

December 13, 2020

Live streaming

We will be live streaming services starting December 13. Find us on Youtube at Trinity Christian Reformed Church to subscribe for notifications. The live stream can also be accessed from our public Facebook page at Trinity Christian Reformed Church of Ames.

Temporary Administrative Assistant Filled

We welcome Mae Whitney to our staff as our temporary Administrative Assistant from January - April. Thank you in advance Mae for your work

Gingerbread Building Competition

Pick-up your supplies this Sunday after the service. The Education Committee invites you to participate in this year's Intergenerational activity. We are planning a Take and Make--gingerbread building competition. The Education Committee will provide the basic supplies --graham crackers, frosting, gum drops and other small candies. You are to take the supplies home and build whatever you dream up. Feel free to add and or buy additional supplies. Some examples are Nativity, a church, a house, etc. Please post your creation on our "Trinity CRC Attenders" Facebook group page for all to view. All creations need to be posted by **December 27** for consideration. No official prizes will be awarded except for bragging rights.

Food Drive

The Salvation Army food drive is limited to soups (any type except for tomato) and breakfast cereal. If you wish you can drop off a check at the church made out to The Salvation Army-Ames, Iowa. This food drive will go through **December 20**. If anyone has questions feel free to contact Mark Voss or Rob Hubert.

The **Roots End of the Year/Christmas party** will be on **Saturday, December 19th** at 1:30 p.m. at Laura Hufford's house.

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 Helpers for an Endowment Fund Request form. ** Distributions from the Endowment Fund shall not be used for general budget shortfall.

Pastor Randy Raak: pastor@amestrinity.org

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

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

DENOMINATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Back to God Ministries

Devotions for a Blue Christmas - In the midst of hard times, find strength and encouragement through God's word. A set of fourteen encouraging Today devotions reassure you that even during the darkest of Christmas seasons, you're not alone. Receive this free email series and ebook when you subscribe to Today at todaydevotional.com/bluechristmas

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.

HOW MUCH GOD LOVES YOU - Check out our new kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. This week it's all about how much God loves you. Listen now at kidscorner.net and subscribe to KC's weekly emails for all the new content.

Faith Formation Ministries

At-home Faith Formation Tip - The Practice of Hospitality: Ponder this quote from Mother Teresa: "This Christmas when Christ comes, will he find a warm heart? Mark the season of Advent by loving and serving others with God's own concern." How might you and your family love and serve others during this season? (For more on faith practices from Faith Formation Ministries, visit crcna.org/FaithFormation/Practices)