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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.

**JULY/AUGUST 2023**

### **FROM THE PASTOR**

#### **WHO IS AT WORSHIP CHANGES WORSHIP**

I didn't go to church today,  
I trust the Lord to understand.

These are the first two lines from Ogden Nash's poem about seeing God in the playing, the heat and the surf. I get it ... God's gift to Canada's – two weeks of summer in mid July or August or maybe delayed to September. But is it God that needs you in church? Google Nash's poem "I didn't go to church today" and read that God and Ogden will have plenty of time together later on. I don't think Ogden meant when he died (1971 in case you wondered), but rather, when THIS year's summer is over.

I can tell you who does need you, the rest of the congregation. My very first sermon in my seminary placement, was at the 9:30 am service at St. Paul's Lutheran, Richmond Hill. The pastor and organist were there of course, but at 9:28 a single parishioner arrived. I preached the same sermon at the 10:30 service and that was a very different experience. It is

hard to preach, and I would also add worship, when there are few people to worship with you. That sole person at the 9:30 am service might have looked in and said, 'I might as well have stayed at home'. I for one was glad she sat down. My sermon moved to a more conversational tone that time.

Who is at worship changes worship. When you come to worship you are just as much doing it for the others than you are doing it for yourself, or even for God. If you are away on a Sunday, try a local church. They will be changed by you being at their worship service. If you are home – bring others – invite family and or friends ... we will be changed by their presence.

Blessings for your all season's worship,  
Pastor Steve

### **HOLY COMMUNION SCHEDULE**

Our website keeps up to date with our weekly worship – but if you are planning ahead, you could read this on our website:



During the summer/fall months we are celebrating Holy Communion on the 2nd Sunday of the month: July 9th; August 13th; September 10th; October 8th

Special Worship Service: History of Hymns | 6<sup>th</sup> August Lay led service | Good stories about our beloved hymns

**OFFICE CLOSED DATES - JULY 3, AUGUST 7-11, SEPTEMBER 4-5**

## **COUNCIL NEWS**

Council met on June 19, 2023. Council again discussed the hiring of an accountant to do a review of our 2021 and 2022 books. A couple of council members were tasked with finding an accountant to do the review.

Heather reported further on the repairs needed to our tower. The trap door requires sealing as well as all the air leaks that are coming into the building. The membrane in the tower needs replacing but needs to be done in conjunction with the repairs to the trap door and any alterations that need to take place, so it opens and closes properly. Council will continue to work with Heather and Robert Sellars to get this work done.

We are also looking at updating the website to include a mobile friendly feel and to get current information posted.

Sunday School has come to a close for this year and we look forward to seeing all of our children back out in the fall. We wish them a safe summer.

As always, we are looking for your ideas, concerns and comments. Please feel free to contact any council members with those thoughts.

With Cheryl recuperating at the time of the meeting, your Vice-Chair took the Chair and is submitting this report.

- Deb Pepers



## **CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS IN THE SUMMER**

### **JULY**

Don Cook (2)  
David Rush (18)  
Elijah Becker (21)  
Nick Killinger (29)

Pauline Hutchison (9)  
Teresa Hamilton (20)  
Theodore Becker (23)

Holly LeSauvage (12)  
Sharon Mantle (20)  
Carol Boyd (26)

### **AUGUST**

Jeff Holmes (7)  
Susan Okkonen (21)

Joanne Vogel (9)  
Noah Becker (25)

Barb Ullerick (14)  
Francis Hinnah (31)

## **CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES**

### **JULY**

Orv & Marlene Ullerick (9)  
Alvin & Mary Mundt (19)  
Gerald & Teresa Hamilton (27)

Laurie & Kathy Meadows (14)  
Rob & Wendy Inch (23)  
Paul & Brenda LeSauvage (28)

### **AUGUST**

Steve & Nancy Manners (20)

## SERVING IN JULY

	2 JULY	9 JULY	16 JULY	23 JULY	30 JULY
Communion Assistant	N/A	Ted Reinhard	N/A	N/A	N/A
Reader	Vivian Parker	Lydia Reinhard			Blessy Kolusu
Greeter(s)	Francis Hinnah & Family		Pauline Hutchison	George Cooper & Family	
Refreshments	Lydia Reinhard	Barb Drogemuller		Linda Reynolds	
Altar Care	N/A	Jodi Kaufman Robert Sellars	N/A	N/A	N/A
A/V	Jonathan Wild	Jonathan Wild	Jonathan Wild	Jonathan Wild	Jonathan Wild
Pianist/Organist	Ross McDonald	Ross McDonald	Dave Hutchison	Dave Hutchison	Ross McDonald

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

If you are able to help with any task on Sunday mornings, please let Annette know. Thank you.

*"Many hands make light work!"*



### **SUMMER GUEST PIANISTS**

Over the summer, when Ross is on vacation, we will have guest pianists. We will be welcoming Dave Hutchison on 16 & 23 July. Nancy Jackman will be playing for us on 13 & 20 August. We thank them for sharing their talents with us.



### **NEW (NAMELESS) STAFF MEMBER**

Welcome to our newest staff member. I would love to share their name, but they don't have one. So, please put your creative juices to work and suggest a name for our automated floor vacuum cleaner. If you can suggest a saint's name – that would be appropriate too. We will have a naming ceremony and welcome on 10<sup>th</sup> September, Rally Sunday. We also don't know what denomination Ms. X is from. Suggestions on that are welcome too.

Suggestion to Annette by phone or email by August 21<sup>st</sup>.

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# TREASURER'S REPORT

For the period ending 31 May 2023

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

	2023	Last Year	Variance	
<b>Current Operating Fund</b>				
<i>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.</i>				
Envelope Offering	36,028	38,623	-2,595	
Rent Income	21,740	19,750	1,990	
Patio Project	-	-	0	
Grants	2,500	15,567	-13,067	2022 incl. medical 2022
Disbursements	124,918	131,971	-7,053	
Surplus (Deficit)	-64,650	-58,031	-6,619	

## 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	3,189	3,945	-756
Receipts - Special Appeal	1,975	2,108	-133
Disbursements	4,623	5,613	-990
Surplus (Deficit)	541	440	101

## Debt Reduction

Receipts	378	690	-312
Disbursements	-	-	0
Surplus (Deficit)	378	690	-312

## Help for Others

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

Receipts	2,543	395	2,148
Disbursements	1,382	691	691
Surplus (Deficit)	1,161	-296	1,457

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

- Lynne Killinger, Treasurer