

CONNECTIONS NEWSLETTER



HOLY WEEK AT TRINITY

With Good Friday and Easter Sunday on the horizon, we are journeying through the season of Lent. Here at Trinity we are exploring the teachings of the Minor Prophets as they call God's people - then and now - to repentance, renewal, and deep hope in our God who is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

UPCOMING SERMONS

- April 6 | *Communion*
Malachi 3:1-14
- April 13 | **Palm Sunday**
Psalm 116; Isaiah 43:1-3a
Rev. Deb Yurk
- April 18, 6pm | **Good Friday Service**
- April 20 | **Easter Sunday** + *Communion*
Luke 24
- April 27 | TBD - Rev. Kate Meyer
- May 4 | John 6



Children's Ministry notes



Children and Worship

After the children's blessing, students ages 4 yr old-2nd grade can go down to the worship center with the helper. Please see the bulletin for who the Teacher and Helper is each week. Students will come upstairs at the end of worship to meet their adult in the cafe during connection time.

April 6 | Spring Break—NO CIW

April 13 | Spring Break—NO CIW

April 20 | Easter—NO CIW

April 27 | Jesus is Risen: Road to Emmaus



Trinity VOLUNTEERS!



Whether it's driving a bus or making coffee, grooming a horse or tending a garden, fixing up a car or folding clothes, **Trinity folks volunteer all over our community and our church!**

Since April is National Volunteer Month, we're taking this opportunity to stop and notice all the ways our church family serves and cares for our neighbors and each other. On any given day of the week, a Trinity member is out in our community serving or in our church helping. Ranging from the youngest* among us to the oldest, we are each finding a way to reach out and bless others. And because there are so many stories to share and folks to notice, **we are going to take the next year to highlight different ways Trinity is volunteering in each issue of Connections.**

Trinity Volunteers in our Community...

- Evergreen Commons
- Girl Scouts
- Harbor House Ministries
- Community Action House
- Salvation Army
- West MI Ministries
- Meals on Wheels
- Refresh
- Renew Therapeutic Riding
- Lakeside Clubhouse



To kick off this new *Trinity Volunteers!* section, turn the page and read all about Sandra Coverstone and how much she loves her volunteer work at Lakeside Clubhouse. And come back next month for more stories of how Trinity is caring for each other and serving our community.....

* Here's a snapshot of one of our youngest volunteers, Brooklyn, who reads to her uncle weekly as a way to serve and love (and work on her reading skills!)

Trinity Volunteers in the Life of our Church

20
hours
per Sunday

60
hours
per week

240
hours
per month

2,880
hours per year

LAKE SIDE CLUBHOUSE



ABOUT LAKE SIDE CLUBHOUSE

To become a member, people can tour the Clubhouse and see the different work areas. If they are interested, their diagnosis is confirmed and they can start attending. After filling out the needed paperwork, we set up a new member orientation.

For community members interested in learning about the Clubhouse we also offer monthly Discovery Tours. People can sign up by visiting the website (lakesideclubhouse.org) or call us at 616-965-8380. I would love to give you a tour! We are always looking to connect and partner with community members.

Introduction

Hi my name is Sandra and I have a mental illness that I've been dealing with for a very long time. Fortunately, I found a place that helps people suffering from the disease. Now, I can be around others in a place where I am accepted and welcomed. Where is this place? It's called Lakeside Clubhouse here in Holland.



What is Clubhouse?

A Clubhouse is first and foremost a local community center offering people with mental illness, hope and opportunity to achieve their full potential. Much more than a program or a social service, a Clubhouse is most importantly a community of people who work together to achieve common goals.

Clubhouse is organized to support people living with mental illness. During the course of participation in a Clubhouse members gain access to opportunities to rejoin the world of friendships, family, employment and education, and to the service and support to continue their recovery.

My Experience

Before clubhouse, I sat at home, which I considered my safe zone, away from others. I only left for the library or appointments. One day my friend April (another member) asked me if I wanted to attend Clubhouse as a member. Despite having no idea what the Clubhouse was, I said yes.

There are people like me that have some form of mental health or cognitive issues. It is a place where I belong and find acceptance. Perhaps most importantly, friends and family have noticed the impact the Clubhouse has had on my mental well being. The big reason why is the WOD (Work Ordered Day). I love working in the different units of the clubhouse.

