



News & Notes

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Summer Schedule - June, July & August
Worship Services at 10:00 am
Adult Forum at 9:00 am



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Wycliff Bible Translators
Larry Yarger/ California
Eisleben Church, Germany



Trinity is happy to welcome Pastor Jake Lehman and his family. He is currently getting settled into his office and meeting members of our church family.

He will be ordained into the ministry of Word and Sacrament on Saturday July 31, 2010 at St Luke Lutheran Church in Gahanna, OH. The service will take place at 3:30 pm and a dinner will follow. You are all very much invited to join in this service of worship and celebration.

St.Luke is located at 4456 Morse Rd. Gahanna, OH 43230.

Please RSVP to Pastor Jake or the church office if you plan to attend.

"Thank you to all the members of Trinity for such a warm welcome this week, and a huge thank you to all of you who helped unload our moving truck in the 95 degree weather! We are settling in nicely to our new community and looking very much forward to getting to know each of you and being a part of the ministry of this family of believers.

Thanks Again! "

Melissa, Clare, and Pastor Jake Lehman

Highlights of the Church Council Meeting on July 12, 2010

Treasurer and Financial Secretary: Trinity is doing well financially.

Pastor Ken's Report: Pastor Jake started his duties at TLC on July 12th. He will be ordained in his home congregation near Columbus, OH, on Saturday, July 31st, at 3:30 pm. Arrangements for his installation at Trinity are underway (September perhaps?).

Christian Education: The Youth Mission Trip went well and they will report on it in the fall.

- So far nine families are staying overnight at the August 7th camping trip but many more are coming for the day. Please call Ardis or Holly Lielzuika to sign up, or for more information.
- YAP had a great turnout last month with lots of new young adults attending.
- VBS was a huge success with 30 kids attending. Pictures are on Trinity's website.
- Possible Bible study during the SS hour this fall: Helping Parents Raise a Christian Child.
- The nursery badly needs an air conditioner!
- Trinity's softball team enjoyed fun and fellowship if not a winning season. Help celebrate our team by attending a gathering at Shakespeare's on July 29th. (See details elsewhere in N&N.)
- Church Picnic on August 29th at Ramona Park, Portage, 1 pm.. (See details elsewhere in N&N.)
- Next Christian Ed meeting: at Trinity July 27th at 6:30 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Facilities: The Sacristy is nearing completion. The floor was finished by Mitch Borges and the large drawer unit made by Dave Kramer has been installed.

- Other projects underway: new sprinkling system, better chancel lighting, parsonage bathrooms update, new paint and carpet in Pastor Jake's office.
- The brick tuck pointing project will begin soon, probably with a fundraiser.
- Larry asks everyone to please support the MS fundraiser, "Pedal to the Point," on August 14th.

Service and Social Ministry: Please save items for the Rummage Sale coming up in August.

- WELCA donations: \$332 to Ministry with Community and \$158 to YWCA.
- Meals for Haiti results: 1,898 volunteers (some from TLC) made 620,784 meals!

Other Teams: no reports

New Business

Address and phone for Pastor Jake: 3424 Kenbrook Court, Kzoo 49006. Cell: 614-537-0463.

Janet Gullickson, President



OUR AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

OUR AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 - Marge Rowe
- Holly Lielzuika
- 2 - Rob Branch
- Avery Schreiner
- 3 - Eric Cleasby
- Mark Nelson
- 4 - Marissa Borges
- Rodney Freudenburg
- Michelle Yarzebinski
- Jeff Kraft
- 5 - Daniel Dragoo
- Justin Ochsenrider
- 7 - Ron Breischaft
- 8 - Marlena Harvey
- Arlen Gullickson
- Kaitlyn Kraft
- 9 - Ralph Moore
- 11 - Cathy Jensen
- Sam Schuh
- 12 - Chuck Rysenga
- 13 - Jim Maschke
- Emma Shugars
- Sherry Vigen
- 14 - Gene Wood
- 16 - Alice Davis
- Jessica Scaglione
- 18 - Ryan Smith
- Judy Ranger
- 19 - Curtis Cleveland
- 20 - Matt Lager
- 21 - Trudi Girr
- Criscelda Mortimore
- 22 - Kelley Tilma
- Eldon Wallace
- 23 - Sandy Wallace
- 24 - Helen Howes
- Robyn Krill
- Susan Uchimura
- 25 - Paul Aivars
- Jim Magerlein
- Dow Ruch
- Chris Sjoquist
- 27 - Ben Howes
- Cassandra Somers
- 28 - Carolyn Kana'an
- Katharine Wattrick
- 30 - David Wohlfert
- 31 - Bill Vigen, Jr.

