



THIRD CHURCH NEWS

PENTECOST 2023

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THIS COMING
SUNDAY, May 28:

Pentecost Sunday

Rev. Dr. Ryan Boes on
I Corinthians 12:3b-13
and John 7:37-39

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Wear Red for Pentecost

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

—Acts 2:1-4

We wear red for Pentecost as it is the color of fire, which represents the Holy Spirit.

Thank You Teachers and Volunteers!

We thank the following people for their time, energy, and effort in helping our children and youth to grow in the faith and enjoy their Sunday School and Wednesday LIFT activities. You are all so very appreciated!

Children's Ministry Adult Teachers and Volunteers

Bailey Brumels, Krystal Bulthuis, Deb & Tim DuMez, Barb & Carl Folkert, Kara Green, Katherine Hunsberger, Leigh & Nathan Klay, Gretchen Munroe, Beverly Rannow, Judy Schutter, Janelle Sievert

Children's Ministry Youth Volunteers

Willem Bolt, Lucy Green, Owen Green, Henry Kroll, Lorena Lopez-Koolhaas, Miriam Lopez-Koolhaas, Eleanor McMullen, Harper Schoon-Tanis, Remi Van-Farowe

Hope College Phelps Scholars Children's Ministry Volunteers

Alex Cook, Kali Coppess, Travis Holl, Nate Gibbs, Josh Willis

Youth Ministry Teachers and Volunteers

Carter & Laura Baer, Megan Boes, Dan & Kate Bolt, Bailey Brumels, Bethany Bulthuis, Jane Dalman, Keren Fuentes, Kara Green, Ben Kamphuis, Angel Lopez, Joel Schoon-Tanis, Austin & Maria Triviño-Geelhoed

It's Almost Time to Paint!

As you can see from the pictures below, it's almost time to paint the parsonage. The south side has been fully remediated and priming is underway as this is being written. The west side is up next for remediation. We have tasks for all ability levels, from snack-preparers to shutter repairers to ladder climbers to those who want their feet to remain firmly on the ground.

If you are interested, please email the office at office@trcholland.org. Painting times will be on Saturdays and in the evenings.



LA MUNA | NATALIA SERNA

A PLACE AT THE TABLE

corazón norte...

June 16, 2023
7:30 PM at
Third Reformed Church
www.trcholland.org
Free! Donations accepted.



Natalia uses her music to bring her audience a better, deeper understanding of the complexity and difficulty of migration. Her focus is on helping others see the humanity and dignity inherent in each person that is independent of borders or politics.

A Columbian-American, Serna is both a musician and a sociologist. She has spent time as a volunteer at the Kino Border Initiative Soup Kitchen in the border city of Nogales, Sonora. Her music has been focused on social justice, and has been used in films, on the Discovery Channel, by Jesuit Refugee Services, Bread For the World, the Creighton Backpacker film *el Deportado* and other vehicles.



Third will host the concert in our sanctuary on June 16 at 7:30 PM. Fellow sponsors for this concert include Lighthouse Immigrant Advocates, LAUP, and Intersection Ministries. Please contact the church office to reserve your free tickets to this concert.

Summer Opportunities with the Justice and Equity Team

“Black lives are beloved by God and by us,” so says the sign that we boldly and lovingly placed outside our church. The Justice and Equity Team invites you to join us in partnership with I AM Academy. This summer we have opportunities to grow our **awareness** of history and systemic injustices, opportunities to **celebrate** and support the Black community in Holland, and opportunities to **serve** alongside Black leaders.

Two well-known Black leaders offer advice on moving beyond reading books and listening to podcasts, to entering a place of proximity with the marginalized in our community:

“Where love is the beating heart of justice, I al-

ways say we have to have a priestly proximity to people, particularly suffering people, because that breeds empathy, and empathy births love.” – Jemar Tisby

It’s actually in proximity... that we hear things that we won’t otherwise hear, that we’ll see things we won’t otherwise see. The things we hear and see are critical to our knowledge and our capacity to problem solve.” – Bryan Stevenson

If “getting proximate” sounds overwhelming, grab a friend or family member and consider these ways to get started:

- TRC Movie Night & Discussion and STEM camp kick-off, JUNE 14th, 6-9pm.
- We will be eating pizza and screening the movie Ruby Bridges which is engaging for all ages, including elementary-aged kids.

