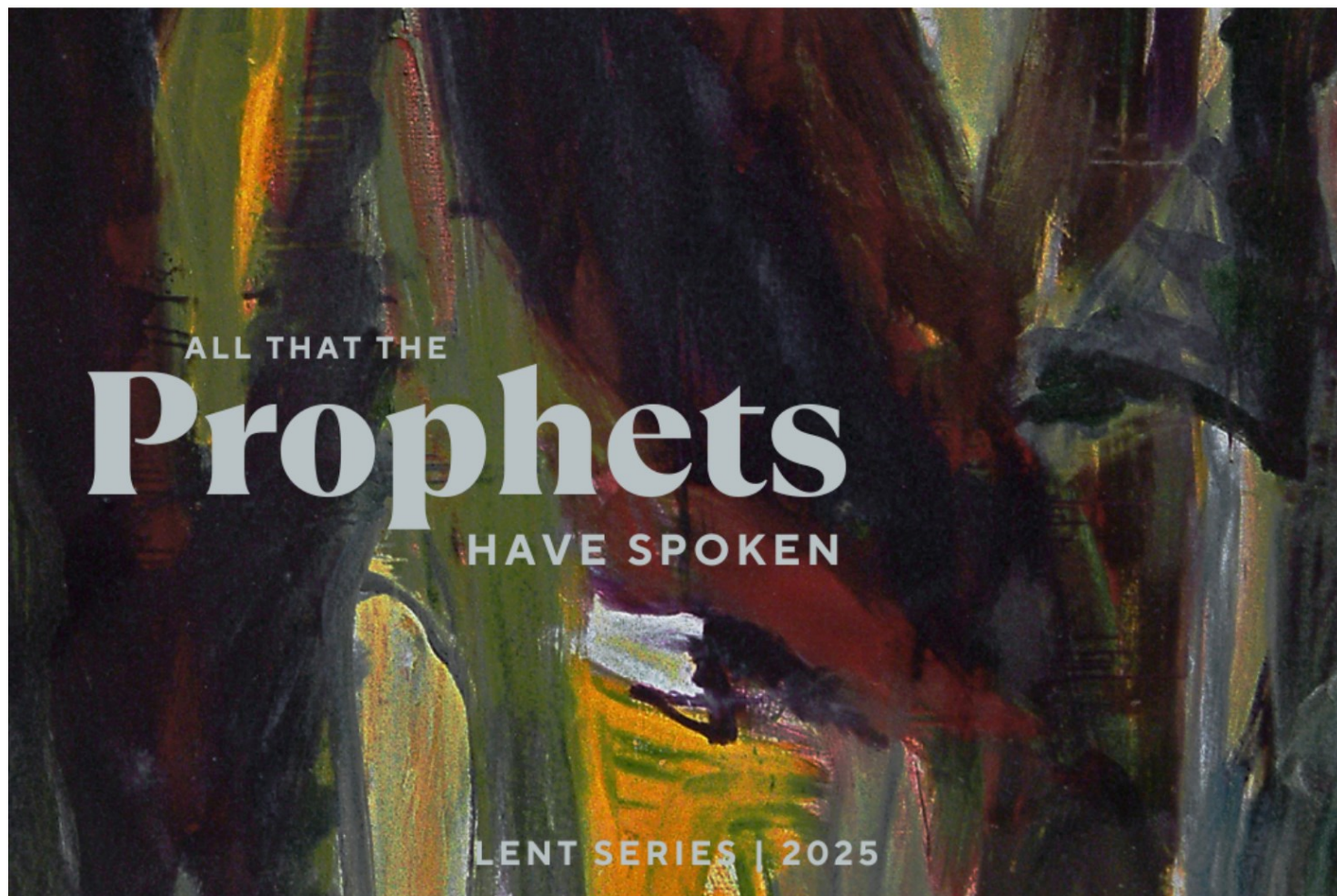


MARCH 2025

TRINITY REFORMED CHURCH

# CONNECTIONS NEWSLETTER



## WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT...

At the end of the Gospel of Luke, when Jesus reveals himself to the disciples on the Emmaus road, he teaches them "all that the prophets have spoken" about the promised Messiah.

As we journey through Lent toward the cross and empty tomb, let us remember and believe all that the prophets have spoken about the life, death, and resurrection of our Messiah, Jesus.

## UPCOMING SERMONS

March 2 | Communion  
Luke 9:28-36  
March 9 | Joel 2:12-14, 28-32  
March 16 | Amos 5:18-24  
March 23 | Jonah 4  
March 30 | Micah 6:1-8  
April 6 | Communion  
Malachi 3:1-14



