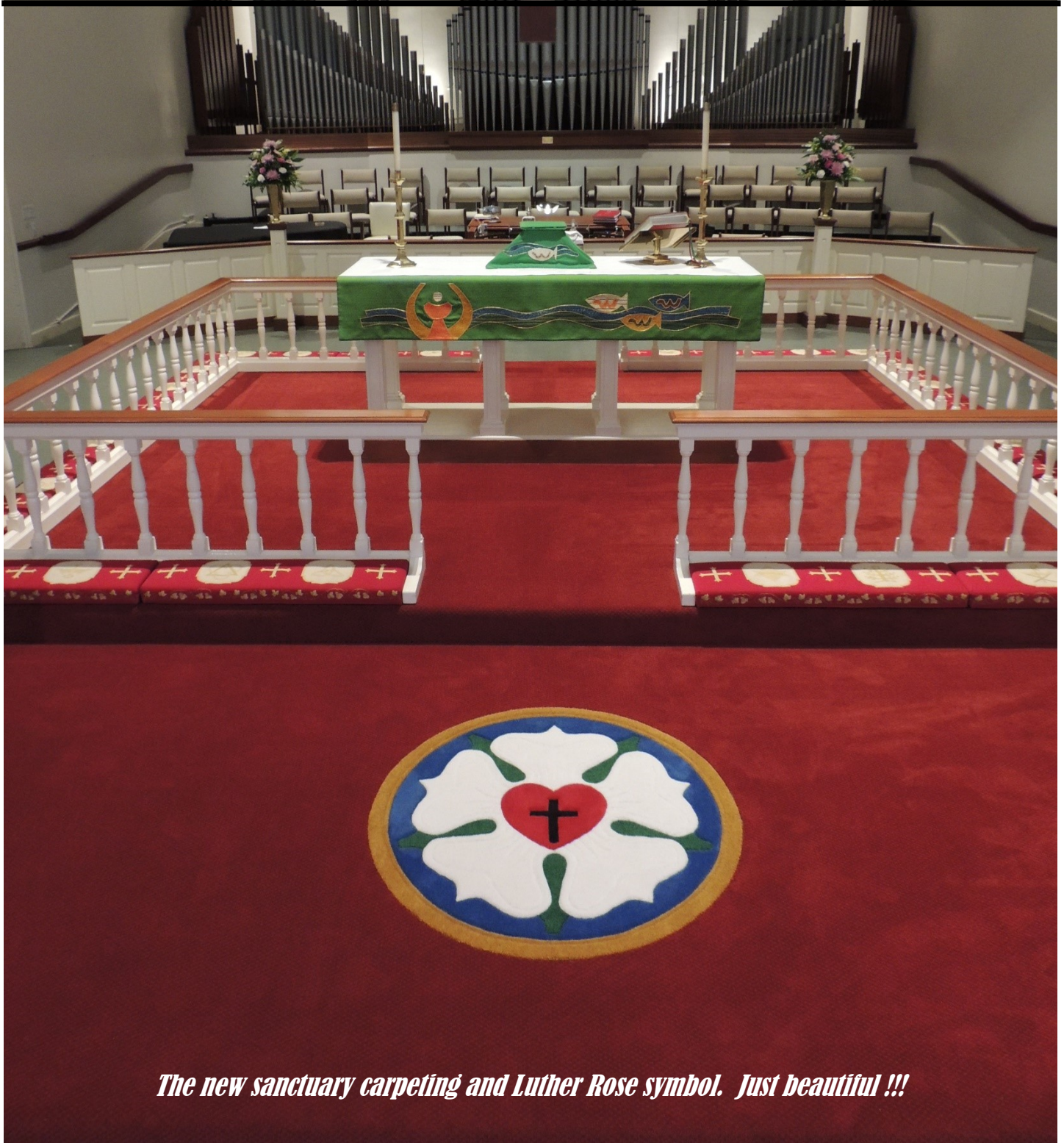


Trinity Tidings

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Newport News, VA

August 2018



The new sanctuary carpeting and Luther Rose symbol. Just beautiful !!!



Having been together for almost fourteen years, Ben has joined me on a lot of treks to Michigan. From those first trips during the summers of our college years, a week here, a week there in order to

break up our time apart into more manageable chunks, to our now yearly treks for holidays and to see my family, it's kind of become part of what we do: we go to Michigan. Yet, for as much as it's become a part of who we are, the natural rhythms of our life, it always feels like something special for me when we cross that state line and we begin another trek through my beloved peninsula. I love that after fourteen years, Ben has things in Michigan that he loves, that he looks forward to doing. I love that after fourteen years, there are things that we have grown to love together. Most especially though, I love that after fourteen years there are still new things to show him, for us to discover anew together. Every time it feels like opening up the door of my childhood a little bit wider and showing him just how this place has molded me into who I am, just why this state that admittedly is freezing cold most of the year means so much to me.

