



# News & Notes

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Web Site: [www.tlckzoo.com](http://www.tlckzoo.com)

FALL SCHEDULE resumes SEPTEMBER 9:  
Worship Services at 8:30 & 11:00 am  
Sunday School at 9:45 am



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Larry Yarger, World Partners  
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*From our  
Pastor*



Each morning when I get up I attempt, usually successfully, to get out of the house for a morning run. The last week or so, I've noticed more and more cars making their way down usually quiet Grand Prairie Rd. as the teachers slowly migrate back to Central High School to prepare for the quickly approaching school year. This along with the sound of the marching band in the air and students walking down the road carrying football pads are sure signs in my neighborhood that fall is in the air! I'm sure you have signs in your neighborhood as well, a couple changing leaves, preseason NFL on TV, or a sudden craving for pumpkin. But whatever the signs, we know that summer is fading away and a new season is coming!

For some, a new season is great news as it means that they get to put behind them all of the things that the former season brought and move on to something new and different. For others, there is a mourning of the past season as it goes because of the blessing that the season was or the challenges that may come with the approaching time.

Here at Trinity, summer was an interesting season. We said goodbye to Pr. Ken for the summer as he enjoyed a well earned sabbatical. We welcomed some wonderful guest speakers as well as some new members! We sent our youth to camps and on a mission in West Virginia. And we said goodbye to some dear members of our community. It was a full and rich time that we bid farewell to as we welcome this new season into our midst.

As part of this oncoming season, there are a lot of new things happening this fall at Trinity. Starting Wednesday September 12, we will begin a mid-week alternative worship service. On Sunday mornings we'll be adding an Adult Bible Study option during the Sunday School Hour that already hosts bible studies for youth and an adult forum. We'll be looking to expand our Campus Ministries by reaching out at Bronco bash and hosting the students for lunch. There are a great many new things happening at Trinity that make this a season that we can truly look forward to!

As you look around and notice those signs that a new season is coming, I encourage you to take every opportunity you can to grow in your faith. Look for ways that you can be involved at Trinity and elsewhere and reach out to friends as well as people you may not know yet. I for one am excited to see what God will do with his people at Trinity as he once again moves us forward into this exciting season!

Your Brother in Christ,  
Pastor Jake



Regular  
Worship Schedule &  
Sunday School  
Resume

Worship services at  
8:30 and 11:00 am

Adult Bible Study 9:45

Sunday School 9:45

Get ready to **SPARK your FAITH!**

*In Sunday School*

Sunday, September 9 at 9:45 am  
Gather in Fellowship Hall

Classes are available for children from 3 years old to high school, so be sure to join your friends for another year of learning and fun!

**Welcome Back Students!!!**

We're thrilled to have you back in town and blessed to have you at Trinity!



As a way to welcome you back, we're having a cookout for you on Sunday, Sept 23 starting at 12:15! So plan to stick around after church for food and conversation about possibilities for ministry and fellowship here at Trinity this coming year!

Hope to see you there!

If you are not college age, but interested in helping to provide food for this event or others for the students, contact Pr. Jake. Thanks!



### OUR SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 - Joyce Cleasby
- Abby Wohlfert
- Braydin Forester
- 2 - Linda Jones
- 4 - Hildegard Kozloski
- Mary Johnson
- Alex Offerman
- 6 - Dakotah Warnicke
- 7 - Brian McMullen
- 8 - Jon Cleasby
- 10 - Cindy Dorman
- Teresa Smith
- Kathy Molitor
- Jennifer Williams
- Stephanie Yarzebinski
- 11 - Audrey Forsberg
- 14 - Marilyn Nyce
- Elijah Martin
- 15 - George Kelley III
- Abigail Schreiner
- 16 - Patrilla Martz
- 19 - Dan Stufflebeam
- Pastor Jake Lehman
- 21 - Evalynn Hurley
- 23 - Duane Warnicke
- Sarah Sorensen
- 25 - Kaleb Borges
- Margaret Lamson
- Jennifer Roach
- 26 - Richard Ellstrom, Sr.
- 27 - Ruth Charlesworth
- Gary Cramer
- Joanne Musselman
- 30 - Claire Magerlein
- Jean Sandstrom
- Carole Snyder



### OUR SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 3 - Doreen & Norm Emmerich - 1940
- Doug & Michele Smith - 2011
- 7 - Tim & Susan Benson - 2002
- 8 - Susan & Ken Warren - 1984
- Kim & Jeff Kraft - 2011
- 12 - Jan & Marsh Forsberg - 1959
- Heather & Chris Sjoquist - 2008
- 13 - Helen & Ben Howes - 1947  
(65 years)
- 15 - Donna & Larry Gardner - 1979
- 17 - Dee & Dennis Wood - 1994
- 19 - Scott & Kelsey Benson - 2009
- 24 - Lucas & Jillian Freudenburg - 2011
- 25 - Sandra & Tim Eschelbach - 1993
- Pastor Ken & Mary Johnson - 1993
- 27 - Carolyn & Richard Albert - 1957
- 29 - Nicole & Eric Shugars - 2001



Several of our Trinity families are saddened with the passing of loved ones and we ask that you pray for God's peace in their hearts during these difficult days.

