

>>> NEWSLETTER <<<

THE TRINITARIAN

All are welcome, all are loved

>>> PASTOR'S PEN

LOAFING IN THE SANCTUARY

Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Luke 22:19

I have been thinking about author Sara Miles.

In case you have never heard of her ... a life-long atheist, Miles was walking by an Episcopal (we call them Anglicans) church one day when ... for no apparent reason ... she went in during a service.

That was one thing ... but when it came time for the eucharist ... Miles suddenly found herself taking the bread and the wine. Over the course of the following months, she became more involved in the life of the church ... inside and outside its walls. She could never definitively say why she went into the church.

Miles helped establish a food pantry at the church ... which quickly began to provide food to hundreds of San Francisco families. The demand for such a pantry was so great that ... eventually ... satellite operations had to be established throughout the neighbourhood where the church was located.

All from an unexplainable ... spur of the moment ... decision to attend a church service and take communion.

Miles and the congregation's leaders handled their food pantry differently than a traditional food bank.

Each week, the Miles and the volunteers would bring fresh food into the sanctuary and stack the items on and around the altar. People would come in and collect what they needed ... some would stay and pray ... but most take the food and go back out into the world.

The altar was a reminder to recipient and volunteer of the sacred place food held in Jesus' ministry.

This image came to mind as we considered collecting more food for Street Help as we near the end of Spring and prepare for the summer months when things (in theory) are a bit slower-paced.

We will be collecting loaves of bread at the June 29 service (choir's last service before they break for the summer).

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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>>> GOODIES FOR VOLUNTEERS



Volunteers helping out at the monthly clothing giveaway know there is always something from the bakery waiting for them in the kitchen. In May, it was Portuguese Tarts. What will it be on June 14? Volunteer with Dagmar or Pastor Chris and find out that morning.

>>> PASTOR'S PEN

June looks to be a busy month at Trinity

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You are invited to bring a loaf (or loaves) of bread and place before the altar before the service. The bread will be blessed as part of communion and taken to Street Help after fellowship that day.

When we commune, we are fed and our community strengthened, this is our way to share this communion with those who rely on Street Help for needed meals.

Our calling is to love our neighbour and, through that love, to humbly serve others. I hope you accept the invitation to loaf in the sanctuary on June 29.

Also in June:

The Wednesday Café begins on June 4

I've been wanting to do this for quite some time. Such a café was done at the Sudbury church when it was located in a neighbourhood (it has since become part of a LTC facility). The concept is simple: sit out in front of the church and have coffee (or tea or juice) with whomever stops by and have a chat. Mothers pushing strollers stopped by ... neighbours came by ... kids grabbed a juice box and kept going.

The café isn't about putting butts in the pews, it's about putting Trinity into the neighbourhood.

Pentecost Sunday is June 8

After the positive feedback regarding our Agape Service for the first Sunday in Advent, the Worship & Music Committee decided to have another such service for Pentecost. The service will take place in the Fellowship Hall and a light breakfast will be part of the communion portion of the service. This makes Fellowship a true communal experience. Attend if you can and invite family and friends to this service. Since it is Pentecost, you are invited to wear red to represent the flames of discipleship ... or come in your national dress.

Healing and Belonging Service on June 22

Trinity will offer an affirmation worship service to mark Pride Month in Ontario. The service is intended to recognize the wounds caused by the greater church on the 2SLGBTQIA+ community and to foster healing and belonging with the community. A potluck, dubbed "the Manly Meal" follows the service. The men of the congregation are invited to provide the food for the potluck and give the kitchen folk a morning off (although they are welcome to tell the men what they're doing wrong). So, get out your best recipe, sign up and feed those in attendance with your culinary talents.

Treasurer Update

Here is our financial statement as of April 30, 2025.

WFCU Accounts	Value	Previous Month	Comments
Chequing Account – Account 3	\$78,195.01	\$83,361.74	
Alto Savings – Account 13	\$33,913.69	\$33,906.72	
Alto Savings – Account 14	\$23,950.82	\$23,945.90	
Alto Savings – Account 15	\$5,870.18	\$5,869.46	This is the Memorial Fund
Term Deposit #10	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	Matures August 14, 2025
Bingo Account	\$4,067.78	\$4,067.43	
ELFEC Investment	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	
Total Funds	\$220,997.48	\$226,151.25	
Due Back to Savings	Value	Previous Month	Comments
Gift Cards	\$2,875.00	\$3,750.00	New \$5,000 order on 01-10-25
Total Funds	\$2,875.00	\$3,750.00	

The following are our restricted fund accounts:

Restricted Funds	Value	Previous Month	Comments
Memorial Fund	\$5,870.18	\$5,868.71	
Endowment Fund	\$30,705.21	\$30,705.21	
Congregational Growth	\$1,700.00	\$1,700.00	
Youth	\$1,857.84	\$1,857.84	
Sunday School	\$20.00	\$0.00	
Family Assist	\$890.00	\$890.00	
Music Ministry - Donations	\$425.00	\$325.00	
Music Ministry - Sponsors	\$750.00	\$1,500.00	
Total Funds	\$42,218.23	\$42,846.76	

