



Trinity Times

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WHAT FEAST OF LOVE IS OFFERED HERE?

We are in our Lenten season – a tradition that dates back to the 2nd century with elements of pre-Easter fasting especially in preparation for Easter-time baptisms. This year we have been marking Lenten worship with a call to worship and TWO gathering songs, one contemporary and one traditional and also after worship creating a piece of community art – our Lent Cross hanging in the nave with its five panels and five themes.

Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. Acts 2:46-47



Early Christian painting of an Agape feast

Last year we tried a new thing at the end of Lent – a Maundy Thursday ‘Agape meal’. Agape is the New Testament Greek word for self-giving love. In the Christian tradition ‘Agape’ (Love Feast) is also the name for informal meals and times of togetherness and mutual sharing which remind us of all those early Christians’ love feasts and the unity

that the Spirit continues to give to us. The Visioning group at Trinity has been working on what we see, feel and understand to be the important things in the question, ‘who is Trinity – and what do we do here?’ One major item is the

sense of community – the gathering of the faithful. It is not surprising that community is a primary element of who we are – community has always been part of Christian churches right from the beginning and with that comes eating together. Community gathering and eating together is something we need to be very intentional about and this Maundy Thursday Agape meal fits beautifully in to that.

What does an Agape meal look like? We will eat about 6:30pm, with worship, singing, prayers and communion included. We will eat and worship in the C.J. Killinger Hall. Afterwards some will clean up the meal and some will attend to the church space to prepare for the Good Friday worship. There is no cost for the meal, all are welcome, however we do need to know rough numbers of people attending to help us plan for food quantities. Watch for details.

This will be our feast of love, a banquet come from heaven. Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the manna given! What a feast of love it will be.

Pastor Steve

P.S. If this message seems familiar, you would be right. It was adapted from my 2016 message in Lent – the meal and the message bears repeating.

MID-WEEK WORSHIP IN LENT

There are five congregations meeting for a Soup Supper at 6 pm and Evening Prayer at 7 pm.

Here is the remaining schedule:

March 29, 2017 Redeemer Lutheran
1 Frank Place
Holden Evening Prayer

April 5, 2017 St. Ansgar Lutheran
600 Lawson Rd.
Holden Evening Prayer



Maundy Thursday

Agape Meal & Worship 13 April – 6:30 pm
with Holy Communion &
Stripping of the altar to follow

Good Friday

Worship 14 April 10:30 am

Easter Sunday

Worship with Holy Communion 10:30 am

SYRIAN FAMILY UPDATE

The Al Zahir family arrived in Canada on June 15, 2016 and our promised year of support is heading for the final few months. Parents Khaldoun (father) and Ghadir (mother) and their son - Salim, and daughters - Hana and Islam are settling into Canada life very well. Here are some major highlights in their journey and achievements in Canada.

The family has a doctor and a dentist. Medical and dental care for all three children is up to date - costs are covered by OHIP and Healthy Smiles Ontario.

Two oldest children, Hannah and Salim, are attending kindergarten at Sherwood Fox Elementary School. They are in the same class and doing well. Khaldoun is almost finished his 2nd session of ESL. His ability to speak and understand English is quite amazing for the amount of time here. Ghadir is still waiting for ESL placement with childcare for Islam. She is studying English through a Rosetta Stone programme on her laptop and we can see the progress she is making too. The children are mastering English very quickly through school.

The children have enjoyed various special days in Canada---Halloween, Christmas and New Year's, Valentine's Day along with the special treats and costumes associated with some of those days. Khaldoun now has his Ontario driver's license. The family has purchased a used van and are becoming more and more independent - we no longer have to assist them with grocery shopping or any other type of shopping. They have gone a few places for outings since, including to the Kitchener area to visit friends.

Khaldoun and Ghadir are expecting a baby girl the end of June - a Canadian baby. Ghadir is enjoying a healthy pregnancy with regular doctor appointments. We will have a baby shower for her after they move into their new accommodations. We are actively looking for a townhouse or semi-detached home for the family for May 1st - with the new baby coming, they will need bigger accommodations, as well as an outdoor area for the children to play.

The family is managing to budget their income fairly well and paying all their own bills; the only thing that the churches are still paying is their rent. Khaldoun is actively looking for a job; his training is in upholstery; however, is willing to take anything - so far, he has not found work --- if anyone in the parish knows of an opportunity, or has a contact for employment please let us know.

The family is extremely grateful for all the help that we have given them, and never miss an opportunity to tell us this every time we see them.

Written by Nancy Barwick (St. Andrew Memorial Anglican Church) for the Refugee Team.



Greetings from Council. I want to show my thanks and gratitude for the strong support council has received from the members of Trinity. I am really amazed by the outpouring of love and support and thanks that council members have received since starting on council last month. We are thankful for the opportunity to serve the church in this way. We are a large mix of different ages, professional backgrounds, gender etc. which I feel represents the congregation very well. Of course, we all brought together by our common goals to serve the church we all love so much.