# 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.

March 2 | The Great Banquet

March 9 | Lenten Puzzle

March 16 | Jesus and The Children

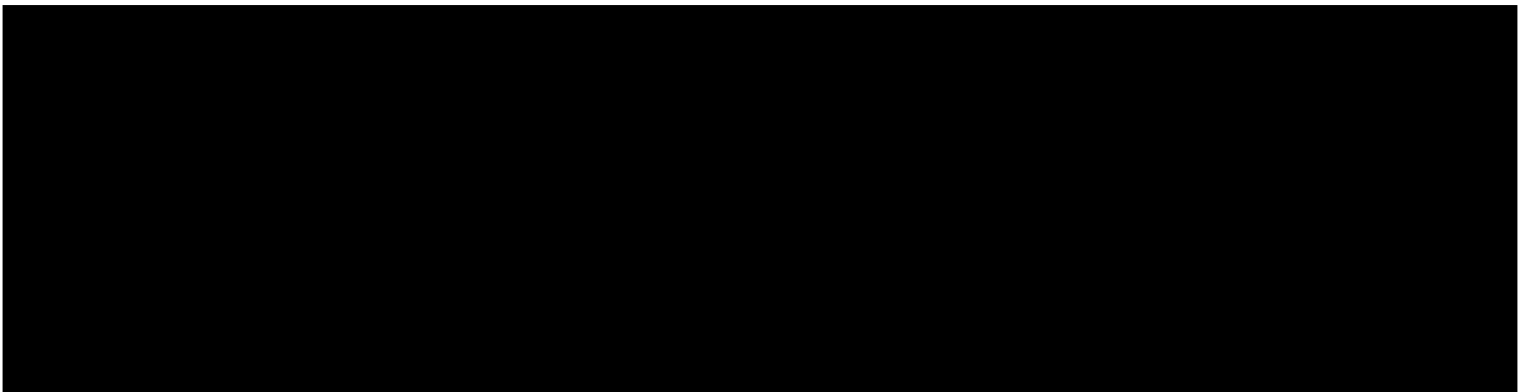
March 23 | Jesus and Bartimaeus

March 30 | Jesus the King

April 6 | Spring Break—NO CIW



## Budget Report January 2025



*Please know you can mail your contribution or use the link on our website if you are unable to worship with us.*





# Second Sunday Brunch

**Sunday, March 9**

Join us for a breakfast casserole potluck following the worship service.

Please sign up at the Welcome Desk to let us know you are coming and/or to volunteer to bring something!

Now that I am an Old Woman  
I am still wearing  
**PURPLE**

I do not wear brown or black like other old ones  
for they do not know how to live like I do  
And I shall wear purple all the days of my life  
and no one will ever bother me  
for I do whatever I please and live however I please.  
I splash in the water (when no one is looking)  
and I scare the seagulls (and people too, if I want)  
I wear Purple so people know that I am not old.  
And I act like a kid so the children know how to act  
when they become my age for you see, I am not "old."  
Except for Wisdom, Experience, and Knowledge  
I am a kid at heart...kicking child who loves to play...  
play jokes, play games, laugh and scream.  
For "old" is a relative term  
that means nothing at my age.  
For I am wearing Purple  
For I am Royalty  
For if I believe in God  
I shall not die for I shall always live.

-Linda Louisa Johnson

**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.**





**An invitation from Lauren Garza, who will be performing with the Holland Bach Society**



SUNDAY	SUNDAY	SUNDAY
<b>MAR 9</b>	<b>MAR 16</b>	<b>MAR 16</b>
<b>4:00 P.M.</b>	<b>10:30 A.M.</b>	<b>4:00 P.M.</b>
Second Reformed Church Zeeland, MI	14th St Christian Reformed Church Holland, MI	Hope Church Holland, MI

# HOLLAND BACH SOCIETY

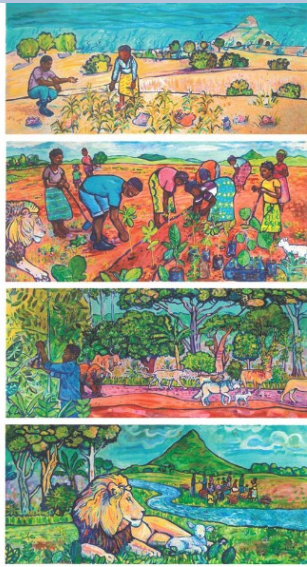
Experience the sacred music of Johann Sebastian

Bach performed by area instrumentalists and vocalists  
under the direction of Scott Vanden Berg

*All performances are **free**, open to the public  
and free-will offering collected*



Scan  
for  
more  
info!



Thank you so much for your support for our mission at Renew! Because of you all, we are able to help those in our community with their own challenges, achieve their goals: BIG and small! ☺  
with gratitude,  
Kiz Jesperance

Thank you for your constant support, prayers & love. Also, thank you so much for allowing us to host our Photo Gallery night at your beautiful Church. - it was a huge success. We've also been so encouraged to be able to worship with you a few times.