Esther Heuermann, Nathan Landry's Grandmother passed away on July 29th. We pray for Nathan and Gina and their family.

Lyle Vogt died on August 8th. We extend our sincere condolences to Eunice and her family. Services were held here at Trinity on August 12th, led by Pastor Dave Dockweiler from Prince of Peace Lutheran Church.

On Tuesday, August 28th, we celebrated the life of Erika Kloth who passed away on August 24th. She touched the lives of many Trinity folks in very special ways. We keep Wolfgang, Susie, Tina and John Adams, Sam and Emily in our prayers.

Don Sellin, Danny Wuerffel,  
Sam Evans, Marilyn Nyce,  
Ruth Eva Anable  
Pat Thomas  
(Suze Breischaft's sister)



To the TLC Community,

Thank you for all the recent gifts, including the gift cards and the afghan. Also, thank you for all the amazing years I have had at Trinity. I feel confident going off to college knowing God is with me and that I will always have my TLC family to come back home to

Happiness comes through doors you didn't even know you left open.

A truly happy person is one who can enjoy the scenery on a detour.

## Highlights from the Church Council Meeting on August 13, 2012

Treasurer: *Our offerings have caught up as of the end of July. (Thanks, everyone!)*

President: - *Due to the difficulty of obtaining good recent comparable sales we are still waiting to receive our appraisal on the Bethel Baptist property. (Note: Over 50 cars parked there for Dave Wohlfert's memorial service.) Jerry Molitor, Rod Freudenburg and Bill Musselman have volunteered to serve on the BBP Committee along with both pastors and myself. The wider Committee includes all members of the Church Council.*

*- Three members have designated \$49 in Thrivent Choice dollars to Trinity.  
- Audrey Martin has resigned from Council (Christian Education Team) and Phil Hamlow is on leave (Stewardship and Finance).*

Evangelism, Fellowship and Communications: *About 40 people attended the congregational picnic on August 12th. They had plenty to eat!*

### Facilities:

- *Thanks to all who accomplished so much on the August 4<sup>th</sup> Work Day.*
- *The air conditioner in Fellowship Hall is being checked for efficiency. A bit of roof repair is still needed.*
- *The price to put an awning over the west doors has gone up so Steve is seeking a second bid.*

Service and Social Ministry: *Preparations are underway for the Rummage, Craft and Bake sale. Many donations have already been received and stored. A few special items will be sold by silent auction with bids taken on Sunday morning as well.*

Stewardship and Finance: *Commitment Sunday will be October 14<sup>th</sup> with a celebration brunch between services.*

### Worship and Music:

- **Still Needed: Acolyte coordinator(s).** *Could you help? Call Dave Runstom or the church office.*
- *Our ushers are developing an plan that encompasses responses to emergencies and security and safety challenges at Trinity. (Do you know the location of a fire extinguisher or Trinity's AED [defibrillator]?)*

Janet Gullickson, President



### We are looking for Sunday School Teachers!

*If you would like to teach or co-teach a Sunday School class starting this fall, please contact Erin Sutherland, or Ashley Super for more information. We would also love to hear from anyone who could offer their services as a Substitute Sunday School teacher during the year .*

### Thought for the day:

*You may be only one person in the world, but you may also be the world to one person.*

### Thank you...

*We would like to thank everyone who helped make our rummage sale a great success. Thanks to everyone who helped set up, sell, clean up and contribute goodies to the bake sale.*

*We made more than \$1500 (final count not in yet) for the Human Support fund, and we also were able to provide many people with good quality clothing and household goods for a very reasonable price.*

*Also many thanks to all the people who donated merchandise because without your generosity the sale would not have been possible. Thanks again and start saving for next year when we will do it again.*

Sandy and Rasma

## News from the SCRIP Table

Our rewards from Meijer for the month of July (\$89.36) will be added to other summer months and we will receive a check in September. In June we also earned \$18.53 from 13 Harding's shoppers who are signed up for eScrip (YTD \$109.58). Thanks to all who help us take advantage of this "free" money. If you have questions about either program or would like to join, please stop at the SCRIP table.

Just a few reminders about SCRIP:

- Kohl's cards can be used pay your Kohl's credit card bill (Trinity earns 4%).
- Erbelli's has now joined the SCRIP PRO with a \$20 card (7% rebate to Trinity). It is good at both Portage and Stadium locations.
- We have a new card with multiple Kalamazoo options on it. EMA Enterprises certificates cost \$10 (rebate of 7%) and include six local restaurants (Andrea's Cafe, Derk's, Village Inn South, Liz's Parkview Café, Michelle's, and Andrea's Café and Pizza Too).

