

>>> NEWSLETTER <<<

THE TRINITARIAN

All are welcome, all are loved



>>> PASTOR'S PEN

PREPPING THE GROUND

"No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

Luke 9: 62

I've been sitting with a passage from the Gospel of Luke for the past few days.

In Luke 9:51-62, Jesus has turned his face toward Jerusalem and begins his long, winding journey toward the centre of religious life in the region.

In fact, if Jesus had been following tradition, the journey would have been even more winding ... in order to avoid certain areas and people.

The traditional way for Galilean Jews to travel to Judea and Jerusalem was to cross the Jordan River in the east ... travel south in the Transjordan ... and cross back into Judea to the west.

Instead, according to Luke, Jesus and the disciples go through Samaria ... an area home to foreigners and others to be avoided.

Jesus sends disciples on ahead to prepare the way for him.

They enter a village of Samaritans and ... because Jesus is focused on the cross and tomb ... the villagers are not receptive to his visit.

John and James were incensed by what they considered a snub!

They ask Jesus if they should bring fire down from the heavens and turn the village and all its residents to ash. AND this is after Jesus had already told them to just shake the dust off their sandals anywhere they weren't welcomed.

Jesus didn't take such talk well and rebuked the two disciples for even considering such an act.

Jesus' love extends to everyone ... even those who aren't ready to hear his message or feel his healing touch. As Luke shares later, Jesus raises up Samaritans who demonstrate the love of neighbour that Jesus proclaims through his preaching and ministry.

Jesus' focus on his expansive loving act on the cross and his ascension that follows will change everything. The grace that he shows to the Samaritan village will be the grace that his followers are expected to use to mark the life of the world.

UPCOMING EVENTS**JULY 12 -
CLOTHING GIVEAWAY**

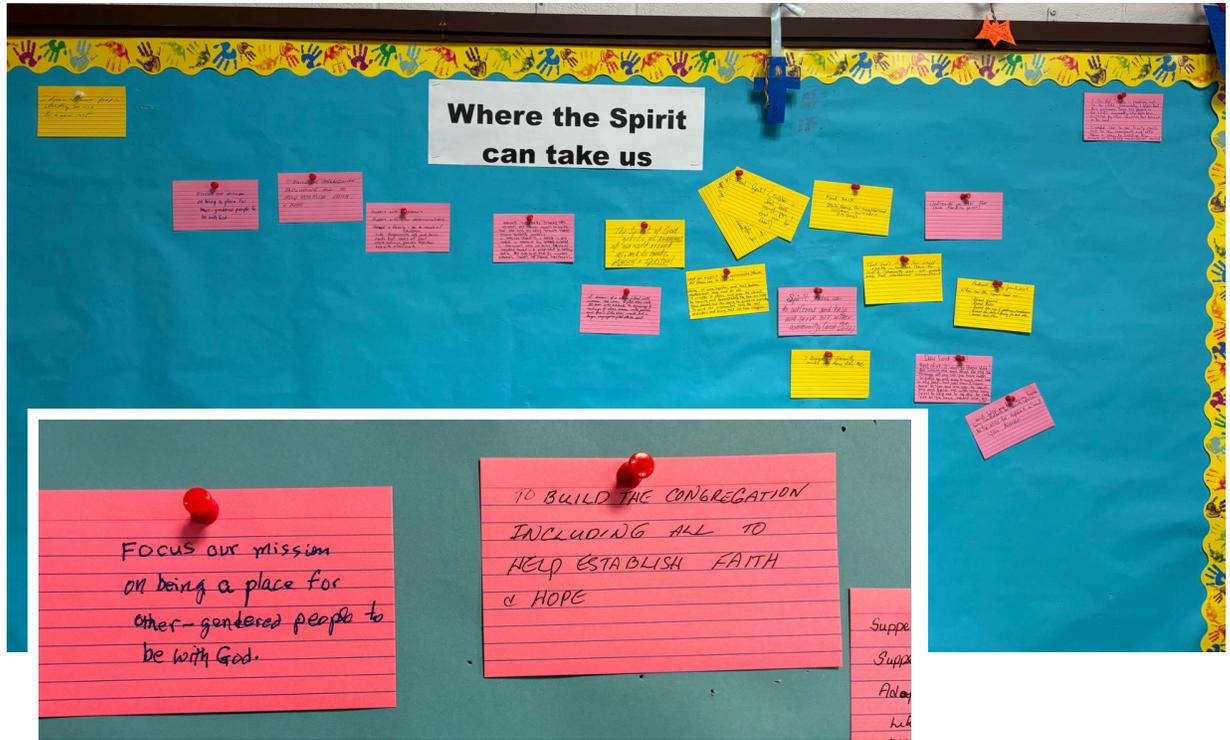
THE MONTHLY TIME OF MINISTRY RUNS FROM 10 A.M. TO 2 P.M. VOUNTEERS AND CLOTHING DONATIONS ALWAYS WELCOME.

