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Trinity Trumpeter

Dedicated to Paul Bierman



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One of the tasks I was given as part of my part-time Transition Pastor Contract was to assist and guide leaders and members in discerning a future pathway for this church. Since September, there have been several meetings with the Search Team, the Consistory, and Town Hall Gatherings following worship services to keep this discernment process moving forward.

During this process, we have made significant strides as the weeks and months unfolded. Dealing with the ever-ongoing COVID Virus not to forget the death of one of our Deacons and Search Team Members during this time certainly has not make things any easier, either. What follows, however, represents the hard work of your leaders as well as several members during our Town Hall Gatherings. Following the mini-retreat on Tuesday, January 11, 2022, there was general consensus as to what we believe God's Vision, God's Mission, and Our Core Values should be in the next chapter of ministry under our next Pastor. This is now being shared with you so you have time to spend in prayer and reflection before we gather for another Town Hall Meeting on Sunday, February 6, 2022, following the morning worship service.

God's Vision for Trinity Reformed Church

"We See an Exciting Community of Christians committed to loving and bringing people to Jesus"

God's Mission for Trinity Reformed Church

"Inviting, Teaching, Growing, and Serving our Neighbors to Become Followers of Jesus With Us"

Core Values for Trinity Reformed Church

**Biblically Grounded
Praying Faithfully
Loving Hospitality
Compassionate Outreach
Inspiring Worship**

Given this Vision, Mission, and List of Core Values, the next step is determining what qualities we need in our next pastor to enable and equip us to make this Vision, Mission, and List of Core Values become more of a reality in our church community. During the mini-retreat of Consistory and Search Team members, we began that process, but now invite your contribution and participation in it as well. We have divided the qualities needed in our next pastor under 3 headings – **Character** (personality, ethics, etc.) **Competencies** (Ministry Skills, Spiritual Gifts, etc.), and **Convictions** (most important Bible and Theological Convictions that influence ministry style). Here is what has been put together to date.

Character

- **Patience**
- **Authentic Faith**
- **Respectful of Others**
- **Self-Confidence**
- **A Sense of Curiosity, Learning Attitude**
- **Passionate about sharing Christ and Christian life/faith**
- **Joy for Life, Family, and Friends**
- **Spouse shares in calling to ministry**
- **A Sense of Humor, Able to Laugh at Him or Herself**
- **Age is not a factor**

Convictions

- Loves the Lord
- Loves the Scriptures
- Evangelical
- Servant Attitude
- Prayer is Essential to Ministry
- Jesus is the Way, Truth, and the Life

Competencies

- Leadership Gifts (Good Listener, Motivator, Accountability)
- Gifts of Encouragement
- Authentic Preaching Skills
- Evangelistic/Outward Focus in Ministry
- Involvement and Ownership of TRC's Vision, Mission, and Core Values.

Again, during the upcoming Town Hall Gathering, we would love to provide you as members with the opportunity to give us your thoughts. Remember, avoid personal preferences here. The question to keep asking ourselves is what qualities are needed in our next pastor from our perspective to give us as a church the best potential to realize the Vision, Mission, and Core Values that are stated?

Finally, it has been said that any vision, mission, and core values statement isn't worth the paper it is printed on unless there is a pathway to execute it. With that in mind, the following two strategies are being proposed and recommended for your prayerful consideration and ownership. This, too, will be presented during our Town Hall Gathering on Sunday, February 6, 2022, for your feedback.

Strategy #1 "Members of the Consistory together with Pastor Wally will focus on recruiting a MISSION TEAM of 6-8 people from the congregation by February 1, 2022, who will meet together as often as necessary to execute God's Vision, Mission, and Core Values for TRC with the focus specifically on coming alongside Laurie and Beautiful Souls Ministry"

Strategy #2 "Members of the Consistory together with Pastor Wally will focus on recruiting a MISSION TEAM of 6-8 people from the congregation by February 1, 2022, who will meet together as often as necessary to execute God's Vision, Mission, and Core Values for TRC with the focus on designing and implementing OUTDOOR SUMMER WORSHIP SERVICES from the first Sunday in May, 2022, through Labor Day Weekend, 2022."

