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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.

SEPTEMBER 2023

### SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Please mark your calendar and join us following worship on  
**SUNDAY 24 SEPTEMBER.**

We will be discussing the review/audit of our financial records.  
This is an important meeting and we look forward to your input.

### THE FUTURE – GOD - CHANGE

The future is a daunting thing. We don't know with certainty what the months and years ahead will bring. The 3 and 4 year olds are going to school and maybe leaving their parents for the first time. Maybe they need to ride on a big school bus ... without seat belts. On CBC London this morning they interviewed some very young and new school bus riders that had been offered a first trip from the school, around the block, and back again. One child said, "I'm a bit scared, but mostly excited."

At the other end of the local school system, maybe our young adults are heading to a college or university, maybe in another city or even another country, again away from mom, dad, siblings and grandparents for the first time. But these young adults already know that they can adapt. They will have changed school 3 times at least by this stage.

Our church world is also looking at the future as a daunting time. We live in a world that is not like it was when we were youngsters, off to Sunday School with 10s and 10s of other kids. This current world is not our parent's world, nor our grandparent's world, and neither is church. Maybe we can learn from the youngsters. Maybe their willingness to accept change can inspire us. Maybe being willing to adapt to new situations can be part of our spiritual way of being.

In 1849, French writer Jean-Baptiste Alphonse Karr wrote "*plus ça change, plus c'est la même chose*" – the more things change, the more they stay the same.

Scripture tells us:

- *What has been will be again, what has been done will be done again; there is nothing new under the sun. Ecclesiastes 1:9*

How does that make sense? If we look at reality on a deeper level, we still have relationships with family, friends, church, the earth, God ... what in those relationships is different than for our grandparents ... or even further back? The surface level stuff will look like change – **but deep down** – I would say it stays the same.

I do wonder about one aspect on my list; our relationship with the earth. It is a gift from God, and a responsibility for us to care for it.

- God spoke: *“Let us make human beings in our image, make them reflecting our nature so they can be responsible for the fish in the sea, the birds in the air, the cattle, and, yes, Earth itself, and every animal that moves on the face of Earth.”* Genesis 1:26-28

Seeing the wildfires, floods and other weather extremes would be good evidence that we are not being responsible for Earth itself. Not my problem? *“We didn't start the fire; It was always burning, since the world's been turning; We didn't start the fire; No, we didn't light it, but we tried to fight it.”* The ‘prophet’ Joel (Billy that is, 1989).

If we look at reality on a deeper level, we still have relationships with family, friends, church, and the earth. I missed one item, God. It was at the end of my list above, but really ... should be first.

- Jesus said, *“The first in importance is, ‘Listen, Israel: The Lord your God is one; so, love the Lord God with all your passion and prayer and intelligence and energy.’* And here is the second: *‘Love others as well as you love yourself.’ There is no other commandment that ranks with these.”* Mark 12: 29-31

That is what we can and should do when looking at the future:

Love God then neighbour  
(including the earth),  
and be willing to accept change and  
adapt to new situations as part of  
our spiritual way of being.

- Pastor Steve



Council met on Sept. 5, 2023. There were many items to discuss especially for our upcoming Congregational meeting on the 24<sup>th</sup> of this month. The purpose of this meeting is to amend the requirements for financial review in the constitution. This change would bring Trinity in line with the rules of Canada Revenue Agency for federally incorporated organizations. It is very important all our congregation attend this meeting. There will also be changes affecting timing and structure of the congregational meetings. We will also need to engage the services of accountants outside our congregation.

Trinity will be the site of a music school on Wednesday afternoons. YAPCA as they are called, will be using our facility for classes in chamber work and orchestra.

We would like to commend all those involved in “Prettyfying” our church. The yellow lines at our entrance, the patio make-over and the cleaning up of our parking lot. Thank you to Linda Reynolds, Robert Sellars, Heather Holmes, Nancy Manners and Jonathan Wild.

Council is making plans for an Octoberfest lunch after church on Reformation Sunday. We will also have guests on that Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> of Oct. We have invited Redeemer Lutheran church as well.

Once again, I would like to invite you to give your comments and concerns to council members.

Yours in Christ,  
Cheryl Millar  
Council Chairperson

## **MUSIC AT TRINITY**

### **DUELING PIANO & ORGAN CONCERT:**

Nancy Jackman and I will be presenting our 5<sup>th</sup> Edition of our Dueling Piano & Organ Concert. Our last concert was way back in 2018. Covid hit our world and practically everything in our lives was turned upside down. It is time to get back in the saddle and move forward. This will be our 5<sup>th</sup> big piano and organ concert.

This concert will follow a similar format to past concerts with a menu of many styles and genres of music that everyone loves. Music will be from light

classical to well known pop music and from stage and silver screen. It will feature music such as the Piano Concerto in A Minor by Edvard Grieg, Phantom of The Opera by Andrew Lloyd Webber plus lots more. Be sure to mark the date on your calendar now. Tickets will be available soon or pay at the door.

Hear the *magic* of this music, the *glory* of the Trinity 9-foot Yamaha concert grand piano and the Casavant 105 rank pipe organ. Come and bring a friend!

**DUELING PIANO & ORGAN CONCERT V**  
**NANCY JACKMAN – PIANO,**  
**ROSS MCDONALD – PIPE ORGAN**  
**TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**SANCTUARY**

**DATE: FRIDAY OCTOBER 13<sup>TH</sup> 2023**

**TIME: 7:30 PM**

**ADMISSION: \$25.00**

*(\*Note – this is a fundraiser for the Koshiki Karate Assoc.)*

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He who sings or makes music, prays twice!