- 3 - Karen & Tom Hall -
- Vonda & Don Yarzebinski - 2002
- 4 - Karn & Eric Brown - 2007
- 5 - Anne & Clark Smith - 1966
- 6 - Cynthia Carver/Keith Harder - 1988
- Nathan & Laura Allen - 2005
- 8 - Vickie & Ken King - 1987
- 13 - Jill & Rodney Freudenburg - 1977
- 14 - Deb & Jack Roach - 1982
- 15 - Cheryl & Gordon Reinel - 1964
- 17 - Lucy & Don Sellin - **1957**
- 19 - Diane & Jim Maschke - 1967
- 20 - Jan & Glen Shugars - 1960 (50th)**
- 24 - Susan & Bruce Uchimura - 1985 (25th)**
- 25 - Michele & Scott Forsberg - 2006
- 26 - Kristen and Chris Ebsch - 1995
- Bev & Bob Johnson - 1972
- Misty & Lucas Ledbetter - 2006
- 28 - Cathy & Chuck Rysenga - 2003
- 29 - Bertha & Darwin Boettcher - **1953**
- 30 - Chris & Jim Allen - 1975
- 31 - Karen & Mark Miller - 1996
- **Molly & Michael Recchia -1985 (25th)**



Don Schaefer, John Cleasby,
 Patrilla Martz, Shirley Dragoo,
 Marilyn Nyce, Hazel Cassell,
 Ruth Kellner (Kim Tilma's Mother)
 Judy Cassell, Virginia Molitor
 Diane Maschke & Dave Wohlfert

"A big thank you to the ladies for giving me the beautiful prayer shawl. I can feel the thoughts of love and caring ways as I wrap it around me. Bless you."

~ Marge Rowe

We extend our condolences to Darin Meyer on the sudden death of his father, Buster Meyer in Minnesota. Keep Darin, his wife, Shelly and sons Sam and Ben in your prayers.



"Dear Trinity friends,
 I just wanted to take a minute to tell you how much I appreciated the church sponsoring my first camp experience. It was an interesting week filled with making new friends, learning new things and taking steps in a different direction. I wanted to express my gratefulness to my church family for allowing me to attend Stony Lake Lutheran Camp for the week. Thank you again."

~ Lexi Hurley

News from the SCRIP Table

For the month of May we have added \$110.40 to our Meijer Community Rewards as they pile up over the summer. This brings our total since joining the program to \$7,223.58! So far in 2010 we have earned \$99.91 from the eScrip program at Harding's, \$30.30 of which were our May rewards. Thanks to Trinity members and friends enrolled in these programs our profits are increasing!

Due to the nearness of fall we switched our focus to the LSSM foster kids' backpack project and have raised enough to submit the report. We thank Thrivent for the \$475 which they will contribute toward making these kids feel good about starting school. We now return to raising the funds designated for our Pastors' Emergency Fund which will also be supplemented by Thrivent.

Please stop at the table and check out all the gift cards we have on hand. If you don't see any places you patronize just ask for the complete retailer list. If you haven't signed up yet for Meijer and/or Harding's rewards programs you could do that at the same time.

Thanks for helping us help others!
~ Janet Gullickson

Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School brought lots of enthusiasm and energy to Trinity! The children were singing new songs, listening to Bible stories and making wonderful crafts in keeping with the pirate theme.

Many volunteers are needed for these activities and Trinity always has many willing hands and hearts of all ages.

A huge thank you to our outstanding coordinators, our Christian Education Team of Tara Borges and Erin Sutherland. They really are a great team and bring a positive spirit and lots of ideas to whatever they do.

(Perhaps we could change the Constitution and abandon "term limits"!)

Go to our website and view all the VBS photos that Alex has posted.

