

CONNECTIONS

February - March Sermon Series

Essential Teachings of Jesus for the Christian Life

How do the teachings of Jesus shape your daily life? Perhaps these teachings inform your business decisions. Maybe they guide your interactions with friends and family. Possibly they guide you in all daily choices. I suspect that we all could grow more deeply to understand and act upon these Essential Teachings of Jesus. As we make our way through the next few months in worship, we will be looking more closely at these important teachings and what they mean for our daily life. I encourage you to walk with me as we listen and learn from our Teacher and Savior.

Feb. 12	Guest Pastor, Rev. Janelle Lopez Koolhaas	
Feb. 19	Matthew 6:1-4	Giving Like a Hypocrite
Feb. 26	Matthew 6:5-15	Praying Hypocrite Style
March 4	Matthew 6:16-18	Fasting So No One Knows
March 11	Matthew 6:19-24	Make Your Choice Carefully
March 18	Matthew 6:25-34	Birds, Lillies, Pagans & Worry
March 25	Matthew 7:1-6	How to Make Sure People Judge You

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- ♦ February 1 - Care Closet 4:30-6pm
- ♦ February 1 - Wednesday Dinner & Activities 6pm
- ♦ February 2 - Trinity Serving Community Kitchen @ Western Seminary 11am
- ♦ February 2 - Deacon's Meeting 6:30pm
- ♦ February 2 - Consistory Meeting 7pm
- ♦ February 8 - Care Closet 4:30-6pm
- ♦ February 8 - Wednesday Dinner & Activities 6pm
- ♦ February 9 - Baby Shower for Jessica Myaard, 7pm
- ♦ February 13 - Spiritual Growth Team Meeting, 7pm
- ♦ February 15 - Care Closet 4:30-6pm
- ♦ February 15 - Wednesday Dinner & Activities 6pm
- ♦ February 16 - Ladies Night Out 5:30pm
- ♦ February 16 - Building & Grounds Team Meeting, 7pm
- ♦ February 16 - Worship Team Meeting, 7pm
- ♦ February 20 - Finance Team Meeting, 7pm
- ♦ February 22 - Care Closet 4:30-6pm
- ♦ February 22 - Wednesday Dinner & Activities 6pm
- ♦ February 23 - Finding Favour Concert, 6:30pm
- ♦ February 29 - Care Closet 4:30-6pm
- ♦ February 29 - Wednesday Dinner & Activities 6pm



BABY SHOWER!!!



The congregation is invited to a Baby Shower for Jessica Myaard at 7pm, Thursday, February. 9. Please join us for cake, ice cream and punch as we shower Jessica with gifts (she is registered at Target). Please sign up in the gathering area. If you are unable to attend, but wish to give Jessica a card, you may deposit it in the box marked "Baby Shower" in the office.

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February 23, 2012

Trinity Church is proud to welcome:



Finding Favour

Finding Favour is an up and coming band from south Georgia who has recently spent time on tour with Mark Schultz and 33 Miles.

Joe Guerra

Joe is a local independent recording artist. Recently he and the band have led campers in worship at Grace Adventure Winter Retreats.



For more info on either of these band check out their websites:
www.findingfavourmusic.com & www.joeguerramusic.com

6:30pm show at Trinity Church / 712 Apple Ave. Holland , MI 49423
616.396.6526 / www.trinityrc.org / Trinity Church - Holland on Facebook

Ticket Price: \$5.00 in advance or \$7.00 at the door

For tickets go to: <http://www.itickets.com/events/274421.html>

YEAH COMMUNION !!

Tabitha Wolters

A couple of weeks ago, as we entered the sanctuary of church, our 9 year old notes the communion table is set for the Lord's Supper. He is excited and, with a fist pump in the air, loudly he proclaims "YEAH COMMUNION!!!" As I was getting ready to reprimand him for being so loud and disrespectful, I was gently reminded by a whisper from God about how He loves the little children.

While growing up in another congregation, I always dreaded Communion Sunday. The church service would last longer, communion was seemingly boring, and the only benefit that I could see was that my parents brought extra candy to keep us quiet and still. However, here is my 9 year old son, not dreading communion, but EXCITED about it! I can only imagine God looking down at him and smiling with delight.

