

CONNECTIONS

**Trinity Reformed Church****October 2012 – May 2013****The Essential 100**

Bible Reading Program

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness,¹⁷ so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work. 2 Timothy 3:16-17

For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. Hebrews 4:12

Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path. Psalm 119:105

The Bible has the power to transform our lives! If we are going to experience that transformation of heart, mind, soul and spirit we must regularly be reading and meditating on the words of Scripture. Throughout the ages, followers of the Lord Jesus Christ have gained strength, discovered hope, found eternal life and grew in learning to love and serve others. The witness of the Word has been bringing about change in people from every nation, tribe and language. The witness of the Word has brought change in you as well.

It is my prayer as your pastor, that you would fall in love again with God's Word. It is my prayer that your desire for reading, discovering, meditating and living the Word of God in your life would grow. The Board of Elders of Trinity Church share this desire with me. Together we want to ask that you participate with us in the Essential 100 Challenge.

The reading guide for the Essential 100 Challenge can be found on the Church website at www.trinityrc.org. You can pick up a complete reading guide at the information table. Also, each month we will provide a sheet that has the readings for the next month. We encourage you to take up God's Word with us over the next eight months on this exciting journey. May God use the power of his Word to bring about newness of life in all of us.

Blessings,

Pastor Chris DeGraaf

Trinity Reformed Church

October/November 2012

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	Key Verse	Complete Passage
October 2012		
<i>In the Beginning</i>		
1. Creation	Genesis 1:1	Genesis 1:1—2:25
2. The Fall	Genesis 3:1	Genesis 3:1-24
3. The Flood	Genesis 6:17	Genesis 6:5—7:24
4. God's Covenant with Noah	Genesis 9:8-11	Genesis 8:1—9:17
5. The Tower of Babel	Genesis 11:5-7	Genesis 11:1-9
<i>Abraham, Isaac and Jacob</i>		
6. The Call of Abram	Genesis 12:1-3	Genesis 12:1-20
7. God's Covenant with Abram	Genesis 15:5-6	Genesis 15:1-21
8. Isaac's Birth and "Sacrifice"	Genesis 22:11-12	Genesis 21:1—22:19
9. Jacob and Esau Compete	Genesis 27:36	Genesis 27:1—28:22
10. Jacob and Esau Reconcile	Genesis 33:4	Genesis 32:1—33:20
<i>The Story of Joseph</i>		
11. Sold Into Slavery	Genesis 37:26-28	Genesis 37:1-36
12. Prison and a Promotion	Genesis 41:14-16	Genesis 39:1—41:57
13. Ten Brothers Go to Egypt	Genesis 42:3-5	Genesis 42:1-38
14. The Brothers Return	Genesis 43:14	Genesis 43:1—44:34
15. Joseph Reveals His Identity	Genesis 45:4-5	Genesis 45:1—46:7
November 2012		
<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



Spiritual Growth Team Members:

Sandy Bedard (Care & Share): 335-8009
 Jeanne Dannenberg (Secretary): 848-7109
 Teresa Harrington (Chair): 395-9439
 Al Kooyers (Adult Sunday School): 335-2842
 Lori Kooyers (Children & Worship): 994-9672

SPiritUAL GROwTH TEAM

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

We open the year with a focus on the colors of the church year. Then we quickly dive into some of our favorite stories – The Good Shepherd, Creation, Noah, Abram & Sarai. If you would like to be a leader for children as they worship our amazing God, please call Lori Kooyers (994-9672).



Care & Share

All are welcome to encourage one another in our congregation and in our community by sending a friendly note in the mail. Sandy has all the material you'll need. Join us in the Connection Café each Sunday after worship!

Practical Advice for Believers

Join Al Vander Ziel as he leads an adult Sunday School group into studying the "short letters" at the end of the bible – James, Peter, John and Jude. This group meets each Sunday in the Prayer Room at 11am.

Beth Moore Women's Bible Studies

Two great opportunities to dig a little deeper in your bible!



- **A Study of Daniel: Lives of Integrity, Words of Prophecy**

Led by Sandy Bedard
 Thursday, September 27
 6:30 – 8:00 PM

- **Living Beyond Yourself: The Fruits of the Spirit**

Led by Teresa Harrington
 Wednesday, September 26
 6:30 – 8:00 PM



Next Meeting: October 8 @ 7:00 PM – Trinity Church

Agenda Items

- **Sunday School, Care & Share, Children & Worship:** *Updates*
- **Middle School & High School Youth Ministries:** *Updates*
- **Budget**
- **Growing Small Groups**
- **Planning for Advent**

You are welcome to join us and share your ideas!

