

JANUARY 2019



Reminder

**OUR ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
WILL BE HELD ON
SUNDAY 10 FEBRUARY 2019 ~ FOLLOWING WORSHIP**

**Items for the Annual Report are to be into the church office no later than
MONDAY 7 JANUARY 2019**

***NOTE: Please remember to include the names of all your committee members
at the beginning of your reports.***

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

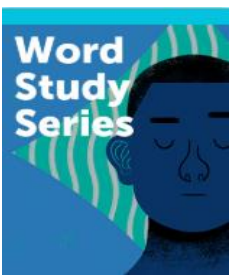
My message this time is a separate letter to the family of Trinity Lutheran Church which is included as a separate page. There are spare paper copies at the church if you wish to add this to your fridge display.

We are so blessed with faithful and gifted people. Thank you to all who contribute time, talent, energy and money to support our ministry together.

Merry Christmas. Go with God
Pastor Steve

January 23	Session 1 - Shema - "Listen" ~ YHWH - "Lord"
January 30	Session 2 - Ahavah - "Love" ~ Lev - "Heart"
February 6	Session 3 - Nephesh - "Soul" ~ Me'od - "Strength"
February 13	Session 4 - Khata - "Sin" ~ Pesha - "Transgression"
February 20	Session 5 - Avon - "Iniquity"

ADULT EDUCATION



Wednesdays 2:00 to 3:30 pm ~
"Word Studies"

Explore important Hebrew words that are foundational for understanding the biblical story. We'll unpack the original meaning of these words and show how they illuminate our understanding of the world still today. No reading preparation required. Each week we will explore two different words.

BABY IT'S COLD OUTSIDE – SOUP'S ON



No not the song ... or the debate about the song, this is January in Canada, really ... it's cold outside. Some call it winter, some call it soup season. Join us after worship on JANUARY 27th to taste several delicious and warming soups. There will be bragging rights as we vote for our favourite soup. If you are able to contribute, we will take donations to support our Northern Hospitality ministry – four local churches provide hot meals each Monday evening – and it is often cold outside then too.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

Please join us with many other London congregations on **Wednesday 23 January 7:30 pm** at St. Paul's Anglican Cathedral (Richmond & Queen). Trinity is participating in the worship.



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FRIENDS AND HEROES



VEGGIETALES



Council met for a dinner meeting on December 10, 2018. Dinner was prepared and provided by Council Chair, Deb Pepers. We met early since a lot of attention was required for the budget of 2019. Lighting of the parking lot was dealt with as well. As usual our resident experts, Steve Krautner and Robert Sellars addressed the issue of dense tree branches, so we can tell exactly how illuminated our parking lot is at night. We will explore measures to rectify the dark spots. All agreed that , “Good Lord willing and the creeks don’t rise” capital expenses are behind us, although we are keeping an eye on one of the furnaces.

I would like to take this opportunity to invite everyone to reflect on the good things about Trinity. It is easy for us all to grouse or complain about this or that but when you really think about it, we have a wonderful church family. We are generous with our outreach programs and inclusivity. We say each Sunday “all are welcome to the table.” We have an uplifting music program which we use to the glory of God. Many friendships have been forged between people who see each other once a week at church but have enduring relationships and support one and other. We have many individuals who perform all sorts of missions within Trinity not the least of whom are the TLW. They cook, clean and raise a substantial amount of money. They then donate this money to worthy causes such as Hospice and My Sister’s Place. They do all this plus they feed us!

In this day and age where many churches are closing, or on the ropes, let us be thankful for what we have and not take it for granted. We need one and other probably more now than ever before in this divisive, tumultuous world. I feel the negatives are outnumbered by the positives.

Please give council your input or comments. We are here to address them.

GOD BLESS YOU ALL.

Respectfully
Cheryl Millar, Vice chair

MUSIC AT TRINITY
COMMUNITY HYMN SING EVENING:

This event is still in the planning stages for **Friday 22 February**. The churches that work in the Northern Hospitality group are going to be invited to attend. Stay tuned for more details in the February newsletter.

