

CONNECTIONS

Followers of the Lord Jesus Christ obey God's Word and allow it to shape their attitudes and actions in the world!

For the word of God is alive 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 NIV

"When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. ³² All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. ³³ He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.

³⁴ "Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. ³⁵ For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, ³⁶ I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.'

³⁷ "Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? ³⁸ When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? ³⁹ When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?'

⁴⁰ "The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'

⁴¹ "Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. ⁴² For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³ I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.'

⁴⁴ "They also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?'

⁴⁵ "He will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.'

⁴⁶ "Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life. "

Matthew 25:31-46 NIV

Consider the above passages and seek to live as a follower of the Lord Jesus Christ!

Blessings,
Pastor Chris

From Your Worship Coordinator...

Becky Bierma

Can you feel it, can you feel the excitement? It's back to school time, the beginning of football season, fall is upon us and it's time in the church to kick many of our ministries back into high gear! Are you excited? I know I am & I'm hoping many of you will join in on the excitement and get involved, maybe even for the first time!

Here are just some of the opportunities we have coming up with the worship ministry... maybe God is telling you it's time to glorify Him through one of these:

- **Praise Team** hasn't rested, even throughout the summer, but now would be a great time to get involved if you've been thinking about it! We practice on Wednesday evenings from 8:00-9:00PM (after choir rehearsal) and again each Sunday morning (on the weeks you are involved) at 8:00AM before worship.
- **Audio/Visual (Sound Room) Team** is always looking for more help & they will train you!
- **KIDS.COM (Kids' Choir)** can always use more kids (PreK-5th grade) to sing and adult helpers are always welcome! We meet on Wednesday evenings (beginning Sept. 12) after dinner, 6:30-7:00PM!
- **Connection Café Live (CCL)** has become a regular Friday night activity that we've been doing every other month! We're always looking for more performers and for help with bringing treats & baked goods, as well as help with set up before and clean up after! Our next CCL event is set to take place Sept. 28, so mark your calendars!

If you are interested in helping out with any of the above ministries, please contact Becky Bierma at church, by email (becky@trinityrc.org) or at home (616-929-9884).

I'd also like to put a plug in for the Sanctuary Choir! We meet every Wednesday evening, 6:45-8:15PM and participate in worship many Sundays throughout the year! If you are interested and have any questions, please contact our choir director, Milt Bos.



In October Trinity Church will begin a church wide Bible reading program call the Essential 100.

The Elders have committed to participating and encouraging every member of the church to join them in this exciting Bible reading program.

During the month of September you will receive resources and information for you to participate in reading God's Word together.

Pastor Chris will be preaching through a selected number of these passages over the next 8 months as an additional way to support and encourage you in reading God's Word.

You will also have opportunities to share these passages in Bible study groups, after worship conversations and in your homes with your children.

Perhaps you can use these readings as a way to have a regular family devotional time.

It is our prayer that God will do a powerful work through His Word as we together read and meditate on God's will for our life together.

"The word of God is living and active. It is sharper than any sword that has two edges. It cuts deep enough to separate soul from spirit. It can separate joints from bones. It judges the thoughts and purposes of the heart."

Hebrews 4:12 NIVr



Acoustic Coffee House

When? Friday, Sept. 28 @ 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 a few minutes early to sign up if you did not sign up in advance.

Equipment provided will be:

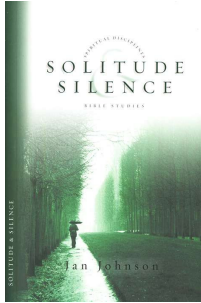
microphones, keyboard, piano, and a small sound system.

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).

OPPORTUNITIES FOR WOMEN

Women Of The Word



W.O.W. will continue to meet on Thursday at 9:30am beginning September 13. We will be studying the spiritual disciplines of Solitude and Silence, using a study

guide of that title, and praying for our Trinity family. Additional women are always welcome to join; please contact Barb Jacob (399-4880).

Lydia/Ruth Circle

Women of all ages are invited to gather in the café the fourth Monday of the month at 9:30am as we continue our study of the Christian faith. This is one of the longest running groups at Trinity and new members are always welcome!

Questions?

Contact Phyllis Post (394-1319)

All Women Are Invited to LADIES NIGHT OUT

An Evening With A Purpose. . .

Come for dinner, fellowship, and a variety of hands-on activities that benefit Trinity's care ministry, missions and outreach.

