



## Connections May 2009

### Great Things Are Happening

Wow! There is a lot going on this month here and a lot that has happened this past month. So, sit back and read all that God has done, is doing, and will continue to keep doing.

First, the past month:

The Guatemala Garage Sale - Wow, we had a lot of stuff come in! THANK YOU for all your donations. Without them it would not have been possible. If you could not be there this is what it looked like. As you came in the church both sides of the front walk were filled with "treasures". As you entered into church, again both sides all the way to the back in Connection Café and in front of the mail boxes were lined with tables. All the round tables were used and all the long tables. You would not believe that that much stuff would fit in there. Thank you to all that helped in planning, setting up, helped on sale day and to everyone that came shopping. The total raised was \$2,400.00. It was truly a great day!!

The Guatemala team :

*Samantha Dannenberg*

*Ali Neevel*

*Jessica Myaard*

*Bryan Gezon*

*Matt Mast*

*Arie Mast*

*Betty Mast*

*Bill Van Auken*

*Jan Van Auken*

*Gretchen Fisher*

*Ed Borgman*

*Gabby Helmus*

*Ross Helmus*

*Cassie Kooyers*

*Jessie Kooyers*

*Courtney Kooyers*

*Lauri Kooyers*

*Warren Kooyers*

Some of you have been asking how much this is all costing, so on the next page there is a break down.

**From the Guatemala Mission Trip Team:**

Your support in helping us reach our goal of funding our trip in June was amazing!

**Here is what was needed:**

\$ 22,500 participant costs (18 individuals @ \$1,250 each)

\$3,600 to build modest houses for four families

\$2,000 for two-day medical clinic in a nearby village

\$200 transportation and parking in Detroit

**\$28,300 TOTAL**

**Here is where the funds came from:**

\$ 15,630 (\$800 or more from each participant)

\$5,000 from mission budget

\$7,670 from gifts and fundraising

**\$28,300 TOTAL**

**THANK YOU!!** We truly appreciate everything you have done, from donating and buying our baked goods, to filling the money envelopes from the clothesline, to donating and shopping at our garage sale.

If you would still like to help Trinity make an impact in Guatemala, here is something else you can do.

The 18 participants will be allowed to take a total of about 2,000 pounds of baggage into Guatemala. Obviously our clothes and personal items probably won't even weigh half that amount. So we are collecting items to donate in Guatemala. Here is the list of medical items and children's items being collected:

Anti-bacterial soap	Candy	Balloons
Over-the-Counter Medicines	Nail Polish	Crayons
Band-Aids	Stickers	Balls
Gauze	Coloring Books	Frisbees
Medical Tape	Colored Pencils	Eyeglasses
Toothbrushes	Jump Ropes	Beanie Babies
Toothpaste	McDonald's Type Toys	Any Small Toys
Baby Shampoo	Spanish Bibles	Cloth Dippers
Baby Lotion	Diaper rash Ointment	

If you would rather make a cash donation for these items, we will be happy to shop for you. Please put any cash donations in an envelope marked "Guatemala Supplies". Put your envelope number or name on the envelope and the donation will be listed on your contribution statement.

## What's Ahead in May ?

The search team continues looking and exploring possible candidates, your continued support and prayers are very much needed and appreciated.

### *Tulip Time*

It will be here before you know it. If you enjoy watching Dutch Dancers I know that Marsha & Megan & Jessica Myaard, Ali Neevel, Dee Dee Vredeveld, Karen and Emily Bos, Kristy Borgman and Lauren Bedard will be dancing. So sorry if we missed someone! Please ask them where they are dancing and let's support them + have some junk food and fellowship while you are there.

### *Mothers Day*

I was looking for something on Mothers day when I ran across this list of the word "Mother" in different Languages:

French - Mere  
German - Mutter  
Hindi - Maji  
Urdu - Ammee  
English - Mom, Mummy, Mother  
Italian - Madre  
Portuguese - Mãe  
Albanian - Mëmë; Nënë; Burim; Kryemurgeshë  
Belarusan - Matka  
Cebuano - Inahan; Nanay  
Serbian - Majka  
Czech - Abatyse  
Dutch - Moeder; Moer  
Estonian - Ema  
Frisian - Emo, Emä, Kantaäiti, Äiti  
Greek - Mäna  
Hawaiian - Makuahine  
Hungarian - Anya, Fu  
Ilongo - Iloy; Nanay; Nay  
Indonesian - Induk, Ibu, Biang, Nyokap

#### **A Precious Mother Author: Unknown**

Mom, you've given me so much, Love from your heart and the warmth of your touch.  
The gift of life and you're a friend to me. We have a very special bond which only comes from God...I'm sure you agree.  
As a child I would say Mommy I Love You, Now you're my Mother so dear  
I love you even more with each and every new year.  
If I could had chosen, I would have picked no other.  
Than for you...to be my lifelong friend and Precious Mother.

## Memorial Day

Many Americans mistakenly believe that Veterans Day is the day America sets aside to honor American military personnel who died in battle or as a result of wounds sustained from combat. That's not quite true. Memorial Day is the day set aside to honor America's war dead.

