



TRINITY REFORMED CHURCH

APRIL 2013



CONNECTIONS



We are overjoyed to share with the congregation & community that we have been selected to receive a new playground system through KaBOOM!

KaBOOM! is a national nonprofit that envisions a great place to play within walking distance of every child in America. They partner with corporate sponsors & foundations to build brand new playgrounds in communities across North America.

Trinity Church as well as the Holland Rescue Mission are co-partners in this project. We will be working closely with the Mission's staff of The Rock to bring about all the details for this project. Your participation is vitally important to the completion of this playground.

In the coming days & weeks you will hear of ways that you can participate & we ask that you get involved as you are able.

One part of our investment in this project is financial. We need to raise \$8500 by April 15. Our Easter offering was the start of our fundraising efforts.



Mark the Following Dates:

Work Days TBD Between May 1-14 - 20-30 adult volunteers are needed to start putting the playground together & prepare for our build day (7am-2pm).

Build Day May 15 - 125 volunteers are needed to provide food, entertainment, children's programs, playground construction & landscaping (8am-3pm).



LEGENDARY HERALDERS QUARTET



IN CONCERT

*Uplifting
Exciting*



*Entertaining
Spiritual*

Sunday, April 28, 2013 6:00 PM
Trinity Reformed Church, 712 Apple Avenue

Trinity Reformed Church



The Essential 100 Bible Reading Program

April 2013

The Travels of the Apostle Paul

76. The Road to Damascus	Acts 9:3-5	Acts 9:1-31
77. The First Missionary Journey	Acts 14:21-22	Acts 13:1-14:28
78. The Council at Jerusalem	Acts 15:5-6	Acts 15:1-41
79. More Missionary Journeys	Acts 16:9-10	Acts 16:1-20:38
80. The Trip to Rome	Acts 28:15-16	Acts 25:1-28:31

Letters to the Early Churches

81. More Than Conquerors	Romans 8:28	Romans 8:1-39
82. The Fruit of the Spirit	Galatians 5:22-23	Galatians 5:16-6:10
83. The Armor of God	Ephesians 6:10-11	Ephesians 6:10-20
84. Rejoice in the Lord	Philippians 4:4	Philippians 4:4-9
85. A Description of Jesus	Colossians 1:17-18	Colossians 1:1-23

May 2013

Letters to the Early Church Leaders

86. Elders and Deacons	1 Timothy 3:1-3	1 Timothy 3:1-16
87. The Love of Money	1 Timothy 6:10	1 Timothy 6:3-21
88. God's Workman	2 Timothy 2:15	2 Timothy 2:1-26
89. All Scripture is God-breathed	2 Timothy 3:16-17	2 Timothy 3:10-4:8
90. The Coming of the Lord	1 Thessalonians 4:16-17	1 Thessalonians 4:13-5:11

The Apostles' Teaching

91. The Most Excellent Way	1 Corinthians 13:13	1 Corinthians 13:1-13
92. A New Creation	2 Corinthians 5:17	2 Corinthians 4:1-6:2
93. A Living Hope	1 Peter 1:3	1 Peter 1:1-2:12
94. Faith and Works	James 2:17	James 1:1-2:26
95. Love One Another	1 John 4:7	1 John 3:11-4:21

The Revelation

96. A Voice and a Vision	Revelation 1:17-18	Revelation 1:1-20
97. Messages to the Churches	Revelation 3:21-22	Revelation 2:1-3:22
98. The Throne of Heaven	Revelation 7:11-12	Revelation 4:1-7:17
99. Hallelujah!	Revelation 19:6-7	Revelation 19:1-20:15
100. The New Jerusalem	Revelation 21:2-4	Revelation 21:1--22:21



YOUTH MINISTRY MOMENTS

My review of the book “Sticky Faith — Practical ideas to nurture long-term faith in Teenagers” By Jon Wolters

Chapter 4 — Sticky Church

What does it take to have a sticky church? Lets listen to two quotes from some students that were surveyed for this study:

My Church made me feel like a valued part of the congregation, like an adult. — Keely

The students seem to be very separated from the rest of the congregation. Maybe fixing that gap would help unite the church. — Delonte

The basic story throughout this whole chapter is the story of the “Kids Table”. We have all have had an experience with a kids table, either we were the ones setting it or we were the ones sitting at it. The kids table serves a couple of great purposes: 1) it gets the kids out of the way of the adults and 2) it allows the kids to be kids. Sometimes at the kids table you get to use paper plates instead of the good “china”, paper napkins instead of the cloth ones. Everything seems better at the adult table! On page 72 this statement about the adult/kids table analogy is made: “In theory, we were all at the same meal. In reality, the adults and the kids had very different experiences.” That sounds a lot like how many of us experience church today.

