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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 2022

EASTER SEASON

We have a pattern of scripture reading that we usually follow. There is a three cycle and this year (Advent 2021 to Christ the King 2022) is year C which mostly follows the Gospel of Luke. However, the Gospel of John (who tells the story of Jesus in a different way compared Matthew, Mark and Luke) also is used at different part of the year. All the way though Easter Sunday up to and including Pentecost uses different parts of the Gospel of John.

The Gospel of John begins with a poetic hymn that tells the story of Jesus's origin, mission, and function. John says that Jesus is the incarnated Word of God, bringing "grace and truth," replacing the law given by Moses, and making God known in the world. The theme of life- eternal life, comes up again and again. One could argue this is John's main purpose: to demonstrate Jesus as the source of eternal life. *

Sunday May 1st has my absolute favourite Bible story. The disciples go fishing, Jesus tells them to try the other side of the boat, and they haul in so many fish (John 21:1-19). I have lots to say about this story.

Questions to ponder: Do you have a scripture passage that you would like to share with me? Maybe we could chat over coffee at your place some time? Maybe I could preach on that text and use your story about the scripture to inspire a sermon?

Questions to the mature person of faith, and the conversations they inspire, are wonderful nutrients to the sole.

Remember, Jesus was Mary's gardener. (John 20:15)
~ Pastor Steve

* Ref: <https://www.sparknotes.com/> and
<https://www.pepperdine.edu/>



WHO WAS MARTIN LUTHER?

As part of the confirmation program, I have usually shown the wonderful PBS video “Martin Luther – The Reluctant Revolutionary”. This year my sole confirmand would love to have some company as we watch and discuss the video.

The video explains the social and religious society of the time and why the church had such incredible influence over people’s lives. It documents Luther’s struggles accepting that he was worthy of God’s love and how he was pushed to discover the scriptures for himself and which is where he found a truly loving God. It is this journey to rediscovering grace that defines so much of our Lutheran theological understanding.

Luther sparked a religious and societal revolution but he wasn’t trying to do that, hence the “Reluctant” in the title. His goal was more about reforming his own church of that day.

Join us for pizza, the video and some great discussion about “Martin Luther – The Reluctant Revolutionary.” I invite children who are about to start confirmation (bring your parents), those who were recently confirmed and DID NOT get the chance to see this video, and also YOU what ever your age. This is NOT a children’s video and contains abstract ideas perfect for growing the faith. I greatly enjoyed these videos and have shared it with many adults too. Let me know if you can come and share your favourite pizza type. Pizzas are on the house.

Sunday 15th May - Part 1 “Driven to Defiance”
12:00 pm to 2:00 pm

Sunday 29th May - Part 2 “The Reluctant Revolutionary” 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm
~ Pastor Steve

COUNCIL NEWS

Council met on Monday, April 25, 2022. We welcomed our new members - Alicia Wild, Joan Leffler and Nancy Jackman. We are very pleased to have these new faces and welcome their fresh ideas and input. Election of officers was held with result being Cheryl Millar is now Chair and Deb Pepers is Vice-Chair. Since Deb and I have worked collaboratively in the past, the transition should be seamless. Once more let me say if anyone in our congregation has ideas, concerns or comments, please feel free to bring these to the council’s attention. In fact, the congregation and council should work together to restore church life which was so ravaged by the Covid-19 pandemic. The fellowship and routine are greatly missed.

Our property managers, Robert Sellars and Steve Krautner, have worked on through the “shut down” to maintain the church along with Randy Sinclair. A fine job they have done! Our green space is ready to accept the spring flowers and foliage.

Currently, we are inviting members with a working knowledge of accounting to come forward for the treasurer’s position. Lynne Killinger has worked tirelessly in the past to keep our finances in good order and we thank her for the years she has committed to this.

Let me also take this opportunity to remind everyone to submit their photos, recipes and memories of the last 100 years at Trinity to Nancy Manners for the Centennial Anniversary of Trinity.

I need to mention the tireless work Deb Pepers has put into the Council Chair position. She has done much more than Chair work and it shows. From pandemic protocol management to baking for our seniors’ treat boxes! She handled good times and bad with aplomb and for that we thank her. I hope I can serve as well.

Yours in Christ,
Cheryl Millar, Council Chair



**Now that we are holding indoor Sunday Worship Services again,
we are in need of volunteers.**

**If you are willing to help with any of our tasks on Sunday morning,
please call Annette in the church office or send her an email.**

"Many hands make light work!"

