



News & Notes

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Worship Services through September 3
Sunday at 10:00
Adult Sunday School 9:00 am

Worship Services beginning September 10
Sundays at 8:30 and 11:00 am
Wednesdays at 7 pm
Sunday School at 9:45 am



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Eisleben Church, Germany

Trinity Student Ministry News!

Youth Cookout and Planning Meeting!

On **Sunday September 10th** we'll be having a cookout for all students in 6th through 12th grade and their families! We'll meet at Pr. Jake and Melissa's house (2106 Chaparral St.) from 2-4:00pm for a time of fun, games, fellowship, eating, and planning! Pr. Jake will be grilling, so just bring a side and a drink to share. During this time we'll get to hear what's on the schedule so far and talk about our hopes and dreams and how we can do ministry better together! So bring all the great ideas you have and we'll see what we can make happen! RSVP on the youth board or Facebook by Sept 7th!



Sunday School!

Don't know your Malachi from your Titus? Want to know Methuselah's age old secret? Curious about who that second Corinthian is? Join us every Sunday Morning in the youth room from 9:45-10:40 as we explore tough questions about God, Faith, the Bible and all sorts of other things together! We'll get things started on September 10th. This is a great time to get to know your faith and your peers a little better... all while eating a few donuts!

Vine Neighborhood Service Project:

Trinity is teaming up with a few local churches to help one of our neighbors right here in the Vine Neighborhood! On Saturdays Sept 23 and 30, there will be a work crew gathering to help make our neighborhood a better place by lending a hand! Sign up on the youth board if you are can come! More details will follow soon.

ELCA NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING!

Next summer, all youth currently in grades 8-12 are invited to join tens of thousands of other Lutheran Youth in Houston TX from June 28-July 1 for the ELCA National Youth Gathering! The gathering happens once every three years and is an event you'll remember for the rest of your life! Come to the cookout for more info and sign up ASAP!



Confirmation Retreat!!!

All students in confirmation (7-8th grade) are invited to our Fall Confirmation Retreat! From **October 20-22**, we'll be going to Camp Arcadia on the shores Lake Michigan for a fun filled weekend! Cost is just \$25 per youth! Sign up on the youth board ASAP and Look for registration info to come in the mail.

This was a blast last year, you won't want to miss it!!!

Confirmation Classes!

Attention all 7th and 8th graders! **Confirmation Classes will begin on Wednesday September 13** and will meet from 6- 6:50 each Wednesday through the fall. This is a great time to learn more about our faith and ask all those questions that you've been wondering about! Incoming 7th graders and new 8th graders, please contact the church office to let us know you're coming.



We're on Twitter!
Follow us TLCKzooYouth

And on Facebook at
Tlckzoo Student Ministries!



News from the SCRIP Table and the SWELL Partnership*

Our June Harding's reward check for \$10.84 has been deposited in the bank. We invite other Harding's shoppers from Trinity to join this program - just ask for information at the SCRIP table.

The Backpacks for Foster Kids project was recently completed thanks to many volunteers and a ton of members and friends of Trinity who donated 64 backpacks! Our Thrivent Action Team money (\$250) was used for supplies; many were also donated. Profits from our SCRIP sales paid for the rest. This is a huge annual project and greatly appreciated by Samaritas. A stream of their staff came out to lug 143 filled backpacks into their conference room in no time flat.

We hope to match all or part of the profits from the Rummage Sale through SCRIP sales. This will enable our pastors to again assist needy people in our community since Trinity's Good Samaritan fund is currently depleted .

As always, thank you for helping us help others!

*Sharing With Everyone Lutheran Love is a partnership between Samaritas and volunteers from area ELCA Churches supporting the Samaritas program for foster children.

WELCA Mission Action

The Community Healing Centers is our project for September. They strive to strengthen our communities by helping adults, children and families heal from the trauma of abuse, addiction, mental and behavioral health disorders and through effective prevention services.

Some of the items that are needed include new or gently used board books, baby wipes including "sensitive", diapers sizes 1-6, new or gently used baby and young children's clothing, infant blankets burp clothes and bibs, baby soap and lotion, diaper cream, formula, cheerios and art supplies. A complete list on the WELCA bin.

Kairos received \$21.90 worth of supplies in July and the YWCA Domestic Assault Program received \$81.00 of personal care items. Thank you for your generosity.