The funds we earn through the sale of these cards support people and groups of all ages with a variety of needs. As always we thank you for helping us help others.

P.S. The backpacks we delivered to LSSM were everywhere - in lines along the walls throughout their offices and stacked on top of their filing cabinets. The foster kids in their care were excited and grateful to receive them and all the school supplies they contained!

With the deepest appreciation for all of the help from Jim and Joyce, Chris, Pat, Teri, Ginny, Sharon, Marie, Trudi and Margaret for the kitchen and fellowship hall work that you all did for the Memorial Service for Dave Wohlfert. Also, the help and willingness of each and everyone when I called to ask for your gifts of finger foods was so heartwarming I cannot express enough thanks for your help. Without the wonderful help bringing this all together from everyone it would not have been possible. Thank you, thank you, and God bless you all...Liz

## Pantry Patter

*STS (sorry to say) business is still booming! Our needs for this month are cake mixes, and condiments (mustard, catsup, salad dressings, and jelly (and ANYTHING that Meijer's has on sale @ 10 for \$10 would be just great). We always need the large, brown- paper bags, of course. If you are vacationing, remember to grab the little shampoo, lotion, toothpaste, bar soap, etc. samples they provide you for our clients.*

*Thanks for your generosity and support.  
The Pantry Coordinating Committee*

## WELCA Mission Action

*Today donations have been taken to Jail Ministry of puzzles, Bibles, women's cotton briefs and other assorted item valued at \$28.00. Also, Deacon's Conference received donations of clothing and household items with an estimated value of \$21.00. Thanks to all who donated!*

*July and August's Circle offerings are divided between Kairos Dwelling and Kalamazoo Drop-In Child Care Center. Also, needed items are collected for Kairos, such as lotions, high efficiency detergent marked with "he" on it, paper towels, Kleenex, coffee, Diet and Regular Coke, Pepsi, 7-Up, grocery store gift cards, and other items which are listed on the bin in Fellowship Hall. In September, these donations will be taken to the Kairos Dwelling. Thanks to all who are participate!*

*If you have any questions or comments about our Mission Action projects, please call me at 345-2218. Thanks!*

*Vivian Wood, WELCA Mission Action*

## Margaret's Anniversary Celebration Update

*Rather than use the anniversary funds given to her for fly fishing lessons and a trip up north, Margaret has developed her own unique plan. She is flying her brother here from Georgia. She will take him fishing, camping in Union City and show him the sights (including, of course, Treat Street!). Her entire family is excited about his visit.*



*Our third softball season has ended and we thank our coach, manager, captain and organizer, Tim Benson, for making it all happen.*

*The Trinity Lutheran coed softball team finished its third season. The team consisted of players listed below and all had a fun time with competitive softball and Christian fellowship with other churches in our area. Trinity also recorded it's first victories after two seasons of learning the league and finished with a 3-7 record. This season almost did not happen after the YMCA chose to drop this league after over 30 years. However several members of various churches stepped up and helped organize the league working with the YMCA, which chose to continue the tradition. Thanks to all who participated as well as our faithful members who came to cheer and support the team. Special notes of the year:*

*First ever winning pitcher: Eric Cleasby  
Batting title champion for Trinity:*

*Robert Smith with a sizzling average of .782*

*Home Run leader for Trinity:*

*Pastor Jake Lehman: 2 home runs in 4 games played*

<b>Player name</b>	<b>Position</b>
Eric Cleasby	Pitcher
Lori Cleasby	Catcher, Second base
Amy Gullickson	Second Base, Catcher
Todd Super	First base, Right Field
Robert Smith	Left Center, Right Field
Tim Benson	Shortstop
Dan Hubbell	Pitcher
Pastor Jake Lehman	Shortstop, Left Center
Melissa Lehman	Right Center, Catcher
Chris Cleasby	Left Center, Shortstop, Pitcher
Ashley Cleasby	Left Field, Right Field
Samantha Vlacisack	Second Base, Third Base
Mark Sutherland	Pitcher, First Base, Left Center
Erin Sutherland	Right Center
Sara Sorenson	Left Field
Adam Benson	First Base
Libby Stewart	Third base, Left Center
Stephanie Yarzebinski	Catcher
Ashley Super	Catcher

*We will get photos of the team in action on the website soon. Check them out!*

## **From the SWELL Partnership**

(Area Lutheran churches supporting Lutheran Social Services of Michigan's Child and Family Services in SW Michigan)

*We are in the process of creating a brochure describing what SWELL is and what SWELL does in hopes of encouraging other churches in SW Michigan to support us. SWELL members plan to visit churches in Van Buren County to introduce them to our program and enlist their aid.*

*Our most recent project was delivering the items for four Welcome Baskets to WMU for the incoming Seita Scholars (former foster children now attending WMU with scholarship assistance). We also budget for gifts and food for them during the Christmas break when many of them stay on campus because they have nowhere else to go. (A dorm is kept open for them.)*

