. Please feel free to take a box home for your own use and to remind you of this worthy project.

Note:

(The boxes are marked Feed the World and can also be used for that project sponsored by the ELCA),



Fellowship Time

There are lots of empty spots on the chart for fellowship refreshments.

You can sign up for one service or both, as families, groups of friends or individuals.

Synod Assembly

I had the pleasure of attending the Synod Assembly in Lansing from May 19 to May 21 2013. The theme this year was "Always Being Made New". It was a busy few days with worship, speakers and the election of a new Bishop.

To condense the assembly into just a few words: hot, delays and great joy. The election started on Sunday evening with the first ballot which is open to all clergy. The results were posted after 11 that evening and a lot of the voting members stayed up to see the results. The Rev. Dr. Sherman Hicks from national was there to direct the voting.

Monday morning we opened with Devotion lead by Lansing Catholic Bishop, who has developed a good working relationship with our Bishop on several projects. Following this, there were several reports and a second ballot. The second ballot was over-voted so it was declared void by Rev. Hicks. More votes were cast than members registered. The second ballot was repeated and the third ballot was also held, each time reducing the number of candidates. Between ballots we heard more reports and also heard the candidates for bishop answer questions. On Monday evening we did have a banquet and honored our departing Bishop Schleicher for his 6 years of service.

On Tuesday morning we started with Devotions lead by the Bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Latvia. A very interesting leader who I did hear talk at a workshop I attended on Monday. After Devotions, we had a question and answer session with the remaining 3 candidates for Bishop followed by a vote. More reports were presented and then a final vote for Bishop. After the vote, the budget for the synod was presented and voted on. With each of these last several votes were also candidates for committees and synod council being voted on. It was not just simple ballots but as many as 25 or more people running for 14 different position. At the end of the voting, the Bishop Elect was announced: Rev. Dr. Craig Satterlee, a Professor of Homiletics at LSTC and a graduate of The University of Michigan and Trinity Seminary in Columbus.

The assembly closed with a joyful worship service. Please note that next years assembly will be a Joint assembly with Southeast Michigan Synod and held in Dearborn.

~ Jim Allen

An update from Amy (Wohlfert) Rice via Holly....



Amy Rice
Navy FST
ABAD/FOB Wright
APO AE 09310

(Most recent)

I am sending you my address....letters every now and then are GREAT for morale!! I am traveling with one of the general surgeons I'll be working with. So far SHE is pretty cool...I think it will be great working with her, and she said "by the time I'm done with you you'll be ready to be a surgeon"....She's already said she's going to get me into the OR and we were reviewing medical stuff tonight!

(On arrival in Afghanistan)

Lauren (friend of Amy) and I ended up going out to a VSP (Village Stability Platform) with one of the ODAs (Operational Detachment Alpha), which is what we call the SF (Special Forces) teams. We were doing an FTT (Female Treatment Team) mission. The officer who usually does them was sick and she could not go on this one, they were going to cancel it, but when the team sergeant heard there were two SOCMs (Special Operations Combat Medics) and that it was Lauren and I, he said "this HAS to happen"!! He was our interim 1SG when we were in school, and the senior medic for the team was our instructor during part of the course too!! It was AWESOME!!! We had the BEST time out there, and their whole team was soooo great!

The mission was actually really cool too, and I guess that we did a really good job because they told us the influence is much farther reaching than just the two days of classes we did! There was even a news article written about it, which they are going to send to us and I'll work on getting it to you too! The women were soo fun! There were three trained midwives and two nurses in the classes, plus two local midwives. We had about 50 females between the two days of classes...which I think is the largest turnout they have had at one of these missions!! I'm super proud of us, and it's nice to know that our time here is actually having an impact!

We did convoys on three of the five days we were there, which all went great. I'm glad that I FINALLY got to be "outside the wire" and feel like I was REALLY participating.... The guys on the team were awesome, and apparently Lauren and I made a really good impression because we were invited back anytime we want!! THAT is why I joined SOF (Special Operation Forces) and wanted to do this job, to be out there with the guys, supporting their mission, boosting morale, making an impact here, and feeling like a part of something bigger!!!!!! I would go to the bathroom in a WAG bag for my whole deployment if I got to work with a team like that the entire time!! (a WAG bag is literally a bag that you pee/poop in and then it gets burned...the kit comes with an inner and outer bag, a small amount of TP and a wet wipe...they had toilets, but they were not connected to anything, just mounted on the floor, so you put the bag in the commode and then pulled it out when you were done) It was soooooooo worth it!!! Not to mention we got to fire lots of big guns...that always makes everything better!!