Another point that was made in this chapter was the fact that “we cannot understand what it means to be part of a Sticky Church that develops long-term faith in kids unless we understand that church is not about buildings, or programs, or activities, or budgets — it’s about people.”

One way that research has shown to help teenagers grow Sticky Faith is to serve and build relationships with younger children. This is one way that I see us doing very well at Trinity. Our Jr. High and High School Students are highly involved in the lives of the younger kids. However, I wonder if they could be more involved?

For the rest of the article I want to talk about something that could potentially be difficult for you as an individual and us as a church. It is a fundamental change in how we work with teens and young adults in our church.

Chap Clark says that we need to “reverse the youth ministry ratio.”

Dr. Chap Clark is the Associate Provost for Regional Campuses and Strategic Projects and Professor of Youth, Family, and Culture at the Fuller Seminar in Pasadena, California and one of the co-authors of the book **Sticky Faith (Parent Edition)**. The youth ministry ratio that Dr. Clark is referring to is the old notion that we need to find one (1) adult for every five (5) students in our youth groups. This new idea 5:1 ratio in youth ministry says that we should find five (5) adults for every one (1) student. Here are the suggestions that are given to help us change the culture of our church into a 5:1 church:

5:1 Teaching — What if we brought the high school youth into an adult Sunday School class or vice versa?

5:1 Worship — How about having students on the worship planning team or having a youth elder or deacon?

5:1 Mentoring — What if you connected a few hours a month or a year to kids who have similar interests as you?

5:1 Rituals — What if we wrote out a set plan of things that would happen when students reach certain milestones in the life of the church?

Check out one of the copies of Sticky Faith from the youth table and start your own journey to helping students around you have Sticky Faith!!





Thank you to all of our 16 chili participants, the numerous dessert and cornbread bakers, the set-up and clean-up crews and the over 100 attendees who helped make this night unforgettable!

Also, thank you to the Spiritual Growth Team members for their hard work in making this an exciting and fun event!

Winnie, your decorations were fabulous – as always!

Praise be to God for His faithfulness!

Congratulations 2013 Winners

TRC's 3rd Annual Chili Cook-Off!

Award Winning Chili

1st Place: Sara Neevel

2nd Place: Tabitha Wolters

3rd Place: Amanda Schurman

Kids' Vote: Tabitha Wolters

Door Prize Winners

Janet Roberts

Steve Schurman

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3 Point Winner

Raymond Alsip

Hot Tamales Guessing Game

Kevin Chea



WALKING MINISTRY AT TRINITY CHURCH

It's cold outside, but the church is warm. With many condo associations surrounding Trinity, we have an opportunity to serve our neighbors. With plenty of available space, we would like to open Trinity's doors during the week to our neighbors as a place to walk and join others for a cup of coffee. But before this can happen, we need volunteers who are willing to put on the coffee and offer hospitality.



Are you available one or two mornings per week (or month)? Do you have some friends who are looking to join you in a simple way to serve others? This may be that simple way; a ministry opportunity to serve the retirees all around us. Contact Roger Mulder or the church office if you would like to learn more about this ministry.

