

SEPTEMBER 2019



At the back of every Trinity Times there is a section of things that happened 10, 25 & 50 years ago – thanks to Monica Spilsbury for digging in the archives. So, I did some digging of my own. In 2014 I wrote this:

PASTOR'S MESSAGE FROM SEPTEMBER 2014

I am excited about so many things that will be happening this fall at Trinity:

1. We are currently seeking a person to start and lead our ministry to post-secondary students, especially those who have come to London to study and thus will be away from their family and faith supports.
2. We are investigating the use of a permanent video/projection screen for worship.
3. The Northern Hospitality congregations are gathering in celebration and friendship in September.
4. We are hosting the women of the former London Conference for a day of worship and conversation about mission on October 18th.
5. The Future Directions Task Force will be starting up conversations to help discern what our plans and direction should be for Trinity.
6. We are discerning what are helpful ways to work with our new tenants - London Christian Fellowship International congregation.
7. We are continuing with our praise band and also introducing more new worship music on Sunday mornings.

So, what has changed five years later September 2019

1. We are starting search for a replacement person to lead our ministry to post-secondary students in London. Janelle was with us since 2014 but is now focusing on her studies at seminary.

2. We are settled with using a temporary screen for worship – and a big screen it is too.
3. The Northern Hospitality congregations are still gathering in celebration and friendship - five years running this celebration now.
4. The London Conference is a thing of the past. The Church she is a changing.
5. The Future Directions Task Force ended up becoming the Visioning Team. That is somewhat eclipsed now with our intent to form a new congregation with Redeemer.
6. Our tenants, London Christian Fellowship International, have moved to a different church as of September 2019. We had five good years together and made some good friendships. My lasting memory was my family and Pastor Jason's family doing the shadow play on Christmas Eve. LCFI will join us on September 15th for a farewell worship and they will host us for a BBQ after worship to express their thanks for sharing our space with them.
7. Our praise band on Sunday mornings makes occasional appearances on Sunday mornings, but the singers and musicians of 2014 are all in college/university now ... or graduated. The band is a changing.

I wonder what the next five years will bring. I do know that God has a plan for us.

~ Pastor Steve

BIBLE STUDY & LEARNING

- Spiritual Beings

July marked my ordination of 13 years and if you add on the 5 years in school, then I will have dedicating my working life and time in the study of the Bible for 18 years. That should be enough time to learn all there is to know about the Bible, don't ya think? I know you are all thinking, that I would be wrong in that idea, and you are completely correct. No better example is the Bible study we started in June. I thought that we could do all seven videos (each one is less than 5 minutes) in our two remaining Wednesday afternoon sessions. Again, I was dead wrong.

In the opening pages of the Bible, God creates two overlapping realms, the heavens and the earth. This is where the drama of the biblical storyline takes place. In each of the videos we explored the question, "What are these **Spiritual Beings?**"

It is fascinating to dig into ideas that we have kind of brushed passed even though we mention them EVERY Sunday. You have heard me say words like these,

“with earth and sea and all their creatures,
**and with angels and archangels, cherubim
and seraphim,**

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:”

Looking at that middle line ... what do you know about these spiritual beings? So, even with my 18 years of biblical studying, I was blown away by this study in **Spiritual Beings**. The scriptures were not new to me, or any of us, but the ideas that are revealed in this study were new. Join us when we resume our study and conversation on these from **2-3:30 pm, Wednesdays beginning September**.

September 11 Spiritual Beings
Session 3: The Divine Council
September 18 Spiritual Beings
Session 4: Angels and Cherubim
September 25 Spiritual Beings
Session 5: Angel of the Lord
October 2 Spiritual Beings
Session 6: The Satan and Demons
October 9 Spiritual Beings
Session 7: The New Humanity

MUSIC AT TRINITY

SUMMER MUSICIANS

While I was on holidays during July and August we had guest musicians leading the music.

7 & 14 July - Owen Spicer, Organist

21, 28 July & 4 August - Dave Hutchison, Pianist

Many thanks to Owen and Dave for sharing their gifts of music with us.

Owen has been accepted at McGill University to major in organ this September. I wish you the best of success in your organ career. On a side note, Owen's father has been first chair trumpeter with Orchestra London/London Sinfonia and other ensembles around London for decades. He is well known for his renowned and incredible trumpet playing.

TRINITY CHOIR

It is time to beat the drum again for the choir this fall. The first choir practice is **Thursday 5 September at 7:30 pm** in Room 3. The first Sunday service is **Rally Sunday 8 September**

We are always looking for new choir members. We present a wide variety of music. We have some great social events and great comradery. If you can sing harmony, we would love to have you sing in our choir. Feel free to speak to any choir member or myself anytime.