*Regarding Liesl's orthodontic work: About \$600 has been donated toward the \$1800 need; SWELL has paid the entire amount out of our treasury and with these donations and funds Thrivent has contributed from their operating budget. If any of their grants are not fulfilled, Thrivent will again consider this project.*

*If you are saving any quart (or 30 ounce) jars for us for Cookies in a Jar, we would appreciate it if you would bring them to Trinity now. Just leave them at the SCRIP table or in the office.*

*Thanks for helping us help kids in need.*

*To our wonderful Trinity family,*

*A huge, heartfelt "Thank-you" to all who have kept us in their prayers or thoughts over the past 3 years while Dave was battling cancer. We so appreciate all of your support, helpfulness and positive attitude during our times of trial; we couldn't have done it without you.*

*We are so fortunate to have you all as part of our extended faith family. Each gesture of kindness or smile or word of support was appreciated.*

*Thank-you also to any of you that participated in Dave's celebration party or his memorial service. Your efforts on our behalf were wonderful and helped us to make difficult days into good ones. We miss him, but each day more healing happens.*



# REFLECTIONS



We had a recent opportunity to engage in a stewardship workshop lead by Pr. Roger Hardy of the synod offices and attended by a handful of congregation representatives and pastors from here in West Michigan. We are new to this responsibility for Stewardship at Trinity and this was a total "eyes wide open" learning experience. These few words are not an opening to our typical stewardship campaign, rather a challenge to get us thinking and considering our lives within TLC.

Pointed questions asked at the workshop included  
"Am I being a good steward with what God has entrusted to me?, and  
How can I become a better steward?"

Stewardship is not all about money and how much we give to the Church. It is much larger and includes ALL the resources that God is providing to Trinity to support our mission, including our sanctuary and education building, our members, our clergy and staff, and the many hours offered by our members in support of numerous programs.

We find in 2 Corinthians 9: 8-9, "And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. As it is written, 'He has distributed freely, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures forever' "

Stewardship is about growing in our relationship with Jesus through the use of the time, talents, and resources that God has provided to us. Trinity is very blessed and it is our responsibility and obligation to use these blessings well. It is a thank you to the gift of Jesus in our lives and helps to share God's love with the world.

The questions listed earlier can also be directed toward our council leadership. Do you believe our council is acting as good stewards of the resources we employ here at Trinity? Do you have ideas on how we could do better or focus our energy differently?

With your guidance and prayers we will continue to improve as responsible stewards and servants at Trinity.

## KPS Community Education

If you are planning a trip to Germany, Austria, or Switzerland, you may want to learn some German language basics. This beginning class in German is designed to improve the beginner's vocabulary, pronunciation and conversational skills. Different aspects of the German culture will be included.

Instructor is a native speaker of German.

Text included! Class limited to the first eighteen students. Register early. Instr: Anja Banrard.

**German I** Mondays 6:00-8:00pm Sept 10 - Oct 29 (8 sessions)

**Milwood M.S. Room #804 #3005-01 \$84.00**

Register in person, by phone, (337-0446), or by mail.



## Pastor Jake is Running to Germany!!!

...Only 1307 miles to go!



To help raise funds to make it possible for the youth of Trinity to travel to the Luther's Germany, Pr. Jake is running from Kalamazoo to Berlin! Well, he's running the mileage anyway. As the crow...or Boeing flies, the land portion of the trip from Kzoo to Berlin is 1,450 Miles. That's 120 miles a month for one year... trust me, that's farther than he usually runs! The quest began on July 10<sup>th</sup> so he has exactly one year to complete the distance. You can sponsor Pr. Jake in his efforts by pledging a few cents a mile (or a few dollars if you want!) to help him reach his goal or \$1.50 a mile which will nearly pay for one youth to make the trip! You can make your pledge on the display at Trinity. Help your pastor stay fit and your youth be faithful! Thanks!



## Community Activities

*"Go, then, to all peoples everywhere and make them my disciples..."*

*Matthew 28:10  
Good News Bible*

*Genita Gardner is following this command with two ministries that she has begun during the past year. The following are updates about both of them.*

### The Pen Pal Ministry

*Well, hello my Trinity Family! It is funny how time flies, when you are having fun! I still cannot believe that it has been a whole year this month since the Pen Pal Ministry came to life.*

*Careful to give God all the praise, the ministry has had a total of 11 participants, with 7 currently participating.*

*Please continue to pray for this ministry, as God gives the increase.*

*Yours in Christ,  
Genita*

*Ed. Note: The pen pals who are communicating with Genita are incarcerated at various facilities around the state. With the blessing and guidance of our pastors, she writes to them about the love of Jesus and shares ways that they can turn their lives around, always offering encouragement.*

### Open Park Ministry

*Greetings to each and every one of you, in the name of our Lord and Savior- Jesus Christ,*