If you are getting the impression by this time that the Town Hall Gathering on Sunday, February 6, 2022, is an important and pivotal meeting for the future path of this church not to mention the ongoing work of your Search Team, you couldn't be more correct. Mark this Sunday on your calendars. You will not want to miss it!

It has been a deep pleasure to come along side of your leaders and witness firsthand their commitment and devotion to Jesus and this church community. For sure, the challenges have at times been great but so is the potential of this church community to be a blessing to the Tri-Cities Community and beyond. Transition times in the life of any church can be difficult times. There typically will be setbacks, disappointments, even unexpected obstacles that manage to surface along the way. But, with the promise that God is WITH us, FOR us, and even WITHIN us, we have all we need to rise above those setbacks, disappointments, and obstacles. In fact, we can and will move forward in faithful obedience knowing that God will lead and show us the way to the future all of us envision, a bright future of hope.

Blessings,
Pastor Jack

Save the Dates: Upcoming 2022 Prayer Vigils on the 3rd Wednesday of the following months. Beginning February 16, April 20, June 15, August 17, and October 19. Be watching for more details in the Weekly Sunday Paper.

PRAYER TIME FOR FEBRUARY 2022:

Trinity Prayer List grew large over the year. Here are just a few of the ones we prayed for – if I forgot someone I am so sorry, please let me know and I will share next month:

Families that lost loved ones: Phyllis Reenders; Fran Buikema; Dick Groenevelt; Larry and Mary Reaume; Paul Bierman; John Busman.

Friends that have had physical issues: Dale and Kathy DeYoung (surgery); Ed and RuthAnn DeKoekkoek (Mark); Mary Garbrecht (surgery); Jim and Maria Tate (Megan Moreland – surgery and cancer treatment); Mike Leak (hospitalization); Jayne Wallace (surgery); Karl Smith (continued Covid lung issues); Don and Karen Weersing (Grandson Grayson – surgery); Shirley Engel (broken hand, surgery); Bierman family; Phillips family; Carl family; Jim VanDorne; Wally's family; Jonathan Yonker (surgery).

Those who continue to be homebound or in care facilities: Jan Cuddington; Margaret Kraai; Neil Louis; Loretta Hoebeke; Brian Holzinger; Florence Sloothaak; Marilyn Sonnenberg; Linda Tuinstra

Those that are battling health issues: Cal Garbrecht; Laurie McFee (Beautiful Souls); Wally DeLaFuente (and family); Paul Miles; Lee Trowbridge; Charyl Swiftney; Amy Prelesnik

That is some list – almost ALL of Trinity members and friends.

What does this mean – it means DON'T STOP PRAYING FOR FAMILY AND FRIENDS. Keep that membership list open – Don't forget to add Jason and Sonia Musgrave, Daniel and Mary Paula; Pastor Jack Doorlag and Pastor Dick VanDop.

“Oh Lord Most High God, embrace and shelter us by Your power and Your precious Love. We trust not in our own abilities, nor in our own wisdom or strength; but We trust in You, O Lord, to deliver us from every deceptive and sinful temptation; from every sickness, disease and pestilence. Thank you Father for covering us with Your safety, warmth and love. We shall not be afraid, we will keep our eyes on You, O Lord. We love You and serve You with all our heart, soul, mind and strength. We Worship You Holy, Mighty, Majestic, Precious and Glorious God. And, You will show us the salvation of the Lord by blessing us with a long, healthy, safe and prosperous life, and give to us Your many wondrous Blessings.”

Taken from Psalm 91

If you have any prayer requests or praises:

- Jan Hendrick • 616-540-9538 • jhendrick@bhhscldehendrick.com • Prayer Ministry Coordinator
- Jim & Maria Tate • 231-799-0302 • tatej22@yahoo.com • Prayer Chain

ONE LIFE SEEKING GOD CHANGES EVERYTHING

As a child of God, you have been changed through the power and blood of Jesus Christ. The Holy Spirit works in our lives and prompts us to seek Him more, you not only grow in faith, knowledge, and wisdom – you also become a more effective witness for Him.

Being a student of the Word and an ambassador for God makes a difference within us and in the world around us. That's how just one life – you – can change everything.

