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# THE TRINITARIAN

All are welcome, all are loved

## &gt;&gt;&gt; PICTURE DAY



The Trinity family poses for its 2024 portrait

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

## &gt;&gt;&gt; WHAT'S THE RIC?

Reconciling in Christ (RIC) Program has been a public way for faith communities to see, name, celebrate, and advocate for people of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions in the Lutheran church. Last Fall, congregational council decided to move forward as it considers working toward an RIC designation for the congregation.

**JAN. 28 - RIC SERVICE**

**FEB. 13 - SHROVE SUPPER**

**5 - 7 P.M.**

**FEB. 14 - ASH WEDNESDAY**

**FEB. 21 - LENTEN MESSY CHURCH**

**FEB. 28 - HOLDEN DEVOTIONAL**

**5 - 6 P.M.**

# SHARE YOUR GIFTS

By Dagmar Raulin

*Council chair*

It still early enough in the New Year to wish you all a Happy New Year.

Having celebrated the birth of our Saviour at Christmas and now in January celebrating the Feast of the Epiphany, we move on to our next "event" if you will, our Annual Congregational Meeting which will be held on Sunday, February 4, 2024, after the 10 a.m. service.

Please plan to attend, pick up your Annual Report at church on January 28, read and study it at home and bring it with you on February 4.

So that we can grow as a congregation, and you, dear member/friend/guest become familiar with the ways your gifts and talents can be manifested among all peoples in this church, neighbourhood and city, our past endeavours and new challenges and opportunities will be presented at the meeting.

We need your input, your presence, your talents and your life experience, no matter how great, no matter how small, in any and every capacity. Come share this exciting time with us, your council, and with our pastor, Rev. Chris Krejlgaard.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

## >>> ACM

The Annual Congregational Meeting is set for after service on Feb. 4.

The annual report will include recaps of 2023, congregational finances and some discussion of the expectations and needs for year ahead.

Copies of the report will be available at the church beginning Jan. 28 and can be delivered to members who are homebound.

As well, the ACM will include council elections - two council members have service for six consecutive years and must step off council for at least a year. Please consider bringing your voice and talents to the council table for 2024.

## PASTOR'S PEN

# JOINING THE JOURNEY

If you search for the word "journey" in the Bible, you would discover 126 instances when the word appears.

People are either travelling somewhere or are preparing for a trip or for the people they meet along the way. It seems appropriate since life - either an individual's or a congregation's - is a journey.

If you think of it in such a way, then the challenges we face can be seen as speed bumps or even simply detours as we travel toward a destination through unknown territory.

It also begs us to ask the question, "Have we adequately prepared for the journey we are on?"

What are we carrying with us? What do we do when we are met by an unwelcoming crowd or when the seams of our wineskins burst?

Such questions should give us pause to reflect as we prepare for the Annual Congregational Meeting (ACM) following the Feb. 4 service.

Are the things we carry life-affirming or are they based in personal desires or preferences that can threaten the well-being of the congregation?

The ACM is a time when we recommit and refocus our missional life as a congregation. It is when new voices have an opportunity to be heard and new priorities can be identified.

It can be a time to remember the past - as we do when we remember the saints who left us during 2023. But it should not be a time of lament for the things of the past that have, by necessity, fallen away like dust from a sandal.

The ACM is a time to reaffirm our love.

The ACM should be a time of celebration. It is time to mark the milestones of our journey and to restock the provisions and map out the route for the next stage of that journey.

It is when we consider the needs of the world and how we can best minister to those needs.

It could mean we move from the ministry places we have long held because needs have changed or because we recognize that our strengths have become better-suited to address a need in a different area.

I pray that you take part in the ACM and help guide the congregation into its next chapter.

Your voices are welcome and needed.

- Pastor Chris

# Birthday Blessings!

Congregation celebrates  
Cordelle





Laine organized a fantastic birthday celebration for Cordelle. (Than you, Laine). The service saw Anne and the choir offer one of Cordelle's favourite hymns and Fellowship was marked by cake, goodies and Laine on the clarinet during a "name-that-tune" session.



## >>> GIFT CARDS

# CARDS STILL AVAILABLE

The Church earns a percentage of the sale for each gift card sold (which varies on the card) You, the buyer, are paying the face value of the card and the Church makes money!!!

These are the cards currently available:

Card	Value
Zehrs / No Frills	\$25
Zehrs / No Frills	\$50
Zehrs / No Frills	\$100
Metro / Food Basics	\$25
Metro / Food Basics	\$50
Metro / Food Basics	\$100
Sobey's / Freshco	\$25
Sobey's / Freshco	\$50
McDonald's	\$25
Shoppers	\$25
Tim Hortons	\$15
Tim Hortons	\$25
Starbucks	\$25
Canadian Tire	\$25
Indigo / Chapters	\$25
Dollarama	\$10
Dollarama	\$25
Giant Tiger	\$25
Walmart	\$25
Winners	\$25
Petro Canada	\$50

## >>> VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We're on the lookout for people to assist with Sunday services. We can use readers, ushers, liturgical assistants, counters and fellowship hosts and hostesses. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board next to the church office.

## >>> FINANCE

# DONATION CHANGES

As discussed at the Budget meeting on December 3, 2023.

### Gift in Kind (GIF)

The current "Gift in Kind" process, as stated by Keith and CRA is not valid. Starting January 1, we are following this new process.

1. A member may, pre-approved by council only, purchase items that are part of our budget only.
2. The receipt is then handed in for cheque processing (again, this document must be approved by council). You must fill out the "Cheque Requisition Form" and MUST be signed by either the Council Chair or the Treasurer.
3. A cheque is then created for the amount spent.
4. If the member wishes to then donate this expense, they may do so on their next donation and clearly indicating the fund.

**\*\* PLEASE NOTE – DONATIONS CAN BE MADE TO APPROPRIATE LINE ITEMS IN OUR BUDGET \*\***

### Donations Eligible for a Tax Receipt

Special envelopes may be created for the following:

Easter/Christmas Flowers & Candy	Candles & Wine
Birthday & Anniversary Flowers	Fellowship – Freewill Offering
Office Administration	Coffee Supplies
Envelopes	Congregational Meal
Copy Paper	
Printer Cartridges	
Stamps	

**Confused? Talk to Bob Swiatoschik our Treasurer and he will answer all your questions!!**

**TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
PRE-AUTHORIZED REMITTANCE PROGRAM**

**AUTHORIZATION**

I hereby authorize ***Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church***, 1215 Parent Avenue, Windsor, ON N8X 4J1, to cause a cheque to be drawn on my account, each month as a contribution by me to Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, as follows:

Total ***monthly*** contributions to Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church of:

(\$ \_\_\_\_\_ .00) per month

Distributed as follows:

Current Giving/Benevolence	\$ _____	per month
Global Hunger and Development Agency (GHDA)	\$ _____	per month
Canadian Lutheran World Relief (CLWR)	\$ _____	per month
ELCIC World Missions/Volunteers in Mission	\$ _____	per month
Specify _____	\$ _____	per month
Specify _____	\$ _____	per month
Specify _____	\$ _____	per month
Total Monthly Giving:		\$ _____ per month

Contributor's name \_\_\_\_\_ Envelope # \_\_\_\_\_

Bank/Trust/Credit Union Name \_\_\_\_\_

Branch Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Account Number \_\_\_\_\_ Type of Account \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

***This authority may be changed or cancelled by the contributor at any time.***

To ensure accuracy, a sample cheque marked "VOID" must accompany this form.

The transfer of contributions to the ministry of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church will begin in the month *following* receipt of this authorization.