*I am pleased to inform that, on August 11, Open Park Ministry held its second fellowship at Martin Luther King Park. Careful to give God all the praise, 57 people (not including children) were served lunch and fellowship followed.*

*Thank you for your prayers and donations. A special thank you to : Trudi Giffin, Pastor Jake, Vivian & Gene Wood, Sharon & Evan Kokales, Alice Davis, Maryann Hubbell and Kathryn Yarger.  
God willing, the ministry will meet again next year.*

*Yours in Christ,*

### Christian Music benefit concert

*Saturday, September 15th 3:00 – 7:15 pm  
at Haven Reformed Church  
5350 North Sprinkle Road*

*Featuring 7 Christian music groups and soloists from the Kalamazoo area.*

*The concert will benefit:  
Kalamazoo Gospel Mission  
Kalamazoo Loaves & Fishes  
Ministry with Community*

*All this for a \$5.00 ticket  
(children under 12 are FREE)*

*AND one or more items for each charity.  
Bring more if you can!*

*Tickets are available in our church office.  
Enjoy the entertainment and support these great causes. Bring your friends!!!*

### Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend

*"Refresh, re-energize & re-connect"*

*Friday, Sept. 28- Sunday, Sept 30  
In Kalamazoo - \$45.00*

*"Whether you've been married only a few years or for decades, communication is the key to keeping your love relationship vibrant and strong. A Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend can give you the right 'tools' to make your marriage all that it can be!"*

*For more information, pick up a brochure in the office or go to [www.GodLovesMarriage.org](http://www.GodLovesMarriage.org)*



*It's time to start collecting items for the Christmas Child Shoeboxes!*

*Take advantage of the Back-to-School sales to stock your shoeboxes.*

*Especially desirable are: pencils and pens; notebook paper; pencil sharpeners; solar/battery calculators; erasers; blunt-ended scissors; colored pencils or crayons.*

*Remember, these items are not easily available to students in disadvantaged areas and are highly desirable.*

*Thank you for your consideration in this special ministry.  
~ Linda Ward*





## Opportunities for worship, study, music and fellowship

### Alternative Worship Service

Starting this fall, Trinity will be offering a mid-week Alternative Worship Service. This will be a 'thinned down' version of Sunday Morning worship designed for those who cannot make it on Sunday due to work or travel, for those who prefer a more relaxed setting, or for those who liked the sermon so much they want to hear it again! Whatever your reason, feel free to join us **each Wednesday night starting September 12 at 7:00 for worship.**

### Wednesday Evening Bible Study

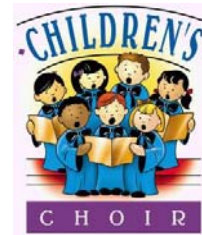
What did Christianity look like as it took its roots in the hearts and minds of the earliest followers? How did those followers come together to organize the church as it took its shape across the Mediterranean world?

Join Pastor Ken as he uses "The Early Church Faith Lesson" by Ray Vanderlaan

and draws on his recent sabbatical experience of traveling the footsteps of Paul to lead a study about the culture and history of those earliest believers. The study will meet on Wednesday Nights at

### Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study - "The Story"

Was Noah before Abraham? What did Samuel do... and who was 2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel? Is it Elijah or Elisha? Aren't they the same person? How many 'Mary's' did Jesus know? If you've ever wondered any of these things or if you'd just like to get a better understanding of the whole story that the Bible tells, join us Sunday mornings starting Sept. 16th from 9:45-10:45am upstairs in the Sunday school wing for Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study. We'll be looking at the bible using "The Story" bible study. "The Story" is a book/study that presents the Bible as one continuing narrative in the form of a novel so that we how God has been active throughout history and how his activity continues in our lives today. Hope you can join us!



### **TLC Children's Choir starting this fall!**

**Students of all ages welcome**

Rehearsals between Sunday morning services.

More information coming soon!

Contact Sara Emerson

at [sara.soprano@gmail.com](mailto:sara.soprano@gmail.com)

with questions. 😊



**Ringers  
and  
Singers**



Senior choir

Senior Choir will have first rehearsal at 7:00 PM (note one hour earlier) on September 13

Bell Choir will begin rehearsals on Thursday, September 20 at 7:00 PM, Senior Choir will resume normal time at 8:00 PM on that date.

An invitation is cordially extended to potential ringers (Bell Choir) and singers (Senior Choir) to join us for the 2012-2013 Season. We would love to have new ringers and singers - feel free to contact Bill Musselman at 344-1460 or email at [masbill@charter.net](mailto:masbill@charter.net).

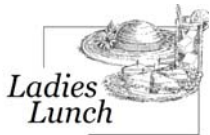


**Men's Bible Study and Breakfast**

2nd Wednesday of each month  
7 am in Fellowship Hall

**All men are welcome!**

# Upcoming Activities



Ladies  
Lunch

Wednesday, September 12,  
11:30 am

Rykse's Restaurant on Stadium  
Dr.

