

*The Future is Now*  
In partnership with  
*Fan into Flame*

## Celebrate into the Future By Rev. Douglas Kregel

“We see a celebration.” These are the words Trinity Lutheran Church in Jackson adopted as the beginning of its Vision Statement.

The statement goes on to say, “We see multiple locations being served by multiple services with a grand celebration of 50 years of school (2011), 150 years of church (2018) and 500 years of Reformation (2017). We hear the voices of many families and groups praying, discussing, planning, and supporting each other. We feel hope for the ultimate future of heaven.”

The title *The Future is Now* wonderfully captures the Gospel truth that the ultimate future is in heaven. Paul teaches us, writing, “I tell you, now is the time of God’s favor, now is the day of salvation,” (2 Corinthians 6:2). Yes, indeed, our future in heaven is ours now in Christ. Therefore, let’s celebrate!

When Trinity presented its offering to *The Future is Now* campaign, it was a natural extension of the

congregation’s vision to celebrate its way into the future.

One example of this celebration is Trinity’s vision to share the Gospel in multiple locations. After sponsoring five worship services in Grass Lake, a small group Bible Study, and an outreach event at Grass Lake High School, it now is time: Time to call; Time to plant; Time to grow. In other words, *The Future is Now*.

As Trinity has made the prayerful decision to partner in *The Future is Now*, please consider your partnership and join the celebration today.

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*“In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.”*

1 Timothy 6:19

### Resource Tip ...

A congregation recently indicated they are going to include “mite boxes” as one of the ways they will raise funds to fulfill their pledge. Family “mite boxes” will be emptied on a designated Sunday into a large container and included with the congregations quarterly pledge payment.

### Progress to Date ...

**District      \$2,380,000**

**National     \$47,700,000**

### Congregation Highlights

We would like to thank several congregations who recently became campaign partners through their congregational gift and/or campaign commitment; Rev. Dean Dumbrille and Trinity, Fenton; Rev. Joel Hoyer and Grace, Coopersville; Rev. David Dodge and Our Savior, Union City; Rev. Mark Oswald and Trinity, Conklin; Rev. Charles Schulz and St. Thomas, Ann Arbor; and Rev. Lawrence Matro and Immanuel, Leland. We thank and praise God for your commitment to the future of our church.



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