#### August 2018 August

# GO OUT & SERVE



One of the 150 Service Projects!



Three Ways to Help Students, Families & Staff at Robinson CLC

Holy Trinity is once again 'adopting' Robinson CLC for the 2018-2019 school year and providing the students and teachers will the necessary school supplies needed for a successful start to the new school year! Here are THREE WAYS you can help ...

### Help Unpack and Sort School Supplies

Saturday, August 11, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Fellowship Hall

### Help Pack School Supplies into Backpacks and Baskets

Sunday, August 12, following worship Fellowship Hall

In addition to the school supplies, your help is needed with the following:

### Help serve a meal at Robinson CLC Open House Thursday, August 30, 5-7 p.m.

Sign-ups are at the Welcome Center. +

# The Month for Music!!

Holy Trinity hosts two musical events that are open to all

# Sing-along!

Come join the fun after worship on Sunday, August 19 as we gather on Holy Trinity's lawn (under a tent, weather permitting) to sing favorite camp/'gospel' songs old and newer. An instrumental ensemble will lead us.

Hear a brief devotion and receive inspiration from a LOMO representative who will share the value of faith formation in a Christian camp setting.



After the singing, enjoy favorite picnic foods – hotdogs, potato salad, watermelon, lemonade and s'mores ... *provided by Fred Spencer!* It's a great time to introduce someone you know to Holy Trinity! †

### The next 150th Anniversary event is ...



Saturday, August 25, 7-8 p.m.

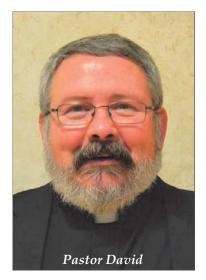
# **Glow in the Park** Featuring Kelly Glow

**Grace Park, Akron** \*Admission is a non-perishable canned food item to benefit DLM Food & Resource Ministry.



Join us for this special concert featuring nationally recognized Christian rap recording artist, Kelly Glow, the 2015 Gospel Choice Award Winner for Best Holy Hip Hop Artist. Her unique style is a rare fusion of Jazz, Rock and Hip Hop. Kelly Glow was a repeat musical performer at the National Youth Gathering held last month in Houston. †

# **Fishing with Papa**



Some of the dearest and warmest memories of my childhood are those of time spent fishing with my Grandpa Piehl. Off we would go, armed with bamboo poles and worms often dug up from our garden. He taught me how to bait a hook, how to get a catfish off without getting stung, how to set a bobber to keep the bait dangling in just the right place. I don't recall, frankly, that we ever caught a lot. It was just enough to keep us interested. But the time sitting next to Lake St. Marys or alongside the feeder canal with that old German farmer was precious. He was a man a few words and I was 7 years old...so we didn't have

deep philosophical conversations. But we had time together and an activity we shared and loved almost as much as we loved each other's company.

Karen and I are headed to Minnesota in August for a visit with son Michael and daughter-in-law Rachel and (now!) three grandchildren...the youngest of whom we've met only via Skype. The older grandchildren, Caroline and Elliott, will be getting a gift from Papa: fishing poles. (Baby Leo's a bit young for this; we'll give him a few years.) And while we're there, we will take the opportunity to learn how to bait a hook, and get the fish off, and how to set the bobber just right. It's a chance to share some knowledge, sure. But more, it's a chance to share precious time with another generation...to enjoy one another's company in a beautiful setting...to let these little ones know that they are as important to me as I knew that I was to my grandpa. And what's the point of all this?

It raised a question for me about how we share what's truly important with those who come after us. It's no secret that the church, in its current configuration, is aging. Baby boomers and, to an even greater extent, their offspring are not as deeply engaged with the faith and mission of the institutional church as generations prior. There are as many explanations for this as there are experts to offer them. But one thing that must be considered is the way in which we have attempted to pass along the legacy we share. Has our focus been on building transformative relationships that connect people to Christ and people to each other as children of God? Or has our focus been on recruiting new members to do what we are already doing so that we can survive in an increasingly secular culture? I would argue that the difference is important. The former has to do with the reason for the church's being: to point always to the redemptive work that God is about and that we get to share. The latter is ultimately all about us. It grows out of our fear of death... our own and that of the institutions and social structures with which we are most comfortable. The gap between these two approaches is the difference between Gospel mission and institutional maintenance...between our Spiritborn excitement to share a joyful and saving way of life vs. our desperate and utilitarian attempt to get folks to do what we want them to do in order to keep the doors open.

### Holy Trinity's Staff

Senior Pastor, David Nevergall Director of Discipleship Ministries, Rachel Núñez Dir. of Congregational Ministries, Marla Wood Kay Director of Music Ministries, Ruth Anderson Vicar, Debbie Pinnegar Parish Secretary, Annmarie Demko Financial Secretary, Rick Kimble Communications Coordinator, VACANT Youth Leader, Carole Bader Maintenance Coordinator, Bruce Mansour Sextons, Don Santangelo & Vince Simmons

### **Groups & Activities**

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**Rotating Leaders** Judy Samuelson Sally Richenbacher Sally Richenbacher Nan Riemenschneider Michael Wilson Velma Pomrenke, Sally Richenbacher Gregg Loesch Marla Wood Kay Velma Pomrenke

### **Mission Statement:**

The mission of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church is to bring Jesus to people through love and the word of God.

#### **Vision Statement:**

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church is a faith community grounded in God's word, called to worship and committed to serve as disciples of Jesus Christ.

