

December 20, 2020

Special Offering

The Special offering for Sunday, December 20 is for the Building Fund.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

The Christmas Eve Candlelight Service will be held at 6:30 p.m. as we continue the "Be Not Afraid" series on Jesus. How would we handle angels directly revealing God's plan to us? You are invited to join us in the sanctuary wearing facemasks and practicing social distancing, on your car radio or from our livestream.

Live streaming

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.

Gingerbread Building Competition

Please post your Gingerbread 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. Christian plans to print the pictures and hang them in the entryway. If you are not on Facebook, please email your picture to Christina (office@amestrinity.org).

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** has been postponed. Please watch for an email from Christina about rescheduling.

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.

Pastor Randy Raak: pastor@amestrinity.org

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

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

DENOMINATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Back to God Ministries

MARY'S MIRACLE - Check out our new kids' devotion at www.kidscorner.net. Have you ever wondered what Mary thought about the very first Christmas? Was she scared, excited, or happy? Listen to "Mary's Miracle", the story imagined through the eyes of Mary. 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: ". . . and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them." In what ways might you make more space for Jesus in your everyday life? (For more on faith practices from Faith Formation Ministries, visit crcna.org/FaithFormation/Practices)