Ross McDonald
Director of Music

2019 FLOWER & BULLETIN CHARTS

Please be sure to fill in your name if there is a special date you would like to donate the flowers or bulletins for 2019. The charts are located on the bulletin board next to the Pastor’s office.



Trinity Lutheran Church Men's Club
Invite you to the
ANNUAL LADIES' NIGHT DINNER & DANCE
Saturday 12 January 2019 - 6:00 pm

Live music with Rev. Zimmerman's "Swing Shift Band"
featuring many of your favourite tunes!

Tickets \$15.00 per person

LOOKING BACK IN TRINITY'S HISTORY

10 Years Ago
2009

1. Volunteers were needed to help with Mission Services Luncheon.
2. Our guest pastor was Rev. Wilmer Minke.
3. Choir anthem was "Wade in the Water".
4. ELW is making Children's Kits. Each kit contains one each of a large writing pad, ruler, bar of soap, hand towel, wash cloth, small comb and a cotton handkerchief.
5. Music notes – today's anthem "Hymn to Freedom" and postlude "Stars and Stripes Forever" are in honour of the newly elected United States President, Barack Obama. We wished him Godspeed.



25 Years Ago
1994

1. Annual Congregational Meeting was held immediately after worship. Coffee & juice were served.



2. Men's Club was held on 25 January at 6 pm. The speaker was Irwin Schinkel, Chairman & CEO of Unique Development Corporation. His topic was "Christians in Business".
3. Euchre afternoon was held at the church. Dessert & coffee, euchre & fellowship. Cost \$2.
4. Trinity received a thank you on behalf of the Rotholme residents. Thirty-five gifts were donated to the residents.
5. Ladies had a clean up day in the kitchen. Encouraged to bring a bag lunch.

50 Years Ago
1969

1. Young people met at 2 pm for tobogganing at Thames Valley Golf Course. Cars left the church at 2:30 pm. A movie called "Nobody Waves Goodbye" was also shown after the outing. Cost 25¢.



2. Bulletin boxes changed again. A reminder for all to check your envelope number against your bulletin box.
3. Serving our community a group of teens assisted this past week in preparation of mailings for Leighton Ford Crusade.
4. Lutheran teens went for a hayride at 7 pm from Trinity to the home of Karen Reinhardt. Cost 50¢.
5. The flu bug hit Trinity. Our janitor was quite ill for some weeks also Sunday School teachers and many others. We thanked those who filled in for those who were ill.

SERVING IN JANUARY

	<u>6 January</u>	<u>13 January</u>	<u>20 January</u>	<u>27 January</u>
Communion Assistants	Ted Reinhard Brady Hough	Bob McGee Anthony Pepers	Reinhard Helbing Heather Holmes	Katelyn & Emily Inch
Ushers	Bob & Carolyn Sellars Lawrence Petch	Dave & Pauline Hutchison Nancy Hickling	Steve & Jean Krautner Nancy Jackman	Glenn & Cathy Egan Nancy Henkel
Reader	Ted Reinhard	Jean Krautner	Jeff Holmes	Nancy Magguilli
Acolyte	Ted Reinhard	Steve Krautner	Jeff Holmes	Nancy Magguilli
Crucifer	Lydia Reinhard	Jean Krautner	Heather Holmes	Linda Reynolds
Altar Care	←-----Carol Boyd & Jean Hohnstein-----→			
Greeters	Rosemary Christensen Monica Spilsbury	Jeff, Heather Lillian & Jaclyn Holmes	Viola, George Alice, George Jr. Kebbah, Timothy & Naomi Cooper	Barb Hamilton Linda Reynolds
Refreshments	Barb Hamilton Linda Reynolds	Pauline & Dave Hutchison	Kathy & Jim Hough	Soup Luncheon
Prayer Rotation	Rev Steve Johnston Sr. Jean Widmeyer Janelle Lightbourne Trinity, London	Rev Mike Lees Trinity, Windsor	Bishop Michael Pryse Eastern Synod & Support Staff	Rev Susan Johnson National ELCIC Office & Support Staff

JANUARY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 <i>Office Closed</i>	2 Participation House 9 am	3 Choir 7:30 pm	4	5
						
