

>>> NEWSLETTER <<<

THE TRINITARIAN

All are welcome, all are loved

>>> PASTOR'S PEN

CARE FOR THE FLOCK

Simon Peter said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs."

John 21: 15b

It became clear at last spring's clothing giveaway that a great many people rely on Trinity's ministry to clothe themselves and their families.

The Fellowship Hall was packed, the foot traffic was constant and tables were regularly emptied over the course of the two-day event.

The need was so great that the congregational council decided to make some changes.

The twice-a-year schedule was amended so that the giveaway was offered on a monthly basis.

As well, the parlour, which was only used for an occasional meeting or funeral reception, was repurposed to accommodate the event. This also made access to the building less cumbersome to people with physical challenges.

The giveaways during the past few months have demonstrated that council made the right decision.

People line up at the front doors almost an hour before the giveaways begin. The attendance is constant and bags of clothes are going out the door to help families in need. People also pick up food from the shelter table – which underscores the needs of the community are going unmet.

Trinity is blessed with a solid roster of volunteers, BUT more are always welcome to join us in this clearly essential outreach (plus, the pastor brings pastry for the coffee breaks).

This is a note that I would like to pluck in this issue of the Trinitarian. I encourage anyone affiliated with Trinity, to offer an hour or two of your time just to experience this ministry. You will hear stories that underscore just how important Trinity is to the community – not just spiritually, but boots-on-the-ground service.

Allow me to share a couple of stories from the April giveaway.

A couple, who are in their 40s, arrived at the giveaway. The woman was hobbling around the building. The woman is recovering from two broken ankles and her husband steadied her from time to time

UPCOMING

JUNE 8 -
AGAPE PENTECOST

JOIN US AS THE FLAMES OF DISCIPLESHIP ARE MADE KNOWN AND AFFIRMED. THE SERVICE TAKES PLACE IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL AND WILL INCLUDE AN AGAPE MEAL AS PART OF THE COMMUNION. INVITE FAMILY AND FRIENDS TO BE PART OF THIS UNIQUE SERVICE.

JUNE 22 - HEALING &
BELONGING SERVICE

TRINITY WILL OFFER A SUNDAY MORNING AFFIRMATION AND HEALING WORSHIP SERVICE TO MARK PRIDE MONTH IN ONTARIO. THE SERVICE IS INTENDED TO RECOGNIZE THE PAST WOUNDS CAUSED BY THE GREATER CHURCH ON THE 2SLGBTQIA+ COMMUNITY AND TO FOSTER HEALING AND BELONGING WITH THE COMMUNITY. A POTLUCK FELLOWSHIP FOLLOWS THE SERVICE.



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New and familiar faces took part in our soup and bread meals. The meals were offered Wednesdays during Lent. The turnout from the community was high enough that there are discussions about regularly offering such a weekly meal throughout the year.

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Trinity makes a difference in the community

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and carried the bags of clothes they selected. As she sat in the Narthex to recover some strength and ease the pain in her legs, her husband shared that he is a shift worker who logs about 55 to 60 hours a week.

They live in a local motel because they can't afford permanent housing. The giveaway is a lifeline to them ... allowing them to use their funds for food or to save for more appropriate accommodations.

Another woman repeatedly called Trinity and its people "blessings" as she examined clothes on one of the racks. She had left an abusive relationship with just the clothes on her back and was staying on a friend's couch. She left with four bags of clothes ... thanking us all the way.

Such thanks and blessings were offered when the socks collected on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday were delivered to the Downtown Mission. They are also shared whenever we drop off food at Street Help or snack kits for the children at the Welcome Centre.

These stories show how important Trinity's efforts are to the community. It is an affirmation of our ministry and our call to redouble our ministry initiatives.

Some of those who took part in our Lenten soup and bread meal had also taken advantage of the clothing giveaway. During one meal, a couple of visitors said that they rely on church meals to carry them through the week.

Congregational council is discussing making such meals a weekly event beginning in the fall (providing we can get financial assistance from the synod's charitable agency).