Resumes Thursday, Sept. 20

Dinner: 5:30 to 6:15

Activities: 6:15 to 7:45

Dessert: 7:45 to 8:00

Sign up at the information table by Tuesday, Sept. 18
\$5.00 for dinner and all activities

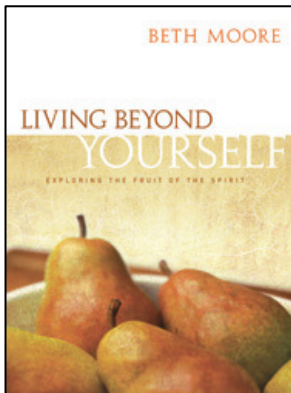
Schedule for Coming Year

- September 20
- October 18
- November 15
- January 17
- February 21
- March 21
- April 18

Women's Bible Studies Available

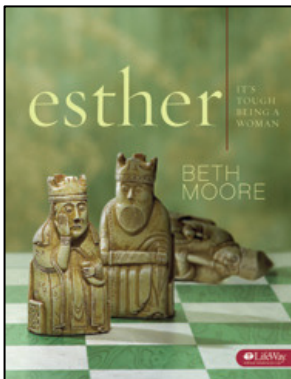
The Spiritual Growth Team has 3 Beth Moore Bible Study DVD sets and Leader's Guides available, and would like to start Wednesday and Thursday evening groups this fall. Each "session" has a discussion time and a DVD viewing time on alternating weeks. (Thursday evening groups would take "Ladies Night Out" weeks off). Individual workbooks range from \$15 to \$22. (Scholarship money is available to help with this cost.) Talk to Sandy Bedard about joining a group or starting one at another time.

Options for Wednesday Evening



Living Beyond Yourself: Exploring the Fruit of the Spirit

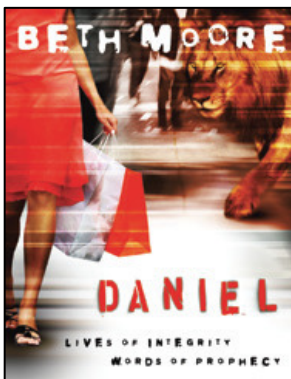
Join Beth in a study of the fruit of The Holy Spirit as presented in the book of Galatians. Beth walks participants through each trait listed in the fruit and encourages women to know the freedom of a Spirit-filled life. Through this study you will look at the supernatural aspects of the fruit and that you cannot grow, learn or produce the fruit on your own. Beth challenges you to develop the fruit by maintaining an intimate relationship with the Spirit of God. A Spirit-filled life truly results in living beyond yourself (10 sessions).



Esther: It's Tough Being a Woman

Join Beth in a very personal examination of the Old Testament story of Esther as she peels back the layers of history and shows how very contemporary and applicable the story is to our lives today. If you've ever felt inadequate, threatened or pushed into situations that seemed overpowering, this is the Bible study for you. Just as it was tough being a woman in Esther's day, it's tough today. This portion of God's Word contains treasures to aid us in our hurried, harried, and pressured lives (9 sessions).

Thursday Evening – led by Sandy Bedard



Daniel: Lives of Integrity, Words of Prophecy

Join Beth in a faith-building study of prophecy and learn how to live with integrity in today's self-absorbed society. The prophet Daniel faced unbelievable pressures to compromise his faith, to live in a hostile culture and to confront temptations and threats. Today, believers in Jesus Christ face many of the same trials. This Old Testament Bible study falls in two parts and can be used as one (12 session) study or two separate (6 session) studies. The first portion from Daniel chapters 1-6, deals with Daniel's life as he faced the kind of pressures and temptations Christians encounter today. Daniel models how to develop enduring integrity in an enticing world. The second portion, chapters 7-12, explores thrilling prophecies from the time of Daniel through the second coming of Jesus Christ.

WOMEN'S RETREAT



The Spiritual Growth Team encourages all women to attend a Women's Retreat again this fall at Grace Adventures. There are 2 weekends available:
September 28-30 or October 5-7.

Enjoy the beautiful fall colors of Silver Lake Michigan as you pamper yourself both physically and spiritually at this special women's retreat and leave refreshed! Worship, rest, time in God's Word, great food and great fellowship are all included in the weekend package.

Available activities include: massages, horseback riding, pamper room, boating, biking, crafts, ropes course, climbing wall, sand dunes and lighthouses near by, paintball/target sports, pontoon boat rides and workshops. All this for only \$109.00 for the entire weekend!



For more information, go to www.graceadventures.org or see Jeanne Dannenberg. A sign up sheet is available at the information table in the gathering area.



LIBRARY NEWS

Beth Borgman

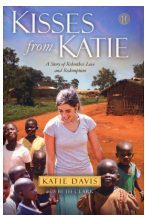
Thank you to Audrey Behrmann for her donation of the 8 book series,

"Mystery and the Minister's Wife"

Escape to the charming town of Copper Mill, Tennessee. Nestled in the foothills of the Great Smoky Mountains, Copper Mill is a place of tradition and tranquility. But when Kate Hanlon and her husband Paul move in, they find out the small-town life is anything but boring. The mysteries Kate uncovers are puzzling, but she always uses her quick mind and the help of her dear friends to figure out the answers.