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES TO GET INVOLVED

- Provide Cookies for Sunday Morning Connection Café
- Prepare, Serve and Clean Up for Sunday Morning Connection Café
- Prayer Partner for A Young Person
- Youth Leader
- Nursery Attendants (Infant and Toddler)
- Visit Shut-Ins
- Monday Morning Work Group (small maintenance projects around the church)
- Wednesday Night Dinner Helpers and Cookie Providers
- Community Kitchen at Western Seminary (1st Thursday@11am)
- Breakfast With Baby @ New Community 4th Church (Feb. 9, June 18, Sept. 14 and Dec. 14, 2013 from 9-11:30am)
- Tutor, Provide Supper, Receptionist at ROCK Youth Ministries (Tues-Thurs, 4-6pm)
- Holland Public Schools LSPC "Books", Buses and Breakfast Program
- Trinity Care Closet (Every Wednesday 4:30-6pm)
- Snacks & Beverage for Wavecrest Basketball Team
- Provide Gatorade for Tuesday Night Basketball
- Help Set Up Tables and Chairs for Weekly Events
- Worship Leader / Praise Team
- Join the Sanctuary Choir
- Sound Room (training provided)
- Serve on a Ministry Team (Worship, Mission, Spiritual Growth, People Care, Building & Grounds, Finance)
- KIDS.COM (Kids Choir) Helpers (teens/adults)
- Volunteer in the Church Office
- Start / Lead a Small Group Based on Your Favorite Hobby

For more information, please contact the church office (396-6526).



7 Habits of a Highly Effective Steward

Much has been written about the habits it takes to be a highly effective person, or a highly effective family or a highly effective teen. This seven-part series will reflect on the habits of a highly effective steward.

Since stewardship is a part of discipleship, and discipleship is a journey for each of us, we hope that these habits will help us reflect on this area of our Christian life.

Habit 5: Live Within Your Means

What do you think when you read, “Live within your means?” Do you think, “Who me?”...yet often you find yourself wishing you had more money? Perhaps you have too much “month” at the end of the “money” because of a lifestyle you’ve created that is hard to maintain. Many times this may happen when we try to keep up with others and don’t live within our means.

Discontent and financial difficulty can happen when we compare ourselves to those who have more. Some use comparison to justify spending more than they should...“keeping up with the Joneses”. As Howard Dayton said in his book, *Dollars and Sense*, “someone once said that you can never keep up with the Joneses. Just about the time you catch them, they refinance their home and go deeper in debt to buy more things!”

We certainly live in a society of acquisition. Advertising is geared to encourage us to desire a better lifestyle and to aspire to a higher standard of living. According to society, we should acquire as many expensive possessions as possible because these things are evidence of a successful, important person. When we want to live this counterfeit, media-induced dream but cannot afford it, we suffer discontentment, envy and coveting. And, most importantly, it prevents us from giving freely and sacrificially back to God.

As God’s stewards, our fundamental lifestyle choice is to concentrate on what we have instead of what we lack. Debt is a terrible trap in which to fall and an even harder one to escape. It’s not surprising that the Bible discourages borrowing. In Prov. 22:7 we read, “...the borrower is servant to the lender”. Yet, despite these warnings, it’s easy to fall into the temptation of debt. As George Fooshee, author of *You Can Beat the Money Squeeze* aptly states, “People buy things they do not need with money they do not have to impress people they do not even like.”

Scripture contains a number of challenging principles that we should consider when choosing a lifestyle. As Paul indicates: *“I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do everything through Him who gives me strength.”* Phil. 4:12-13

Income alone should never determine our lifestyle, even if we have plenty of money to live the way we wish. The choices we make will depend not only on how much we make and what needs our family has, but also on the way we view the world and our responsibility as God’s stewards. God’s ownership, the gifts God has given us, the opportunities we have to develop our gifts are crucial in helping us to decide how to live.



LIBRARY NEWS

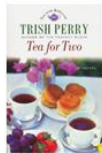
Beth Borgman

NEW BOOKS IN THE LIBRARY

Donated by Audrey Behrmann

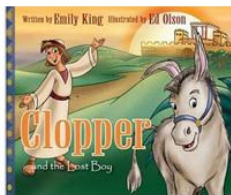


The Perfect Blend, by Trish Perry - Steph Vandergrift leaves everything behind to marry attorney Rick Manfred . . . only to be left at the altar. So she takes a job at the local tea shop, where she meets eligible bachelor Kendall James. But by the time she's ready to date again, Rick returns and wants her back. What does *God* have in mind?



Tea for Two, by Trish Perry - Counselor Tina Milano has been visiting Milly's Tea Shop regularly for the past several months. She has many friends but no steady man in her life. Zack Cooper is a local farmer who provides Milly with fresh fruit & vegetables. As a single parent, Zach is doing his best to raise his teenage son & daughter on his own. When the kids get in minor scrapes with the law, Milly gently encourages Zack & Tina to work together to draw the teens back before their rebellious natures land them in even hotter water. At first Tina sees the relationship in only a professional capacity, but soon her friends notice the luscious scent of romance in the air & decide to help things along.

