

## EDGEWOOD LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA

2525 E. Pontaluna Rd. • Fruitport, MI

9:00 a.m. Children & Adult S.S.  
10:00 a.m. Worship Service



Communion  
every Sunday  
Barrier Free

**Pastor Len Dahlgren**  
**Phone • (231) 865-3300**

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All Lions, Lionesses, and Leos donate their time and efforts.

## COMMUNITY ON THE LAKESHORE

### DID YOU KNOW?

- For every \$100 you spend at locally owned businesses, \$68 will stay in the community.
- For every \$100 spent at a national chain, only \$43 stays in the community.

*from the G.H. Tribune*

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## Fruitport Congregational

9 S. 8th Ave.

(Corner of Park & 8th)

**Phone: 231-865-3551**

**Worship Time: 10:00am**

**Hospitality Time: 11:15am**

**Sunday School is available for  
ages preschool through high  
school at 10:15am. Children are  
dismissed from the worship  
service to attend.**

### Other Opportunities:

**2nd Wednesday of each month –  
Women's Fellowship at Noon  
Ladies' Night Out at 6:30pm**

**Every Thursday at 7:00pm –  
Sr. Choir Rehearsal**

**Everyone is Welcome!**

## The Tree House Child Care Center is Opening and Accepting Enrollments

*submitted by Jenny Ajwah, Director*

Fruitport, MI – From dance to daycare. A former dance studio has been transformed into the newest Reggio Emilia inspired childcare center along the lakeshore offering year round care, preschool with pre-K curriculum and before and after school care ages 6 weeks to 10 years. The Tree House Child Care Center, located in the village of Fruitport, opened its doors on Monday, August 5 and has been welcoming new students and families weekly.

The Tree House Child Care Center is open 6:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday through Friday and located near the I-96 exits in the village of Fruitport making the center convenient for working families. The center is the lakeshore's newest Reggio Emilia inspired child care provider. Reggio Emilia is a child centered education philosophy that uses child-directed, experiential learning in relationship with teachers and the environment to prepare children as 21st century learners. At the Tree House, Reggio is symbolized through the intentional layout of the center and its classrooms and the role of teachers as co-learners and collaborators alongside children.

The Tree House features newly constructed classrooms, each with its own bathroom as well as natural lighting and hardwood floors throughout, a teaching kitchen, art studio, multipurpose room and natural fenced outdoor play area. Children are served whole food, low sugar, primarily vegetarian meals and snacks in a relaxed community like setting. The Tree House team of teachers and leaders hold degrees and certifications in early childhood and education and work closely with families on supporting each child's development, progress and overall daily experience. The center uses an app called Brightwheel® to communicate with families and help parents stay informed of their child's daily experience.

The center is now enrolling for toddler, preschool and before and after care age groups. To inquire about enrollment or apply to join the team of Tree House teachers, visit the website at [www.treehouseccc.com](http://www.treehouseccc.com) or contact the center at 231.366.6090.

The Tree House Child Care Center is a member of the Muskegon Lakeshore Chamber of Commerce.

## Pine Hill Cemetery (Fruitport) Looking Good

*submitted by Heidi Tice*



Before the 2019-2020 budget was created, the cemetery committee for Fruitport Charter Township met and discussed a plan to update some of the major needs at the Pine Hill cemetery on Pontaluna. The 2019-2020 budget was a very ambitious endeavor with some needed repairs and improvements.



The two retaining walls that were falling on the west side of the cemetery were replaced with new reinforced block retaining walls. After removing the old walls it was found they were not installed with any reinforcement many, many years ago when they were put up. The new walls should look great for many years to come. Thank you to MCU Construction. See picture below.

With the help of Fruitport Charter Township's wonderful DPW group, the dilapidated and

leaning shed was removed in record time, making this area of the cemetery much safer and better



looking as well.

The mausoleum has been a conversation piece for many years with the cemetery committee and residents alike. The building that was built in 1960 had never been cleaned and the roof was the original roof. Thanks to Complete Water Restoration Company we have a new looking mausoleum. Before and after pictures below.



## Teen Addiction Recovery Program to Launch in Muskegon County

*The program will be the only one of its kind in West Michigan*



**HealthWest**  
Muskegon's Behavioral Wellness Connection

MUSKEGON, MI – A new addiction recovery program will help Muskegon County teens battling self-destructive behaviors such as smoking, drinking, fighting, and drug use develop skills to overcome these behaviors and live a healthy life.

HealthWest, Muskegon County's Community Mental Health Services Program, is launching SMART Recovery for Teens, which will help youth 13 and older with addiction recovery. It is the only program of its type in West Michigan and is just the second SMART Recovery for Teens program in the state.

"What you do as a teenager can set the stage for the rest of your life," said HealthWest Clinical Supervisor Meaghan Dulin, who is helping to spearhead the program. "We are excited to work with the youth of Muskegon County to develop healthy habits that will stick with them and set them up for success."

Recent state data showed more than 21 percent of Muskegon County high school students surveyed have smoked cigarettes and nearly 40 percent have drunk alcohol. The data also revealed that 8 percent of surveyed high schoolers reported binge drinking in the past 30 days and the surveyed teens were on average only 14 years old when they reported being drunk for the first time.

Nearly 15 percent of surveyed high schoolers reported being offered illegal drugs while on school property in the past year and nearly 29 percent reported trying marijuana.

"It's clear that Muskegon County teens are using drugs, alcohol, and tobacco," Dulin said. "We're here to provide them with a safe, welcoming space where they can come together to work on changing those behaviors that hurt themselves and others."

SMART Recovery is a self-help program that will help participants get and stay motivated; cope with urges; self-manage thoughts, feelings, and behaviors; and live a balanced life. It is not a 12-step program.

Meetings will be held from 4:30-5:30 p.m. every Tuesday starting Oct. 22 at the HealthWest Transition Age Services facility, 131 E. Apple Ave., 3rd Floor. There is no cost to attend meetings.