

DECEMBER 2017

## ADVENT & CHRISTMAS AT TRINITY

A wonderful season of gathering and worship is planned to bring us together to celebrate the birth of Christ.



### **DECEMBER 2 AT 6:30 PM LIGHTING THE OUTDOOR CHRISTMAS TREE**

Join with us for carols led by the Trinity Choir, enjoy hot chocolate and good Christmas Cheer. Special guests, Inshallah – London Choir.



### **DECEMBER 3 AT 10:30 AM ADVENT 1 – CANDLE OF HOPE**

This year Trinity's Visioning Team will be leading the Advent liturgy

### **DECEMBER 10 AT 10:30 AM ADVENT 2 – CANDLE OF LOVE**

Congregational Christmas dinner after worship

### **DECEMBER 17 AT 10:30 AM ADVENT 3 – CANDLE OF JOY**

Christmas Pageant today – telling the story.

### **DECEMBER 24 AT 10:30 AM ADVENT 4 – CANDLE OF PEACE**

Lighting the 4<sup>th</sup> candle and moving into a carol sing and Holy Communion

## BIBLE STUDY



### **ADVENT REFLECTIONS: I WONDER AS I WANDER**

Hope, love, joy and peace - for many of us, these are the names of the four candles lit during Advent. But do these words mean anything to us and to the world today? Is

hope still alive? Does love always find a way? What gives joy to the world? Will nations - and next-door neighbors - ever be at peace? We will explore questions like these and reflect on who God is and what God has done through Jesus in this season of preparation.

**NOVEMBER 29 AT 2:00 PM** – Theme Hope  
Read Psalm 146:5-7, Romans 5:1-5, 8:18-25, Ephesians 2:12-15, 1 Thessalonians 4:13-14, 1 Peter 1:3-7

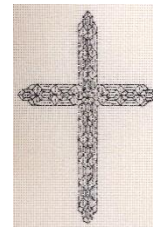
**DECEMBER 6 AT 2:00 PM** – Theme Love  
Read Luke 1:46-55, 4:6-30, 13:10-17

**DECEMBER 13 AT 2:00 PM** – Theme Joy  
Read Genesis 21:1-7, Isaiah 12:1-6, 51:1-11, 55:6-13

**DECEMBER 20 AT 2:00 PM** – Theme Peace  
Read John 14:15-31, Philippians 4:4-9

## THANK YOU

Many thanks from our family for your kindness and compassion with your cards and messages of love and support following the death of my father. I read through the cards almost every day. ~ Pastor Steve



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## REFORMATION CHALLENGE – FINAL UPDATE



### TRINITY'S CONTRIBUTION:

- ❖ **Update - Set a goal to give \$1000 to the LWF Endowment Fund:** We have received an extra donation and that pushed us over our goal. We raised \$1,528!
- ❖ **Sponsored 5 refugees to Canada** with our partners.
- ❖ **Provided 1.2 scholarships for ELCJHL schools:**
- ❖ **Planted 400 trees** through the seedling give away and tree planting with Reforest London.



Well done people of Trinity! We have given our fair share towards the Reformation Challenge. Thank you for your generosity.

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## ANNUAL REPORT ITEMS

Please be sure to have your items for the Annual Report into the church office **no later than Monday 8 January 2018.**

### TLW

**Congregational Christmas Dinner - Sunday 10 December** right after the service. Tickets are available each Sunday until December 3. Cost is the same as last year - adults \$10, children (5 to 12 years) \$5 and children under 5 are free. This is a popular event and tickets are limited. A traditional turkey dinner, a carol sing-along, door prizes and Santa with his elf with gifts for the children will be here, too.

**Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child** - Thank you to those who participated this

year. There will be 26 happy children receiving your gifts.

**Seniors' Christmas Worship and Lunch - Tuesday 12 December at 11:30 am.** Come and join your friends for worship, your favourite Christmas carols and a festive turkey lunch with all the trimmings. If you have not participated before, come and see what you have been missing. You and your friends are always welcome. Call Annette in the church office if you need a ride.

**Pies** - Thank you to those who ordered pies. If you have not picked up beef or shepherd's pies that you ordered, please speak to Barb Drogemuller. Turkey pies will be available in December. No more orders are being taken at present.



**CLWR** - Living and Learning Kits are being prepared for shipment in the new year. Monetary donations would be greatly appreciated. Please mark your envelopes with "TLW for CLWR kits".

**My Sisters' Place** - During the cold months, warm socks, gloves, Tim Horton gift cards (\$5) a small gift items are especially needed. Please place your donations in the box in the Koehler Hall.

THE TLW EXECUTIVE WISHES EVERYONE A JOYOUS CHRISTMAS AND A HEALTHY AND HAPPY NEW YEAR.

