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## VISION STATEMENT

Trinity Lutheran Church is a community inspired by God  
to share Christ's good news by what we say and do.

DECEMBER 2023

## PICTURE THIS



How simple can a picture be, yet still tell a story. Even this silhouette tells you so much about this story. It tells you who is in the picture, even the main character (who isn't actually visible). Is this main character in the feeding trough or somewhere else?

These simple portrayals of a story let our imagination run deeper. What else can you image here? Where is this happening? What part of the story is being told? Can you put yourself in this picture? What words and music come to mind?

This main character, by the way, IS the reason for the season.

A simple story, a profound story, one that bears repeating, one that needs sharing.

Maybe you could share your version of this story with our congregation. If you have an extra Nativity scene that you could share, bring it in and we can display a whole set of these during Advent and Christmas. Label it with your name just like you would a food bowl for the next pot-luck.

Have a very blessed season with the one that is the reason.

~ Pastor Steve



The last council meeting on Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> was mostly used for getting ready for our BUDGET MEETING which was held on Sunday Nov. 26<sup>th</sup>. This is new frontier for all of us so let's recap the proceedings.

We have, up to now, held an annual Congregational meeting where we would review and approve the previous year's budget, financial statements and dispersal of funds. New council members would then be elected as well. Reports of the Pastor, Chair, Music director as well as other ministries were reviewed and accepted. In the past we have been able to prepare reports and financial reviews for the FEBRUARY annual meeting. Today, however, an accounting firm needs to be engaged to do these reviews. this has required us to push our FINANCE REVIEWS AND APPROVAL to June of each year.

We now have a budget meeting in November (as just passed) and choosing of new council members. June 2024 will now be our ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING to address all matters not pertinent to budget. The previous year's financial statements will then be approved.

The reports on our Ministry will cover the same calendar year we have always used and still due in January of the new year.

We hope this answers some of your questions about these changes.

Yours in Christ,

~ Cheryl Millar

## **MUSIC AT TRINITY**

### **CHRISTMAS EVE**

Christmas Eve at Trinity is always a special uplifting service and experience. The rafters will ring with the singing of all the grand old Christmas carols and music and hear an inspiring Christmas message. The Inch family will share their gift of music. Nancy Jackman and Ross McDonald will also be playing a Keyboard Duo. Come... be part of the loveliest night of the year. Be sure to bring your entire family and friends! *Soli Deo Gloria – To God Be the Glory!*

**rossmcdonald.music@sympatico.ca**

~ Ross McDonald

Director of Music



## **MISSION SERVICES OF LONDON**

Once again, Mission Services (London) is running their "Scan-Away-Hunger Program". By simply adding \$3.99 (the basic cost of a meal) to your bill you are helping those in need in our community. You can add \$3.99 when you shop at any London Metro Store, Valumart, Remark, Sunripe or at the Mission Store. Your help is greatly appreciated.

## **OKTOBERFEST LUNCHEON**

Thanks to Ross for suggesting the luncheon and providing the music and to all those who attended and made our friends from Redeemer feel so welcomed. The day was a great success with 105 people attending. Thanks to Joan Leffler, the Cooper family, Francis and Lisa Hinnah and Deb Pepers who helped on Saturday with setting up and provided the delicious food. Special thanks to everyone who lent a hand on Sunday: Viola Cooper, the FROGs Youth, Kids Club kids and their parents and the ladies who helped clean up were amazing. We couldn't have done it without you and we must do it again soon! Special request: if anyone took photos at the luncheon, would you please email them to Nancy Manners at [ndmanners@execulink.com](mailto:ndmanners@execulink.com) for posting on Trinity's Facebook page and our website (permission will be asked in advance).

~ Nancy Manners

## **MEN'S CLUB**

At the last Men's Club breakfast, held on Saturday November 18, the guest speaker was a representative of Canadian Lutheran World Relief (CLWR). At the conclusion of her presentation, the Men's Club was pleased to give a donation to CLWR in the amount of \$2,000. This was designated for two specific areas of need - \$1,000 towards humanitarian aid for Ukraine and \$1,000 towards aid in the Israeli/Palestinian conflict. We were told that CLWR has representatives "on the ground" in these regions to make sure that the funds are used as intended.

~ Ted Reinhard

on behalf of the Men's Club

## **BREAKFAST WITH SANTA**



The Lion's Club is once again offering *Breakfast with Santa* on **Saturday 16 December from 9 am until noon**. This is open to all families in the community. Freewill offering. Please plan on gathering up the kids and bringing them to see Santa!

**PICTURE THIS:**

The photo is from Christmas Eve 2015 when Trinity and LCFI presented a shadow play like a live nativity scene, "*Strange Way to Save the World*".



