

Trinity Tidings

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Flood Recovery Keweenaw Area



Flood recovery goes on! Again, thank you to all who have helped in ANY way. This week we are beginning to move from the initial response phase to recovery phase. Here is what you can do for days and weeks to come:

WHAT WE NEED

- **Pickup trucks and trailers** to move debris piles into dump sites.
- **Volunteers to make and deliver** lunches and various supplies to work sites.
- **Volunteers to help finish** the mucking out stage.
- **Visquine, duct tape, smaller (12 oz) Gatorade or Powerade, fans, dehumifiers.**
- **Financial donations can be made** through Lutheran Social Services of Wisconsin and Upper Michi-

gan / Lutheran Disaster Response (www.lsswis.org/Keweenaw) or any other organization that you may be aware of.

WHAT WE DON'T NEED

_Bottled water, clothing, furniture, food, most tools.

Dee Stadium and the Calumet Coliseum will be shutting down toward the end of the week. People will be needed to relocate existing supplies to a new location that has yet to be determined. Food and water supplies can be redistributed to churches, food banks, etc.

LONG RANGE PLANS

A long range plan is being set in place with city and county plan
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Check out the IOC Table
The IOC Table (Information and Opportunity Center) is located in the gathering area outside the worship space.

On Sunday morning it is staffed so that someone will be there to answer questions or help you sign up. Please stop by the IOC Table to check out upcoming events.



Expectations of a Youth Group Trip

Every year the high school youth have the opportunity to **learn about God's love in a new way**. For many years this opportunity has been to travel to a bible camp and travel through **God's creation, like canoeing in the waters of the Apostle Islands or in the Boundary Waters or backpacking through the area around Glacier National Park.**

Each of these trips were designed to remove many of the worldly distractions we encounter in every day life, like cell phones, and allow each individual to refocus their attention to God.

This year's trip is

a little different than a trip into the wilderness where cell phone signal is spotty and there is no wi-fi. Similar to the trip taken last **year by the youth, this year's trip** will have an additional focus on service in the community. The ten youth and two adults will be headed down to Houston for the National Youth Gathering to help with cleanup after Hurricane Harvey.

Prior to the group heading down to Houston, I sat down with Faith Bartelt, one of the youth going on the trip to gather some of her thoughts on what she was expecting and hoping to experience:

Christine Blakeslee: What would **you say you're most excited about** doing on this particular trip?

Faith Bartelt: One of my favorite parts—I did go on the ELCA National Youth Gathering Trip last time—and so I have some expectations based on kind of my experiences from that. But I do know that the giant service day is a super powerful experience, cause, like ten thousand people are all sent out on the one **day that you'll go of the thirty**



thousand that are going. And **just to know there's ten thousand** people all doing some sort of service and also knowing that our focus for this is going to be **helping with the hurricane [...]** cleanup, which is super, super cool and really powerful. But **besides the events that we're doing, I think it's really amazing to go to a place where you're** worshipping voluntarily with thousands of people to the same **Lord and like, knowing they're** also youth my age that feel just as passionately about the Lord as I do.

CB: What is the biggest thing you hope to get out of this experience?

FB: I think the Youth Gathering is like a spiritual revitalization.

You know, just coming out of college, with my first year like keeping a faith life is a whole new **adventure cause you're by yourself [...]** and going someplace and just being reminded of truly who my Lord is and why I **worship him, and why I've chosen** to be a follower of Jesus Christ, and I have no doubt that this is going to be a powerful, spiritual experience.

And it's really cool to have that experience with people that I do and **don't know,** that are going through similar or different things that I am.

CB: What do you hope this week will change in you?

FB: I hope to get reaffirmation of my faith in a way. And maybe new worship styles or new devotionals or new knowing **there's people from all over the** country who all probably worship and have different cultural experience with their faith.

There's a lot of growing and learning from each other, just as much as we can do from a scripture reading that may be shared with us.

■ *Christine Blakeslee*

Please pray for: Paige Buss, Emma Hjelle, Haley Seefeldt, Jenna Hawley, Joshua Doro, Morgan Johnson, Brooke Mork, Ava Stauter, Ciarra Kadlec, Faith Bartelt, Sandy Buss, Pastor Kari Vadis.