NORTHERN HOSPITALITY

As you know, Trinity, in conjunction with New St. James Presbyterian Church, Colborne St. United Church, Maitland Community Church, and St. Michael's Catholic Church, has been providing meals to those in need, for many years. Trinity's night to serve these meals is the first Monday of each month. And St. Michael's continues to be the host church for these meals.

For the past two years, due to Covid, these meals have continued, but in the form of bag lunches distributed outdoors. Attendance has varied, from 35 to 50. There have been some very cold nights, but there is still such a need for these meals to be provided, as attendance indicates.

At a recent meeting, representatives from the above churches discussed the possibility of resuming serving meals indoors in the coming year. We reserved making an immediate decision on this until we see where Covid numbers are in August.

To this end, we need to consider who of our volunteers feel safe doing this and assess if Trinity is able to continue in full capacity! I am hoping so. Many of our volunteers have helped with these meals for years and are retiring. Thank you to all of these volunteers!

I have been approaching members of our congregation to see if they'd like to help with these meals, and I thank those new volunteers who have offered to help, and also those who have indicated they will be returning.

But we still need a few more volunteers!

Trinity prepares and serves our meals on the first Monday of each month, October through June! Serving time would be between 5 and 7 pm.

If you are interested and able to help, or know someone who would like to help, preparing, delivering, serving meals, or with clean up, please contact me, or Annette at the church office. You can be a high school student earning volunteer hours, university student, member, or friend of Trinity. The door is open.

Laurie and I have organized Trinity's meals for over 16 years now! We couldn't have done this without our team of volunteers. However, it is soon my time to retire, but still help. Would you???? be interested in taking charge! Once a month, for nine meals. This outreach continues to be very much needed and is truly appreciated.

Kathy Meadows,
519, 691-5906, or at my email,
lkmeadows55@gmail.com.

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

A celebration of the life of Vern Leffler will be held on **Saturday 14 May at 1 pm**. All are welcome to attend.

DONATIONS FOR UKRAINE

Donations are still be accepted for the people of Ukraine. You can leave your donation on the offering plate on Sunday mornings. Please mark your envelope "Help for Ukraine". We also ask that you keep the people of Ukraine in your prayers.

IT'S TIME TO START THINKING ABOUT POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION BURSARIES / SCHOLARSHIPS

Information and applications for the TL Ristine, CJ Killinger and
GH Dobrindt Bursaries are available from the church office.



PLEASE NOTE:

Applications for the Trinity Bursaries are due into the church office no later than **31 May**.

ELCIC SCHOLARSHIPS



The Synod Scholarship Fund is a program administered by the Eastern Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada when funds are available. It was established in

1995 to encourage young Christian people to enrol in a post-secondary institution to pursue a vocation in society as Christian men and women. This scholarship is not normally given to those students studying in educational institutions of theology leading to a vocation in the ordained ministry. This program is not solely based upon academic achievement, rather, it seeks to make awards to those people who have special financial needs and to encourage their pursuit of a post-secondary education.

The Spencer-Barche Educational Trust Fund was established in 1983 and coordinated by the Eastern Synod to encourage young Christian people to pursue a vocation in which they continue to serve their Lord.

The Toolsie Fund was established in 1984 and is a program which is administered by the Synod Council appointed Scholarship Committee and is geared specifically to university students.

All three scholarships are administered by the Eastern Synod and applications will be reviewed by a committee appointed by the Eastern Synod Council.

Applications are available from the church office. Deadline to submit applications to ELCIC is **31 May 2022**.

LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES SCHOLARSHIPS

The applicant must:

1. Be a member in good standing of one of the six Lutheran Churches in London and be approved by the church council and the pastor.
2. Make their own application to LSSL through their church.
3. Have been out of secondary school for a period of at least three (3) years.
4. Be eligible for enrolment into an accredited school for higher education. The scholarship will be conditional upon acceptance by a school in Canada.
5. Want to upgrade their education level for employment status or new employment.

Applications must be submitted no later than **31 May**.

LUTHERAN MEN'S CLUB BBQ

The Lutheran Men's Club will be holding their Annual BBQ on **Saturday 28 May at 5 pm**. This is open to all men of the congregation. Let's gather at Trinity for good food and fellowship.



MY SISTER'S PLACE

My Sister's Place is in need of "grab and go" snacks such as granola bars, cereal bars, fruit cups, applesauce cups, etc. Please bring in items and place them in the box in the Fellowship Hall.