- Ross McDonald – Director of Music

**LUTHERAN MEN'S CLUB**

We will be holding our Men's Club Breakfast Meeting on **Saturday 16 September at 9 am**. Our guest speaker will be Rev. Bob Zimmerman. All are welcome.

**EDUCATION SUNDAY**

Congratulations to our Bursary recipients for the school year 2023-2024 – Alice Cooper, Emily Inch and Nathan Killinger. We will be presenting their awards on **Sunday 24 September**.

**INSHALLAH-LONDON IS**  
**LAUNCHING AGAIN**

**What is Inshallah?**

It is an Arabic-language expression: **in shā' Allāh**, meaning literally "if God wills".

Inshallah-London is a group of people who love to sing music that especially promotes hope, peace and justice in the world through the lenses of many cultures and traditions.

In 2017, Pastor Steve was asked to start this London group by Debbie Lou Ludolph, the leader of the

original Inshallah group in Waterloo and the director of the Kanata Centre for Worship and Global Song at the Martin Luther University College (formerly Waterloo Lutheran Seminary). We ran for 3 years until the pandemic shut us down in 2020 – all singing groups and choirs closed up at that time.

But we are now able to launch Inshallah London again this September 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm. We sing for about an hour and we are a group of people who want to make and enjoy friends through music. Many of the songs we sing are "village" type songs, that is, the music that is usually taught by one person sharing with another, then another, and the next thing you know is everyone in the village knows it and will join in.

**But I can't read music**

Ability to read music is helpful **but not necessary**. Again, think of the "village" idea. It is helpful if you can sing and hold a note – which most people can. We teach the parts and others sing with you to "hold your hand", singing wise.

We also invite people to share music from their tradition, culture and language with sensitivity to social inclusion. We sing in various languages: English, French, Hebrew, Spanish and Arabic. We are lucky to have some members of the group that are fluent (enough) to teach and explain the pronunciation and meanings.

We are not performance focussed, but rather, sing for our own pleasure and as prayer to promote hope, peace and justice. Sometimes we sing with, or for, other groups of people.

**Remember this from 2018?**

Join us for an **Ecumenical Service for Peace** with Inshallah-London and many local churches to mark the 100<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF ARMISTICE DAY. Trinity Lutheran Church 3 pm Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> November 2018.

**When & where?**

Tuesdays at 5:30 pm for an hour weekly at Trinity. Beginning **September 12<sup>th</sup>**.

**Love to sing?**

Then give us a try ... and pray with us through song. No need to register, Just show up ... or chat with Pastor Steve if you want to find out more.



## **CELEBRATING IN SEPTEMBER**

### **Birthdays**

Nancy Manners (2)	Kaylee Zhao (3)	Kirby Schell (4)
Zachary Dugas (7)	Pastor Jim Garey (8)	George Cooper (10)
Carol Schell (11)	Graham Waddell (16)	Marie Gray (18)
Rachel Harrison (20)	Jaclyn Holmes (20)	Rosemary Christensen (21)
Nick Hohnstein (27)	Pat Kirk (27)	Nancy Magguilli (27)
Jodi Kaufman (30)	Ted Reinhard (30)	

### **Anniversaries**

Pastor Jim & Sue Garey (14)	Dave & Pat Kirk (20)
Dennis & Julia Liska (20)	Marlin & Sharon Wentzell (21)

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## **SERVING IN SEPTEMBER**

### **3 SEPTEMBER**

READER	Vivian Parker
GREETER(S)	Viola Cooper & Family
COFFEE	Linda Reynolds
A/V	Jonathan Wild

### **10 SEPTEMBER**

ALTAR CARE	Bob Sellars & Jodi Kaufman
COMMUNION	
ASSISTANT	Ted Reinhard
READER	Jonathan Wild
GREETER(S)	Francis Hinnah & Family
COFFEE	Lydia Reinhard
A/V	Jonathan Wild

### **17 SEPTEMBER**

READER	Nancy Magguilli
GREETER(S)	Pauline & Dave Hutchison
LUNCHEON	TLW
A/V	Jonathan Wild

### **24 SEPTEMBER**

READER	Blessy Kolusu
GREETER(S)	Alan & Lynne Day
COFFEE	Cheryl Millar
A/V	Jonathan Wild

## **PAR ~ PRE-AUTHORIZED REMITTANCE**

For any member who, for whatever reason, finds it difficult to attend church on a regular basis but really wants to support their church financially, there is a PAR (Pre-Authorized Remittance) plan that you can use to make regular contributions. All you need to do is decide how much you would like to contribute and that amount will be withdrawn from your bank account each month. Please note this amount can be changed at any time with no charge to you. If you are interested in supporting your church in this manner, please call Annette in the church office (519) 432-4832 to make arrangements.



# SEPTEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 Lions Bike Sale 9 am
3 14 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  Lighthouse Church 1 pm	4  <i>Office Closed</i>	5 Council 7:30 pm  <i>Office Closed</i>	6	7	8	9
10 15 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  Rally Sunday  Lighthouse Church 1 pm	11	12 Inshallah Choir 5:30 pm	13	14	15	16 Men's Club Breakfast & Meeting 9 am 
17 16 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  Lighthouse Church 1 pm	18	9 Inshallah Choir 5:30 pm	20 YAPCA 5 pm 	21	22	23
24 17 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  Education Sunday  Congregation  12 pm  Lighthouse Church 1 pm	25	26 Inshallah Choir 5:30 pm	27 YAPCA 5 pm	28	29	30