

TRINITY NEWS

Summer Edition 2018

Trinity Reformed Church
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Members & Friends,

Summer is coming and the weather is getting warmer. The grass has begun to grow and has needed to be cut, weeds have had to be pulled. The trees have sprouted their leaves and in my back yard for the first time since I transplanted it years ago, my rhododendron has blossomed! (There were two of them, the other one died.) I also have a purple iris that has bloomed. For some reason my dog, Shelby, seems to like that iris; every time she goes outside her first stop is to the back corner of the yard where it is and (I kid you not) she sticks her nose right up to the blossoms to get a smell!

The other day when I took her outside one of the cats that Kathy feeds was near the side of our house. Shelby ran after it and it escaped into the crawl space under my neighbor's house. But Shelby seemed focused on a little ball of something on the ground that she sniffed and licked at with great intensity. I came closer and realized that it was a kitten that had her attention! A little grey ball of fluff with a look of terror in its eyes! I scolded Shelby who looked up at me and as she did the kitten ran off under my neighbor's house. Shelby gave chase and stuck her nose into the crawl space to investigate, an action that was met by a hiss and a cat's paw striking at her!

I don't think that Shelby would hurt the cats. She seems fascinated by them. In fact, I've begun to suspect that she may have lived with some cats before we adopted her because she looks for them.

Later that same evening as I took her out for the last time before bed, she disappeared behind our shed and I heard a cat hiss. I went to intervene; I mean, investigate and an adult cat had run off leaving behind the little grey fluff ball and a sibling; a little black and white fluff ball! Shelby tried to sniff the black and white kitten, who swatted at her and was having nothing to do with it! I picked up the grey kitten and brought her inside for Kathy to see before returning it outdoors. By this time the adult cat was back, but cautious and the black and white kitten was still not happy about any of this!

I had to order Shelby to leave the cats, which she did. But she looked at me with sad eyes. She doesn't seem to understand; all she wants to do is play with the cats and sniff the kittens, but they run away and hiss and hit at her. She's delighted to see them and sees in them a potential play mate. The cats, on the other hand, have a totally different opinion of the encounter! I wonder if these kittens will overcome their fear and play with Shelby.

It occurs to me that sometimes our relationship with God is like this. Things happen that terrify us. We see only loss and pain; we run and hide; we seek shelter and safety. God, on the other hand, may have a different perspective on the encounter; God wants what is in our best interest. But sometimes it doesn't feel that way. I wonder, if we trusted God would we find in those situations a God that is a friend we can trust, rather than a threat we need to fear?

Grace & Peace,
Pastor Scott

In the month of April Pastor Scott gave the following sermons:

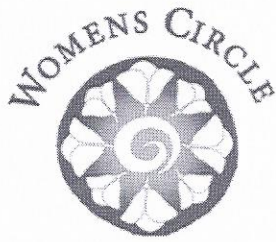
On April 1st our Bible texts were Isaiah 25:6-9, 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 and John 20:1-18 and our sermon title was "I Have Seen the Lord!" This sermon showed that there is a difference between visual perception and spiritual insight. When Mary "saw" the Lord – she perceived who Jesus really was – her risen Savior and God the Son! It is therefore hoped that those who hear the sermon will see Jesus as God incarnate, the One who sacrificed Himself to pay the wages of sin on our behalf so that we might have a restored relationship with God.

On April 8th our scriptures were from Acts 4:32-35 and 1 John 1:1 – 2:2 for our sermon "Fellowship". In this sermon we learned that Biblically speaking, fellowship is more than "socializing" (i.e. coffee hour, pot-luck suppers, bowling, etc.) it is an essential aspect of life in the Body of Christ, of what it means to be a Christ follower; it is community. In response it is hoped that those who hear the sermon will participate in all aspects of the life of their worshipping community, coming together in love, faith and encouragement.

On April 15th with texts from Acts 3:12-19 and Luke 24:36-48, our sermon title was "Proof". This sermon endeavored to demonstrate that Jesus is really real and truly alive! A response to this sermon is to live our lives in such a way that we provide evidence to the world that enables them to experience the reality of Jesus through our words and actions.

On April 22nd our texts were Acts 4:5-12 and 1 John 3:16-24. Our sermon title for the day was "The Mighty Name of Jesus". This sermon showed that the name of Jesus is mighty because it is the only name by which we MUST be saved, believing it is our connection to God by which we have boldness before God and it is through that name that we are able to receive whatever we ask for in that name! May we all know for sure that there is real power in the name of Jesus!