~ Lydia Reinhard

**LIBRARY CORNER**

Be sure to check out the display of Christmas books, cds and dvds. You are sure to find a book or two (or more) to enjoy. Whether you are looking for a charming Christmas story or an inspirational, thought provoking read, there is something there for you. There are also MANY children's books for all ages and interests. Grandparents, if you are going to have little ones visiting during the holidays, choose some books to read at bedtime.

**POINSETTIAS**



We will be decorating the church with Poinsettias for the Christmas season. Your minimum \$8.00 donation to the

TLW Flower Fund will be recognized with a dedication in the church bulletin on **Sunday 17 December**.

**Order forms are to be returned  
no later than Sunday 10 December**

**FLOWER AND  
BULLETIN CHARTS**

The new Flower and Bulletin Charts are now up on the bulletin board next to Pastor Steve's office. Be sure to sign-up early if there is a special date you'd like to put flowers on the altar or provide the bulletins. Don't be disappointed, sign-up early!

**MEN'S CLUB**

**LADIES' NIGHT DINNER  
Saturday 20 January 2018 ~ 6 pm**



**Be sure to mark your calendar and join us! Watch for more details in the January Trinity Times and our weekly bulletins.**

LCFI are having a Men's Club Breakfast on **Saturday 23 December at 9 am**. Cost is \$5 per person. They are extending an invitation to the men (and their sons) of Trinity. All are welcome.

**DON'T FORGET ~  
LOCK YOUR CAR**

We want to remind everyone to lock your cars when you are here at Trinity. Be sure to not leave any valuables visible. This is a good practice, not only at this time of year, but all year long.



The Scan Away Hunger™ Campaign runs throughout November and December at several participating locations in London. It's a vital way to support our clients given that approximately 200,000 meals are served yearly through three of our five branches.

Please consider adding \$3.11 to your bill at Freshco, Giant Tiger, Metro, Remark Fresh Market, Sobeys,

Valu-Mart & Tony Roma's to help those less fortunate in our community.

charge to you. If you are interested in supporting your church in this manner, please call Annette in the church office to make arrangements.

## **PRE-AUTHORIZED REMITTANCE ~ PAR**

For any member who, for whatever reason, finds it difficult to attend church on a regular basis but really wants to support their church financially. There is a PAR (Pre-Authorized Remittance) plan that you can use to make regular contributions. All you have to do is decide how much you would like to contribute and that amount will be withdrawn from your bank account each month. Please note this amount can be changed at any time with no

## **2018 CHURCH CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES**

This is to inform you that everyone who uses envelopes to make their financial contributions to the church will be able to pick up their 2018 church envelope packets at the library table on **Sunday 10 December**. If you do not find a packet for yourself, please put your name on the sheet that will be there, and a set will be made up for you and you will be able to pick them up at the church.

## **LOOKING BACK IN TRINITY'S HISTORY**

10 Years Ago  
2007



1. Want to spice up your prayer life? ~ Different People, Different

- Prayers ~ an event was held to encourage adults to pray.
2. We accepted donations for the recent cyclone that occurred in Bangladesh.
  3. Choir anthems for Christmas Eve Service were – Arise! Shine! (Williams/Martin), and Christmas Time (Smithy/Carlson).
  4. Special thank you was given to all members of Trinity who brought in their Nativity Scenes for all to see.



25 Years Ago  
1992

1. We gave 15 Christmas gifts to Rotholme Women's & Family Emergency Shelter.
2. LIFT House were seeking donations of freshly baked Christmas cookies to fill their cookie jar.
3. Youth were asking for donations of Canadian Tire money to help them purchase sports equipment.
4. Caroling event was held at the home of Dennis & Julia Liska. Everyone was welcomed.



50 Years Ago  
1967

1. A Centennial Pot-Luck Supper was held. The congregation was asked to dress in an old-fashioned costume and make either a casserole, salad or dessert, preferably using an old-fashioned recipe.
2. Two Christmas trees were placed beside the altar, one decorated modern and the other old-fashioned.
3. Children's Christmas Service was held. "The Gifts of Christmas". Introduction – The Gift of a Saviour (pre-teen class). The Gift of Peace (junior classes). The Gift of Love (nursery & kindergarten classes). The Gift of Joy (primary class). Our Gifts to Jesus (kindergarten & special classes).