From the S.W.E.L.L. Partnership

SWELL members had a busy spring and early summer, hosting the area pastors at an informational luncheon and helping foster kids in many ways. We provided funds for:

- a young man to attend his Prom;
- two foster sisters to have foot lockers for storing their things (which enabled them to retain their placement);
- 250 bus tokens for visitations and
- rolling duffel bags for foster kids who are moving in or out.

We also volunteered as subs for the receptionist in the LSSM office.

In addition we provided 30 empty backpacks for the Seita Scholars to give to high school seniors who are prospective WMU students. (They collected items from various donors to fill the backpacks themselves.)

Coming soon: We are beginning our preparations for Cookies in a Jar (also a Thrivent project). If you have been saving your quart canning or plastic mayo jars (30 ounce ones are ok), now would be the time to bring them to Trinity.

SWELL is most grateful for the support of the area churches and merchants as we expand our mission to include others in need in SW Michigan.

Evangelism, Communications and Fellowship Committee

We are seeking volunteers to collect the pew tally forms at the end of the Sunday service and put them in the mailbox for Kim Tilma.

Also, we need a volunteer to put name tags back in alphabetical order after name tag Sunday (first Sunday of the month).

It's a great way to get to know members and refresh your memory for names!

If you are interested, please contact Kim Tilma (344-5195) or Donna Gardner (349-2236).

It's Coming and We Need Your Help!!

What: The Trinity Rummage and Bake Sale

When: Friday, August 20 from noon to 7 pm

Saturday, August 21 from 9 to 3

Dollar bag sale Saturday from 12-3

Needed:

- Your clean, gently used goods, household items, clothing (children's and adults), costume jewelry, and miscellaneous. These items can be left in the east end of room 10 at any time.

Direct questions to Joyce Cleasby at 349-9977.

- **Volunteers**

to sort and price on Thursday August 19 and workers for August 20-21.

Sign-up sheets are in the fellowship hall.

- **Baked goods:** Call Bertha Boettcher at 629-4393 to let us know what you are bringing.

Higher quality items will be put in a "boutique" area.

Social Ministry

Habitat Build: A huge Thank You to everyone who donated money and/or time for the build. To date \$1,480.00 - hopefully, the bills will get paid with the original \$1200.00 we pledged and we could buy something useful for the home. The original person who worked and earned the right to the house has now declined and someone new will be or has been chosen. Watch for more details for the dedication. We provided two meals for Saturday workers.

Social Ministry Sunday will be October 3rd. Displays will be in Fellowship Hall. The speaker, Jane Zwiers, from the Free Clinic will talk during the Fellowship Hour. Please attend and welcome her.

The 2nd Annual Rummage Sale will be held on Friday August 20th and Saturday August 21st. It will be held the same time as the Vineyard Mile wide area sale. Please read more details in the News & Notes. (over)

For the record: W/ELCA donated personal care items valued at: YWCA - \$213.60 and Ministry with Community - \$332.55. It is gratifying to see how many people bring things to help those in need.

The Salvation Army Making a Million Meals for Haiti was a great success. Trinity was well represented. Thanks to all who participated. 620,784 meals were made & 1,898 volunteers gave 4,094 hours

Anyone interested in a Volunteer Group Work Experience??? Sponsored by Michigan Church World Service. Cost is \$410.00 which includes round trip bus transportation - lodging for 4 nights-dbl occupancy-all meals in New Windsor and sightseeing in Gettysburg. Contact Joyce Cleasby 349-9977 for more information Deadline 8/30/2010.

Respectfully, Brian Leonard & Joyce Cleasby



Build a home.
Strengthen a family.



Come celebrate the Thrivent Builds Home project!

On Sunday, August 1st (2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.) everyone is invited to tour the new Habitat for Humanity home we (local Lutheran volunteers) have built at 515 Gayle Avenue, Kalamazoo. A brief house blessing and recognition ceremony will be held at 2:30 p.m. Don't miss the opportunity to see the power of our partnership with Thrivent Financial for Lutherans and Kalamazoo Valley Habitat for Humanity and enjoy some fellowship. For more information, contact:

Gary Belleville - (269) 381-9181 - Trinity Congregational Co-Champion

David Runstrom - (269) 375-7165 - Trinity Congregational Co-Champion

Joyce Cleasby (269) 349-9977 & Brien Leonard (269) 382-9995 - Trinity Service & Social Ministry

Maridel Greer - (269) 544-0730 - Trinity Member & Habitat for Humanity Board Member

Pantry Patter

First the BAD news:

"Business" is really GOOD in the pantry...sorry to say.

