



# CONNECTIONS



I have been praying a lot lately asking God for his guidance. In my prayers I have been seeking the heart of God in the expectation that he will continue to reveal the path of ministry that he has called me to pursue. God has called me to serve Trinity Church and the Holland Community as pastor. Knowing that God has called me here gives me great joy, but there are always questions that remain unanswered. The questions that remain unanswered for me are not only my questions, but are the questions we all must be asking of ourselves and of our church family.

Here are some that I have been praying about:

- How do I best use my gifts to serve others in our community?
- What goals and visions do we have for our church?
- Are there areas that I personally need to grow and develop in my Christian faith and practice?
- How have we fallen short of God's ideal in the past?
- What ministries and work of the church excite me?
- How shall we live in the present and yet look toward a more fulfilling future guided by the Holy Spirit?

These questions and many more have become my prayer companions lately. I know God has plans for us! He has made that promise to us in his word. *"For I know the plans I have for you declares the LORD, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."* (Jeremiah 29:11)

We are on this journey together and I pray that we will continue to ask God these kinds of questions. As we pursue the heart of God, may we understand God's love for his lost children, and may we all find rest and shelter through his guiding presence in our lives.

Blessings,

Pastor Chris DeGraaf

**Trinity Reformed Church****November/December 2012****The Essential 100****Bible Reading Program**

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	Key Verse	Complete Passage
<b><u>November 2012</u></b>		
<i>Moses and the Exodus</i>		
16. The Birth of Moses	Exodus 2:10	Exodus 1:1 - 2:25
17. The Burning Bush	Exodus 3:10	Exodus 3:1 - 4:17
18. The Ten Plagues	Exodus 11:9-10	Exodus 6:28 - 11:10
19. Passover and Exodus	Exodus 12:12-13	Exodus 12:1 - 42
20. Crossing the Red Sea	Exodus 14:13-14	Exodus 13:17 - 14:31
<i>The Law and the Land</i>		
21. The Ten Commandments	Exodus 20:1-3	Exodus 19:1 - 20:21
22. The Golden Calf	Exodus 32:7-8	Exodus 32:1 - 34:35
23. Joshua Succeeds Moses	Joshua 1:5-6	Joshua 1:1 - 18
24. Crossing the Jordan	Joshua 3:15-16	Joshua 3:1 - 4:24
25. The Fall of Jericho	Joshua 6:20	Joshua 5:13 - 6:27
<b><u>December 2012</u></b>		
<i>The Early Years of Jesus</i>		
26. The Word	John 1:14	John 1:1 - 18
27. Gabriel's Messages	Luke 1:30-31	Luke 1:1 - 80
28. The Birth of Jesus	Luke 2:10-11	Luke 2:1 - 40
29. John the Baptist	Luke 3:15-16	Luke 3:1 - 20
30. Baptism and Temptation	Matthew 3:16-17	Matthew 3:13 - 4:17
<i>The Teachings of Jesus</i>		
31. Sermon on the Mount—Part 1	Matthew 5:14-16	Matthew 5:1 - 6:4
32. Sermon on the Mount—Part 2	Matthew 6:33	Matthew 6:5 - 7:29
33. The Kingdom of Heaven	Matthew 13:45-46	Matthew 13:1 - 58
34. The Good Samaritan	Luke 10:36-37	Luke 10:25 - 37
35. Lost and Found	Luke 15:10	Luke 15:1 - 32

## OPPORTUNITIES TO BLESS OTHERS

### **Fall Leaf Raking**



Saturday, November 10 is the date for Trinity families to come together to rake leaves for those in our church family who are unable to do that.

If you are a senior who would like help with your yard, please call the church office (396-6526).

If you & your family want to rake leaves, please sign up at the information table.

Our day will begin at 9am with donuts, juice & hot chocolate.

We plan on being done by 1pm.

*Questions?*

See Teresa Harrington or contact the office (396-6526).



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bringing hope to the hungry

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### **The Trinity Thanksgiving Offering**

this year will aid "Feed One". 16,000 children around the world will die in the next 24 hours from hunger related causes, according to the aid organization Bread for the World. Over the past year, RCA churches and individuals have given more than \$200,000 to Feed One to feed hungry children in India, Malawi and Nicaragua. A gift to Feed One enables the RCA to respond to the needs of the world's hungry children,

including those in our own backyard. Together we can bring hope to the hungry, one child at a time. Please make checks payable to Trinity Reformed Church.