WELCA Fall Gathering Tuesday, September 12th at 7 pm

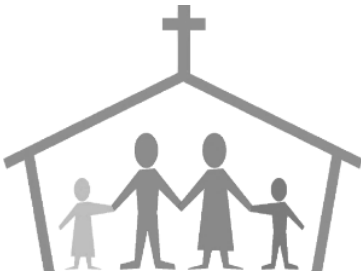
David Kramer will share stories about his experiences in Africa.

Our business meeting will follow the presentation.
Stay for cookies and punch.

Celtic Evening Prayer - with music by "Whiskey Before Breakfast"!

You're invited to join us for a special worship experience at **7pm on September 20th** as we gather together for a service of Celtic Evening Prayer. Please plan to join us and bring a friend as **we welcome local Irish band "Whiskey Before Breakfast"** once again for a wonderful evening of worship, music and prayer.





FAMILY MINISTRY

Our Family Comes Together: A Tour of Trinity

Sunday, September 17th from 12:30pm-2pm

Where is the Loaves & Fishes Pantry? What is an Altar Guild? What is the Christ's Clothes Closet? What does the organ look like up close? What exactly does Pastor do all week???

Join us on Sept. 17th to find out the answers to these burning questions and more! We'll gather for lunch in the Fellowship Hall at 12:30pm. Following lunch, families will be divided into groups and tour around Trinity to learn more about our organ, Altar Guild, Loaves & Fishes Pantry, Christ's Clothes Closet, and learn about Pastor's various worship robes and some of his many duties during the week. Let Heidi know through our Family Ministry Facebook page and/or through email if you can join us for this fun afternoon!



Sunday Morning opportunities coming in October:

Our Infant & Toddler Small Group and our Parent Small Group sessions will begin again in October. Mark the dates on your calendar. We hope to see you there!

Infant & Toddler Small Group: All infants and toddlers (along with their parents) are invited to hang out together and enjoy some fun infant/toddler activities, while their parents discuss the craziness of parenting these amazing and unique individuals.

Dates: Sundays, Oct. 1st & 15th **Time:** 10am-10:40am **Place:** Family Ministry Rm

Parent Small Group: All parents are invited to hang out together, discuss the joys & concerns of raising faith-filled children, and how God helps us with the adventure that is parenting.

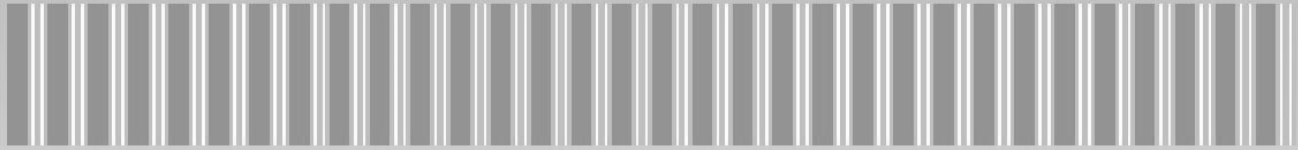
Dates: Sundays, Oct. 8th & 22nd **Time:** 10am-10:40am **Place:** Family Ministry Rm



Report of the 2017 Trinity Summer Concert Series...

This past summer, Trinity again hosted three amazing musical groups who shared their beautiful and inspiring music. Our 2017 Concert Series showcased The Merling Trio, Hazeltree, and Benje Daneman's SearchParty. Each group was invited to choose a non-profit organization to highlight. This summer, free-will offerings totaling over \$2000 were collected to benefit WMU's Invisible Need Project, Kalamazoo Refugee Resource Collaborative, and Kalamazoo Kids in Tune. An average of 90 church and community members attended each concert. Many thanks to Pastors Ken and Jake, Bill Musselman, Margaret Stevenson, Katie Grubaugh, Trudi Giffin, and all others who donated time and money to help make these concerts a success.

If you have a suggestion for a musical group for our 2018 Trinity Summer Concert Series, please let me or one of the pastors know. Thank you Trinity!!! © Heidi Albertson



OKTOBERFEST

at Trinity Lutheran Church



500 Years of Faith

FEATURING:

Authentic German Food, A Homebrew Competition,
Traditional Oktoberfest Games

And LIVE MUSIC provided by The Brass Rail!

Sunday, October 8th

@ 12:00 noon

From the Stewardship and Finance Team

Returning To The Church Near You!