How often do you get really excited about coming to the Lord's Table? I challenge you to come to communion with the heart of a child, excited to remember what God has done for each of you.



2nd ANNUAL CHILI MADNESS TAKES PLACE ON MARCH 3!

There has been a challenge by some of our Tuesday night basketball players that they can put out a pretty mean chili. So **GAME ON!** Open basketball is from 4:30–6pm. Dig out those tennis shoes and practice your hoops! Cook-off, Voting, and Fellowship Time is from 6–8pm.

PRIZES FOR 1ST, 2ND & 3RD PLACE CHILI WINNERS!



DOOR PRIZES!

Invite all your friends, neighbors, co-workers, family – find the **Oompa-Loompas from the Wonka factory!** It will be a fun night for all!

Volunteers are needed for cornbread, desserts and clean-up.

Sign-up at the Information Table in the Gathering Area.

Contact a Spiritual Growth Team member if you have any questions.



HOTDOGS — CORNBREAD & ROLLS — DESSERTS

When he (Barnabas) arrived and saw the evidence of the grace of God, he was glad and encouraged them all to remain true to the Lord with all their hearts.

Acts 11:23 NIV

We are called to respond to the working of the Holy Spirit in our personal lives and as a community of faith. The early Christians of Antioch understood this and received Barnabas and the encouragement that he brought to them. Barnabas encouraged these believers to “remain true to the Lord with all their hearts.”

God is continuing to shape and mold Trinity Church! Do you believe this? If your answer is yes, then I believe we have an exciting future ahead of us. If your answer is no, then we might as well close the doors and head home.

At the heart of our life together is the firm conviction that God is at work in the world, in the church and in each and every follower of Jesus Christ. This conviction of faith is a foundational truth that we must be willing to engage with as a believing community and as individuals. I believe that God has an exciting future ahead of us as a church. It is my prayer that together we will continue to listen when God speaks to us through his Word and Spirit. I also pray that we would have the courage to respond to necessary change that will come our way as we are directed by God.

As we encounter the Holy Spirit, we will experience change that will shape and mold us:

- **Change that helps us to grow** into fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ.
- **Change that deepens our love** for God and for our neighbors.
- **Change that gives us** the resources and motivation to reach out to others with the life-giving message of eternal life through faith in Jesus Christ.
- **Change that will not allow** the church to remain static, but will force it to grow, develop and pursue vibrant ministry for today and the future.
- **Change that is rooted** in God’s story of creation, fall and redemption.
- **Change that includes** the participation of each and every person.

I am excited about the possibilities of how God will use Trinity Church in the future! I am hopeful, expectant and committed to walking with you on this journey. Continue to pray with me. Continue to listen with me. Continue to study the Word with me. Continue to encourage others in the faith with me. Together we will come to greater clarity about our future together.

As we did in our Congregational Discovery Workshop Gatherings, continue to ask these questions about your own life and that of Trinity Church:

1. How is God working within you?
2. How is God working through you?
3. How is God working ahead of you?

Let’s enjoy the journey together as God leads us into the future!

Blessings,

Pastor Chris DeGraaf

YOUTH NEWS

Area 51

February 5 — Super Bowl Party @ Church

Bring a your favorite game time food, a lawn chair and your friends!!

February 12 — Regular Meeting @ Church
(To Save a Life Study #5)

February 19 — Regular Meeting @ Church
(To Save a Life Study #6)

February 23 — Finding Favour / Joe Guerra Concert

February 26 — Regular Meeting @ Church
(To Save a Life Study / Wrap-up)

January 29 — Fun Event (TBD)



Go Fish

February 1 — Regular Meeting @ Church
(Topic: Family)