## NOTES FROM THE PEOPLE CARE TEAM

### Spread Some Christmas Cheer

Join in spreading the Christmas spirit to your fellow Trinity members again this year. On Sunday morning, December 9, bring your favorite Christmas cookies or goodies to the gym. The People Care Team will place assortments of these cookies on plates and wrap them up for delivery immediately following the service. You will then be able to pick up your plate anytime after 11am on Sunday morning through Tuesday, December 11. The plates will be available in the gym Sunday morning or in the kitchen anytime after that. The plates will be labeled with the name of the shut-in.

This is a wonderful opportunity to see Trinity members who are not able to come to church and “reconnect” and spread the true spirit of Christmas! You may participate either by bringing cookies, delivering them, or both!

Look for sign up sheets near the end of November!!

### THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who has provided treats for the Connection Café this fall. They are one more thing that makes our Sunday mornings special!

As you may have noticed, we have changed how we are doing this. We ask that you bring a package(s) of store bought cookies to the kitchen at any time and deposit them in the box on the counter marked “Connection Café Cookies.” We hope this is more convenient for you, and it provides us more flexibility in preparing on Sunday mornings.

### **CONGREGATIONAL** **DINNER**

Join us at 6:30pm on December 6  
for dinner prior to the Annual  
Congregational Meeting at 7pm.

**Look for more details to come!**

**Trinity Reformed Church Area 51 Youth Group Fundraiser**  
**For Our 2013 Summer Mission Trip!!!!**

***Spiral Sliced Holiday Ham***

**It's the best ham you'll ever eat!** This specialty ham is made the old world way using the finest, select fresh pork. It is slowly cured, natural hickory smoked. Hams are fully baked, spiral sliced and ready to serve at room temp or heat according to label directions. Serving size is about 1/2 pound per person. The glaze is a signature blend of natural sugars and spices. Hams are shipped individually in a gift box.

**TRADITIONAL HAMS** include a glaze packet. Mix and apply to the ham as desired.

**TRADITIONAL HAM price is \$ 5.00 lb.**

**FIRE GLAZED HAMS** are already glazed and "fire-torched" to a sweet coating.

**FIRE GLAZED HAM price is \$5.25 lb.**



***We are also selling Soups in 16oz & half gallon sizes and Oma's Cookie Dough in 2# tubs!!***

**Soup Choices**

**Cheesy Broccoli**

**French Onion**

**Hunters Hodgepodge**

**Egg Noddle Chicken**

**Home-style Tomato**

**White Bean Chicken Chili**

**Green Pea**

**Northern Bean with Ham**

**Oma's Cookie Dough Choices**

**Chocolate Chunk**

**White Chocolate Macadamia Nut**

**Oatmeal Raisin**

**Peanut Butter**

**Sugar**

**Chocolate Walnut**

**Almond Banket**

**Orders for Thanksgiving are due next Sunday, November 4**

**To order please fill out a form that is found in your mailbox or on the Youth Table and place it in the Ham box on the Youth Table!!**

**Business Owners!**

**These hams would make a great gift to your employees!!**



# Youth Group Need, Wish and Dream list

- **Meals for Area 51 Meetings (15 - 20 people)**
- **(Meal ideas are: Tacos, Chicken Wings, Pizza, Lasagna, BBQ, etc. / sign - up on the Youth Table)**
  - **Chips, Cookies, Pop, Juice, Freeze Pops, Ice Cream or other Snacks (place them on the Youth Table or Freezer)**
  - **Bean Bags (10 of them)**
  - **Floor Lamps (2 of them)**
  - **7 or 8 foot Pool Table**
  - **Hot Chocolate / Cappuccino Machine**
    - **Pop Machine**
    - **Slushy Machine**
  - **Waterproof / Shock Proof Camera**
  - **Couches / Love Seats / Chairs**
    - **Kitchen Tables**
  - **Candy for Guessing Games (M&M's, gum, etc.)**
    - **Wii Video Game System**
    - **Karaoke Machine & Karaoke CD's**

**TRINITY CARE CLOSET***Hazel Dirkse***HAPPY FIRST BIRTHDAY TRINITY CARE CLOSET!!**

After many weeks of getting everything ready to begin helping those in need, in partnership with Good Samaritan Ministries, we had our first Care Closet in October 2011.

We have given an amazing amount of health and cleaning products to people who for whatever reason are going through tough times and need a little help and encouragement to get through.