Ross McDonald

Director of Music

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL ~ JULY 2019

Another great success – 53 children from 27 families. Our main goal for VBS is to connect the children from our London community to our shared faith stories. They get memories and foundations about connecting to God's story and their part in that story.

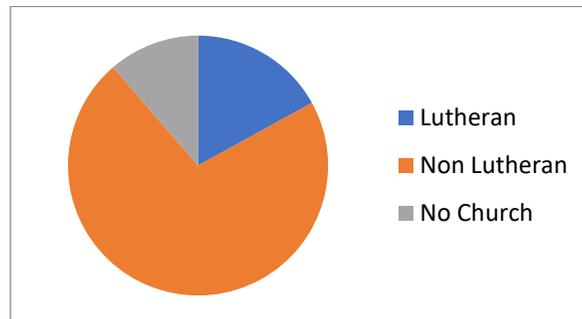
Our theme this year was **TO MARS AND BEYOND!** One small step for your kids...one giant leap for God's Kingdom!

Each day they went on a mission to collect much needed "spiritual elements":

1. Daniel trusts God in the lion's den ~
Go beyond with **Faith!**
2. Queen Esther Takes a Stand ~
Go Beyond with **Boldness!**
3. The Good Samaritan Helps a Fellow ~
Go Beyond with **Kindness!**
4. Jesus Heals 10 ~
Go Beyond with **Thankfulness!**
5. Jesus Comforts Friends on the Way to
Emmaus ~ Go Beyond with **Hope!**

Many thanks to all the volunteers who made this wonderful week happen and many thanks to Lutheran Social Services for their financial support.

Folks often ask how many Lutheran children attended ... here is the proportions of the 53 VBS children.



You can check out more photos on Trinity's website.
~ Pastor Steve

RALLY SUNDAY



Join us on **Sunday 8 September** for Rally Sunday. All children aged 3 years through grade 6 are invited to come and register for another exciting and fun year of Sunday School. We look forward to seeing you then!

EDUCATION SUNDAY

Please join us on **Sunday 22 September** for Education Sunday. We will be presenting our bursary awards to those in the congregation who are pursuing post-secondary education.

LONDON FOOD BANK



Volunteers are needed to help at the London Food Bank on **Wednesday 18 September, 6:30-8:00 pm**. Please sign up in the Koehler Fellowship Hall.

NORTHERN HOSPITALITY



Once again meals will be served at St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church located at 511 Cheapside Street, on **Monday evenings at 5:30 pm**.

Trinity's first night to serve will be **Monday 7 October**. We are always looking for volunteers. If you are able to help, please speak to Kathy Meadows. This program is greatly appreciated by many less fortunate in our community.

NORTHERN HOSPITALITY VOLUNTEER DINNER

In recognition of our many volunteers, we will be serving a Volunteer Dinner on **Tuesday 24 September at 5:30 pm**. It is true ~ many hands make light work. Your help is greatly appreciated.

MEN'S CLUB

The next Men's Club Breakfast Meeting will be held on **Saturday 21 September at 9 am**. They will welcome a guest speaker from the London Mosque.

TLW

TLW It is hard to believe that summer is drawing to a close and that we are getting ready to swing into a busy fall program at Trinity. We hope that everyone noticed the lovely planters at the Oxford Street doors that the TLW provided. Linda Reynolds and Lydia Reinhard planted in the rain. Seasonal decorations in the planters will make Trinity look more welcoming.

Seniors' Worship and Lunch BBQ will be held on **Tuesday 10 September at 11:30 am**. This event was very popular last year, and we hope that more people will come this year. We will be meeting upstairs in the Sanctuary for Worship and the BBQ lunch will be served in the Koehler Fellowship Hall. You are welcome to bring a friend(s). Call Annette

in the church office (519-432-4832) if you should need a ride.

Other Seniors' Lunch Dates: **8 October, 12 November and 10 December**.

TLW Dinner and Annual Meeting will be held on **Tuesday 17 September at 6 pm**. We will begin with dinner prepared by your executive, followed by our guest speaker/presenter, Cindy Knight, who will talk and demonstrate AGELESS GRACE, an exercise program for any age and for anyone no matter what their physical limitations may be. It is fun and lively! A short business meeting will follow. All Trinity women are members of the TLW and the executive needs your support in planning activities and outreach initiatives. Please add your name to the sign-up sheet on the TLW Bulletin board in the Koehler Fellowship Hall.

Oktoberfest 2019 - Sunday 27 October right after the service. This will be the third year for this popular event. Come and enjoy traditional food, drink and music. More details to follow.

Congregational Christmas Dinner - Sunday 1 December. Last year we were unable to have this traditional beginning of Advent at Trinity. Many people expressed their disappointment and said how much they missed this event. A Christmas dinner and program for 100 people is a big undertaking and if we are to have it this year, Trinity folk need to step up and volunteer to help. There are many tasks besides cooking. Set-up and clean-up are two areas where you can help. There will be a sign-up list posted. Let's work together.

