

CONNECTIONS NEWSLETTER



THE BELGIC CONFESSION

Beginning on Reformation Sunday, we will explore our understanding of God by wrestling with and attending to the teaching of the Belgic Confession.

Born out of political violence and theological upheaval in the 1500s, this statement of faith gives us a glimpse into the conviction of our forbearers in a time when what it teaches cost them their lives.

How may our lives be changed by listening to what they believed about God?

UPCOMING SERMONS

- November 3 | Communion + Pulpit Supply
Welcome Rev. Jim Daniels!
- November 10 | Belgic Confession Art 10
Matthew 16:13-20
Who Do You Say I Am?
- November 17 | Belgic Confession Art 13
Luke 22:39-44
This Good God
- November 24 | Belgic Confession Art 18
Revelation 12:1-9, 13-17
On the Incarnation and Dragons

Children's Ministry at Trinity

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.

November 3 | Exodus, Feast

November 10 | Ten Best Ways to Live

November 17 | The Promised Land

November 24 | How the Church Tells Time



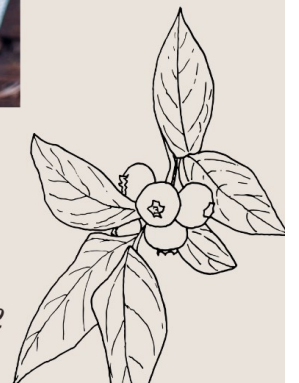
Second Sunday Brunch

Sunday, November 10



Oatmeal & Yogurt Breakfast Bar

Please join us after the Sunday morning worship service. Further details on how you can participate and RSVP can be found at the Welcome Desk.





CRAFT SHOW + QUILT RAFFLE

Quilt for the raffle at the craft show, tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. A great way to support the craft show, tickets will be available through November 2. Jay Lynn will have tickets.

Mark your calendars for November 2. The craft show this year will be bigger and better! An additional 12 vendors and a great assortment of crafts available. Maybe early Christmas shopping? Also look for sign up sheets to help before, during and after. Many hands make light work!



Coffee Time

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Do you enjoy a delicious cup of coffee following the service and have a heart for serving? We have an exciting opportunity for you! We are seeking substitutes to fill in for our regular Sunday morning coffee volunteers during vacations, time off and other absences.

If you're interested in becoming a substitute, please contact Sandy Bedard at 616-212-3944 or email info@trinityrc.org.

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.

November 21 | Sweetness at the Bottom of the Pie by Alan Bradley

December 19 | The Lemon Tree by Sandy Tolan

January 23 | The Last Runaway by Tracy Chevalier

February 27 | The Women of Copper Country by Mary Doria Russell

March 27 | News of the World by Paulette Jiles

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 at The Marriott Downtown Holland at 7PM.

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

NOVEMBER

**LIQUID HAND SOAP
+
BAR SOAP**



Senior Ministries

Thanksgiving DINNER



November

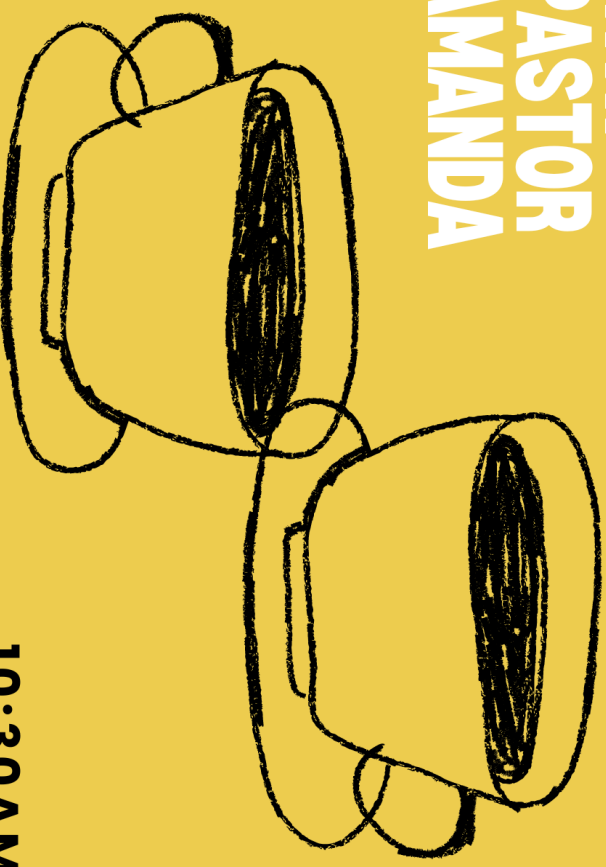
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12:00pm

Please be our guest for turkey
with all the trimmings!

