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Dear *trinity* family,

Blessings to each of you! We continue to be so excited about this amazing project before us! In this issue of the newsletter we are going to talk about a fundraiser for trees at our new site, and all about the Transforming Church Index. We will also tell you about a couple of new teams that are now meeting.

Buy A Tree

As part of the land purchase agreement, approximately ten of the thirty acres on our property have been converted into CRP usage. CRP is a conservation program through the Department of Agriculture. In early April, Gary Reinders designed and led a group that planted 600 trees including: Little Leaf Linden (Basswood), Green Ash, Burr Oak, Red Oak,

Nanny Berry Viburnum (tree like shrub), Eastern Red Cedar (evergreen tree). Dave Van Den Brink supervised to ensure that all trees were planted with the roots pointing down.☺ Here is the exciting part—you are invited to adopt a tree! As a fundraiser for the building fund, trees are “for sale” to anyone that would like to “own” one. They can be “purchased” for \$15

for adults, or, for any children in high school and below, they can be “purchased” for \$1 per year of age, up to \$10. Please see one of the team members in the Narthex or the What If? space after every service or check in at the church office. Last day to participate is Sunday, June 15!

We Need Your Input!

The Transforming Church Index [TCI] is a tool our church is using to gather input from our members and attendees on a variety of topics including: Communication, Outreach, Member Satisfaction, Financial Matters and others. This is a key part of the Strategic Planning process that we have begun with Cogun. Please take time between Monday, May 26 and Sunday, June 29 to take the survey. You can take it online by following the instructions below; or, if you'd prefer, you can fill out a paper survey.

Online Instructions:

Step 1: Log on to the website at <http://tcindex.877tagline.com>

Step 2: Enter our Church ID as follows: **trc0508**. Please pay careful attention to type this log-on exactly as it appears. You won't be allowed to log on if you have misspelled the logon or if you have used the wrong case.

Step 3: Enter our church's password: **iowa**. This password is the same for everyone in our church.

Step 4: Answer each question according to the instructions. When you have finished each set of questions,

click “Next” at the bottom of the page. You may use the “Previous” and “Next” buttons to navigate pages and change your answers at any point while you are logged on. When you click “Finish” on the last page, your answers will be saved and you will not be able to change them.

Paper Survey Instructions:

Pick up a survey at the church office or from one of the team members in the Narthex or the What If? space after every service. Complete it and return it to the church office in a sealed envelope by June 16.

In The Meantime

Two teams have been formed to help us evaluate options to maximize space for the coming year. One team is being led by Rick Scholtens and is looking into possibilities of a video venue somewhere else within the building. The other team is led by Darin Dykstra and is looking into

options for additional ministry space—potentially used for Sunday School rooms or youth space or adult space, etc. These teams hope to make recommendations to the Leadership Team in early June for evaluation of these additional options.

Stewardship Campaign Team

The team is set and ready to tackle our Stewardship Campaign. They held their first meeting with Generis on May 29 and are in the process of getting organized. The team includes Paul Aykens,

Lori Mars, Jeff Joiner, Shirley Van Wechel, Karen Clark, Rob Vand Lune, Stan & Marietta Vandersall and Brian Hector. Watch for more details to come.



Please Pray...

The team covets your prayers in the following ways:

We listen to and trust God in His leading

Stamina through the next several months

Wisdom to do the right thing

Safety for the Cogun team as they travel to/from Orange City



The Facility What If? Team Values

Wide-spread Input:

We desire to receive input from everyone who wants to have input into the process.

We desire that the entire congregation feels that they have been asked multiple times in multiple ways to contribute and communicate all that they could possibly want and envision in a new facility.

No paradigms:

We desire to challenge ourselves to evaluate everything in a new way.

If we want to reach people who are not currently being reached, then we will need to do things that no one else is doing.

Over-Communication:

We desire to keep the congregation fully informed each step of the way.

Perspective:

We desire to keep the project and the process in perspective. The facility is a means to reach the lost.

Long-term vision:

We desire to have a long-range view throughout the planning process.

Do it right:

We desire to do it right. This involves everything from proper planning to the beauty of the facility.

Involvement:

We desire to involve as many people as often and as much as possible along the way.

Joy:

We desire to always find the joy in this work of the Kingdom.

Well that's all for now! We will continue to keep you all as informed as possible. Please, please, do not hesitate to ask any one of the team members any questions that you have. Check out the website www.trinitywhatif.org for the latest information. Have a fabulous month of June!

Would you like to contact us? Great! Anytime! We would love it!!

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