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## Men on a Mission

### Saturday, August 11 & 25, 8:30 a.m. | Chapel Lounge

If you're a guy, you are welcome to join us. We're reading First Kings, eating donuts, drinking coffee and praying together ... generally figuring out what it means to be a man of faith. We meet the second and fourth Saturday of each month. This is good stuff ... come and be a part of it! †

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### Women's Bible Study

### Saturday, September 15, 9 a.m. | Home of Judy Eisenhart

Women's Bible Study will meet at the home of Judy Eisenhart, The Village of Anna Dean, 33-3rd Street, 3492 Barberton. Co-host is Lesli Eisenhart. The discussion will be based on the devotional "Hospitality for All" in the May issue of the magazine Gather. If you need a copy of the magazine please contact Velma Pomrenke at (330) 864-6866. All are invited to come and join this congenial group. †



## Altar Guild ... SAVE THIS DATE!!!

### Sunday, September 16, 12:15 p.m. | Room 202

You are invited to a salad luncheon following the second worship service hosted by Altar Guild. Come and enjoy food, fellowship and a brief overview of the ministries that are available for you to choose from. The luncheon is for all members and friends of Holy Trinity ... hope to see you then.<sup>+</sup>



MEN'S

FELLOWSHIP

# **Trinity Stampers**

### Friday, September 21, 10:30 a.m. | Scharf Library

If you are a stamper, a scrapbooker, or someone who enjoys doing crafts ... please join us!! The Trinity Stampers gather each month (*September through May*) to hand-make greeting cards for those members who are home bound. Come be a part of the fun and fellowship! †

# Men's Lutheran Loafers

### Friday, September 21, 12 p.m. @ Waterloo Restaurant

Calling all men ... or anyone who wants to join the group! No experience necessary, you just must enjoy meeting with other members of our Holy Trinity Family. All you have to do is show up. If you would like any further information just call Fletcher Carroll @ (330) 923-6310 or e-mail peegee@neo.rr.com. †



# Holy Trinity Book Club

### Sunday, September 23 after the 11 a.m. service | Scharf Library

The group will discuss <u>The Keeper of Lost Things</u> by Ruth Hogan. All are invited to bring a brown bag lunch and join in the discussion. Please contact Diane Chambers or Amy Indorf with any questions. +

**Environmental Tip:** The next document shredding events will be August 3 at Green Service Department at 5383 Massillon Road and September 8 at BCF Sports Complex, 841 Wooster Road West, Barberton and Betty Jane CLC, 444 Darrow Road, Akron. The events are 9 a.m.-Noon for Summit County residents and businesses only. There is a limit of 10 file boxes or paper shopping bags ---not taped. Remove all metal clips and rubber bands; STAPLES are O.K.



Prayer of the Month: Please pray for rescue workers,

first responders, and all of those who selflessly give of their time to reach out to those in distress.

Blood Pressures will be taken the second Sunday in September in the

Parish Nurse Office, Room 201, from 10-10:45 a.m. +

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August Events

# Che Youth CONNECt

### YOUTH EVENTS

- Sunday, August 5, 11 a.m. AGAPE CLUB, Youth Room (K-12th grade)
- Saturday, August 25-GLOW IN THE PARK CONCERT, youth are needed to help with set-up, the VIP Reception, the concert and clean-up
- Saturday, August 25, following the Glow in the Park Concert — YOUTH LOCK-IN
- Sunday, August 26, following worship MEET WITH KELLY GLOW, Youth Room



August 25, after the Kelly Glow Concert!



Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Sunday School Families & Friends *Living in Faith Together – Pool Party Remembering our Baptism* 

Saturday, August 18–1 p.m. The home of Ernie & Elizabeth Liska–874 Merriman Rd., Akron Hamburgers, hot dogs, & drinks provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. *RSVP to rnunez@ holytrinityakron.org by August 13.* 



#### AUGUST 2018

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The 2018 National Youth Gathering did indeed change the lives of the 10 youth who attended!!

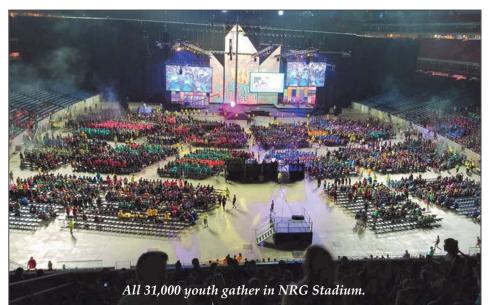




"Thank you to the members of Holy Trinity for helping to make this trip possible!! It was an incredible experience ... one we won't forget!"

**BELOW:** Check out the shirts they're wearing! A little publicity for the Glow in the Park concert!





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*Graffiti* Art ... Service activity was painting a fence in a neighborhood. The youth painted murals in the various sections of fence.





A neighborhood child helps David Lupo paint a mermaid on the fence.



The youth 'strike a pose' in front of the statue of cowboys wrangling bulls.



Playing dress-up ... Anthony Lupo (l) and David Lupo pose with Carole Bader.



The youth were 'a-glow' in meeting Kelly Glow! **Pictured above (from l):** Pastor David, Kelly Glow, Kristine Johnson and Anna Scheck. For more information about the Glow in the Park concert, see pages 12-13.

**BELOW:** The youth pose with Kelly Glow. Pictured (from l): Maleah Woodford, Emma Seltzer, Cora Isenhart, Alannah Woodford, Kelly Glow, Kristen Johnson, Zara Merritt, Anthony Lupo, Anna Scheck, Alex DeLuca and David Lupo.



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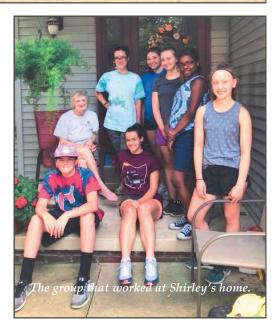
The youth were divided into two team who spent the day working at the homes of Becky Adkins and Shirley Keller.





The youth also distributed food to people in Grace Park.









Youth Sunday, July 22

Helping give the sermon are (from l): Alannah Woodford, Pastor-David, Maleah Woodford and Emma Seltzer.

Youth led the worship service, including giving the sermon and performing a song and dance. Following worship was the Youth Stockholder Brunch where the youth shared their experiences at the National Youth Gathering held last month in Houston.

Youth leader Carole Bader (right) and the youth give an overview of their trip to the National Youth Gathering. Pictured (from l): Alex DeLuca, Emma Seltzer, Meleah Woodford, Kristine Johnson and Alannah Woodford.



Youth play, sing and dance during worship.

