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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.

MAY 2021

EVENTS IN MAY 1921

We are celebrating Trinity's 100th Anniversary in October. Usually about 14-18 months before the actual anniversary, committees would be formed, history notes would be updated, and the major event dates would be set. But alas ... world pandemics tend to get in the way of such forward planning. Even as we head into May and our 100th anniversary is only 6 months away, we still cannot plan with any confidence. However, we can look back at the world of 1921. It was certainly a different world.

In world politics on May 6th, Germany recognises the Soviet government in the Russian Soviet Federative Socialist Republic, which becomes the USSR in 1922. A general strike begins in Norway. Also in May, the Communist Party of Canada is formed at a clandestine meeting held in a barn in Guelph.

The **province of Northern Ireland** (where Pastor Steve was born) was created within the United Kingdom and the **Irish Free State** is officially formed. The Irish Free State lasts until 1937 when the Constitution of Ireland creates the **state of Ireland** as we know it today. Elections in May create the first Parliament of Northern Ireland with the Ulster Unionists winning 40 out of 52 seats and creating a dominant-party system that would last for fifty years.

May 31–June 1, mobs of white residents attack black residents and businesses in the **Greenwood District of Tulsa, Oklahoma**. The official death toll is 36, but later investigations suggest an actual figure between 100 and 300. 1,250 homes are destroyed and roughly 6,000 African Americans imprisoned in one of the worst incidents of mass racial violence in the United States.

And a bright hope in 1921; a fishing and racing rig schooner named **Bluenose** was built. She became a provincial icon for Nova Scotia and an important Canadian symbol in the 1930s. The new schooner was launched from Lunenburg's Smith and Rhuland's master shipwrights at a cost of \$35,600.



Bluenose launch - March 26 at Lunenburg Harbour

And from within our congregation Dora Frank was born in 1921. Are there events in your family history from 1921 that you would like to share? Did you have a parent or grandparent born that year? Let me know.

~ Pastor Steve Johnston
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NEWS FROM COUNCIL

May is here and the flowers are blooming. Council is pleased that the Easter Treats delivered were well received and for some a welcome surprise. We are glad this small gesture brought joy to many.

COVID cases have not been decreasing as we would like and had hoped. Unfortunately, they are still high and we are under a Stay At Home Order until at least May 20th. With these high numbers, and to protect our congregational members, Trinity will remain closed for In Person Worship until further notice. We know everyone is anxious to return to In Person worship however, we need to take the care and safety of everyone into consideration. Please, when you are able, go and get your vaccine shot. This will help you and others have some protection from these nasty virus strains that just do not want to go away.



Our birthday wishes to those who celebrated special birthdays in April were well received and the members

were touched by your kind words and thoughts. Annette will continue to send out an email asking for your birthday wishes and thoughts for those who have a special birthday coming up each and every month. Be sure Annette knows when your birthday is, so you too can make our Birthday Calendar and when the time arrives, those special thoughts and prayers from other members of the congregation will be sent to you. Let's also get Anniversary dates to Annette so those can be recorded as well and milestones acknowledged. This is one way to keep in touch with other members.

At our May council meeting we will be discussing how to hold our Annual Meeting which should be done before the end of June. High COVID counts could prevent us from holding our meeting In Person. We know that not everyone has a computer and/or Wi-Fi and would not be able to attend virtually, but you could call in. Council will be looking at the various options and we will keep you informed. Definitely keep your eyes out for our June newsletter where we will let you know what we have come up with.



In relation to our 100th Anniversary Celebration, we will also provide you with an update on our thoughts of what we may or may not be able to accomplish this year. We will, in some way, mark and celebrate the occasion. However, it may not be how we had originally thought. Time will tell.

Remember, your fellow members of Trinity are here to help and support you in any way that we can. If you have questions, concerns, need assistance with setting up and getting your vaccine shot, please call the church and Annette will reach out to us and we do our best to assist.

May the sunshine that peeks out from behind the clouds remind you that God is looking down and smiling upon you.

Deb Pepers
Council Chair

THANK YOU

Cathy Grava would like to sincerely thank all those who sent cards, flowers, called and prayers following the death of her beloved husband, John. All was greatly appreciated.

TREASURER'S REPORT

For the period ending 31 MARCH 2021

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

	Jan-Mar <u>2021</u>	<u>Last Year</u>	<u>Variance</u>
<u>Current Operating Fund</u>			
<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	17,515	21,588	(4,073)
Rent Income	480	3,373	(2,893)
Grants	3,367	4,499	(1,132)
Wage Subsidy 2020	40,476		40,476
Disbursements	68,322	74,370	(6,048)
Surplus (Deficit)	(6,484)	(44,910)	38,426

Benevolence Receipts

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

Receipts	1,271	1,775	(505)
Disbursements	1,205	1,305	(100)
Surplus (Deficit)	66	470	(405)

Debt Reduction

Receipts	236	328	(92)
Disbursements	-	-	0
Surplus (Deficit)	236	328	(92)

Help for Others

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

Receipts	25	535	(510)
Disbursements	387	631	(244)
Surplus (Deficit)	(362)	(96)	(266)

- Lynne Killinger, Treasurer

CELEBRATING THIS MONTH

The following members are celebrating this month.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Don & Marg Cook (3)

Rosemary & Tom Christensen (14)

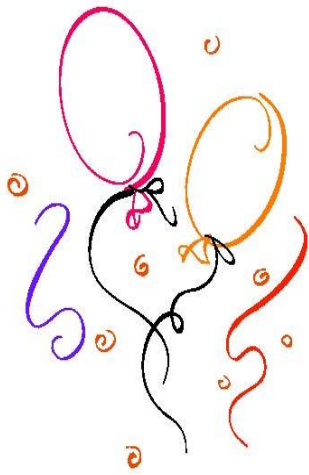
HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Sherry Rowland (10)

Cheryl Millar (14)

Kebbah Cooper (15)

Barb Drogemuller (25)



Please let Annette know the date of your birthday and anniversary so that our records are up-to-date and so we can include you special day in our newsletter best wishes! If you prefer we not include your birthday and/or anniversary please be sure to let Annette know that as well.