From the Council President



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Worship Area Adjustments

In order to make better use of the space available in the worship area we will be moving the musicians and the piano to the chancel area behind the altar. This will allow us take advantage of unused space and free up more seating for worshippers in the overflow section. We are also planning to add a small desk for a computer that will be used to record our worship services so that we can post them online. We will also be working on reworking the area where we offer wheelchair seating. The plan is to shift it from the current location.

Since the placement of the musicians can fit behind the altar we will be able to maintain a proper focus on the proclamation of the Word and Sacraments. Having the musicians in the chancel area will also allow us to include them in communion more easily. The church council will evaluate this move and make adjustments as needed. We look forward to making better use of our available space and accommodating the worship leadership needs for our services.

■ *Church Council*

Greetings, by the time this newsletter is published, I'll be with **family and friends fishing in Canada**, and I can't wait! I'm really looking forward to UN-PLUGGING for a week! It's been a hectic year. Luke was deployed for a third time and now he's headed to Japan for three years! My business is changing and I've got to evolve with it. As a board **member at FLLC we're beginning** the call process for a permanent director along with the ongoing operations of the camp. And here at Trinity we've been working on implementation of the recommendations from the Visioning and Planning report, looking for a new administrative assistant in the **office** and trying to face the reality of being a program sized church and all the challenges that accompany growth. WHEW!

Pastor Tim challenged us on Wednesday night to read Psalm

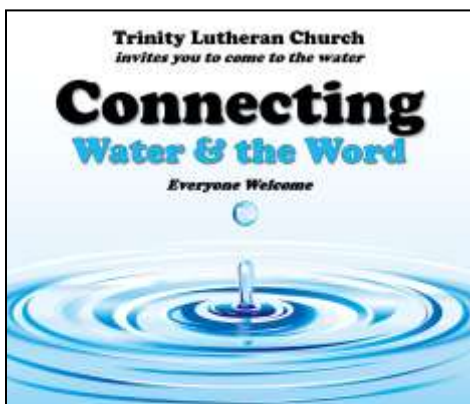
63 everyday for a week. Go **ahead read it, I'll wait.....** **verse 4 "I will praise you as long as I live, and in your name I will lift up my hands."** This verse strikes me. There is a falls that we hike into. The rushing water makes conversation difficult, and there is a boulder in the falls that I can get to and climb up on. There, the sound of the rushing water drives my thoughts and stresses away and my soul is cleansed! At some point, I raise my hands, look to **heaven and shout "PRAISE GOD!!"**

I pray that you find a place or an experience that moves you and energizes you as much as this trip will for me.

God is great!

■ *Kevin Eggers*

Trinity Moves Outdoors Sunday July 22 @9:30am



Every summer Trinity Lutheran devotes one Sunday morning to **move outdoors**. This year's event is called *"Connecting Water and the Word,"* and will be held on Sunday July 22 at 9:30a.m. at the Hodag Park Pavilion #1. The outdoor gathering is going to have a new look and be a bit different than in the past. The feel of the **event will be more like a "fair"** type atmosphere with a main stage area featuring music and speakers. There will also be stations where you can enjoy food and activities for all ages.

A planning committee made up of members from the boards of Worship and Witness are busy getting ready for our day outside in the park. The committee is wanting to involve congregation members in various parts of the event. Here are some ways members can help us get ready. We are looking to borrow a few items: a popcorn machine, a large children's plastic pool, and 10 tent canopy's for our stations. You can sign up at the IOC Table to let us know what item you would be able to loan us for the event.