Youth Group Dates to Remember:



Our Theme for this year in Area 51 is:

Who Dat?

The idea behind this theme is exploring Men and Women of the Bible. Some of the people we are looking at are prophets, some are disciples, others are prominent women. Whoever they were and whatever they did made a profound impact on the Bible and hopefully on our lives!!

September 30 / Meeting @ Church (Habakkuk)

October 7 / Meeting @ Church (Isaiah)

October 14 / Meeting @ Church (Jochabed)

October 17 / Feed My Starving Children Service Project @ The Holland Rescue Mission

October 21 / Meet @ Church for the Underground

October 28 / Meeting @ Church (Jeremiah)

This year's theme in Go Fish is:

Amazing Race

We have already kicked off the new year of Go Fish with a walk downtown and ice cream at Cold Stone Creamery!! Now we start our lessons meetings. As we look at the theme of Amazing Race we are going to be taking a look at different times in the Bible when people had to take a detour or had to make a U-turn. Sometimes these people had to stop all together. What ever the situation Life is an Amazing Race!!!

Here is a list of some of our upcoming events:

October 3 / Meeting @ Church - Topic "Stop" (Red Light)

October 10 / Meeting @ Church - Topic "Detour"

October 17 / Feed My Hungry Children Service Project @ The Holland Rescue Mission

October 24 / Meeting @ Church - Topic "Detour"

October 26 - 28 / Camp Geneva "Jump" Retreat

Sign-up ASAP on the Youth Table or with Jon. Cost: \$25.00 per student



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**

FAVORITE RECIPES

Punch

Marge Rycenga

1 - 64oz V-8 Splash Tropical Flavor (not diet)

2 - 2 liter Sprite or 7-Up (not diet)

1 - 8oz (or larger) rainbow flavor sherbet

Mix all together in a large punch bowl & serve.

Spinach Salad

Marge Rycenga

Salad

1 pkg fresh spinach

1 red onion, cut up in rings

5 hard boiled eggs

½ teaspoon salt

1 pkg bacon, fried crisp

Dressing

¾ cup oil

1/3 cup cider vinegar

½ cup sugar

2 tablespoons brown sugar

2 tablespoons mayonnaise

1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce

1 medium onion

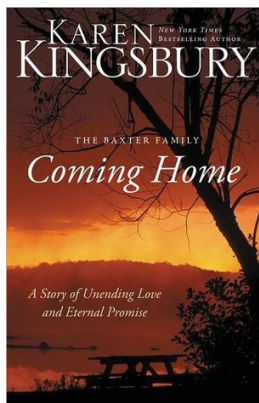


Put all dressing ingredients in blender and mix well. Serve dressing hot or cold. Can add croutons before serving. Serves 4.

LIBRARY NEWS

Coming Home: A Story of Undying Hope

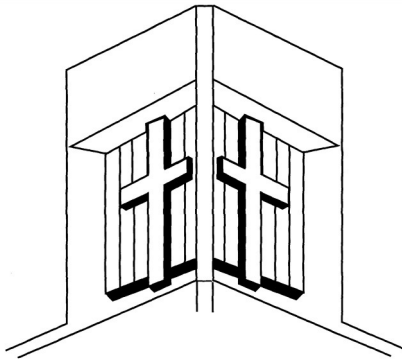
By Karen Kingsbury



The Baxters make plans to come together for a summer lakeside reunion, a celebration like they haven't had in years. But before the big day, the unthinkable happens. As the Baxter Family rallies together, memories come to light in the grief-stricken hours of waiting and praying, memories that bring healing and hope during a time when otherwise darkness might have the final word. In a season that changes all of them, the brilliance of family love overshadows even the valley of heartache as the Baxters draw closer to God and each other. Along the way, secrets are revealed and the truth about the Baxter Family history is finally made known. Ultimately, in this portrait of family love, the Baxters cling to each other and to God's promise of forever.