But then the GOOD news....there are people like all of you who are always willing to stretch a bit to help feed our hungry neighbors ...regardless of the reasons WHY they are hungry.

Anyway, we need:

- All kinds of juices, and juice mixes like Kool Aid, Chrystal Lite, flavored-bottled water and plain-old bottled H2O (if you hadn't noticed, it's been HOT and most of our "clients" don't have access to A/C).

Then too we could use:

- Canned meat such as ham, chicken, beef... We have plenty of tuna.
- Snacks and sweets such as cookies, crackers, popcorn, candy, etc.;
- fresh produce as your home gardens become fruitful;
- condiments such as catsup, mustard, salad dressings, etc.; and finally
- instant coffee or tea (for hot or cold use).

If none of these appeal to you, Federal Reserve Notes in any denomination work really well and we assure you they will be put to good use in purchasing items we run short of from time to time.

As always we thank all of you for your continued generosity and support on behalf of our many clients.

Very Sincerely:

Your Trinity Pantry Coordinating Committee

From our Facilities Team



If you are the first one to park in the west row (by big blue house, becoming brown & yellow) Please **Pull through.** This will allow someone to park behind you.

(Having a parking problem is a good thing!)
Also, Bethel Baptist kindly will allow us park in the south end of their lot.

Thanks, Facilities

WELCA Mission Action

Thanks to our generous Trinity family, donations with an estimated value of \$158.40 were taken to the YWCA Domestic Assault Program in June. Donations for this program continue year round.

Lists of needs and the donation bin are located in Fellowship Hall.

In July and August, donations will be collected for Kairos Dwelling, a home for the terminally ill, located on 2945 Gull Road.

Items most needed include:

- men's and women's slipper socks, non-skid variety, any color or size.

Other needs are postage stamps, Pepsi or Coke, diet or regular, also 7-Up. paper towels, liquid laundry detergent, dryer sheets, tall kitchen trash bags, and gift certificates to local grocery stores are always needed at Kairos.

Lists of needed items will be in Fellowship Hall and also on the Kairos donation bin. Thanks for thinking of Kairos when you shop!

Donations worth an estimated \$55.20 were delivered to the YWCA Domestic Assault Program on July 6.

Vivian Wood, WELCA Mission Action

From Habitat for Humanity



We would like to thank all of people who supplied food for the Kalamazoo Valley Habitat for Humanity 2nd Women's build on May 8th.

Also, we would like to thank all of the people who gave of their time, talents (food, organization, planning, etc.) and financial resources during the Thrivent / Kalamazoo Valley Habitat for Humanity build on Gayle. It involved months of planning and building of the house and its foundation before the June 13th blessing.

We are coming up on the last few days to complete this house and make is someone's home for many years to come. Please come to the Home dedication on Sunday, Aug 1st at 2pm - 3pm.

~ Maridel Greer

Upcoming Activities



The next ladies luncheon is the Annual Salad and Dessert Picnic Wednesday, August 11 @ 11:30

Chris Allen's Home
1514 W. Kilgore Road

Call Chris (344-5444) to reserve your spot on the deck if you have not already signed up.

SHOW YOUR SUPPORT

I will be participating in a 75 mile bike ride on August 14th to raise money for MS.

It is called "Pedal to the Point" starting in the Cleveland area and riding to Cedar Point.

Last year, over 2000 riders raised over 2.1 million dollars!!!

See Larry Gardner in Fellowship Hall during July & August Thank You.

Church Picnic



August 29
1:00 pm
At Ramona Park
(off of Sprinkle Road)

We will provide the hotdogs and hamburgers. Please bring a dish to share, drinks, lawn chairs, bathing suit, fishing poles and be ready for **a lot of fun!**

Note: When you arrive, tell the people at the gate that you are with Trinity so you can get the discounted rate of \$5.00 per car load entrance fee.

News and Notes via email.

