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# THE TRINITARIAN

All are welcome, all are loved

## &gt;&gt;&gt; PASTOR'S PEN

## PRAYER AND THE FUTURE

*"For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened."*

Luke 11: 10

On July 27, we heard Jesus offer the bare-bones framework for what became known as the Lord's Prayer.

Luke's version is much shorter than the versions offered by the other gospel writers ,, and shorter than the one we recite as a congregation as part of communion on Sunday mornings.

Jesus finishes praying and is approached by a disciple who asks him to show them how to pray. It seems that John taught his followers how to pray and Jesus' followers want to pray in a way that sets them apart, as well.

As he does, Jesus makes it clear that prayers are intended to be part of our relationship with God the Parent and to give voice to those things that mark the Kingdom of God.

This means that words that carry self-interest ... greed ... or violence within them have no place in a prayer.

Jesus' instructions go beyond the Lord's Prayer, they are intended to inform all our prayers. Next time you are in a Sunday service, listen to the Prayers of Intercession. The prayers follow a pattern ... church ... creation ... world ... others ... saints. There is not focused on one's ownself.

At my previous call, I incorporated a petition near the end of the prayers ... "For what else do the people pray?"

It was an invitation for those in attendance to give voice to the things known to them. It was an opportunity to bear witness to whatever pain or trouble they recognized.

As I worked on the sermon for this reading from Luke, I began to wonder what else people in Trinity pray for ... what holds their hearts?

Is it someone they know? Something they saw? Is it just the world's state of affairs and the seeming acceptance of voicing hate and bigotry in public forums? Is it Trinity's future? If it is, what kind of future do they pray for?

For what else do the people pray?