I had one of these moments during our vacation last month. We had spent the day exploring the small stretch of road that runs up Old Mission Peninsula, and ok, exploring some wineries along the way, until the road ended at Old Mission Lighthouse, a stalwart, white building that has been guiding sailors through the waters of Lake Michigan and towards the Straits of Mackinac since 1870. The day was beautiful, the sun was dipping lower in the sky, but it was still warm enough to enjoy. We wandered down to the beach and after swinging for a few minutes on a slightly abandoned swing set, I made my way to a bench to lay down and enjoy the sun, while Ben continued to wander along the shore. At one point,

I turned my head towards the shore to find him bent down, face completely engrossed in the water and a small creature he had found along the sand. There wasn't particularly anything special about the moment, and yet, my heart kind of stuttered, because here was my beloved husband, exploring the shores of these lakes that have provided the rhythm and the calm of my life for as long as I can remember. Moments like this kept happening all week, with every hike that took us to the water's edge, with every view that spread out before us of a lake that shifted from aqua to teal to the deepest of blues, with every rush of wind off the waves. It made me realize just how happy I was to share these shores with Ben, but also how much these shores, these waters had shaped my heart.

It got me thinking, those hours spent along my peninsula's shores, how much God moves through water not only in my life, but from the very beginning of creation, and how very much we sometimes take water for granted. Think about it: the first thing that happens in scripture is God's spirit moving over the face of the waters, God molded and shaped water into seas and skies, filled them with creatures, and created this element that quite literally gives us life. Throughout the life of God and God's people, water is intimately linked to their journey, waters are parted to lead them to freedom, water is burst forth from a rock to quench their thirst in the desert, and once they settled in the Promised Land, God through the prophets tells them that justice must roll down like waters among them to create a world of equality and hope. Through the life of Christ, water's path continues to wind, from the waters that cascaded through the fingers of his cousin and over his head in baptism to the water that stilled under his hand when a storm raged along the sea. Jesus' hands pulled Peter out of the water he had just walked upon and changed water into wine to keep a party going. Water washed over the disciples' feet and then rushed out of Jesus' side on the cross. Water emerged in the desert to baptize an Ethiopian eunuch and united Christians

across all of Asia as Paul brought them the message of salvation. Even to the end of the age, water flows out from the throne of God, creating the river of life throughout the heavenly kingdom. Water has been there from the beginning and it will be there until the end. It moves and shapes our lives, washing us, quenching our thirst, and reminding us that we belong to God in all things.

As the summer comes upon us, there is a good chance that at some point you will spend time along the shores of waters that you, yourself, hold dear. Maybe it's along the banks of the James, in a boat fishing across the Bay, on the beaches of the Outer Banks, or even along the Noland Trail. Wherever water leads you this summer, may it remind you of how God has cascaded through your life bringing healing, restoration, and most importantly joy. In the refreshing waters of rivers, lakes, and oceans may you

find a reflection of God's love for you, reaching into your life and slacking thirsts that can only be quenched with living water. As you feel wind coming off of waves, may you feel the rush of the Holy Spirit beckoning you into life renewed. As you feel the sand beneath your toes and the water rushing over them and washing the sand away, may you remember that you are washed clean, forgiven, and cherished with a love beyond imagining. As you watch loved ones playing and running along beloved shores, may you remember that you were created for good, for life, and for these moments of peace.

May it be a safe, relaxing, and joyous summer. Find God wherever you are! Make church wherever you are! And give thanks to God who created the world for these sacred moments.

*Peace it Together,
Pastor Tina*

From the Pastor's Desk (August) . . .

There are a lot of things about NYG that are a big deal, memories that you end up carrying with you well beyond the trip, things that when they happen you know are going to stick with you, stay indelibly because you feel in the moment that something within you has irrevocably *changed*. I had a couple of those moments in Houston, but there's one...one that keeps coming back over and over again. Every night of NYG there are what are called "mass gatherings." Basically, all 31,000 people pour into the football stadium for several hours of music, speakers, dancing, and scripture; it's like worship but *not* quite worship, it's like a dance party but *not* quite like a dance party. It's wild and overwhelming and usually amazing. If your group is feeling daring and ready to face the crowds, you can make a concerted effort to "get on the floor" for mass gatherings. Instead of sitting up in the stadium seats, you can try to get there early enough to nab a wrist band that will give you access to the floor where you can get up close to the stage and musicians, where you can participate in the dancing that goes on down there, and it just gives

To the Beat I Drum

you an overall different experience because you're *right there*.

