

# TRINITY NEWS

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Summer Edition 2015

Trinity Reformed Church  
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**Members & Friends,**

My whole life I've always wanted to be a "do-it-yourself" kind of guy. Somebody that could handle home improvement and repair projects, from minor to major. I am NOT that kind of guy! Since becoming a homeowner a few years ago, I've acquired a few basic tools and learned a few basic skills. I've also taken to watching the DIY channel (DIY, of course, stands for Do-It-Yourself!)

I have had a few small successes; last year I had to replace the "through-the-wall" air conditioner in our living room and it turned out OK – except for the molding framing it; for some reason it didn't come out quite as I or Kathy had wanted it to. Most recently, following a leaking pipe causing damage to a wall in Timothy's room I fixed some plumbing, ripped out a damaged wall made of paneling and replaced it by building a new wall made of mold resistant dry wall. I then ripped out his carpeting and fixed some soft spots in the sub-flooring, and laid new 5/8" plywood as a stronger sub-floor on top of it. (I found out, by the way, that 5/8" plywood is not really 5/8" thick – it is really 23/32"!)

I went to Lumber Liquidators and bought some vinyl flooring and put that in, and after some initial frustration figured out how to do it and did a pretty good job!

With my confidence soaring because of this success, Kathy and I turned out attention to the rest of the floors in the house. When we bought the place, the roof was in terrible shape and the leaks took a toll on the floors, particularly in the living room and main hallway. Again I ripped out the carpet and the foam pad underneath it and cut the rotten pieces out of the floor and patched them. With some help from a friend I laid new 22/32" subflooring over the whole area; using a jig saw I cut out the holes for the heating vents and even managed to locate them in the right places!

Then came the actual laying of the new floor.

We had selected a laminate floor which, unlike a vinyl floor, is not flexible and is therefore much harder to install. I did about a quarter of the floor and it looked terrible! I couldn't get the tongues to sit in the grooves right and grew increasingly frustrated. Finally, I surrendered and called a contractor!

It is hard to admit that you need help. I feel like less of a man when I can't handle these kind of things. Especially knowing how good my father is with his hands. (He is pushing 80 years old, has arthritis and macular degeneration and was on vacation in Texas so calling him for help wasn't an option! Besides, the last picture my mother posted to FaceBook had him sitting on a bull – which I hope was mechanical – so he seems to be having a good time – I don't want to interrupt that!) But without help, my floors will never be right. Faith can be a little like that. We really want to do for ourselves, but salvation is something we can't do on our own. We can't be good enough to meet God's standards, we have to let Jesus be good for us! Only by grace can we be freed from and forgiven for our sins and have a restored relationship with God. It is essential that we accept this truth, because if we do not accept Jesus' help, we are doomed! If, however, we are willing to submit ourselves to His love and grace, we receive life abundant and free!

It's not exactly advanced theology, but it's something to think about.

Enjoy your summer!  
Pastor Scott



In April we have had sermons on the following topics;

April 2 (Maundy Thursday): Our sermon was titled "An Example" in which we examined Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14, 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 and John 13:1-17, 31b-35. Examples are found throughout the scriptures. The ultimate example was given by Jesus when He served others rather than seeking to serve. This is how Jesus loved us and this is how Jesus says we ought to love each other.

April 5 (Easter Sunday): The sermon "The Day Disciples Became Witnesses" examined the story of the Resurrection as portrayed in Acts 10:34-43 and John 20:1-18. This sermon asserted that the day of the Resurrection marked a change in mission for Jesus' followers from being simply disciples (students) to being witnesses. An appropriate response to this realization is for us to give testimony to what God has done in our lives.

April 12: Our Scripture lessons were Acts 4:22-25, 1 John 1:1-2:2 and John 20:19-31 and our sermon was "Together We Achieve Peace."

One of the most beautiful gifts God blessed us with as God's children is the concept of the church and the fellowship that it blesses us with. God's design for the church was simple: Get along, share the good news, and be generous. But a simple command is not necessarily so simple in execution.

On our own, we will fail at unity and peace every time. But we are not alone, God is with us and enables us to be united and achieve peace. Because of that we, as the church, can make a real difference in this world.

April 19: Our Scripture lessons came from Acts 3:12-19, 1 John 3:1-7 and Luke 24:36b-48 and the sermon title was "The Missing Link". Together we learned that what often seems to be missing in our world is the voice of conviction, especially when it comes to matters of faith. In response we all pray for the faith and courage to change that beginning today.

April 26: The Scriptures for this Sunday were from Acts 4:5-12, 1 John 5:16-24 and John 10:11-18. In this sermon it was shown that rather than getting defensive or hurt when accused for Jesus' sake, those who follow Jesus are called to employ an offensive strategy of following Jesus' example of self-sacrificial love and forgiveness. It is hoped that, having realized this, we would respond to those that hurt us with the attitude that we have been forgiven, and forgiven people forgive people.

In May we have had sermons on the following topics;

May 3 our sermon was titled "Remain in Him" based on Acts 8:26-40 and John 15:1-8. In that sermon we learned that as followers of Jesus we are to bear fruit. In order to bear fruit we must remain in Jesus as the true vine. We remain in Jesus by remaining in His love.

On May 10<sup>th</sup> our scriptures were 1 John 5:1-6 and John 15:9-17 for our sermon "Overflowing Joy". That sermon showed us that obedience to Jesus is the way to have overflowing joy according to Jesus in John 15:9-17. In response we strive to remain in Jesus' love by obeying Him and by loving each other the way that He loved us.

