

**JULY / AUGUST 2018**

## **FROM THE PASTOR**

Do you ever get out old photo albums? Do you even remember what photo albums are? I sometimes re-read my old sermons and newsletter articles. Here's the first summer time newsletter article I wrote just after I started at Trinity 6 years ago ... think of it as a re-run ...

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It is summer time and many people find time to explore the great outdoors in this hot and sunny season. You may even find a closer encounter with the God of creation, be that a sunset or by a lake. I was intrigued by the chapter listings in Rabbi Jamie Korngold's book, "God in the Wilderness". So, I've borrowed a few titles, tweaked one of them and added one of my own. The reflections are mine alone. So, as you head out to your patio or beyond, remember that God is with you wherever you are.

- **Restore Your Soul Beside Still Waters** – *The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; Psalms 23:1-2*

+ The beauty of water inspires many people. Maybe it is the tranquility of a mirrored surface or maybe it is the lapping of waves like a mother rocking a child. Yet again it could be the boundary itself. When we stand on terra firma, we can be in control and are even expected to take charge remembering God's command in Genesis, but when we come to the water's edge, we reach the edge of what we can control. The deep is not our domain. At best we can dive down and take a peak, but that is always a temporary adventure. We sit at the boundary's edge

knowing God is around us, even within the deep.

- **Hear the Still Small Voice Within** – *He said, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by.' Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. I Kings 19:11-12*

+ I hope you are never caught up in a storm so severe that it could split mountains or that you are never caught in an earthquake or a forest fire. I do hope that you can find a place of quiet. One summer my family took canoes into Algonquin park and pitched our camp beside a small lake. One night as we lay on the rocks watching the changing night sky, I noticed that there was no sound - no crickets, no rustling in the bush, no cracking fire wood, no lapping of waves on the shore – just silence. That silence was incredibly peaceful. So, we took our canoes and pushed out to the middle of the lake and lay back and watched the stars in the midst of sheer silence. The God of majesty who created the stars, planets and even the water that we floated on, was also with us in that silence.

- **Finding Beauty In All Creation, Even The Mosquitos** – *O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.* Psalms 104:24

+ Lift a rock, sit in the bush with binoculars, listen for different bird calls, trawl the river with a fish net. Even the critters with more legs than an international soccer team are all God's creatures. What is the weirdest creature you ever experienced? What was the most beautiful? What is the smallest one you have ever seen or picked up? Which part of God's beautiful creation speaks the loudest to you?

- Remember Sabbath Rest: – *Remember the Sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work.* Exodus 20:8-9

+ Summer vacation is traditionally a time for rest – a Sabbath time. So why fill all that time with an agenda of gotta do, gotta see items? Resting is not a competitive activity. Rest is its own activity. Resting is Sabbath time. A time that God blessed. Enjoy it and share it. Also, if you are away and taking a break from Trinity, maybe you could visit a different church, or even a different denomination. Take in the experience as new comer, look for the familiar, look for the new, compare your experiences with a Trinity worship. Each summer vacation I love to try out new holy places – I haven't managed a Quaker worship as yet.

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Back to 2018 – I am not sure what my summer might bring this year but as I reminisce and remember summers past and these words which I wrote in 2012, here are some thoughts:

- I will miss being a chaplain at Camp Edgewood – the camp closed its gates last year – I had found memories of that time and place.
- We are going to be doing our 6<sup>th</sup> Vacation Bible School at Trinity. I get to play in a rock band with some energetic teenagers – it is such fun to play and see the VBS

kids singing and dancing. Check out the videos from our previous VBS events on our website. This year, I have a new guitar – just like the one I had in my teen rock & roll years – I am really looking forward to playing it in the band.

- I am going to a pastor friend's cottage for the August long weekend. She invites the bunch of pastors that studied together at seminary – it will be fun and lots of laughter with my close pastor friends.
- I am considering going camping (and biking) all by myself for a few nights. I have never done that before – a solo vacation.
- Maybe I will get to go to a Quaker worship this summer.
- I plan to take some dedicated work time to plan and build up our strategic direction for implementation in the fall.

Go with God and with Christ in your heart.  
Pastor Steve

## COUNCIL NEWS

Council met on June 11, 2018 at 7:00 pm. This was our last meeting until September. Our focus for the meeting were the upgrades on the church building which will be undertaken this summer. The plans for the renovation of the kitchenette in Koehler Fellowship Hall are completed and will be implemented soon. We feel we have addressed all concerns and necessities and are sure you will all be pleased. A number of our congregation members are to be commended for volunteering to do as much on this project as possible. We may even be under budget but let's not jinx it.