**SEPTEMBER 7 - BACK TO
CHURCH SUNDAY**

FALL AT TRINITY KICKS OFF WITH BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY WHEN WE WELCOME EVERYONE BACK FROM SUMMER HOLIDAYS AND BLESS THE CHILDREN AND TEACHERS FOR THE COMING SCHOOL YEAR. LAST YEAR, IT WAS THE DR. SUESS SERVICE, WHAT WILL IT BE THIS YEAR? COME AND FIND OUT WHAT THE PARROT IS DOING IN THE SANCTUARY. DURING THIS UNIQUE SERVICE (WHICH WILL BE GEARED TOWARD THE YOUNG AND THE YOUNG AT HEART), WE WILL BLESS EVERYONE'S BACKPACKS AND, AFTER THE MUSIC-FILLED SERVICE, WE'RE HOSTING A SPECIAL TIME OF FELLOWSHIP.

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WHERE THE SPIRIT TAKES US



Those attending the Pentecost service were invited to share their God-sized dreams for Trinity ... to consider what a Spirit-led community could accomplish and then write them on cards to post on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. This is an open-ended invitation for all. If you have a dream for Trinity, please share it on the board.

PASTOR'S PEN

Hands on the plow, eyes straight ahead

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To allow the full expression of grace requires the disciples to forget about their old ways ... the old biases, attitudes and traditions that keep them from fully loving all. That is the lesson held in the second half of the passage.

Later, Jesus calls on a disciple to follow him ... but the disciple defers because he wants to bury his father ... another wants to say good-bye to his family first.

Both seem like reasonable requests, but both times Jesus rebukes the disciples. Let the dead bury the dead, he tells them. In other words, if you are concerned about new life ... fostering the new creation that love brings about ... you cannot look to the past and do things as the world expects them.

They need to plow forward with their eyes focused ahead.

Discipleship ... Jesus says ... is not a conditional proposition. Discipleship requires full commitment to love others ... through action and through word.

The village wasn't ready to receive Jesus and the disciples because the preparation work hadn't been done ... the furrows had not been plowed (to use Jesus' symbol).

Such preparation comes through our discipleship ... through being a loving and comforting presence in others' lives.

It is through our openness to journeying on unfamiliar or uncomfortable ground ... being open to new ideas that offer affirmation and new life ... and by welcoming, comforting and healing those the world considers strangers ... but who we call sisters and brothers ... that God's love is made known.

Congregations that embrace such openness are more adaptable to the winds of change and better able to pivot to meet challenges in their ministry than those that are busy looking back at the furrows that have already been plowed.

So, may we look ahead and embrace the future

FINANCE

Treasurer Update

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

WFCU Accounts	Value	Previous Month	Comments
Checking Account – Account 3	\$60,310.42	\$78,195.01	
Alto Savings – Account 13	\$33,920.89	\$33,913.69	
Alto Savings – Account 14	\$23,955.91	\$23,950.82	
Alto Savings – Account 15	\$5,870.93	\$5,870.18	This is the Memorial Fund
Term Deposit #10	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	Matures August 14, 2025
Bingo Account	\$4,068.11	\$4,067.78	
ELFEC Investment	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	
Total Funds	\$203,126.26	\$220,997.48	
Due Back to Savings	Value	Previous Month	Comments
Gift Cards	\$6,625.00	\$2,875.00	New \$5,000 order on 05-31-25
Total Funds	\$6,625.00	\$2,875.00	

The following are our restricted fund accounts:

Restricted Funds	Value	Previous Month	Comments
Memorial Fund	\$5,870.93	\$5,870.18	
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	\$20.00	
Easter / Christmas Flowers	\$7.00	\$30.00	
Family Assist	\$815.00	\$890.00	
Music Ministry - Donations	\$425.00	\$425.00	
Music Ministry - Sponsors	\$0.00	\$750.00	
Total Funds	\$41,400.98	\$42,248.23	

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

END OF May 2025	Budgeted		Actuals
INCOME TOTAL	\$132,206.00		\$38,464.92
EXPENSES TOTAL	\$164,670.68		\$67,834.14

END OF May 2024			Actuals
INCOME TOTAL			\$48,711.33

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

Submitted by ~~Bob Swiatoschik~~ (Treasurer)

OUTREACH

CONCERT SLATE FILLING UP

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!!