Over 1802 items have been distributed in the past year. There are 32 items on our list, but we have also given things that were donated but not on the list. These items were appreciated by clients who were in need of them.

Some products are more popular than others. The most popular seems to be dish detergent (178 bottles given), followed by laundry detergent (148 bottles) and toilet tissue (149 rolls). All of this is only possible because you are willing to donate and keep the closet stocked & ready for each Wednesday.

Five families are assigned to Trinity every week by Good Samaritan Ministries. Each family selects 10 items from the list, which need to be replenished for the following week. Without your donations to the Care Closet basket, we would not be able to help those 5 families each week.

We have some very loyal helpers each week to keep the Care Closet running. But sometimes we all need a week off for various reasons. I would like to have a few names of people who would be willing to help us out on those days. The work is not difficult, but you must be able to go up and down the steps carrying a bag of items. If you would be willing to have your name on an "on call" list, that would be wonderful. Please contact me (Hazel Dirkse) and I can give you more details. Thank you! And thank you to the entire Trinity family for your support of this ministry!



## Favorite Fall Recipes

*These recipes submitted by Sandy Bedard were served at the October 2012 Ladies Night Out.*

### **Chicken and Rice with Autumn Vegetables** (from Betty Crocker's Best Chicken Cookbook)

- 1 pkg. (6.9oz) chicken-flavored rice mix
- 2 C. cubed butternut squash
- 1 medium zucchini, cut in half lengthwise, then crosswise into 3/4" slices
- 1 medium red bell pepper, cut into 1" pieces
- 2 boneless, skinless chicken breast halves (about 1 1/4 pounds)
- 2 C. water
- 1/2 C. garlic & herb spreadable cheese (I used Philadelphia cooking cream - Italian cheese & herb flavor)

Heat oven to 425 degrees. Mix rice, contents of seasoning packet, squash, zucchini & red pepper in an ungreased 13 x 9 x 2 pan. Spray 10 inch skillet with cooking spray & heat over medium high heat. Cook chicken in skillet for 5 minutes, turning once until brown. Remove chicken & set aside.

Add water to hot skillet - heat to boiling. Pour water over rice mixture & stir to mix. Stir in cheese. Place chicken pieces on top of rice mixture. Cover & bake about 30 minutes or until liquid is absorbed & juice of chicken is no longer pink when centers of thickest pieces are cut.

### **Country-Style Corn Pudding** (from Eet Smakelijk, submitted by Mrs. Jack Dozeman)

- 1 (16 oz.) can whole kernel corn, drained
- 1 (16 oz.) can cream-style corn
- 2 eggs slightly beaten
- 1/2 C. margarine, melted
- 1 C. sour cream
- 1 (8-1/2 oz.) pkg. corn muffin mix
- 1 C. cheddar cheese, grated (optional)

Preheat oven to 350 F. Mix all ingredients except cheese. Pour into ungreased 9" x 13" pan. Bake 15 minutes. Sprinkle top with cheese and bake 20 minutes longer.

### **Pumpkin Mousse** (From the kitchen of Grace Adventures)

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| 1 T. butter           | 1 tsp. vanilla extract      |
| 24 marshmallows       | 1 tsp. pumpkin pie spice    |
| 1/2 C. milk           | 1/3 C. confectioner's sugar |
| 1/2 C. canned pumpkin | 1 C. heavy cream            |

Melt butter in a large skillet. Stir in the marshmallows, milk and pumpkin. Stir frequently until melted and smooth. Remove from heat. Stir in vanilla and pumpkin pie spice. Cool completely, about 30 minutes.

Combine confectioner's sugar and heavy cream in a large bowl. Use an electric mixer to beat until stiff peaks form. Fold whipped cream into cooled pumpkin mixture. Pour mousse into ramekins or chocolate shells. Cover and refrigerate until firm, about 2 hours.



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### **Almond Bars** (Marge Rycenga)

3/4 C. oleo

3 T. white sugar

1 1/2 C. flour

Mix good with hands and pat in 9 x 13 pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 20 minutes.

Beat:

6 eggs

2 C. coconut

2 C. white sugar

2 T. almond extract

Mix together. Pour over crust and bake 20 more minutes.

### **Favorite Youth Group Make Ahead Breakfast Casserole** (Marge Rycenga)

Hash browns - enough to cover bottom of greased 9 x 13 pan

Combine:

4 C. shredded cheddar cheese

1 lb. cubed meat or cooked bacon, sausage, etc.

