

>>> NEWSLETTER <<<

THE TRINITARIAN

All are welcome, all are loved

>>> BROWN BAGGING IT



The five-week Brown Bag Lenten Bible Study has been well-attended and the discussion of the week's reading and even Lutheran theology has been lively, engaging and informative. The final session in the series takes place noon to 1 p.m. on Wednesday, March 27. All are welcome to attend ... bring a Bible and an appetite (there's a semi-surprise planned for the gathering).

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**MARCH 24 - PALM SUNDAY
10 A.M.**

WE MARK JESUS' ENTRY INTO JERUSALEM WITH THE WAVING OF PALMS AND NEW, CLEAN SOCKS. THE SOCKS WILL BE COLLECTED AFTER THE SERVICE AND DONATED TO A LOCAL SHELTER. SO, IF YOU CAN, BRING SOCKS TO WAVE.

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

A SERVICE TO RECALL JESUS' FINAL TIME WITH THE DISCIPLES AND TO RE-AFFIRM OUR CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP.

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

THIS IS A SERVICE OF PRAYER AND SILENT REFLECTION THAT FOCUSES ON THE CROSS. COMMUNION WILL NOT BE OFFERED.

**MARCH 31 - EASTER SUNDAY
10:30 A.M. PLEASE NOTE THE
TIME CHANGE**

A BREAKFAST OF PANCAKES, BACON AND/OR SAUSAGES WILL BE SERVED FROM 9 - 10 A.M. KITCHEN AND OTHER VOLUNTEERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME - JUST LET US KNOW IF YOU'D LIKE TO HELP.

OUR JOURNEY TO THE CROSS CONTINUES

By **Dagmar Raulin**

Council chair

As we continue on our Lenten journey to the cross, contemplation and self-examination are deepened, notably through the recurring mid-week Brown Bag lunch hour Bible Study get together.

Each of the coming Sunday gospel readings have been and are studied, discussed and pondered. This fellowship and study leads us on to Palm Sunday, which we'll celebrate on Sunday, March 24.

Plan to attend, and experience the waving of the palms and socks. The socks, by the way, will be donated to one of the Help Centres in Windsor.

The last leg of the journey to the cross, having started on Palm Sunday takes us through Holy Week to Maundy (Latin – mandatum or commandment) Thursday where we'll think of Jesus' words "I give you a new commandment."

This is the perfect opportunity to commemorate Christ's Last Supper with the disciples. So, please join us, come to the table, and put yourself right there in his presence, mindful of humility, selflessness and service to others.

Good Friday, observed in solemn silence, reminds us of Jesus' suffering and death on Calvary.

As March ends, and as you are able, come and have breakfast and celebrate the risen Lord on Easter Sunday.

We welcome you.

>>> WORSHIP HELPERS 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

BIRTH, DEATH AND NEW LIFE

There are two times each year that put pastors' lives into overdrive - Christmas and Easter.

They are the equivalent of the Super Bowl and the World Series in sports. While every worship and every pastoral act is important and special in their own right, these two worship services are the focus points of the liturgical year and of our lives in faith ... birth and death and new life.

As this is being written, we are nearing the conclusion of our Lenten journey to the cross and, afterward, the tomb. Passion ... death ... and resurrection.

Some congregations mark the four days at the end of the Season of Lent - Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil and Easter.

Trinity will mark three of those days and each one has a different focus and a different tone.

Maundy Thursday is the service when we commemorate Jesus' washing of the disciples feet and the Last Supper. It is a service when we affirm our call to discipleship and when we strip the altar in preparation for the somber tone of Good Friday. Some congregations hold a seder meal as part of the service. Such a meal serves to remind us of the connection between the Last Supper, the Passover Festival and the Exodus.

Good Friday is a day when we recall Jesus' sacrifice on the cross. The service should be somber where silence plays a large role as a remembrance of the silence of death and of the tomb. At Trinity, a Passion reading takes the place of a sermon and a bidding prayer replaces the usual prayers of intercession. Since communion reflects life, it isn't part of a Good Friday service.

Easter Vigil takes place between sunset on Saturday and sunrise on Easter Sunday. It is the first celebration of Jesus' resurrection. It is the first time when the word "Alleluia" is to be used since the beginning of Lent. The Vigil can be a full celebratory service that includes communion, baptism and even adult confirmations or it can be a service of readings, prayer and reflection.

