

CONNECTIONS



Acoustic Coffee House

When? Friday, May 18 @ 7:00PM

Where? Trinity Church, 712 Apple Avenue, Holland
(616)396-6526

What? Live entertainment, coffee, tea, snacks

Artists information: If you would like to share music, dancing, visual arts, poetry, drama/dramatic reading or any other creative talent you can imagine, we'd love to have you! Please arrive at Trinity Church at 6:30PM to sign up for your time slot. Equipment provided will be: microphones, keyboard, piano, and a small sound system. Please bring your own instruments. We are asking that all content be "family-friendly" so please be aware of that as you choose your material. You can sign up in advance at the church Welcome & Information Center.

If you have any questions, please contact Becky Bierma at becky@trinityrc.org or in the church office (396-6526).

Upcoming Sermons

May 6	Matthew 7:24-29	"Foundations for Fools"
May 13 2 Mother's Day	Timothy 1:3-7	"A Gift Passed On"
May 20	Matthew 22:37-40	"My Call: Love"
May 27 1	John 4:7-12	"My Call: Extend"
June 3	2 Corinthians 5:11-20	"My Call: Engage"

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- ♦ May 2 - Care Closet 4:30-6pm
- ♦ May 2 - Go Fish Middle School Putt Putt & Ice Cream 6:30pm
- ♦ May 3 - Community Kitchen at Western Seminary, 11am
- ♦ May 3 - Deacons Meeting 6:30pm
- ♦ May 3 - Consistory Meeting 7pm
- ♦ May 6 - Worship and Communion 9:30am
- ♦ May 6 - Area 51 Youth Group 6pm
- ♦ May 8 - Prayer Group Meeting 10am
- ♦ May 9 - Care Closet 4:30-6pm
- ♦ May 13 - Worship 9:30am
- ♦ May 14 - Spiritual Growth Team Meeting 7pm
- ♦ May 16 - Care Closet 4:30-6pm
- ♦ May 17 - Turning Pages Reading Group noon
- ♦ May 17 - People Care Team Meeting 7pm
- ♦ May 18 - Connection Café Live 7pm
- ♦ May 20 - Worship 9:30am
- ♦ May 20 - Area 51 High School Messy Night 6pm
- ♦ May 21 - Finance Team Meeting 7pm
- ♦ May 22 - Prayer Group Meeting 10am
- ♦ May 23 - Care Closet 4:30-6pm
- ♦ May 24 - Worship Team Meeting, 7pm
- ♦ May 27 - Worship 9:30am
- ♦ May 28 - Lydia/Ruth Circle 9:30am
- ♦ May 28 - Mission Team Meeting 7pm
- ♦ May 30 - Care Closet 4:30-6pm

Since, then, we know what it is to fear the Lord, we try to persuade men. What we are is plain to God, and I hope it is also plain to your conscience. ¹² We are not trying to commend ourselves to you again, but are giving you an opportunity to take pride in us, so that you can answer those who take pride in what is seen rather than in what is in the heart. ¹³ If we are out of our mind, it is for the sake of God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. ¹⁴ For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. ¹⁵ And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.

¹⁶ So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. ¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! ¹⁸ All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: ¹⁹ that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰ We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. ²¹ God made him who had no sin to be sin [for](#) us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

2 Corinthians 5:11-21 NIV

Trinity Reformed Church

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



Love

God with all of my heart, soul, mind, and strength.



Extend

God's love to those at Trinity Church and those in my relational network not yet in the Family of God.



Engage

with people who are not in the Family of God by using my life experiences, abilities, gifts, and passions.

Simple – yet profound and challenging.

The Word of God tells us that it is our responsibility to take the message of God's love and share it with those around us. God is making his appeal through us.

Our Call affirms this life that we are to live.

So who have you brought to Christ?

Think about it! Better yet—get to work!

Blessings,
Pastor Chris

CONNECTION CAFÉ

Connection Café will be wrapping up for the season on May 20. It has been another great year and we have enjoyed serving our Trinity family in this way. The People Care Team would like to take this opportunity to say **THANK YOU!**



THANK YOU to everyone who provided cookies and treats for the Connection Café. Your participation has been enjoyed and appreciated every week!

THANK YOU to the volunteer cookie provider coordinators. Your coordination made every Sunday flow easily.

THANK YOU to Marge Rycenga for arranging for the volunteer cookie provider coordinators. Your long and faithful service behind the scenes is greatly appreciated.

THANK YOU to Bill and Barb Stehouwer for their tireless service as Café coordinators. Your efforts made the Café a huge success every week.

THANK YOU to Bob Koning, Neil DeBoer, Jack and Winnie Welton, Gregg and Sally Harper and many others for your help with set up and clean up. Your service is deeply appreciated.