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

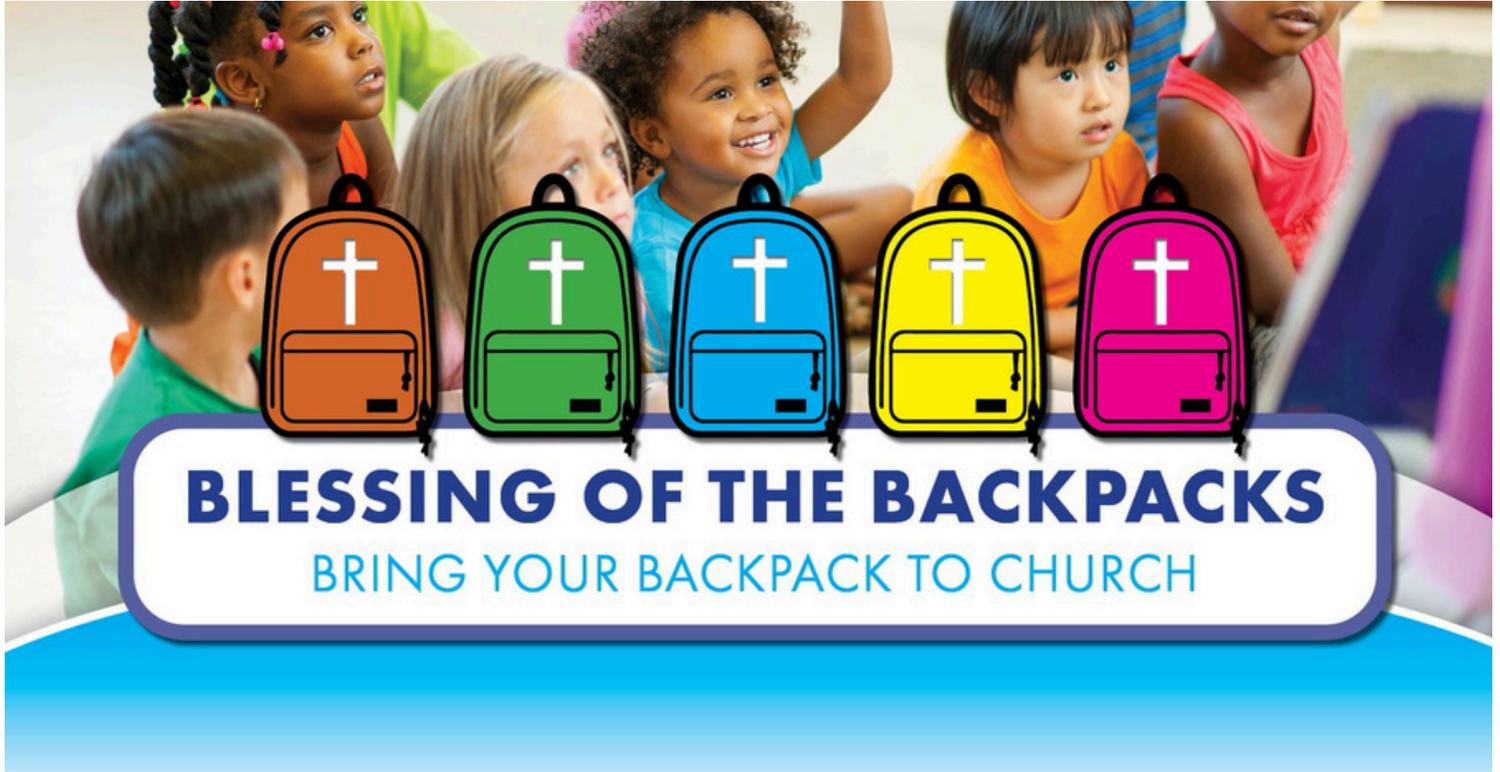
### AUGUST 9 - CLOTHING GIVEAWAY

THE MONTHLY TIME OF MINISTRY RUNS FROM 10 A.M. TO 2 P.M. VOLUNTEERS 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. SEUSS 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.

## »»» BACK TO SCHOOL AND BACK TO CHURCH



Children are invited to bring their backpacks to church on September 7 (it's Back to Church Sunday) and have them blessed for the coming school year. During the service, we will also pray for teachers and parents as the year gets under way.

## »»» PASTOR'S PEN

# Prayer: a moment for our heart's voice

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Are prayers for Trinity anchored in the church's and the congregation's past? For a return to full pews, green (or red) hymnals and when the altar space was jammed with bodies and the organ?

Do we pray for those whom we seek to minister?

Do we place limits on who we'll pray for?

What does their prayers give voice to?

Luke's passage on the Lord's Prayer (Luke 11: 1-13), underscores the importance of prayer and of a prayer life holds for Jesus' followers.

A prayer life must be part of a faith community's life.

It provides a time of reflection ... a moment or two of calm ... it is an intimate moment of communing with a loving God ... and it is a time when we can place others at the centre of our thoughts and of our heart.

Some people carve out a specific time of the day and

even a specific place in the home for prayer. By doing so, they create a sacred space for those moments.

Some pray while they are driving (I know I have said a prayer two from the passenger seat). Some pray silently, some give full voice to their prayers and still others, when the occasion allows it, sing their prayers.

Our Taize service earlier this year introduced a different type of prayer to the congregation. Ideally, the repetitive sung prayer seeks to become a breathing pattern.

But how we pray isn't as important as what we pray for, because our prayers should be for those things that mark a loving community ... one that cares for one another ... one that is aligned with the Kingdom of God.

I pray for the people around me ... for people of Trinity ... for the future of our ministries and for peace.

So, for what else do you pray?

**Treasurer Update**

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

WFCU Accounts	Value	Previous Month	Comments
Chequing Account – Account 3	\$54,767.60	\$60,310.42	
Alto Savings – Account 13	\$33,927.86	\$33,920.89	
Alto Savings – Account 14	\$23,960.83	\$23,955.91	
Alto Savings – Account 15	\$5,871.65	\$5,870.93	This is the Memorial Fund
Term Deposit #10	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	Matures August 14, 2025
Bingo Account	\$0.00	\$4,068.11	Account is now CLOSED
ELFEC Investment	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>\$193,527.94</b>	<b>\$203,126.26</b>	
Due Back to Savings	Value	Previous Month	Comments
Gift Cards	\$5,450.00	\$6,625.00	New \$5,000 order on 05-31-25
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>\$5,450.00</b>	<b>\$6,625.00</b>	