The flooring in the lower level is still a go but the installer is having difficulty in procuring materials. Hopefully it will still be completed this summer. Barring that we do have a contingency plan.

Another exciting event taking place at Trinity is Vacation Bible School. Many children are already registered and are anxious to return. Redeemer Lutheran, St. Ansgar Lutheran and Trinity Lutheran churches are quite adept and working well to produce this cooperatively.

The annual picnic/pot luck will be hosted by Redeemer Lutheran church on Sunday July 1, 2018. Details regarding what to bring have been in the newsletter.

Come and enjoy food and fellowship and pay tribute to Rev. Bob Zimmerman, father of the year. Council serves the people of Trinity Lutheran church and invite you to express your suggestions and concerns. Have a safe and blessed summer.

Respectfully,  
Cheryl Millar

## MUSIC AT TRINITY

### Trinity Choir



The school year is about to wind down for summer holidays and so does the Trinity choir. Many thanks to our choir members for all their hard work and dedication over the past year. Also to all those who stepped up to cantor for us.

### Summer Holidays

While I am away for summer holidays during July and August, Kennedy Kimber-Johnson will be playing the organ for us. Kennedy has played the last two summers for us. She has just finished studies at Western and next September Kennedy will be attending McGill University for organ studies and also composition.

### Upcoming in Fall

The month of October will be exciting at Trinity with two events. The first event will be a Trinity Community Hymn Sing. The second event will be another Dueling Piano & Organ IV Concert presented by Nancy Jackman and Ross McDonald. Stay tuned for full details on both of these events in the September newsletter.

Sing joy!

Ross McDonald, Director of Music

## LUTHERAN MEN'S CLUB

The next breakfast meeting for the Lutheran Men's Club will be held on **Saturday 15 September at 9 am**. Watch for more details in the next newsletter. Enjoy the summer and we'll see in you September.

~ Robert Sellars

## TLW

With summer here the TLW executive is hoping for a much needed rest to renew their energies for a busy fall and winter schedule.

Seniors' Worship and Lunches will resume on **Tuesday 11 September**. A special BBQ lunch is being planned which we hope will become a tradition. Be sure to mark your calendar and invite your friends to join you.

TLW Annual Meeting and Dinner will be held on **Tuesday 18 September at 6 pm**. We will begin with dinner, followed by a speaker and then a short business meeting. Remember that ALL Trinity women ages 18 and up are automatically members of TLW. We look forward to seeing our loyal supporters and urge those of you who have not participated at this annual event to come and join us. Many churches no longer have Women's Groups. Let's not have this happen at Trinity.

Our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Oktoberfest Lunch is planned for **Sunday 21 October, right after the service**. A wonderful time was had by all last year with traditional food, drink and music. Don't miss out.

Congregational Christmas Dinner is scheduled for **Sunday 2 December**. Details for this event will be discussed at the TLW Annual Meeting in October.

Please continue to donate to the Food Bank and to my Sister's Place. The need is year-round and does not go on vacation.

Happy Summer from your  
TLW Executive.

~ Lydia Reinhard



# LOOKING BACK IN TRINITY'S HISTORY

10 Years Ago  
2008

1. Convention Sunday we held at the London Convention Centre. We suspended regular worship service at Trinity so that members had the opportunity to take part in the Festival closing worship service of the Eastern Synod Assembly. Worship time was 10 am.

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to Herb Henkel who received the Eastern Synod Leadership Award for outstanding service to the community.

3. Trinity Lutheran Social Services Annual Meeting was held at Trinity.

25 Years Ago  
1993

1. Synod Youth Event ~ "Sparked By The Spirit". Pastor Steve Olsen & Krista Hamilton, together with seven youth from Trinity and two from Redeemer were invited to spend the weekend at Erindale College in Mississauga with youth from across the Synod.

2. Sunday in the Park was held with fellowship following immediately after service. Asked to bring your own picnic basket with all your needs. We met at Dodge Park.

3. All youth camping trip was held in August. Sponsors were John & Rhonda McNeil.



4. Youth Hot Dog Fundraiser was held. Freewill donation and the youth then attended a Tiger baseball game, sponsored by Keith Zerebecki.

50 Years Ago  
1968

1. Young people held a wiener roast and swim event at Fanshawe Conservation Park. Cost was 25¢.

2. Confirmands camp was held at a camp on Lake Erie near Buffalo, NY. Mr. & Mrs. Noyes and Mr. Don Guard drove two cars of young people to the camp.