Friday night, we made it onto the floor. It took *a lot* of maneuvering, but after a little bit of negotiation, somehow, we managed to wrangle 15 seats together and we settled in for what we would all declare to be the best mass gathering of the whole trip. We were on the floor for Nadia Bolz-Weber's speech. We were on the floor for when one of my sister's friends from seminary got to share the gospel message for the night. We were on the floor for Rachel Kurtz singing. We were on the floor for the night they played Backstreet Boys music and Kelly got to witness my horrendous middle school dance moves. It was a night to remember for many reasons, but the end of the night...the end of the night is what made it beyond anything I've ever experienced.

Nadia closed out the night of speakers with the most rousing "sermon" I've ever heard. We closed out by shouting from the top of our lungs that we renounced every single part of this world that makes

us feel like we are less than worthy, that we are undeserving of God's love. It was a powerful, emotional moment of declaring out loud that the world does not get to define who we are, but that God, God gets to define who we are and who we are is beloved. She said amen, the crowd went wild, and the house band started playing an unmistakable back beat. If you saw *The Greatest Showman* in December, you know the song "This is Me." It's a raucous, empowering anthem about being who you are, marching to your own drum, loving yourself for who you are, no matter how the world would want to define you. The sounds of that song started echoing around NRG Stadium and out of the crowd emerged kid after kid wearing a bright, white t-shirt that said one simple thing: LOVED. We sang so loud I thought I might lose my voice. Around us 31,000 adults and teens declared at the top of their lungs that this was who they were, that they were brave, bruised, who they were meant to be. Knowing that so many of those kids might never have heard that message or felt that way before, knowing that many of the adults probably felt the same...it was overwhelming. The love, the acceptance that surged through those 31,000 people was enough to take your breath away. It was like the realization that they were loved by God exactly as they are washed over them with the force of a tidal wave and you wondered if anyone would be the same after that night. I hope they weren't, because it was a message we cannot hear enough, it was a message that we need to hear over and over and over and over until it is the echo of our own heartbeat.

You, beloved child of God, are who you were meant to be. You are strong. You are brave. You are a little bit broken and maybe a little bit scared. You have a drum beat that you march to in your heart, soul, and mind. You are beautiful. The world would try to drown out God's voice in our heads, would try to tell us that we are not worthy, that we must change, that we must fit into some picture perfect mold of acceptable, but the world's voice is not the voice that gets to win. God's voice gets to win, God's voice which declares that you are an amazing, miraculous, perfectly imperfect part of creation. God made every hair on your head, every freckle on your skin, and declared it was very good. You are a miracle. You are a vision. You are extraordinary. You are beloved, and do not let anyone or anything try to convince you otherwise. March to your drum, sing at the top of your lungs, and love the you that you see in the mirror, because God sure as heck does.

I'll close with the words of this incredible song, because it is the best way to put it into words...

*When the sharpest words wanna cut me down
I'm gonna send a flood, gonna drown them out
I am brave, I am bruised
I am who I'm meant to be, this is me
Look out 'cause here I come
And I'm marching on to the beat I drum
I'm not scared to be seen
I make no apologies, this is me*

You are you, and I am so thankful for that, beloved child of God.

