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Welcome Luncheon Today - Welcome back students and

visitors! Everyone is invited to join us on after the service for outdoor games and lunch on the lawn.

Today's Special Offering is to support **Midwest B.A.S.I.C** (Brothers And Sisters In Christ) **Youth Bible Camp**, which has been such a blessing to our young people each summer.

Trinity Website - The church website has updated information about our new pastor under the Pastor section. You are invited to view our website for the sermon, events and updated information at amestrinity.org.

Sermon Notes - If you would like to receive a typed copy of the sermon, please contact us at communications@amestrinity.org.

Upcoming Events

Trinity Attenders' Bring-Your-Own-Picnic

Everyone is invited to attend the Bring-Your-Own-Picnic that will be held on the lawn of Trinity CRC, Sunday, September 13 following the morning worship service. You are asked to bring your own food, beverage, plates and utensils. Come for the fellowship and connect/reconnect with your Trinity Family.

Outreach activity during a pandemic - We are organizing a team from Trinity to go to the **Meals from the Heartland** packaging center in West Des Moines on **Saturday, August 29 or September 12 from 9 a.m to 11 a.m.**, to participate in the 13th annual hunger event. With Covid-19, some of the safety requirements have changed; children must be at least 8 years old and accompanied by a family member, masks must be worn at all times. There will be a limited number of participants working at the same time. This is a wonderful intergenerational activity for our church. Participants in the past have had a wonderful time!!! If you are interested please contact Mark Voss or Rob Hubert.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

August 14	Naomi Friend
August 18	Tim & Meladee Angus
August 27	Mindy Nikkel
August 27	Maggie VanDyk
August 29	Peter Friend
August 30	Joel Niemeyer
August 30	Mark & Pam Voss

Miscellaneous

Video from Tricia and Benjamin Groenewold

VanDyk (missionaries that serve in Lithuania) - If Trinity is interested, here is a link to a service the Groenewold VanDyk family led at their small sending church in Southern Illinois a few weeks ago. It includes both of their kids doing special music, plus a reflection on their year with photos during the sermon time: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LrpRcAlq9J0&feature=youtu.be>

Martha's House of Hope Volunteers Needed -

Martha's House of Hope is a home in Ames for expecting mothers. Join Martha's House of Hope's volunteer team. We have many opportunities for everyone! Our immediate need is for overnight volunteers. Overnights are for any woman, 21 years of age and older, to come to Martha's house and be on site in case of emergency. You will arrive at 9 p.m, ensure curfew is met, and then you are able to sleep. You would then leave at 7 a.m. The Executive Director will ensure you are trained and prepared for the shift. She will also be on call for any needs during the night. Also, we have opportunities such as sorting donations, shopping with the residents, infant care and so many more. Please contact Missy Sanow, executive director, to sign up at executivedirector1@marthashouseofhope.org or call 515-337-0618.

Small Group Opportunities at Trinity CRC

Trinity Christian Reformed Church has various opportunities throughout the week and year for fellowship, Bible study, prayer and other activities in small groups. More information will be shared as each group resumes in a safe gathering. People are welcome to join any of these groups at any time. Feel free to contact those listed below for more information or contact Jane Sterenberg (515-230-2361 or communications@amestrinity.org) to organize a new group.

Sunday School Classes & Small Groups

Adult and Youth Sunday School Classes. Proposed starting date is October 4th pending Covid related safety. Class sizes/times may be modified to allow for safety. Classes may be held outside or in well-ventilated classrooms. Final decisions will be made after more information has been collected by the Education Committee. We will post more information as this develops.

Thriving in Babylon Adult Bible Study

Join us after the Sunday morning service, **August 23 – September 20** as Pastor Randy leads a study called “Thriving in Babylon” that will coincide with the sermon series on Daniel. The Bible study will be held on the church lawn or in a well ventilated room in inclement weather.

Roots Youth Group

This program is for students in 6th-12th grade. They meet on Wednesdays from 7:00-8:00 p.m. for fun activities and Bible study. Starting on **September 9th** we plan to meet weekly outdoors at the church. All questions can be sent to Laura Hufford (ariamedicine@gmail.com) or Christina Helpers (christina.helpers@gmail.com).

UFOs

This group has monthly outdoor meetings. Participants bring their own UnFinished Objects (crafts, etc.) to work on, or just come to enjoy the fellowship. Devotions, prayer, and refreshments are also part of the evening. For more information contact Elaine Oftedal (515-337-0854 or egoftedal@gmail.com) or Deb Niehof (515-292-9029 or debniehof@gmail.com). New members are welcome.

Small Groups that are on break due to Covid-19:

Sunday Evening Bible Study (contact: Mark Bakker)

Breakfast Club (contacts: Tom Kuyper, Mary Kuyper or Judy Oltman)

Wednesday Night Small Group (contact: Jane Sterenberg)

Young Builders Club, for ages K-5th grade, (contacts: Jeff Kopaska or Jessica Irvin)

Students/Areopagus

Areopagus Fall Kick Off is Sunday, August 23, beginning at 6:30 p.m. on the Trinity CRC lawn. Fun, food, and an outdoor movie.

Areopagus Bible Study: Kings and Kingdoms A study for university students on the Book of Daniel that meets Tuesdays at 7:05 p.m. at Curtiss Hall 0225.

Student Dinners - Join us for one of our monthly dinners, held on Sunday evenings at 6:00 p.m. at Helpers' home (223 Hilltop Road, Ames, IA 50014). Enjoy fun, food, and community. Dates for this semester: August 30, September 27, and October 25.

Food at First - Volunteer with us as we prepare and distribute meals to the community. Dates TBD.

Coffee, Tea, and English - Informal conversational English program with international students. Great way to connect with students and families from around the world. Fridays at 4:30 p.m. in the Gerdin Business Building (Time/Date tentative to change).

In addition to all regular programming, Areopagus' ministry director, Tyler Helpers, is available for one-on-one meetings over coffee or lunch. Send an email (director@isu-areopagus.org) or call (515.518.6072) if you would like to meet.

Family

Trinity Outdoors

This group will get people together for outdoor activities pending weather and safe social distancing. Open to people of all ages and interests. Contact Mark Voss (515-292-0102 or markvoss0118@msn.com) for more information. Notification of events will be posted on the website and in the bulletin and weekly email.

Summer Softball

Trinity fields a softball team that competes against other churches in the Ames area. The season starts in May and continues through late July. For more information contact Mark Irvin (217-649-9014 or irvin.mark@gmail.com).