As you know last year we introduced our first "Narrative Budget" to better reflect how our resources are allocated to the ministries we provide with a focus on how they fulfill our mission. We then used this Narrative Budget as our guide in a four week mission focused stewardship program.

Each week we highlighted one of our four mission areas: Worship, Faith Development, Mission & Service and Fellowship & Hospitality.

We were very pleased with the many positive comments we received about this new mission focused approach to stewardship and budgeting. As a result we saw increases in both the number of pledges received (up 10%) and the amount pledged (up 12%) for 2017.

This year, we will again be focusing on these mission areas during a four week Stewardship emphasis. Each week we will highlight one area of our Mission and provide the opportunity for you to complete a commitment card for 2018. We are hopeful that in this way we will be able to increase the number of members that make an advance commitment. This is important to your council for planning our ability to expand our ministries in 2018. We hope you will plan to be with us in church each Sunday to learn more.

September 24	Focus on "Worship"
October 1	Focus on "Mission and Service"
October 9	Focus on "Fellowship and Hospitality" (Oktoberfest!)
October 15	Focus on "Faith Development"

There is a GREAT need for volunteers in the nursery immediately!



Signing up for even ONE Sunday would be a great help to all the families and visitors who regularly use the nursery. The volunteer sign-up sheet is posted on the nursery door and also in Fellowship Hall. Please take a moment to sign for a Sunday.

If there is someone who would be interested in a paid position in nursery for the entire year, contact the office: 269-344-6181 or office@tlckzoo.com

Christmas Child Shoeboxes

Back-to-school sales are starting. Now is the time to get some good deals on school supplies for your shoebox!

Remember, where these boxes go, the children do not have access to lots of school supplies as we do in this country and are always greatly appreciated. Some of the stories tell of those who can't even attend school because they have no supplies!

Watch for other sales from end of summer for appropriate items for shoeboxes. A list of suggested items will be available in Fellowship Hall along with donated cardboard shoeboxes. Thanks for thinking of others!

~Linda Ward

COMING UP AT TRINITY:

WORKSHOP TITLE: **Vegan 101: The Joys of Plant-Based Living**

DATE: Sunday September 24

TIME: 1:30 - 3:30

WORKSHOP DESCRIPTION: More and more people are embracing the vegan diet and lifestyle, not just for their own health but to be better stewards of the animals and the planet. But what is veganism, and how do you do it?

Join us at this fun and friendly workshop, led by Hillary Rettig of Vegan Kalamazoo, and learn! We'll discuss what vegans eat, how they shop and cook, and how you can easily transition from the Standard American Diet (SAD) to one filled with lovely, healthy, delicious plants.

Everyone is welcome!

Women of the ELCA 10th Triennial Convention Actions and Resolutions:

- Provide budgetary support for anti-racism programming
 - raise awareness of the tainted water in Flint & offer tangible support
 - educate and act to reduce domestic abuse and violence & help survivors
 - support the UN on Rights of a Child; condemning corporal punishment
 - establish July 11 – February 4, 2018 as a time of prayer in ELCA congregations to end human trafficking and to work in cooperation with other agencies to end human trafficking and support its victims
 - support ELCA leadership needs by encouraging women to seek ordination
- *Convention Offerings = \$48,092.47 - Half going to the Phebe Project (providing solar energy to Phebe Hospital in rural Liberia) {see article p. 39 in Gather} and half for the Women of the ELCA's on-going ministries.

Micah

I've been dwelling quite a bit lately on the prophet Micah. 27 centuries after his death, Micah's words still live. Islam, Christianity and Judaism all recognize Micah as a prophet and the words in Micah 6:8 ring true for all three religions: "*He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?*" Through Micah, God promises freedom and hope for those who suffer from injustice and oppression, and He promises that the world in which the poor and outcast are lifted up is a world that gives life and hope to all of us. As the oppressed are freed, so are the oppressors: freed from greed, fear and sin. May we keep living and moving until the day when Micah's promise defines us and our world.