**Come join us! All Ladies are welcome!**

Sign up by Sunday, September 9th.  
The reservation sheet is in Fellowship Hall

Contact person: Marianne Fuerst at 345-1422

As a courtesy to the restaurant, please call Marianne

Bruce and Susan Uchimura will be performing a duo cello/piano recital of works by Beethoven, Prokofiev, and Schumann on

Sunday, September 16, at 5:30 p.m.  
at the Dalton Center at WMU. The concert is free  
and the congregation is cordially invited to attend!

The Merling Trio will be featured at a benefit concert for Kalamazoo's Sarkozy Bakery, which was devastated by fire this past February.

The concert, entitled "Raising Dough" will be held on Saturday, September 8, at 7:30 p.m. at First Baptist Church, and will include an all-star cast of local musicians.

Details and ticket reservations are available at [www.sarkozybakery.com/events/kzoo\\_classical](http://www.sarkozybakery.com/events/kzoo_classical), or by calling (269)342-1952.

## Open Doors Bountiful Breakfast

Saturday, September 29, 9-11 am  
605 West Lovell Street

Enjoy a delicious Rykse's breakfast under a tent, tour the historic Cooper Apartments and support affordable housing for low-income workers and families in Kalamazoo.

Tickets: \$25.00 for adults  
FREE for children 10 and under

For more info. and to buy tickets go to:  
[www.OpenDoorsKalamazoo.org](http://www.OpenDoorsKalamazoo.org)  
Or call 343-6064

# Young Adult Activities

## Young Adult Potluck (Y.A.P.)

YAP is back! After a month off, we're kicking off the fall with Young Adult Potluck on

Friday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30  
at Pr. Jake and Melissa's house  
(2106 Chaparral St.).

So bring a side dish, a beverage, and friends and come out and join us for food, fun, and conversation. For directions or more information contact Pr. Jake. See you there!

## YAP on Tap

NIV, KJV, M-O-U-S-E! Ever wonder why there are so many versions and what the difference is, or how we get from the original to the Bible that you read?

If so, come on out to YAP on Tap (if not, come anyway)! We'll be meeting at the Kalamazoo Beer Exchange on Tuesday Sept. 25<sup>th</sup> from 7-8:30 to discuss translation and construction of the good book! Hope you can make it!

## Young Adult Kal-Haven Bike Trip!!!

It's that time of year again...Time to pump up the tires and dust off your seat because we're doin' the Kal-Haven Trail! We'll meet at the 10<sup>th</sup> Steet trail head at **9:30 on Saturday Sept 29** (note the change of date...sorry!) and head for the Lake where we'll gather for a little food and fun! If you can't make the bike ride feel free to meet us in South Haven! Please let Pr. Jake know if you plan to go so we can arrange transportation back to Kazoo. See you on the trail!

**Please save  
all the UPC's from Spartan products.**

Each one is worth 2 cents or \$20.00 for 1,000. I have a redemption form and will send in and use for Bingo prizes.

~Joyce Cleasby

# Trinity Student Ministry News

## Fall Kickoff Cookout!

Middle School and Sr. High Parents, Youth, Friends of Youth and Excited Volunteers are invited to attend the Trinity Student Ministries Fall Kickoff Cookout! We'll be gathering at Pr. Jake's house (2106 Chaparral St.) on Sunday Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> from 1-3:30ish for food, games, and planning!



We'll provide the main course, so bring a side/drink to share, and all the ideas, thoughts, and hopes you have for the Student Ministries this year. This will be more than a time to eat and have fun (although we will do that!), but will also be a time to take a look at the years' schedule (including the Germany Trip!), create some events, and vision for what we hope to do together as a group!

This is a great time to get to know fellow youth and parents better while also learning about and helping to guide the Student Ministries at Trinity! Sign up on the Youth Board if you plan to attend (so we can be sure to cook enough food!) See you there!

### YOUTH MOVIE NIGHT!

*All youth are invited to come out on Friday Sept 28<sup>th</sup> for a night at the movies! We'll gather for food and fun at 7:00 and stay till the movie is done! Bring a snack and/or a beverage to share as well as your favorite appropriate movie. Sign up on the Youth board if you know you're coming! As always, friends are welcome!  
Location to be determined!*

### Middle School Ministry

#### Sunday School!

Come out for Sunday School this fall as we continue explore our faith and discuss some of the tough questions...all with some clever cartoons and great teachers! We'll be following the Re:form curriculum that comes at some challenging faith questions in a very creative and fun way. Hope to see you there as we explore and grow in our faith together!

### Sr. High Ministry

#### Sunday School!

Christianity wouldn't be nearly what it is without all the diverse and strange characters that God has called...including you! Join us on Sunday mornings from 9:45-10:45 as we gather over a few doughnuts to learn more about some of those characters and how they teach us about God, the bible, faith, ourselves, and what it all has to do with how we live our lives every day. Hope you can join us!