# 1868 2018 HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH



The Stackel family is now living at the Conger Avenue Parsonage. Pas-tor Stackel will be in the office Friday. August 1st, and will preach at all vervices this Sunday, August 3rd. He will be installed as Pastor of Trinity at a special service on Sunday, September 14th, at 4:00 p.m. President Franklin Clark Fry of the United Lutheran Church will preach the sermon. President Herbert W. Veler of the Synad of Ohio, will do the installing. A reception for the Stackel family will follow the service.

Virginia Stackel lives in Matthews, North Carolina in a retirement community. In January, 2018 she celebrated her 100th birthday. When learning of our 150th Anniversary celebration she wrote the following.

### **Rejoice – Recall** By Virginia Stackel

What a great time for Trinity people to rejoice in the building of two such magnificent sanctuaries within a century and a half! If the edifices could talk, one wonders what they would say. So much has been accomplished by so many and God has been good to Trinity.

My husband, Dr. Robert Stackel, was the Senior Pastor from 1958 – 1972. It was a time of change and growth for the church. Trinity was blessed over those years with a staff of fine associate pastors, dedicated department heads and a group of office workers who kept things going with no notion of what a computer was.

But the most important workers were the lay people. Along with staff Trinity grew in membership and devotion and reached beyond the church walls to the surrounding area and the community. Were there problems? Of course – as in all churches. They were met in good faith and dealt with.

My husband's files reveal his feelings about his ministry at Trinity. He wrote, "It was the best 14 years of my life."

Our 3 children had their growing up years at Trinity. I asked each to recall one main thing that has been an influence in their lives.

John said the youth choir training gave him his love of church music. He is now a soloist in a Lutheran church in Arizona.

Martha will always recall the beauty of the church sanctuary, especially the chancel. She has been head of the Altar Guild, taking care of the chancel in her Lutheran church in Charleston, South Carolina.

Drew appreciated the youth group (then Luther League) and its Sunday evening get-togethers. He has been on the Church Council and done

numerous volunteer projects in his Lutheran church in Houston, Texas.

So – rejoice in what Trinity has been in the past, recall what it has meant in your life and thank God for His blessings. +



# **150 Service Projects**

In honor of its 150th Anniversary, Holy Trinity will complete 150 service projects over the next year, and we have already completed several! A list of upcoming service projects will be included in each issue of the Highlights. The goal over the next year is to have every person participate in at least one service project. And, to track our progress and showcase all the wonderful service and outreach activities we complete, photos will be displayed on the large '150' sign that is displayed in the Room 202 hallway.

We are looking for new projects as well. So, if you have ideas, please contact Karen Nevergall. +

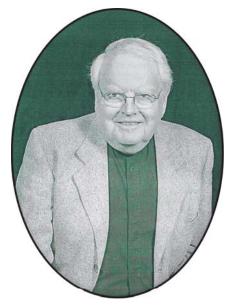




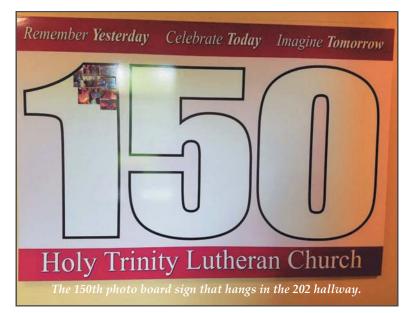
Who wants ice cream?! That was the question of the day at OPEN M's two Community Picnics held June 29



and July 30 where members of Holy Trinity served ice cream! LEFT PHOTO: pictured from left: Sandy DeLuca, Karen Nevergall, Frederica Cohen and Joanne Aller. RIGHT PHOTO: pictured from left: John Stefanik, Jacinto Nunez and Rachel Nunez. Not pictured is Pastor David Nevergall.



As a follow-up to last month's 150th Anniversary feature article that included photos of all the church's senior, assistant, associate, visiting and interim pastors, here is a photo of Rev. Kenneth Anderson who served as the interim pastor from 2001-2002.



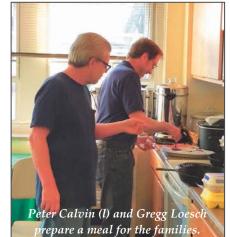
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meal for the families.





RIGHT: It is a 'labor of love' for Gregg Loesch, who has been helping to coordinate Holy Trinity's involvement with Family Promise for more than 10 years.



### **Congratulations on Your 150th Anniversary!**

Dear Pastor Nevergall,

While at our recent NE Ohio Synod gathering in Akron, how delighted we were to learn that Holy Trinity is celebrating its 150th Anniversary! What an amazing milestone in the sharing of God's word and love.

On behalf of the congregation of Zion Lutheran Church of Wooster, we wish you and your congregation continued blessings in your ministry.

Pastor Ann Paynter Mary McMillen, Council President



### **Adult Service Project**

We have an exciting opportunity for an adults only service project in November. We will be traveling to New Windsor, Maryland to help for two and 1/2 days in the Lutheran World Relief warehouse. The work will involve processing the quilts, school kits, health kits, etc. that come in from churches across the county and are shipped to those in need.

We will leave from the church, immediately after worship on Sunday November 4. We will work in the warehouse 8 hours on Monday and 8 hours on Tuesday and 4 hours on Wednesday. We will leave for home at noon on Wednesday and should arrive back at church by 8pm. The cost to each participant is expected to be \$250 to cover gasoline and motel (Best Western) expenses. We will put two people per room at the motel. Breakfast is included at the motel and lunch is provided at the warehouse on Monday and Tuesday. Each participant will pay for their own additional meals in addition to the \$250.

Those who participate will need to be able to work 8 hours a day in warehouse conditions. The warehouse is temperature controlled. There are some jobs that can be done while seated for those who are not able to stand all day.

Please talk with Karen Nevergall as soon as possible if you are interested in knowing more or signing up for this trip. We have friends who do this every year and have always had a wonderful experience. You can contact Karen at Karen.Nevergall@gmail.com or at 419-262-0314. †

# Glow in the Park

Featuring Christian Rap Artist Kelly Glow FREE Admission

Saturday, August 25 7-8 p.m. in Grace Park

As part of its 150th Anniversary celebration, Holy Trinity is excited to present the Glow in the Park concert featuring Christian Rap artist Kelly Glow! She recently performed at the 2018 National Youth Gathering held last month in Houston ... see photos on page 6 of Kelly with our youth!