Donated by Bob and Barb Long



Clopper and the Lost Boy, by Emily King - My name is Clopper. Let's clip-clop down to the watering trough while I tell you about a very special celebration. One that caused quite a flutter! Twelve years after Clopper the donkey took Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem on that spectacular night when Jesus was born he is off on another trek with the family as they journey together to Jerusalem for the Feast of Passover. The celebration is a happy time of singing and camaraderie, but as Clopper heads for home in a caravan of family and friends, Mary and Joseph make a shocking discovery - Jesus is missing!



A Picnic With the Barleys, by Karen Hunt - *"It was a glorious, sunshiny day, just right for a picnic in the country."* The merry adventures of Eustace and Prunella Rumpole continue in this heartwarming story about two lively mice families, the Rumpoles and the Barleys. The Rumpole family mice venture out from their cozy attic home atop the old Rumpole mansion to picnic by the river with their country friends, the Barleys. When one of the country mice becomes a little pushy, the party hits a snag. Prunella's prized pink parasol soon plays an important and dramatic part in this unforgettable story about courage and forgiveness.

NEW VIDEO IN THE LIBRARY



The Chronicles of Narnia—The Voyage of the Dawn Treader, by C.S. Lewis - Return to the magic and wonder of C. S. Lewis' epic world in this third installment of the beloved Chronicles of Narnia fantasy-adventure series. When Lucy and Edmund Pensive, along with their cousin Eustace, are swallowed into a painting and transported back to Narnia, they join King Caspian and a noble mouse named Reepicheep aboard the magnificent ship The Dawn Treader. The courageous voyagers travel to mysterious islands, confront mystical creatures, and reunite with the Great Lion Aslan and a mission that will determine the fate of Narnia itself!





The Holy Alphabet

(Submitted by Lucille Kruithof)

Although things are not perfect

Because of trial or pain

Continue to be thankful

Do not begin to blame

Even when the times are hard

Fierce winds are bound to blow

God is forever able

Hold on to what you know

Imagine life without His love

Joy would cease to be

Keep thanking Him for all the things

Love imparts to thee

Move out of "Camp Complaining"

No weapon that is known

On earth can yield the power

Praise can do alone

Quit looking at the future

Redeem the time at hand

Start every day with worship

To "thank" is a command

Until we see Him coming

Victorious in the sky

We'll run the race with gratitude

Xalting God most high

Yes, there'll be good times and yes some will be bad, but

Zion waits in glory...where none are ever sad!



