

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
SUNDAY 11 FEBRUARY 2018
FOLLOWING WORSHIP

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NEVER HAVE I EVER

As a pastor I get to do some wonderful things. Here are two that, even a few months ago, I would never have imagined that I would be engaged in.

FIRST, I baptised Suhasini Tankasala, a Western Student, from India. So what? I hear you said, surely you have baptised lots of people? Yes, I have, mostly infants but also a few adults and teenagers. But never have I ever baptised a person by full immersion. On Saturday 20th January a few Trinity people gathered for the watery sacrament using a borrowed portable tank from West Park Baptist Church. Please welcome our newly baptised sister, Suhasini (Sue-hasini), to Trinity Lutheran Church.

SECOND, never have I ever read a papal encyclical letter. Like last year in Lent we are gathering with our sister ELCIC congregations (Redeemer & St. Ansgar) and the Roman Catholic parishes of St. Michael's and St. Justin's for supper and worship on Wednesdays. Last year we used the 5 imperatives from the Lutheran/Roman Catholic worship in Lund Sweden on 31st October 2016 as our theme for the Lenten prayer services. This year – we are using the “ENCYCLICAL LETTER LAUDATO SI’ OF THE HOLY FATHER FRANCIS ON CARE FOR OUR

COMMON HOME”, that was published 24 May 2015. It is all about ecology and our common care and responsibility for our shared earthly home.

The letter from Pope Francis opens:

“Laudato si’, mi’ Signore” – “Praise be to you, my Lord”. In the words of this beautiful canticle, Saint Francis of Assisi reminds us that our common home is like a sister with whom we share our life and a beautiful mother who opens her arms to embrace us.

In the letter we are reminded of the connection between the deterioration of nature and human culture, and that this is a spiritual issue. Pope Francis further writes, “Regrettably, many efforts to seek concrete solutions to the environmental crisis have proved ineffective, not only because of powerful opposition but also because of a more general lack of interest.”

I am looking forward to hearing how the other pastors (Lutheran and Roman Catholic) approach our Lenten theme. We will be gathering for supper at 6 pm and worship & prayer at 7 pm each Wednesday

in Lent to share fellowship and continue in conversation. See the details later in this newsletter.

I think God gives us lots of opportunities to explore other ways of being and thinking about our Christian and spiritual lives. I thank God for the opportunities that I have had – including these recent ones.

Peace

Pastor Steve

BIBLE STUDY

We are continuing with our Bible Study in Romans – there is a guide book available.

Wednesdays 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm

31 January Session 5 – How can I keep from singing?

7 February Session 6 – What does God want from us?



No Bible Study during Lent

IN LENT MIDWEEK SUPPER & WORSHIP

Ash Wednesday, 14 February - Holden Evening prayer – 7:30 pm Imposition of Ashes

We are partnering with St. Ansgar, Redeemer Lutheran and St. Justin and St. Michael's Roman Catholic churches for Wednesday evening soup supper at 6 pm & worship at 7 pm.

21 February at Redeemer Lutheran Church
1 Frank Place

28 February at St. Michael's Catholic Church
515 Cheapside St.

7 March at Trinity Lutheran Church
746 Colborne St.

14 March at St. Justin's Catholic Church
855 Jalna Blvd.

21 March at St. Ansgar Lutheran Church
600 Lawson Rd.

TLW

Seniors' Worship and Lunches will resume in April.

Pies: Be sure to pick up pies that you have ordered. Next pie orders will be taken in the spring. Watch the Sunday Bulletin for details.

CLWR - Living and Learning Kits. FORTY kits are on their way to CLWR Headquarters in Winnipeg.

Thanks again to Home Hardware (Adelaide St. N.) for making this delivery for us. We will be starting to assemble the next 40 kits. Your monetary donations would be appreciated. Please mark the envelope - CLWR Kits.

Help for Others in Our Community - Please continue to fill My Sisters' Place box with needed personal items, bus tickets and small gifts. Also, bus tickets are needed for the clients at the Mission Store. Your donations can be put on the Offering Plate on Sundays.

~ Lydia Reinhard

LIBRARY CORNER

Christmas books have been stored away for another year. If you still have outstanding books, please return them. Take a look at the display of books about PRAYER. We all have so much to pray about, but often don't know how to express ourselves and worry that God is not listening. Sometimes, we just need others to share their thoughts and wisdom on how to petition and how to praise. On these chilly days, there is nothing better than a comfortable, warm spot and a good book.

~ Bob McGee & Lydia Reinhard

MEN'S CLUB

The next Men's Club Breakfast Meeting will be held on **Saturday 17 February at 9 am**. They will welcome guest speaker MPP Peggy Sattler who will be discussing the Ontario Hydro issues. Our meetings are open to all men of the congregation.

LAY SPIRITUAL RETREAT



"Participating in the Christ Consciousness" Lay Spiritual Retreat is being held **6-8 April** at Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre in Niagara Falls. The cost is \$250 which includes meals, linens and accommodation. Please make cheque payable to The Eastern Synod. Registration and information can be found on-line at www.easternsynod.org. For more information, please see poster and application on the bulletin board in the Koehler Fellowship Hall.