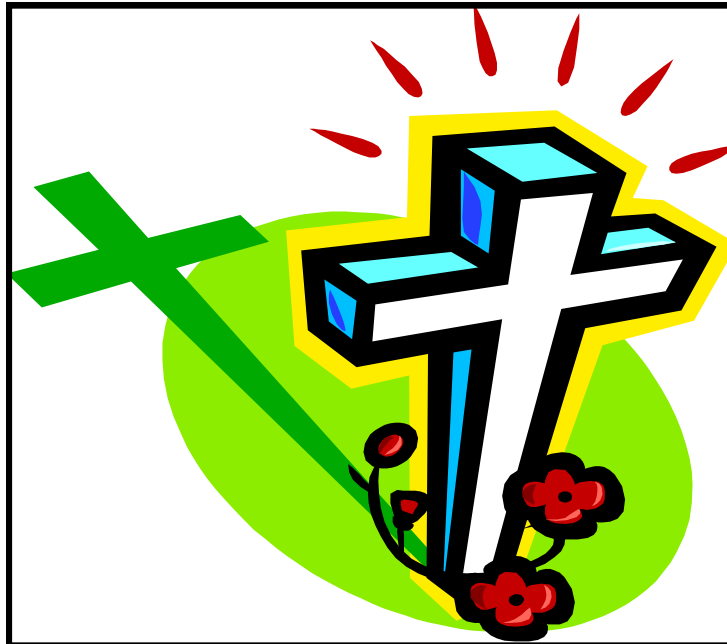
Veterans Day, on the other hand, honors *ALL* American veterans, both living and dead. In fact, Veterans Day is largely intended to thank *LIVING* veterans for dedicated and loyal service to their country. November 11 of each year is the day that we ensure veterans know that we deeply appreciate the sacrifices they have made in the lives to keep our country free.

(<http://usmilitary.about.com/cs/generalinfo/a/veteransday.htm>)

There is a lot of information out there on Memorial Day. I would encourage you to check out more on the internet.

Please take time to say prayer for someone's family that has given the ultimate sacrifice so we could be free. You know, you could say the same thing about someone else that gave HIS life so we could so we could have eternal life.

*"Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends" John 15:13 NIV*



## **Trinity Reformed Church Worship Ministry Team**

Our purpose and mission is to provide relevant worship opportunities for those who are not yet followers of Jesus Christ and meaningful worship opportunities for those who are in a personal relationship with Him.

Members of the worship ministry team include Lucille Kruithoff, Ruth Klungle, Bob Koning, Kevin Brower, Bill Van Auken, and John DeKam.

### **CELEBRATIONS:**

Numerous extensive repairs to the organ have been completed. A few things still need to be adjusted as time and funding allows. We're thankful for the efforts of Milt Bos and Ruth Klungle to oversee and keep on top of this work.

We were blessed in April with powerful messages of challenge and encouragement from our guest preachers Rev. Marlin Vis and Rev. Dan Gillett.

### **NEEDS:**

We are needing to add a couple more members to our team especially people in the 15-30 and 30-40 age groups. If this is an area of service you would be interested in, contact any member of the team.

Two faithful servants, who have asked not to be named, have decided it is time to turn over the responsibility for preparing the communion elements for the first Sunday service of each month to someone else. This involves about an hour of work on either a Thursday, Friday, or Saturday once a month. If this is a ministry you feel capable and willing to take on contact Bill Van Auken. It could be done by one person but a partner makes work more fun and quicker. Bill will be able to explain the process to you and help you through the first time of preparation.

### **UPDATES:**

Bringing us God's Word in scripture and message in the month of May will be:

May 3	Rev. John DeKam
May 10	Rev. Andy Fierro, pastor of Crossroads Chapel
May 17	Rev. Dennis Voskuil, professor Western Theological Seminary
May 24	Rev. Dennis Voskuil, professor Western Theological Seminary
May 31	Rev. Dennis Voskuil, professor Western Theological Seminary

## **You're Invited.....**

...to join the People Care Ministry Team! The purpose of this Team is to welcome guests; assist guests who are moving toward membership; and caring for special needs of the people in our church.

Responsibilities of the team include:

Hospitality (including greeters, ushers, Connection Cafe, receptions/celebrations)

Guest follow up and assimilating into the church

Pastoral Care Ministry

Benevolence Ministries

Diaconal Ministry (hands-on ministry to help members)

We would also like your help in determining the needs of our Congregation and invite you to offer suggestions. Suggestions so far include the following:

Valet service for Sunday church services

Flower planting for people who are not able to do this for themselves

Offer Sunday drives to people who would like to get out

Help with errands

Volunteers for "Sunday secretary" to cover the office secretarial desk and be a liaison to the office staff

Prime parking spaces for visitors

Member prayer partner

You may talk with any of us after Worship Services or feel free to complete a suggestion form (found on the Connection Cafe tables) and deposit it in the wooden box located in the gathering area. We welcome your ideas and suggestions. If you have a passion for these types of ministries and caring for Trinity's flock, please talk to one of us about becoming a member of this exciting Ministry Team!