On May 17<sup>th</sup> Pastor Scott preached a sermon titled "Ascension Prayer" for Ascension Sunday which was based on Acts 1:1-11 and Ephesians 1:15-23. We learned that we, as children of God, have access to the power, grace and glory of God – a power so great that we cannot even begin to understand it. As a result it is hoped that we will realize that although our human minds can't fully understand the power of God, we CAN share this incredible news with the world the way that the disciples did.



BROEK CIRCLE – will meet on Monday  
June 8th at 11:30 a.m. in the Library Lounge  
for their annual “picnic”.

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JACOBA CIRCLE – will meet at 7:30 p.m. on  
Monday, June 15<sup>th</sup> at the home of Deena  
Zolkiwsky.

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Bible Study Wednesday at 7 p.m.

Wednesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>: City of the Great King  
Part 1.

Filmed in Jerusalem

Wednesday, June 10<sup>th</sup>: City of the Great King  
Part 2.

Filmed in Jerusalem

Wednesday, June 17<sup>th</sup>: The Lamb of God

Filmed on location on the Mount Olives

Wednesday, June 24<sup>th</sup>: The Weight of the  
World

Filmed on location at Capernaum and  
Gethsemane.

Wednesday, July 1<sup>st</sup>: Roll Away the Stone

Filmed at the garden tomb.

Wednesday, July 8<sup>th</sup>: Power to the People

Filmed on location at the southern stairs  
leading to the entrance of the temple in  
Jerusalem.

Wednesday, July 15<sup>th</sup>: Total Commitment

Filmed on location at Caesarea



To my Trinity Family,

Many thanks to you all for the Prayers, food,  
visits, flowers, cards and whatever during the  
time that Paul was sick and beyond. The caring,  
from so many, helped Lynn, Tricia and I get  
through a difficult time. We appreciate your  
support.

Barb Conly



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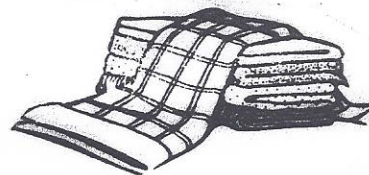
Late, but still from the heart-  
To the secret Santas, thank you for your  
continuing support of the Beautification  
Committee. We couldn't do what we do if you  
didn't do what you do.

Deena

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Blanket Sunday = monies received totaled  
\$810- which was matched by Benevolence  
Funds for a grand total of \$1,620 or 162  
blankets. Thank you all for your generosity!

Ginger Smellie







June, 2015

- 7. Janet Miller
- 8. Don Zolkiwsky
- 9. Barbara Conly
- 11. Allison Kravetsky
- 15. Barbara Hildebrant
- 23. Miep Devries
- 30. Nora Macauly

July, 2015

- 1. Brad Wadlow
- 5. Deena Zolkiwsky
- 7. Dawn Toth
- 10. Betty Jane Tingley
- 19. Beth Kenderdine
- 22. Pat Ledger
- 23. Joan Beil

August, 2015

- 4. Doris Hiebeler
- 28. Rev. Scott Harris

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September Newsletter Deadline

Sunday, August 16th

JACOBA CIRCLE PROJECT

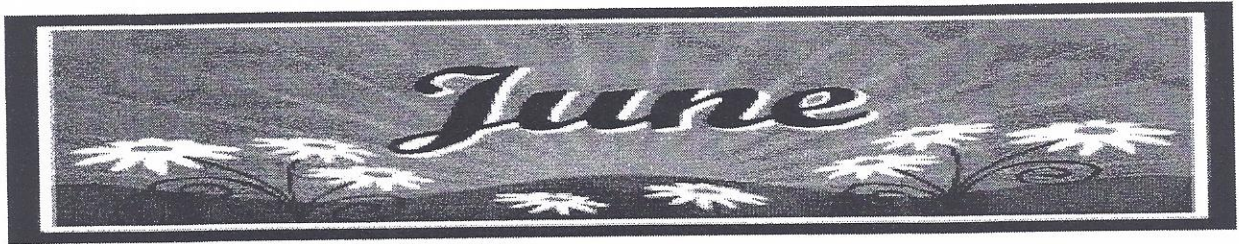
Jacoba Circle is sponsoring a FOOD & HYGIENE COLLECTION which is delivered to the St. Joseph Church Annex North Pl.

We would greatly appreciate your support with donations of the items listed below.



- Tuna
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Spaghetti Sauce
- Canned Meats- Spam, Corned Beef & Stew
- Cereal
- Parmalat Milk
- Jelly
- Peanut Butter
- Juice
- Canned Vegetables
- Canned Spaghetti
- Soup

- Toothpaste
- Deodorant
- Hand Soap
- Shampoo
- Toilet Paper
- Paper Towels
- Laundry Detergent

Hunger doesn't take a vacation!



Sun                      Mon                      Tue                      Wed                      Thu                      Fri                      Sat

Every Sunday 10:00 a.m. Worship in Broek Chapel	1.  Consistory 7:30 pm	2.	3.  Bible Study 7:00 pm	4.	5.	6.
7.	8.  Broek 11:30am	9.	10.  Bible Study 7:00 pm	11.	12.	13.
14.    Flag Day	15.  Jacoba 7:30pm	16.	17.  Bible Study 7:00 pm	18.	19.	20.
21.  Summer Begins	22.	23.	24.  Bible Study 7:00 pm	25.	26.	27.
28.	29.	30.				