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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.

NOVEMBER 2023

IT'S A MOST WONDERFUL TIME OF THE YEAR

Martin Luther did not pen that song, but he did pen this, his first hymn:

Ein neues Lied wir heben an,
das walt Gott unser Herre,
zu singen, was Gott hat getan
zu seinem Lob und Ehre.
Zu Brüssel in dem Niederland
wohl durch zwei junge Knaben
hat er sein Wunder g'macht bekannt,
die er mit seinen Gaben
so reichlich hat gezieret.

What makes a Lutheran be a Lutheran? Take this, "*Being a Lutheran*", test and find out.

1. You need to read German
2. You to be able to compose a singable tune
3. You need to know how to type
4. You must put lit candles on your Christmas tree
5. You need to know the five solas
6. You need to know, "Why is Reformation Day is on Halloween?"

Answers/explanations later on in this newsletter

Yet, it really is a wonderful time of the year for Lutherans.

- ✚ October 31st is Reformation day
- ✚ Fall is a good time to plant a tree
- ✚ We will decorate our evergreen trees in church and home
- ✚ Christmas Eve has us all singing Silent Night in German (even if we can't speak German)

- ✠ Christ is born | “Adam and Eve were not born but created. God made Adam out of the dust of the earth, and the woman of his rib. How much nearer is Christ to us than Eve to her husband Adam, since He is truly our flesh and blood.”
– *Martin Luther*

It is a wonderful time of the year for confirmation teaching – hands on.



Confirmation Class Interfaith Tree Planting



Confirmation Class Making a Luther Rose Banner

My goals for teaching Confirmation Class is more about creating experiences than teaching knowledge. I hope each student can tell stories in 20's and 30's that start, “When I was in confirmation we did this ...”. The five solas of our reformation understanding faith, is part of the Luther Rose banner.

~ Pastor Steve

ANNUAL BUDGET MEETING



Sunday 26 November after worship. “2024 Budget and other business”. The agenda and budget will be available before the meeting.

On 24th September we changes the by-law that dictates when our Annual Meeting should be – we now have a Budget Meeting in November to set the budget for 1st January, plus a 2nd meeting in June to review the finances and other reports from the previous year.

MUSIC AT TRINITY

DUELING PIANO & ORGAN CONCERT:

REVIEW

Nancy Jackman and I presented our fifth edition of our Dueling Piano & Organ concert. This was a benefit concert with all the proceeds going to the Canadian Koshiki Karate Association. Both Nancy and I donated our time to this effort.

This concert followed a similar format to past concerts with a menu of many styles and genres of music that everyone loves. Music was from light classical to well known pops music from stage and silver screen. It featured music such as the Piano Concerto in A Minor by Edvard Grieg, Phantom Of The Opera by Andrew Lloyd Webber plus lots more.

There were some new innovations to this concert. Nancy and I presented this concert twice. On Thursday October 12 at 3:00 pm we presented a matinee concert at Trinity. This was for some of the residents and accompanying staff at the Extendicare McGarrell Place. A reception followed the concert for the residents and staff attending. Those that were able were transported to Trinity by bus arranged by McGarrell Place. These residents are not able to get out vary often to attend an event such as this. They were most delighted. Many thanks to volunteers from Trinity who were on hand to operate the elevator, assist with the reception and assist the residents. The residents either had walkers or were in wheelchairs.

The concert was then presented a second time on Friday evening October 13th for Trinity members and the greater London Community. This was also followed by a lovely reception for everyone. We had a good crowd on hand with very appreciative folks who loved the event. On behalf of Nancy Jackman we thank everyone at Trinity for your encouragement and support in presenting this successful event.

LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES HYMN

SING: REVIEW

A Musical Experiment! This was the first time an event such as this has ever been attempted. Rev. Frank Mantz had the vision of presenting a hymn sing event for all six Lutheran Churches in London to bring all the London Lutheran churches together and get to know each other. Frank and I created the program together. The hymns were chosen to fit in three categories, Father, Son and Holy Ghost. We also had some visiting musical guests, an El Sistema

string ensemble of nine musicians played twice, a ladies sung duet and Nancy Jackman and myself presenting the prelude and postlude music with piano and organ duo. This was followed by a superb reception after the hymn sing compliments of Lutheran Social Services. Thank you to the Trinity ladies for managing the reception. All Six Lutheran churches received financial bursaries presented by Rev. Frank Mantz from Lutheran Social Services during the event.

We had a good crowd of people of all ages young and older attend from the other five Lutheran churches in London. Every one raised their voices to The Glory Of God. The response,... *"WHEN IS THE NEXT ONE,... DO THIS AGAIN!"*

Soli Deo Gloria – To God Be The Glory!

~ Ross McDonald, Director of Music

TLW

The Annual General Meeting and lunch that was planned in September had to be cancelled to accommodate the funeral and reception of our oldest member, Susan Pillsworth.

TLW Executive:

Co- chairs: Lydia Reinhard & Linda Reynolds

Secretary: Jean Hohnstein

Treasurer: Carolyn Sellars

Members at large: Barb Drogemuller &

Kathy Meadows.

New members for the TLW Committee are always welcome.