The Apostles' Creed

Session One: We believe in God by Julia Seymour

The Apostles' Creed was developed as a teaching tool for faith. Besides teaching the elements of faith, it was also a way to standardize the faith. Making sure that all Christians learned and publicly professed the same things about God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit – was an attempt to prevent heresy in teaching and in belief. Luther consistently pushes through the affirmation of who God is to the affirmation of who God is for me. All too often, when we talk about God as Creator, we get bogged down in unanswerable questions about what happened "in the beginning". But for Luther, to confess God as creator is a statement about here and now. Luther, in his Small Catechism, states "*I believe that God has created me and all that exists; that God has given me and still sustains my body and soul, all my limbs and senses, my reason and all the faculties of my mind, together with food and clothing, house and home, family and property.*" Luther grasped that the life of faith is not about answers; it's about **relationship**. Faith is not religious knowledge. Faith is trust – **trust** that God is for me, for you, for us. When we recite Martin Luther's words, "This is most certainly true," it's not because we have God or our faith all figured out. It's more like a prayer: Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!

LORD BLESS YOU! Kay Nelson

Women of the ELCA Newsletter September 2017

Circle Meetings

- **Esther Mary** will meet on Tuesday, September 26th at 1:00 at Sandy Wallace's home.
- **Lydia** will meet on Tuesday, September 19th at 7:30.
- **Martha** will meet on Thursday, September 21st at church at 9:30. Judy Morison will host and Ruth Krueger will lead the study.
- **Miriam Circle** will meet on Saturday, September 9th at 6:30 at Trinity.
- **Rebecca** will meet on Wednesday, September 27th at 9:00 at Trinity. Norena Freeberg will host and Katie Yarger will provide the program.

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

In September, our project is support for the Community Healing Center. This is an agency that strives to strengthen our community with counseling and preventive services in the areas of abuse and its trauma, addiction, mental and behavioral health disorders. Items needed include our offerings as well as board books, baby wipes, diapers (sizes 1-6), new or gently used baby and young children's clothing. (Complete list on the WELCA bin.) Many thanks for your continued help

BINGO at Ministry with Community

BINGO prizes are needed for our monthly time with folks who attend Ministry with Community – the 3rd Tuesday afternoon of each month.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Our committee is very thankful for the gifts of **10** beautiful prayer shawl bags so generously made by Teri Koretsky!! Super job!

TLC Bazaar

As the newsletter had to be turned in before the bazaar occurred, a **BIG Thank You** goes out in advance to the many individuals who have donated items and worked so hard to sort, price, set out the items, work the sale and pack up any leftovers! This was truly a community project at Trinity with our neighborhood reaping the benefits as to some great household items, clothing and books as well as all the profit going to our Good Samaritan Fund. The Social Ministry Committee is very grateful for the support of our Trinity family & our scrip program for matching the funds earned!


Fall Gathering General Meeting

The Fall General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 12th at 7:00 in Fellowship Hall. Rebecca Circle is planning a program. See you there!

WELCA North/West Lower Michigan Synod Retreat/Convention

September 29 – 30 at The Shack Country Inn in White Cloud.

September 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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3 Worship w/Holy Communion 10:00 AM Adult Sunday School 9:00 am Fair Trade coffee/tea for sale	4  LABOR DAY office is closed	5 Pantry 1-2:30 Prevention Works 5-8	6 Men's Bible Study/Breakfast 7 Pantry 1-2:30	7 Pantry 1-2:30 Clothes Closet 1-2:30pm	8 30s40s potluck 6-9	9 Miriam Circle 6:30 pm
10 Worship w/Holy Communion 8:30 am and 11:00 am Sunday School 9:45 am Adult Bible Study 9:45 am council 1-1:15 Youth Planning mtg 2-4 pm Sons of Norway 2-5	11 Pantry 1-2:30	12 PEO meeting - FH-10:30 Pantry 1-2:30 WELCA gathering 7 pm Prevention Works 5-8 (in the lounge)	13 Ladies Lunch 11:30 am Housing Matters 12-1:30 Pantry 1-2:30 Confirmation 6 pm Bible Study 6 pm Worship service 7 pm	14 Clothes Closet 1-2:30pm Pantry 1-2:30 Community Homeworks 6 Choir rehearsal 7 pm	15 Theology on Tap 7-8:30	16
17 Worship w/Holy Communion 8:30 am and 11:00 am Sunday School 9:45 am Adult Bible Study 9:45 am Family Ministry 12:30 - 2 Fair Trade coffee/tea for sale Open Doors 5 pm	18 Pantry 1-2:30	19 Pantry 1-2:30 Bingo at MWC-meet at Trinity 2:30 pm Community Homeworks 6 Prevention Works 5-8 Lydia Circle 7:30 pm	20 Men's Bible Study/Breakfast 7 Pantry 1-2:30 Confirmation 6 pm Bible Study 6 pm Worship service 7 pm	21 Martha Circle 9:30 Pantry 1-2:30 Clothes Closet 1-2:30pm Choir rehearsal 7 pm	22	23 Vine Neighborhood project Community Homeworks 10 am Howes' party 2-4
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OUR SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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| 1 - Joyce Cleasby | 14 - Elijah Martin |
| - Abby Wohlfert | 15 - Abigail Schreiner |
| - Braydin Forester | - Charleen Carrel |
| 2 - Linda Jones | 16 - Patrilla Martz |
| 4 - Mary Johnson | 17 - Phyllis Makie |
| - Alex Offerman | 19 - Pastor Jake Lehman |
| 6 - Connor Schoder | - Isela Grubaugh |
| - Ella Schoder | 21 - Evalynn Hurley |
| 7 - Brian McMullen | 23 - Duane Warnicke |
| 8 - Jon Cleasby | 25 - Kaleb Borges |
| 10 - Cindy Dorman | - Margaret Lamson |
| - Teresa Smith | 26 - Richard Ellstrom, Sr. |
| - Kathy Molitor | 27 - Gary Cramer |
| - Jennifer Williams | - Joanne Musselman |
| - Stephanie Yarzebinski | - Alisa Carrel |
| 11 - Andrew Martin | 29 - David Zimmermann |
| 13 - Astrida Rozenbergs | 30 - Carole Snyder |