If you would prefer to receive your newsletter via email, please email me (trudi@tlckzoo.com) so that I have your correct address.

Emailing the entire newsletter to an individual would not be a good option because it is a fairly large document with clip art, etc and could be a downloading problem for some.

Alex developed an email message that includes a link to the site of the Newsletter on our website, so there would be a quick, 2 step move to open the newsletter. Please let us know how it is working.

Join your Trinity family
August 6-8 for
camping at Ft. Custer State Park.



For site information call Ardis Lielzuika at 344-1244. (Note: The sites book quickly so call him as soon as possible so you can reserve adjoining areas.)

If you will not be staying over night on the camping trip but would like to attend during the day on August 7th (hiking, swimming, games, etc.), please sign up on the youth board. We will provide hot dogs, hamburgers and all the fixings for smores, please bring your own drinks and a dish to share. Don't forget your lawn chairs! The more people, the better!
Any questions, contact Ardis or Holly



The Season has ended ...

Great teamwork and lots of enthusiastic fans were all a part of Trinity's first (?) softball season. It was a good year, a building year.

A big thank you to Mitch Borges who had a great idea and worked to make it happen!

And another thank you to our "anonymous" financial coordinator who gathered supporters willing to fund this project and to those who contributed.

... But the Spirit Lives On !!

A number of the fans would like to continue the fun and fellowship with a gathering at

Shakespeare's Pub, 241 E. Kalamazoo Ave
on July 29th from 6 pm. until ...?

A Thursday was chosen because they have a special: hamburger and fries for \$5.00.
(very good!)

Come and join us..

This invitation is open for everyone, and there is excellent parking. Come when you can and stay as long as you wish! (Children must leave the premises at 9 pm.)

We need to give them some idea of our numbers so there is a sign up sheet in Fellowship Hall or you can call or email the office if you decide to join the festivities.



YOUTH GROUP MISSION TRIP

Jesus must become greater;
I must become less.
-John 3:30



We had a wonderful opportunity to work on those skills in South Dakota! Eight youth and three adults spent a week with 65 other awesome Christians working on the Pine Ridge Reservation. Our two groups worked with a small group from another church to form our work crews. Our crews helped to make meals and clean up after the crowd. Everyone had the opportunity to work on improving some homes with a coat of paint. We had the company of many grasshoppers and sometimes kids cooling us with squirt guns. There were also two days spent with the kids club in Wanblee. Many welcomed our attention but we were also challenged by the behavior of some of the kids. We have grown from this trip and everyone would do it again!

In the evenings there was always an activity such as going to the Badlands, to a 38 foot cross, Wall Drug and attending a community picnic. Part of our group also made a trip to the Black Hills to see Mt. Rushmore. There were many opportunities for spiritual growth and praise during our quiet devotion time, club time and church group time. There were many laughs as we were entertained by the outstanding Youth Works staff and the adult leaders during the t-shirt fashion show (ask Pastor Ken to reenact his runway performance!) The youth (and adults) had many wonderful friendships develop and good fun playing some fun games like Ninja. Don't panic if you see kids on the ground at the church and yelling "I'm drowning." Grandview University and Wartburg College were gracious hosts during our travels. A special thanks to Pastor Ken for his contributions and to Sewell Mason for stepping in at the last minute and being our "telephone man". Thank you to Tara Borgess and kids for the send off bags!

Thank you to all our prayer warriors. We were safe and well!



Pastor Ken's team:
Sewell, a helper from
another church, Peter,
Andrew, Mireille & Ingrid

Maryann's team:
Nick, Stephanie, Adam,
Alex, several from other
churches and local children.



Women of the ELCA Newsletter

August 2010

Circle Meetings

- Esther Mary Circle will not meet in August.
- Lydia Circle will meet on Tuesday, August 17th at 7:30 at Kay Nelson's home.
- Martha Circle will meet on Thursday, August 19th at 10:00 at Teri Koretsky's home.
- Rebecca Circle will meet on Wednesday, August 25th at 9:00 am at Katie Yarger's home for a potluck. Katie will lead the Bible Study.