My favorite task is working on the computer and learning the different areas of the computer programs. Being involved in Clubhouse helps me learn how to deal with my illness and also I learn new things that I can put to use either in my own life or helping someone else learn how to do it. Any member that is here can learn things and they can be able to use them out in society.

WOD broken down into 3 sections:

There are different sections of the Clubhouse.

There is the **Hospitality and Wellness** unit where the members practice daily living skills.

When we cook lunch, we have a recipe start, where someone looks online for the recipe to cook for the day. Ordering groceries is done online and it's usually Meijer or Aldi that the groceries are ordered from. Someone will usually go pick up the groceries.

Our **cafe** has many different items that members can pay for, and also there are personal care items that people can pay for. The reason for that is sometimes people who live in an AFC home can't get out; they can purchase shampoo, deodorant or body wash for a reasonable price (like an actual store).

We inventory the kitchen and cafe and budget our spending. There is also an exercise room where members can work towards fitness goals.

Then we have the **Business Unit** where work related computer skills are used.

We have our own bank and Library where daily living skills and work skills are incorporated into the structured Work Ordered Day.

Other Tasks:

Flourish database work (attendance on the computer) keeping track of how many people attended. Also for insurance purposes.

Canva (printing different tasks for the different areas of the units.

Banking (lunch, cafe, social wreck, PNC banking). Inputting cafe and lunch sales.

Clubhouse also helps members get into a **TE position** which means it's Transitional Employment. Transitional employment means that they can work for up to nine months and then possibly get hired permanently into the company.



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Trinity Care Closet

This month, Care Closet needs the following items. Would you please consider making a donation to assist our neighbors who could benefit from some extra support?

Look for the donation basket located on the Welcome Desk!

Thank you very much for your continued support of Trinity's Care Closet.

Donations of the Month

APRIL

TOILET PAPER
+
PAPER TOWELS



Cover to Cover Book Club

The 2024/2025 Book Club meets the 4th Thursday of every month. Participation is limited to 12 people. If you are interested in joining, please see Sharon Kruse.

April 24 | The Sun Does Shine by Anthony Ray Hinton

May 22 | The Edge of Summer by Viola Shipman

Cover to Cover Book Club will meet in The Reflections Room at Trinity.

SATURDAY APRIL 26

BUS TRIP



**The #1 Car Museum
in the World!**

per a 2024 survey by Auto Trader

The Gilmore Car Museum is North America's largest auto museum with over 400 vehicles on display and over 190,000 square feet of exhibit space. The Museum's 90-acre Historic Campus features numerous vintage structures including a restored and fully-functioning 1941 Silk City Diner, a recreated 1930s Shell Station, six onsite Partner Museums, and so much more.

**Pre-paid ticket price is \$18.00/pp
Make checks out to Trinity Ref Church
See Sandy B. for more details.**

The bus will leave church at 8:30am and arrive at the museum around 10:00. Lunch is on your own at one of the on-site restaurants. We will depart at 4:00 with expected return to church at 5:30pm.

**Sign-up deadline is Sunday April 13.
There are 20 seats available on the bus. If
you'd like to drive separately, please note
that on the sign-up sheet, and you can still
get the group ticket price.**



October 10-12th, 2025



Speaker: **Amberly Neese**



Worship: **Cherri Bornman**

Amberly helps people like you and your group experience the freedom found in meaningful relationships with God and others. Her bible studies, “The Belonging Project: Finding Your Tribe and Learning to Thrive” and “Common Ground: Loving Others Despite Our Differences” will be joined by her latest project, “Untangling Faith: Reclaiming Hope in the Questions Jesus Asked” in April 2023. Her devotional “The Friendship Initiative: 31 Days of Loving and Connecting Like Jesus”

Amberly is a featured speaker/ emcee/ comedian for the **Aspire Women’s Events** and **Marriage Date Night**, two popular Christian national tours.

She and her husband have two adult children and live in Prescott, Arizona, where they enjoy the great outdoors, the Food Network, and all things Star Wars.