Starting February 16th and every other month, April, June, August, October, on the 3rd Wednesday of that month we are asking you, our members and friends, to be a part of Trinity Church PRAYER VIGIL. We are seeking God's direction for Trinity, seeking direction for the partnership between Trinity Church and Beautiful Souls, seeking guidance to our new Shepard for Trinity Church.

Will you commit to the challenge to be open to share your faith, increase your spiritual fullness, and be united with other believers? COME – and join in the Glory of God our Father as He Leads, Guides, Shares, yes, even Speaks to us.

(Parts of this is taken from Turning Points, January 2022)



February Birthday Celebrations!!

1 Linda Tuinstra
5 Loretta Hoebeke
6 Gwen Miles
9 Mary Stroud

15 Wally De La Fuente
Daniel Musgrave
16 Matthew Stroud
Roger Stroud

20 Mary Garbrecht
28 Marilyn Wildrom

WHEREVER I AM, GOD IS!

**The light of God
surrounds me,
The love of God
enfolds me,
The power of God
protects me,
The presence of God
watches over me,
Wherever I am,
God is!**

Submitted by Shirley Engel, taken from Guideposts



Kim's Kupboard

Sharing with God's people who are in need.

It has been a wonderful year last year for all of those that have contributed to Kim's Kupboard throughout the year. Your donations help those in our community, and we continue to serve our community in any way we can.

During the month of December 2 families were adopted for Christmas (by 2 families from our congregation and from an area business) and both families were blessed with multiple boxes of food as well as gifts. One family was a family of 3, a mom with a 5th grader and twin baby boys about 4 months old. The second family was a family of 5 that with mom and dad working separate shifts just to make it by and still spend time with their 3 children all under the age of 8.

It is always such a blessing to be able to help those in our area, and I appreciate all the donations to give the people in our area one less worry for a couple weeks with the donations you have provided.

If you know of a family in mind that could use a little extra assistance with some food, please let me know and we will be more than willing to help them out

Below is a list of items to consider donating for the month of February. We are looking into canned items. Below are examples of things to donate.

- Soup (tomato, Chicken noodle)
- Canned vegetables (carrots, beans, peas, corn)
- Canned/package fruit (applesauce, peaches, fruit cocktail, oranges, pears)

Your donations are always appreciated and please remember to keep it kid-friendly when donating. If you have any questions, please reach out.

“If God had a refrigerator, your picture would be on it. If He had a wallet, your photo would be in it. He sends you flowers every spring and a sunrise every morning... Face it, friend. He is crazy about you!”

— Max Lucado



The February 2022 Mission of the Month is Jason & Sonia Musgrave with Missionary Ventures. See additional information in the rack by the entrance to the Sanctuary or by visiting Missionary Ventures website at: <https://mvi.org> .

Psalm 92:4 “You thrill me, Lord, with all You have done for me! I sing for joy because of what You have done.”

The word thrill means “a wave of emotion or excitement that causes a joyful sensation through our being.”

God has filled our world with: sunrises, sunsets, births, rousing hymns of praise, and various experiences we encounter.

Nothing THRILLS us like JESUS. In our journey with God, it’s a matter of abiding in Christ. Hymnist Thoro Harris: *All that thrills my soul Is Jesus, He is more than life to me; And the fairest of ten thousand, In my blessed Lord I see.”*

Colossians 3:16 *“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly... admonishing one another in Psalms and Hymns and Spiritual Songs, SINGING with Grace in your hearts of the Lord.”*

When from a joyful heart we sing or play or send forth music of the Lord, we never know who is listening – even if we do nothing more than hum our faith.

We who are followers of Jesus stand as witnesses to the truth and meaning of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. Dr. Os Guinness

The Power of Music: Psalm 71:22 *“I will praise you with the harp for your faithfulness, O my God.”*

Music affects us in powerful ways. Playing our old favorites and treasured hymns helps us to remember pleasant times. Studies show that listening to music reduces chronic pain and depression. Song lyrics give us words to describe feelings that are otherwise difficult to express.

Music also offers comfort and relaxation. It proves background sounds and ambience in a room that may be sterile or noisy. Relaxing with slow, soothing tempos creates a quiet atmosphere for rest and sleep.

