

# Family Ministry Schedule for 2021-2022

## “Our Family...Together”

Below is the list of activities for September 2021-February 2022. Events beyond February 2022 are TBD. Please note that some dates and times are subject to change depending on the activity and the interest of our families.

### September:

#### Our Family Plays Together: Drive-In Family Ministry—Fall Kick-Off

Date: Wednesday, Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup>

Time: 6pm-7:15pm

Place: back parking lot

Activities: Let’s celebrate the First Day of Fall with a Drive-In Family Ministry Fall Kick-Off Party!! We’ll have some dinner (provided) and play some GIANT games, such as GIANT Jenga, GIANT checkers, GIANT ring toss, plus much more!! We will be outside in the back parking lot at Trinity. Drive your car up behind one of the provided tables and bring your own chairs (or use some of Trinity’s folding chairs). Please sign up on the Facebook page or by email by Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup> so I know how many people to plan for. \*If you have kids in Confirmation class, they are welcome to eat with us and then go to their class with Pastor Jake.



### October:



#### Our Family Picks Apples Together: Husted Farms

Date: Sunday, Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>  
Trinity & Husted Farms

Time: 11:30am

Place:

Activities: Apple picking is a fun and wonderful fall family tradition. And to spread the apple-y goodness around, we will be picking apples to donate to the Kalamazoo Gospel Mission so their guests can also enjoy some freshly picked apples.

We will gather in the Trinity parking lot at 11:30am for a picnic lunch (provided). Bring a blanket or lawn chairs. Then between 12:15pm-12:30pm, we’ll caravan out to Husted’s Farm on M-43 to pick apples. Please let me know if you are joining us for lunch and apple picking or just one of those activities. You are welcome to pick apples for your own family, too. Note: If you plan to use a credit card, there is a 2% surcharge. They also take cash and check. After we’re done picking, Family Ministry will treat our hard workers to some donuts and cider. 😊

### November:

#### Our Family Cares Together: Sharing our Love with Others

Date: Sunday, November 21<sup>st</sup>

Time: 11:30am-1pm

Place: Fellowship Hall



Activities: November is traditionally a time to give thanks for our many blessings by serving and remembering others. After the late service, we'll gather in the Fellowship Hall for some lunch (provided) and then get our creative juices flowing. We will make holiday cards for Trinity's Caring Ministry members, make special cat and dog toys for our little friends at the SPCA who are waiting patiently for a fur-ever home, and make bird feeders to take home for the furry and feathered friends who stick around during the cold winter months.

Since this is an indoor activity and not all of our friends are able to be vaccinated yet, it is expected that everyone wears a mask. If your family is not comfortable attending this event, but you would still like to participate, please let me know and I will make a "to go" box for you with instructions and materials so you can create at home.

## December:

While there will be no formal gathering or activity for families during this month, Family Ministry will be working with the Sunday school classes on our annual Christmas program. Stay tuned for details!

## January:



### Our Family Makes Warm Blankets Together: Homemade Blankets for Project Linus

Date: Sunday, January 16<sup>th</sup>  
Fellowship Hall

Time: 11:30am-1pm

Place:

Activities: Project Linus is a special organization with chapters around the USA that makes handmade blankets for children in need—children in hospitals, foster care, after disasters, etc. We are going to help spread some love and warmth around our little corner of Michigan.

After the late service, we will gather in the Fellowship Hall for some lunch (provided). Afterwards, we'll get to work. We will be making double layer fleece blankets that you tie knots around the edges to create one large blanket. Families will work together on cutting and tying knots together.

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## February:

### Our Family Sleds (or Ice Skates) Together: Winter Fun!

Date: Sunday, February 13<sup>th</sup>                      Time: 2pm  
Place: Woods Lake Elementary hill (behind the school)



Activities: During winter in Michigan, we do wintery activities!

Make time on your calendar on Sunday, February 13<sup>th</sup> for either sledding or ice skating!

If we have decent snow on the ground, then we will go sledding. Meet us at the hill behind Woods Lake Elementary (main parking lot off of Whites Rd) at 2pm. Wear your winter gear and bring your sleds! Hot cocoa and cookies will be provided.

If we don't have decent snow on the ground, then we will go ice skating that afternoon instead. The place is still to be determined.

The final decision on what activity we do will be made by Tuesday, Feb. 8<sup>th</sup>.

## March:

### Our Family Makes Pretzels Together: Learning about Lent through Pretzels

Date: Sunday, March 20<sup>th</sup>                      Time: 11:30am-1pm  
Place: Fellowship Hall

Activities: After some lunch (provided), we'll gather together to learn about why prayer is so important during Lent. And what better way than by making pretzels! What do pretzels and prayer have to do with each other? Join us to find out! While our pretzels are baking, we'll also make special Lenten prayer candles that help tell the story of Lent from Ash Wednesday through Easter morning. Mask wearing will still be requested, please.

## April:

### Our Family Watches Movies Together: Family Movie Night at Trinity

Date: Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup>                      Time: 5pm  
Place: Fellowship Hall

Activities: Wear your comfy clothes and bring your favorite pillow or blanket and join us for a fun, family movie night at church. We'll have pizza for dinner and then watch our movie (to be determined). And who knows... I might throw in a few surprises!! 😊 😊

## May:

### Our Family Enjoys Nature Together: Visit to the Kalamazoo Nature Center

Date: Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>                      Time: noon  
Place: Kalamazoo Nature Center

Activities: Spring is in full swing and it's time to get out and enjoy it! We'll meet at the Kalamazoo Nature Center and eat some lunch. Please bring a picnic lunch for your family. After lunch, we'll walk through

the Visitor Center and then go for a ½ mile walk which will include the Hummingbird/Butterfly Garden, Sculpture Tour, and their Nature Playground.

June:

Our Family Plays Kickball Together: Family Picnic and Kickball Game

Date: Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup>

Time: noon

Place: to be determined

Activities: We're going to pit family against family for a cut-throat battle of the age-old game of kickball!! Ok, not really. But we will enjoy a friendly game that will include even our littlest members. If you can walk, you can play! 😊 If you can't walk, then we expect loud cheering from the sidelines. 😊 😊

To gain our strength, we'll first have a picnic and grill some hot dogs. Please bring a side dish or a dessert to share. More details to follow, so stay tuned. If we get rained out, then we'll reschedule for Sunday, July 10<sup>th</sup>.

Summer Opportunities:

Camp at Stony Lake Lutheran Camp:

After two years of being closed because of Covid, Stony Lake Lutheran Camp will be open for summer programming this coming summer 2022!!! And even more awesome is that this summer 2022, camp will be free! Children must be vaccinated and boosted (if eligible) before attending camp.

Registration for camp is currently open. Trinity is hoping to send a group of elementary (entering grades 3-6), confirmation (entering grades 6-8), and senior high (entering 8-12) youth to camp for Week One-- June 19-24. There is also a camp experience for First Timers (entering grades 1-3), which is just a half week of camp.

If you are interested in sending your child to camp, you must register them yourself online at the Living Water Ministries website [www.elcalivingwater.com](http://www.elcalivingwater.com)

Our new youth director, Emma McCleary, will be the adult representative from Trinity accompanying our youth to camp.

Spots will fill up quickly, so if you're interested sign up sooner rather than later!

Vacation Bible School:

Looking forward to another fun and fabulous Vacation Bible School experience? What a coincidence! So are we!! Planning will begin in the next couple of months. If you are interested in helping plan, organize, and/or assist with leading VBS, please contact Heidi Albertson, Lisa Ruble, or our other Christian Ed. Team representative (to be determined at the Congregational Meeting on Feb. 6<sup>th</sup>).