Don't forget to replenish My Sisters' Place collection box in the Koehler Hall with personal care products. Lists of needed items are on top of the box. Please consider contributing a few items each month. Enjoy the rest of the summer and get ready for an eventful fall.

~ Lydia Reinhard



BLESSING OF THE PETS

From “Fluffy” to “Rover” – you are invited to bring your pet (real or stuffed) to church on **6 October** in celebration of Saint Francis of Assisi - patron saint of animals. Each pet will receive a blessing for the companionship it gives you – a gift from God.



PAR ~ PRE-AUTHORIZED REMITTANCE

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 need 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 charge to you. If you are interested in supporting your church in this manner, please call Annette in the church office (519) 432-4832 to make arrangements.



JOIN US ON SEPTEMBER 15TH

to say farewell to

London Christian Fellowship International (LCFI)

Worship at 10:30 am

BBQ following worship hosted by LCFI



SERVING IN SEPTEMBER

REVISED 20 AUGUST

	1 September	8 September	15 September	22 September	29 September
Communion Assistants	Reinhard Helbing Bob McGee	Vivian Parker Ted Reinhard	Jeff Holmes Steve Krautner	Doug Hohnstein Heather Holmes	Anthony Pepers Brady Hough
Ushers	Nancy Jackman Nancy Hickling Vivian Parker	Lawrence Petch Bob Sellars Jean Krautner	Nancy Hickling Dave & Pauline Hutchison	Glenn & Cathy Egan Nancy Henkel	Lawrence Petch Bob Sellars Steve Krautner
Reader	Vern Leffler	Nancy Magguilli	Jeff Holmes	Cheryl Millar	Brady Hough
Acolyte	n/a	Alice Cooper	Nathan Killinger	Herb Henkel	Nathan Killinger
Crucifer	n/a	Herb Henkel	Steve Krautner	Jean Hohnstein	Ted Reinhard
Altar Care	Kathy Schmidt Dorothy McGee	Kathy Schmidt Dorothy McGee	Kathy Schmidt Dorothy McGee	Kathy Schmidt Dorothy McGee	Kathy Schmidt Dorothy McGee
Greeters	Barbara Hamilton & Linda Reynolds	Nancy Magguilli Barb Drogemuller	Fred Schmidt Gerry Wigelsworth	Monica Spilsbury Rosemary Christensen	Dave, Lynne Nick & Nathan Killinger
Refreshments	Phoebe Kmith & Family	Linda Reynolds Barb Hamilton	Julia & Dennis Liska	Kathy & Laurie Meadows	Phoebe Kmith & Family
Prayer Leader	Pastor Steve Johnston	Vivian Parker	Cheryl Millar	Ernie Buffett	Vern Leffler
Prayer Rotation	Rev. David Wirt St. Ansgar London	Rev. John Goldsworthy St. John's Aylmer	Rev. Sylvia Swiatoschik St. Paul's Leamington	Rev. Laura Sauter St. Peter's Brodhagen	Rev. Nadine Schroeder-Kranz St. Peter's Zurich

SEPTEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 12 th Sunday after Pentecost	2 <i>Office closed</i>	3 Inshallah Choir 5:30 pm	4	5 Participation House 8:30 am Choir 7:30 pm	6	7 Ham Radio Group 9 am
8 13 th Sunday after Pentecost Rally Sunday	9 Council 7 pm 	10 Participation House 8 am Seniors' Worship & Luncheon 11:30 am Inshallah Choir 5:30 pm	11  2 pm	12 Participation House 8:30 am Lions 6 pm Choir 7:30 pm	13	14 Ham Radio Group 9 am
15 14 th Sunday after Pentecost BBQ with LCFI 11:30 am	16 LSS 9:30 am <i>Newsletter items due 9 am</i>	17 Inshallah Choir 5:30 pm TLW Dinner & Meeting 6 pm	18 Participation House 8 pm Bible Study 2 pm Volunteering at Food Bank 6:30 pm	19 Choir 7:30 pm	20	21 Ham Radio Group 9 am Men's Club 9 am Parkinson's Group 2 pm
22 15 th Sunday after Pentecost Education Sunday	23 Participation House 8:30 am	24 Participation House 8 am Inshallah Choir 5:30 pm Volunteer Dinner at St. Michael's 5:30 pm	25 Bell Union Group 10 am Bible Study 2 pm	26 Participation House 9 am Lions 6 pm Choir 7:30 pm	27	28 Ham Radio Group 9 am Liberian Group 5 pm
29 16 th Sunday after Pentecost	30 Participation House 8:30 am					