When you fly over Afghanistan, the countryside looks a lot like Egypt oddly enough...just more green in places, and snow on the mountaintops. It really is a beautiful country, minus the war.

Dearest Trinity Family,

It is with a very grateful heart that I sincerely thank each of you for your concern, prayers, phone calls, and the many cards and memorials made in Sam's memory.

Very special thanks and gratitude belong to our two wonderful pastors, Pastor Ken and Pastor Jake, for their care, support, prayers, communion, many visits over these past seven years, and a beautiful memorial service for Sam.

Very special thanks also to Bill Musselman for his beautiful music and service.

A large bouquet of thank you wishes goes to everyone who helped with the delightful and delicious luncheon following Sam's memorial service. All your work was enjoyed and sincerely appreciated.

God's Blessings.

Much love, Betty Evans

While going through memorabilia, Pat Mason came upon this article from Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd in Kingston, RI. that had been printed in our newsletter in 1985. She thought we might like to reprint it to be reminded as to how alive we are and the need to continue to be a live congregation. Thanks, Pat.

Live Churches

Live churches are constantly changing.

Dead churches don't have to.

Live churches have lots of noisy youth;

Dead churches are fairly quiet.

Live church's expenses always exceed their income;

Dead churches take in more than they ever dream of spending

Live churches are constantly improving and planning for the future

Dead churches worship the past

Live churches are intense and earnest about worship

Dead churches aren't

Live churches focus on people

Dead churches focus on programs

Live churches are filled with tithers

Dead churches are full of tippers

Live churches dream great dreams for God;

Dead churches relive nightmares

Live churches have fresh winds of love blowing'

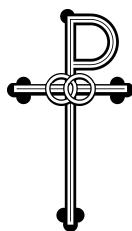
Dead churches are full of bickering

Live churches don't have "Can't" in their dictionary

Dead churches have nothing else but

Live churches evangelize

Dead churches fossilize



This version of the Chi Rho features two interlocking rings on a cross. It symbolizes the partnership a husband and wife make with God as they unite. The Wedding Cross also symbolizes a couple's commitment to grow together in God's grace and love.

We extend our best wishes to these couples who were married by Pastor Ken.

Caroline Aasen and Shane DeRidder were married at Trinity on June 8th in the afternoon

Heather Oestrike and Tom Schripsema were married in South Haven on June 8 in the evening

Megan Knapp and Dan Sorensen were married at Trinity on June 22



Upcoming Activities

Ladies Luncheon

July 10 at 11:30
at **Mangia** on 9th Street next to the Birches

Beware: Don't be confused about the name!! This is Mangia not to be mistaken for a similarly named restaurant downtown.

Sign up in Fellowship Hall or call Joanne Musselman.
All ladies are welcome. This is a nice way to meet new friends.



There is still time to clean out closets, and donate unneeded clothing and household items to our rummage sale. We have a room in the church basement to store things if you need to bring them in ahead of time.

Our sale will be **August 16 and 17.**

We have a great need for children's clothing.
Any questions call Rasma McMullen 349-9429

Kal-Haven Trail Ride!

Mark your calendar because you are invited to join us for the annual Kal-Haven Trail Ride!



Trail Ride

So pump up your tires, dust off your seat and meet at the 10th Street trail head at 9:30 on **Saturday August 24** where we'll head for the Lake to gather for a little food and fun!

Look for more info to come in the next News N' Notes!

Young Adult Potluck

All those who consider themselves Young Adults are invited to join us for Young Adult Potluck this month at 6:00pm on **Friday July 26th** at Ben and Kourtney Bakalyar's home. So bring a side dish, your favorite beverage, and some friends and come out to join us for food, fun, and conversation. For directions or more information contact Pr. Jake or Trudi at the church or see the Facebook invitation or email. See you there!

Open Park Ministry

Greetings to all of you in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Open Park Ministry is having its final Open Park Fellowship for 2013 on **August 10th**. It will be at Martin Luther King Park from 11:00 am until 2 pm.

This will be a children's fellowship and I'm asking for donations for back to school supplies—back packs, paper, pencils, etc.

Our menu will be sloppy joes, chips and bottled water. Buns, bottled water, paper plates and napkins will be needed.

To make a donation or to volunteer, please call
Genita at 370-5143

As always, may God's peace be with you!

Author Visit....

On **Saturday, July 27**, at 10:00 am
author— speaker, Liz Curtis Higgs



will be at Baker Book Store in Grand Rapids and lead a Bible Study for her readers. (and probably talk and sign books).