Please sign up at the Welcome Desk or
call the Trinity Church office at
616-396-6526 to reserve your spot!

TUESDAY COFFEE WITH PASTOR AMANDA



10:30AM

While I've met many folks, there's always more to learn
about each other. And there's folks I haven't gotten to
know yet. Let's have coffee together!

I'm setting aside every Tuesday morning at 10:30am for
coffee. Your house. A local coffee shop. My office.
Whatever works best for you!

Just sign up in the Church Office for an upcoming
Tuesday, then I'll reach out and confirm details!

The time is upon us
When new colors will bloom
Yellow and Flaming red trees.
Warmth will soon disappear
The coolness of weather
Will overflow into our lives.
Change will soon come
Appearing fast as dawn breaks
New season upon our earth.
Many welcome the change
Others think of cold winter
Soon to come.
Seasons bring different life
Under god's blessed care.
Welcome each day
As new.
Think not of winter
With bitter cold winds.
Think of change of color
As god's paintbrush
Continues to change life.
From bright sunny flowers
To redish golden trees
To white flowing from earth.
God's seasons
Are new blessings.
Be refreshed.

LINDA LOUISA JOHNSON



Weather Cancellations

In the event of inclement weather, any service cancellation will be communicated by 8AM on Sunday morning. Following the decision to cancel made by the preaching pastor and the Vice President of Consistory, the church office will send email communication, as well as posting our cancellation on the following news outlets; Wood TV8, Fox 17, WWMT Channel 3 and WHTC 1450 AM Radio.

For any church events happening throughout the week, the cancellation and communication will come from the ministry organizer.



DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that you could receive the "Our Daily Bread" devotional delivered directly to your email inbox everyday? This is the same devotional that is available on our Welcome Desk.

The website is <https://odb.org/subscription/uk/>



DECO MESH WREATH *Making*

16 NOVEMBER, 2024 | 10AM TO 1PM

*SIGN UP TO LET US KNOW YOU ARE COMING

*NO COST EVENT, JUST BRING YOUR OWN MATERIALS

*DETAILED SUPPLY LIST IS ON THE WELCOME DESK

October 23, 2024

Dear Trinity Congregation,

I am Dianne Moker, and have been given the privilege of being the Endowment Committee Chair. Currently, our team consists of Nancy Ponstein, Bob Koning, Benji Garza and Sandy Bedard. This new team is looking at our endowment policies, how the money can be used and any adjustment that we feel needs to be made to ensure we are using this money for God's Glory. If you have any suggestions, please contact any one of these people on the committee.

The endowment funds are actually split into 6 sections.

Hamlink Ministries is for missional uses, we use this for supporting missionaries.

The Seminary Endowment is for Trinity members looking to go to Seminary or seminary interns working at Trinity.

Undesignated Memorial is from memorial gifts given to Trinity for general use.

We are entering into a new season for our next three endowment monies. Each year, monies are set aside from the investment of funds from the sale of the Chippewa Chapel in 2006. There are currently three "legs" to the Chippewa Endowment piece.

First, we are looking for ways to bless other ministry organizations. We set aside \$ for this purpose. We call this Community Partnership. If you know of a ministry who could be blessed from this money, please fill out a form.

Second, we set aside \$ for New Ministries or the enhancement of current ministries at Trinity. This is used as "seed money" for ministry within our Trinity Reformed Church group or to be used to enhance current ministries. We have used this money in various ways throughout the years, the most recent is our Children and Worship Coordinator.

Third, we set aside \$ for "Hands On" mission experiences. This has been used in the past for mission trips, projects such as the community garden or support of mission projects in the Holland area.

There are request forms for these last three endowment funds in the office, should you feel you have a good use of these monies, please fill out a request form.

The Endowment Committee has reviewed the policies, and will keep working to make sure we are good stewards of the amazing gifts God has given us.

