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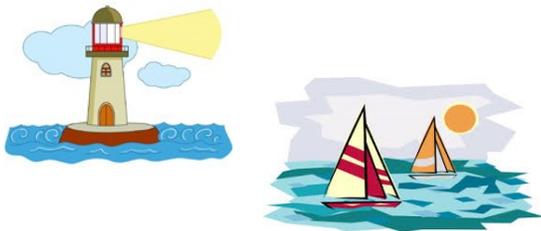
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Worship Services during July and August:

Sunday at 10:00
Adult Sunday School 9:00 am

Intergenerational Sunday School 9—9:45 am



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Trinity Student Ministry News!

Youth Cookout and Planning Meeting!

SAVE THE DATE!

On **Sunday September 10th** we'll be having a cookout for all students in 6th through 12th grade. This will be a time of fun and fellowship to be sure, but will also be the time that we look through the calendar and talk about all our hopes and dreams for the year to come!



ELCA NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING!

I know, you all just went on a mission trip...so now's the time to start planning for the next big adventure!

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!

Registration begins on Sept 15, and we'll want to get our group signed up as close to then as possible so we can get a hotel that's close to the action! Mark your calendars and then come to the cookout for more info. Sign up ASAP!

Acolyte scheduling reminder!

Just a reminder that it's time once again to turn in your acolyte schedule preference forms! If you don't have one, contact the church office and we can email it to you. Please fill out your fall preferences and return them to Katie in the church office (or via email - office@tlckzoo.com) by Sunday August 6. Thanks!



Confirmation Begins in September!

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.

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 beautiful Camp Arcadia on the shores Lake Michigan for a fun filled weekend! Cost is just \$25 per youth! We need to register you by Sept 1, so 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!!!

**News from the SCRIP Table
and the SWELL Partnership***

You have probably noticed that our table has temporarily relocated due to Vacation Bible School props. We still welcome your purchases!

Our next project is beginning. We have learned from Samaritas that there has been a 40% increase in the number of foster kids needing backpacks this year! A Thrivent Action Team has been formed and will be receiving \$250. This will help purchase backpacks and school supplies but your support of SCRIP cards is needed now more than ever.

Check out our huge retailer list and ask about how you can order and reload individually with the rebate going directly to TLC-SM for our Social Ministry projects. Remember - we also fund prizes for BINGO, bus tokens, hams for the Pantry and other needs that arise.

Thanks as always for helping us help others!

WELCA Mission Action

For August our Mission Action Projects are offerings and in-kind gifts for Kalamazoo Drop-In Childcare Center (KDCCC) and Kairos, a hospice dwelling. The most needed items that Kairos can use are paper plates, paper napkins and paper towels. A complete list is on the WELCA bin.

KDCCC offers free, safe, part-time, child care for low income families. This helps with such things as doctor appointments, job interviews and just some free time for parents. Items they can use are fragrance-free wet wipes, 100% apple juice, whole grain crackers, and grape or strawberry jelly.

The YWCA Domestic Assault Program, which is our ongoing project, received \$13.50 worth of personal care items in June. Thanks for your continued support.

Joyce Magerlein,
Mission Action Chair

**PERSONAL CARE KITS UPDATE
THANK YOU, TRINITY!!!**

A big thank you to everyone who participated in the Personal Care Kit project: those who contributed goods, those who gave donations, those who gave Thrivent action grants and those who assembled the kits. You gave enough to assemble 201 kits! Wow! The kits will be sent to Lutheran World Relief in October.

If you think you would like to participate during the next Lenten season when we will repeat this project, you may be interested to know how much it costs to assemble a kit. It can be done for between \$7 and \$7.50: Meijer bath towel, \$3.99; two soaps, \$.66 (3/\$1 at dollar stores); toothbrush, \$.25 (4/\$1 at dollar stores); clipper, \$1 (at dollar store or on sale); sturdy comb, \$1-\$1.50 (Meijer, dollar stores).