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

END OF April 2025	Budgeted		Actuals
INCOME TOTAL	\$132,206.00		\$33,234.08
EXPENSES TOTAL	\$164,670.68		\$52,690.19

END OF April 2024			Actuals
INCOME TOTAL			\$41,082.58

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

Submitted by Bob Swiatoschik (Treasurer)

>>> OUTREACH

Music Ministry Update:

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 14 –Stay tuned!! NOTE DATE HAS CHANGED

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

Submitted by Bob Swiatoschik (Council Lead for Music Ministry)

City of Windsor – Storm-water Fee:

As you may be aware, the City of Windsor has enacted a flat fee to all businesses (and apparently Churches) related to the square meters of the property that cannot absorb water.

Our new fee is based on 1281 square meters @ \$0.105 / square meter.

As a result, our net new fee (since January 2025) is an additional \$134.51 per monthly (or \$1,614.12 for this year). A totally unexpected burden to our finances.

>>> PRIDEFEST

Trinity has rented a table at this year's PrideFest on August 8-10.

Our presence is builds upon our efforts to be an affirming congregation who welcomes everyone. Trinity needs volunteers to staff our table and share information with any visitors.

It is three days of great ministry and presence. Let Pastor Chris know if you can help out for a couple of hours during that weekend.

>>> 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.

THE SPIRIT GUIDES OUR MINISTRIES

From last Sunday's Gospel reading of John, Chapter 14, v. 27 for the 6th Sunday in Easter, we read as Jesus answered Judas - "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid."

And as we approach the Feast of Pentecost on June 8, where we will celebrate the coming of the Advocate, the Comforter, the Holy Spirit, let us hold fast to Jesus' words - "do not let your hearts be troubled, do not let them be afraid".

Let the Holy Spirit come to each and every one of us, to direct us, and to comfort us.

Through our various congregational ministries, let us

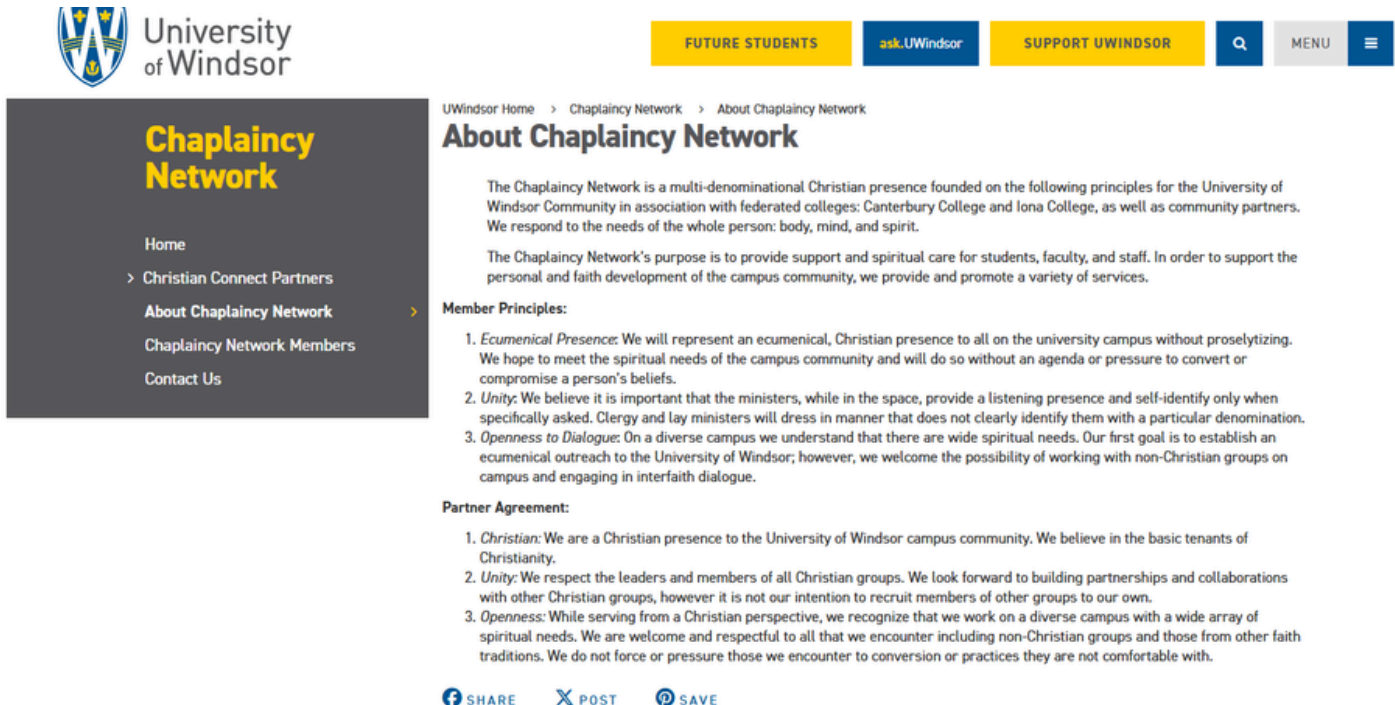
allow the Holy Spirit to give us the direction and fortitude required to reach out to our earthly Christian family in promoting an inclusive, safe place for all, as we worship at our weekly Sunday Worship services.

