

November 22 Announcements

Special Offering

This week's special offering will be for the Benevolence Fund. Trinity CRC maintains this special fund in order to have resources available to help members who may experience unexpected or emergency needs.

Prayer Request

Jim Hallihan's cancer has returned. Please pray that he regains enough strength and nourishment to start chemo on November 30. He has not had an appetite and doesn't want to eat and drink much except water. Please pray he will make himself give his body the nourishment it needs! - Trish

Custodian Position Filled

Pam and Mae Whitney are the church's new custodians.

Temporary Position Available

Admin/Treasurer: We are looking for someone to temporarily fill in Christina Helpers' position from January - April. The Helpers 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.

Roots will NOT meet November 25th due to Thanksgiving.

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](#), where everything donated will be matched by a generous donor.

Pastor Randy Raak: pastor@amestrinity.org

Elder Care Groups are as follows: A-G = Tom Kuyper; H-K = Bill Frazier; L-S = Jim Hallihan; T-Z = Paul Kleinwolterink

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

DENOMINATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Back to God Ministries

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.

Advent Devotional Series From Today - It's been a rough year. Let Advent help you see God's story in Christmas. This special devotional series takes you deeper into the true meaning of Christmas, the coming Savior. Subscribe at todaydevotional.com/advent. It's free!

Dive into Kids Corner's new website - Kids Corner has a brand new look! And we've got loads of new faith-building resources to help your child discover their part in God's big story. Begin each week with a KC devotion for kids, with Bible readings, reflections, and prayer. And you'll meet fun new characters in the Casey's Day comic strip. You'll also receive a weekly encouragement just for parents. Be sure to watch the encouraging Kids in Action videos, and of course, join the fun with Liz and Friends. Don't miss any of it! Subscribe to Kids Corner at kidscorner.net.

GROUNDWORK: JESUS CHRIST RESTORES - Have you ever wondered if you're too broken or if you've sinned too much for Jesus to love you? Study John 21 with Groundwork and witness an interaction between Jesus and Peter that gives us the hope and courage to love Jesus despite our failings. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

KIDS SHOWING THANKFULNESS - Check out our new kids' programs at www.kidscorner.net. Have you read Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day? Picture your worst day ever and ask yourself, "Could I be thankful to God even during a day as bad as that?" Read this week's devotions on thankfulness. Listen now at kidscorner.net and subscribe to KC's weekly emails for all the new content.

Faith Formation

At-home Faith Formation Tip - The Practice of Generosity: We often associate generosity with financial giving, but we can also cultivate a generous spirit in our relationships. Ponder how you might practice this in daily life, perhaps by focusing on refraining from mental criticism, attributing the best motives to people's actions, being "present" and attentive when spending time with others (especially children), or doing acts of random kindness. (For more on faith practices from Faith Formation Ministries, visit crcna.org/FaithFormation/Practices.)

World Renew

Prepare Your Heart - Starting December 2, 2020, World Renew, Resonate Global Mission, and the CRC Office of Social Justice will distribute a free email devotional to your inbox during Advent. Don't let Christmas presents overtake the Christmas Presence. Sign up to receive reflections on this year's theme of *He Will Be Our Peace* every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 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!