OUR SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 - Max & Ashley Wineland - 2013
- 3 - Doug & Michele Smith - 2011
- 7 - Tim & Susan Benson - 2002
- 8 - Susan & Ken Warren - 1984
- Kim & Jeff Kraft - 2001
- 10 - Lisa & Edward Ruble - 2005
- 12 - Heather & Chris Sjoquist - 2008
- 13 - Helen & Ben Howes - 1947 **(70 years)**
- 15 - Donna & Larry Gardner - 1979
- Jack & Kara Schoder - 2012
- 17 - Lisa & Kevin Kenz - 1988
- 24 - Lucas & Jillian Freudenburg - 2011
- 25 - Sandra & Tim Eschelbach - 1993
- Pastor Ken & Mary Johnson - 1993
- 29 - Nicole & Eric Shugars - 2001
- 30 - Paul & Cathy Mejia - 2000



Ruth Brown, Bonnie Cleasby, Phyllis Botticher, Patti Bosar, Ruth Krueger, Lisa Budzinski, Duane Rasmussen, Rich Ellstrom, William Peevey, Cathy Rysenga, Barb Hogg, Shirley Dragoo, and Pastor Dale Krueger, Helen Schweinsburg, Karleen Marsh and Jim Allen

Thanks to Pastor Ken for helping us through a difficult time.
 To Bill Musselman for the gift of music
 To Jim Magerlein and his crew for the delicious lunch
 To our Trinity family for the loving support, prayers, cards and expressions of sympathy.

God Bless, The Stufflebeam Family

Changes to Christmas Child Shoeboxes

Due to import laws of various countries, we are not allowed to pack candy (or food of any kind) or toothpaste. Also, do not pack any type of "liquid" such as glue, lotions or hand sanitizer. Also, the shipping cost has gone up to \$9. The official shoeboxes are available here at Trinity along with the packing labels and brochure.

Everyone, come and join the celebration!!



70 Blessed Years
 Seems like yesterday!

"We are so blessed to have our church family in our lives and we joyfully invite you to join us in the Celebration of Our 70th Wedding Anniversary"

Helen and Ben Howes

Date: Saturday, September 23
 Time: 2-4 pm
 Place: Trinity Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall

~Cards welcome; no gifts please~

4th Annual Dave Wohlfert / Marsh Forsberg Memorial Golf Outing

When: *Sunday, 9/18/16* - Golf @ 1:30 P.M.

Where: *Lake Doster Golf Club* – Gun Plain Township, MI (M-89 just east of U.S. 131)

Cost: 18 holes with ride cart = \$29 Foursome Scramble Format

Food, buffet style = \$12.00 Food & Fellowship @ approx. 5:45 P. M.

Fellowship (remembering Dave & Marsh) = Priceless!

Also: All friends/acquaintances of Dave & Marsh who do not necessarily golf are definitely encouraged to attend the food/fellowship portion of this event.

