

TRINITY NEWS

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Trinity Reformed Church
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Members & Friends,

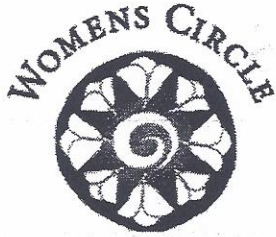
It's time for the September Newsletter! That means a couple of things. Our program year is starting; In October we celebrate World Communion Sunday and return to the Sanctuary from our chapel on Sunday mornings. In November we will have our annual ecumenical Thanksgiving service. December will see our annual Community Carol Sing and our Christmas Eve service (Christmas is on a Sunday this year! That means church two days in a row!)

Another thing it means is that I have three months worth of sermons to give summaries for! That takes up a lot of space and drives our newsletter editor crazy! So out of deference to her, I am going to make my letter shorter to accommodate the extra space my summaries will take up.

So I'll just use this space to say, welcome back!

Grace & Peace,

- Pastor Scott



BROEK CIRCLE – will meet on Tuesday
September 13th at 1:00 p.m. at the home of
Betty Jane Tingley.

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BROEK COOKS- will have Creamy Potato
and Italian Flag Soups available on October
16th. An order form is on the hall Bulletin
Board.

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JACOBA CIRCLE – To be announced

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Happy Birthday!



September, 2016

13. Gordon Wich

18. Joel Kenderdine



Norma Schneider
May 8, 2016

Frieda Shackelton
June 26, 2016



Celebrate with the rest of the world on World
Wide Communion Sunday
October 2, 2016
At 10:00 am in the Sanctuary

October, Newsletter Deadline,
Thursday, September 15th.



Over the Summer we had sermons on the following topics;

On May 1st our sermon was "Those Who Love Jesus Keep His Word" with scriptures from Revelation 21:10, 22 – 22:5, Acts 15:9-15 and John 14:23-29. Our love of Jesus is a response to Jesus loving us. As such it results in our keeping His word – His command – the new commandment that He gave that we are to love each other as He has loved us. We can rest secure in Jesus' love for us and be led by our love of Jesus to love and serve others.

On May 8th our sermon was "Between The Trees" from our New Testament lesson of Acts 16:16-34, Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21 and gospel of John 17:20-26. In the Bible the world began in a garden with a tree in the center of it; the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. In Revelation when the creation is redeemed there will be another tree; the tree of life – the tree we lost in Eden when we ate of the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. As Jesus followers we are called to live here and now by partnering with God to make this world the kind of world God intended it to be from before the world was broken by human sinfulness. An appropriate response to this realization is to love God and to love each other as we love ourselves by living a life of purpose: the purpose of working with God to restore the creation.

On May 15th our scripture readings were from Acts 2:1-21, Romans 8:14-17 and John 14:8-17, 25-27 for our sermon "What's That Sound?". This sermon examined the events of Pentecost when God's Holy Spirit moved from the Temple in Jerusalem to a new and living Temple; the hearts of God's people, the Church.

On May 22nd our lessons were from Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31, Romans 5:1-5 and John 16:12-15 and our sermon was "That Which Leads to Hope." From these passages Pastor Scott showed us that because we have peace with God through Christ, we rejoice even in the midst of suffering because suffering leads ultimately to hope. We need not see our suffering as evidence that God has forsaken us but can embrace it as an opportunity for spiritual growth.

May 29th our sermon was "So That All Peoples of the Earth May Know God's Name." Our scriptures came from 1 Kings 8:21-23, 41-43, Galatians 1:1-12 and Luke 7:1-10. Here we learned that God made the Temple in Jerusalem great and even heard the prayers of foreigners that were offered there so that all peoples of the Earth would know God's name. The Temple in Jerusalem was destroyed in 70 A.D. by the Romans, but as the Body of Christ, the Church, we are called to be that Temple through which God answers even the prayers of outsiders so that God's name will be known by all people on the Earth.

On June 5th our sermon title was "So That God May Be Glorified" with scriptures from 1 Kings 17:8-24, Galatians 1:11-24 and Luke 7:11-17. Jesus, the prophet Elijah and Paul all could have pointed to some pretty amazing things that they did to get respect from those around them, and yet they didn't. To them it was of utmost importance that God be glorified, and not them. As the Church God seeks to do amazing things for the world through us! But we are not to bask in the glory of what we have done or seek to be acknowledged or thanked; we do what we do so that God may be glorified.

On June 12th Pastor Scott was away at General Synod on the campus of Trinity Christian College near Chicago, IL. Our guest minister was Rev. Ronald Cadmus.

On June 19th our sermon was "One In Christ" with scriptures from 1 Kings 19:1-15a, Galatians 3:23-29 and Luke 8:26-39. Here the point was that whatever distinctions that may have existed by which we may have been separated from each other in different groups or cliques before our baptism, because of that baptism we are now all one in Christ. That which unites us is greater than anything that we do not have in common with each other.

On June 26th our scriptures were 1 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14, Galatians 5:1, 13-25 and Luke 9:51-62 for our sermon "How Far Are You Willing to Follow?" From this sermon we learned that to be Jesus' disciple involves our being willing to follow Him all the way to a cross of our own.

On July 3rd our sermon was titled "A Reason to Rejoice" based on 2 Kings 5:1-14, Galatians 6:1-16 and Luke 10:1-11, 16-20. The reason that a Christian rejoices is the fact that their name is written in heaven – that is; their salvation is secure. Therefore we rejoice or "boast" in what Christ has done for us, not in what we do or how many members our church has.

On July 10th the scripture readings were from Amos 7:1-17, Colossians 1:1-14 and Luke 10:25-37. The sermon title was; "Priorities". In placing religious practices and tradition before mercy and compassion to those in need, many "religious" people have had the wrong priorities. Jesus taught us by example to place people above programs and traditions.




On July 17th our scripture lessons were Amos 8:1-12, Colossians 1:15-28 and Luke 10:38-42. Our sermon title was "Mystery". In Colossians 1 the Apostle Paul claimed that he was a servant of a mystery. The mystery that Paul was a servant of is that through Christ, God has reconciled the Gentiles to Godself, which was actually the plan all along! Therefore we can know with certainty that through Christ's sacrifice on the cross we have been reconciled to God.

On July 24th our Bible lessons were from Hosea 1:2-10, Colossians 2:6-19 and Luke 11:1-3. Our sermon sought to answer the question: "Does Prayer Always 'Work'?" Well, that all depends on what you believe prayer is for. The main purpose of prayer is to know God. Prayer done for its main purpose always works! When we pray we pray in obedience to God, we communicate with God in love, we begin to see the world through God's eyes, from God's perspective and then we join the stream of power as it breaks loose in the world!

On July 31st our sermon was "Where Life is to Be Found". Scripture lessons were from Hosea 11:1-11, Colossians 3:1-11 and Luke 12:13-21. Through these lessons we learned that life is not found through an abundance of possessions but through the steadfast love of God. May we all find our life in the love of God and love God in return by serving those around us.

SEPTEMBER

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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