Worship Assistants for August

		<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Acolytes</u>	<u>Greeters</u>
August 6	10:00	Connie Ruch	Alina Offerman Blake Martin	Randy & Heidi Albertson
August 13	10:00	Heather Schripsema	Krissy Hubbell David Latshaw	Chris & Jim Allen
August 20	10:00	Nicole Shugars	Sierra Campbell Marissa King	Chuck & Jo VanZoeren
August 27	10:00	Erin Sutherland	Ben Meyer Simon Dorow	Carolyn Kanaan & Joyce Cleasby



FAMILY MINISTRY

FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

love,
joy,
peace,
patience,
kindness,
goodness,
faithfulness,
gentleness,
and self-control



Galatians 5:22-23

Summer Sunday School—We are trying something new this summer—Summer Sunday School! Join us Sunday mornings through August for a fun, interactive and **INTERGENERATIONAL** Sunday school from 9am-9:45am in the Fellowship Hall. We are exploring the 9 Fruits of the Spirit—a different “fruit” each week. **All ages are welcome!!**

Family Ministry Questionnaires—If you haven’t turned in your family’s questionnaire, there is still time! Please fill it out and email it to Heidi (hmfuerst@aol.com) or put it in her mailbox at church. Your responses are important and will help shape our ministry’s activities for the coming year. Let me know if you need a new one. Thanks!

***Many thanks** to Max, Ashley, and Thomas **Wineland** for hosting our Family Ministry BBQ in July. A great time was had by all!! We appreciate your incredible hospitality and awesome BBQ games.

Note: There is not a Family Ministry event planned for August. However, if anyone would like to set up an Impromptu beach day or playground play date, let me know or feel free to post something on our Facebook page. Watch your mailbox for a list of our awesome 2017/2018 Family Ministry events starting in September.

Why Do We Include Children In Worship?



Children who participate in complete worship services learn the language and rhythms of worship.

Worship is a rare opportunity for kids to learn to share in stillness in a stimulating world.

Kids have amazing questions about God.

Kids who have meaningful relationships with five or more adults in church are much more likely to continue attending church as youth and adults.



**North/West Lower Michigan Synod Assembly
May 21-23, 2017
Mt. Pleasant, Michigan**

“Freed by God’s Grace”

Our Churchwide representative was Ms. Prairie Rose Seminole, Program Director for American Indian Alaska Native Ministries. She reviewed several items from the written ELCA Churchwide report. The first item was “Called Forward Together in Christ” which serves as the basis for future direction together as a church. The Conference of Bishops, Church Council, and Churchwide Organization have affirmed two primary focus areas for the next few years – Congregational Vitality and Leadership.

One of the goals is for a thriving church spreading the Gospel and deepening faith for ALL people. One example of a challenge to this was shared by Bishop Guy Erwin of the Southwest California Synod. He shared that in Los Angeles there are 3 times as many Uber drivers as there are ELCA Lutherans.

“Always Being Made New: The Campaign for the ELCA” has received \$113.4 million as of January 31, 2017. One part of this campaign provides Seminary Scholarships totaling \$2 million for 250 students. Alex Aivars, a member of Trinity, has received funds from this for his studies.

Bishop Satterlee’s report included two items that are noteworthy. Our synod was the first to provide emergency funds to Flint for the water crisis and a Synod Disaster Fund, created in 2016, has been initially funded for future problems like this. The second item was False Witness—as Luther described it—may be killing the church and some say the nation. We are in the forgiveness business and in Christ there is a new creation.

The business sessions started Sunday night after opening worship. Items voted on during the Assembly were done during different plenary sessions. Some important things were incorporating the synod constitution updates that resulted from action taken at the 2016 Churchwide Assembly combining the three lay rosters into a single roster (Ministers of Word and Service), the name change for LSSM to Samaritas, and the defeat of removing term limits for Vice President, Secretary, and Synod Council members.

