Steepleviews

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September 2014 Anniversaries & Birthdays

- 01 Dan Lautenbach
- 03 Signe Ruddy Doug & Robin Somero
- 04 Carlisle Clevenger
- 05 Will Church Julie & Mike Morris
- 06 Nora Bungard Kyah Robinson
- 07 Eric Buzzell
- 10 Denis & Kathy Crosby Tom Marshall
- 11 Pat Bright
 Mary & Tom Osborn
- 12 Bob & Sue King
- 14 Betty & Fred Milliron
- 16 Carol Ehle Lee & Marvelee Kneisel
- 17 Melissa Gilbert
- 18 Hannah Frary Sandra Grant Moore Peregrine Doug Rath
- 19 Katie Robinson Mark Steigerwald
- 20 Saskia Von WolferenRon WardwellChris & Marjorie Porter
- 22 Devin Gokey
- 25 Bea Gray
- 26 Sarah Chownyk
- 27 Tom Osborn Naomi & Jason Kolehmeinen
- 29 Mary Osborn Cecelia Schmitt 1

Catch These Coming Events!

September 01 Happy Labor Day!! September 03 Foot Care Clinic

September 06 Juvenile Diabetes Walk

September 09 Bible Study on Job Begins

September 14 Blessing of the Backpacks First Day of Sunday School

September 24 Ladies Lunch @ The Fusion



September 14 will be our yearly Blessing of the Backpacks and First Day of Sunday School.

Please join us as we give thanks for our youth and wish them well as they head back to school. If you know kids that don't have

a church home, why not invite them to join us!

We're starting a 6 week Bible study on Job!

Wk 1: Prologue and job's Speech, Ch. 1-3 Wk 2: The Great Debate: 1st Cycle, Ch. 4-14

Wk 3: The Great Debate: 2nd Cycle, Ch. 15-21

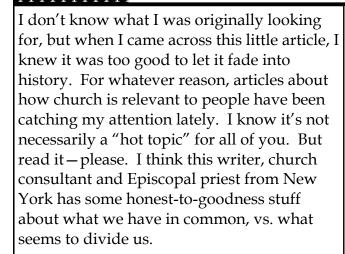
Wk 4: The Great Debate: 3rd Cycle, Ch. 22-31

Wk 5: Young Elihu's Speech, Ch. 32-27

Wk 6: God Speaks to Job and is Blessed, Ch. 38-42

The study will be at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesdays beginning September 9 through October 14. Go ahead, bring someone with you.

Pastor's Page



8 Things the Church Needs to Say by Tom Ehrich 07-15-2014

"We are an extraordinarily diverse assembly of believers. But I think there are a few common words we would say.

- 1. We would say the name "Jesus." We might mean different things by that name, but he is the center, the reason we exist.
- 2. Allowing ample room for our diversity, we would say what we mean by faith in God. Not how right we are and how wrong others are, but an I-message: Here's why I believe in God.
- 3. We would tell stories about God's impact on our lives. Not grand doctrines, not airtight theories, not definitions of who's inside the circle and who's outside, but stories of personal encounter.
- 4. We would listen to other stories, respectfully, not defensively, eager to hear what our fellow Christian has to say.
- 5. We would each tell as honestly as we can how we are trying to lead our lives in the light of our encounters and stories. We would sketch the bridge between faith and action.
- 6. We would tell what we see in the world not in the woe-is-me, sky-is-falling, Satan-is-winning manner people expect from us, but just what we see and how we think God

cares about it.

- 7. We would speak of hope, a durable, solid-rock hope that God is God, and God can use us to make a difference.
- 8. We would talk of joy. Not giddiness, not even happiness, as the world understands happiness, but that deeper response to God that feels whole and peaceful.

Personally, I think these eight things are what we ache to say. They are why we walked in the door of a church in the first place. They are why we stay, despite abundant reasons for leaving.

Everyone has a theory about "why people are leaving the church," "why millennials don't come to church," "why churches are dying," and "what's wrong with society." Personally, I think we should stop worrying about institutional outcomes — especially outcomes that we hope will prove we were right all along — and try instead just to be hopeful, joyful, active people of faith.

