

CONNECTIONS NEWSLETTER



A TEACHING SERIES ON COMMUNION

Eugene Peterson taught that in the 4 words of communion - take, bless, break, give - we find the shape of the gospel and the shape of the Christian life.

During this series, we will reflect together on each of these actions paired with a gospel story of Jesus sharing meals with others. And we'll pay close attention to how we recognize Jesus in our everyday lives when we meet him at the Table.

UPCOMING SERMONS

- May 4 | Take
John 6:1-13
- May 11 | Bless
John 17:1-26
- May 18 | Break
John 21:1-19
- May 25 | Give
TBD
- June 1 | Communion
Take. Bless.Break.Give.
Luke 22:7-30

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.

May 4 | The Good Shepherd and Lord's Supper II

May 11 | Ascension

May 18 | Pentecost—*last meeting for the school year*



The Trinity family is invited to support the youth listed below in their passions!

How? Send a card encouraging them. Pray for them. Talk with them about their passions. **ATTEND AN EVENT! Get out of the house and go someplace perhaps a little different. Let's be a presence in the crowd cheering and embarrassing them with all our love.** What fun! Here are a few fun events coming up in **May!**

Who	What	Where	When	Date
Clara Ward	The Wizard of Oz (Play)	Holland High School	2PM 2PM, 7PM 2 PM, 6:30 PM	Thursday, May 1 Saturday, May 3 Sunday, May 4
Several Trinity Youth!	Marching in Tulip Time Parades	8th Street to Kollen Park	2:00 PM 2:00 PM	Thursday, May 8 Saturday, May 10

Trinity VOLUNTEERS!



This month's Trinity volunteers are Marcia and Kelly Brink!

The Brinks volunteer weekly at Community Action House.



Q: How did you get started volunteering at Community Action House?

Kelly wanted something to do after retirement, and this was suggested to him. I just came along.

Q: What do you do at CAH?

We sort dry goods that are donated from stores and individuals. We check dates and put stickers on products which puts them in different categories and prices them.



Q: What do you want someone to know about CAH ?

Community Action House rescues food that would be thrown away and provides it to people that need help by providing it at a lower cost.

Q: How does volunteering deepen your relationship with God and your neighbor?

CAH helps us bring the love of Christ and provide necessary life provisions.

Thank you, Kelly and Marcia, for loving and serving our community!



Renewed Covenant Agreement with Bread House Church

Have you noticed some changes on Sunday morning? After thorough review and discussion, Bread House Church has agreed to make some changes to their Sunday morning routine to alleviate the congestion during the changeover between services.

Bread House will host their Sunday morning meals in the gym, allowing Trinity Members to have a more relaxed time for coffee and fellowship.

On Second Sunday Brunches, Bread House will not host breakfast for their congregation.

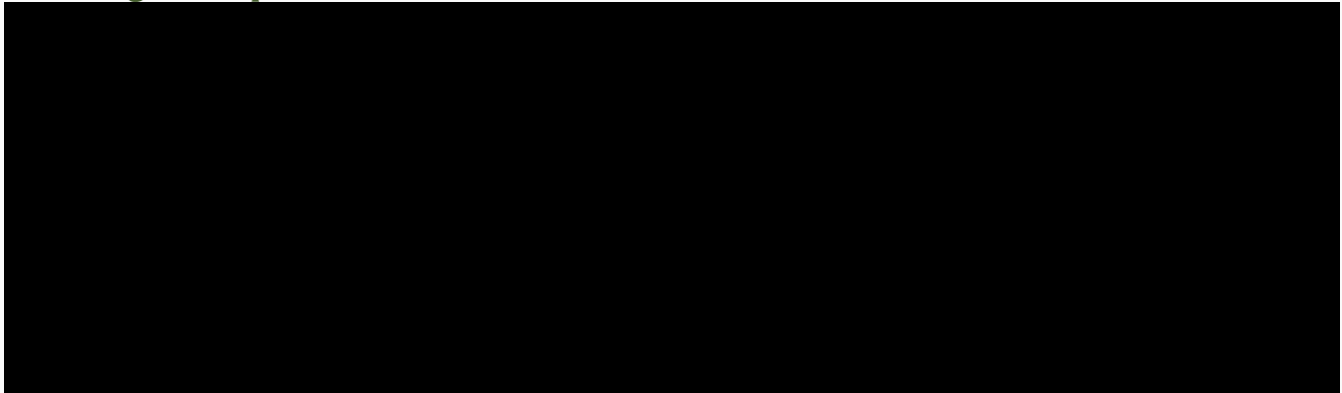
Bread House will enter through the side door to the gym and also not enter into the Sanctuary until 11:30am.

Thank you to Bread House for these changes that help us both! Bread House is growing and needs more space than the Cafe offers and Trinity can now linger longer after the service.

If you have any questions related to these changes, please reach out to your Elder or Shirley Perez, who is the Bread House liaison.



Budget Report March 2025



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



The 2024/2025 Book Club meets the 4th Thursday of every month. Participation is limited to 12 people.

We meet in The Reflections Room at Trinity. Please see details for the last meeting of the year below:

May 22 | The Edge of Summer by Viola Shipman

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

MAY

**TALL KITCHEN
TRASH BAGS
+
SANDWICH SIZE
STORAGE BAGS**



Are you hungry?

Third Thursday Breakfast

JOIN US AT BOB EVANS

Thursday, May 15 at 9:30 AM

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2025 Trinity Consistory

Elders:

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Teresa Harrington
Dee Hubbard
Bob Koning
Lynda Simmons

Deacons:

Warren Kooyers
Steve Lundy
Matt Oom
Shirley Perez
Jay Lynn Wheeler

May Birthdays

Doug Schurman	05/02	Donna Berglund	05/11	Darlene VanHeest	05/26
Arlene VandenBosch	05/02	Joy McSorley	05/14	Ken Brondyke	05/27
Anita Boss	05/04	Linda Sal	05/14	Karen Kane	05/28
Jenna Kroll	05/04	Lori Borgman	05/17	Deb Yurk	05/28
Linda Lampen	05/04	Warren Kooyers	05/18	Lori Kooyers	05/29
Anne VanderZiel	05/09	Dan Schrotenboer	05/19	Paul Moker	05/30
Penny Houting	05/10	May Kubera	05/25		

May Anniversaries

Randy + Joy McSorley	05/15	Tim + Jenna Kroll	05/16
Warren + Lori Kooyers	05/16	Bob + Barb Long	05/25

Church Office Hours

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

After Hours Emergency Contact

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May 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 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	28 5:00pm - 7:00pm Bread House Praise & Worship Practice 7:00pm - 9:00pm Monday Night Basketball 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 6:00pm - 9:00pm Bread House CPR Training Course	1 National Day of Prayer 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	2 6:00am - 7:30am Holland Middle Wyldlife	3 10:00am - 2:00pm Quilt/Craft Group Meeting
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