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

Sunday May 31, 2026 –Stay tuned!!

Submitted by Bob Swiatoschik (Council Lead for Music Ministry)

**Have a voice?
Join the choir for the Fall
Talk to Val or Dagmar
for details**

GIFT CARDS

SPECIAL OFFER

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

SPECIAL SERVICES MARK JUNE AT TRINITY

Members and friends of Trinity,

We celebrated the Feast of Pentecost on June 8, in remembrance of the coming of the Advocate, the Comforter, the Holy Spirit.

It was celebrated with an agape meal of yogurt, fruit, cheese, olives, and flat bread. Most that attended wore red, as we were encouraged to wear this colour, representing the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

The Choir sang a peppy rendition of "This is the Day." According to the photos taken (see page 6), there really was a sea of red, including tops and pants, skirts and shirts, and dresses, but especially the altar decorations, table cloths, vestments and red sneakers.

Posed with the question How does the Holy Spirit work in our lives, we put pen to paper and wrote. Those answers are on the board in the Fellowship Hall.

Have a look next time.

On June 15, we celebrated the Feast of the Holy Trinity. We heard about the complex concept of the Triune God, the eternal Three In One.

"Jesus wants the disciples to know through the Spirit, Jesus will remain an abiding presence in their lives." (Pastor Chris' sermon "Pour out Love")

At the June 22 service of Healing and Belonging, we called to mind and acknowledged the wrongs done against the 2SLGBTQIA+ community, by the greater church.

After Pastor Chris' sermon entitled "Love Heals," and just as the prayers were being started by Worship Assistant Anthony, our long missing bat (of the flying

variety) appeared out of some crevice.

To make its presence known, it flew back and forth, up and down, close to the altar, and then back up towards the organ loft again. Finally, with a desire to escape, it was led out into the narthex where Janis and Labrecht set it free into the courtyard. Thanks Janis and Albrecht.

A potluck meal, offered by the men of the congregation (under George's chairmanship), consisting of Thai Shrimp Soup (yum), Pomegranate Ribs, Cabbage Roll Casserole, Chilean Bread, Wings and Fries, was enjoyed by all attending.

A service we won't quite soon forget.

Again, the Clothing Giveaway ministry on June 14 showed us the need is still great. Many people came. Familiar faces and a number of new faces visited us that day.

Please come to help at the next Clothing Giveaway, even just stop in and experience first-hand this Ministry at work.

Through such a congregational ministry, let us allow the Holy Spirit to give us the direction and courage required to reach out to our earthly Christian family in promoting an inclusive, safe place for all, no judgment. Through the Word, through our deeds, and through our Music, I pray we touch and uplift those new faces who come to us who are searching.

Be that testimony of showing God's love to those in need, in your words and especially your deeds

Dagmar Raulin
Trinity Council Chair

MAKE AN OFFERING ANYTIME

In response to requests from members, Trinity accepts offerings via eTransfer.

You must set up the eTransfer information in your bank account.

The email address to be used is "trinitylutheran@gmail.com"

In the "comment" section, please indicate:

"Trinity - General Offering"

and

Put your name and address so we can provide a tax receipt

Pentecost Agape



**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.

2025 WINDSOR-ESSEX PRIDE FEST

I'M A PROUD PRIDE VENDOR

AUGUST 8-10, 2025

LANSPEARY PARK, WINDSOR

www.wepridefest.com



PRESENTING SPONSOR:



»»» TABLE STAFF AND WALKERS SOUGHT

We'll be at PrideFest again this year and are asking congregation members to help staff the Trinity table and invite you to walk behind the Trinity banner in the August 10 parade. We're requesting volunteers be present for at least two hours so that a heavy load won't be borne by just a handful. This is a great opportunity to reach out to people who have been hurt by the church and are looking for a place to belong.