

FEBRUARY 2019



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

***NOTE: If you have picked up a copy of the Annual Report
please remember to bring it with you for the meeting.***

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

In my 13 years of teaching confirmation I have never been completely satisfied with the programs that are readily available. I have tried creating my own. I have tried many new curricula and still I remain somewhat dissatisfied. What should I be teaching? How should I teach? Maybe I should be showing my students about faith and taking my own advice that faith is more caught than taught. Maybe I should take my own advice and pray for a solution. I have been doing the prayer thing about a change in my confirmation teaching but unfortunately, I kept getting the third of God's typical responses:

1. God's says YES to your request or gives you an answer somehow.
2. God's says NO to your request or gives you no answer.
3. God's says NOT YET to your request.

Since October I have been praying for an answer to, 'how do I teach my or help my students catch faith?' I knew I needed/wanted a different way. I had that answer through prayer; don't teach – show. In my academic training at seminary we would call it practical theology; doing practical things as

expressions of your faith. The "giving tree" that Monica and Janelle put together out on Oxford Street was a perfect example of that; hanging up gifts for anybody to take to help them through the cold of winter.

But I still couldn't come up with the details of how to make practical theology the central part of this year's confirmation teaching. Since October I have been praying for those details ... but kept getting the "not yet" answer. My trust in God and faith in prayer helped me discern the difference between answer "no" and "not yet". The "not yet" answer requires a faithful act of patience – which is another good and separate prayer request. My prayer, "How do I show faith to the confirmation class?", got answered last Sunday. I knew the general answer to my prayer, but I needed more detail, more particulars, more ideas to fill a year with practical theology. I was at the London Social Service's 'meet and greet' event when several recipients of LSS funding came to tell us about the work they have been able to do with LSS's support. The speakers were from:

1. St. Joseph's Hospice
2. Mission Services
3. St. Paul's Social Service

There was my answer, three dedicated speakers, three people doing practical theology, three people I could take my students to see and help them discover the hands and feet and hearts of God's **practical theology** servants. So, that is what we are going to do. I look forward to telling you about this adventure in faith later in the year.

Yours in Christ
Pastor Steve

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.

- 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"

Lenten Soup, Learn, Worship on Wednesdays

Pastor Katherine Gohm* and I are putting together Wednesday evening events in Lent with our neighbouring sisters and brothers in Christ. We will eat a simple soup supper, engage with a speaker on various social justice topics and worship together (Holden Evening prayer and maybe other worship formats). That all starts **Wednesday 13 March**. Watch this space for details.

* *Congratulations to Pastor Katherine (Redeemer) who married Kevin Gohm in 2018.*

MUSIC AT TRINITY

Trinity Hymn Sing Event - Update

This event was scheduled for **Friday 22 February 2019**. I have been unable to bring together the various parts of this event as planned. Regrettably, this event will **not** be taking place at this time.

~ Ross McDonald
Director of Music



JOIN US FOR THE
WORLD DAY OF PRAYER
AT TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
ON
FRIDAY 1 MARCH 2019 ~ 2 PM

"Come, everything is ready!"

From the World Day of Prayer Committee of Slovenia

All are welcome.

TLW

Happy New Year!

Here are some dates to put in your 2019 calendar:

- Seniors' Worship and Luncheons: April 9, May 14, June 11, September 10, October 8, November 12 and December 10
- Strawberry Lunch and Fashion Show - Sunday, June 23
- TLW Annual Meeting and Dinner - Tuesday, September 17
- Oktoberfest Lunch - Sunday, October 20
- Congregational Christmas Dinner - Sunday 8 December
- A tour of St. Joseph's Hospice is being planned for late March. Watch the Sunday Bulletin for more details.

World Day of Prayer on Friday, March 1 at 2 pm

Trinity is the host this year for the six area churches involved. The service was written by the women in Slovenia. Everyone is invited to this service which is an international day of prayer. Learn about Slovenia and its people. There will be a reception following the service. A lot of work goes into preparing for this event and the committee would appreciate your attendance and support.