WHEN WE MET

Council met on Monday 6 March, one week earlier than usual to accommodate council members who would be absent over the March Break. Katie Millar –Harrison chaired the meeting, which was called to order at 7:01 pm. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

WHAT WE DISCUSSED

Pastor Steve spoke of the new contemporary format including having one contemporary and one traditional hymn at the start of the services. The Lenten cross and the progress of the Worship Team and the Visioning Committee.

Please note that bulletins with large font will be available starting **Sunday 19 March**. This is something new to accommodate those who require large print. If this is something that you would benefit from please let Anette know.

FULL OF THANKS

Council discussed our thanks to Deb Peppers, Nancy Manners and Kathy Meadows for their work with Sunday School. Council is enthusiastic to learn more about the ongoing projects with Sunday School and learning about how council can support those efforts.

Council heard the good news that the parsonage roof has been replaced and the interior walls and ceiling will be fixed. Council discussed the new automatic door openers on the basement bathroom doors. Have you seen them yet? They look and work great! Thanks to those who serve on the property committee for keeping our beautiful church in such great working order!

Thanks to all who serve in the church!

OTHER BUSINESS

Standing committees will be confirmed at our next church meeting.

Council discussed the LSSL Scholarship. An announcement was put in the bulletin as the deadline is April 30 2017.

Council discussed storage solutions for the archives of Trinity Lutheran church. It was agreed that those items may be stored in the old sound closet behind the choir. Shelving and other storage solutions are being investigated.

EXCITING NEWS

A motion was made to accept the new sign design as presented at the February 5,2016 Annual Meeting. The design will be used on all 4 sides of the cube sign, a banner on the lower tower, the sign board on Colborne Street, business cards and letter

head. A celebration to retire the current sign and logo will be planned as it has served us well and we appreciate the effort and Love of the late Ted Schindler who designed the current church logo. More information on the permits, details and time lines to follow.

Council meets again on **Monday 10 April at 7:00 pm** where we plan to discuss and brainstorm goals for the coming year. Please contact a council member if you have any thoughts to share with council on this issue.

Sincerely,
Katie Millar-Harrison
Council Vice-Chair

TLW

The first Seniors' Worship & Luncheon for 2017 is on **Tuesday 11 April at 11:30 am**. All Seniors and their friends are welcome. If anyone needs a ride please call the Church office and we will gladly pick you up and return you home.

Next dates to look for are **9 May and 13 June**.



This past week we delivered a cart to the Mission store for their Linen Department. Many thanks to all of you for supporting the TLW whether by helping at our various activities or purchasing pies. It is because of your generosity that we were able to purchase this much needed cart.

The Mission store is open Monday through Saturday with a wide variety of items available for purchase. Through their voucher program in 2016 almost half a million dollars of clothes and items for the home were distributed. Our thanks also to LSSL for donating to the voucher program.

If anyone would like to visit the store and have a look around, that can be arranged. We have volunteers from Trinity helping out on Wednesdays and Fridays.

~ Barb Drogemuller



Mark your calendar for this year's Yard Sale which is being held on **Saturday 27 May from 8 am until noon**. Call Annette in the church office and reserve your space(s) early!

LUTHERAN MEN'S CLUB

The next Lutheran Men's Club meeting will be held on **Saturday 22 April at 9 am**. The men from Trinity along with the men from St. Ansgar and Redeemer are invited to our meetings.



Join us on **Sunday 2 April 2017** when we will be highlighting the ministry of Compassion Canada. We will be joined by Dr. Bill Coleman who will be speaking and sharing about Compassion's child sponsorship ministry.

Compassion connects you and the church in the developing world to end poverty in the life of a child. They work with the local church in 26 countries to help children get an education, medical care, nutritious food, provide clean drinking water, learn a sustainable vocation and discover the love for them in the gospel of Jesus Christ.

IT'S TIME TO START THINKING ABOUT POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION BURSARIES / SCHOLARSHIPS

Applications for the TL Ristine, CJ Killinger and GH Dobrindt Bursaries are now available from the church office. Deadline is 31 May.

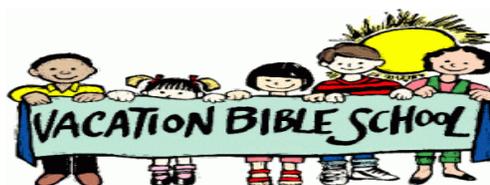


PLEASE NOTE:

There are no scholarships being offered by Synod this year.

LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES (LONDON) SCHOLARSHIP PLAN

Applications will be considered for courses for semesters in 2017-2018 academic year. Details of the scholarship program are on the Church website at trinitylondon.ca or available from the church office. Applicants need to submit their applications with the necessary letters of approval from the Pastor and the Church Council to Lutheran Social Services (London), P.O. Box 43016 London, Ontario, N6J 0A7. The deadline for submission for this period will be **30 April**.



Mark the dates ~ **17-21 July 2017** at Trinity along with Redeemer and St. Ansgar Lutheran Churches. This is sure to be another fun-filled week! Watch for more details in upcoming newsletters, bulletins and on our webpage.