We will be serving food at several food stations this year and want to use them to feature a

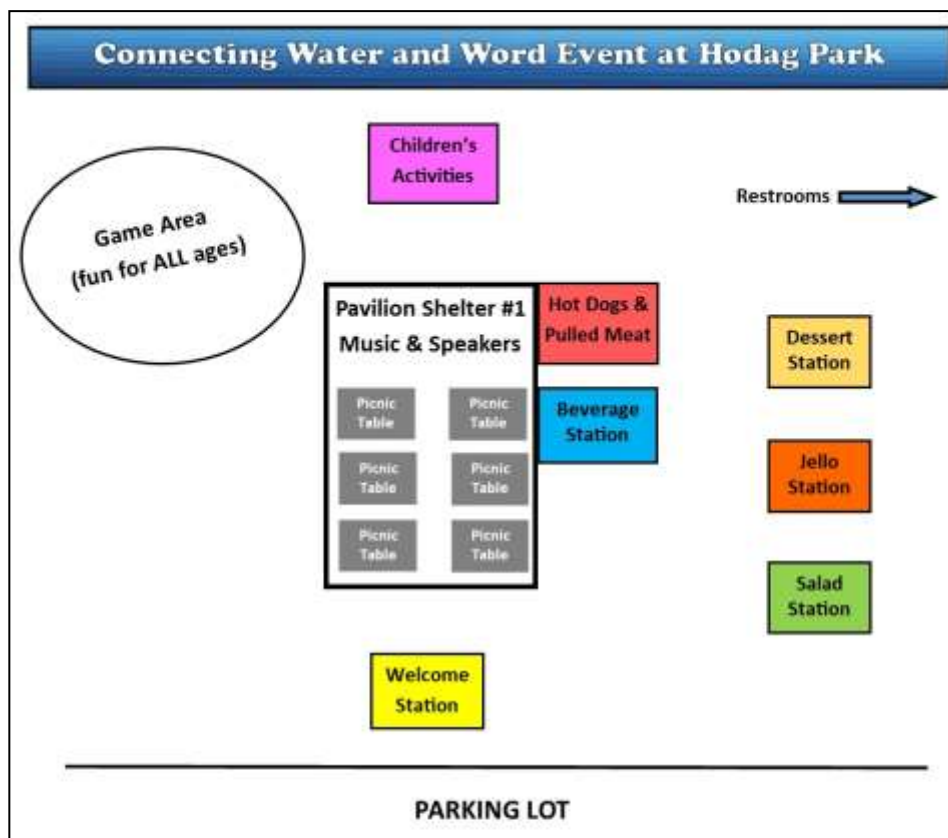
"Taste of Trinity." Do you have a specialty food that you like to make or would be willing to share the recipe? We hope to have a variety of food items that range from appetizers to desserts, meats to salads. This is a great way to use your cooking and baking talents and help add to the excitement of the day.

We also need people who are willing to work at the stations serving food and cleaning up. You can sign up at the IOC Table at church. If you have a special apron or hat to wear while working that would be great too.

For the day of the event we hope you will wear your Trinity Lutheran Church T-shirt. These shirts are a great way to share **our congregation's mission and** promote unity among our mem-

bers. It is also a way for us to take advantage of helping people identify us as a church community and emphasize the spiritual emphasis of our being outside at the park.

One of our goals this year is to enhance how we promote the event with our congregation and the Rhinelander community. You can help us do this by telling someone about the event. Even better would be to invite them to come with you. Being outdoors in a different environment can be a good introduction to the congregation. The laid back atmosphere is also a good environment to help people connect. Everyone is welcome to attend this fun and inspiring event. We hope to see you when we move outdoors for a spiritually inspiring and energizing morning at the park. ■





Camp Kitchen Door Installed



Trinity Lutheran members install a new Kitchen door and loading dock at Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp. *Below:* The old kitchen door and the new one with a loading dock and ramp!

A much needed improvement was recently made at Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp in Crystal Falls, Michigan thanks to help from our congregation. In early June a new door with screened windows to provide ventilation was installed and a loading dock with a ramp for food deliveries was built for **the camp's** kitchen. The project was completely funded by the special offering Trinity Lutheran received during the month of May and the labor was donated by three members from our congregation. Thank you to Rich Reitz, Josh Pudlowski and Kevin Eggers for doing the work.

Sara Jonasen the camp's interim director wrote a note of thanks to the congregation and said, *"What a beautiful addition to our Dining Hall. Truly you have addressed not*

only a safety concern here, in regards to food delivery, but also made accessibility easier for the food delivery. It is a gorgeous gift that improves our food and maintenance operations tremendously. Thank you!"