PANCAKE SUPPER

TUESDAY 13 FEBRUARY - 5:30-7:00 PM
ST. ANSGAR LUTHERAN CHURCH
600 LAWSON ROAD

FREEWILL OFFERING ~ ALL ARE WELCOME

JOIN US FOR OUR ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP

14 FEBRUARY AT 7:30 PM
HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER
IMPOSITION OF ASHES
& HOLY COMMUNION

EVERYONE WELCOME



LOOKING BACK IN TRINITY'S HISTORY

10 Years Ago
2008

1. Youth held a Valentine's Dinner for the adult members of the congregation. Cost was only \$10. Delicious food, music to dance to and door prizes. Money raised was used to help support the youth trip to attend the youth conference in the Yukon.
2. Lunch hour Lenten Worship Theme was "Biblical Women of Faith".
3. Prayer workshop was held ~ different people, different prayers.
4. We thanked Katie Bestvater for providing beautiful cello music during our worship service.

25 Years Ago
1993

1. Afternoon of euchre was held at Trinity. Dessert and coffee were provided. Cost was \$2.
2. Pictorial Directory ~ help was needed to produce it. Ross & Sue Cordell were heading the project. Help was needed in typing, photography, proofreading and assembly.
3. Choir anthem ~ Like as a Father, sung by the Jr. & Sr. Choirs.
4. Pancake Supper was held at Luther House. Cost: Freewill donation.



50 Years Ago
1968

1. There was a Rescue Mission Luncheon held at Trinity. This was a regular auxiliary meeting that was hosted jointly by Trinity and Valley-view Mennonite ladies.
2. The Lutheran Student Movement and the Talbot Theatre Committee presented a 1-1/2 hour program in the Talbot Theatre. Tickets were only \$2.
3. Guest speaker Miss Shirley Jaskari, Christian Nurses Association and Ms. D. Hogg, City Police Dept., spoke to our young people in our Sunday School program.
4. London Lutheran teens visited the New McCormick Home for the Aged and held their annual skating party at New Hamburg. Note, last year (1967) 300 people attend this event.

SERVING IN FEBRUARY



	<u>4 February</u>	<u>11 February</u>	<u>18 February</u>	<u>25 February</u>
Communion Assistants	Reinhard Helbing Vivian Parker	Anthony Pepers Greg Jaworski	Katelyn & Emily Inch	Heather Holmes Ted Reinhard
Ushers	Glenn & Cathy Egan Nancy Henkel	Steve & Jean Krautner Nancy Hickling	Bob & Carolyn Sellars Brady Hough	Greg & Tara Kuran Lawrence Petch
Reader	Nancy Magguilli	Jean Krautner	Cheryl Millar	Teresa Nicholds
Acolyte	Linda Reynolds	Greg Jaworski	Heather Holmes	Doug Hohnstein
Crucifer	Nancy Magguilli	Anthony Pepers	Cheryl Millar	Jean Hohnstein
Altar Care	< ----- Marie Gray, Carolyn & Bob Sellars, Jodi Kaufman ----- >			
Greeters	Phoebe, Robert & Emily Kmith	Rosemary Christensen Monica Spilsbury	Heather & Jeff Holmes	Viola & George Cooper & Family
Refreshments	Phoebe, Robert & Emily Kmith	Julia & Dennis Liska	Kathy & Laurie Meadows	Carolyn & Bob Sellars
Prayer Rotation	Thames Ministry area for our work & celebration together	Our Anglican neighbours - St. Paul's Cathedral & Bishop of Huron Linda Nicholls	Retired Pastors Rev Jack Dressler Rev Jim Garey Rev Tom Ristine Rev Jo von Schmeling Rev Bob Zimmerman Rev Glen Sellick	Rev Katherine Altenburg Redeemer, London



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FEBRUARY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Choir 7:30 pm	2	3
4 5 th Sunday after Epiph- any LCFI 2:30 pm	5 Northern Hospitality 5:30 pm	6 LCFI 9 am Inshallah Choir 5:30 pm	7 Bible Study 2 pm LCFI 7:30 pm	8 Choir 7:30 pm	9	10
11 Transfigura- tion of Our Lord Annual Meeting 11:45 am LCFI 2:30 pm	12 Council 7 pm	13 Shrove Tuesday <u>Pancake Supper at St. Ansgar 5:30 pm</u> Inshallah Choir 5:30 pm	14  ASH WEDNESDAY Worship 7:30 pm LCFI 7:30 pm	15 Choir 7:30 pm	16	17 Men's Club 9 am 
18 1 st Sunday in Lent LCFI 2:30 pm	19 Family Day <i>Newsletter items due 9 am</i> <i>Office Closed</i>	20 Inshallah Choir 5:30 pm	21 LCFI 7:30 pm	22 Choir 7:30 pm	23	24 Confirmation Class 9 am
25 2 nd Sunday in Lent LCFI 2:30 pm	26	27 Inshallah Choir 5:30 pm	28 LCFI 7:30 pm	Should you wish to unsubscribe from receiving the Trinity Times Newsletter by e-mail, please go to http://trinitylondon.ca/?page_id=1300		