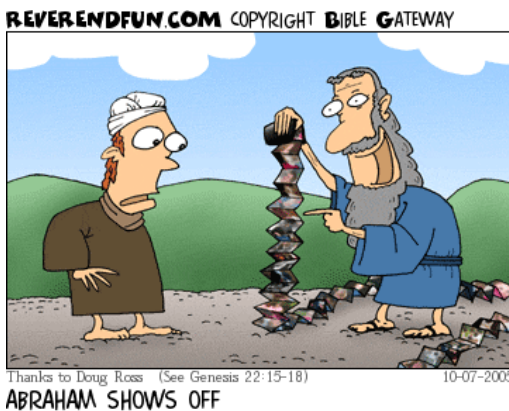
February 8 — Regular Meeting @ Church
(Topic: Teamwork)

February 15 — Regular Meeting @ Church
(Topic: Bitterness)

February 22 — Service Project TBA

February 23 — Finding Favour / Joe Guerra Concert

February 29 — Regular Meeting @ Church
(Topic: Anger)



Advance Notice

On Thursday, February 23 our church is welcoming Finding Favour and Joe Guerra to the stage for a great night of music. You can purchase your tickets at:

<http://www.itickets.com/events/274421.html>

If you are willing to help work at, before or after the concert please sign up at the Youth Table.



SPIRITUAL GROWTH TEAM

Next Spiritual Growth Meeting February 13 @ 7:00 PM

Agenda Items

- **Chili Cook-Off:** Working on final details!
- **Lenten Activities:** Present draft of a Sacrifice Calendar
- **Book of Psalms, Care & Share, Children & Worship Updates**
- **Middle School & High School Youth Ministries Updates**
- **VBS & Sunday School Updates**


Future Meetings: March 12, April 9, May 14 @ 7p.m.

You are welcome to join us and share your ideas!

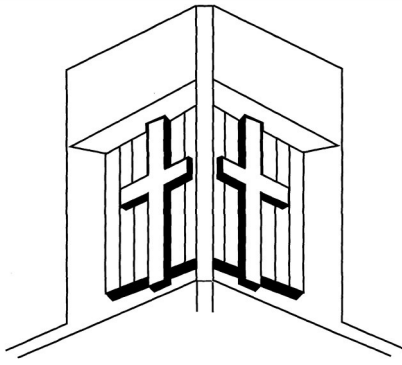
Spiritual Growth Team Members

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 Teresa Harrington (Chair): 395-9439
 Al Kooyers (Book of Psalms): 335-2842
 Lori Kooyers (Children & Worship):
 994-9672

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Dan Baker	2/1		Janet Oosterbaan	2/17
Bryan Stehouwer	2/4		Paula Wassink	2/17
Ron Kalmink	2/5		Rodger Dalman	2/19
Marilyn Kuipers	2/5		Lauren Bedard	2/21
Tom VanderKuy	2/7		Pat Kleis	2/21
Doug Dykstra	2/8		Lucile Kooyers	2/21
Steve Kleis	2/9		Rob Harrington	2/22
Betty Vredeveld	2/9		Amanda Baker	2/23
Mary Fris	2/10		Karen Bos	2/27
Merle Boes	2/16		Paul VanderStarre	2/29

Carl & Melinda Reed	2/1		Jack & Winnie Welton	2/21
Gord & Elsie Kossen	2/2		Doug & Robin Dams	2/22
Gene & Joyce Dozeman	2/5		Neal & Jamie Dams	2/24
Tom & Linda Lampen	2/11		Jerry & Mary VanMalsen	2/24
Rob & Jeanne Dannenberg	2/13			



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HERALDERS QUARTET

IN CONCERT AT TRINITY CHURCH

Sunday, April 22

7pm



Founded in 1963, the Heralders have always embodied excellence in both music and ministry. With roots in Southern Gospel, the Heralders made a name for themselves and quickly became a popular group in Christian music. The members of this group, Bill Sterk (bass and original member), Ken Dykstra (lead and original member), Chad Ruger (tenor) and Hank Vander Loon (baritone and original member) are a team dedicated to sharing the life and love of Jesus.

The Heralders have sung and traveled in twenty-two states and Canada. They have also carried their message to many high schools, colleges, prisons, stadiums, fairs, churches and civic centers, including a sold out crowd of 5,000 at the Grand Rapids Civic Auditorium.