



Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church  
New Hamburg, Ontario

Annual Congregational Meeting + Agenda + February 12, 2012

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A. Election of Congregational Council Members  
*Nominated: Cy Ridout, Krista Durrer, Chris Normandeau and Doreen Lindner-  
Baan (3 years) & Barry Kalbfleisch (2 years).*  
B. Election of Trinity Endowment Fund Committee Member (3-year term)  
*Nominated: Neil Klaassen (to join Michel Gascon & Jacki Bailey)*  
C. Confirmation of Appointment of Treasurer: *Bob Ruthig*  
D. Confirmation of Appointment of Financial Secretary: *Laurie Clarke*  
E. Confirmation of Appointment of Auditor: *Alec Bennett*
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14. Information  
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Installation of Council & Officers: February 19, 9:30 am  
Next Council Meeting: Wednesday, February 22, 8 pm (after Ash Wednesday liturgy)  
Other Information
15. Adjournment  
and Closing Prayer (André Lavergne); Hymn 546 - To Be Your Presence

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## ✚ Auditor's Statement ~ Alec Bennett

January 26, 2012

I have reviewed the financial records of *Trinity Lutheran Church, New Hamburg, Ontario*, for the year ended December 31, 2011. They appear to be in good order and accurately represent the financial position of the church as at that date.

*Alec Bennett, auditor*  
17 Sunshine Place, New Hamburg, Ontario.

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## ✚ Stewardship ~ Rick Ritz

Trinity continues to be a vibrant and uplifting congregation thanks to the wonderful stewardship of people like you. Thank you for sharing your time, your talents and your treasures in support of the many ministries here at Trinity.

The purest form of stewardship occurs when it is intentional and pre-meditated. Please take some time to think about your response to the gifts you have been given. Where will you spend your time, your talents, and your treasures in 2012? You have gifts to share in all three of these areas and how we use these gifts is the measure of our personal stewardship. Our congregation, our community and the wider global community offer many options for us to extend our stewardship to help others.

Many charities and social clubs are very forthright about asking for your help, especially your financial help. Trinity and the wider church also need your help. We invite you to look at your financial stewardship and prayerfully consider your contribution for the upcoming year. PAR is an excellent way to demonstrate pre-meditation in your financial stewardship. If you are currently enrolled in PAR, please review your contribution and update it to match your current financial situation. If you are not part of the program, please sign up and join with me and others who have decided that the "first fruits" concept is both important and satisfying.

*Rick Ritz,*  
*Stewardship Portfolio, Trinity Council*

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## ✚ Finance ~ Rick Ritz

First, a word of thanks to Bob Ruthig, our Treasurer; and Laurie Clarke, our Financial Secretary. They are both dedicated volunteers who give of their time and talents all year long.

We've seen another year of financial uncertainty globally. Our congregation has managed to navigate the choppy waters reasonably well. We budgeted a deficit in our General Fund but the actual deficit came in smaller than anticipated, thanks to a reduction in expenses. We had a surplus at the end of 2010 and the small deficit in 2011 still leaves us in a surplus position as we enter 2012. We faced some large unexpected expenses in the Capital Fund: a major roof repair and leaking doors which needed immediate attention. After paying for all the work done, we ended the year with a very small Capital deficit.

We are in an enviable financial position compared to some of our sister congregations. We can't become complacent but we certainly have a solid foundation on which to continue building.

*Rick Ritz,*  
*Finance Portfolio, Trinity Council*