We wish you all a blessed new year as you continue to draw closer to Jesus. Our love,  
the Vander Burches

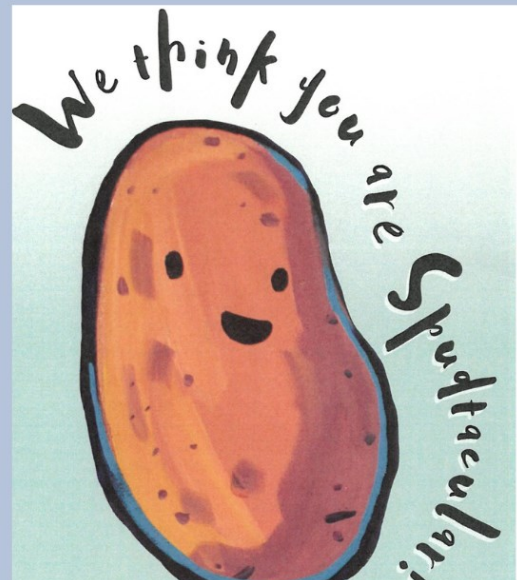
THANK YOU

We are so thankful for Trinity's gift of \$724! Your generosity and commitment to serve our neighbors is so encouraging and has a transformational impact on our guests! Looking forward to all the ways we can serve together in 2025! Appreciate you!

♡ Sincerely,  
Molly Hatchaw

Thank you so much for your generous donation to the ministries of Emmaus ~~Church~~ Church! We are so grateful for the ways this gift will positively impact our community and are so grateful for your support.

Jackson Abby  
Nickolay Walters  
Nathan  
Hannah  
Vanouse-Funk  
Thank you +  
God Bless,  
Emmaus Church  
Leadership





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.**

## Hello Gardeners!

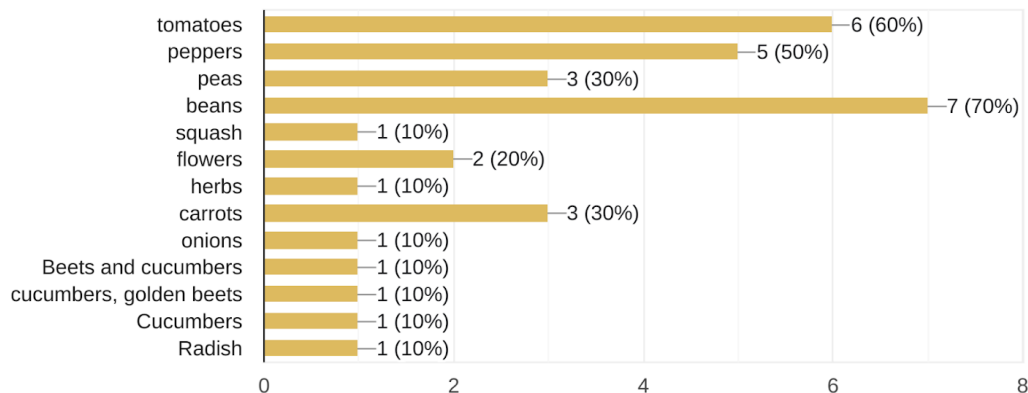
If you would like to join our community garden this year, please contact Teresa Harrington ASAP. Some of you like to start early in April with those spring veggies - sweet peas anyone? I need to know if you want a box this season.



Look at some of the fun stuff we grew last year!

Which crops did you grow? Check all that apply.

10 responses



The requirements are that you donate 10% of your harvest to the church table for distribution or to someone YOU KNOW in need of healthy, delicious, fresh produce! You will need to commit to taking care of your box (weeding, planting, weeding, harvesting, WEEDING) and assist with refilling water barrels (if physically able) or general garden needs from time to time.



**It's a GREAT TIME to be together in the summer sun!**  
**Contact me ASAP to reserve YOUR box!**  
**Phone: 616.403.4769**  
**Email: [teresah8547@gmail.com](mailto:teresah8547@gmail.com)**



# 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

MARCH  
LAUNDRY  
DETERGENT  
+  
FABRIC SOFTENER  
SHEETS



## 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.

**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 in The Reflections Room at Trinity.*

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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

## March Birthdays

Judy Shoemaker	3/01	Arloa Dykstra	03/11	Don Kane	03/27
Betty Nyhoff	3/09	Bob Long	03/11	Cliff Ponstein	03/28
Sydelle Kroll	03/10	Cindy Nyhoff	03/11		

## March Anniversaries

Glen + Shirley Vereeke	03/02	Cliff + Nancy Ponstein	03/26
Doug + Arloa Dykstra	03/26		

## Church Office Hours

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

### After Hours Emergency Contact

Pastor Amanda | 519-497-8654 | [amanda@trinityrc.org](mailto:amanda@trinityrc.org)



# March 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>23</b> 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	<b>24</b> 5:00pm - 7:00pm Bread House Praise & Worship Practice 7:00pm - 9:00pm Monday Night Basketball 7:00pm - 9:00pm Worship Life Meeting	<b>25</b> 11:45am - 12:45pm Staff Meeting 7:00pm - 9:00pm Bread House Bible Study	<b>26</b> 7:30am - 8:30am Men's Bible Study 10:00am - 11:00am Folding Group 7:00pm - 8:30pm Women of the Word   Winning the Worry Battle	<b>27</b> 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	<b>28</b> 6:00pm - 9:00pm Bread House Prayer Meeting 6:00am - 7:30am Holland Middle Wyldlife	<b>1</b> 10:00am - 2:00pm Quilt/Craft Group Meeting
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