

Trinity Christian Reformed Church History Highlights
1990s to 2020

Mission statement:

**Motivated by God's love for us and a hurting world,
Trinity Christian Reformed Church seeks to know God through his Word
and be equipped to serve others. We desire to do this to the praise of God.**

Core values:

**We are called to be
an authentic, compassionate, worshiping, and growing community.**

- 1994: We add a part-time Worship Coordinator position, sometimes split into 2 roles, that grows over the years and is filled by several individuals, including Von Postma, Deb Vogel, Sharon Visser, Matt Gritters, Natalie Ysselstein, Ellen De Wit, Dawn Den Hoed, Kelly Vander Pol, and Gabby Eckardt.
- 1995: Pastor Dale & Pat Ellens becomes an Associate Pastor. Dale divides his time between counseling at Bethesda Christian Counseling and serving as a chaplain in the US Army.
- 1995: Membership is at approximately 570 people in 125 families.
- 1997: Paul Van Stelle is hired as a part-time Ministry Coordinator. He and his wife Sue remain at Trinity CRC until 2001.
- 1999: Pastor Dan & Mary De Groot return to Rock Valley. Dan becomes an Associate Pastor and serves as the Executive Director of Justice for All.
- 2000: Membership is at approximately 500 people in 140 families.
- 2001: Pastor Jelmer & Diane Groenewold accept a call to Sunnyside CRC in Washington after serving as our pastor for 10 years.
- 2003: Pastor Mark & Brenda Beernink and family arrive. Originally from Sioux Center, Mark had just graduated from Sioux Falls Seminary.
- 2003: We complete the worship center and lower level addition.
- 2004: Pastor Al & Jan Kuiper arrive from Des Moines CRC.
- 2004: We launch numerous long-lasting small groups through the 40 Days of Purpose campaign.
- 2005: Membership is at approximately 700 people in 175 families.
- 2010: Pastor Al & Jan Kuiper retire to Orange City.
- 2010: Pastor Bobby & Bonita Van Otterloo and family arrive. Originally from Rock Valley, Bobby graduated from Sioux Falls Seminary while he was at Trinity CRC.
- 2010: Our total membership is the highest ever at just over 850 people in 205 families.
- 2011: Pastor Bill & Barbara Van Dyken retires as our Associate Pastor and the Religious Service Coordinator at Hope Haven and move to Everson, Washington.

- 2011: We begin welcoming younger members to profess their faith. We encourage members interested in professing their faith to walk alongside a faith mentor as an alternative to attending a profession of faith class.
- 2012: Kevin Nibbelink begins serving as the Financial Recorder, a role previously filled by Darsha Van Den Top.
- 2012: Pastor Stanley & Monica Groothof and family arrive from Telkwa CRC in British Columbia.
- 2013: Pastor Dan & Mary De Groot retires as our Associate Pastor.
- 2013: We become a sister congregation to Abide in the Vine Disciples Church in Harbel, Liberia, through our partnership with One Body One Hope.
- 2013: We begin welcoming baptized children to the Lord's Supper table.
- 2014: Pastor Mark & Brenda Beernink accept a call to Church of the Savior in Rochester, Minnesota, after serving as our pastor for 11 years.
- 2014: Jo Dirksen retires as our secretary. Others who held this position in the past include Von Postma and Elly Maas.
- 2014: We expand the secretary position and rename it the Ministry Coordinator, currently filled by Kim DeJong who had previously served as secretary together with Jo Dirksen.
- 2014: We add the Director of Youth & Family Discipleship position, currently filled by Shelli Kollis.
- 2015: Membership is at approximately 830 people in 300 families.
- 2016: Pastor Bobby & Bonita Van Otterloo accept a call to New Life Reformed Church in Sioux Center.
- 2016: We renovate the nursery.
- 2017: Pastor Dale & Pat Ellens retires as our Associate Pastor.
- 2017: Pastor Henry & Grace Lengkeek arrive from Fresno CRC in California. Pastor Henry steps into the newly-created Senior Pastor position.
- 2018: Mike & Carol Bonestroo assume the full-time maintenance and janitorial positions, something they did in a part-time capacity prior to this with Denny & Pam De Jager. John & Henrietta Vanden Bosch, Darrell & Esther Van Den Berg, and Art Kooima served as our previous janitors.
- 2018: We begin celebrating the Lord's Supper more frequently, every 4-6 weeks.
- 2019: Kelly Vander Pol and Natalie Ysselstein return to their roles as Worship Coordinators when Gabby Eckardt accepts a worship position in Sioux Falls.
- 2019: Stanton Visser becomes an ordained Commissioned Pastor serving in area prisons.
- 2020: The coronavirus pandemic results in broadcasting services for several weeks with no congregation present. It also postpones our 50th anniversary celebration by a year.
- 2020: Over 800 people call Trinity CRC their church home, growing in God's love and seeking to serve others.

Members of Council in 2020:

Deacons Theo Bartman, Jason De Groot, Zach Eckardt, Dwayne Eppinga,
Derrick Koedam, Jared Kooima, Sean Smith, and Brad Vanden Bosch
Elders Jim Boogerd, Dennis De Jager, Steve De Ruyter, Bruce Kooima,
Terry Kooima, Kurt Van Beek, Marlowe Van Ginkel, Brad Van Heuvelen,
Brent Van Oort, Leon Vanden Bosch, Brad Vis, Larry Vis, and Matt Visser
Pastors Stanley Groothof and Henry Lengkeek

Commissioned and Retired Pastors:

Dan De Groot, Dale Ellens, Stanton Visser

Staff:

Mike & Carol Bonestroo, Kim DeJong, Shelli Kollis,
Kevin Nibbelink, Kelly Vander Pol, Natalie Ysselstein

Mission Partners:

Eric & Shelly, Gabe, Olivia, and David Dirksen, Christ Church, Davis CA
Benjamin & Tricia, Miriam, and Peregrine Groenewold, Resonate Global Mission, Lithuania
Mike & Dawn Menning, Great Commission Utah, Salt Lake City UT
Ben & Emily and Lily Mooney and Chris & Donna Mooney, Bethel Ministries, Guatemala
Porfirio & Yudy Rodriguez, Pan America Mission, Honduras
Joel & Marilyn, Joel Jr. (Joeito), and Sophia Van Dyke, Resonate Global Mission, Sarasota FL
plus ATLAS, Compassion Child Care, Cornerstone Prison Church,
Hope Haven, Justice for All, and Love INC

Sister Congregation:

Abide in the Vine Disciples Church in Harbel, Liberia
Pastor Francis & Betty Jallah
Pastor Emmanuel F. & Fatu S. Bimba, head pastor of AVDC network

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