3. An open house was held for Vacation Bible School. All were invited to come and see what the pupils and staff had done.

4. London Lutheran Teens were invited for an afternoon at Ipperwash Beach. Cost was 50¢ per person to cover the cost of food and gas.

5. International Youth Gathering was held at Purdue University in Indiana, USA. Susan Paetz from Trinity and Clair Pfaff from Our Savior represented the London Lutheran teens. Theme was "Christian Youth & World Hunger".

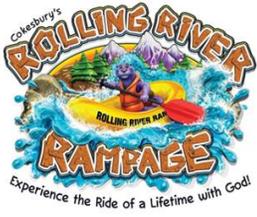


## **SERVING IN JULY**    *\*Note – There is no service at Trinity on Sunday 1 July*

	<u>8 July</u>	<u>15 July</u>	<u>22 July</u>	<u>29 July</u>
Communion Assistants	Ted Reinhard Anthony Pepers	Bob McGee Steve Krautner	Reinhard Helbing Vivian Parker	Katelyn Inch Emily Inch
Ushers	Steve & Jean Krautner Brady Hough	Dave & Pauline Hutchison Nancy Hickling	Bob & Carolyn Sellars Lawrence Petch	Greg & Tara Kuran Vivian Parker
Reader	Brady Hough	Cheryl Millar	Jeff Holmes	Emily Inch
Altar Care	<-Carol Boyd, Nelly Felix, Jean Hohnstein->		<-Nancy Magguilli, Linda Reynolds, Julia Liska->	
Greeters	Vivian Parker Janelle Lightbourne	Greg, Tara, Tyler & Ryan Kuran	Herb & Nancy Henkel	Phoebe, Robert & Emily Kmith
Refreshments	Cheryl Millar Teresa Nicholds	Lydia & Ted Reinhard	Carolyn & Bob Sellars	Barb Hamilton Linda Reynolds
Prayer Rotation	Rev Steve Johnston Sr Jean Widmeyer Janelle Lightbourne Trinity, London	Rev Mike Lees Trinity, Windsor	Bishop Michael Pryse Eastern Synod & Support Staff	Bishop Susan Johnson National ELCIC Office & Support Staff

## **SERVING IN AUGUST**

	<u>5 August</u>	<u>12 August</u>	<u>19 August</u>	<u>26 August</u>
Communion Assistants	Ted Reinhard Brady Hough	Reinhard Helbing Vivian Parker	Heather Holmes Steve Krautner	Katelyn Inch Emily Inch
Ushers	Glenn & Cathy Egan Nancy Henkel	Steve & Jean Krautner Nancy Hickling	Dave & Pauline Hutchison Vivian Parker	Bob & Carolyn Sellars Lawrence Petch
Reader	Lydia Reinhard	Jean Krautner	Reinhard Helbing	Katelyn Inch
Altar Care	<-----Dorothy McGee, Barb Hamilton----->		<--Marie Gray, Carolyn & Bob Sellars--> Jodi Kaufman	
Greeters	Rosemary Christensen Monica Spilsbury	Heather, Jeff, Lillian & Jaclyn Holmes	George, Viola, Alice, George Jr., Kebbah, Timothy & Naomi Cooper	Barb Hamilton Linda Reynolds
Refreshments	Jean & Doug Hohnstein	Kathy & Jim Hough	Pauline & Dave Hutchison	Phoebe Kmith & Family
Prayer Rotation	Thames Ministry Area for their work & celebration together	Our Anglican neighbours – St. Paul's & Bishop of Huron Linda Nicholls	Retired Pastors Rev Jack Dressler Rev Jim Garey Rev Tom Ristine Rev Jo von Schmeling Rev Glenn Sellick Rev Bob Zimmerman Rev Paul Sadtke	Rev Katherine Altenburg Redeemer, London



## **REMINDER ~ VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

Dates: 23 to 27 July ~ 9 am until 12 noon

Ages: 3-12 years ~ Cost: Free

Location: Trinity Lutheran Church

Registration: [www.trinitylondon.ca](http://www.trinitylondon.ca)



Monday	1 July		Office Closed
Saturday	14 July	10:00 am	VBS Meeting
Saturday	21 July	9:00 am	Decorating for VBS
Mon-Fri	23-27 July	9:00 am	VBS
Tuesday	21 Aug	5:30 pm	Inshallah Choir