**Please take a Thankoffering at your Circle meeting in August.

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

Vivian Wood reports that "Thanks to our generous Trinity family, donations with an estimated value of \$55.20 were taken to the YWCA Domestic Assault Program in July. In August, donations will be collected for Kairos Dwelling, a home for the terminally ill, located on 2945 Gull Road. Items most needed include men's and women's slipper socks (non-skid variety) - any color or size. Other needs are postage stamps, Pepsi or Coke, (diet or regular), also 7-Up. Paper towels, liquid laundry detergent, dryer sheets, tall kitchen trash bags, and gift certificates to local grocery stores are always needed at Kairos. Lists of needed items will be in Fellowship Hall and also on the Kairos donation bin. Thanks for thinking of Kairos when you shop!" Also, eight prayer shawls will be donated to Kairos in August. Please take an **offering** for Kalamazoo Drop-In Childcare in your Circle meetings this month.

September 14th Fall WELCA Meeting

Please plan now to join all the Circles for a combined meeting on September 14th at 7:00 in Fellowship Hall. Esther Mary Circle will provide the program and refreshments. It's a great time to get to know each other better! See you there!

WELCA Directories will be available at the Fall General meeting with many *Thanks to Pat Mason* for again creating them for all of us!!!

Save your Used Greeting Cards and give them to Linda Ward. They will be updated and used for projects of our statewide WELCA. Thank you.

"Living Threads" is available to everyone on-line at prund@freeway.net.

Pray Always

Session 3: Power

Theme Verse: *"For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the*

riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen. (Ephesians 3:14-21)

In this final session we seek to discover the **power** that is available to us as believers through the practice of prayer.

My family and I returned to Kalamazoo just a few hours ago from a wonderful vacation to Colorado. Waking up to majestic mountains out every window was inspiring and definitely humbling. Many times I mentioned how small and insignificant I felt while hiking the many trails and that in looking around me I pondered how anyone could doubt the existence of God. Quiet Power. Then the clouds would appear and thunder rolled, the rain poured from the sky only to become changed into stillness once again with the bluest skies I'd ever seen. Awesome Power! My prayers while climbing the mountains and hiking to waterfalls felt very **power filled** indeed. Reinhold Neibuhr's Serenity Prayer reminds us that when we come into the presence of the living God through prayer, it *changes* things. "God, give us **grace** to accept with serenity the things that cannot be changed, **courage** to change the things which should be changed, and the **wisdom** to distinguish the one from the other. Living **one** day at a time, enjoying **one** moment at a time, accepting hardship as a pathway to peace; taking, as Jesus did, this sinful world as it is, not as I would have it; trusting that You will make all things right, if I surrender to Your will, so that I may be reasonably happy in this life, and supremely happy with You forever in the next. Amen."

The People of God: Unity in the Midst of Diversity

This will be our new Bible Study in September and run through May 2011. Written by Jensen and Linda Johnson Seyenkulo the study will begin with how we read the Bible. Biblical interpretation is at the root of many of the differences that divide us and it can be a way we learn from each other. Other ideas examined by the couple include: the body of Christ, evangelism and stewardship, spiritual gifts, race and culture, loving relationships in the context of the community of the church, difficulties that keep us from experiencing the wholeness of resurrection life, and what is at the heart of Lutheran worship. Sounds like an interesting year ahead of us!

*In Christ's Name,
Kay Nelson*

August 2010

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Worship w/Holy Communion 10:00 am Adult Forum 9 am	2 Pantry 1-3	3 Pantry 1-3	4 Pantry 1-3	5 Pantry 1-3	6 	7
8 Worship w/Holy Communion 10:00 am Adult Forum 9 am Blessing of the Sacristy during the Service	9 Pantry 1-3 Council 7:00 pm	10 Pantry 1-3	11 Men's Bible Study 7 am Ladies Lunch 11:30 Pantry 1-3	12 Pantry 1-3 pm	13 	14
15 Worship w/Holy Communion 10:00 am Adult Forum 9:00 am Open Door/Next Door 5 pm	16 Pantry 1-3 Habitat Board 5:30	17 Pantry 1-3 pm Lydia Circle 7:30	18 Pantry 1-3 pm	19 Martha Circle 10 am at Teri Koretsky's Pantry 1-3 pm Rummage Sale set up	20 Rummage Sale noon -7	21 Rummage Sale 9-3
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