The 2018-2019 budget was presented and passed. We continue to send on to Churchwide one half of total Mission Support receipts. The Synod Council will be working with the Director for Evangelical Mission to increase awareness and encourage greater support from congregations. The 2018 Compensation Guidelines were approved and included a four percent increase in salary for ministers of Word and Sacrament and ministers of Word and Service as recommended by the Synod Council. These are guidelines, not mandates, to keep our synod competitive with others in our region.

Over all, it was a very positive experience and very enjoyable. Lots of good information was shared and many opportunities for getting to know other members were available.

Holly Wohlfert and Jim Allen

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

Trinity courtyard and beyond, plant thinning coming in September and October!



There are many plants that will need to find a new home this fall. Would you be interested and willing to take home a few plants, for yourself, family or a friend?



- 3 groups of iris - dark purple, light purple and unknown
- 6 groups of hosta - small and large leaf, light to dark green and green with white
- 3 groups ferns - about 12 inches
- 6 small decorative grass mounds - around 12 inches

There might be a few others: cone flowers, black eye susan, ground cover and maybe others.

How can you help?

Walk around Trinity's grounds, enjoy the plants and how we and our neighbors enjoy Trinity's outside spaces. Get an idea for what plants are available, what may need to be done, and how you might fit into this project.

1. Would you be willing to dig up your new plants or plants, help someone else?
2. Or would you need someone else to dig the plants, and or maybe help to plant them?
3. Would you be willing to help with this court yard project? 1 or 2 days this season?
 - Taking care of a small section about 3x3 or 5 x5 feet?
 - Trimming low bushes?
 - Trimming tall bushes, after they have bloomed?
 - Something you see, that isn't listed?



Dave normally mows on Saturday late morning.
Maridel has been working most Thursday morning.

Hope to have a sign up sheet in the fellowship hall, maybe after the rummage sale in August. Please call Maridel with any questions, home phone 544-0730

Come one, Come all

Open Park Ministry will be having the children's Back-to-school Fellowship on **August 26, 2017**.

I would like to encourage those of you who have Thrivent Funds to please help out with school supplies.

This ministry has been a blessing to the children living in the Gospel Mission only because of your donations. All school supplies are needed. For more details contact Genita at (269) 370-5143

Open Park Ministry is pleased to announce that its Fellowship that was held on June 10, 2017 was a success!

We served and fellowshiped with over 100 people!

Special thank you to Gene & Vivian Wood, Pastor Dale, Janice F. , Katie Yarger, Linda Ward, Margaret S. and Trudi G.

COMING UP AT TRINITY:

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

DATE: Sunday September 24

TIME: 1:00 - 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 welcome!**

The frog is lost !!

Please check your pockets and purses. He disappeared the week of VBS. We need him and the key that is attached.



Kelly tells us that the government is “God’s servant for . . . good.” But she also challenges us when she asks what happens when governing authorities do not do good, when they do not help those in need, when they act with vengeance, when they return evil with evil? What is OUR responsibility when government or parts of government – are broken? In our roles as good citizens God wants us to act in a certain way: we are to be humble (12:3), use sober judgement (12:3), use our gifts for the good of the community (12:6-8), love one another (12:10), give to those in need (12:13), live in harmony (12:16), leave vengeance to the Lord (12:19), avoid laziness (12:13), welcome those who are different from you (14:1-6), make peace (14:19). These are the kinds of behaviors God expects from us all – including all those who are under God’s authority – those who govern. We are told that when those in authority are **not** good and government is **not** acting for justice – we should **Fix It!** The government, Paul seems to say, is to be honored and respected. But just like everything else that God has made, the government must be held accountable to act in a way that is in alignment with God’s will. In other words, you can’t support the government unconditionally and neither can you just bash it.