Prior to the concert, Holy Trinity will host a special VIP Reception for the students involved with Leadership 360 at Robinson CLC to meet with Kelly.

And, on Sunday morning, August 26, Kelly will join us for worship! Yes, it will be 'Hip Hop Sunday! Following worship, Kelly will spend some time with the youth before she heads back to Atlanta.

You don't want to miss the concert or the worship service!! +



Kelly Glow was featured on the cover of the October 2017 issue of Living Lutheran.

2015 Gospel Choice Award winner for Best Holy Hip Hop Artist ... **Dr. Kelly Glow** 



If you usually don't listen to rap music that may change once you hear Kelly Glow. Her unique style is a rare fusion of Jazz, Rock, and Hip Hop. It's fun, funky and full of energy. Her lyrics are clear and easy to follow. Her universal style appeals to all ages. Kelly Glow welcomes you to the Light Movement!

### Who is Kelly Glow?

**Dr. Kelly Deanna Williams** was born in the Watts area of Los Angeles, California. Her parents are Doris, a retired registered nurse, and Rev. O. Dennis Mims, a Lutheran pastor. She has four siblings, Char, Cassandra, Divina, and Jay. During her early years, they lived near the city of Compton, CA. Growing up in Compton, she witnessed and experienced the typical challenges facing low income families in metro urban neighborhoods including: lack of resources, drugs, violence, and gang activity. Through the loving direction and guidance of her parents, she was able to avoid those pressures.

Glow's debut album, Ready for War, was released in 2002, spawning a guest appearance on the main stage at the ELCA National Youth Gathering at the Georgia Dome in Atlanta, GA. Her sophomore album, **Back** to My Future, was released in 2015 garnering a Gospel Choice Award for Best Holy Hip Hop Artist that same year. Glow with Grace, her third project, is an EP fostering the Commemoration of the 500th Anniversary of the Protestant Reformation released in 2017. Used with permission of Augsburg Fortress, the EP features a cover song of one of Martin Luther's most popular hymns "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God." Other songs include topics covered in Luther's Small Catechism such as: The Lord's Prayer, The Ten Commandments, The Apostles' Creed and The Holy Sacraments. She is planning the release of another full-length album soon.

In 2004, Kelly married Elijah Williams. For several years, she worked and served as a classroom elementary teacher in Clayton County, GA. Even during her tenure, she couldn't leave her roots in Hip Hop culture behind so she created an educational Hip Hop album titled "The Adventures of KG and ELA." Completion of the educational CD led Kelly to further explore uses of Hip Hop in educational settings. She received her master of science degree from Troy University in 2009 and her doctorate of education from The University of West Georgia in 2015.

Dr. Kelly Glow is continually serving her mission to preserve the original principles of Hip Hop culture "Peace, Love, Unity, and Having Fun!" She is a dedicated "hiphoppa" committed to spreading the culture of HIP HOP (Higher Infinite Power Healing Our People). Her mission in music is to simply be a light in this life which stems the scripture Matthew 5:16: "Let your light so shine before men that they may see God's good work in thee."

That is also the mission of her fan club **GLOW GANG** which stands for **"God's Leading Our Way, Go and Never Give Up."** Dr. Kelly Glow is a talented performing artist with a positive spirit, spreading love and light into the world. Let your light shine...

- Gospel Choice Award Winner 2015
- ELCA National Youth Gatherings 2003, 2006, 2015
- ADLA Biennial Assembly 2015, 2017 +



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### Joining the Celebration...

# Welcome Back, Jeff Steele-Steeber and Family!

As part of our 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration, a number of former pastors and vicars will be joining us to help lead worship and share in our fellowship. The first of those special guests is Jeff Steele-Steeber.

Jeff served as an intern (vicar) under Rev. R. Landis Coffman at Holy Trinity from August 2004 - August 2005. Following internship, he worked as the Youth Leader here from August 2005 - May 2006. Jeff graduated from Trinity Lutheran Seminary in June 2006. He was ordained on July 22, 2006, and was called as the pastor of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Newcomerstown, OH, where he served from June 2006 - June 2008. His next call was at Living Word Lutheran Church in Medina, OH, where he was the pastor from July 2008 - December 2012. Most recently, Jeff accepted

the call to serve at Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church in Avon Lake, OH, where he has been the pastor since January 2013. He is currently two classes away from completing an MBA from Ohio University, with a focus in Executive Management, and an expected graduation in December 2018.

Jeff and Melissa celebrated their 17th wedding anniversary this past June. They, along with children Grace and Ben, live in Berea, which is where Jeff and Melissa both grew up and met in high school. Grace is 15 years old and she is going to be a sophomore at Lutheran West High School this fall. She enjoys acting and singing in various dramatic arts theaters in the area. (A side note, Grace celebrated her 2nd birthday while Jeff was serving as the intern here; her party was held in the Fellowship Hall). Ben is 10 years old and is going into the 5th grade at Messiah Lutheran School this fall. He is interested in science and video games. Melissa works as the Senior Administrator at Busch Funeral Homes in Cleveland.

Welcome back, Jeff, Melissa, Grace, and Ben. We are pleased that you could be with us! +

# **Special Activities During the 150th Celebration Year**

# **Fourth Sunday Focus**

\*The fourth Sunday each month will focus on a different aspect of the celebration. Additionally, former senior pastors, associate pastors and vicars have been invited to be guest preachers on these Sundays. Below is the schedule (to date).

> August 26—Pastor Jeff Steele-Steeber (see family article above)

> September 23—Pastor David Ritchie

October 28-Pastor Landis Coffman

November 25 – Pastor Rod Funk

January 27-Rev. Byron Arledge

February 24-Pastor Paul Santmire

# Rotating Archival Displays

There will be a rotating 150th Anniversary exhibition on display in the Chapel Lounge Gallery beginning June 17. The displays will feature special items from the archives and will rotate every 2-4 weeks.