There will be several more projects for volunteer work crews later this year in late August early September. The Camp Board is working on prioritizing the maintenance needs that we can help with. We hope members will be part of a work crew in the coming months. If you have questions about helping with one of the projects please see Kevin Eggers. Thanks to the congregation for their generosity to help our mission partner and build up the ministry they are doing. ■



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ners. It will facilitate the transition from mucking out houses to necessary demolition to electrical and construction work on homes. After licensed people do the necessary assessments it will be up to us to organize as many work crews as possible to help **keep individual homeowners'** costs down. Most people will not be covered by insurance. The current estimate is that approximately 500 were damaged. To help, call the volunteer help line at 906-233-6621.

If you have checked in once at the Volunteer Resource Center, you can call St. Ignatius (Annette) at 906-369-6642 or Salvation Army at (906-281-4968 (Leonita). If you have NOT checked in yet at the Volunteer Resource Center, PLEASE do this. There are many safety, financial and logistic reasons for this, so PLEASE DO NOT self-deploy. It will help to have this all documented and organized through the Volunteer Resource Center.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH!
■ *Pastor Bucky Beach,*
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church /
Lutheran Campus Ministry

**Currently our Children's Offering is designated to help provide funds in the recovery efforts that will be taking place in the months ahead. As Pastor Beach also noted in the article there are also several places where you can donate. We are working to see if there are other ways our congregation can respond to this need for our neighbors in the Houghton area.*

Drop In Center Nearing First Year

The end of July will mark one year since the Northern Lakes Drop In Center began operating in the lower level of Trinity Lutheran Church. It has been a great way for our congregation to help support work in our community that helps provide support for those in need.

The Northern Lakes Drop In Center works to provide a stigma free zone for those living with mental illness and is a peer run organization.

It has a paid staff person, Linda Jacobson — Peer Coordinator, who helps oversee the daily and weekly activities of the center. Here is a note from Linda that tells about what is going on at the Drop In Center and some of their upcoming plans:

Hello Everyone,

I hope your summer is off to a great start! We have had a very nice month at the N.L.C. Drop-in Center. We were able to have Question, Persuade & Refer (QPR) training offered to our members, which was extended to Trinity Church members as well. This training was for suicide prevention. We had 9 attend the training and hope to offer it again in the future. Thank you Joyce, from Ascension. We really appreciated your time and expertise. In addition to the Q.P.R. we also had Jennifer from the Job Center stop by and talk with our members about employment opportunities in the area as well as basic resume and cover letter instructions. She was very informative and has inspired our members greatly!

The "Let's Go Boating" has not, yet,

taken place. We were scheduled twice and twice was cancelled due to weather. But three times is the charm and we will, hopefully, be aboard June 8th. I had a great talk with Captain Mark, from the program, and he told me of some volunteer opportunities for our members to consider. So, I look forward to sharing some ideas with them as many are looking for ways to give back to our wonderful community.

We will have our first members

meeting on June 19th from 2-4.

We will be casting our vote for Advisory

Board and discussing where N.A.M.I. Northern Lakes started and where we want to go in the future.

The totals for May are:

- *35 members had 152 visits and 107 shared meals together*
- *18 members joined us in group support*
- *4 members used Peer Specialists for 13 hours of service*

Thank you to everyone & you continued support.

It is wonderful to get a glimpse of the good things happening at the Northern Lakes Drop In Center. I am very thankful that our congregation has welcomed this group and is providing space for them. I am looking forward to growing our relationship with this wonderful organization in the coming year.

■ *Pastor Tim Vadis*



Save the Dates

The Board of Witness is working on two joint opportunities between Immanuel Lutheran and Trinity Lutheran that will happen later this summer and early fall.

The first is the *Walk for Water* event on August 4. Members from both congregations meet together at church and then walk to Hodag park and back to raise awareness of the need for clean drinking water and help the people of Flint, Michigan who continue to struggle with their water issues. Donations and help are still needed.