Other new books include:

Kisses From Katie by Katie Davis



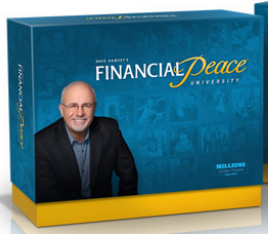
What would cause an eighteen-year-old old senior class president and homecoming queen from Nashville, Tennessee, to disappoint her parents by forgoing college, break her little brother's heart, lose all but a handful of her friends (because the rest of them think she has gone off the deep end), and break up with the love of her life, all so she could move to Uganda, where she knew only one person but didn't know any of the language? A passion to make a difference. Katie Davis left over Christmas break her senior year for a short mission trip to Uganda and her life was turned completely inside out. She found herself so moved by the people and children of Uganda that she knew her calling was to return and care for them. She has given up a relatively comfortable life at a young age to care for the less fortunate of this world. Despite the rough conditions in which Katie lives, she has found a life of service to God to be one of great joy. Katie's children bring constant delight and help her help others by welcoming whoever comes to their door. As challenges grow, so does Katie's faith and her certainty that what she's doing in Uganda, one person at a time, will have far-reaching rewards. It isn't the life she planned, but it is the life she loves.

The Half-Stitched Amish Quilting Club by Wanda E. Brunstetter



Amish widow Emma Yoder's first quilt class brings the most unlikely people together. There's Star, a young woman yearning for stability; Pan and Stuart Johnston, a struggling couple at odds in their marriage; Paul Ramirez, a young widower hoping to find solace in finishing a quilt; Jan Sweet, a rough and tough biker doing some creative community service; and Ruby Lee Williams, a preacher's wife looking for relaxation when parish problems mount. But as these beginning quilters learn to transform scraps of material into beauty, their fragmented lives begin to take new shape with the helping hands of each other and the healing hand of God.

ADULT OPPORTUNITIES



Dave Ramsey Financial Peace University

"We all need a plan for our money. Dave's class will show you how to get rid of debt, manage your money, spend and save wisely, and much more! "

Trinity Church is pleased to offer this 9 week class on Wednesday evenings, September 19 - November 14 at 6:45pm. Each session is approximately 90 minutes in length, and includes Dave Ramsey teaching via DVD followed by a short discussion led by Ed & Beth Borgman. This class is open to the public.

The cost for materials is \$100/family, payable to Trinity Reformed Church. All orders & payment **MUST BE in by SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9**, as it takes 10 days for material to arrive.

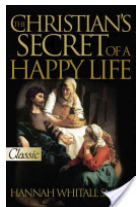
Preview classes will be held on: *Sunday, September 2 at 11am*

Sunday, September 9 at 11am

Wednesday, September 12 at 6:30pm

For more information, go to www.daveramsey.com or see Ed & Beth Borgman. A sign up sheet is available at the information counter in the gathering area.

Adult Bible Study



All adults are invited to join in the Café on Tuesday's from 2-3pm beginning September 11. We will discuss the Christian Classic, *"The Christian's Secret of a Happy Life"* by Hannah Whitall Smith.

Please sign up at the information counter in the gathering area so we can order books.

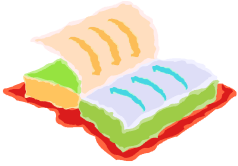
Questions?

Please contact Lynn & Phyllis Post

Prayer Group

Come to the Prayer Room at 10am the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month for a time of prayer for our church, our community and our world. All adults are welcome and encouraged to attend.

You **DO NOT** need to pray out loud to be a part of this group!



Holland Public Schools LSPC “Books”, Buses, and Breakfast Program



In partnership with
Life Services Parent Center



We need fun, exciting parents, grandparents, college students who enjoy reading, helping with homework or just being a friend with students in the mornings at the 4 Holland Public Elementary Schools.

Please contact Lisa Lindemulder “Books” Coordinator
396-7566 ext. 110 or e-mail llindemulder@lifeservicessystem.org

Holland Heights K-7

7:35-8:12 am

East K-7

7:40-8:17 am



Jefferson K-7

7:35-8:12 am

West K-7

7:40-8:17 am

Holland Public Schools

School starts Wednesday, September 5

Please volunteer!!!! Help a child READ TO SUCCEED!!