As I have said several times in the past, don't ever believe that what we do doesn't make a difference in people's lives. The effects of our ministry ripples outward from 1215 and we may never fully know the impact. If Trinity ceased to exist, it would be noticed.

So, please accept the invitation and become involved in Trinity's various outreach efforts ... help out at a clothing giveaway ... help promote our music outreach efforts and its concerts ... volunteer to work the Trinity table at PrideFest in August ... or bake something if the revised, revamped Christmas event intended to replace the Christmas Bazaar takes flight.

Trinity's outreach ministry is only effective if everyone is involved.

Treasurer Update

Here is our financial statement as of March 31, 2025.

WFCU Accounts	Value	Previous Month	Comments
Chequing Account – Account 3	\$83,361.74	\$87,227.09	
Alto Savings – Account 13	\$33,906.72	\$33,899.52	
Alto Savings – Account 14	\$23,945.90	\$23,940.82	
Alto Savings – Account 15	\$5,869.46	\$5,868.71	This is the Memorial Fund
Term Deposit #10	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	Matures August 14, 2025
Bingo Account	\$4,067.43	\$4,067.12	
ELFEC Investment	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	
Total Funds	\$226,151.25	\$230,003.26	
Due Back to Savings	Value	Previous Month	Comments
Gift Cards	\$3,750.00	\$4,525.00	New \$5,000 order on 01-10-25
Total Funds	\$3,750.00	\$4,525.00	

The following are our restricted fund accounts:

Restricted Funds	Value	Previous Month	Comments
Memorial Fund	\$5,868.71	\$5,868.03	
Endowment Fund	\$30,705.21	\$30,705.21	
Congregational Growth	\$1,700.00	\$1,700.00	
Youth	\$1,857.84	\$1,857.84	
Family Assist	\$890.00	\$890.00	
Music Ministry - Donations	\$325.00	\$325.00	
Music Ministry - Sponsors	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	
Total Funds	\$42,846.76	\$41,346.76	

The following is our year to date income-expense totals.

END OF March 2025	Budgeted		Actuals
INCOME TOTAL	\$132,206.00		\$25,389.07
EXPENSES TOTAL	\$164,670.68		\$39,973.48

END OF March 2024			Actuals
INCOME TOTAL			\$30,882.59

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me.

Submitted by Bob Swiatoschik (Treasurer)

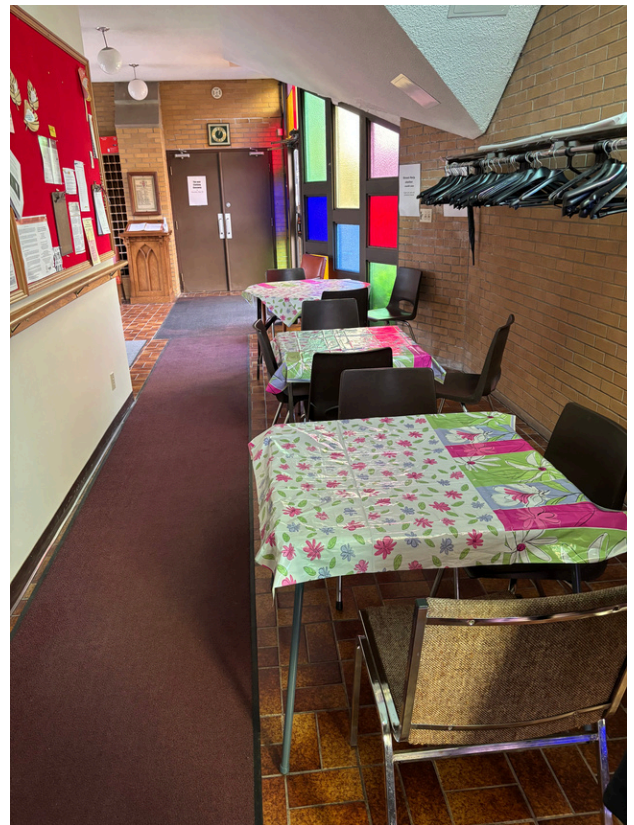
»» Easter @ Trinity

NEW TRADITION UNVEILED FOR THE DAY



The Narthex was repurposed for the April 20 service. The space played host to a reception (with hot-cross buns and other goodies) prior to the service. The change was made since many attendees have family plans on Easter Sunday and cannot remain for an after-service fellowship. The new wrinkle was well-received and may be incorporated in future major services at Trinity.