Sign up by Sunday, April 20, if you want to go. Make a check payable to Trinity Reformed Church for \$25.00 to reserve your spot. Total cost of the weekend is \$179 - more information coming soon about potential discounts. Contact Teresa Harrington for more information.

Hey Community Gardeners! Ready to Grow Stuff?

Gardeners from 2024: If you have not yet contacted me about gardening this year, please let me know by **Sunday, April 16** if you wish to continue, and we'll confirm details. After that date, I'll begin to offer garden spots to others in our community who are on a waitlist.

Once you are confirmed with your plot number, you may begin planting anytime in April, but the water won't be available until later. **REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR OWN WATER DURING THE MONTH OF APRIL!**

Are you interested in joining us? Please contact me (see below) so we can get you plugged into our gardening community!

There will be a START-UP meeting on Wednesday evening, April 23, at 7PM. We'll meet in the garden with seeds ready for planting, tips for planning, updates on procedures and how to discourage pesky intruders from your produce.

(Rain Location: Inside the Church)

All Gardeners:

- It is important to “fluff up” your soil each spring since soil gets packed down from rain and winter snow.
- “Miracle Manure” from Renew was added to each of the beds last fall. Renew TRC horses continue to bless people in our community - even through their manure!
- We may need to supplement some beds with additional soil.
- Beds will also be restrung for those who desire to divide their square foot gardens for planting.

Please note that we generally give gardeners the plot they had in the previous year unless a change is requested. Also, we try to reserve the raised garden beds for those whose physical needs would best be served by that platform.

We are excited by the **COMMUNITY** representation in our community garden. This includes both churches, Appledorn residents, area neighbors, and friends not too far beyond.

Growing in Christ,

Teresa

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February 17, 2025

Dear Pastor Amanda,

Each week our staff and congregation take time to pray over a church that we have chosen as our “Church of the Week”. This week, we were happy to choose Trinity Reformed Church as the “church” highlighted in our Sunday bulletin, and we will be praying for you throughout the week.

Our church and pastoral staff realize that we are all in it together for the Kingdom and we love knowing there are many awesome churches out there in the Greater Holland and surrounding areas, and across our nation sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ and we want to let you know we believe in you, we love you and we pray God’s favor over your ministry, and over the people who call Trinity Reformed Church “home”.

Serving Together,



Pastor Michael D. Houser

Linda Louisa Johnson

The mother
looked at her son.
She remembered
rocking him to sleep.
He was so small.
She remembered
his first baby steps.
She remembered
reading to him and
singing lullabies.
She remembered
how he loved people.
Loved sitting with them.
Loved talking to them.
How he loved the poor,
the sick, the hurting.
Tears slipped down her eyes.
Seeing the tree he was carrying.
The heavy tree up the hill.
Hearing the pounding
of the nails.
Seeing the blood.
Seeing her son.
Dying in front of her eyes.
Her boy.
Her lovely child.
Being crucified.
She turned from the crowd,
put her hands in front of her face
and sobbed out loud.
He was her son.
He was the Son of God.

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2025 Trinity Consistory

Elders:

Gregg Harper
Teresa Harrington
Dee Hubbard
Bob Koning
Lynda Simmons

Deacons:

Warren Kooyers
Steve Lundy
Matt Oom
Shirley Perez
Jay Lynn Wheeler

April Birthdays

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| John Bedard | 04/02 | Jay Lynn Wheeler | 04/13 | Joyce Dozeman | 04/20 |
| Alyssa Shull | 04/08 | Benji Garza | 04/16 | Julaine Knap | 04/23 |
| Doug Vande Wege | 04/08 | Connie Pilcher | 04/17 | Shirley Perez | 04/23 |
| Marilyn Brower | 04/13 | Marlene Plaggemars | 04/17 | Gord Kossen | 04/24 |
| Bob Koning | 04/13 | Lincoln Wilkinson | 04/17 | Bill VanAuken | 04/27 |
| Sharon Kruse | 04/13 | Crystal Lundy | 04/18 | Jan VanAuken | 04/28 |
| Shirley Nienhuis | 04/13 | Kim Schrottenboer | 04/19 | Suzanne Wilkinson | 04/30 |

