



THE HERALD

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Our Mission Statement

We are a family of faith called together under the Lordship of Jesus Christ to teach and share God's love through Word and Sacrament.

As a family we are involved in worship and fellowship that strengthens and builds us up, uniting us in Christian love and enabling us to reach out with concern to meet the physical and spiritual needs of others in our daily lives.

Through prayer and the Holy Spirit we use our talents to unfold the loving purpose of God in our neighbourhood and throughout the world in these challenging times.

**Sunday Worship
& Sunday School**
10:00 am.

Pastor Mike Lees
519-965-1499 (Cell)

Bob Swiatoschik
Council Chairperson



Blessed Christmas and New Year greetings to you all, in the name of Jesus, our Lord and saviour.

This is a particularly unique time of year in that we say goodbye to the closing year, putting away for storage all the treasured memories we have made and letting go of mistakes and regrets so they do not hold us back. In the very next breath, it seems, we say hello and welcome to a bright and shiny new year that holds the promise of so much hope. That hope will turn into the conviction of New Year's resolutions like exercising more, and perhaps losing some weight. If we take ourselves and our relationship with God seriously, we will also look at resolutions to help the poor and needy more generously; to be better parents, children, friends and neighbours than we were last year, and to be more intentional in our walk with Jesus by recommitting to prayer, study and worship in deepening ways.

This unique time of the year lends itself to reflection, and while you contemplate your unfolding desires for the new year, I have been contemplating what it means to be a pastor. In our Lutheran tradition of "the priesthood of all believers" where God calls us all to be Christian ministers to each other, a pastor is called and set apart by a community to be theologically trained, studying the scriptures to more effectively preach the word, and to administer the sacraments of Baptism, Holy Communion, and declaring to you the "entire forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit". We are also called to visit the sick and distressed and to bury the dead.

But this calling to be a pastor is so much more than that. Along the way we develop relationships, you and I, and we become part of each others' lives. Getting to know you better through teaching confirmation classes, marriage counselling, helping people prepare for death, and being invited into your homes has been a profound blessing to me and I thank you for each of those experiences.

Some of the deepest joys of the work God has given me come from being part of relationships being healed and families being restored. It is humbling, and a particular spiritual treasure to be able to help someone choose to engage life instead of choosing to end it.

This work, like all of our work when we choose to love each other, is possible because of the gift of Christmas – Jesus the Christ born among us in human form. Christ in us means we give a face and hands to Christ, loving the world as God does.

Whatever this new year holds for each of us, may it be rewarding, fulfilling, spiritually deepening, and filled with the peace and love of God.

Many blessings,
Pastor Mike



Fundscrip (Gift Card) Order Dates for 2020

Sunday, February 2
 Sunday, April 5
 Sunday, May 24
 Sunday, July 26
 Sunday, September 27
 Sunday, December 6

Our earnings for 2019 was \$820 - WOW!!

Updates:

In December - the fans in the church have been replaced. All three now work and are quiet!! Thanks to all those that helped from start to end. Also, the lights in the men's washroom have been replaced - the women's washroom is next.

Up Coming Events in 2020:

Pastor Mike and Pastor Robert Bugbee have arranged a joint fellowship to take place on Saturday evening, April 25, 2020 at First Lutheran Church on Victoria at Giles. There will be a dinner and presentation of CLWR activities.

On Sunday, April 26, Pastor Carla Blakely will be our guest preacher at Trinity.

Bob Swiatoschik, Chairperson

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR & POINSETTIAS

Thank you to all of the volunteers and to everyone for their generous donations to the Christmas Bazaar. We raised \$2,296.30. Amazing!!!

YOGA CLASSES

Please join our yoga sessions, which we now call "Sweatin' with the Yogis" on Wednesdays at 10:00 am. There is a minimum donation of \$5.00 for each session you attend.



ANNUAL MEETING SUNDAY, MARCH 1, 2020

Save the date for our annual meeting.

Please provide Patti with your year end reports by Sunday, January 26, 2020 as we need time to put the package together and send it out in time in order to meet the requirements of our constitution.

Also, in accordance with our constitution, no member can be on council for more than six consecutive years. Our current council of six members will have each completed two years. Please consider being a member of council.



The Downtown Mission always appreciates the generous support of Trinity.



COMMUNITY DINNER FUNDRAISER

Our next dinner will be **Friday, January 17**, at 6:00 pm.

It will be an all you can eat Spaghetti and Penne pasta dinner, with salad & fresh bread. Coffee and tea are included in the price. Pop is \$1.00.

The cost - \$10.00 per adult, \$5.00 per child (grade 8 and under). Family includes 2 adults and 2 children (grade 8 and under) - \$25.00.

Come out and support Trinity with this fundraiser.