The following are our restricted fund accounts:

Restricted Funds	Value	Previous Month	Comments
Memorial Fund	\$5,871.65	\$5,870.93	
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	\$7.00	
Family Assist	\$740.00	\$815.00	
Music Ministry – Donations	\$0.00	\$425.00	
Music Ministry – Sponsors	\$0.00	\$0.00	
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>\$40,901.70</b>	<b>\$41,400.98</b>	

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

END OF June 2025	Budgeted		Actuals
INCOME TOTAL	\$132,206.00		\$43,627.74
EXPENSES TOTAL	\$164,670.68		\$88,215.17

END OF June 2024			Actuals
INCOME TOTAL			\$55,684.06

*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 – This concert will start at 4 p.m. – Tickets will be on sale soon:**  
**\$30 – Adults**  
**\$10 - Students**

**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

## »»» COUNCIL

# PRIDEFEST IS WHEN WE AFFIRM OUR LOVE

As Pastor had indicated in Friday's email to the congregation and announced in Sunday's church bulletin, I would also like to personally remind you, we are two weeks away from Pridefest weekend, which will be on Friday, August 8, Saturday, August 9, and Sunday, August 10, when we will take part in the Pridefest 2025 parade Sunday at 10 a.m.

Some of us will be at service here, and others will be in the parade.

Reach out to family, friends and acquaintances, and let them know Trinity is participating in this outreach ministry at Pridefest 2025. Talk to everyone you are able to about this – those you know from church, folks you know from your neighbourhood, or your apartment complex, even other social groups or at your retirement residences.

Being an affirming congregation, that recognizes and acknowledges all of God's children, come and help us man (woman, or people) our table at Pridefest.

Sign up on the participation list in the narthex, commit to being at our table for a couple hours on Friday, or Saturday, or Sunday.

It is important that Trinity is well-represented at our Pridefest table.

As Pastor has already made known, there are people out there at Pridefest, and in the community, searching for support, a kind word or a blessing to feel helped, understood and loved. They are also looking for a spiritual home.

Show them we care and that we're there for them.

Your presence is important, so please sign up, and join us. In order to help the visitors to Pridefest remember who we are, we offer several items with our name on them, a meaningful phrase or a text. We hope to have silicone multi-colour bracelets, key tag holders, temporary tattoos, and pins.

We have need to replenish our stock of swag – the giveaway items - in the amount of about \$80.

Last year, we received a synodical grant to cover Pridefest expenses.

This Pridefest, please consider making a designated monetary gift to our Pridefest weekend expenses, and mark it as such on your offering envelope. Also, if you can't make it to the Pridefest weekend, consider a baked goods donation – muffins, cupcakes or cookies - for us to share with our visitors.

Please follow up with Pastor Chris for more information. As well, we have several "Lollipop tree" table prizes. It is great fun to watch if someone finds a marked lollipop on the "tree" and wins one of the colour-coded table prizes.

Your participation, presence, support, and voice are necessary for this essential ministry - to proclaim God's love for all people, and we need you there. Show that this affirming congregation has a place for all our brothers and sisters in Christ.

**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](mailto:trinitylutheran@gmail.com)"**

**In the "comment" section, please indicate:**

**"Trinity - General Offering"**

**and**

**Put your name and address in the comment section so we can provide a tax receipt**

»»» WORSHIP

# New Stuff !

Trinity recently received some items from its sister congregations in the Eastern Synod. Below, is one of the banners we received from Trinity Hamilton. The banners and a lot of other items were made available after the merger of three congregations. The largest of the banners has been placed on the front of the choir loft. Right, is our new Advent Wreath. The wreath comes to us from New Hope Lutheran in Sudbury. New Hope was formed through the merger of two congregations and is relocating to a space in a local long-term care and retirement complex ... a place where open flames are prohibited. So, through pastoral connections, we get all the candles.



**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

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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](http://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.