Spread over hash browns.

Beat:

8 eggs

1/2 t. salt

1 C. milk

1/2 t. dry mustard

Pour over entire pan. Bake at 350 degrees covered for 1 hour. Uncover & bake 15 minutes more or until eggs are set.

### **Taffy Apple Salad** (Marge Rycenga)

1 large can crushed pineapple drained. Save juice.

1 C. small marshmallows

1 egg, well beaten

1 8oz Cool Whip

1 1/2 T. white vinegar

1/2 C. sugar

1 T. flour

3-4 cups diced apples

1 C. salted Spanish peanuts

Mix together pineapple juice, beaten egg, vinegar, sugar & flour. Heat until thickened & chill overnight. Next day, stir in Cool Whip, marshmallows, pineapple & apples. Stir in peanuts just before serving.

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### **Boeren Jongens** (Marge Rycenga)

- 1 lb. raisins
- 1 stick cinnamon
- 2 C water
- 2 C sugar
- 2 C whiskey or brandy

Cook raisins, water & cinnamon stick for about 20 minutes. Add sugar & whiskey. Cook until dissolved. Fill container with the mixture. Seal tightly. Let stand at least 3 months for best results.

### **Yummy Sweet Potato Bake** (Lucille Kruithof)

- 3 C. mashed sweet potatoes
- 1 T. vanilla
- 2 eggs, beaten
- 1/2 stick butter, softened
- 1 C. sugar
- 1 C. coconut (optional)

Mix all ingredients together except the coconut. Stir in coconut and pour in a baking dish.

#### **TOPPING**

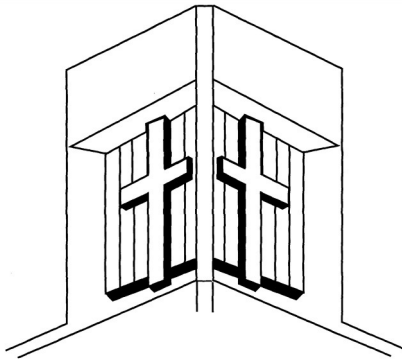
- 1 C. chopped pecans
- 1 C. brown sugar
- 1/2 C. flour
- 3/4 C. butter, softened

Mix all ingredients together and spread over the potato mixture. Bake 350 degrees for approximately 45 minutes or until brown.