We’ve all heard the chants of USA! USA! and America is Number One and/or to call for changes that will make us number one again. Most of us feel the United States of America **is** a great nation in many ways but we lead the world in areas that should not make us feel proud. More than 25% of the world’s prisoners are in the US, even though we make up just 5% of the world’s population and a disproportionate number of the people who have been entangled in the criminal justice system are women and men of color – the majority of whom are there for nonviolent offenses and/or as a result of the “War on Drugs” (even though people of color are no more likely to be guilty of drug offenses than whites). It doesn’t have to be this way! We can do something about it using Action Steps: Stop criminalizing everything, replace the ‘war on drugs’ with drug treatment programs, empty the jails of everyone who is there for a nonviolent offense. End privatization of the criminal justice system. Train police officers to de-escalate, recognize and deal with mental illness and build relationships with community members. Don’t put the police in charge of investigating officers suspected of wrongdoing or their DAs who take them to trial but instead use an independent prosecutor. Put an end to racial profiling once and for all, even for the U.S. Border Patrol. Don’t let our elected leaders in the US capitol give money to any city, county, state, or agency that fails to make these changes.

We are Luther’s – as we celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, we remember that we have been part of God’s work to make **all things new** for a very, very long time. Standing up to authority and challenging oppressive systems: It’s in our blood. God is making all anew. That’s what God has always done. In what ways are you being called to participate in the new things God is doing today to bring **peace, justice, freedom** and **dignity** to all?

LORD BLESS YOU! *Kay Nelson*

Women of the ELCA Newsletter August 2017

Circle Meetings

- **Esther Mary** will meet on Tuesday, August 22nd and go out to lunch.
- **Lydia** will meet on Tuesday, August 29th* at 7:30 at Kay Nelson's home.
- **Martha** will meet on Thursday, August 17th at church at 9:30. Trudi Girr will host and Teri Koretsky will lead the study.
- **Miriam Circle** will **not** meet in August but plans to help set up for the Rummage Sale on Monday, August 14th at 6:00 in Fellowship Hall.
- **Rebecca** will meet on Wednesday, August 23rd at 9:00 at Trinity. Sue Kwast will host.

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

\$13.50 in personal care items was donated in June to the YWCA Domestic Assault Program. In August, our projects are offerings and in-kind gifts for Kalamazoo Drop-In Childcare Center (KDCCC) and Kairos, a hospice dwelling in Kalamazoo.

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. Would you be interested in taking a tour of the new facility? Let Linda or Holly know.

TLC Bazaar - August 18th & 19th WE NEED YOU!

Items will be accepted at the church in room #1 (bottom of the stairs to the left) until MONDAY, AUGUST 14TH. If you can't help out in August, please think of making baked goods to donate! It all goes to help our church neighborhood as well as any profit going to our Good Samaritan Fund. We are in the 'business' of doing Christ's work on earth. Many Thanks in advance for all the 'man' hours put toward this project.

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. Registrations **must** be sent in by August 28. Please see the WELCA bulletin board for information.

All Anew Ready or Not

Session Three: Upend the Tables by Kelly Fryer

Text: *“Let every person be subject to the governing authorities; for there is no authority except from God, and those authorities that exist have been instituted by God . . . you also pay taxes, for the authorities are God's servants, busy with this very thing. Pay to all what is due them – taxes to whom taxes are due, revenue to whom revenue is due, respect to whom respect is due, honor to whom honor is due.”* (Romans 13:1, 6-7)

August 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Pantry 1-2:30 Prevention Works 5-8	2 Pantry 1-2:30 Summer Concert 7 pm	3 Pantry 1-2:30 Clothes Closet 1-3pm	4	5
6 Worship w/Holy Communion 10:00 AM Adult Sunday School 9:00 am Intergenerational Sunday School 9am Fair Trade coffee/tea for sale	7 Pantry 1-2:30	8 Pantry 1-2:30 Prevention Works 5-8	9 Ladies Lunch 11:30 am Housing Matters 12-1:30 Pantry 1-2:30	10 Pantry 1-2:30 Clothes Closet 1-3pm	11 30s40s potluck 6-9	12
13 Worship w/Holy Communion 10:00 AM Adult Sunday School 9:00 am Intergenerational Sunday School 9am	14 Rummage Sale set-up Pantry 1-2:30 Miriham Circle 6 pm Council 7 pm	15 Rummage Sale set-up Pantry 1-2:30 Bingo at MWC-meet at Trinity 2:30 pm Prevention Works 5-8	16 Rummage Sale set-up Pantry 1-2:30	17 Rummage Sale set-up Martha Circle 9:30 Pantry 1-2:30	18 Rummage Sale	19 Rummage Sale
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PLEASE SUBMIT NEWSLETTER ARTICLES
BY AUGUST 15 FOR SEPTEMBER EDITION.