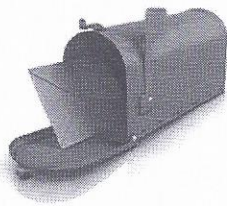
On April 29th our scriptures were from Acts 8:26-40 and 1 John 4:7-21 and the sermon title was; "You Baptized WHO??" These scriptures show that it would seem that in the church the old prohibitions denying certain people access to membership in the community and to worship God are overcome and rendered moot by love. In response may we love ALL others and welcome them!



BROEK CIRCLE – will meet at Joanne Nuber for their annual picnic. Date TBA

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JACOBA CIRCLE – will meet on Monday, June 11th at 7:30pm in the Library Lounge. Leslie Zarnowski, hostess.



TO My Trinity Family-

Thank you everyone for your prayers, cards, and flowers while I was not well. It helped a lot.

Love, Meip

To My Trinity Family,

Barbara and I would like to thank each of you for your prayers, cards and concern when I was in the hospital. It is good to be a part of such a caring congregation. Recovery is slow but it is coming and we hope to be back worshipping with you soon.

Many thanks,
Joanne and Barabra Nuber



Blanket Sunday

You donated \$580 to Church World Service. Endowment matched this for a total of \$1,160.

Thank you all!

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For more information an impact report for 2017 is posted on the bulletin board.



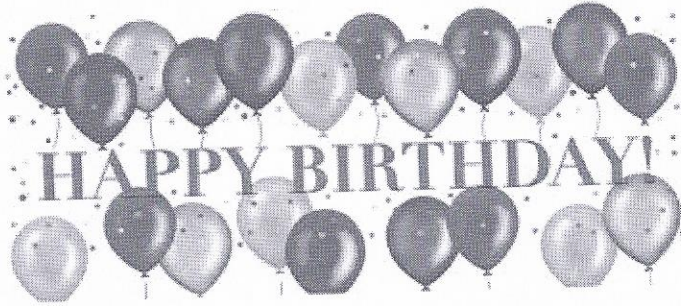
Ice Cream Social

Jacoba Circle invites everyone who enjoys ice cream (who doesn't) to their "Ice Cream Social" on Sunday, July 15th following Worship Service.

September Newsletter Deadline

Monday, August 20th





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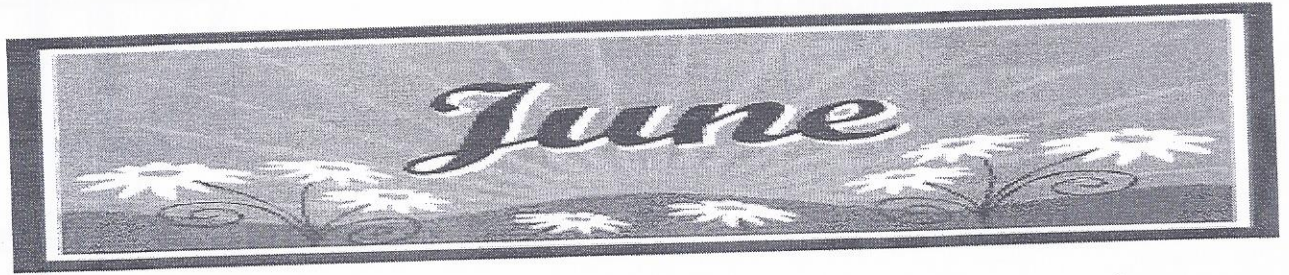
7. Janet Miller
8. Ruth DeRuyscher
Don Zolkiwsky
9. Barbara Conly
15. Barbara Hildebrant
23. Miep Devries
30. Nora Macauly

JULY, 2018


1. Brad Wadlow
5. Deena Zolkiwsky
7. Dawn Toth
19. Beth Kenderdine
22. Pat Ledger
23. Joan Beil

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28. Rev. Scott Harris



Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

Every Sunday 10:00 a.m. Worship in BROEK CHAPEL						1.	2.
3.	4. Consistory 7:30pm	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.	
10.	11. Jacoba 7:30	12.	13.	14.	15.	16.	
17. HAPPY FATHER'S DAY	18.	19.	20.	21. 	22.	23.	
24.	25.	26.	27.	28.	29.	30.	