In addition, there will be a 'Family Legacy' exhibit in the display cases in the office hallway beginning June 17. The first exhibit features the Black-Evans-Flemm-Stefanik Family. We also want to feature other families whose legacy at Holy Trinity spans several generations. Please contact Sandy DeLuca if you are interested in having your family featured.

### Les Delices Previews New Akron Concert Series with Two FREE Community Performances on August 18

Acclaimed early music ensemble Les Délices (Debra Nagy, Artistic Director) will present two free performances in Akron on Saturday, August 18. These performances preview the group's upcoming 10th Anniversary Season, which includes a new four-concert series at Akron's Holy Trinity Lutheran Church beginning in October. Known for their creative, original programming, Les Délices has been recognized as "an early music group with an avant-garde appetite," whose "concerts and recordings are journeys of discovery" (New York Times).

Les Délices will perform at Harris Stanton Gallery (2301 W. Market Street in Pilgrim Square) in a special music and art open house from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Visitors can stop by to enjoy Les Délices' music and take in the gallery's exhibition An American City: Life in America, A Group Exhibition, which opens on August 16 as part of FRONT art festival presented throughout the northeast Ohio this summer. Les Délices performs again at 3 p.m. at the Akron-Summit County Public Library's Main Library (60 S. High Street). This pop-up concert in the library's High Street lobby will allow guests of all ages to listen to, learn about, and experience Baroque music and period instruments in a casual setting. Early oboe specialist and Les Délices director Debra Nagy plus



Steuart Pincombe (viola da gamba) and harpsichordist Mark Edwards will perform sensitive and thrilling solos by François Couperin, Bach, Marais, and more. Nagy feels strongly about reaching out to the community through the ensemble's free performance series known as LD Steps Out, "We really want to bring our unusual music to places you might not expect and to folks who

might otherwise not get to experience it."

In addition to the group's four-concert series that starts in October at Holy Trinity (tickets on sale August 1 at www.lesdelices.org), Les Délices will offer other LD Steps Out events in Akron throughout the season: Les Délices will perform a seasonal Carols program at Haven of Rest in December and will present programming for students at Robinson CLC as part of a partnership with Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. For more information, contact info@lesdelices.org or call (216) 302-8404. †



# How Can You Improve Your Child's Health?

Did you know that making music in a group can actually improve your health? Author Daniel H. Pink cites research in *Evolution and Human Behavior* that "Choral singing calms the heart and boosts endorphin levels. It improves lung function. It increases pain thresholds and reduces the need for pain medication. It also seems to improve your outlook, boosting mood and self-esteem while alleviating feelings of stress and depression. People who sing in a group report far higher well-being than those who sing solo. It's about synchronizing with others." What can explain this? According to Pink, it's due to the sense of belonging that synchronizing with others brings.

Emily Esfahani Smith, a psychology instructor at the University of Pennsylvania, furthered this point in a TED Talk last year, as *CNBC Make It* reported. "Meaning comes from belonging to and serving something beyond yourself and from developing the best within you," she said.

Children in grades K-3 are invited to experience this sense of belonging and serving God with the formation of a new training choir at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church (50 N. Prospect St., Akron). Participants will gather weekly to learn basic music skills, create new friendships, and make beautiful music that glorifies God while enhancing their ability to think. Each week children will sing, move to music and play simple percussion instruments.

Weekly rehearsals begin September 23 and continue on succeeding Sundays from 12:45-1:15 p.m. throughout the school year. A light lunch and some social time precede each rehearsal at 12:15 p.m. The group will make musical offerings in 11 a.m. worship services the first Sunday of each month (with no afternoon rehearsals on these days). Membership at Holy Trinity is not required for participation.

Contact Deacon Ruth Anderson for further information and registration (deadline: Sept. 1): 330-376-5154 or randerson@holytrinityakron.org. +



Denny Wilson with FI Community Housing was the guest speaker for the Worship+Plus program on July 15. He shared his life story that included addiction and incarceration as well as his faith journey that led him to Akron and starting FI Community Housing.

# NOMINATIONS

# **Nominating Committee**

In accordance with the Constitution, the Nominating Committee will accept nominations for both Congregation Council and the Nominating Committee through August 15<sup>th</sup>. Nominations can be submitted to the Congregation Secretary, Ann Lawson. The Committee will then submit the slate for elections at the October Congregation Meeting. †



#### Join us every Sunday throughout the summer for Worship+Plus! There will be one Sunday liturgy at 9:30 a.m. now through Sunday, September 2 (Labor Day weekend) Worship+Plus offers a variety of

September 2 (Labor Day weekend). **Worship+Plus** offers a variety of opportunities to learn, serve, eat, and just generally have fun together. +

Date	Event	Host/Facilitator	
August 5 <sup>th</sup>	Guest Speaker: Brent Hite (Summit County Children Services)	Pastor David	
August 12 <sup>th</sup>	Robinson CLC Backpacks & School Supplies	Sandy DeLuca	
August 19 <sup>th</sup>	Songfest (Worship & Music Ministry Team)	Ruth Anderson JD Sanders	
August 26 <sup>th</sup>	Guest Speaker & Performer Kelly Glow	Carole Bader Sandy DeLuca	
September 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Ancestors Study: The Twelve Disciples	Pastor David	
September 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Blessing of Vocation/Backpacks & Brunch		



### What's a Woman's Place? Join a National Discussion on Gender Equality

Are you interested in issues of gender equality? Would you like to help shape the ELCA's statement on Women and Justice? If so, men and women are invited to gather for a four week conversation at Acronym Brewery (58 E. Market St.) at 6:30 p.m. on Aug. 2, 9, 16, and 23. To access the draft statement, visit www.elca.org/womenandjustice. At the conclusion of this study, we will send feedback to the ELCA task force to finalize the social statement, which will be presented for approval at the next churchwide assembly. †

# **The Ushers Picnic**



Some of the men who make it happen (from l): Mike Ameling, Vince Simmons, Gregg Loesch, Gary Radanof and Ron Nockengost.