Thank you!

The Endowment Team





Join in the fun!

**The Trinity Bus will be
decked out in the
DOWNTOWN HOLLAND
Parade of Lights
DECEMBER 3, 6:30PM**

Here's how you can help:

- Donation of LED lights
- Help engineer/install the lights on the bus
- Walk with the bus in the parade
- Ride the bus in the parade (seniors get 1st dibs)

Kickoff meeting Tues. Nov 12 at 7:00pm.

Potential Work dates to install the lights
on Monday and/or Tuesday evenings in
November, and final installation on
Monday Dec 2.





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CHRISTIANS UNITING
IN SONG & PRAYER

NOVEMBER 24, 2024
5:30 PM

TRINITY REFORMED CHURCH
712 APPLE AVENUE, HOLLAND

PREACHER:
DR. CORNELIUS (NEAL) PLANTINGA, JR.
PRESIDENT EMERITUS OF CALVIN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY



Trinity Reformed Church Craft Sale

Embrace the essence of the season and explore
a collection of one-of-a-kind handmade crafts,
delightful treats, and festive cheer.

**November 2, 2024
9:00am to 3:00pm
712 Apple Avenue
Holland, MI 49423**

OVER 45 LOCAL
ARTISAN
VENDORS





Advent Soup + Bread Potluck Dinners

SAVE THE DATES!

Wednesday, December 4 | Ornament Exchange

Wednesday, December 11 | Christmas Caroling

Wednesday, December 18 | Reading of the Christmas Story

Let's come together for a heartwarming evening filled with delicious soups, good company and time to share the joy of the advent season!



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2024 TRINITY CONSISTORY

Elders:

Gregg Harper

Ruth Klungle

Bob Koning

Lynda Simmons

Bill VanAuken

Deacons:

Sandy Bedard

Tom Lampen

Steve Lundy

Shirley Perez

Jay Lynn Wheeler

November Birthdays

Ed Plaggemars	11/01	Russ Johnson	11/17	Kelly Brink	11/22
Clara Ward	11/07	Carla Brower	11/18	Rose Bork	11/24
Bill Jarnagin	11/15	Randy McSorley	11/18	Nancy Ponstein	11/24
Jeff Joling	11/16	Phyllis Post	11/18		
Jeanne Dannenberg	11/17	Lauren Garza	11/19		

November Anniversaries

Scott + Marilyn Brower	11/07
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Church Office Hours

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

After Hours Emergency Contact

Pastor Amanda | 519-497-8654 | amanda@trinityrc.org

NOVEMBER 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 Reformation Sunday 8:00am - 9:00am TRC Worship Team Rehearsal 9:30am - 11:00am TRC Worship 9:45am - 10:30am TRC Children + Worship 10:45am - 11:45am Annual Congregational Meeting 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	28 5:00pm - 7:00pm Bread House Praise & Worship Practice 7:00pm - 9:00pm Worship Life Meeting	29 7:00pm - 9:00pm Bread House Bible Study	30 7:30am - 8:30am Men's Bible Study 10:00am - 11:00am Folding Group 7:00pm - 8:30pm Women of the Word Prayers in the Night	31 Reformation Day 9:30am - 11:00am Women of the Word Gospel of John 6:30pm - 9:00pm Bread House Family Night	1 All Saints Day 6:00am - 7:30am Holland Middle Wyldlife 1:00pm - 9:00pm TRC Craft Show set-up	2 8:00am - 6:00pm TRC Craft Show
3 Daylight-Saving Time Ends 8:00am - 9:00am TRC Worship Team Rehearsal 9:30am - 11:00am TRC Worship 9:45am - 10:30am TRC 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	4 5:00pm - 7:00pm Bread House Praise & Worship Practice	5 7:00pm - 9:00pm Bread House Bible Study	6 7:30am - 8:30am Men's Bible Study 10:00am - 11:00am Folding Group 7:00pm - 8:30pm Women of the Word Prayers in the Night	7 9:30am - 11:00am Women of the Word Gospel of John 6:30pm - 9:00pm Bread House Family Night 7:00pm Community Connections Meeting	8 6:00am - 7:30am Holland Middle Wyldlife	9 10:00am - 2:00pm Quilt/Craft Group Meeting
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