April Anniversaries

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| Russ + Linda Johnson | 04/05 | Jim + Lynda Simmons | 04/17 |
| Paul + Dianne Moker | 04/11 | | |

Church Office Hours

Monday-Thursday | 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

After Hours Emergency Contact

Pastor Amanda | 616-402-4671 | amanda@trinityrc.org

April 2025

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 30 8:00am - 9:00am TRC Worship Team Rehearsal 9:30am - 11:00am TRC Worship 9:45am - 10:45am Children & Worship 10:45am - 11:30am TRC Post-Service Coffee 11:00am - 12:00pm BH Set-up + Rehearsal 11:00am - 12:00pm Bread House coffee & breakfast 12:00pm - 4:00pm Bread House Worship | 31 5:00pm - 7:00pm Bread House Praise & Worship Practice 7:00pm - 9:00pm Monday Night Basketball | 1 7:00pm - 9:00pm Bread House Bible Study | 2 7:30am - 8:30am Men's Bible Study 10:00am - 11:00am Folding Group 6:30pm - 8:30pm Bread House Sunday School Meeting 7:00pm - 8:30pm Women of the Word Winning the Worry Battle | 3 9:30am - 11:00am Women of the Word Gospel of John 1:00pm - 2:00pm Escape Ministries 6:30pm - 9:00pm Bread House Family Night | 4 6:00am - 7:30am Holland Middle Wyldlife | 5 8:30am - 12:00pm Spring Grounds Clean-Up 10:00am - 2:00pm Quilt/Craft Group Meeting |
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| 13 Holy Week Blackout Palm Sunday 8:00am - 9:00am TRC Worship Team Rehearsal 9:30am - 11:00am TRC Worship 10:45am - 11:45am Brass Rehearsal 10:45am - 11:45am Second Sunday Brunch 10:45am - 11:30am TRC Post-Service Coffee 11:00am - 12:00pm BH Set-up + Rehearsal 11:00am - 12:00pm Bread House coffee & breakfast 12:00pm - 4:00pm Bread House Worship | 14 Holy Week Blackout 5:00pm - 7:00pm Bread House Praise & Worship Practice 7:00pm - 9:00pm Monday Night Basketball | 15 Holy Week Blackout 7:00pm - 9:00pm Bread House Bible Study 7:00pm - 9:30pm Consistory | 16 Holy Week Blackout 7:30am - 8:30am Men's Bible Study 10:00am - 11:00am Folding Group | 17 Holy Week Blackout Maundy Thursday 9:30am - 11:00am Women of the Word Gospel of John 1:00pm - 2:00pm Escape Ministries 6:30pm - 9:00pm Bread House Family Night | 18 Good Friday Holy Week Blackout 6:00am - 7:30am Holland Middle Wyldlife 9:00am - 12:00pm Glenda's Lakewood Flowers Delivering Easter Flowers 6:00pm - 9:00pm Bread House Leadership Meeting 6:00pm - 7:00pm Good Friday Service | 19 Holy Week Blackout |
| 20 Easter Sunday Holy Week Blackout 8:00am - 9:00am TRC Worship Team Rehearsal 9:30am - 11:00am TRC Worship 9:45am - 10:45am Children & Worship 10:45am - 11:30am TRC Post-Service Coffee 11:00am - 12:00pm BH Set-up + Rehearsal 11:00am - 12:00pm Bread House coffee & breakfast 12:00pm - 4:00pm Bread House Worship | 21 5:00pm - 7:00pm Bread House Praise & Worship Practice 7:00pm - 9:00pm Monday Night Basketball | 22 Earth Day 11:45am - 12:45pm Staff Meeting 7:00pm - 9:00pm Bread House Bible Study | 23 Administrative Professionals Day 7:30am - 8:30am Men's Bible Study 10:00am - 11:00am Folding Group 7:00pm - 8:00pm Community Garden Meeting | 24 9:30am - 11:00am Women of the Word Gospel of John 1:00pm - 2:00pm Escape Ministries 6:30pm - 9:00pm Bread House Family Night 7:00pm - 9:00pm Cover to Cover Book Club | 25 6:00pm - 9:00pm Bread House Prayer Meeting 6:00am - 7:30am Holland Middle Wyldlife | 26 Bus Trip Gilmore Car Museum |
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