It was a full house at the Tadmor Shelter for the annual Ushers Picnic!





AT RIGHT: Becky Adkins spends time with Gracie Kay polishing her toenails.

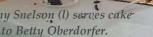






# Welcome to Debbie & Brian Pinnegar!!





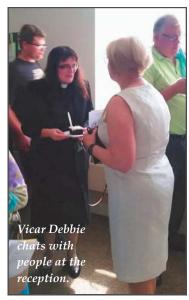
Picture (from l): Joan Amon,

Diann Jenkins and Vicar Debbie.



A special reception was held July 29 to 'officially' welcome Vicar Debbie Pinnegar and her husband, Brian, to Holy Trinity! Debbie will be here for the next two years.

Please join us in welcoming Debbie & Brian!



### **Fishing with Papa**

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Grandpa Piehl didn't teach me how to fish because he was anxious about dying. He taught me how to fish in order to share his life with me and for me to have a chance to share my life with him. He taught me how to fish because he loved me. And even though we're much farther apart than a bicycle ride across town, I'm hoping that my grandkids in Minnesota get the same message from this Papa.

As Christian persons and as a congregation, we are likewise blessed with such gracious opportunity. Fueled by the Spirit and gifted by God, we are sent into our neighborhoods to love like Jesus loved...to share ourselves in the way that Jesus shared himself...to let folks know by the investment of our time and our resources that they are loved and valued in a deeper, truer way than an often dismissive world has told them. We have a life to share, and it is good and holy and rich.

So...we go with Christ who knows all the best spots. God's unrelenting and abundant love is the "bait." Grab your tackle, friends. It's time to fish. +

Families with preschool and kindergarten children: You are invited to

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# Living in Faith Together Story Time & Play



Saturday, August 4, 2018 10 a.m.-12: 30 p.m. (Lunch Provided) The home of Amanda, Chad, & Katie Archbold 198 Hollywood Avenue in Akron RSVP to rnunez@holytrinityakron.org by July 30

# **Move-In** Help Needed



Our DLM Food and Resources ministry continues to expand to meet the needs of our neighbors. The latest addition to this ministry is a clothing pantry opening later this summer. It serves as a replacement for the Good Neighbors clothing ministry that moved from our building earlier this year, and provides yet another important way to be supportive of Project Rise families and others.

We need your help getting this ministry set-up! On Friday, August 3 (6-8 p.m.), and Saturday, August 4 (9 a.m.-Noon), we will be moving in our initial inventory of clothing and the racks. If you can lend a hand, please sign up in the lobby. Got questions? Please see Deacon Marla. Thanks! +



Let me take a moment to introduce myself ...

## My name is Jenna Slingluff

I am the new Academy Director at LINKS COMMUNITY SERVICES. I also help in a variety of outreach and service projects such as Senior



Connections and our neighborhood beautification/community garden. My plans for the future of LINKS After School Academy is to create a program that is structured while still allowing students to explore and find their own identities. I graduated in 2013 from Walsh University with my bachelor's in early

childhood education. I taught pre-k and Kindergarten for 9 years and have now been blessed to find my way to LINKS, where I can build upon the excellent foundation that has been created through the Holy Trinity Family. I am excited to implement a variety of curriculum plans to make the students learning fun and effective!

If you are interested in getting involved in any way, even for just an hour a week, please get ahold of me! We will work around your schedule, so you can participate in any way you'd be willing or interested! We value the opportunity to graciously accept volunteers into our program, as they are who make the Academy great!

Thanks so much, I look forward to meeting you. +

Jenna Slingluff 330.612.1875 jslinks741@gmail.com

# Join Us for Mid-Week Study 11 a.m., Chapel Lounge Gallery

Led by Rachel Núñez, Director of Discipleship Ministries



For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God.

Ephesians 2:8

August 1—Our Community Matthew 15: 21-28 (The Canaanite Woman)

August 8—**Our Perspective** Luke 15: 11-32 (The Parable of the Prodigal and His Brother)

# **SAVE THE DATE!**

# Community Development Is 4 All People

A workshop presented by the United Methodist Church 4 All People and sponsored by Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

### Saturday, November 17, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Cost: \$10 per person \$40 per organization max (up to five people)

\*Includes snacks, lunch and seminar materials

Solid neighborhoods are whole, healthy, and engaged communities where all people are empowered to pursue their hopes, dreams, aspirations ... where lives are transformed by faith and trust, and personal fulfillment is experience through abundant caring and grace. Holy Trinity is committed to working with our strategic partners to help Akron's neighborhoods experience just such transformation. CD4AP has done this work in Columbus. Come and learn how we can work together to accomplish these same goals in Akron. †

### To register, please call Holy Trinity at (330) 376-5154

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### HIGHLIGHTS



'Happy Birthday' to the following members who are celebrating birthdays this month!!

Our apologies to those who celebrated their birthdays in July! An incomplete list appeared in last month's issue of the Highlights. Below is the complete list.

July 1 – Jacinto Nunez July 2 – Jo Ameling July 4 – Elliotte Esworthy July 4 – Tom Parry July 5 – Dalene Carson July 7 – Graham Jones July 7 – Mary Kay Wilson July 8 - Colin Richenbacher July 10 – Barbara Hyer July 13 – Linda Vowles July 15 – David Erickson July 15 – Diana Shanafelt July 16 – Stephanie Andrews July 16 - Emily Wolverton July 17 – Anna Scheck July 18 – Ryan Bader July 20 – Julia Seiberling July 21 – Matthew Birch July 21 – Joseph Hancock July 22 – Lily Gosorn July 22 - Carol Mason July 22 – Emma Oberdorfer July 24 – Paul Berthold July 25 – Alice Bouton July 25 – Donald Wight July 25 – John Wilkinson July 28 – Cheryl Gates July 28 – Elizabeth Liska July 29 – Adeline Andrews July 30 - Nancy Hartz July 30 - Pat Keller July 30 - Mara Lakins

If you want to include your birthday in a future issue of the Highlights, please contact Annmarie Demko at (330) 376-5154.