Through the Word and through our music, I pray we touch and uplift those new faces who come to us and those who worship regularly.

I also pray our steadfast body of believers will continue to serve all our brothers and sisters, in our community and city. Be that testimony of showing God's love to those in need, in your words and especially your deeds

Dagmar Raulin
Trinity Council Chair

TRINITY AT THE UNIVERSITY



The screenshot shows the University of Windsor Chaplaincy Network website. The header includes the University of Windsor logo and navigation links: FUTURE STUDENTS, ask.UWindsor, SUPPORT UWINDSOR, a search icon, and a MENU icon. The main content area is titled "About Chaplaincy Network" and includes a sidebar with links: Home, > Christian Connect Partners, About Chaplaincy Network (highlighted), Chaplaincy Network Members, and Contact Us. The main text describes the network's purpose and lists member principles and a partner agreement.

University of Windsor

Chaplaincy Network

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About Chaplaincy Network

The Chaplaincy Network is a multi-denominational Christian presence founded on the following principles for the University of Windsor Community in association with federated colleges: Canterbury College and Iona College, as well as community partners. We respond to the needs of the whole person: body, mind, and spirit.




The Chaplaincy Network's purpose is to provide support and spiritual care for students, faculty, and staff. In order to support the personal and faith development of the campus community, we provide and promote a variety of services.

Member Principles:

1. *Ecumenical Presence:* We will represent an ecumenical, Christian presence to all on the university campus without proselytizing. We hope to meet the spiritual needs of the campus community and will do so without an agenda or pressure to convert or compromise a person's beliefs.
2. *Unity:* We believe it is important that the ministers, while in the space, provide a listening presence and self-identify only when specifically asked. Clergy and lay ministers will dress in manner that does not clearly identify them with a particular denomination.
3. *Openness to Dialogue:* On a diverse campus we understand that there are wide spiritual needs. Our first goal is to establish an ecumenical outreach to the University of Windsor; however, we welcome the possibility of working with non-Christian groups on campus and engaging in interfaith dialogue.

Partner Agreement:

1. *Christian:* We are a Christian presence to the University of Windsor campus community. We believe in the basic tenants of Christianity.
2. *Unity:* We respect the leaders and members of all Christian groups. We look forward to building partnerships and collaborations with other Christian groups, however it is not our intention to recruit members of other groups to our own.
3. *Openness:* While serving from a Christian perspective, we recognize that we work on a diverse campus with a wide array of spiritual needs. We are welcome and respectful to all that we encounter including non-Christian groups and those from other faith traditions. We do not force or pressure those we encounter to conversion or practices they are not comfortable with.

 SHARE  POST  SAVE

Pastor Chris is Trinity's (and the Lutheran) presence within the Chaplaincy Network at the University of Windsor. The network provides spiritual care, counselling and an ear for students and staff at the university. As well, the network also provides an ecumenical Christian presence at on-campus events.

The “Manly Meal”

We’re looking for your best dish!

The June 22 service will offer a potluck featuring dishes created by the men in the congregation.

So, get out your recipe, sign up in the Narthex and show off your kitchen skills!!



>>> PAWS IN RECOVERY

Pastor Chris has joined the board of directors for Paws in Recovery as part of Trinity’s ongoing efforts to expand its ministry to the community and enhancing its reputation as an affirming congregation.

Currently, the board meets at Trinity on a monthly basis.

According to its program guide:

“Paws in Recovery offers treatment, education, and support to members of the 2SLGBTQIA+ community whose lives have been impacted by addiction. We collaborate closely with our residents and their families to create personalized programs that reflect their unique goals and needs.

“Residential treatment plays a vital role in addressing both addiction and mental health challenges, especially for members of the 2SLGBTQIA+ community who deserve a safe, affirming space free from discrimination.

“ Our home is intentionally designed to be welcoming and inclusive for all.”

Paws in Recovery plans a fundraising barbecue at MicMac Park on June 21. The event begins at 1 p.m. Please attend if at all possible.



But God
his own love

DEMONSTRATES
for us

in



THIS:

WHILE WE
sinners
DIED

were still
CHRIST
for us.

Romans 5:8



**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

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Total Monthly Giving: \$ _____ per month

Contributor's name _____ Envelope # _____

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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.