Ministry Structure and the Mission of the Church

The Consistory has been working hard over the past couple of years to develop a vision for ministry that will help us to accomplish our goal to be transformed into an outward missional focused church. As you may know our ministry structure does not always stay the same, but goes through changes as the Consistory seeks to keep our ministry fresh and vibrant in order to effectively accomplish our God given purpose.

This article is written with the intent of helping you see how we are structured as a church and to encourage you to participate in the exciting ministry that happens here every day. I am thrilled as your pastor to be able to be working alongside all of you as members of our church and community in sharing the Good News of Jesus with our church and community. Please join with me doing all that we can to reach others with the life changing message of salvation in Jesus Christ.

On the next page over you will see the break out of our church ministry structure. Through some discernment over the past several months the Consistory approved the development of a new Ministry Team into our structure. This team will assist us in several ways. I would direct your attention to the article below which was submitted by Ken Neeval, the chairperson of the newly formed Stewardship Ministry Team.

Blessings,

Pastor Chris DeGraaf

A biblical worldview of stewardship can be consciously defined as: "Utilizing and managing all resources God provides for the glory of God and the betterment of His creation." With the assistance of Rodger Rice and the Barnabas Foundation, Trinity has formed a new Stewardship Ministry Team to help us do this more effectively.

The word stewardship often leads us to think of finances, but it is actually a spiritual issue. The way we spend our time, use our talents/gifts, and spend our finances is an indication of our spiritual health. Scripture is full of teaching about the use of our resources, and the role of the Stewardship Ministry Team is to encourage and assist Trinity with implementing biblical stewardship as a core value.

You will be invited to participate in a congregational survey this fall that will help the Barnabas Foundation develop a customized stewardship strategic plan for Trinity. (Details will be available in the next issue of “Connections”.)

Other churches that have shared the following comments about their experience with the Barnabas Foundation:

- Instead of a church program, we got a ministry
- People in our church have experienced growth in all aspects of stewardship – personal spiritual growth, increased financial giving, and overall awareness and embracing of stewardship in our everyday lives.
- We really appreciate Barnabas Foundation’s holistic approach to stewardship – that it’s not really about treasure, but also our time and talents as well.

If you feel called to join the team, please contact a current member for information.

Trinity Reformed Church
Ministry Structure

Consistory

Comprised of the pastor along with 6 Elders and 6 Deacons elected by the congregation to guide the church to accomplish its God given ministry to share the gospel message in our church and community.

Ministry Teams

Church members who work together to assist in ministry and provide opportunities for others to engage in the mission of the church.

Executive Team
Missions Team
Spiritual Growth Team
Finance Team
People Care Team
Worship Team
Building and Grounds Team
Stewardship Team

Trinity Staff

Individuals hired by the church to equip God’s people to fulfill their God given purpose in life.

Senior Pastor of Worship and Outreach
Pastor of Senior Adult Ministry and Care
Director of Children, Youth, and Young Adult Ministries
Worship Arts Director
Administrative Assistant
Assistant Treasurer
Custodian
Tuesday Night Basketball

September 2nd

6:30 pm – 9:00 pm

If you are interested in getting involved in our Tuesday night basketball we would love volunteers to provide snacks and drinks and any prayers you can offer!
Thank You!

Sunday School for All Ages

Sunday School Starts back up September 7th after Church from 11:00– 11:45 am!
Trinity Reformed Church

Senior High Youth Group Schedule

Sunday Nights 6-8 pm

September Meeting Dates Are:
Sept 7 Kick off Gathering at Church
Sept 14 Mini-Golf Night
Sept 21 Make a Connection Night
Sept 28 Gathering at Church

October Meeting Dates Are:
Oct 5 Amazing Race Night
Oct 12 Gathering at Church
Oct 19 Make a Difference Night
Oct 26 Serve Project- Yard Work

Please Contact Bryant Brozik at
(641)-512-1969 or at
Bryant.Brozik@westernsem.edu, or
Pastor Chris at (616)-566-1535 or at
bikingpreacher74@yahoo.com If you have any questions!

We are looking forward to the year together!
DINNER is served between 6:00 and 6:30 p.m. Come join us for a home cooked meal!

TRAVELERS is for kids kindergarten through 5th grade and meets after kids.com. During this time children receive a Bible lesson, do an activity and wrap it up by doing a craft.

GO FISH is the Jr. High Ministry, this year’s theme is “Who, Me?” They are studying the lives of Jonah, Mary, Joseph and Peter. Trying to discover why God chose them and why he chooses us.