APRIL 2013 CALENDAR

- ♦ Apr. 2 - Worship Planning Team *11am*
Adult Bible Study *2pm*
Basketball for Teens & Adults *7pm*
- ♦ Apr. 3 - Men's Bible Study *6:30am*
Care Closet *4:30-6pm*
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal *6:45-8:15pm*
Praise Team Practice *8-9pm*
- ♦ Apr. 4 - Community Kitchen @ Western Seminary *11am*
- ♦ Apr. 7 - Worship *9:30am*
Sunday School for All Ages *11am*
High School Youth Group *6pm*
Beth Moore "Daniel" Bible Study *6:30pm*
- ♦ Apr. 8 - Spiritual Growth Team *7pm*
- ♦ Apr. 9 - Prayer Group *10am*
Worship Planning Team *11am*
Adult Bible Study *2pm*
Basketball for Teens & Adults *7pm*
- ♦ Apr. 10 - Men's Bible Study *6:30am*
Care Closet *4:30-6pm*
KIDS.Com Choir *6:30pm*
Middle School Youth Group *6:30-8pm*
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal *6:45-8:15pm*
- ♦ Apr. 11 - Women of the Word *9:30am*
Turning Pages Reading Group *12pm*
Finance Team *7pm*
- ♦ Apr. 14 - Worship *9:30am*
Sunday School for All Ages *11am*
High School Youth Group *6pm*
- ♦ Apr. 15 - Elder's Meeting *7:30pm*
- ♦ Apr. 16 - Worship Planning Team *11am*
Adult Bible Study *2pm*
Basketball for Teens & Adults *7pm*
- ♦ Apr. 17 - Men's Bible Study *6:30am*
Care Closet *4:30-6pm*
KIDS.Com Choir *6:30pm*
Middle School Youth Group *6:30-8pm*
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal *6:45-8:15pm*
Praise Team Practice *8-9pm*
- ♦ Apr. 18 - Women of the Word *9:30am*
Ladies Night Out *5:30pm*
- ♦ Apr. 21 - Worship *9:30am*
Sunday School for All Ages *11am*
High School Youth Group *6pm*
- ♦ Apr. 22 - Lydia/Ruth Circle *9:30am*
- ♦ Apr. 23 - Prayer Group *10am*
Worship Planning Team *11am*
Basketball for Teens & Adults *7pm*
- ♦ Apr. 24 - Men's Bible Study *6:30am*
Care Closet *4:30-6pm*
KIDS.Com Choir *6:30pm*
Middle School Youth Group Year End Fun Night *6:30-8pm*
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal *6:45-8:15pm*
- ♦ Apr. 25 - Women of the Word *9:30am*
Turning Pages Reading Group *12pm*
Worship Team *7pm*
- ♦ Apr. 27 - Memorial Service for Chuck Arends *2pm*
- ♦ Apr. 28 - Worship *9:30am*
Sunday School for All Ages *11am*
High School Youth Group Messy Night *6pm*
Heralders Concert *6pm*
- ♦ Apr. 29 - Mission Team *7pm*
- ♦ Apr. 30 - Worship Planning Team *11am*
Basketball for Teens & Adults *7pm*



NEEDED!!!



Do you know of someone who may have a

house to rent short term?

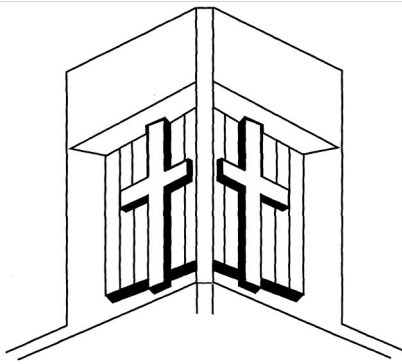


Dianne Moker's sister is looking to rent a large house
(preferably 5 bedrooms) **May 23-28**
for 7 adults and 5 children (3 babies).



Please call Dianne at 616-283-4712





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Kevin Brower
Teresa Harrington
Ross Helmus
John Houting
Tom Lampen
Steve Schurman

MINISTRY TEAM CHAIR PERSONS

Pastor Chris DeGraaf - Executive

Doug Schurman - Finance

Roger Mulder - Mission

Steve Schurman - Building & Grounds

Teresa Harrington - Spiritual Growth

Bill VanAuken - Worship



Happy Birthday!!



Betsy DeGraaf	4/1	Shirley Nienhuis	4/13	Al Nienhuis	4/20
John Bedard	4/2	Roger Mulder	4/15	Chris DeGraaf	4/23
Olivia DeGraaf	4/5	Steve Remillard	4/15	Julaine Knap	4/23
Pat Bosma	4/7	Stuart Emmons	4/17	Shirley Perez	4/23
Doug VandeWege	4/8	Ross Helmus	4/17	Gord Kossen	4/24
Jeanne Thompson	4/9	Marlene Plaggemars	4/17	Betty Diekema	4/27
Tyler Schurman	4/10	Bryan Gezon	4/19	Judy Groteler	4/27
Jessica Myaard	4/12	Del Kuipers	4/19	Bill VanAuken	4/27
Kathy Nyhoff	4/12	Kim Schrotenboer	4/19	Jan VanAuken	4/28
Marilyn Brower	4/13	Hazel Dirkse	4/20	Katy Stroop	4/29
Bob Koning	4/13	Joyce Dozeman	4/20		

Happy Anniversary!!

John & Barb Schulze	4/4	Jim & Lynda Simmons	4/17
Milt & Cheri Bos	4/6	Vern & Isla DeFouw	4/18
Merle & Alyda Boes	4/8	Larry & Becky Gezon	4/19
Carl & Connie Dykhuis	4/10	Andy & Audrey Behrmann	4/27
Paul & Dianne Moker	4/11		