#### Confirmation

Calling all 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders! Confirmation is getting started again on Wednesday Sept 12<sup>th</sup>! We'll meet in the youth room from 6-7 to grow in our faith and learn more about what it means to be Lutheran Christians together! See you there!



# Trinity Lutheran Church Library News

SEPTEMBER, 2012



## BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP WITH PASTOR KEN

Our next meeting will be in September, or perhaps October, after Pastor is back from his sabbatical, and instead of having a book to read, we have a topic to read about – HEAVEN. There are several recent books about heaven by persons with near-death experiences, and other books about heaven from different perspectives, as well as an assortment of older books about the topic, and each person is invited to read any that attract their interest. At our meeting, we will share what we have learned.

**EVERYONE IS INVITED TO READ SOMETHING ABOUT HEAVEN AND JOIN THE DISCUSSION!**

**The following are some of the books available in our library, the public library or bookstores. Those starred are in out church library.**

**\*90 MINUTES IN HEAVEN.** Don Piper

When Don Piper's car was crushed by a semi, medical personnel said he died instantly. While his body lay lifeless, Piper experienced the glories of heaven. After his recovery he wrote his book, to share his experiences.

**\*THE BOY WHO CAME BACK FROM HEAVEN.** Kevin Malarkey

In 2004, Kevin Malarkey and his six-year-old son Alex were in a horrific car accident. When Alex awoke from his coma he told of angels taking him to heaven, and about meeting Jesus.

**\*HEAVEN IS FOR REAL.** Todd Burpo with Lynn Vincent

Todd Burpo shares the information his son Colton told his Mom and Dad about his trip to the afterlife. After slipping from consciousness during surgery, Colton visited heaven and learned new details about the Trinity.

**TO HEAVEN AND BACK.** Mary C. Neal, M.D.

A South American kayak accident takes devoted mother and orthopedic surgeon Dr. Mary Neal to heaven – where she experiences God's peace, joy, and angels – and back again. Her modern-day miracle will enrich your faith.

**THE HEAVEN ANSWER BOOK.** Billy Graham

Billy Graham answers questions about heaven and eternity with understanding and reassurance. This biblically based book discusses the afterlife, including what we'll do, what we'll be, and what we'll see.

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**MORE:**

**\*HEAVEN.** Joseph Bayly

**\*HEAVEN BOUND.** William A. Lauterbach

**\*HEAVEN YOUR REAL HOME.**

Joni Eareckson Tada

**\*HEAVEN KNOWS, KATE.** Thomas L. Are

We also have several children’s books about heaven.



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**UNDERSTANDING SCRIPTURE:** how to read and study the Bible.

Berkeley & Alvera Mickelsen

Are there principles for interpreting parables, allegories, prophecies? Is Revelation different? Because of questions like these, this book is a must for the individual interested in maximizing his or her time in Bible study. For a Christian believer living in today’s fast-changing world, knowledge of the Bible is important. This book can help the lay person experience what the Psalmist wrote: “Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.”

**SHORT-STRAW BRIDE.** Karen Witemeyer

When Meredith Hayes overhears a lethal plot to burn the Archer brothers off their ranch, her childhood debt to Travis Archer compels her to act. But when that sacrifice leaves her injured and her reputation ruined, which brother will draw the short straw that makes Meredith his bride?

**DYING TO READ.** Lorena McCourtney  
This is the first book in a new series – The Cate Kincaid Files.

Murder and mirth in a compelling mystery! Currently unemployed, Cate agrees to help her private eye uncle while he is in the hospitable until she finds a real job. Her first assignment is easy – just verify that a woman lives at a specified address. But when she finds the woman there, but no longer living, things become anything but simple!

HAVE A WONDERFUL SCHOOL YEAR!



**This is not the bus Harriet takes!**

**HARRIET BEAMER TAKES THE BUS.**

Joyce Magnin

Look what can happen when our ideas and God’s plans collide! When an elderly Philadelphia widow breaks her ankle, her son insists she come to California to live with him. She reluctantly agrees – but she’s going to do it her way. And Harriet Beamer takes the bus, train, ferry, and motorcycle, (as well as a short ride in a helicopter) to travel across the country.

**UNHALLOWED GROUND.** Mel Starr  
Chronicles of Hugh Singleton, Surgeon, #4

Witty slices of medieval skullduggery are laced with history, humor, intrigue, and romance! In *UNHALLOWED GROUND*, scoundrel Thomas atte Bridge is found hanging, and Master Hugh is convinced it’s murder – not suicide. Is Thomas’s enemy, rouge priest John Keller, the killer? Or could it be one of Hugh’s friends who committed the crime?

# Women of the ELCA Newsletter

## September 2012

### **Circle Meetings**

- Esther Mary Circle will meet on Tuesday, September 25th at 7:00 pm.
- Lydia Circle will meet on Tuesday, September 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:30.
- Martha Circle will meet on Thursday, September 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am at church.
- Rebecca Circle will meet on Wednesday, September 26<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 at church.