Easter this is a joyous day when we recall the empty tomb and Jesus' resurrection. This is a service when we remember the new life we receive through Christ. First Peter states: that God has given believers "a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead." This year, Trinity will add to the joy

Trinity gets Messy

Pretzels focus of Lenten gathering



More than a dozen people, including little Sylvia, took part in the Lenten Messy Church. The next Messy event is set for May 15.



>>> GIFT CARDS

SPECIAL OFFER

THIS MONTH'S GIFT CARD SPECIAL!!!

Buy two gift cards (see below) and get a \$10 Dollarama Gift Card for only \$10!!!

Only while supplies last!!

These are the Gift Cards 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 |

>>> FINANCE

MINISTRY UPDATES

Two items, Ministry updates and our Campaign for this month.

Family Assist

What is the purpose of this ministry?

This ministry was originally set up to help members of our community. We would have gift cards available for the pastor, to distribute at his discretion, to those in our neighbourhood in need.

The pastor would discuss the requestors needs and current situation. The pastor would also advise the requestor of other areas and location for help, like food banks, shelters, etc.

What is the goal of the ministry:

The goal is for the pastor to provide gift card assistance, but more importantly, to direct the requestor to dedicated support groups within our city, which can provide much better support.

How will you know if you have achieved this goal:

When we receive positive "thanks" from the requestor and the requests for our help diminishes.

How do you determine who is part of this ministry:

We direct all requests to our Pastor. It is our Pastor who will have an in-depth conversation with the requestor.

What is the estimate cost of this ministry in 2024:

This ministry is based 100% on the generosity of this congregation. Currently, this ministry is \$285 in arrears.

During COVID, this ministry changed direction and was ONLY helping members of our congregation. This will be re-evaluated.

Those in need, please contact Pastor Chris.

Easter Flowers & Candy for Shut-ins

This ministry is temporarily on hold and is being re-evaluated by council and the new witness and out reach committees.

Christmas Flowers & Candy for Shut-ins

This ministry is temporarily on hold and is being re-evaluated by council and the new witness and outreach committees.

This month's campaign

This month's Campaign is to focus on Family Assist. If you are able to provide an extra donation over the next four weeks, please mark your envelope as Family Assist (FA) OR you can purchase gift cards and we will put them in the Family Assist envelope. Thank you for your support on this ministry.

Bob Swiatoschik,
Treasurer

>>> PASTOR'S PEN

LOVE IS THE ANSWER

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by bringing back an old tradition - Easter Breakfast. Breakfast will be offered from 9 to 10 a.m. and the Easter service will begin at 10:30 a.m. (for Easter Sunday only).

If you can volunteer in the kitchen or in the Fellowship Hall, please let Council Chair Dagmar Raulin or Pastor Chris know.

Following in the joy of Easter is Holy Humour Sunday takes place on April 7. Also known as Bright Sunday, it is a service when the joy of the risen Christ is embraced and shared. This is a festive service where you are invited to wear loud or festive clothes and have a joke ready to go (just in case you're called upon to offer it up).

Love is the answer: June is Pride Month in Ontario. Trinity will hold a healing and reconciliation service on June 16. The liturgy is based on resources and material created by the Reconciling in Christ ministry. Our new guitarist Esther Yang will accompany the congregation and Assistant to the Bishop Adam Snook will preach at the service.

In August, Trinity will take part in Windsor's PrideFest. Congregational Council has affirmed our involvement and is considering purchasing a table in the vendor's area and a small advertisement in the PrideFest brochure. As well, members of the Trinity family will walk in the Pride parade on August 11.

These are great opportunities for Trinity to show what love looks like.

>>> SOCK IT TO US



The hamper is ready for Palm Sunday. Besides waving the traditional palm leaves to mark Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem, attendees to the March 24 service are asked to bring new socks to wave. The socks will be collected and donated to a local shelter after the service. Even if you can't make it to the service, a donation of socks is always welcome - just call the church office and someone will be available to meet you at the church.

>>> 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.

The committee also provides support for some Outreach efforts such as the Christmas Bazaar.

**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.