NOTE: This list only includes known birthdays.

# A Look at the Numbers

It is a privilege to worship, to serve, and to give of ourselves as we share God's Good News with our neighbors and friends. We do that as individuals by the choices we make in everyday life. And we do that together by our work as a congregation. That's what good stewardship is all about. And for that reason, we monitor statistics on attendance and giving to the church. They offer a glimpse into the health of our congregation.

During June, 2018, average weekly worship attendance at Holy Trinity was 137. That's up from an average of 130 per week during June, 2017. Worship is fundamental to the strength of the community and mission we share. It is where God blesses us abundantly in the sharing of the Word and Holy Communion. Thank you, especially during these busy summer months, for making it a priority in your life.

Through the first six months of the year, unrestricted giving to Holy Trinity totaled \$202,362. That amount is \$16,387 below our budget estimate for giving...a bit of a disappointment, but also a good challenge for us to meet for the balance of 2018. Please remember: Your gifts of time, talents, and funds mean that Holy Trinity can continue to make a positive impact on the Akron community and beyond.

★ Every child and every teacher at Robinson CLC will have the supplies they need for the 2018-2019 school year.

★ 241 persons received groceries from the DLM food and resources panty in June alone; more than 1400 persons have been served so far this year.

★ Our heritage of fine music is reaching into area schools and shelters, bringing beauty and joy to places where the benefits of the fine arts are not always available.

★ A revitalized LINKS after school academy offers homework help and enrichment for kids in need who live in the Middlebury and East Akron neighborhoods.

★ Weekly worship and discipleship opportunities strengthen our faith in Christ and nourish members, visitors, and friends alike with the encouragement needed for a life of purpose and hope.

← Family Promise moves families with children into stable housing, and offers us an opportunity to meet and encourage folks in the process of that difficult transition.

Every gift, large and small, has an impact. Thank you for your attention to your own giving habits. Our ministries are fueled by the Spirit's work among us and by your faithful and generous response to God's gifts to you. Something to consider: More and more folks are moving to electronic giving means, and we have the ability to accommodate that, too. Many find that it is an especially convenient way to manage financial stewardship. Contact Rick Kimble, our financial secretary, for more information about available options and/or to set it up.

Your faithful participation by means of worship, work and support bear witness to the significance of Christ's place in your life. It says to others that what you believe is important enough to affect the way you live. **Thank you** for being good stewards of the gifts with which God has equipped you. And remember to join us...this and every week...as the work of Christ's Church goes on. †

### AUGUST 2018

### HIGHLIGHTS



'Happy Birthday' to the following members who are celebrating birthdays this month!!

August 2 – Ruth Rieman August 3 – Jacqueline Myers August 4 – Blin Scatterday August 4 - Cathy Wolverton August 5 – Richard Hoskins August 6 – Ian Rogers August 10 – Sylvia Leddon August 10 – Laura Snelson August 10 – Andrew Spanninger August 11 – Abigail Anacki August 11 - Donald Spencer August 11 – Evelyn Grady August 12 – Tina Haas August 12 - Bob Leddon August 14 – Tyler Rieman August 15 – Ethan Scheck August 17 – Morgan Isenhart

August 17 – Beatrice Moxon

August 17 – Donald Perrine, III

August 17 – Karen Snyder

August 22 – Margo Krugger August 22 – Dan Seiberling August 23 – Stephen White

August 26 – Kathy Tiemann

- August 28 David Lupo, Jr.
- August 31 Sarah Wolverton

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# **Communion Bread Recipe**

### **Ingredients**:

- 1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> cups whole wheat flour
- <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> cup regular white or bread flour
- <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> teaspoon baking soda
- 3 tablespoons butter (unsalted is best; may substitute margarine)
- 3/4 cup warm water
- 3 tablespoons honey
- 3/4 teaspoon salt

#### **Directions:**

• Combine the first four ingredients well. Cut in the butter, and work in thoroughly.



Dear Karen & Members,

We want to thank you so much for your group volunteering to hand out ice cream during our Lunch Barbeque on June 29 and purchasing the ice cream, too. Your group of ladies were so friendly and generous with their ice cream distribution. You offered several flavors and the sprinkles were a big hit, too. It was a hot day, but fun was had by all.

OPEN M is so lucky to have your church partnering with us over many years. Thank you and your congregation for the continued support.

> Bob Titus Executive Director

Dear Pastor Nevergall,

Thank you for hosting the April session of the Faith in Recovery Program. We appreciate your partnership in this important program which provides spiritual support to assist individuals with better quality, long-term sobriety. We look forward to working with you in the future.

> Judge Christine Croce Judge Joy Malek Oldfield

- Combine the water and honey. Stir this into the flour/butter mixture, and combine until you have a sticky dough.
  - Turn out onto a board/counter, adding flour until you can knead it. Knead until smooth.
- Divide the flour into four equal parts. Roll or press each part into a 6" flat circle.
- Lightly score a cross into the top of each circle. Brush with vegetable oil. Place onto a lightly-greased baking sheet.
- Bake at 350 for no more than 12 minutes. (Over baking makes the bread crumbly.)
- Remove and allow to cool completely.
- When cool it can be bagged for use later in the week or bagged and frozen for use up to three weeks later.



Memorial Fund-Bells In memory of James Hofbauer George & Alice Strickler

Organ Maintenance Fund In honor of Blin Scatterday's 90th Birthday Judy Samuelson

Stained Glass Fund In honor of Duane & Joanne Aller's 40th Anniversary Joan Kull

Arts @ Holy Trinity Fund Wendy Deters-Grant

### **CONGRATULATIONS!**

The Metro Parks Spring Spree for All is officially over and congratulations to those who completed the required number of trails to receive their shield and their staff (for first timers). They are: **Ruth Anderson**, **Frederica Cohen, Karen and Pastor David Nevergall, Rachel, Jacinto and Manny Nunez, Sally and Norm Richenbacher** and **Alexa Sandmann**. Watch for information on the Fall Hiking Spree that begins Sept. 1.