OUR AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 1 - Holly Lielzuika
- Susan Benson
- 2 - Rob Branch
- Avery Schreiner
- 3 - Eric Cleasby
- Mark Nelson
- 4 - Marissa Borges
- Rodney Freudenburg
- Michelle Yarzebinski
- Jeff Kraft
- 5 - Edward Ruble
- 7 - Ron Breischaft
- 8 - Arlen Gullickson
- Kaitlyn Kraft
- 11 - Cathy Jensen
- 12 - Chuck Rysenga
- Sara McGarvey
- 13 - Jim Maschke
- Emma Shugars
- Josiah Ruble
- 14 - Gene Wood
- 15 - Carol Bosley
- 16 - Sandy Neal
- 19 - Curtis Cleveland
- Michele Smith
- Jacob Zimmermann
- 21 - Trudi Girr
- Benjamin Ruble
- 22 - Eldon Wallace
- 23 - Sandy Wallace
- 24 - Helen Howes
- Robyn Krill
- Susan Uchimura
- 25 - Paul Aivars
- Jim Magerlein
- Dow Ruch
- 26 - Chris Sjoquist
- 27 - Ben Howes
- Cassandra Somers
- 28 - Carolyn Kana'an
- 31 - Bill Vigen, Jr.



OUR AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

- 3 - Karen & Tom Hall - 2007
- Vonda & Don Yarzebinski - 2002
- 5 - Anne & Clark Smith – 1966
- 8 - Vickie & Ken King – 1987
- 9 – Beth & Brian Latshaw - 1997
- 13 - Jill & Rodney Freudenburg - 1977
- 14 - Deb & Jack Roach - 1982
- 16 - Melissa & Pr. Jake Lehman - 2008
- 20 - Jan & Glen Shugars - 1960
- 24 - Susan & Bruce Uchimura - 1985
- 25 - Michele & Scott Forsberg - 2006
- 26 - Kristen and Chris Ebsch - 1995
- Bev & Bob Johnson – 1972
- 27- Jim & Diana Harding – 1966
- 29 - Carol & Scott Bosley - 1964
- 30 - Chris & Jim Allen - 1975
- 31 - Karen & Mark Miller - 1996



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

Fellowship Time

Please notice --- there are many opportunities to provide refreshments for our fellowship time. Families, groups of friends or individuals can bring a few treats. They do not need to be “fancy”.

New Greeting & Christmas Cards

Don't throw away those “free” greeting cards and envelopes you get in the mail. There is a need among seniors who could not otherwise afford them. Please leave them in the bottom drawer outside Fellowship Hall or drop them off at the office for Linda Ward. Also, some of the charities send items which might be used for Bingo prizes at Ministry with Community. Thank you for taking the extra time to help others!

Gracias from Vacation Bible School!

The last week of June, we hosted almost 50 children for a fun-filled week of Vacation Bible School. Our Passport to Peru theme helped these children learn about God’s love, and how God gives us comfort, patience, peace, love and joy. From sampling plantains to carrying water like llamas to playing umbrella tag, our week was filled with learning, catchy songs, and tons of fun!