It takes many hands to keep the Café running from week to week. Please contact any of the above people about how you can be an important part of this ministry.

Look for the Café to return in September.

THANK YOU to the following individuals who provided cookies and other baked good during the month of April:

Linda Allen	Hazel Dirkse	June Hein	Winnie Welton	Crystal Lundy
Lucy Jongekrijg	Dawn Schurman	Gayle Scott	Nancy Ponstein	Alyda Boes
Betty Nyhoff	Lara Helmus	Bev Lubbers	Penny Houting	Sandy Bedard
	Brenda Busscher		Jeanne Dannenberg	

Trinity Care Closet

Hazel Dirkse

It is hard to believe that our Care Closet has been going for six months already. Thanks to your generous support, we have helped many families in their time of need. Some of you have asked for a complete list of what we offer in the Care Closet. This is the list...

Care Closet Inventory

Baby Items

Baby Powder	5
Baby Lotion	5
Baby Shampoo	8
Diapers	18pks (36/pack)
Diaper Wipes	26

Toiletries

Deodorant	20
Body Lotion	13
Shampoo	48
Hair Conditioner	31
Hair Spray	12
Bath Soap (bar)	23pks (2-3 bars/pk)
Hand Soap (liquid)	34
Shaving Crème	13
Razors	19
Kleenex	43
Toilet Tissue	80 - 4pks

Dental Products

Toothpaste	37
Toothbrush (adult)	20
Toothbrush (child)	6
Mouthwash	30

Women's Products

Sanitary Napkins	21
Tampons	10

Cleaning Products

Liquid Dish Detergent	70
Aluminum Foil	2
Tall Kitchen Garbage Bags	55
Window Cleaner	14
Liquid Household Cleaner	39
Toilet Bowl Cleaner	29
Laundry Detergent	74
Fabric Softener	8
Paper Towels	56
Plastic Wrap	20

The number after each item is the total (as of April 11) of what we have given out since we started 6 months ago. You can see which are the more popular items. There are 4 products for which we have another source. The diapers & wipes are supplied by a "Diaper Bank", and their service is so helpful. Also, the paper towels and toilet tissue are purchased by the case at Sam's Club. Gretchen Fisher picks them up for us when she purchases the supply for church use. Both are very popular and needed items, and much appreciated.

These 32 items are on the "shopping" list for clients to pick from. Each family can select 10 items each visit. Sometimes products are donated that are not on the list, and they do not go to waste. These items are on a separate list, and often are chosen as one of the 10 allowed items, and are appreciated. Aluminum foil and fabric softener were recently added to the list because of many requests. However, we do not add a lot of things to the list, as then we must have at least 5 of each available every week.

You, our Trinity family have been gracious and have kept the Closet supplied. There have been some weeks with concern, but by Wednesday our closet was stocked and we were ready to serve. The Care Closet needs are year round, so we will be open year round, and in advance, a big

"Thank You"



SPIRITUAL GROWTH TEAM

Children & Worship: This Ain't No Child's Play!

The children will participate in a giant birthday celebration – the birthday of our Christian church! Pentecost Sunday is right around the corner. Keep your eyes open for red balloons!

Care & Share



All are welcome to encourage one another in our congregation and in our community by sending a friendly note in the mail. (The community focus this month is the staff at Wavecrest.) Sandy has all the material you'll need. Join us in the Connection Café each Sunday after worship!

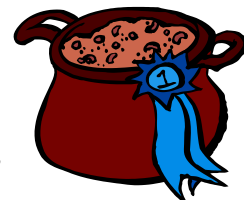
Studying the Psalms

Join Al Kooyers and several others as they finish reading through the book of Psalms. Revel in these authentic prayers and use them as a model in your own prayer life. This group meets each Sunday in the prayer room at 11:00.

Chili Cook-Off

What a Night!

With over 130 people in attendance and 18 pots of chili in contest, we had a night to remember! There are so many people to thank for their outstanding efforts in pulling this off! One quiet servant we'd like to acknowledge is Winnie Welton who decorated the area so beautifully to create a festive atmosphere! Did you know that while we were testing our chili (and our pain tolerance), Winnie was in a side room preparing the table centerpieces to be used the next day for the new month? She's amazing! The generous donations for the cook-off amounted to \$185.00 which will be divided evenly between Breakfast with Babies and Care Closet. Thank you all for a scrumptdeli-icious evening!



Next Meeting: May 14 @ 7:00 PM – Trinity Church

Agenda Items

Book of Psalms, Care & Share, Children & Worship: Updates

Middle School & High School Youth Ministries: Updates

VBS & Sunday School: Updates

Future Meetings: TBD

You are welcome to join us and share your ideas!