LOOKING BACK IN TRINITY'S HISTORY

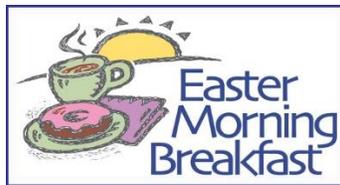
10 Years Ago
2007



1. Crocheters and knitters were invited to Trinity. Coffee was on and good fellowship was had by all.
2. Hot Buttered Music ~ A concert that featured the music from stage and silver screen was performed by our organist, Ross McDonald.
3. Men's Club guest speaker spoke about hybrid vehicles. Coffee and donuts were provided.
4. Video series ~ Israel: A Journey Through Time. Weekly viewings started this month.
5. Mission trip to Bangladesh ~ Trinity was approved for a \$500 matching grant from FaithLife. We reached our goal and gave Katie Bestvater \$1,000 for her mission trip.

25 Years Ago
1992

1. Ladies Event Spring Promenade was held. Tickets were \$3.50. Proceeds to go towards the Parish Hall Floor. There was coffee, dessert & door prizes.
2. Passion Sunday 12 April. Participants in the reading included Pastor Steve Olson, Susan Johnson, Hugh Drogemuller, Ed Schweitzer, Mary Kunkel, Nancy King and David Weind.
3. Easter Breakfast was served from 8 am until 10 am by our youth. Freewill offering with all proceeds going towards the Labyrinth Youth Gathering in Kingston in August.



4. Prelude ~ Jesus Joy of Man's Desiring, J.S. Bach.

50 Years Ago
1967

1. Adult Confirmation and public reception of new members was held during worship service. Sermon theme was "Church? What's In it for Me?".
2. Acts of Love Worship 297; Sunday School 184. Offerings Current \$394.90, Missions \$228.60, Building \$91.55, Special \$34.50, Miscellaneous \$96.67 – Total \$836.22.
3. Measles vaccine was offered to children aged 1 to 12 years today between noon and 4 pm.
4. Bulletins and daffodils were supplied by the Canadian Cancer Society as a reminder to all to remember the Cancer Society.



SERVING IN APRIL



Palm
Sunday
9 April

Easter
16 April

23 April

30 April

Communion Assistants	Natascha Beisswenger-Mooney Greg Jaworski	Heather Holmes Natascha Beisswenger-Mooney	Nick Killinger Anthony Pepers	Emily & Katelyn Inch	Ted Reinhard Greg Jaworski
Ushers	Carolyn & Bob Sellars Brady Hough	Glenn & Cathy Egan Nancy Henkel	Dave & Pauline Hutchison Nancy Hickling	Steve & Jean Krautner Vivian Parker	Bob & Carolyn Sellars Brady Hough
Reader	Brady Hough	Vivian Parker	Heather Holmes	Herb Henkel	Nick Killinger
Bannerbearer			TBA		
Acolyte	Heather Holmes	Greg Jaworski	TBA	Herb Henkel	Nick Killinger
Crucifer	Cheryl Millar	Heather Holmes	TBA	Julia Liska	Cheryl Millar
Altar Care	←----- Carolyn & Bob Sellars, Marie Gray -----→				
Greeters	Tara, Greg, Tyler & Ryan Kuran	Barb Hamilton Linda Reynolds	Alice Johnson Francis, Francis Jr & Lisa Hinnah	Nancy Magguilli Janelle Lightbourne	Nancy & Herb Henkel
Coffee Hosts	Carolyn & Bob Sellars	Kathy & Jim Hough	Phoebe, Robert & Emily Kmith	Pauline & Dave Hutchison	Jean & Steve Krautner
Prayer Rotation	Rev Mike Lees Trinity, Windsor	Bishop Michael Pryse, Eastern Synod & Support Staff	Bishop Susan Johnson, National ELCIC Office & Support Staff	Thames Ministry Area – for the leadership team & for our work & celebration together	Our Anglican neighbours St. Paul's & Bishop of Huron Linda Nicholls

APRIL

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 5 th Sunday in Lent LCFI 2:30 pm	3 Northern Hospitality 5:30 pm	4	5 LCFI 4 pm Lenten Soup & Worship 6 pm at St. Ansgar	6 Mutual Ministry 9 am Choir 7:30 pm	7	8
9  LCFI 2:30 pm	10 Council 7 pm	11 Senior's Worship & Lunch 11:30 am LCFI 7:30 pm	12 LCFI 4 pm	13  Agape Meal & Worship 6:30 pm	14  GOOD FRIDAY Worship 10:30 am <i>Office Closed</i>	15
16  LCFI 2:30 pm	17 Lutheran Social Services 9 am <i>Newsletter items due 9 am</i> <i>Office Closed</i>	18	19 Volunteering at London Food Bank 6:30 pm LCFI 7 pm	20 LCFI 10 am Choir 7:30 pm	21	22 Lutheran Men's Club 9 am
23 2 nd Sunday of Easter LCFI 2:30 pm	24	25 LCFI 7:30 pm	26 LCFI 7 pm	27 Choir 7:30 pm	28	29 Liberian Group 5 pm
30 3 rd Sunday of Easter LCFI 2:30 pm	<p>To unsubscribe from receiving the Trinity Times Newsletter, please go to: http://trinitylondon.ca/?page_id=1300</p>					