SUMMER MISSION TRIP FOLLOW UP



July 19, 2012

Dear Consistory and Congregation of Trinity Reformed Church,

Having just wrapped up three weeks of hosting youth groups in Holland, Detroit, and Benton Harbor I wanted to take a moment to tell you what a wonderful group of young people and leaders your congregations have developed. In the midst of a foreign environment, lots of young energy, and not the most comfortable living setting your group was truly a blessing to me and the communities they served. I stand in awe over the spiritual maturity displayed by so many who engaged in worship, bible study, small group discussion, and serving. They touched the lives of many and helped to make an impact on the communities they served. It was an honor (almost all the time) to be a part of their life together. From cleaning up the church, to scrapping and painting, to serving in the summer camp they worked hard and accomplished lots. The leadership provided by Jon, Teresa, Matthew, and Heather was also such a wonderful example of care for young people. Their impact on the lives and community of Benton Harbor will last a long time. Thanks for the investment you have made in God's Kingdom!

In Christ's Love and Service,

Dave

David Kool

President of Great Lakes Urban

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ♦ Sept 2 - Worship & Communion **9:30am**
- ♦ Sept 6 - Community Kitchen @ Western Seminary **11am**
Consistory Meeting **7pm**
- ♦ Sept 9 - Worship **9:30am**
Sunday School for All Ages **11am**
- ♦ Sept 10 - Spiritual Growth Team **7pm**
- ♦ Sept 11 - Prayer Group **10am**
Adult Bible Study **2pm**
Basketball for Teens & Adults **7pm**
- ♦ Sept 12 - 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**
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal **6:45-8:15pm**
Praise Team Practice **8-9pm**
- ♦ Sept 13 - Women of the Word **9:30am**
Turning Pages Reading Group **noon**
Finance Team **7pm**
- ♦ Sept 16 - Worship **9:30am**
Sunday School for All Ages **11am**
High School Youth Group **6-8pm**
- ♦ Sept 18 - Adult Bible Study **2pm**
Basketball for Teens & Adults **7pm**
- ♦ Sept 19 - 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**
- ♦ Sept 20 - Women of the Word **9:30am**
Ladies Night Out **5:30pm**
People Care Team **7pm**
- ♦ Sept 23 - Worship **9:30am**
Sunday School for All Ages **11am**
High School Youth Group **6-8pm**
- ♦ Sept 24 - Lydia/Ruth Circle **9:30am**
Mission Team **7pm**
- ♦ Sept 25 - Prayer Group **10am**
Adult Bible Study **2pm**
Basketball for Teens & Adults **7pm**
- ♦ Sept 26 - 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**
- ♦ Sept 27 - Women of the Word **9:30am**
Turning Pages Reading Group **noon**
Worship Team **7pm**
- ♦ Sept 28 - Connection Café Live **7pm**
- ♦ Sept 30 - Worship **9:30am**
Sunday School for All Ages **11am**
High School Youth Group **6-8pm**



Happy Birthday!!

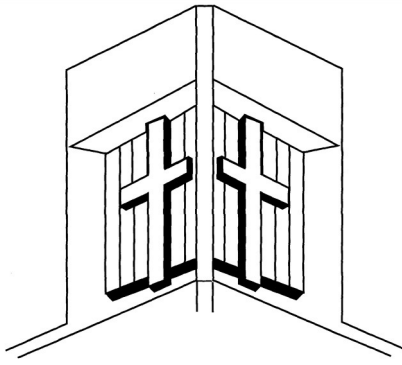


Audrey Behrmann	9/3	Kayla Fik	9/11	Marsha Myaard	9/24
Aaron Baker	9/4	Rachel Jordan	9/11	Jeff Myaard	9/25
Klair Leisure	9/4	Noah Brandt	9/12	Lucille Kruithof	9/27
Sara Neevel	9/4	Jim Spoor	9/15	Mary Verburg	9/27
Kara Bruursema	9/5	Robin Dryer	9/16	Beth Borgman	9/28
Hailey Lundy	9/5	Steve Lundy	9/18	Judy Mulder	9/29
Taryn Schurman	9/5	Shirley Vereeke	9/19	Andy Behrmann	9/30
Connie Dykhuis	9/6	Teresa Harrington	9/20	Harold Dirkse	9/30
RJ Ramirez	9/6	Neil DeBoer	9/21	Melinda Reed	9/30
Gen Snyder	9/9	Loren Verburg	9/23	Bob Thompson	9/30

Happy Anniversary!!

John & Penny Houting	9/12		Dan & Kim Schrotenboer	9/19
Arlon & Lucy Jongekrijg	9/20		Elwood & Marge Rycenga	9/23
Doug & Dawn Schurman	9/24			





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Worship Coordinator: Becky Bierma Email becky@trinityrc.org

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)
- Tutoring, Providing 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 any of these and a variety of other opportunities,
please contact the church office (396-6526).***