Care & Share

Summer Birthday Cards

June – Mid September



Would you be willing to adopt a week during the summer to write birthday cards to Trinity members? If so, please contact Sandy Bedard.

Go Fish

May 2 — Go Fish Open (Putt– Putt & Ice Cream) If the weather is good!!!

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!! WATCH THE BULLETIN FOR SUMMER ACTIVITIES!!

Youth News

Area 51

May 6 — Last Regular Meeting @ Church (Topic: New Age Movement)

May 20 — MESSY NIGHT!!!!

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Library News

If you have ideas for books/videos you would like to see in the library, please feel free to leave a note in Beth Borgman's mailbox.



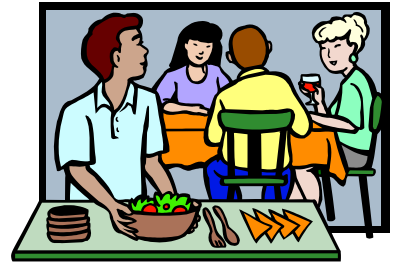
OPPORTUNITIES TO GET INVOLVED

- Monday Morning work group
- Wednesday Night Dinners (through the summer)
- Community Kitchen at Western Seminary
- Trinity Care Closet—every Wednesday 4:30-6:00pm
- Help cook/serve for Wavecrest Graduation Lunch—June 6
- Provide Gatorade for Tuesday night Basketball
- Help in Leading Worship
- Start a Small Group based on your favorite hobby

For any of these and a variety of other opportunities contact the church office.

LADIES NIGHT OUT

By Gretchen Fisher

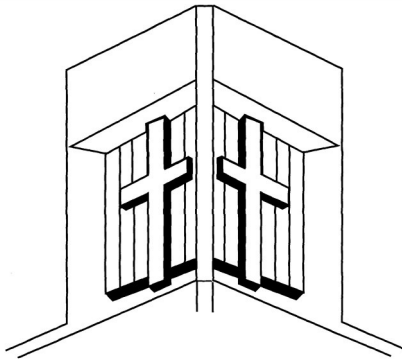


Ladies Night Out concluded the season in April. An average of about 24 ladies gathered once a month for dinner, fellowship and hands-on service projects to benefit our community.

Since last September, 88 adult cover-ups were made for Appledorn Living Center and 10 receiving blankets and 6 burp cloths were made for Breakfast with Baby. The Holland Rescue Mission received 11 children's sweaters made by Bev Lubbers and 4 quilts made by Ethel Ende. Dozens of unique cards were handmade for Trinity's care ministry as well as several prayer shawls. About 2 dozen quart jars were filled with layered soup ingredients for Trinity's visitors during the holidays.

Thank you to all the ladies that came, even in stormy weather, to enjoy each others' company and share in a meal and a time of service. I would like to give a special thank you for the card and gift given to me at our final dinner. I appreciate each one of you.

Ladies Night Out will resume on Thursday, Sept. 20. Mark the third Thursday of each month on your calendar.



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Happy Birthday!!



Doug Schurman	5/2	Linda Sal	5/14	Lee Teerman	5/21
Steve Schurman	5/2	Zoe DeGraaf	5/15	Tyler Busscher	5/25
Arlene VandenBosch	5/2	Joe Harrington	5/15	Alice Kooyers	5/25
Linda Lampen	5/4	Alice Kuyers	5/15	Dar VanHeest	5/26
Laura VanderStarre	5/8	Lori Borgman	5/17	Ken Brondyke	5/27
Blayne Libby	5/9	Warren Kooyers	5/18	Ella Essenburg	5/27
Anne VanderZiel	5/9	Emiko Oonk	5/18	Karen Kane	5/28
Kristy Borgman	5/10	Kaitlyn Kelly	5/19	Grace Jappinga	5/29
Penny Houting	5/10	Dan Schrotenboer	5/19	Lori Kooyers	5/29
Gayle Scott	5/12	Arlyne VanderWoude	5/20	Paul Moker	5/30
Kelli Anderson	5/13	Lou Teerman	5/21	George Wolters	5/30

Happy Anniversary!!

Lynn and Phyllis Post	5/2	Jim and Pat Spoor	5/25
Warren and Lori Kooyers	5/16	Jon and Tabitha Wolters	5/26
Jim and Linda Allen	5/20	Steve and Pat Kleis	5/27
Rodger and Phyllis Dalman	5/21	Bill and Barb Stehouwer	5/29
Adam and Nancy Smith	5/21	Bob and Lois Houting	5/31

