

Volunteer Center of Story County: Future Forward Conversation

The Volunteer Center is looking for people to participate in a short focus group on **Monday, August 31** from **1-2:30 p.m.** to discuss their new vision and how that aligns with your vision for Story County moving forward. The discussion will last roughly 1.5 hours and be conducted via Zoom. They have a few questions prepared, but are most interested in learning about your thoughts on volunteering and how the VCSC contributes to solving the issues within our community. Email director@vcstory.org to be part of the conversation or to be invited to other scheduled conversations.

UFO Small Group

UFOs is meeting this **Wednesday, August 26**, at 7:00 p.m. on the church lawn. All are welcome. Please bring your own chair.

Today Devotional

Copies of the September/October *Today* devotional is in the Little Library at the entry of the church driveway.

Areopagus Fall Kick Off

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

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 study will be held on the lawn or in a well-ventilated room during inclement weather.

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.

Meals from the Heartland Service Project

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**, to participate in the 13th annual hunger event. Safety requirements; 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. If you are interested please contact Mark Voss or Rob Hubert. (If you would like to volunteer on **September 12**, please contact Mark Voss.)

Sermon Notes

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

Elder Care Groups

Elder Care Groups are as follows: A-G = Tom Kuyper: 515-451-3463; H-K = Bill Frazier: 515-292-1215; L-S = Jim Hallihan: 515-965-6838; T-Z = Paul Kleinwolterink: 515-460-6881

DENOMINATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Back to God Ministries

DISCORD OF THREE - Check out our children's programs at www.kidscorner.net. In this week's episode "Discord of Three", a bully is bothering Scooter, but what can Liz do about it? Listen now at kidscorner.net and subscribe to KC's weekly emails for future episodes. Download Power Tools: Taking a Stand Against Bullying, an eBook to help kids and parents talk about bullying. kidscorner.net/activities

FAMILY FIRE - FAMILY FIRE is an online community exploring Spirit-led family, marriage, parenting, in-laws, blended families, and intimacy. Find encouraging articles and devotions at familyfire.com. Subscribe for regular email updates and connect with our Family Fire community on Facebook.

GROUNDWORK: TRUST GOD'S PROVIDENCE - As the pandemic continues and the inequality in our society becomes glaringly apparent, many of us long for assurance that God still cares. Study Psalm 104:27-30, Deuteronomy 8:3-18, Romans 8:28, and Jeremiah 19:1-3 with us to remember where God is and why we trust him. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Handbook of Biblical Parenting - Teaching our kids to love God is the key calling of parenthood. "A Handbook of Biblical Parenting" from Family Fire empowers you to fulfill your most important responsibilities as a parent. Get the ebook when you subscribe at familyfire.com/parentinghandbook.

Faith Formation Ministries

At-home Faith Formation Tip - Something to think about this week: "We need help setting aside all the doing that we clutch so tightly, so that our hands can be open to receive the gifts God has in store. . . . We need time to be. Time to reflect. . . . Time to draw close to a God who revealed God's own name, which turns out not to have anything to do with doing, but everything to do with being: I Am Who I Am." —from a blog post titled "When Doing More Isn't Enough" by Austin Crenshaw Shelley. (Tip from Faith Formation Ministries; crcna.org/FaithFormation)