My Sister's Place: For the months of January and February the following items are needed: bus tickets and Tim Horton \$5 gift

cards, craft supplies such as colouring pencils, art paper, etc. and of course, personal care products, especially moisturizing creams in small sizes.

~ Lydia Reinhard

MEN'S CLUB

The next Men's Club Breakfast Meeting will be held on **Saturday 16 February at 9 am**. The guest speaker will be Bob McGee who will speaking about his trip through the Northwest Passage. This is open to all men of the congregation.



The annual financial report and 2019 budget report are now available.

We ended the year with a large deficit due to:

- lower investment income and a loss on the market value of our investments
- declining attendance and declining offering

Please ensure that you review the report and bring your questions/comments to the annual meeting on 10 February.


~ Lynne Killinger
Treasurer

SERVING IN FEBRUARY

	<u>3 February</u>	<u>10 February</u>	<u>17 February</u>	<u>24 February</u>
Communion Assistants	Steve Krautner Ted Reinhard	Bob McGee Brady Hough	Heather Holmes Anthony Pepers	Katelyn & Emily Inch
Ushers	Bob & Carolyn Sellars Brady Hough	Dave & Pauline Hutchison Nancy Hickling	Steve & Jean Krautner Nancy Jackman	Glenn & Cathy Egan Nancy Henkel
Acolyte	Jean Hohnstein	Nathan Killinger	Herb Henkel	Heather Holmes
Crucifer	Doug Hohnstein	Alice Cooper	Anthony Pepers	Cheryl Millar
Reader	Brady Hough	Teresa Nicholds	Herb Henkel	Emily Inch
Greeters	Cheryl Millar Marg Fish	Phoebe, Robert & Emily Kmith	Alice Johnson, Francis Francis Jr., & Lisa Hinnah	Nancy & Herb Henkel
Altar Care	-----Nancy Magguilli, Linda Reynolds, Julia Liska-----			
Refreshments	Jean & Doug Hohnstein	Phoebe, Robert & Emily Kmith	Jean & Steve Krautner	Julia & Dennis Liska
Prayer Rotation	Thames Ministry Area – for our work & celebration together	Our Anglican neighbours at St. Paul's & Bishop of Huron Linda Nicholls	Retired Pastors Rev. Jack Dressler Rev. Jim Garey Rev. Tom Ristine Rev. Jo von Schmelting Rev. Glen Sellick Rev. Bob Zimmerman Rev. Paul Sodtke	

*We appreciate all those who have agreed to serve this month.
It is very important that you check the dates you have been assigned a task
and that you arrive at church a little early on that Sunday. We all count on you.*

FEBRUARY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 LCFI 7 pm	2
3 4th Sunday after Epiphany LCFI 2 pm	4 Northern Hospitality 5:30 pm Rug Hooking Guild 6:30 pm	5 Participation House 9 am Inshallah Choir 5:30 pm	6 Bible Study 2 pm	7 Choir 7:30 pm	8 LCFI 7 pm	9
10 5 th Sunday after Epiphany 	11 Rug Hooking Guild 10 am Council 7 pm	12 Participation House 12 pm Inshallah Choir 5:30 pm LCFI 7 pm	13 International Justice Mission 8:30 am Bible Study 2 pm	14 Lions 6 pm Choir 7:30 pm	15 LCFI 7 pm	16 Men's Club 9 am Parkinson's Support Group 2 pm
17 6 th Sunday after Epiphany LCFI 2 pm	18 LSS 9 am Rug Hooking Guild 10 am <i>Newsletter items due 9 am</i> <i>Office Closed</i>	19 Participation House 9 am Conference Clergy 10 am Inshallah Choir 5:30 pm LCFI 7 pm	20 Bible Study 2 pm	21 LCFI 10 am Choir 7:30 pm	22 LCFI 7 pm	23 Liberian Group 5 pm
24 7 th Sunday after Epiphany	25 Rug Hooking Guild 10 am	26 Inshallah Choir 5:30 pm LCFI 7 pm	27	28 Choir 7:30 pm		