Check us out online at, www.trinityrc.org
THANK YOU!

Thank You to everyone who helped volunteer for Vacation Bible School 2014. It was a huge success! We had a ton of fun, and so did the children! Thank you, Laura VanderStarre, Rachel VanderStarre, Jami Gezon, Carol Deboer, Diane Molker, Lori Kooyers, Teresa Harrington, Natalie DeGraaf, Betsy DeGraaf, Chris DeGraaf, Heather Oom, Matt Oom, Anna Berends, Amanda Schurman, Jan VanAuken, Jeanne Dannenberg, Noah Helmus, Sarah Keuning, Hannah Keuning. And anyone we missed! You were ALL AMAZING!
Women’s Bible Study Circle

The Women’s Bible Study Circle invites and encourages more women to join this group for a time of fellowship and growing in faith. A new Study, “The Sermon the Mount’, has just begun. Study books are available at no cost to you. Meetings are at the church on the 4th Monday of the month at 9:30am. Please come! You will be welcomed!

People of Prayer

People of are needed and encouraged to join the small prayer group that meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday from 10:00-11:00am at the home of Phyllis Williams, Warm Friend, 5 E. 8th St, Apt 406. Time is spent sharing the needs & concerns of church members, missions & outreach programs, followed by a time of prayer together-aloud or silently. Pray about it and plan to come! If you have questions, please call Phyllis Williams (392-1408) or Phyllis Post (394-1319).

Exercise Donations Needed:

Tuesday Night Ladies Fitness

will run from 6:30 - 8:00 September 9 through May with a culminating event in the Tulip Time 5k Run/Walk. **We need stuff to get in shape!** If you have 1#, 2#, or 3# hand-held weights or hula-hoops that are laying around your house, they'd be put to good use in our Tuesday night work-out program. We will vary our routine each week from the *Just Walk* fitness plan, to dancing with Richard Simmons and some light Zumba. Mild strength training will also be included. Ladies teens through golden years are all invited. See Teresa Harrington (395-9439) if you have questions or items to donate. Invite a friend!
All Women are invited to a LADIES NIGHT OUT!
An evening with purpose...

Come for dinner, fellowship, and a variety of hands-on activities that benefit Trinity’s care ministry, missions and outreach. Resumes Thursday September 18.

Dinner 5:30-6:15
Activities 6:15-7:45
Dessert 7:45 8:00
Sign up at the information table by Tuesday Sept. 16.
5.00 for dinner and all activities.

Schedule for the year:

Sept. 18
Oct 16
Nov 20
Jan 15
Feb 19
March 19
April 16
Since January of 2006, Trinity Church has supported Chad Vanden Bosch as a missionary of the Reformed Church in America in partnership with Audio Scripture Ministries. In the beginning Chad served with ASM on three continents, but now is based in Mozambique, Southeast Africa.

Nearly one billion people worldwide can't study the Word of God because they can’t read. This is especially true in the country of Mozambique, where just 20 percent of the population is considered literate. The only official language of Mozambique is Portuguese, which is spoken mostly as a second language by about half of the population. More than 40 other languages are commonly spoken.

Mozambique now has one of the fastest growing churches in all of Africa, but due largely to a lack of access to the Scriptures, spiritual growth and discipleship has been severely hampered. In Mozambique, as in many parts of the world, making the Bible available means providing Scriptures in audio form. As director of African operations for Audio Scripture Ministries, Chad oversees audio scripture recording and distribution projects throughout Africa. He travels from his base in Mozambique to new project locations in order to set up recording and distribution programs and train personnel in recording equipment and techniques. In addition to the recording studio in Xai-Xai in the south, Chad is currently embarking on setting up a small recording studio in the central region, outside of Chimoio City.

Chad was married to Dara Hillstrom on Aug. 24, 2013, and together they have just adopted a daughter, Nede. This was a long, frustrating, stressful journey that Dara started down back in 2008. See Chad’s most recent newsletter (www.rca.org/mission-update-vandenbosch-8-14) for the details of how God answered their prayers in an amazing and unexpected way.