## **NOVEMBER 2012 CALENDAR**

- ♦ Nov. 1 - Women of the Word **9:30am**  
Community Kitchen @ Western Seminary **11am**  
Deacon's Meeting **6:25pm**  
Beth Moore "Daniel" Bible Study **6:30pm**  
Consistory Meeting **7pm**
- ♦ Nov. 2 - Flu Shot Clinic **10am - noon**
- ♦ Nov. 3 - **Turn Clocks Back One Hour This Evening**
- ♦ Nov. 4 - Worship and Communion **9:30am**  
Sunday School for All Ages **11am**  
Area 51 High School Youth **6pm**
- ♦ Nov. 6 - Worship Planning Team **11am**  
Adult Bible Study **2pm**  
Basketball for Teens & Adults **7pm**
- ♦ Nov. 7 - Men's Bible Study **6:30am**  
Care Closet **4:30-6pm**  
Family Dinner **6pm**  
Beth Moore "Fruit of the Spirit" Bible Study **6:30pm**  
Middle School Youth Group **6:30-8pm**  
KIDS.COM Choir **6:30-7pm**  
Traveler's Kids Class **7-8pm**  
Dave Ramsey Financial Class **6:45-8:15pm**  
Praise Team Practice **8-9pm**
- ♦ Nov. 8 - Women of the Word **9:30am**  
Beth Moore "Daniel" Bible Study **6:30pm**  
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal **6:45-8:15pm**  
Finance Team **7pm**
- ♦ Nov. 9 - Pastoral Care Office Hours with Nancy Smith  
**11am-1pm**
- ♦ Nov. 10 - Trinity Serving Breakfast with Baby @  
New Community Fourth Church **10am**
- ♦ Nov. 11 - Worship **9:30am**  
Sunday School for All Ages **11am**  
Area 51 High School Youth **6pm**
- ♦ Nov. 12 - Spiritual Growth Team **7pm**
- ♦ Nov. 13 - Prayer Group **10am**  
♦ Worship Planning Team **11am**  
Adult Bible Study **2pm**  
Basketball for Teens & Adults **7pm**
- ♦ Nov. 14 - Men's Bible Study **6:30am**  
Care Closet **4:30-6pm**  
Family Dinner **6pm**  
Beth Moore "Fruit of the Spirit" Bible Study **6:30pm**  
Middle School Youth Group **6:30-8pm**  
KIDS.COM Choir **6:30-7pm**  
Traveler's Kids Class **7-8pm**  
Dave Ramsey Financial Class **6:45-8:15pm**  
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal **6:45-8:15pm**  
Praise Team Practice **8-9pm**
- ♦ Nov. 15 - Women of the Word **9:30am**  
Ladies Night Out **5:30pm**  
Beth Moore "Daniel" Bible Study **6:30pm**  
People Care Team **7pm**
- ♦ Nov. 16 - Pastoral Care Office Hours with Nancy Smith  
**11am-1pm**
- ♦ Nov. 18 - Worship **9:30am**  
Sunday School for All Ages **11am**  
Area 51 High School Youth **6pm**
- ♦ Nov. 20 - Worship Planning Team **11am**  
Basketball for Teens & Adults **7pm**
- ♦ Nov. 21 - Men's Bible Study **6:30am**  
Care Closet **4:30-6pm**  
Middle School Youth Movie Night **6:30-8pm**  
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal **6:45-8:15pm**
- ♦ Nov. 22 - **Thanksgiving Worship 9:30am**
- ♦ Nov. 23 - Pastoral Care Office Hours with Nancy Smith  
**11am-1pm**
- ♦ Nov. 25 - Worship **9:30am**  
Sunday School for All Ages **11am**
- ♦ Nov. 26 - Lydia/Ruth Circle **9:30am**  
Mission Team **7pm**
- ♦ Nov. 27 - Prayer Group **10am**  
Worship Planning Team **11am**  
Adult Bible Study **2pm**  
Basketball for Teens & Adults **7pm**
- ♦ Nov. 28 - Men's Bible Study **6:30am**  
Care Closet **4:30-6pm**  
Family Dinner **6pm**  
Beth Moore "Fruit of the Spirit" Bible Study **6:30pm**  
Middle School Youth Group **6:30-8pm**  
KIDS.COM Choir **6:30-7pm**  
Traveler's Kids Class **7-8pm**  
Dave Ramsey Financial Class **6:45-8:15pm**  
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal **6:45-8:15pm**  
Praise Team Practice **8-9pm**
- ♦ Nov. 29 - Beth Moore "Daniel" Bible Study **6:30pm**
- ♦ Nov. 30 - Pastoral Care Office Hours with Nancy Smith





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## **OPPORTUNITIES TO GET INVOLVED**

- Provide Cookies for Sunday Morning Connection Café
- Nursery Attendants (Infant and Toddler)
- Monday Morning Work Group
- Wednesday Night Dinner Helpers and Cookie Providers
- Community Kitchen at Western Seminary (1st Thursday@11am)
- 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)
- Provide Gatorade for Tuesday Night Basketball
- Help in Leading Worship
- Praise Team
- Sound Room (training provided)
- KIDS.COM (Kids Choir) Helpers (teens/adults)
- Start a Small Group Based on Your Favorite Hobby

**For these and other opportunities, please contact the church office (396-6526).**



## **Happy Birthday!!**



Ed Plaggemars	11/1	Virginia DeWent	11/15	Lucy Jongekrijg	11/20
Nathan Dams	11/2	Jessie Kooyers	11/15	Connor Bos	11/21
Carter Brandt-Obaseki	11/3	Jon Wolters	11/15	Kristina Schrotenboer	11/21
Aubrey Nyhoff	11/7	Jeanne Dannenberg	11/17	Nancy Ponstein	11/24
Teague Bruursema	11/9	Phyllis Post	11/18	Alice VerSchure	11/25
Dan Bierma	11/10	Vi VanKampen	11/18	Barb Dalman	11/30
Heather Remillard	11/10	Heather Tindall	11/19	Kerri Israels	11/30
Christine Lindstrom	11/11	Norma Zonnebelt	11/19	Ken Neevel	11/30
Ted Boeve	11/12				

## **Happy Anniversary!!**

Scott & Marilyn Brower	11/7		Ross & Lara Helmus	11/9
Jason & Judy Shoemaker	11/21			