Greg Harper, Team Leader/Chairperson

Nancy Smith, Care Calling Team Leader

Consistory Liaisons - Elders, JoAnn Dykstra, Barb Stehouwer, and Deacon, Lara Helmus

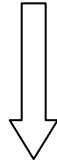
## ***Staying Connected:***

In an effort to stay connected in any way possible, Trinity is attempting to gather email addresses of all our members. If you have email, please email Barb Long at [BarbL@trinityRC.org](mailto:BarbL@trinityRC.org) so she can add your address to our database. Just send an email with the subject "Sending Email Address" and she can paste it accurately into her contact list.

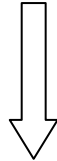
## TOOL TIME NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Tool Time is up and running and starting to receive requests. Now we need Trinity folks to get on board and help complete these jobs. Here's how Tool Time works:

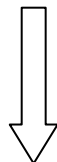
Trinity receives a request for a job



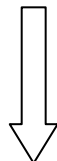
Paul Vander Starre the point person goes in and assesses the job



Paul sends out an email to the Tool Time group to inform everyone about the request and what it will take to get the job done (skills, time etc.)

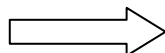


Whoever is available to help complete the job then responds back with when it works out for them to complete it



That person (along with any others who can help)  
goes in and gets the job done.

Smiles all around!



**Not feeling skilled?** No problem! We can use all kinds of help. From those who have some skills—to those who can paint—to those who can hand something up to someone on a ladder. There maybe even times when we need someone to go along with the worker just for talking to the people.

**Don't have a lot of time to give?** No problem! You set your own schedule and how often you want to be involved.

**Not on the Tool Time distribution list?** No problem! Email Paul at:  
pvanderstarre@sbcglobal.net to get on the list.

**No email?** No problem! Call the church office and let Barb know that you want to get on the list. You can be called when requests come in.

*This is an awesome way for Trinity to be the hands and feet of Christ – please consider helping out this worthwhile ministry.*

## **Living Out “Our Call”**

Did you sign a “Commitment Card” last fall?

Have you found a way to live out “Our Call” of advances the Good News of God’s Kingdom into the lives of people in our community and beyond?

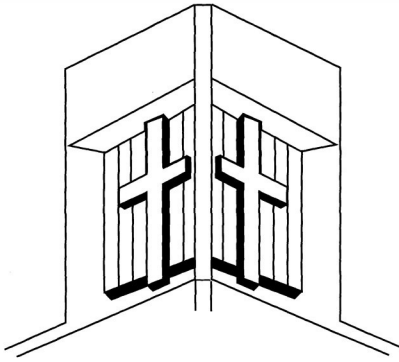
If you have seen a Trinity member living out this call, the Mission Deployment Team would love to hear about it. Please let us know who you would like to recognize as an individual that is using his or her life experiences, abilities, gifts and passion to engage with people that may be in need or far from God. You can call the church office at 396-6526, email Trinity at [info@trinityrc.org](mailto:info@trinityrc.org) with “mission team” in the subject line, or drop a note at the church office to the attention of the mission team. Watch Connections as we profile some of these individuals in future issues. Also, if you have a personal experience you would like to share, we would love to hear your story.

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# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Doug Schurman	5/2
Steve Schurman	5/2
Arlene VandenBosch	5/2
Linda Lampen	5/4
Stacy Lundy	5/4
Laura VanderStarre	5/8
Betty Essenburg	5/9
Blayne Libby	5/9
Kristy Borgman	5/10
Gayle Scott	5/12
Kelli Anderson	5/13
Katie Harper	5/13
Joseph Harrington	5/15
Alice Kuyers	5/15
Lori Castaneda	5/17
Blake DeKorte	5/17
Logan DeKorte	5/17

Warren Kooyers	5/18
Emiko Oonk	5/18
Kaitlyn Kelly	5/19
Dan Schrotenboer	5/19
Arlyne VanderWoude	5/20
Lou Teerman	5/21
Lee Teerman	5/23
Tyler Busscher	5/25
Alice Kooyers	5/25
Jack Essenburg	5/26
Annie Kalmink	5/26
Darlene VanHeest	5/26
Ken Brondyke	5/27
Ella Essenburg	5/27
Karen Kane	5/28
Grace Jappinga	5/29
Paul Moker	5/30
George Wolters	5/30



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### Our Call

God is calling Trinity Church to be transformed into an outward missional focused church that advances the Good News of God's Kingdom into the lives of people in our community and beyond.

### My Call

God is calling me as part of the Trinity Family to intentionally:

- ◆ Love God with all of my heart, soul, mind, and strength.
- ◆ Extend His love to those at Trinity Church and those in my relational network not yet in a Family of God.
- ◆ Use my life experiences, abilities, gifts, and passion to engage with people who are not in the Family of God.

### *Your Consistory*

#### **Elders**

Jim Allen

Paul Bruursema

JoAnne Dykstra

Jeff Myaard

Ken Neevel

Barb Stehouwer

Bill VanAuken

#### **Deacons**

Rick Fisher

Lara Helmus

Del Kuipers

Steve Lundy

Bob Reed

Gayle Scott

Paul VanderStarre

*Please feel free to contact any consistory member with questions, comments or concerns*