MAY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 3 rd Sunday after Easter	2 Northern Hospitality 2 pm	3	4	5 Kiwanis 11:30 am	6	7
8 4 th Sunday after Easter 	9	10	11	12 Kiwanis 11:30 am	13	14 Celebration of Life – Vern Leffler 1 pm 
15 5 th Sunday after Easter Bible Study 12 pm 	16 Council 7 pm	17	18	19 Kiwanis 11:30 am	20	21
22 6 th Sunday after Easter	23 LSSL 9:30 am	24	25	26 Lions 6:30 pm	27	28 Lutheran Men's Club BBQ 5 pm 
29 Ascension of our Lord Bible Study 12 pm	30	31				



CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS IN MAY

Randy Sinclair (10)
Kebbeh Cooper (15)

Cheryl Millar (14)
Barb Drogemuller (25)

Annette Cantell (15)

CELEBRATING WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Don & Marg Cook (3) Rosemary & Thomas Christensen (14)



SERVING IN MAY

MAY 1

READER	Ted Reinhard
COMMUNION ASSISTANT	Emily Inch
GREETERS	George Cooper & Family
COFFEE HOSTS	Lydia & Ted Reinhard
ALTAR CARE	Nancy Magguilli & Joan Leffler
COUNTERS	Linda Reynolds & Dave Killinger
A/V	Jonathan Wild

MAY 8 (Mother's Day)

READER	Cheryl Millar
GREETERS	Dave & Pauline Hutchison
COFFEE HOSTS	Jonathan & Alicia Wild
COUNTERS	Linda Reynolds & Dave Killinger

MAY 15

READER	Lydia Reinhard
GREETER	Barb Drogemuller
COFFEE HOST	Cheryl Millar
COUNTERS	Linda Reynolds & Dave Killinger

MAY 22

READER	Joanne Vogel
GREETERS	Bob & Carolyn Sellars
COFFEE HOST	Linda Reynolds
COUNTERS	Linda Reynolds & Dave Killinger

MAY 29

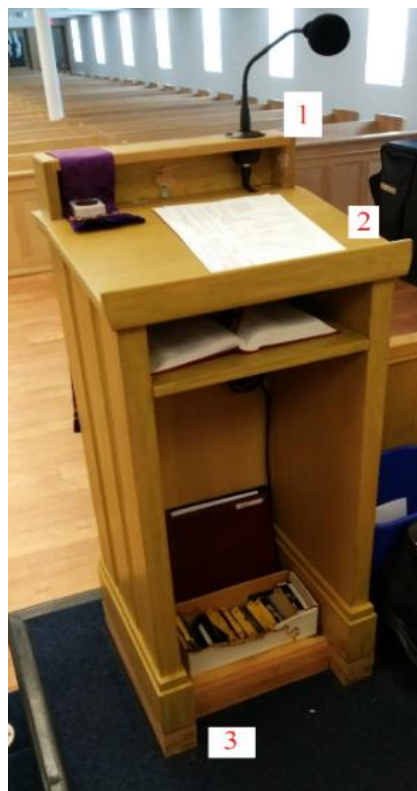
READER	Nancy Magguilli
GREETER	Rosemary Christensen
COFFEE HOST	Joan Leffler
COUNTERS	Linda Reynolds & Dave Killinger

WHAT? NO!

“Did you know that people are taller now than when the church was built in 1951?” This is true. The Canadian average height has increased about three inches in the last 100 years. The lectern at our church is evidence of that. When I have used the lectern to read on Sundays, I always found it too low and I watched others have the same struggle especially the teenagers – they are often taller than their parents.

Here are some modifications that Steve Krautner and Bob Sellars did a few years ago.

1. The microphone mount is moved from the level where the books lie and is higher that is used to be.
2. The book table part no longer has the microphone mount and now binders and printed material lie flat.
3. The whole lectern is now 3¼ inches higher. Our dedicated property guys put some old ex-pew wood under the base. The extra ¼ inch is room for us to grow into 😊.



TREASURER'S REPORT

For the period ending 31-Mar-22

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

	Jan - Mar 2022	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	21,160	17,515	3,644
Rent Income	12,655	480	12,175
Grants	15,567	3,367	12,200
Wage Subsidy 2020	-	40,476	-40,476
Disbursements	89,508	41,022	48,486
Surplus (Deficit)	-40,127	20,816	-60,942

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	1,588	1,271	317
Receipts - Special Appeal	1,308		1,308
Disbursements	2,793	1,205	1,588
Surplus (Deficit)	103	66	37

Debt Reduction

Receipts	368	236	132
Disbursements	-	-	0
Surplus (Deficit)	368	236	132

Help for Others

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

Receipts	345	25	320
Disbursements	391	387	4
Surplus (Deficit)	-46	-362	316

~ Lynne Killinger, Treasurer