

## ❖ TRINITY'S COLLEGE STUDENTS RETURN FOR THE SUMMER ❖

It's my second favorite time of year (second only to Blessing of the Animals in October!) when Trinitarians who have flown the coop for college and greener pastures come home for the summer (or, at least, make an appearance before going off on their summer engagements). Throughout the summer, we will feature one college student (what they are up to, where they are going) to better assist our parish in tracking the exciting lives of our young adults.

- Devon

### ERIK RUDE



Erik has recently completed his sophomore year at Michigan Tech University where his chosen major is Applied Ecology and Environmental Science. Erik was only in Excelsior for a blink of an eye before he departed again for Houghton, Michigan to work this summer for a non-profit organization called Keweena Invasive Species Management Area (KISMA). Erik will be spending his summer fighting back invasive plant species such as buckthorn and garlic mustard, on both private and public land. This Fall Erik will spend a semester at Michigan Tech's "Fall Camp" which is an off-

campus field class in environmental studies, followed by a capstone project. He hopes to spend his winter/spring 2019 term abroad, either in China or New Zealand.