

## &gt;&gt;&gt; NEWSLETTER &lt;&lt;&lt;

# THE TRINITARIAN

All are welcome, all are loved

## &gt;&gt;&gt; JOURNEY BEGINS



A purple shawl adorns the cross.

## &gt;&gt;&gt; APOLOGY

In my haste to get the January Trinitarian off my plate, I misspelled Lane Peifer's name in the photo layout for Cordelle's birthday party. I humbly apologize.

Pastor Chris

## LENTEN SCHEDULE

**FEB. 28 - BROWN BAG BIBLE STUDY**  
NOON - 1 P.M.

**MAR. 6 - BROWN BAG BIBLE STUDY**  
NOON - 1 P.M..

**MAR. 13 - BROWN BAG BIBLE STUDY**  
NOON - 1 P.M.

**MAR. 20 - BROWN BAG BIBLE STUDY**  
NOON - 1 P.M.

**MAR. 27 - BROWN BAG BIBLE STUDY**  
NOON - 1 P.M.

**MAR. 28 - MAUNDY THURSDAY**  
6 P.M.

**MAR. 29 - GOOD FRIDAY**  
10 A.M.

# JOY IN LENTEN CONTEMPLATION

By Dagmar Raulin

*Council chair*

We are now in the Lenten season of the Church Year.

On the heels of the Annual Congregational Meeting, where we as a congregation are taking and running with pastoral-led impulses, exercising conflict resolution vigilance and taking outreach initiatives to heart.

Each and every exciting worship opportunity, such as the wonderful Ash Wednesday Soup and Bread dinner together with the group craft endeavour and followed by imposition of the ashes, was a touching and unifying start to our Lenten journey, supported by the Choir's rendition of "Worthy is the Lamb."

There is a joy in our solemn Lenten contemplation for all the good things that await us as we grow in our weekly meditation.

Whether this be through the daily Instagram and YouTube "#garagetheology" and "#geekingoutwithgod" devotional instalments presented by Pastor Chris, or reading the postings of events on our facebook page under Trinity Lutheran Church, Windsor.

I encourage everyone to tune in.

Also, as you are able, plan to attend the regular Sunday 10 a.m. services followed by coffee fellowship in the hall.

Use and allow these opportunities to be part of and guide you on your Lenten journey to the cross.

## >>> 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.

## PASTOR'S PEN

# MINISTRY OF RE-CONNECTION

As I write this, we are in the early stages of our Lenten Journey to Jerusalem and the cross.

Mark's gospel yesterday shared the scene of Jesus' baptism and his Spirit-initiated trip into the desert for the next forty days.

There, Mark tells us, Jesus was tempted, was met with wild animals and was waited on by angels.

This is a journey we share. Actually, congregations of all stripes have been journeying in their own wilderness regions for the past few years thanks to the pandemic.

Covid did force congregations to become more creative in how they reached out to members. Modified services were offered online - which was OK if you had Internet access.

Even then, worship leaders quickly discovered that their choirs can't sing over Zoom without some cringe-inducing results. (I say this from experience)

Some congregations put their services to paper and distributed handouts to members (something Trinity continues to do for its homebound members)

But, to be sure, the pandemic did churches no favours and we're still feeling the effects.

Even with all the creative efforts by church leaders, the pandemic resulted in members disconnecting from their usual congregational life. In some congregations, the power dynamics shifted and some members felt ignored or pushed aside. Conflicts among members also led some members to walk away from the faith families.

So even though the pandemic has largely loosened its grip, the numbers are slow to recover.

We all should be worried if there wasn't any sign that they are recovering. But here's the thing, THERE ARE SIGNS!

On almost a weekly basis, there are new faces in the sanctuary AND there are members who have left for various reasons - both pandemic-induced and personal - who have decided to see if things at Trinity have indeed changed.

People are seeking a connection with a community or with a family. Some are looking for ways to better connect with God.

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# Pancakes!

## Members flip at the Shrove Supper



There was a good turnout and the griddles were hot as the Shrove Pancake Supper returned to Trinity on Feb. 13.





# Ashes and beads

## Members got their ash in church



Rather than hear a homily during the Ash Wednesday service, those in attendance were invited to make Remembrance bracelets for the Lenten journey. The bracelets are intended to remind us of our shared journey to the cross.



## ➤➤➤ 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

## ➤➤➤ PASTOR'S PEN

# RECONNECT

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It speaks volumes about Trinity that these new and returning people want to be involved in congregational life because they find it a life-affirming endeavour.

Their involvement also breathes life into our congregaiton and its ministries. They bring different perspectives and life experiences to what we do and how we approach God in worship and in service.

This is the exciting result of a ministry of reconnection.

Such a ministry calls us to reach out to both those unknown to us and to those who had once been part of congregational life, but have left.

A ministry of reconnection is a ministry of reconciliation - one of forgiveness, contrition and of acceptance. It is also one of intentional invitation and welcoming.

So, during our Lenten journey, may we embark on such a ministry and bring people in to walk with us and ultimately stand with us at the foot of the cross

## ➤➤➤ WITNESS COMMITTEE

Following the ACM, Congregational Council has voted to create three committees.

One of these new bodies is the Witness Committee. This committee - like the Outreach Committee - formalizes functions that are already in place at Trinity. It also provides a means for better oversight by the congregational council.

The Witness Committee serves as a type of event-planning body - it oversees the kitchen and, to a large extent, the Fellowship Hall.

The Witness Committee works with other committees and with members to ensure that there is consistency in how congregational events - such as planning special celebrations (birthdays, anniversaries, etc.) - in the Fellowship Hall are handled.

As well, it provides a point of contact for members wanting to hold such celebrations.

## »»» MUTUAL MINISTRY

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One of these new bodies is Mutual Ministry.

This committee oversees personnel matters, serves as a conflict-resolution body for the congregation and makes recommendations to the congregational council.

Mutual Ministry would be the body where members can have their grievances heard and addressed.

The Mutual Ministry's conflict-resolution process is largely governed by the directives of the ELCIC.

As well, Mutual Ministry conducts an annual review of Pastor and staff and makes recommendations to Congregational Council.

Membership is on the recommendation of the pastor and on the approval of the congregational council.

## »»» GOOD FRIDAY

# SERVICE CHANGES

The focus of Good Friday's services are scarcity, sorrow and a remembrance of Jesus on the cross.

Sanctuaries are marked with black fabrics and the altars are stripped bare. It is a time to mark Jesus' suffering and death.

In past years, communion was offered at the beginning of the service, however, such an offering is contrary to the the focus of the day.

Communion represents new life. It is a sacrament for Easter.

So, communion will not be offered as part of the Good Friday service. It remains within the Maundy Thursday service and the Easter service.

**Send in your news,  
photos and recipes.**

## »»» OUTREACH COMMITTEE

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The Outreach Committee, along with Congregational Council and the Pastor, will guide Trinity's ministry efforts in and to the community.

Such a committee would recommend and direct areas where our presence and efforts are needed. This would ensure our ministry efforts would be consistent and our resources are efficiently used and create opportunities for more members of the Trinity family to give voice to the issues and needs they witness in the community.

The committee is a means to increase the number of voices providing input into our ministries and in the decision-making process. This will help ensure that our ministries remain effective, relevant and address areas and issues that are important to younger members of the community. It also ensures that the workload is spread among a number of people rather than borne by a handful.

The members currently involved in Trinity's ministries would form the nucleus of the committee.

Trinity's current ministries, such as the clothing giveaway, the Christmas Bazaar and Food Bank assistance, and future efforts such as community meals, will come under the Outreach Committee's umbrella.