

Trinity Christian Reformed Church

Pastor: Thomas Niehof
Elders: Tim Angus, Bill Frazier
Judy Oltman, Mark Voss
Bulletin Editor: Jan Kleinwolterink

Fellowship News and Notes-September 19, 2010

OUR WORSHIP SERVICE

Welcome to all who have joined us for worship today. A special welcome to new and returning students. We hope your year gets off to a good start. All are invited to the fellowship hall for refreshments after worship this morning.

The High School class will meet in the church library. Thanks to Rex and Rachel De Bruin for leading this class.

Adult Sunday School Classes (beginning September 12):

- **Forgiveness (Room 9):** Learning to forgive leads us down the path of healing, but it is not always easy. In this class, we will read and discuss Lewis B. Smedes' book: *The Art of Forgiving: When You Need to Forgive and Don't Know How*. Nancy Berns will facilitate this class.
- **Genesis (Room 8):** Genesis is the book of beginnings: the beginning of the world, the beginning of the human family, the beginning of sin and the beginning of grace. Pastor Tom will lead an inductive Bible study of this foundational book.
- **Religion and Science: Pathways to Truth (Room 7):** This class is based on a series of DVD presentations on topics such as: Truth in Science and Theology, God and Nature, Creation and Evolution, What Does it Mean to Be Human?, The God of Hope and the End of the World, Genetic Science and the Frontiers of Ethics, and Creation Care. Discussion presented by leading scholars including Francis Collins, David Wilkinson, N. T. Wright, Keith Ward, John Polkinghorne, and Nobel Laureates, William Phillips and Charles Townes. John Verkade will facilitate this class.

Kids Kingdom teachers for the coming year are:

- Pre-School/Pre Kindergarten: Elaine Oftedal
- 1st - 3rd Grade: Andrew Friend
- 4th Grade: Mindy Nikkel
- 7th Grade: Melody Franje
- Music Leader: Jane Sterenberg
- Piano: Meladee Angus

UPCOMING SERVICES

Sunday evening Bible study will meet in the fellowship hall at 6:00 p.m. today. All are welcome as Pastor Tom leads a discussion of Philipians 1.

Next Sunday Morning we would like to put together a "care box" for Amos Kleinwolterink. The sheet on the photo board gives suggestions. We will also have cards that you can sign to remind Clint Hertz, Eric Bokhoven and Kelly's brother Regan of your prayers for them.

We look forward to the baptism next Sunday morning of Callie Michelle, daughter of Jason and Karen De Bruin.

Running with Heart will be going down Ontario street on Sunday Morning, October 3rd. Please be alert for runners as you come to church that morning.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Please remember Donna Bergman in prayer.

Pastor Tom and Deb will be participating in the NAMI Walk on Saturday, October 2nd, to raise funds for programs for people living with mental illness. If you would like to donate to this cause, please contact one of them. Checks should be made out to NAMI Iowa.

Prayer requests are being taken at sterenberg@opencominc.com. (Please include "Prayer requests" in the subject line). A box is also available at the back table in the church for those who do not have e-mail or wish to be anonymous. All prayer requests will be kept confidential. If you would like to be included as a prayer partner please contact Jane Sterenberg at the e-mail address above. This week general prayers are for Kelly Yoder, Emily Friend, Wayne Ostendorf, Kristy Kopaska and Mark Bokhoven.

MEETINGS THIS WEEK

There will be a Building and Grounds meeting Tuesday night, September 21st in the church library at 7:00 p.m. We need to discuss our budget for the coming year

This Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. the Worship Committee meets in the church library.

COUNCIL NOTES

We are happy to report that Michael Bentley sustained his classical exam this past Tuesday and will be ordained as pastor of the Hollandale CRC on Sunday, October 10th. Please pray for God's blessing on this new chapter for the Hollandale church.

The September 5th bulletin contained an important insert about sanctuary renovation. If you were not here on September 5th please pick up a copy today.

COMMITTEE NOTES

Would you like to help participate in our morning worship by giving a short children's message? Please sign up on the clipboard on the back table. Feel free to contact Sue Bokhoven with any questions or ideas. Thank you!

Training for Children and Worship Leaders will be offered October 8th and 9th in the Des Moines area. Please see the bulletin Board or contact Pam Voss, Beth Johnson, or Pastor Tom.

Our annual Fall Bonfire at Chuck and Kathy Lee's farm will be combined with our Youth Activity and Outreach program Kick Off. The Youth Activity and Outreach program is designed for students 3rd to 8th grades, their families and members of our congregation. We will meet one Saturday a month (or an occasional day during the week as some of the service projects direct). It will consist of a fun activity and a service project. We strongly encourage you to bring/invite other families and friends with children that fit in this age group to join us. **Our Kick Off will be on Sunday, October 3rd at 5:00 p.m. at Chuck and Kathy Lee's Farm** (30299 550th Ave., Huxley, IA). If you need a ride or would like to caravan please meet us at the church, 3626 Ontario St., Ames, at 4:30 p.m. They will be fishing, volleyball and kickball. We will have a devotion/singing time around 6:00 p.m. followed by our campfire meal. **Please bring fishing poles**

and bait if you have them, roasting sticks and lawn chairs. Food and drink will be provided.

Our service project for the Kick off will be donations for the **Winter Coat Drive** sponsored by DMACC. Donations of clean and in good condition coats, hats, scarves, gloves/mittens, jackets, and sweatshirts will be collected at the Kick Off or may be dropped off at the church until the end of October. You may also bring them to the Ames drop off at the Hunziker Center. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me. Thank you, Jane Sterenberg.

Looking to borrow fishing poles for the Youth Activity Kick Off and Bonfire at the Lee's farm. Please contact Jane Sterenberg if you are able to loan a few poles for this event. Thanks.

MISCELLANEOUS

Ames Christian School needs substitute teachers in Preschool/Childcare and Early Kindergarten-Sixth grades. If you are interested please contact the Administrator, Peggy Smith, by calling 515-233-0772 or e-mailing administrator@ameschristianschool.org.

YOU are needed ... to deliver Meals on Wheels! Trinity CRC "serves" in our community by delivering Meals on Wheels three Sundays a month, starting about 11:30 a.m. and taking around 45 minutes. Complete instructions are available - you need a vehicle - you meet a need and also receive a blessing as your faith becomes "action"! A "sign-up" paper is located on the Fellowship Hall bulletin board, just waiting for your signature! For further information contact Janet Bakker. THANKS!

The Vermeer Charitable Foundation invites you to an evening with Dr. Kara Powell, Executive Director of Fuller Youth Institute, as she speaks about *Sticky Faith: Building a Faith that Lasts*. This free, public event will be held **Wednesday, October 6th, from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Vermeer Global Pavilion in Pella, Iowa.** If you have questions please call 641-628-3121 or e-mail charitablefoundation@vermeer.com.

Today's Activities

9:30 a.m.	Morning Worship
11:00 a.m.	Church School Classes
6:00 p.m.	Bible Study

This Week at Church

Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Building and Grounds Committee Meeting
Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	Worship Committee Meeting

Greeters

This Week:	Rob Hubert
Next Week:	John & Beth Johnson

Nursery Attendants

This Week:	AM	Beth Johnson & Breanna Sterenberg
Next Week	AM	Kristy Kopaska & Ken Hobson