

TRINITY NEWS

DECEMBER 2013

Trinity Reformed Church
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Members & Friends,

“And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night.” – Luke 2:8

A friend and brother firefighter, whom I met through the fire department when I officiated at his father's fire department funeral service, at who then joined my church, who's wedding I officiated at, recently welcomed his second child. Both he and his wife were members of my former church, and they were involved in both the men's and women's groups. Not only did he send me a birth announcement, but when I stopped by my parent's house this weekend, my father was beaming and very proud to show me that he had also been sent a birth announcement! My dad stiii feels a ciose bond to this fatherless son!

When your children were born, to whom did you send birth announcements? Who did you invite over to your house to see the new arrival? Friends and family, no doubt, were invited. Perhaps business associates received a birth announcement. And the minister probably was made aware as well. But what about those people that most would consider social outcasts? The poor and the powerless?

It was exactly the poor, the outcast and the powerless who are first told about the birth of God's only begotten Son! Shepherds tending their flocks at night, out in the fields; not kings, not priests or even wise men, but those who would be considered the "salt of the earth"; working class poor people.

Perhaps the joyous news of Christmas is exactly that. Jesus the King came for people just like you and me! It is for us that He was born, and for us that He died. And the gift of God that we receive in Him is a reconciled relationship with God and each other as well as eternal life.

Merry Christmas!

Grace & Peace,
- Pastor Scott

In the month of October we had sermons on the following topics;

10/6/13 – Help My Unbelief (2 Timothy 1:1-14, Luke 17:5-10)

At our second annual joint World Communion Sunday Service, this message was presented by Rev. Dr. Ursula Cargill, pastor of The Agape House.

10/13/13–A Sense Of Entitlement? (2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15, Luke 17:11-19)

Why, we wonder, did nine of the ten men who were healed of leprosy fail to thank their healer? To give them the benefit of the doubt, perhaps they wished to hurry to their families to celebrate. Perhaps they had never been taught by their parents to say “thank you.” Perhaps they were self-centered and narcissistic. Perhaps they had a sense of entitlement. This is more than an academic exercise, of course, because many of us never get around to thanking the people who have had an impact on our lives.

10/20/13 –How To Use Scripture (Genesis 32:22-31, 2 Timothy 3:14 – 4:5)

In this sermon, given during the celebration of Trinity’s 150th anniversary as a congregation, Pastor Scott preached a sermon on how to use scripture. According to the passage from Second Timothy, Scripture is useful for a number of high purposes: reproof, correction, and training in righteousness. But the outcome is not merely one of intellectual assent, of winning the doctrine wars. The ultimate purpose of knowing Scripture is a practical one: to become “equipped for every good work”

10/27/13 –The Perils Of Pride (2 Timothy 4:6-8, Luke 18:9-14)

There may be more, but pride—as personified by the Pharisee in Luke 18:9-14 —creates at least three perils: 1) pride erects barriers between people, vv. 9-11; 2) pride closes the door to pardon, v. 14a; and 3) pride eventually leads to humiliation, v. 14b.



BROEK CIRCLE - will meet on Monday, December 9th at NOON in the Library Lounge for their annual Christmas Luncheon.

JACOBA CIRCLE - meeting to be announced.



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- 4. Leslie Zarnowski
- 9. Jennifer Kenderdine
- 21. Cassie Forgash

Please remember these members and friends in your prayers.

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| Bunny & Don Adams | Crafton Family |
| Cameron Family | Sally McGahey |
| Elaine Conway | Denis O'Hara |
| Norma Cornelia | Roane Family |
| Our U.S. Servicemen and Women | |

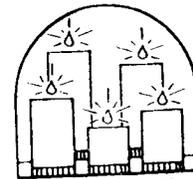


Let us celebrate Christ's coming, His presence and His words of hope. The first Sunday of Advent, December 1st.

FESTIVAL OF CAROLS

Sunday, December 15th
at 2:00 p.m.





Christmas Eve

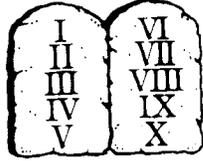
Tuesday, December 24th - 8:00 p.m.

Carols, Candlelight and Fellowship

Deadline for January News

Sunday, December 15th





THE TEN COMMANDMENTS IN RHYME

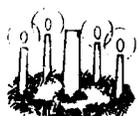
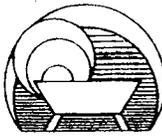
Above all else love God alone,
Bow down to neither wood nor stone.
God's name refuse to take in vain;
The Sabbath rest with care maintain.
Respect your parents all your days;
Hold sacred human life always.
Be loyal to your chosen mate;
Steal nothing, neither small nor great.
Report with truth, your neighbor's deed;
And rid your mind of selfish greed.

-Dr. Elton Trueblood
Foundations for Construction



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1.  Communion	2. Consistory 7:30	3.	4. Bible Study 7:30 pm	5. Choir 7:30	6.	7. Pick up Soup Tomorrow
8.  2nd Sunday In ADVENT	9. BROEK NOON	10.	11. Bible Study 7:30 pm	12. Choir 7:30	13.	14.
15. 	16.	17.	18. Bible Study 7:30 pm	19. Choir 7:30	20.	21.  Winter
22.  4th Sunday In ADVENT	23.	24.  CANDLE- LIGHT SERVICE	25. 	26.	27.	28.
29.	30.	31.				