OCTOBER 2012 CALENDAR

- ♦ **Oct 2** - Worship Planning Team *11am*
Adult Bible Study *2pm*
Basketball for Teens & Adults *7pm*
- ♦ **Oct 3** - Men's Bible Study *6:30am*
Family Dinner *6pm*
Middle School Youth Group *6:30-8pm*
KIDS.COM Choir *6:30-7pm*
Dave Ramsey Financial Class *6:45-8:15pm*
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal *6:45-8:15pm*
Praise Team Practice *8-9pm*
- ♦ **Oct 4** - Women of the Word *9:30am*
Community Kitchen @ Western Seminary *11am*
Deacon's Meeting *6:15pm*
Consistory Meeting *7pm*
- ♦ **Oct. 5** - Pastoral Care Office Hours with Nancy Smith
11am-1pm
- ♦ **Oct 7** - Worship & Communion *9:30am*
Sunday School for All Ages *11am*
Area 51 High School Youth *6pm*
- ♦ **Oct 8** - Spiritual Growth Team *7pm*
- ♦ **Oct 9** - Prayer Group *10am*
Worship Planning Team *11am*
Adult Bible Study *2pm*
Basketball for Teens & Adults *7pm*
- ♦ **Oct 10** - Men's Bible Study *6:30am*
Care Closet *4:30-6pm*
Family Dinner *6pm*
Middle School Youth Group *6:30-8pm*
KIDS.COM Choir *6:30-7pm*
Dave Ramsey Financial Class *6:45-8:15pm*
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal *6:45-8:15pm*
Praise Team Practice *8-9pm*
- ♦ **Oct 11** - Women of the Word *9:30am*
Turning Pages Reading Group *noon*
Finance Team *7pm*
- ♦ **Oct. 12** - Pastoral Care Office Hours with Nancy Smith
11am-1pm
- ♦ **Oct 14** - Worship *9:30am*
Sunday School for All Ages *11am*
Area 51 High School Youth *6pm*
- ♦ **Oct 16** - Worship Planning Team *11am*
Adult Bible Study *2pm*
Basketball for Teens & Adults *7pm*
- ♦ **Oct 17** - Men's Bible Study *6:30am*
Care Closet *4:30-6pm*
Family Dinner *6pm*
Middle School Youth Group *6:30-8pm*
KIDS.COM Choir *6:30-7pm*
Dave Ramsey Financial Class *6:45-8:15pm*
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal *6:45-8:15pm*
Praise Team Practice *8-9pm*
- ♦ **Oct 18** - Women of the Word *9:30am*
Ladies Night Out *5:30pm*
People Care Team *7pm*
- ♦ **Oct. 19** - Pastoral Care Office Hours with Nancy Smith
11am-1pm
- ♦ **Oct 21** - Worship *9:30am*
Sunday School for All Ages *11am*
Area 51 High School Youth *6pm*
- ♦ **Oct 22** - Lydia/Ruth Circle *9:30am*
Mission Team *7pm*
- ♦ **Oct 23** - Prayer Group *10am*
Worship Planning Team *11am*
Adult Bible Study *2pm*
Basketball for Teens & Adults *7pm*
- ♦ **Oct 24** - Men's Bible Study *6:30am*
Care Closet *4:30-6pm*
Family Dinner *6pm*
Middle School Youth Group *6:30-8pm*
KIDS.COM Choir *6:30-7pm*
Dave Ramsey Financial Class *6:45-8:15pm*
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal *6:45-8:15pm*
Praise Team Practice *8-9pm*
- ♦ **Oct 25** - Turning Pages Reading Group *noon*
Worship Team *7pm*
- ♦ **Oct. 26** - Pastoral Care Office Hours with Nancy Smith
11am-1pm
- ♦ **Oct 28** - Worship *9:30am*
Sunday School for All Ages *11am*
Area 51 High School Youth *6pm*
Touch of Joy Concert *6pm*
- ♦ **Oct 30** - Worship Planning Team *11am*
Adult Bible Study *2pm*
Basketball for Teens & Adults *7pm*
- ♦ **Oct 31** - Men's Bible Study *6:30am*
Care Closet *4:30-6pm*
Family Dinner *6pm*
Middle School Youth Group *6:30-8pm*
KIDS.COM Choir *6:30-7pm*
Dave Ramsey Financial Class *6:45-8:15pm*
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal *6:45-8:15pm*
Praise Team Practice *8-9pm*



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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 4:30-6:00pm)
- 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!!



Heather Fuglseth	10/2	Al VanderZiel	10/15	Sally Harper	10/25
Glen Vereeke	10/2	Jim Bos	10/18	Jeanette Olbrich	10/29
Ali Neevel	10/4	Kelli (Neevel) King	10/20	Nancy Quillian	10/29
Janice Pelfrey	10/7	Sara Emmick	10/21	Jennifer Timmer	10/30
Becky DeKorte	10/14	Lydia Anderson	10/22	Caleigh Harrington	10/31
Layla Obaseki	10/15				

Happy Anniversary!!

Steve & Crystal Lundy	10/1	John & Sandy Bedard	10/20
John & Ruth Klungle	10/8	Ken & Kathy Brondyke	10/21
Jerry & Bev Lubbers	10/9	Ron & Mick Gebben	10/27
Roger & Judy Mulder	10/12		