I think we should take our parts in the great political debates — power and wealth, after all, were Jesus' primary concern — but then agree that, whether X or Y gets elected, God will still grieve our cruelties and sufferings, and we will all have much work to do as believers.

Whatever the label — progressive or conservative, contemporary or traditional, denominational or nondenominational — we will each have something unique and necessary to contribute. There is more binding us than dividing us. For division comes from our small and selfish places. Binding comes from God."

Still thinking, still praying, still listening, Pastor Dinah

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2014 Parade, Hot Dog Sale, Block Party, Flotilla and Beach Bums Game! A great time had by all!!



The new shelving in the office is keeping everything nice, neat and well organized!! Thanks again to Ron Phillips and crew on a very beautiful job well done!



Stop in and see for yourself what a true gift and what a blessing the office shelves are!

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To Nancy and Tom
Marshall. Their home in
Benzonia sold and they are
moving into a new home
closer to their original home.
Their address is 4527 Ivy
Crest Circle, Louisville KY
40241, email address is
59.marsh@gmail.com
and Nancy's cell phone is
231-709-5564. We will look
forward to their future visits!

Bringing back the Ladies' Lunch!!



On September 24, at noon, let us meet up at the Fusion in Frankfort for a much needed Ladies' Lunch. Dutch-treat, and bring someone along to share with us!! Sign up sheet will be in the dining room.

A Multitude of Gratitude goes to

Thank you to:

- Michael Grajcar for filling the pulpit while Pastor Dinah was on vacation
- all those who stepped up and in for the tasks and events that needed to happen: Myra Elias, Judy Grant, emcee, and everyone else
- Matt Addis for opening the watering systems
- Judy Grant for offering the alternative Floortilla/Decktilla facilities, and all who drove their boats and worked so hard to get them tied up for the Flotilla. It was great (windy) fun!









Falling Into Fashion Style Show and Luncheon

on Thursday, September 25, at noon @ Trinity Lutheran Church of Frankfort. Fashions courtesy of Hull's of Frankfort. Given by P.E.O. Chapter FF. Cost is \$20. Please make a reservation by leaving a message at: PEOChapterFFMI@charter.net or call 231-352-7914 / 231-651-5775.













Ryan and Tara Ruddy on the birth of their daughter, Finley Ann, born July 23, weighing in at 7 lbs., 9 oz. Finley is Ryan's daughter, Signe Ruddy's granddaughter, and Dick and Joanne Brown's great granddaughter. Blessings all over!

Alicia and Jason Rejman on the birth of their daughter, Nathalie Grace, born June 30, weighing in at 8 lbs., 13 oz. and 21 inches long. Nathalie is daughter of Alicia and great-niece of Judy Welch. Congrats one and all.

Please Remember in Prayer

Ernie Balcueva Ed Baldwin Joanne Brown Robin Brunette Bob Christie Doris Clark Gerry Dodson Monte Finkhaus David Frost Dave Hannen Bonnie Heaney Lucy House Jim & Peggy Jackson Nancy Keidel Melinda Klockziehm Julie Lambiotte Erika Lewis Iustus MacKenzie Lois Martindale Ray Miehlke Peter Penfold Stapleton Family Storm Victims Tillie Robinson Bonnie Worley

Our Prayers are extended to the families of:

Burrows' Family Lawrence Glarum Carol Larson

Those serving in the Military:

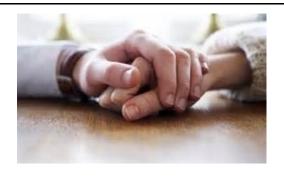
Matt Conrad Ryan Kingsinger Mike Porter Clark Robinson

September is First Congregational's Children and Youth Appreciation Month.

You keep us young. You brighten our day with your energy, smiles,



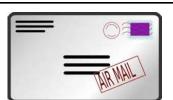
laughter and youthful spirits.
You are all so very special to us!!