Even fast-paced praise music, played loudly, can provide a much-needed release – invigorate, leaving peace and joy behind. Refreshing power presents itself in music.

Music connects us with God, drawing on His strength and courage. Using His gift of music unleashes His power within us.

PRAYER: *Thank You, Lord, for music that strengthens and renews my Spirit. Thank You for Your Faithfulness to carry me through each day.*

Parts from “In Touch” Dr. David Jeremiah and from “Leading the Way” Dr. Michael Youssef

February

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tues</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thurs</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
		1 Birthday: Linda Tuinstra	2 7:00am Men's Bible Study @Hendricks Office	3	4	5 Birthday: Loretta Hoebeke
6 10:00am Worship COMMUNION TOWN HALL MEETING (Following morning worship) 11:30am Beautiful Soul Ministries Service Birthday: Gwen Miles	7	8	9 7:00am Men's Bible Study @Hendricks Office Birthday: Mary Stroud	10	11	12
13 10:00am Worship 11:30am Beautiful Soul Ministries Service <i>Trumpeter Articles Due</i>	14	15 6:00pm Elders 6:30pm Consistory Birthday: Wally DeLaFuente Daniel Musgrave	16 7:00am Men's Bible Study @Hendricks Office 9am-7pm PRAYER VIGIL Birthday: Matthew Stroud Roger Stroud	17	18	19
20 10:00am Worship 11:30am Beautiful Soul Ministries Service Birthday: Mary Garbrecht	21	22	23 7:00am Men's Bible Study @Hendricks Office	24	25	26
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2022

At the January Consistory meeting, the following VISION, MISSION, & CORE VALUES were unanimously accepted. We will review this one last time at the Town Hall meeting on February 6.

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God's Vision, Mission, and Core Values

God's Vision

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CORE VALUES SHINING THE WAY TO JESUS

Consistory Meeting
January 18, 2022

Beautiful Souls ministry – They are in the process of moving into the building beginning January 19. Some of the rooms will be repainted. There is a thought to have some of the consistory members or someone from the congregation join Beautiful Souls Ministry board to answer any questions or to ask any questions that may come up. And vice-versa to have someone from Beautiful Souls ministry to come join the consistory meeting to answer or ask any questions. This is to establish a good communication between Beautiful Souls Ministry and Trinity Church. Pastor Jack is going to speak with Laurie to determine if this is something that can be done.

Deacon vacancy – The choice is to either appoint someone or to hold nominations and elections. Ted B. was asked to assist, and he is willing to participate for one year. Motion to made and supported.

Pastoral Search Team – It was determined that Paul's place should be filled with another person to have more people's input. Pastor Jack is willing to call a few people from the congregation to see if they would be willing to help.

Officers of consistory

Vice-president – Jan Hendrick

Clerk – Kimberly Carl

Treasurer – Jim Musgrave

Chairman of Deacons – Kimberly Carl

Motion to have line up for officers for consistory. Supported and carried

Ministry teams – Consistory members to participate on a team.

Worship team – Ruthann, Lee, Mike, Paul

Discipleship – Wally, Jim, Mary

Hospitality/church life – Cal, Wally, Mary, Carolyn

Outreach/mission – Bob, Kim, Wally

Property – Bob, asking others from the congregation to participate.

Elder/deacon orientation – Waiting until next meeting to go over this

Annual consistorial Report (RCA) – Dick Van Dop

Pastor Dick is sending questions from the RCA to the consistory members to have questions filled out.

Other items:

Fundraiser Brunch for Bierman Family – Wally has asked if he would be able to plan a fundraiser brunch for the Bierman family. A motion was made, supported and carried by all consistory members.

God's Vision for Trinity Reformed Church

Motion supported and carried to bring to next town meeting.

Qualities needed in next pastor

Will be shared with congregation at the next town hall meeting. Search team will use these qualities to begin to develop questions.

90-day Strategies

One strategy we are looking into is to recruit and move alongside with Beautiful Souls Ministry. We are looking for members of the congregation who would like to participate in this union.

Another strategy is to design and implement outdoor summer services. This is tabled for now and will come back to it at the February meeting.

February 15 – Next meeting.