6 Epiphany of Our Lord LCFI 2 pm	7 Northern Hospitality 5:30 pm Rug Hooking 6:30 pm <i>*Annual Report items due 9 am</i>	8 Participation House 9 am LCFI 7 pm	9 Mutual Ministry 9 am	10 Lions 6 pm Choir 7:30 pm	11	12 Ladies' Night Dinner & Dance 6 pm 
13  Baptism <i>of our Lord</i>	14 Rug Hooking 9 am Council 7 pm	15 Inshallah 5:30 pm LCFI 7 pm	16 Condos Plus 6 pm	17 Participation House 9 am LCFI 10 am Choir 7:30 pm	18	19 Parkinson's Support Group 2 pm
20 2 nd Sunday after Epiphany LCFI 2 pm	21 LSS 9:30 am Rug Hooking 6:30 pm <i>*Newsletter items due 9 am</i>	22 Participation House 9 am Inshallah 5:30 pm LCFI 7 pm	23	24 Choir 7:30 pm	25	26 Wedding Wild & Vaughan Liberian Group 5 pm
27 3 rd Sunday after Epiphany Soup Lunch 12 pm 	28 Rug Hooking 10 am	29 Inshallah 5:30 pm LCFI 7 pm	30 Bell Canada 10 am	31 Choir 7:30 pm		



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My Dear Theophilus, (*"God lover" Luke 1:3*)

Sunday 16th December 2018

Many families write a Christmas letter to share news about the passing year. I have never written such a letter, so it is with great joy that I write to our Trinity family to share some stories from 2018. I have collected some photos and my great wish is that every family will **attach this (photo side out of course) to their fridge** or wherever you can see it in your home.

Christmas time is such a wonderful time to have the family gathered together and the same is true of our Trinity family. But also the weekly meal and fellowship on a Sunday is equally important for all of us. To be together to sing, pray and to share the holy meal lifts each one of us spiritually. **Thank you to all of you that join with us regularly and share your wealth to keep our ministry at Trinity going forward.**

This past year we introduced a team of members from the congregation to put together the 'Prayers of people' and they also lead those prayers on Sunday morning. Our Kid's Club (Sunday School) have been singing with us in church on Sundays and **everyone enjoys when the kids sing** the modern (almost jazzy) Kyrie from setting 8 and also when they sing the benediction with me, "May the Lord bless you ...". The Kids have also sung on Christmas Eve, the outdoor Christmas tree lighting and of course at the Pageant.

The outdoor Christmas tree lighting is becoming a wonderful community event. This year the Trinity and Inshallah choirs sang four songs together. This event happens on the Saturday just before the first Sunday in Advent. If you haven't seen the tree all lit up, take a drive past the church in the evening, it is spectacular. The lights will be lit until Epiphany.

Trinity was honoured this summer to host the National Assembly of Association of Liberian Lutherans in the Americas (ALLIA) and their members from across North America, and also Bishop Jensen Seyenkulo from Liberia, all made the trip to London. We had a fantastic and lively concert on the Saturday evening and an equally lively worship on the Sunday.

The ELCIC presence in London is not very large, but **we are always inviting other churches to join us for worship and mission.** The Northern Hospitality ministry is still going strong feeding people on Monday evenings. We do this with Colborne United, New St. James Presbyterian and St. Michael's Roman Catholic. We also invited those churches and many others including St. Paul's Anglican on November 11th to pray and sing for peace which was especially poignant on the 100th anniversary of Armistice Day. During Advent we put up a giving tree (more of a clothes line actually) and hung gifts for anybody that was in need of new and clean socks, water, etc.

There is so much more I could tell you about, but that would be best done in person. **Do please come and worship with us often** and also consider any gifts of money you can offer to help maintain our Lutheran presence and mission work here in London.

Merry Christmas
Pastor Steve

Photos top to bottom, left to right: Outdoor Christmas Tree Lighting; Christmas Eve 2017; Candles on All Saints; Oktoberfest lunch and music; A new Christian sister in full immersion baptism; Lighting candles for world peace on November 11th; Giving Tree; Outdoor sign for Black History Month; A young greeter; VBS in July; The new kitchenette installation; ALLIA Sunday worship; Kids singing at a nursing home.

CHRISTMAS 2018

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