UPCOMING FRIDAY NIGHT DINNERS

March 6, 2020 at 6 pm – Chili Fest

May 15 at 6 pm - TBD



FINANCIAL REPORT

Contributions for November	\$11,115
Monthly contribution goal	<u>9,600</u>
Difference	\$ 1,515
 Total income year to date	 \$117,552
Total expenses year to date	<u>111,708</u>
Difference	\$ 5,844



Landon Collins-Parada – Jan. 2; Krystle Hillman – Jan. 4; Courtney Peifer – Jan. 5; Theresa Buchheidt – Jan. 6; Nathan Lees – Jan. 9; Ryan Lee – Jan. 11; Kathy Peifer – Jan. 12; Cordelle Bear – Jan. 13; Walter Koch – Jan. 18; Katherine Lees – Jan. 21; Maria Bormann – Jan. 26.

Baptism Anniversaries: Donna Dick – Jan. 8; Landon Collins-Parada & Lorraine Wedow – Jan. 17, Evan Walpole – Jan. 26.



*Any birthdays and wedding or baptism anniversaries missed, please contact the office to update the records.



FUN PUNS, JOKES & INSIGHTFUL THOUGHTS!!!

Have you ever told a white lie? Alice Grayson was to bake a cake for the Baptist Church Ladies' Group in Tuscaloosa, forgot to do it until the last minute. She remembered it the morning of the bake sale and after rummaging through cabinets, found an angel food cake mix & quickly made it while drying her hair, dressing, and helping her son pack for scout camp. When she took the cake from the oven, the center had dropped flat and the cake was horribly disfigured and she exclaimed, "Oh dear, there is not time to bake another cake!" So, being inventive, she looked around the house for something to build up the center of the cake. She found it in the bathroom - a roll of toilet Paper. She plunked it in and then covered it with icing. Not only did the finished product look beautiful, it looked perfect. And, before she left the house to drop the cake by the church and head for work, Alice woke her daughter and gave her some money and specific instructions to be at the bake sale the moment it opened at 9:30 and to buy the cake and bring it home. When the daughter arrived at the sale, she found the attractive, perfect cake had already been sold.

Amanda grabbed her cell phone and called her mom. Alice was horrified -she was beside herself! Everyone would know! What would they think? She would be ostracized, talked about, ridiculed!

All night, Alice lay awake in bed thinking about people pointing fingers at her and talking about her behind her back.

The next day, Alice promised herself she would try not to think about the cake and would attend the fancy luncheon/bridal shower at the home of a fellow church member and try to have a good time. She did not really want to attend because the hostess was a snob who more than once had looked down her nose at the fact that Alice was a single parent and not from the founding families of Tuscaloosa, but having already RSVP'd, she couldn't think of a believable excuse to stay home. The meal was elegant, the company was definitely upper crust old south, and to Alice 's horror, the cake in question was presented for dessert! Alice felt the blood drain from her body when she saw the cake! She started out of her chair to tell the hostess all about it, but before she could get to her feet, the Mayor's wife said, "what a beautiful cake!"

Alice, still stunned, sat back in her chair when she heard the hostess (who was a prominent church member) say, "Thank you, I baked it myself."

Alice smiled and thought to herself, "God is good."



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

	January 5	January 12	January 19	January 26	February 2
Worship Asst.		Anne		Greg	
Communion Asst.		Debbie Powell		Debbie Powell	
Acolyte					
Reader (German)	Albrecht/Peter	Albrecht/Peter	Albrecht/Peter	Albrecht/Peter	Albrecht/Peter
Reader (English)	Patti	Anne	Carol	Dena	Lorraine
Ushers					
Counters	Al	Dena	Al	Dena & Kathy	Bob
Coffee Fellowship					
Flowers					

	January	February
Altar Guild	Dena, Carol, Erika	Dena, Carol, Erika
Bulletin Sponsor		
Herald Sponsor		

To volunteer for assisting in worship services please contact the appropriate convener:

Worship Assistants – Patti McGarroch
Acolytes – Kathy Peifer
English Readers - Anne Drouillard

Communion Assistants – Patti McGarroch
German Readers – Albrecht & Peter
Ushers – Greg Peifer



Newsletter Deadline!

The deadline for the Herald is the **third Sunday of each month**. Please submit articles to pmcgarroch@hotmail.com or deliver them directly to me. Thanks, Patti.

JANUARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS (C) HOLY COMMUNION

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
5 10:00 am Worship Souper Sunday	6 7:30 pm Gambler's Anon.	7	8 10:00 am Yoga	9	10	11
12 10:00 am (C) Worship	13 7:30 pm Gambler's Anon.	14 10:15 am Worship & Music	15 10:00 am Yoga 7:00 pm Choir	16	17 6:00 pm Pasta Dinner Fundraiser	18
19 10:00 am Worship Muffin Sunday	20 6:45 Council 7:30 pm Gambler's Anon.	21	22 10:00 am Yoga 7:00 pm Choir	23	24	25
26 10:00 am (C) Worship	27 7:30 pm Gambler's Anon.	28	29 10:00 am Yoga 7:00 pm Choir	30	31	