The other event is **God's Work Our Hands** on September 8 and 9. **God's Work Our Hands** will take our mission work into our community. There is a meeting on August 30th at 11a.m. at church. **Trinity's project is cleaning and painting the NATH House.** More information about this event will be coming in August.

We are also looking forward to a visit from our ELCA Missionary, Pastor Derek Harman, sometime in early September. Pastor Derek and his family have been serving in Bratislava, Slovakia the past two years and will be coming home this summer. It will be great to meet the missionary we have been sponsoring and praying for and learn more about this Global Ministry. There is a journal book at the IOC Table where you can write Pastor Derek a note.



ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Newsletter Deadline

The Newsletter deadline is the *15th of each month*. Please email submissions to the office email: tlcsecretary@cometotrinity.com or drop them off in the church office. The current office hours are Monday-Wednesday-Friday from 9:00am-Noon.

Food Pantry Milk Collection

On the 2nd Sunday of the month we collect milk for the Rhineland-er Area Food Pantry. Needed are 1/2 gallon and gallons of skim or 2% milk. Please leave your donations in the milk crates by/in the refrigerator in the kitchen at church.

Trinity Logo Bags

Trinity Logo Bags are now available at the IOC Table. There is a suggested donation of \$7. The donation helps to pay for more bags. Get one of these handy tote bags to haul around your stuff. Great for Bible Study material!

Wednesday Worship Service

For the month of August we will be taking a break on Wednesdays and suspending the 5:30pm worship service until September 5 when we will resume. We take this break because of how busy August gets. We will be ready to get back into the swing of things once school starts in September.

Thank You Trinity Gardeners

Thank you to the dedicated team of gardeners who plant, water, and maintain our beautiful gardens around the church facility. I

know it takes a lot of work (and sweat) to keep them looking so attractive. I am also glad that we have an opportunity for members to serve in a way that they truly enjoy. Thank you to the team for all your great work.

I also want to thank the crew of gardeners and board of Property members who worked to replace the large bushes on Stevens Street side of the building. In addition to planting new shrubs the crew also sifted the rocks and replaced the liner underlay fabric. Thank you, thank you, thank you for all your labor and hard work!
Pastor Tim

Calendar Is Now Online

The church calendar is now available on our website, www.ComeToTrinity.com

Go to the tab "Events"

And then to "Calendar." The public calendar in outlook will come up. Clicking on individual events will bring up additional information including a brief description of the event, room, and contact person. If you see any corrections needed or your group is not meeting on a certain day, please notify the office so the calendar can be accurate and up-to-date.

Day Camp Week

Trinity Lutheran looks forward to welcoming our day campers the week of July 9-13. Once again this year we will have counselors from Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp lead the campers in singing, Bible Study, worship, games and activities.

NATH/Frederick Place Meals:

Reminder that we still need people to help provide the evening meal for the residents at the Frederick Place homeless shelter. This for the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Information and signup sheets are available at the IOC table. Trinity is committed to this community service for the remainder of this year and hope to continue to do this with your help.

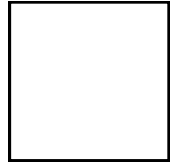
Northwoods Memory Cafe

The Northwoods Café is a gathering for people with memory loss and programs and most of all a place to be who you are. Hosted by Immanuel Ev. Lutheran Church, first Thursday every month, 10:30am-noon. For more information or to register, call the Immanuel Lutheran Church office at 715-362-5910. This program is Free. Registration is appreciated but not required.

Gift and Memorial

Al & Sharon Hofstetter—
In memory of Marilyn
Arnold designated for the
Fortune Lake Camp Needs
Project.

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***Our Mission is to help
people of all ages become
active and engaged
followers of Christ.***

We are a Lutheran congregation with a variety of ages, backgrounds and passions. We are a community striving to grow in our walk of faith with Jesus Christ to love and serve the world. We are a member congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (often referred to as the ELCA) in the Northern Great Lakes Synod. These relationships help us to share the saving message of the gospel in our congregation, in the Rhineland community, in our country and throughout the world. We welcome you to be part of our community and join us in the mission we share in Christ. For more information about Trinity Lutheran, to get involved in our ministries, or to learn more about becoming a member, please contact us.

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