Learn more about Chad and his work by watching his presentation on the computer monitor on the mission table or pick up his most recent newsletter. To encourage you to get to know him better, there will be a quiz on Sunday, Oct. 26, and the person who scores the highest will win a gift card to Crane’s in the City in downtown Holland!
From Former Trinity Intern
Cody Raak:

I am pleased and humbled to announce that I have accepted the promise of a call from Emmanuel Reformed Church in Springfield, South Dakota. We candidated with them the weekend of July 27, seeing the community and meeting the congregation and consistory. We felt so encouraged and welcomed during our weekend with them, and they extended the promise of a call after the congregation and consistory met Sunday night. We have spent a week discerning and feel that God is speaking clearly through family and friends that this is the right move for us at this time. We appreciate your prayers and support as we have patiently worked toward this, and we celebrate that God has been good all along the way, preparing us for this opportunity. Thank you for your continued prayers as we plan our move and my ordination, and as we begin ministry together over the next few months.

WOMEN’S RETREAT

The Spiritual Growth Team encourages all women to attend a Women’s Retreat again this fall at Grace Adventures the weekend of October 10-12, 2014.

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.

For more information, go to www.graceadventures.org or contact Teresa Harrington or Jeanne Dannenberg. A sign up sheet is available at the information table in the gathering area.
**September Calendar**

**Sept 1**  Trinity Men’s Chorus 7:00 pm  
**Sept 2**  Basketball for All Teens and Adults 6:30 pm  
**Sept 4**  Trinity Serving Community Kitchen at Western Seminary 11:00 am  
          Consistory Meeting 7:00 pm  
**Sept 7**  Worship and Communion 9:30 am  
          Sunday School for All Ages 11:00 am  
**Sept 8**  Ashley Breuker Baby shower 7:00 pm  
          Trinity Men’s Chorus 7:00 pm  
**Sept 9**  Basketball for All Teens and Adults 6:30 pm  
**Sept 10**  Care Closet 3:00 pm  
           Family Dinner 6:00 pm  
           Go Fish Middle School 6:30 pm  
           Traveler’s Kids Class 6:30 pm  
           Mission Team 7:00 pm  
**Sept 11**  Turning Pages Reading Group 12:00 pm  
**Sept 12**  Building Reserved for Event 5:00 pm  
**Sept 13**  Building Reserved for Event 8:00 am  
**Sept 14**  Worship 9:30 am  
          Sunday School for All Ages 11:00 am  
**Sept 15**  Trinity Men’s Chorus 7:00 pm  
**Sept 16**  Basketball for all teens and adults 6:30 pm  
**Sept 17**  Family Dinner 6:00 pm  
          Go Fish Middle School Youth Group 6:30 pm  
          Traveler’s Kids Class 6:30 pm  
          Mission Team 7:00 pm  
**Sept 18**  Ladies Night Out 5:30 pm  
**Sept 21**  Worship 9:30 am  
          Sunday School for All Ages 11:00 am  
**Sept 22**  Women’s Bible Study Circle 9:30 am  
          Trinity Men’s Chorus 7:00 pm  
**Sept 23**  Basketball for All Ages 6:30 pm  
**Sept 24**  Care Closet 3:00 pm  
          Family Dinner 6:00 pm  
          Go Fish Middle School Youth Group 6:30 pm  
          Travelers Kid’s Class 6:30 pm  
**Sept 25**  Turning Pages Reading Group 12:00 pm  
**Sept 28**  Worship 9:30 am  
          Sunday School for All Ages 11:00 am  
**Sept 29**  Trinity Men’s Chorus 7:00 pm  
**Sept 30**  Basketball for All Teens and Adults 6:30 pm  

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**Birthdays**

Audrey Behrmann 9/3  
Klair Leisure 9/4  
Sara Neevel 9/4  
Kara Brusema 9/5  
Hailey Lundy 9/5  
Taryn Schurman 9/5  
Connie Dykhuis 9/6  
Gen Snyder 9/9  
Noah Brandt 9/12  
Jim Spoor 9/15  
Robin Dryer 9/16  
Steve Lundy 9/18  
Ray Knap 9/19  
Shirley Vereeke 9/19  
Teresa Harrington 9/20  
Shari Munger 9/20  
Neil DeBoer 9/21  
Loren Verburg 9/23  
Garland Munger 9/24  
Marsha Myaard 9/24  
Jeff Myaard 9/25  
Lucille Kruithof 9/27  
Mary Verburg 9/27  
Beth Borgman 9/28  
Judy Mulder 9/29  
Harold Dirkse 9/30  
Bob Thompson 9/30

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**Anniversaries**

John & Penny Houting 9/12  
Dan & kim Schrotenboer 9/19  
Arlon & Lucy Jongekrjig 9/20  
Elwood & Marge Rycenga 9/23  
Doug & Dawn Schurenga 9/24
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If you would like to join one of the Ministry Teams or if you have any ministry ideas, please share by contacting one of the Chair Persons.