There is no charge, but tickets are required. If you are interested in attending, let me know ASAP

Carolyn Albert at 349-2249

Trinity Student Ministry News

Time to Pack our Bags for GERMANY!!!

After over a year of planning, and prepping, and fundraising, the time has finally come!

WE'RE GOING TO GERMANY!!!

On July 10, 11 youth and 13 adults will board a plane and cross the pond to begin the great adventure of discovering the amazing culture and history of Europe while deepening our faith by exploring the roots of our Lutheran faith in its birthplace! We'll be travelling on the "Footsteps of Lutheran Heritage" tour with additional stops in Prague and Salzburg.

The Youth participants and a snapshot of our itinerary are listed below. Please lift us up in Prayer that we have safe travel, grow together as a group, and Grow in our faith and understanding of God as we encounter wonderful people and places in Germany and beyond!

Be sure to check out Trinity's Facebook page often for photos and updates while we're away!

THANK YOU to everyone who supported us through finances, time, and prayers to make this trip a reality! We look forward to sharing our stories when we return!

Youth Participants

Jesse Ebsch
Nick Ebsch
Gannon Foley
Hattie Foley
Ingrid Johnson
Kaijsa Johnson
Lars Johnson
Peter Jones
Bailee Leonard
Andrew Lielzuika
Abby Schriener

Itinerary at a Glance

July 10 – Overnight Flight from Chicago O'Hare to Berlin, Germany!
July 11 – Berlin Bus tour, travel to Wittenberg
July 12 – Tour Wittenberg, visit the Luther House, Travel to Eisleben and have dinner with members of our partner church in Eisleben!
July 13 – Eisenach, Erfurt; Wartburg Castle, Augustinian Monastery. More!
July 14 – Leipzig and church of J.S. Bach, Tour Terezin Concentration Camp
July 15 – Tour Prague, visit sites of reformer Jan Hus, enjoy city!
July 16 – Travel to Munich, tour of town, dinner at Hofbrauhaus!
July 17 – Visit Neuschwanstein Castle and Oberammergau
July 18 – train to Salzburg, Mozart's birthplace, farewell dinner!
July 19 – Flight from Munich to Chicago
July 19-22 – Post Tour to Rome for those participating

Complete Itinerary can be found at www.reformationtours.com

UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS!!!

Summer Youth Retreat!

Join both pastors and your fellow youth on a summer retreat before the mad rush or fall begins! We're planning to go up north from **Sun-Wed August 11-14** for a relaxed time away as a group. Save the date, more details will come as the day approaches!

Annual Youth Cookout!

Mark Sunday August 18th on your calendars and plan to be at the Annual Cookout! This is more than just food and games (although it is that); this is a time for us all to plan and dream about what we want to do in the year to come!

Women of the ELCA Newsletter

July 2013

Circle Meetings

- Esther Mary Circle will meet on Tuesday, July 23rd for lunch at a restaurant.
- Lydia Circle will not meet in July.
- Martha Circle will meet on Thursday, July 18th at 9:30 am at a member's home.
- Rebecca Circle will meet on Wednesday, July 24th at 9:00 am at church.

Women of the ELCA Purpose Statement

As a Community of Women **Created** in the Image of **God**, **Called** to Discipleship in Jesus **Christ**, And **Empowered** by the **Holy Spirit**, We **Commit** ourselves to **Grow** in Faith, **Affirm** our Gifts, **Support** one another in our Calling, **Engage** in Ministry and Action, & **Promote** Healing and Wholeness.

Christian Action

The WELCA Mission Action projects for August are the Kalamazoo Drop-In Childcare Center (offerings) and the Kairos Dwelling, (offerings and needed items). If you are not familiar with Kairos Dwelling, it is a hospice dwelling on Gull Road, Kalamazoo, "providing housing, food, compassionate care and emotional support for terminally ill guests, and at no cost to them or to their families." Kairos means "God's time" per the website: www.kairosdwelling.com. This year their needs include a variety of items: tall flexible straws, paper plates (dinner/dessert sizes), paper towels and napkins, liquid laundry soap, must be high efficiency – "he" on box, dryer sheets, ground coffee, regular. Gift Cards: Panera (quick food for new admissions) and Meijer gift cards. (If donating gift cards, please leave with Trudi in the office or her mail box.) In these busy summer months, a very special thanks for all your generous donations to Kairos Dwelling and to KDCC and the other WELCA Mission Action Projects. Lists of needed items are by the donation bins and on the bulletin board on the wall. Vivian Wood

BINGO at Ministry with Community

Don't forget to contribute your prizes for **BINGO** (socks, underwear and **LARGE** chocolate bars are most appreciated). Every third Tuesday of each month from 2:30-4:30 a group will meet to play Bingo with folks at Ministry with Community. Sign-up to help! **YOU ARE NEEDED!** Meet at church at 2:30. Call Linda Ward to volunteer!