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

Alice Cooper (3)	Blessy Kolusu (5)	Karen Holmes (7)	Eswar Kolusu (8)
Nathan Killinger (13)	Karl Rudolph (18)	Brittany Bornath (20)	Zachary Bornath (20)
Vivian Parker (20)	Susanna Kraus (22)		

**ANNIVERSARIES**

Lou & Sharon Mantle (9)    Nancy & David King (27)

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**SERVING IN DECEMBER**

**DECEMBER 3**

Communion  
Assistant    Ted Reinhard  
Altar Care    Robert Sellars & Jodi Kaufman  
Reader    Alan Day  
Greeter(s)    Jonathan & Alicia  
Coffee    Christmas Dinner  
A/V    George Cooper Jr &  
         Francis Hinnah Jr

**DECEMBER 10**

Reader    Cheryl Millar  
Greeter(s)    Dave & Pauline Hutchison  
Coffee    Nancy Manners  
A/V    George Cooper Jr &  
         Francis Hinnah Jr

**DECEMBER 17**

Reader    Nancy Magguilli  
Greeter(s)    Francis Hinnah & Family  
Coffee    Linda Reynolds  
A/V    George Cooper Jr &  
         Francis Hinnah Jr

**DECEMBER 24 – 10:30 AM**

Reader    Blessy Kolusu  
Greeter(s)    George Cooper & Family  
Coffee  
A/V    George Cooper Jr &  
         Francis Hinnah Jr

**DECEMBER 24 – 7:30 PM**

Readers  
Greeter(s)  
A/V    George Cooper Jr &  
         Francis Hinnah Jr

**DECEMBER 25**

*Those who are in attendance may be asked to participate.*

**DECEMBER 31**

Reader    Joanne Vogel  
Greeter(s)    Alan & Lynne Day  
Coffee    Lydia Reinhard  
A/V    George Cooper Jr &  
         Francis Hinnah Jr

*We are always looking for more volunteers.  
If you are able to help, in any way, please let Annette know.*



# Christmas at Trinity

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH INVITES YOU TO OUR  
ADVENT WORSHIP SERVICES AND FESTIVE EVENTS IN DECEMBER.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND ADD THE DATES TO YOUR CELL PHONES!

Bring in a nativity scene or crèche to be included in a special display during the month of December.



## Sunday, December 3rd



The Congregational Christmas Dinner will follow worship. Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$12.50 for children 5-12 years and free for children 4 years and under. Please purchase your tickets before November 27th. **No tickets can be sold at the door.**

## Sunday, December 17th

The children and youth request that you be a part of their Annual Pageant. Bring in a copy of your favourite holiday poem, hymn or song. Show us a treasured Christmas storybook, ornament or decoration. Do you have a photo of yourself with a beloved childhood toy? If possible, give your name and an explanation of your contribution. All items will be displayed for the morning and returned after coffee hour.

## Sunday, December 24th

Join us for our Christmas Eve Service at 7:30 pm



## Monday, December 25th

Christmas morning service and communion begins at 10:30 am

We look forward to sharing the joy of Christ's birth with you.

746 Colborne Street  
Website: [trinitylondon.ca](http://trinitylondon.ca)



24 December 10:30 am

Christmas Eve 7:30 pm



Christmas Day with Holy Communion 10:30 am

We have invited our Good Christian Friends from Redeemer to join us.

All are welcome.



# DECEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday in Advent  Congregation Christmas Dinner 12 pm  Lighthouse Church 1 pm	4          	5 Inshallah Choir 5:30 pm	6	7	8	9
10 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Advent  Lighthouse Church 1 pm  Fiddle Recital 2 pm	11 Northern Hospitality 1 pm  Council 7 pm  	12	13	14	15	16 Confirmation Class 9 am  Lions – “Breakfast with Santa” 9 am  Pageant Rehearsal 10 am
17 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Advent  Christmas Pageant  Lighthouse Church 1 pm	18	19 Seniors’ Worship & Luncheon 11:30 pm  	20	21	22	23
24 Christmas Eve  4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Advent Worship 10:30 am  Lighthouse Church 1 pm  Worship with Lessons & Carols 7:30 pm	25 Christmas Day  Worship with Holy Communion 10:30 am  <i>Office            Closed</i>	26	27	28	29	30
31 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday after Christmas						

## TREASURER'S REPORT For the period ending October 2023

*Please find below a report of this year's receipts and disbursements compared to last year.*

	2023	Last Year	Variance
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### Current Operating Fund

*The current fund is used to cover our day-to-day expenses of operating the church.*

*The expenses incurred are based on the budget approved by the congregation.*

Envelope Offering	118,084	163,257	-45,173	50% of large donation rec'd Jun 2023
Rent Income	44,105	44,427	-322	
Patio Project	-	-	0	
Grants	4,000	17,567	-13,567	2022 incl. medical 2022
Disbursements	226,784	238,656	-11,872	
Surplus (Deficit)	-60,595	-13,406	-47,190	

### Benevolence Receipts

*Funds designated as Benevolence or marked to another charity (ie Mission Services) are deposited into this fund. Weekly Benevolence collections are forwarded to the Synod.*

Receipts- regular	10,841	6,125	4,716
Receipts - Special Appeal	2,595	2,857	-262
Disbursements	12,855	8,502	4,353
Surplus (Deficit)	581	480	101

### Debt Reduction

Receipts	860	1,145	-285
Disbursements	-	-	0
Surplus (Deficit)	860	1,145	-285

### Help for Others

*Funds designated as Help for Others go to fund our outreach program for Northern Hospitality*

Receipts	3,013	935	2,078
Disbursements	2,171	1,217	953
Surplus (Deficit)	843	-282	1,125

*\$2,000 grant received from LSSL in April 2023*

~ Lynne Killinger, Treasurer