4. Lutheran teens held a tobogganing party on 31 December.

**SERVING IN DECEMBER**



	<u>3 Dec</u>	<u>10 Dec</u>	<u>17 Dec</u>	<u>24 Dec</u>	
Communion Assistants	Nick Killinger Heather Holmes	Vivian Parker Brady Hough	Katelyn & Emily Inch	Ted Reinhard Bob McGee	Vivian Parker Ted Reinhard
Ushers	Glenn & Cathy Egan Nancy Henkel	Steve & Jean Krautner Brady Hough	Bob & Carolyn Sellars Nancy Hickling	Greg & Tara Kuran Lawrence Petch	Glenn & Cathy Egan Nancy Henkel
Reader	Anthony Pepers	Teresa Nicholds	Lydia Reinhard	Herb Henkel	Cheryl Millar
Acolyte	Heather Holmes	Doug Hohnstein	Ted Reinhard	Herb Henkel	Steve Krautner
Crucifer	Anthony Pepers	Jean Hohnstein	Lydia Reinhard	Heather Holmes	Cheryl Millar
Altar Care	←-----Nancy Magguilli, Linda Reynolds, Julia Liska -----→				
Greeters	Barb Hamilton Linda Reynolds	TBA	Nancy Magguilli	TBA	TBA
Refreshments	Lydia & Ted Reinhard	Eleanor & Lloyd Anderson	Kathy & Laurie Meadows	-----	-----
Prayer Rotation	Rev David Wirt St. Ansgar London	Rev John Goldsworthy St. John, Aylmer	Rev Sylvia Swiatoschik St. Paul's Leamington	Rev Laura Sauder St. Peter's Brodhagen	Rev Nadine Schroeder-Kranz St. Peter's, Zurich

**SERVING ON CHRISTMAS EVE**

Ushers ~ Dave & Pauline Hutchison, Vivian Parker  
 Greeters ~ David, Lynne, Nicholas & Nathan Killinger  
 Bannerbearer ~ TBA  
 Readers ~ TBA  
 Acolyte, Crucifer ~ TBA  
 Refreshments ~ Herb Henkel



Come early on Christmas Eve  
and share some refreshments  
& fellowship

**WORSHIP AT CHRISTMAS TIME**

**December 24 at 3:30 pm LCFI's Christmas Eve Celebration**

All are welcome to attend this informal worship service

**December 24 at 7:30 pm Trinity's Traditional Christmas Eve Celebration**

All the traditional carols, readings and a message from Pastor Steve

**December 25th at 10:30 am Trinity's Traditional Christmas Day Celebration**

We gather as if around the hearth at home – very close and intimate service  
with readings, carols, and Holy Communion.



# DECEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 Outdoor Christmas Tree Lighting 6:30 pm
3 1st Sunday of Advent  LCFI 2:30 pm	4 Northern Hospitality 5:30 pm	5 LCFI 9 am  Inshallah Choir 5:30 pm	6 LCFI 7 pm	7 Choir 7:30 pm	8	9 Lions Breakfast with Santa 9 am
10 2nd Sunday of Advent  Annual Christmas Dinner 12 pm  LCFI 2:30 pm	11 Mission Services Dinner 5 pm  Council 6:30 pm  <i>Newsletter items due 9 am</i>	12 Seniors' Worship & Luncheon 11:30 am  Inshallah Choir 5:30 pm	13 LCFI 7 pm	14 LCFI 10 am  Choir 7:30 pm	15	16 Confirmation Class 9 am  Pageant Rehearsal 9 am
17 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent  Christmas Pageant  LCFI 2:30 pm	18 Lutheran Social Services 9:30 am	19 Inshallah Choir 5:30 pm	20 LCFI 7 pm	21 Choir 7:30 pm	22	23 LCFI Men's Breakfast 9 am
24  LCFI Worship 3:30 pm  Worship Service 7:30 pm	25  Worship 10:30 am  <i>Office Closed</i>	26      <i>Office Closed</i>	27	28	29	30
31 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday after Christmas  LCFI 2:30 pm	<p><i>To unsubscribe from receiving the Trinity Times Newsletter, please go to: <a href="http://trinitylondon.ca/?page_id=1300">http://trinitylondon.ca/?page_id=1300</a></i></p>					

# *THE CANDY CANE*

When we see a candy cane we think of Jesus, the Good Shepherd. Let its shape remind us of a shepherd's crook and the words of Jesus, "I am the Good Shepherd, I know my own and my own know me." (John 10:14). As the white colour of the body of the cane causes us to think of the purity of Jesus, let the red stripes help us remember the blood of His sacrifice. "But he was wounded for our transgressions ..." (Isaiah 53:5). The fragrance of peppermint is symbolic of hyssop, a bushy herb used in purification rites. David asks God, "Purge me with hyssop and I shall be clean..." (Psalm 51:7). As we break and share a Candy Cane, recall His words, "This is my body that is for you..." (1 Corinthians 11:24).



*Written by Marjorie Gordon, 1968 ~ Christmas Ideals Book*