*Peace it Together,
Pastor Tina*

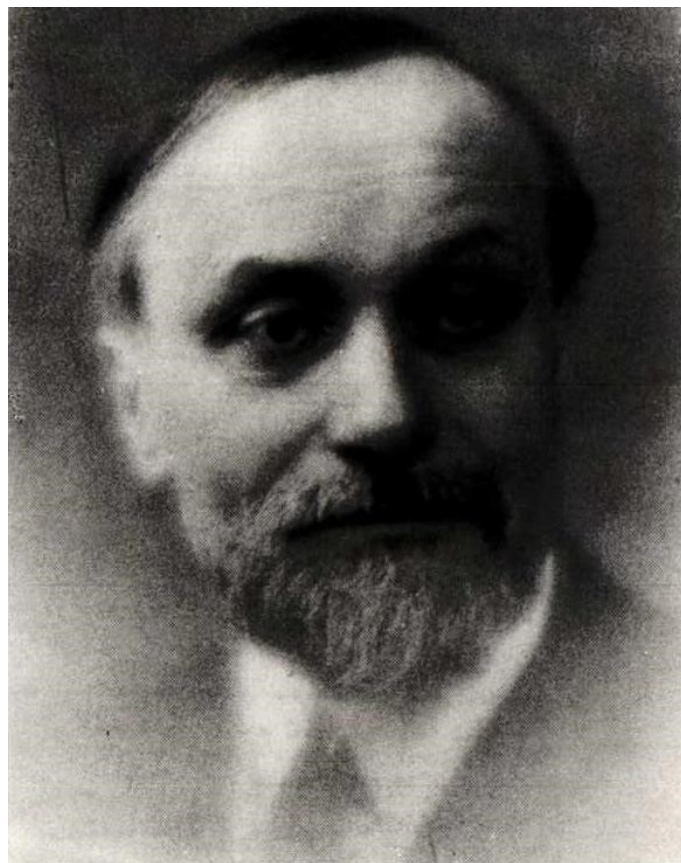


Join us for our THIRD Paint the Gospel night, Sunday, August 19 at 6:00. We will join together for a night of fellowship, snacks, beverages, and fun as we paint a scene that will help us think about the gospel in a different light. Cost is \$5.00 per person and all are welcome! Bring your friends, bring your kids! The evening is BYOB and you are also welcome to bring any snacks you'd like to share. Please sign up by August 15 so that we can prepare supplies.

Who is Charles Tournemire?

To be honest, no one has ever asked me this question. It comes to mind, though, because a similar question was asked once by a member of Trinity's chancel choir: "Who is Gerald Near?" This came up because - as you may have noticed over the years - I play a lot of Near's output. There's a simple explanation for this: he's been one of the best composers of church music for nearly 60 years and he happens to use melodies we recognize. To be honest, familiarity and quality are two characteristics that often do not coincide in church music. At the time the question was asked, though, Near was fairly new to Trinity, hence the curiosity regarding a composer whose music we were hearing so frequently.

Now another composer is popping up regularly, almost every week since our organ was returned to us in March. Charles Tournemire (born 1870 and died 1939) was a French organist, a Catholic musician with access to some of the finest instruments of his day. He composed a great deal of music, for organ as well as for orchestra and chamber ensembles, but we in the church are most indebted for his ingenious *L'Orgue Mystique*. This year-long series of 5-movement cycles provides music for every Sunday and Catholic feast day that used the organ in early 20th-century France. Each movement corresponds to a particular moment in the day's liturgy: introit, offertory, elevation, communion, and postlude. In other words, Tournemire's *L'Orgue Mystique* includes over 250 pieces that are specific not only to a single day of the liturgical year but, within each day, specific to a single portion of the worship service. His music incorporates the Gregorian chant melodies that are sung at these appointed times. These ancient melodies are sometimes unadorned, sometimes buried in Tournemire's improvisations (the composer himself admits they are "freely paraphrased"), but in all cases they create beautiful music that reaches back centuries even as it sounds fresh and new. There is tremendous variety here - variety of texture, of harmonic content, of



Charles Tournemire, 1910. Photo by Anonymous - Collection particulière, CC BY-SA 3.0, <https://commons.wikimedia.org/w/index.php?curid=18649103>

registration. It's possible to play and hear and enjoy this music week after week because Tournemire never repeats himself.

Of course, I continue to share music by other composers related to each Sunday's liturgical theme and hymnody. Hopefully you find Tournemire's music a welcome addition to Trinity's rich organ repertoire.

Rob Keene



TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH - AUGUST 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
5 10:00am, Worship Service	6 7:00pm, Finance Mtg. 7:00pm, Virginia Choral Soc.	7 10:30am, Bible Study 6:30pm, Zumba 7:00pm, Worship & Music
12 10:00am, Worship Service	13 7:00pm, Virginia Choral Soc.	14 10:30am, Bible Study 6:30pm, Zumba 7:00pm, Council Mtg.
19 10:00am, Worship Service 11:00am, Confirmand Mtg. 6:00pm, Paint the Gospel	20 Pastor Tina's Birthday 7:00pm, Virginia Choral Soc.	21 10:30am, Bible Study 6:30pm, Zumba
26 10:00am, Worship Service	27 7:00pm, Santillo-Hernandez (TLS student) Memorial Service	28 10:30am, Bible Study 6:30pm, Zumba

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4
8	9	10	11
15 NORMAL Deadline for Tidings Articles	16	17	18
22 FINAL Deadline for Tidings Articles	23	24	25
29 <i>TLS: First Day of School</i>	30	31	

Miscellaneous Announcements

SUNDAY MORNING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES: All members are invited to speak to someone in the office or sign up with the persons who coordinate each of these ministries: Ushers: Don Sniady, 287-8334; Lectors: Kathy Stevens (8:15), 532-6228 and Laura Davis (10:45), 595-7474; Nursery Caregivers: Charlotte Duff, 342-9251 and Altar Guild: Astrid Quist, 930-2492 or Karoline Ardis, 766-0388. There are roles for children and youth to participate as well. Thanks to all who serve.