The Monthly Grief Support

Group will meet on Sunday, September 7, at 3:00 PM at Trinity Lutheran Church, 955 James Street, Frankfort, MI. You've lost someone you love, and the grief journey is proving to be long and difficult. Please join us for a discussion on "15 Things I Wish I'd Known About Grief". Conversation, coffee, and cookies - it really does help to talk with others who understand. We hope to see you at this meeting. Call or email Carol and Doug Luther if you have questions or need directions:

231-399-0141 / carol.doug@gmail.com



Dear Dinah, Thank you for sending me to

camp. I had lots of fun at camp. Love, Maddy MacKenzie



It's not just serving coffee...

it's ministry! A few cookies and a little lemonade and coffee are ways to welcome those who are new to the church family. Yes, it's a way to catch up with friends, but it is much more about welcoming and hosting the stranger. Sign up sheets are in the Dining Room for anyone interested in hosting our weekly Coffee Fellowship.

Coffee Fellowship.
Sign up with a friend or another couple. We enjoy all the variety-donuts to cookies to

crackers and cheese, store bought and homemade. Beverages will be provided along with paper products.



Dine Out For Benzie Area Christian Neighbors

On Tuesday, September 9, 2014, eat dinner at one of the partner restaurants,

Mayfair in Elberta or Geno's Sports Bar and Grill in Thompsonville and 10% of your bill will be donated to BACN.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Happy Labor Day!	9:00 a.m. Foot Care Clinic	3 4:00 p.m. Worship Mtg.	4 9:30 a.m. Yoga 5:15 p.m. Outreach Mtg. 7:30 p.m. Choir	5	6 Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation Walk in Traverse City
	Dan Lautenbach		Signe Ruddy Doug & Robin Somero	Carlisle Clevenger	Will Church Julie & Mike Morris	Nora Bungard Kyah Robinson
7 10:30 a.m. Worship Happy Grandparents Day	8	9 4:00 p.m. Property Mtg. 6:30 p.m. Bible Study on Job Ch. 1-3	10 6:15 p.m. Investment Mtg. 7:00 p.m. Council Meeting	11 9:30 a.m. Yoga 7:30 p.m. Choir	12 3:30 p.m. Dobb/Frederick Rehearsal 4:30 Rehearsal Dinner (Dining Room)	13 3:30 p.m. Dobb/Frederick Wedding
			Tom Marshall Denis & Kathy Crosby	Pat Bright Mary & Tom Osborn	Bob & Sue King	
14 10:30 a.m. Worship & Blessing of the Backpacks First Day of	15	16 6:30 p.m. Bible Study on Job Ch. 4-14	17	18 9:30 a.m. Yoga 11:30 a.m. Ministerial Assoc. 7:30 p.m. Choir	19 12:00 p.m. Ankerson/Earl Rehearsal	20 4:30 p.m. Ankerson/Earl Wedding @ Greystone Garden
Sunday School		Carol Ehle Lee & Marvelee Kneisel	Melissa Gilbert	Hannah Frary Sandra Grant Moore Peregrine Doug Rath	Katie Robinson Mark Steigerwald	Saskia Von Wolferen Buzzell Ron Wardwell Chris & Marjorie Porter
21 10:30 a.m. Worship & Sunday School	22	23 6:30 p.m. Bible Study on Job Ch. 15-21	9:30 a.m. Human Services Collaborative	25 9:30 a.m. Yoga 7:30 p.m. Choir Bea Gray	26	27
	Devin Gokey		Ladies' Lunch @ The Fusion @ Noon	bea Gray	Sarah Chownyk	Tom Osborn Jason & Naomi Kolehmeinen
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Date	Greeters/Ushers <u>Head Ushers:</u> Mary Ann Harness 9/7 & 14 Ann Osborn 9/21 & 28		
7	Jim & Robin MacKenzie, Candace & Dan Nostrandt	Greeter and Ushers: Please arrive at church by 10:00 a.m. ready to greet and welcome all who come to worship. (Greeters and Ushers are the front line people in welcoming visitors and new church family members!)	
14	John & Leslie McElduff, Michael & Sharon Grajcar		
21	Ann & Paul Osborn, Maggie Baker, Nora Bungard		
28	Donna & Ron Phillips, Lori Dougherty, Alma House		