All persons planning to attend any portion of this event are asked to R.S.V.P. N.L.T. 9/9 to Paul Aivars (269-397-6099), Mike Spresser (269-323-0581) or Dave Runstrom (269-267-2237)



Whatever you did for one of the least
of these brothers and sisters of mine,
you did for me.
MATTHEW 23:40

Two years ago, there was a vision that Trinity would develop a program to provide free clothing to anyone who came to us needing help.

That idea touched the heart of Patti Bosar, who was co-chair of our Social Ministry committee on council. Patti and her husband, Curt, worked many, many hours quietly behind the scenes as they made this vision a reality. Developing a new program takes great thought, planning, organizing and shopping for basic items and they did that.

A faithful team of volunteers joined them early on and they continue to serve every Thursday afternoon. Many individuals and families come regularly for clothing and appreciate the warm welcome and the help they receive. And Trinity members continue to donate clothing and financial assistance.

Patti and Curt have decided to retire from the leadership of Christ Clothes Closet. We thank them for their heartfelt commitment to serving our neighbors. Rasma McMullen was one of the early members of the “closet team” and will now be the captain of the team!

I would like to thank everyone who has contributed to our closet– without you we would not be able to help people who are in need. Although it is still warm, we are thinking ahead to cold weather. We would like to be able to give everyone socks when the weather turns cold but we are in need of socks especially for men and boys. We also always have a need for new underwear.

Thank you, Rasma



All classes begin
Sunday, September 10
At 9:45 am

Join us for Sunday School!

We're excited to kick off the 2017-2018 Sunday School year at Trinity!
We have Sunday School classes for all ages and we hope you'll join us for fun and learning all year long.

Classes for **preschool (ages 3-4) through 5th grade** begin in the sanctuary at 9:45 am for 10-15 minutes of group worship before heading to classrooms with teachers. Pastor Jake meets with **middle school and high school students** in the youth room, and Pastor Ken leads the **adults** in the lounge.

Infants/toddlers and parents, watch for dates from Heidi Albertson, the Family Ministry Director, for classes starting in October. Please call the office with any questions. We look forward to seeing you on September 10th!



Men's Bible Study



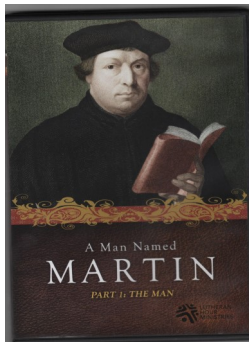
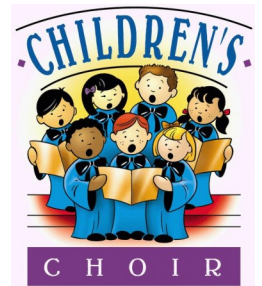
September is a great time to try something new and join us for Men's Bible Study! We meet each month on the first and third Wednesdays at 7am in the fellowship hall for breakfast and bible study. If you've not joined us before, this is a great way to get involved and kick off your day with some good fellowship and discussion!

Our regular schedule will resume on Sept 6.

Children's Choir is starting!!

If your child is interested in joining, come to our first rehearsal on **Wednesday, September 6 at 6:00pm** in the Children's Choir room (Sunday school floor, top of the stairs).

Contact Sara McGarvey at sara.soprano@gmail.com with any questions.



Wednesday evening study:

A Man Named Martin,
Part 1: The Man

A DVD and discussion

Beginning September 13
6 pm



Adult Sunday School
Sunday mornings 9:45 am

Adults and children will be studying the same verses each week, discovering how to weave faith into your life and walk with God for a lifetime.

The series this fall focuses on a study of Genesis.

Upcoming Activities



Sign up in Fellowship Hall for the September 13 Ladies Lunch which will be held at the home of Cathy Mejia. Bring a salad or dessert to share. Beverages and rolls provided. If you need directions send an email to ccharleswo@aol.com or call 269-743-7339

30s 40s

30s40s potluck is a low key time of fellowship for anyone who falls in (or close to) their 30s and 40s! if that's you, come on out with a dish to pass and your favorite beverage and join us as we gather on

**Friday, September 8th from 6-9
at Cole and Audrey Martin's home,
2908 Winchell Avenue**

Audrey's cell is 269-762-0111

for a fun and relaxed evening of conversation and good food! Details will be on the 30s40s Facebook page which is TLC30s40s (the group formerly known as Y.A.P.)

Theology on Tap!

