

November 15, 2020

Positions to fill

Custodian: If you are interested in applying for the custodian position, please contact Jim Bergman. This position pays \$361 a month and takes about 5 hours a week.

Admin/Treasurer: We are looking for someone to temporarily fill in Christina Helfers' position from January - April. The Helfers family will be out of the area while Tyler completes an internship for seminary. The Admin/Treasurer position will take someone about 10 hours a week. Training will begin in early December. Please talk to Christina if you are interested.

Worship services and Covid awareness:

Dear Trinity Family, you're probably aware of the recent surge in local Covid-19 cases. For your own safety and for those around you, we're asking you to use extra caution until the numbers go back down. With regard to our worship services, we're asking everyone to faithfully follow these steps: remember to maintain a 6ft distance, even when talking after the service; wash/sanitize your hands before coming into the service; keep masks on during, before, and after the service; and if you have any symptoms, feel sick at all, or have been exposed to anyone with Covid-19, please watch the service from home or listen from your car that week. With our increased ventilation, we can average 10 fresh-air changes per hour, or one every 6 minutes, which is very helpful. However, we still feel that we should limit the singing in our services even further until things improve. The Worship Committee will be discussing this further, and you may notice some changes in how we incorporate music into the coming services. The FM broadcasts will continue for those who prefer to listen from their cars. We are also working to improve the audio-visual quality of the online services with some new equipment that has been ordered. Thankfully, the vaccines in process have showed very high effectiveness. As they become available, we hope that we can see a return to some semblance of normalcy by next spring or summer. We thank you sincerely for your continued patience and support. TCRC Council

Endowment Fund Requests

This year, the Endowment Committee anticipates that there will be money available for distribution for certain causes. Per our Endowment Policy, these causes include:

- Special expenses associated with initiating new ministries or expanding existing ministries.
- Investments in leadership development.
- Purchase of new equipment designed to enhance the ministries of the Church.
- Projects necessary to improve or preserve the building and grounds of the Church.
- Support participation by congregants in events that will enhance the vitality of the Church. (e.g., the annual Day of Encouragement at Dordt College, the annual Symposium on Worship at Calvin College, mission trips, etc.)

Requests for these funds can be made by individuals or committees, but all requests shall be submitted to the Endowment Committee either through a committee or Council for consideration. Requests shall preferably be made by December 31, 2020, but no later than January 15, 2020. Please contact Christina Helfers for an Endowment Fund Request form. ** Distributions from the Endowment Fund shall not be used for general budget shortfall.

Giving to Bethany Christian Services

If you are interested in giving to Bethany Christian Services, they currently have a [matching gift opportunity](https://bethany.org/campaigns/one-good-decision-changed-opportunity), where everything donated will be matched by a generous donor. <https://bethany.org/campaigns/one-good-decision-changed->

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Love and Logic Parenting Group

A *Love and Logic* parenting group is going to meet on **Sundays at 6:00 p.m.** in the Fellowship hall. The first meeting will be on **November 15th**. Please contact Christina, Holly, or Naomi if you are interested or have any questions.

Roots is meeting on **Wednesday, November 18**, at 6:30 p.m. online.

Pastor Randy Raak: pastor@amestrinity.org

Elder Care Groups are as follows: A-G = Tom Kuyper; H-K = Bill FrazierL-S = Jim HallihanT-Z = Paul Kleinwolterink

Deacons: Donna Bergman; Andrew Friend; Mark Irvin; Tom Whitney

DENOMINATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Free Advent Devotional - "He Will Be Our Peace" is an email devotional series put together by World Renew, Resonate Global Mission, and the CRC Office of Social Justice that features reflections from CRC ministries around the world during Advent 2020. Each devotion will be delivered to your email inbox every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, starting December 2, 2020, through Christmas Day. Join us as we journey through lamenting injustice to looking forward to the coming of the Prince of Peace using the book of Micah. Go to justice.crcna.org/advent to sign up today!

Back to God Ministries

FOUND-3 - Check out our children's programs at www.kidscorner.net. In this week's episode "Found-3," Liz and Morrie decide to find Scooter on their own. Do they find him or get lost too? Listen now at kidscorner.net and subscribe to KC's weekly emails for future episodes. Download KC's Advent Gifts of Kindness devotionals to lead your family's Bible study as you prepare for Christmas.

<https://kidscorner.net/activities>

THE FINAL EVENTS OF JESUS' EARTHLY LIFE - Continue studying John's gospel with Groundwork in John 18-20 with the stories of Jesus' arrest, trial, crucifixion, resurrection, and post-resurrection appearances. Let the final events of Jesus' earthly life lead you to believe more fully in him. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Faith Formation

At-home Faith Formation Tip - The Practice of Generosity: It can be relatively easy to donate money to a cause we care about, but it can be harder to decide to give of our time. Has the Spirit been tugging on your heart when a certain person, cause, or organization is mentioned? Be attentive to those prompts. How might God be calling you to act on them? (For more on faith practices from Faith Formation Ministries, visit [crcna.org/FaithFormation/Practices](https://www.crcna.org/FaithFormation/Practices)).

World Renew

Give Thanks and Hope on Thanksgiving Day - On Thanksgiving Day, November 26, we will join World Renew in gratitude for the hope that God gave to the Nyirenda family during a season of drought in Zambia. Through our gifts and offerings to World Renew, more families like the Nyirendas can learn to adapt their farming practices to experience more hope and bring more food to their tables in climate-vulnerable communities. For more information go to worldrenew.net/free-a-family