Your executive has continued to work for the good of the congregation and to provide some funding to charitable groups at home and abroad. To date we have sent the following:

My Sisters' Place, Lamp, Teen Challenge, WICC
\$100 each

WICC (Women's Inter Church Council of Canada)
also received \$100/pp for World Day of Prayer in
March

Northern Hospitality & Food Grains Bank \$300

Anova, Child Can and Change Her World

\$300 each

CLWR (Canadian Lutheran World Relief) \$500

We are sending CLWR an additional \$300 (money received from LSSL for catering reception after Hymn Sing on October 22) to help in Ukraine and Gaza.

Mission Services received \$100 for meals in the summer and \$150 each for Thanksgiving and Christmas meals for those in need.

Fresh flowers are provided on communion Sundays and we have purchased some additional silk florals to decorate the altar. The sanctuary, Koehler Hall and the food display at Thanksgiving was the work of TLW. Only a few people have signed to provide flowers and fresh flowers have become costly.

Seniors' Worship and Luncheon has been well attended and enjoyed in September and October. All Trinity seniors are welcome (and you may bring a friend). The next event will be on **Tuesday, November 21** with Worship at 11:30 followed by lunch. A special Christmas lunch is being planned for December 19. If you need a ride, contact Annette in the church office.

As you can see, the small TLW committee has been busy and our funds are shrinking. Thanks to Barb Drogemuller for making Shepherds' pies on a continual basis. Beef pies will be available in November. New ideas for fundraising are welcome as long as there are volunteers to take on leadership roles.

CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTMAS DINNER

will be held on the First Day of Advent. Mark your calendars for **Sunday, December 3**. This traditional Christmas meal will be catered. The cost is only \$25.00 per person, children under 12 are half price and children under 5 years are free. This will be a joyful way to begin the season with good food, carolling and more. Tickets will be going on sale soon.

Blessings to all,
Lydia Reinhard



CELEBRATING IN NOVEMBER

BIRTHDAYS

Steve Krautner (2)

Ross McDonald (3)

Diane Vogt (5)

Marg Fish (8)

David Penny (15)

Gerald Hamilton (19)

Anthony Pepers (19)

Heather Holmes (23)

Kathy Meadows (24)

Katie Millar-Harrison (27)

George Cooper Jr (30)

ANNIVERSARY

Deb & Maarty Pepers (21)

Would you like to help Pastor
Steve visit the shut-ins
in our community?

Please have a conversation
with him.



TREASURER'S REPORT TO SEPTEMBER 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	108,413	153,406	-44,993	50% of large donation rec'd Jun 2023
Rent Income	39,200	40,392	-1,192	
Patio Project	-	-	0	
Grants	4,000	17,567	-13,567	2022 incl. medical 2022
Disbursements	205,934	218,701	-12,767	
Surplus (Deficit)	-54,321	-7,336	-46,985	

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	8,926	5,385	3,541
Receipts - Special Appeal	2,175	2,857	-682
Disbursements	10,560	7,802	2,758
Surplus (Deficit)	541	440	101

Debt Reduction

Receipts	722	1,059	-337
Disbursements	-	-	0
Surplus (Deficit)	722	1,059	-337

Help for Others

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

Receipts	2,693	635	2,058
Disbursements	1,719	838	881
Surplus (Deficit)	974	-203	1,177

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

Lynne Killinger, Treasurer

NOVEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 YAPCA 5 pm	2 Hutton House 9:30 am	3	4
5 All Saints' Sunday Lighthouse Church 1 pm	6	7 Inshallah 5:30 pm	8 YAPCA 5 pm	9	10	11
12 24 th Sunday after Pentecost Remembrance Day  Lighthouse Church 1 pm	13 Nortnen Hospitality 1 pm Council 7 pm	14 Inshallah 5:30 pm	15 YAPCA 5 pm	16	17	18 Men's Club 9 am 
19 25 th Sunday after Pentecost Lighthouse Church 1 pm	20	21 Senior's Worship & Luncheon 11:30 am  Inshallah 5:30 pm	22 YAPCA 5 pm	23	24	25
26 Christ the King  12 pm Lighthouse Church 1 pm	27	28 Inshallah 5:30 pm	29 YAPCA 5 pm	30		

ANSWERS “Being a Lutheran” test

1. You need to read German
→ No. The English translation of Luther’s first hymn is below. I didn’t know about the “two mere boys” until I watched the video.
2. You to be able to compose a singable tune
→ No. You don’t even know how to carry a tune. Sing anyway with joy in your heart. The others will forgive you.
3. You need to know how to type
→ No. Luther had Gutenberg to help.
4. You must put lit candles on your Christmas tree
→ No!!! Stick with electricity. By 1945, 85% of American homes were powered by electricity, with virtually all homes having electricity by 1960.
5. You need to know the five solas.
→ This would be good to know this – check out the Reformation Sunday sermon 29th October 2023, or ... ask a confirmation student.
6. You need to know why is Reformation Day on Halloween?
→ This too would be good to know this. People might ask that “why that day” ... what a beautiful way to introduction to the “protest” part of our denomination. Again, listen to the Reformation Sunday Sermon for 29th October.

A New Song Be by Us (Ein neues Lied) Luther’s first Hymn:

A new song be by us begun,
God help us tell the story,
To sing what our Lord God hath done
Unto His praise and glory.
At Brussels in the Netherlands
Hath He made known His wonders
Through two mere boys, right youthful lads,
Whom He with heav’nly treasures
So richly hath adorned.

Watch and listen to this video about the “two mere boys” and this hymn.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9Uxbs_Vjg-g
or google this “Ein neues Lied Luther's first song”