After a little break for the summer, Theology on Tap is back! Everyone is invited as we kick off the fall with a popular open forum "Grab Bag" session so bring your questions and thoughts concerning all things relating to faith and life!

We'll meet at **Bell's (in the beer Garden if it's nice!)** on **Thursday Sept 15th**
from 7:00-8:30pm for an open discussion and a great evening together!

The Shepherd's Center needs your help! They desperately need volunteer drivers to help independent seniors who can no longer drive and need help getting to doctor's appointments. They are able to accommodate your schedule for these day-time appointments. Please call The Shepherds' Center at 383-1122 for more information.

Are you or someone you know caring for someone with dementia or early Alzheimers? The Shepherd's Center's Break Time Club is the program for you. This affordable respite program meets Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11:30 until 3:30 giving caregivers a much needed break while providing social stimulation for the older person in their care. For more information, call the Center office at 383-1122

~Holly

VINE NEIGHBORHOOD HOME PAINTING PROJECT IN SEPTEMBER 2017

Hopes are high for a renewal of our **Vine Neighborhood Home Painting Project!** And, come this September, we will likely need **LOTS of volunteers** to help with equipment, food and water and all the support tasks, as well as with the painting itself. Tentatively we are scheduled for **September 23 and 30.**

We have a homeowner in need: a delightful 70+ year-old single woman, very eager to somehow paint her home and better contribute to the renewal of her area of Oak Street in the neighborhood. The Vine Neighborhood Association has requested our assistance along with First Presbyterian Church and First Congregational Churches in securing support, both of money and volunteer labor, for the project. We have high hopes that the success of our last project will encourage all 3 of us to come back together for the Project this year.

And, not least, we have a professional painter ready to scrape, wash, and caulk the house in preparation for our own work—that of applying the primer and finish coats of paint.

So, stay tuned! In very early September, we will be reaching out. And this should be fun. Our homeowner is an interesting and generous person; our church partners are wonderful people, and the Vine Neighborhood, powered by multi-agency collaboration and active resident groups on individual streets, is an unusually positive area for us to support. We already have a list of eager volunteers from our last project, but whatever your level of physical ability, we need you too! To join us, just call the office for now, or Pastor Jake in September.

*From our
Pastor*



In the parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10), the Samaritan not only bandages the wounded person, but puts him on an animal and takes him to an Inn. He then also says to the Innkeeper
“Take care of him; and when I come back I will repay you whatever more you spend”.

We have had a “Good Samaritan Fund” for many years at Trinity. It helps with Utility shut off notices, evictions, and emergencies of all types. Thousands of dollars are given out on an annual basis. This fund is supported by giving not included in our normal operating budget. This year the need has been greater than in recent memory, and we have run out of funds several times.

The rummage sale is always a wonderful infusion of funds into this ministry. Thank you so much to the many people who donate goods and time volunteering for this exhaustive effort!

We have recently been fielding sometimes a dozen calls a day for assistance. With other churches and agencies we are able to help in a lot of critical situations, but the couple thousand dollars raised by the rummage sale will probably only last a few months before that is depleted.

Please prayerfully consider, if the opportunity arises, to give to this wonderful ministry to those less fortunate in our midst. May we be a blessing to others as Christ has been a blessing to us!

In Peace, Pr. Ken



One Sunday Service September 3

Two Sunday Services resume on September 10
At 8:30 and 11:00 am

Sunday School for all ages begins September 10 at 9:45 am

Wednesday evening services begin September 13 at 7 pm

Confirmation class begins September 13 at 6 pm

Wednesday evening Bible Study begins September 13 at 6 pm

Worship Assistants for September

		<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Acolytes</u>	<u>Greeters</u>
September 3	10:00	Karen Adams	Michelle Yarzebinski Helen Spence	Emily & Shaun Wright
September 10	8:30	Tim Snow	Emma Shugars & Max Shugars	Matt & Becky Schreiner
	11:00	Mark Sutherland	Tatianna Tyler & Sierra Campbell	John & Cathy Jensen
September 17	8:30	Steve Bittner	Blake Martin & Krissy Hubbell	Teri Koretsky & Lois Litchford
	11:00	Tim Eschelbach	Ben Meyer & Marissa King	Sewell & Pat Mason
September 24	8:30	Ron Breischafft	Michelle Yarzebinski & David Latshaw	Eldon & Sandy Wallace
	11:00	Gerhard Fuerst	Anna Schreiner & Simon Dorow	Cathy & Paul Mejia