### **Women of the ELCA Purpose Statement**

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

### **Christian Action**

Donations have been taken to Jail Ministry of puzzles, Bibles, women's cotton briefs and other assorted items valued at \$28.00. Also, Deacon's Conference received donations of clothing and household items with an estimated value of \$21.00. Thanks to all who donated! July and August's Circle offerings are divided between Kairos Dwelling and Kalamazoo Drop-In Child Care Center. In September, please take an offering for Vineyard Outreach at your Circle Meeting. Thank you for supporting our Christian Service projects that help so many in need! Vivian Wood, WELCA Mission Action

### **BINGO at Ministry with Community**

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

### **September General Meeting**

Please join us on Tuesday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 in Fellowship Hall for our Fall General Meeting hosted and planned by Martha Circle. We will first have a joint meeting with our new President, Connie Ruch leading. See you there!

**Thank You!** To Pat Mason for again creating our Women of the ELCA directory!! Your many talents are appreciated, dear Friend!!

### **WELCA Fall Retreat**

"Gather - Along The Way" is the theme for our Fall Retreat to be held on Sept. 28th and 29th. It will be based on Psalm 25:4-5 "*Show me your ways, O Lord, teach me your paths; guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God, my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long*". Speaker: Casey Salmenin.

### **Gathered By God**

#### **Session 1: Our Present, Christ's Presence**

Key Verse: "*For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.*" - Matthew 18:20



From beginning to end, the Bible testifies that the God who **gathers** is the same God who is **present** with us. The Gospel of Matthew adds that Jesus himself is “God with us”, and promises to be with us always, wherever two or three are gathered, even to the end of the age. This promise of God’s presence in Christ is true even in the messy, difficult, or conflicted times we experience among the gathered people of God. No matter the shape of our present situation, God is with us in Christ. And Christ is especially with us when we gather together.

If we never look for God, we’ll never learn to recognize God’s presence even as we’re surrounded by it. God is never more present in our lives than when we suffer. Our God knows pain and death intimately in the person of Jesus Christ, and God promises to be with us even in our hurt. This is no remote, uncaring deity who hangs us out to dry. In 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians Chapter 1, Paul writes from his own experience about the comfort of God and suffering with Christ. Paul maintains that suffering is the occasion for experiencing the compassion of God. In Romans 8, Paul reassures us that NOTHING can separate us from the love of God. We all suffer loss and can hold tightly on to God’s promises of comfort and hope.

*Be present, Spirit of God, within us, your dwelling place and home, that this house may be one where all darkness is penetrated by your light, all troubles calmed by your peace, all evil redeemed by your love, all pain transformed in your suffering, and all dying glorified in your risen life. Amen.*

Looking ahead . . .

**October: Gathered to Learn** - Crowds gathered around Jesus to learn from his parables. We too gather around him to listen and learn. **Session 2: Learning the Tough Stuff** – *“Again he began to teach beside the sea. Such a very large crowd gathered around him that he got into a boat on the sea and sat there, while the whole crowd was beside the sea on the land.”* Mark 4:1

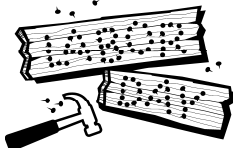
**November: Gathered for Life** – We are gathered to be fed, just as the 5,000 were. And like them, we receive more than enough – abundant grace. **Session 3: Nothing Lost** – *“Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, ‘Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.’”* John 6:11-12

**December: Gathered and Empowered** – In Acts, the apostles gather and the Holy Spirit comes down and gives them the power to speak the word of God. Can this still happen in the church today? **Session 4: Shake It Up** – *“When they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God with boldness.”* Acts 4:31

*“Here in this place the new light is streaming, now is the darkness vanished away; see in this space our fears and our dreaming brought here to you in the light of this day.”* - Marty Haugen from “Gather Us In” (ELW p. 532)

*In Christ’s Name,  
Kay Nelson*

# September 2012

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
CHW= Community Homeworks						1
2 Worship w/Holy Communion 8:30 and 10:30	3 	4 Pantry 1-3	5 SWELL 10 am Pantry 1-3	6 Pantry 1-3 pm	7 Bronco Bash 3-7 pm	8
9 Worship w/Holy Communion 8:30 and 11:00 am Sunday School 9:45 am VASA 2:30	10 Pantry 1-3 Council 7 pm	11 Pantry 1-3 pm What-so-ever Free Bed 1:30 pm WELCA 7 pm	12 Men's Bible Study 7 am LSSM -FH 9-4 Ladies Lunch 11:30 Housing Matters 12-1:30 Confirmation 6 pm Bible Study 6 pm Worship 7 pm	13 LSSM -FH 9-4 Pantry 1-3 pm Senior Choir 7 pm - this week only	14 Y.A.P. Potluck 6:30	15 Wedding
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