June 11th General Meeting and Election

President, Connie Ruch, led a business meeting and election and Joyce Magerlein is our newly elected vice-president for the next two years! We thank Rasma McMullen for her fine service and welcome Joyce to the WELCA Board. Martha Circle's program included a Seita scholar from WMU as well as a campus coach and graduate assistant provided information about the John Seita Scholars Program. This program was started to help students who grew up in foster care and qualify for university-level education. It helps to give transitional skills to

these young people by offering counseling in banking, budgeting, time management and self-advocacy. The tuition scholarship is on a renewable basis with campus living year-round. At our Spring Gathering, Seita speakers were part of our morning program and \$330 was given to them from our offering that day!

WELCA Directories

Pat Mason will be putting our directories together again this year. Please have all changes to your circle list including addresses, phone numbers, birthdates, e-mail, and offices held sent to Pat between July 1st – 15th! Thank you, Pat!!!

Fall Convention/Retreat

“**BOLD** Women in Christ” is the theme this year for our convention/retreat held at the Kettunen Center in Tustin on September 27th & 28th. Registration forms are on the bulletin board. Trinity needs a delegate to attend for us. Please give possible names to Connie by August 1st.

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

Session 2: Do We Have Enough?

We all know the story: A crowd of people follows Jesus out to the countryside, and by the time evening rolls around they're hungry. The disciples tell Jesus to send the people away so they can go get supper in town, and he answers, “*You give them something to eat.*” Is Jesus talking to *us*?

Christ, Be Our Light – hymn 715. “Longing for food, many are hungry. Longing for water, many still thirst. Make us your bread, broken for others, shared until all are fed. Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.”

One of my favorite Bible passages, and the one our son, Jim, chose for his Confirmation verse is Micah 6:8: *And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.* As a matter of fact, I was reading this passage this morning during my devotion time. It speaks to me every time I read it. I think it relates to our topic this month in that we are all “called to be food and drink for one another” – the Spirit of God is present in each of us, making us God’s dwelling place and home. And as God’s home, we bear Christ to the world around us. In the events of each day, we are called to be **light & life, food & shelter, justice seekers, pain bearers, life givers, peacemakers** – just as Christ is all these things for us. In a world where hunger comes in many forms, this is salvation. This is God’s kingdom, the body of Christ, here and now.

O God, make us a church of living stones. Make us your bread. Make us your living voice. Rescue us from self-absorption. Drive out the fears that seem to haunt us all. Help us embrace a new way of being and of seeing. Show us how to be food and drink for one another. Sustain us so that we might serve. Amen.

*In Christ's Name,
Kay Nelson*

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
CHW= Community Homeworks						
	1 LSSM -FH 12-2 Pantry 1-3 pm	2 Pantry 1-3	3 Pantry 1-3 Worship service 7 pm	4  Independence Day	5	6
7 Worship w/Holy Communion 10:00 am	8 Pantry 1-3 Council 7 pm	9 Pantry 1-3 pm CHW 6 -8 pm	10 Germany departure Ladies Lunch 11:30 Pantry 1-3 pm Worship service 7 pm	11 Pantry 1-3 pm	12	13 CHW 1-3 pm
14 Worship w/Holy Communion 10:00 am	15 Pantry 1-3 pm Habitat Board 5:30	16 Pantry 1-3 pm Bingo at Ministry - meet at Trinity 2:30 CHW 6 -8 pm	17 Pantry 1-3 pm Habitat 5:30 -7 pm Worship service 7 pm	18 Martha Circle 11 am at Cleaette's home Pantry 1-3 pm	19	20
21 Worship w/Holy Communion 10:00 am Fair trade coffee and tea Open Doors dinner 3 pm	22 Pantry 1-3 pm	23 Pantry 1-3 pm Esther Mary Circle CHW 6-8 pm	24 Rebecca Circle 9:00 am Pantry 1-3 pm Worship service 7 pm	25 Quilters 9 am Pantry 1-3 pm	26 Young Ad. Potluck 6 pm CHW 6-8 pm	27 CHW 1-3 pm
28 Worship w/Holy Communion 10:00 am	29 Pantry 1-3 pm	30 Pantry 1-3 pm CHW 6-8 pm	31 Pantry 1-3 pm Worship service 7 pm			