Easter images



➤➤➤ OUTREACH

Music Ministry Update:

Florin relayed comments from many of the attendees of the April 12 concert. Those attendees who attend many symphonic concerts indicated that the calibre of musicians who are playing here at Trinity are world-class – never before seen in Windsor!!

We are always looking for sponsors and donors to this wonderful mission. Contact me for more information.

Visit our new Trinity Music Windsor Website. You can see past and upcoming concerts, sponsors and you can even purchase tickets on-line!!

["www.trinitymusicwindsor.com"](http://www.trinitymusicwindsor.com)

Next Events:

Sunday September 21 – Stay tuned!!

Saturday December 20 – The Academy Brass Quintet – They are coming back!! If you missed this performance last year – DO NOT miss it this year.

➤➤➤ HELPERS NEEDED

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

➤➤➤ TRAINING SESSION

Pastor Chris will be taking part in the online version of the annual Festival of Homiletics from May 12-15.

The festival brings together a number of renowned preachers and offers workshops on sermon writing.

During this time, Pastor Chris will only be available for emergencies and the church office will be closed.

»» Holden concludes

LENTEN SERIES OFFERED TIME OF PRAYER, CHANTS



In the early evening darkness of the Fellowship Hall, members came to pray, sing chants and light candles during the reflective Holden service. The series of services offered an opportunity to deepen our understanding of scripture and to shed baggage during the Lenten journey to the cross.



>>> COUNCIL

SHARE GOD'S LOVE WITH COMMUNITY

In the Easter Sunday Gospel lesson of Luke 24, we read and ponder on the stone rolled away from the tomb, on Mary Magdalene and the other women not finding a body, where they truly expected to find one to anoint, why they were looking for the living among the dead, and their amazement at the empty tomb.

Tied into this reading, and referring to Pastor's Easter Sunday sermon, - "We need to be reminded of the good news."

"If we are truly to be a people of the resurrection, then the old, the memories of what was, those expectations anchored in old realities, that do not offer life for us as a people or us as a church need to be shed. Jesus' resurrection may have been in a tomb, but it carries us out into the world with the promise of new life"

Think about that for a moment dear members and friends of Trinity. Let this be our guide and inspiration as we worship God and our Lord, Jesus Christ in this most holy season.

We are called by Christ to serve in the congregation through various ministries whether Church Council, Outreach, Worship Music Ministry, Musical Arts Series Outreach, Fellowship, or Stewardship, and also to guide

The stranger, to feed the hungry, help the poor and poor in spirit, promoting an inclusive, safe place for all.

Every endeavour led by Church Council and others, serve people of the community, of our own congregation, and the wider community: We have seen various outreach efforts so far this year such as the regular monthly clothing giveaway, midweek Lenten services with a simple soup and bread dinner, another chamber group performance through the Trinity Musical Arts series, and events to come including PrideFest in August, other Trinity Musical Arts series concerts, and a couple other events planned for late fall.

Also included in this list is our weekly Sunday Worship services that touch and uplift many people in many ways.

As ever, we need your active participation: attend, give financially, use time and talents, build and maintain this steadfast community of believers to serve all our brothers and sisters.

Share God's love with those in need in your words and especially your actions.

Dagmar Raulin
Trinity Council Chair

>>> SOCK'EM



From Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday, Trinity collected socks for the Downtown Mission. When all was said and done, we collected 110 pairs for people who rely on the mission to survive.