Learn about what is involved in volunteering for the STEM camp. RSVP by contacting the church office.

Juneteenth Activities

- June 19 2pm and 4pm, The First Juneteenth play at Holland Community Theatre
- June 19 5-7pm, History Talk with author Tracee Bruce at the Holland Museum
- Click [here](#) to see all the Juneteenth offerings. Consider volunteering with a friend!

STEM Camp at Meadowlanes Townhomes. Tuesday afternoons during the summer.

- Come support I AM Academy's outreach to kids in this low-income housing development. A great way to "get proximate," the kids are excited to have people who want to spend time with them. Think you need STEM skills to do this? Think again! To get an idea of what happens at STEM camp contact Laura Baer.
- There is also a food distribution at Meadowlanes on Tuesday afternoons—we could use volunteers for that as well. Sign up by contacting the church office or talk to Laura Baer or Laurie Orlow.

Intergroup Dialogue and trip to the Wright Museum of African American History in Detroit Mid-late July, exact dates TBD.

- A small group of I AM Academy Middle School youth will partner with a small group of TRC members to engage in two sessions of meaningful dialogue with trained facilitators intended to help bridge cultural divides. The group will travel to Detroit together to experience the museum and share a meal. Please talk to Laura Baer if you're interested.
- Sunday, July 16 InterGroup Dialogue session #1
- Sunday, July 23 InterGroup Dialogue session #2
- Saturday, July 29 Trip to Wright Museum, shared meal and IG session #3

Women's Ministries Morning Tea on Saturday, June 3

The WMTRC (Women's Ministries of Third Reformed Church) board welcomes all women to a morning tea on Saturday, June 3 from 10:00 to noon. Here we will thank our off-going board members while we welcome the new board for 2023-2024 with refreshment and fellowship in the Gathering Place. Join us!

Announcements

Installation of Elders and Deacons May 28

We will ordain and install our new Elders and Deacons during the 10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. services on Sunday, May 28.

Church Office Closed

The church office will be closed on Monday, May 29, and Tuesday, May 30, in honor of Memorial Day.

Summer Volunteers

Be sure to read next week's TCN for information about all of our great volunteer opportunities this summer!

Micro Pantry Needs

The Micro Pantry is low on everything except toothbrushes. Donations of non-perishable grocery items and toiletries would be appreciated.

Summer LIFT

Summer LIFT will begin on June 28. Contact the church office or check back here next week to find out how you can participate!

Third Church Family News

Congratulations Graduates!

- Amanda Halsey, who graduated from Bradley University and plans to teach high school math at Richwoods High School in Peoria, IL.
- Martha Holland-Anderson, who graduated from North Park University in Chicago, IL.
- James Baer from Holland High
- Micah Faga from Holland High
- Penny Green from Holland High
- Karyme Reyes from Holland High
- Julie Wade from Holland High
- Anya Wolters from Holland High
- Samantha Urrea from Michigan Online School

Do you have a college graduate in your family? We'd love to recognize them in our publications - simply send their name to us at office@trcholland.org.

Prayer Requests

Pray for the following:

- Please pray for the mother of a Kids Hope student, who is in the 39th week of a high risk pregnancy.
- Jane Johnson Keeter who is recuperating from shoulder replacement surgery.
- Phyllis Brown who is recuperating at Freedom Village Inn.
- Kathy Van Tubbergen who continues therapy for a pinched nerve in her neck.
- Those graduating from high school and college.
- Hospice Care: Margaret Doorenbos

Remember in our prayers: Ruby Steketee, Reno Lamania, Joanne and Jack Kuiper, Larry Loss, Dennis and Nancy Gebben, Mary and Harry Borsen, Bob and Elle Kuiper, Barb and Gordon Mummert, Tom Norman, Lucille Schroeder.

Prayer Spotlight: The Inn or Assisted Living at Freedom Village - Martha Beld, Esther DePree, Mary Heideman, Jack Kuiper, A.E. Lacy, Phyllis Brown

Missionaries: Jaime and Martha Amaro (Mexico) Albino and Sandy Rodriguez (Peru).