We’d like to send a huge thank you to our volunteers—we couldn’t have put on such an energy-filled VBS week without them! More than 20 people helped lead the opening and closing celebration, served as crew leaders for groups of children, and provided behind-the-scenes support to make our week a success. A special thanks goes out to section leaders Jim and Joyce Magerlein, Dan Sorenson, Ben Bakalyar and Jason Grubaugh.

P.S. And very special thanks to our Christian Ed. Leaders Lisa Ruble and Emily Wright who organized this event! They spent many hours planning and preparing.

200 Health Kits were assembled and packed on Thursday, July 6th in Fellowship Hall. Many Thanks to the 15 volunteers (including two special granddaughters!) who helped.

We appreciate Teri Koretsky’s organization in obtaining the items and arranging the packing day. These kits go around the world to help folks in need.

Upcoming Activities



The Trinity Women's Lunch group will meet on Wednesday, August 9 at 11:30am at Four Roses Cafe in Plainwell.

Sign up in the Fellowship Lounge by August 6 or contact Cathy Mejia 269-743-7339.

If you would like to carpool, contact any of those on the sign-up sheet to make arrangements.

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 from

**6-9pm on Friday, August 11th
at Steve and Sally Morris' home**

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 at Y.A.P.)

Schedule Changes: There will be NO

Men's (Wednesday morning) Bible Study
OR

Meeting of the Men DURING AUGUST

**The 500th Anniversary of the Reformation
Oktoberfest** will be taking place on **Sunday, October 8th** after the second service.

There will be food, games, a Homebrew Competition and more. Anyone who would like to be part of the planning committee, please contact Erin Sutherland or Ashley Wineland.

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 16 and 23.

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.



As we prepare to fill the position, we're asking for volunteers to serve in the nursery during worship on Sunday Mornings.

Volunteers can be all ages 16 and up and must be willing to have a background check performed. This is a wonderful way to get acquainted with young members of Trinity.

Trinity Summer Concert Series

We are back again for a 4th season of the Trinity Summer Concert Series. This summer we have amazing musicians of various genres who will share beautiful music with us. As always, the concerts are free and open to the public. A free-will offering will be collected at each concert to benefit a local, non-profit organization. A light reception will follow. Be sure to mark the date on your calendar!!

Wednesday, August 2nd at 7pm: Benje Daneman's SearchParty, jazz
Free-will offering to benefit Kalamazoo Kids in Tune

These concerts occur only because of the generosity of Trinity and its members. If you would like to help financially support the Trinity Summer Concert Series, please let Heidi Albertson, Pastor Ken or Pastor Jake know.

Thank you so much!

TLC Bazaar on August 18th and 19th

Plan to sign-up to help the week of August 13th – 19th. We need strong backs to help put up the long tables in Fellowship Hall following the service on Sunday, the 13th. Sorting, pricing, and filling the tables with items brought in will take the rest of the week. We are asking folks **not** to bring in any items after **Monday, August 14th**.

Thank you for your understanding.

We will need helpers during the bazaar and for clean up/pack-up in the early afternoon on Saturday! Baked goods would be greatly appreciated! Many volunteers have already been helping sort and we appreciate your time and talents! Remember the folks we are helping in our neighborhood and beyond.



Please help where you can!
Many Thanks from your Social Ministry Team!



DETROIT | The FUN Mud Run Saturday, August 5 Willow Metropark

MuckFest MS is built for laughs and muddy from the get-go! Teams run in the same wave so you can experience all the muddy shenanigans, epic spills and thrills together. All you need are a pair of sneakers and a sense of humor to take on the obstacles on their truly muck-tacular 5K course.

If you are ready for some fun for a very worthy cause, join Arlynn and Mike Spresser 's team: zoomuckers

They are muckin' it in memory of Matt Sorensen and in honor of Jill and Ericka

Join their team, donate to their team or get more information at www.MuckFestMS.com

THEY MUCK IT BECAUSE they want to end MS. Even though the event is built for laughs from start to finish, they are on a serious mission to advance cutting-edge research and support the life-changing work of the National MS Society. 100% of fundraising dollars go to the National MS Society.