# **August 2018 Worship Stewards**

DATE	ACOLYTES/CRUCIFERS	READERS	COMMUNION ASSTS	SOUND
<b>August 5</b> 9:30 a.m.	TO BE ANNOUNCED	Frederica Cohen	Sandy DeLuca Frederica Cohen Fletcher Carroll Donna Carroll	Fred Spencer
August 12 9:30 a.m.	TO BE ANNOUNCED	Alexa Sandmann	Alexa Sandmann Dan Seiberling Gloria Woodford Amy Indorf	Mike Ameling
August 19 9:30 a.m.	TO BE ANNOUNCED	Manny Nunez	Fletcher Carroll Donna Carroll Pat Keller Rachel Nunez	Dennis Dick
August 26 9:30 a.m.	TO BE ANNOUNCED	John Stefanik	Amy Indorf Rich Williams Marcy Nagy Debbie Ickes	Lorin Sickafoose



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Gloria Woodford
<u>Rich Williams</u>
Pat McRowe
JD Sanders
Gregg Loesch
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Candles: Ruth Stefanik & Carol Seilberling Flowers: Pat Keller Altar Care: Donna Carroll & Gloria Woodford Communion: August 5, 12, 19 & 26, 9:30 a.m.: Diann Jenkins & Becky Adkins



### Thank you to CONNIE ARCHBOLD, PAT KELLER & KAREN NEVERGALL

for baking the communion bread throughout this month.

If you love baking, why not bake the Communion Bread to use during Sunday worship? The sign-up sheet and recipe can be found at the Welcome Center.

<u>Underlined name</u> indicates head usher.

# **August 2018 Calendar of Events**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
MISSIO @Nor	Mission @ Work activities appear in bold. For more information, please contact the Church office at (330) 376-5154. Thank you!		<b>1</b> 8 a.m. PCS Summer Camp 9 a.m. TTTs 11 a.m. Mid-Week Study (CL) 12:15 p.m. Worship (Sanc.)	<b>2</b> 8 a.m. PCS Summer Camp	<b>3</b> 6 p.m. Move in clothing for DLM	<b>4</b> 9 a.m. Move in clothing for DLM 10 a.m. Stewardship Meeting (CL) 10 a.m. Living in Faith Together Story Time (Amanda & Chad Archbold's home)
<b>5</b> WORSHIP+PLUS 9:30 a.m. Worship w/ Eucharist 11 a.m. Guest Speaker: Brent Hite, Summit County Children Services (CL) 11 a.m. Agape Club (YR)	<b>6</b> 8 a.m. PCS Summer Camp	<b>7</b> 8 a.m. PCS Summer Camp 6:30 p.m. Worship & Music Meeting (Rm. 202) 7:15 p.m. Derbytown Chorus Rehearsal (FH)	<b>8</b> 8 a.m. PCS Summer Camp 9 a.m. TTTs 11 a.m. Mid-Week Study (CL) 12:15 p.m. Worship (Sanc.)	<b>9</b> 8 a.m. PCS Summer Camp 7 p.m. Intern Committee (CL)	<b>10</b> 3:30 p.m. Property Team Meeting (CL)	<b>11</b> 8:30 a.m. Men on A Mission (CL) 9 a.m. School Supplies Sorting (FH) 11 a.m. DLM Food & Resources Open for Project RISE
12 WORSHIP+PLUS 9:30 a.m. Worship w/ Eucharist 11 a.m. School Supplies Packing (FH) 3 p.m. Warriors Journey Home (CL)	<b>13</b> 6:30 p.m. Youth & Education Meeting (Mary Coyle's)	<b>14</b> 7:15 p.m. Derbytown Chorus Rehearsal (FH)	<b>15</b> 9 a.m. TTTs 12:15 p.m. Worship (Sanc.)	16 7 p.m. DLM Food & Resources Open for Project RISE 6 p.m. Quilters (Rm. 202)	<b>17</b> 4:30 p.m. Linden/ Pantages Rehearsal	<b>18</b> 1 p.m. Youth Pool Party (Liska Home) 11:30 a.m. Les Delices Concert (see pg. 15) 3 p.m. Les Delices Concert (see pg. 15) 3:30 p.m. Linden/ Pantages Wedding
19 WORSHIP+PLUS 9:30 a.m. Worship w/ Eucharist 11 a.m. Songfest (outdoors)	<b>20</b> 1 p.m. Staff Meeting 6 p.m. Mutual Ministry Meeting	21 6 p.m. Council Meeting (CL)	<b>22</b> 9 a.m. TTTs 12:15 p.m. Worship (Sanc.)	23	24	25 8:30 a.m. Men on A Mission (CL) 11 a.m. DLM Food & Resources Open for the Public 12 p.m. Set-up for Glow in the Park Concert (Grace Park) 5:30 p.m. VIP Reception for Robinson Students (FH) 7 p.m. Glow in the Park Concert (Grace Park) Youth Lock-In following concert
26 FOURTH SUNDAY FOCUS 9:30 a.m. Worship w/ Eucharist 11 a.m. Kelly Glow 3 p.m. Warriors Journey Home (CL)	27 1 p.m. Staff Meeting	28 6:30 p.m. 150th Anniversary Planning Meeting (CL) 7:15 p.m. Derbytown Chorus Rehearsal (FH)	<b>29</b> 9 a.m. TTTs 12:15 p.m. Worship (Sanc.)	30 5 p.m. Robinson CLC Open House	31	

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# September 9, Middle Hour

Join us for a Chicken & Waffles Breakfast in Fellowship Hall to kick off the "new year" of Sunday Morning Discipleship Classes at Holy Trinity. We will also be putting together Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief. We will begin collecting items and/or money for these kits this month. Hosted by the Youth & Education Ministry Team – if you have any questions, please contact Rachel Núñez, Director of Discipleship Ministries;

330-376-5154 or rnunez@holytrinityakron.org. +



Get ready to enjoy some delicious ...

# **Chicken & Waffles**

Monetary donations will be accepted. *\*This is a youth fundraiser.*