CALLING ALL NEW AND CURRENT CONFIRMATION PARENTS AND YOUTH: A new Confirmation year is coming quickly upon us! In order to prep for the year ahead, there will be an information session on Sunday, August 19th immediately following the worship service. We will go over the schedule for the year, as well as expectations and other items for Confirmation. Confirmation is open to all rising 7th and 8th graders. If you have any questions, or cannot make the meeting, please get in touch with Pastor Tina.

WE'RE LOOKING FOR SOME TECH HELP: One of the things we love to do is make sure that

our service is recorded each Sunday not only for archival purposes, but also to have copies of the service that could be sent to our homebound members in order to listen to the service. We're looking for a few helping hands who would be able to learn the process of getting a service recorded (it's very easy!!) and willing to work out a schedule of who could help out each Sunday. If you're interested and willing, please see Pastor Tina.

FLOWER CHART: Please check and sign up on the flower chart sign-up sheets located on the small bulletin board outside the sacristy kitchen and before you go out of the wheelchair ramp door. Thank you!

CHRISTIAN HOPE AND SYMPATHY are extended to the family of Marjorie K. Zender, who passed away on Monday, August 6, 2018 age the age of 99. A memorial service was held at Trinity for Marjorie on Saturday, August 11, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. An inurnment will be held in the Trinity Columbarium at a later date. Please keep Steve and other family members in your thoughts and prayers. "Thanks be to God who gives us victory over death in Jesus Christ our Lord."

Happy Birthday to our Special Senior Saints



June, July and August Birthdays

Viola Kessler.....	95	June 12
Doris Moeser.....	86	June 29
Susan Hall	92	July 5
Alan Bobbe	93	July 11
Virginia Hamby	85	July 12
Harlan Hamby	80	July 20
Edith Naurath.....	92	July 24
Rudi Naurath	94	July 24
Charlotte Paschall.....	82	August 4
Buddy Schultz.....	90	August 7
Harry Lee	85	August 8
Richard Sallade	89	August 16

The Luther Rose



In early July we acknowledged our new altar and nave carpeting with the Luther Rose carpet circle placed in the center between the altar kneelers and the first step down into the sanctuary. Martin Luther

designed the Luther Rose in 1530 as a symbol of Lutheran theology. The various components are as follows: Black cross with red heart: although the cross is black symbolizing death and pain, the red heart is left in “its natural color,” as Luther described it. He goes on to elaborate that “it does not kill, but keeps alive.” The white rose: the heart “stands in the middle of a white rose, to show that faith gives joy, comfort, and peace.” “White is also the color of the spirits and the angels.” The sky-blue field: symbolizes “such joy in spirit and faith is a beginning of the heavenly future joy, which begins already, but is grasped in hope, not yet revealed.” The golden ring: “symbolizes that such blessedness in Heaven lasts forever and has no end.” Many thanks to Ed Matz for choosing a company, ordering and overseeing the installation of this significant new piece of our church history.

Youth Group Pool Party Cookout



On Sunday, August 26, there will be a Youth Group Pool party and Kick Off for the year. All youth, grades 6 through 12 and their families, are invited to the Glendale pool at 3:00 p.m. for the first event of the year. We will spend the afternoon swimming, eating and going over the events for the year. We are asking each family to bring a side dish as we are going to grill hot dogs and hamburgers for dinner at the pool. Cost of the event is \$3 per person (unless

you are a member of the Glendale pool). If you can attend this event, please sign up on the youth group bulletin board. The event will end at 7:00 p.m. This is a chance to go over the youth group calendar for the year, hear about our next National Youth Gathering trip to Minneapolis and catch up with each other from our very busy summers. See you there!

Kelly



2018 Confirmands



Congratulations to Stephen McWithey, Alex Murphy, and Samuel Molina.





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Worship Schedule

Sunday Worship: 8:15 A.M. and 10:45 A.M.

Faith Walk (Sunday School) Between Services: 9:30 A.M.

Holy Communion is celebrated weekly

A Nursery is Provided during worship

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