



Trinity Dove

April 20, 2008 + Easter 5 + Slowing Down
Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

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✦ Sabbaths & Celebrations

Sunday, April 20 ~ Easter 5

- ✦ Anchor Worship at 9:30 am. Parish update, 9:20 am.
- ✦ Community Fellowship at 10:30 am.
- ✦ Nurturing Faith: Faith Adventures at 10:45 am.
- ✦ Adults: Boundaries of Faith (Mike Hackbusch).
- ✦ Sanctuary Worship at 5 pm.

Sunday, April 27 ~ Easter 6

- ✦ Anchor Worship at 9:30 am with Faith Adventures "Thank You". Parish update, 9:20 am.
- ✦ Community Fellowship at 10:30 am.
- ✦ Nurturing Faith: Faith Adventures at 10:45 am.
- ✦ Adults: Boundaries of Faith (Steve Gross).
- ✦ Sanctuary Worship at 5 pm.

Sunday, May 4 ~ Easter 7

- ✦ Anchor Worship at 9:30 am. Parish update, 9:20 am.
- ✦ Community Fellowship at 10:30 am.
- ✦ Nurturing Faith: Faith Adventures at 10:45 am.
- ✦ Adults: Boundaries of Faith (Sylvia Poetschke).
- ✦ ELW-TYGers Congregational Chili Lunch at 11:45 am
- ✦ Sanctuary Worship at 5 pm.

Sunday, May 11 ~ Pentecost / Mother's Day

- ✦ Anchor Worship at 9:30 am with Erin Anger & Eilish Moylan baptisms. Parish update, 9:20 am.
- ✦ Community Fellowship at 10:30 am.
- ✦ Nurturing Faith: Faith Adventures at 10:45 am.
- ✦ Adults: Boundaries of Faith (Oz Cole-Arnal).
- ✦ Sanctuary Worship at 5 pm.

Sunday, May 18 ~ Holy Trinity (Long Weekend)

TYGers at Pitch 'N Praise

- ✦ Anchor Worship at 9:30 am. Parish update, 9:20 am.
- ✦ Community Fellowship at 10:30 am.
- ✦ Nurturing Faith: Faith Adventures at 10:45 am.
- ✦ Sanctuary Worship at 5 pm.

Sunday, May 25 ~ Pentecost 2

- ✦ Anchor Worship at 9:30 am. Parish update, 9:20 am.
- ✦ Community Fellowship at 10:30 am.
- ✦ Nurturing Faith: Faith Adventures at 10:45 am.
- ✦ Adults: Boundaries of Faith (Joanna Miller).
- ✦ Sanctuary Worship at 5 pm.
- ✦ Let's Celebrate! Pot-Luck Supper at 6 pm.

✦ *andré lavergne*

✦ Interfaith Giant Silent Auction

Join our extended community on Saturday, April 26, 11 am to 4 pm at the New Hamburg Arena. Always wonderful!

✦ *andré lavergne*

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✝ Pastor Anne ~ Slowing Down

Grace and peace, friends.

It's funny how you get onto a topic and then everything that happens seems to connect back to that topic. Lately I have been thinking about *slowing down*.

Sarah and Laurie Clarke, Erika Mueller and I are thankful to have had a conversation with Dr. Christina Vanin at one of the Third Thursdays gatherings. She introduced us to the "slow movement." It is a movement that promotes taking time and being deliberate rather than trying to cram everything into a short amount of time. This is true for all aspects of life from cooking to travel, to relationships. (Visit www.slowmovement.com for more information.) The idea seemed to resonate with our young adults, Sarah and Erika, especially as life for them seems to move at such a fast pace.

This past week I had a conversation about our youth with someone and the general consensus was that families are so busy they are frequently over-programmed. We have to get the hockey / dance / confirmation / tutoring—you can fill in your own blank—lesson in and still fit in some family time. Yet when I went with Chris Gascon and seven of our junior girls to a "beautiful unique girl" event on a Friday night, we all felt that it was time well-spent and were encouraged by God and one another. It was "programming" but we felt like it was time well spent. We learned about how we are created "good" and don't need to do the competitive thing with one another because we all have unique value in God's eyes and in God's world.

We also took another bit of time this week to be intentional in another way. Trev and I joined many of you in Earth Hour. We turned off our lights and TV for an hour at 8 pm on March 29. So the candles were lit and we ended up in our front room reading and chatting. It felt like we slowed down just a little bit, and, after the hour, I was craving some more time just like it.

Maybe that is what they are getting at in the slow movement. In slowing down, we are deliberate about making connections with one another. In our relationships with each other and with creation we are taking account of our relationship with God and giving it a little extra time as well. We are mindful of each others needs and seek to meet them however we are called and however we are able. Isn't that what the Gospel call us to? ... to love others as we are loved?

We are called to let God's overflowing love for us spill out

into how we live with others. I think that we may be more aware of that happening when we take some time, move more slowly and look around at the gift of God's creation and people in our lives.

This month I think I might try to set aside another hour or two, time where I am deliberately mindful of the people and things going on around me.

Will you join me?

✝ *anne anderson*



✝ Faith in Film...

Interpretations of a Faithful Journey

We gather, the last two Tuesdays of the month, at 6 pm, in the Bruce Hammer Theatre. Sherry Coman—writer, teacher of film & lover of the arts—is leading our conversation. Bring a brown-bag lunch. For information, contact Sherry at sherry.coman@gmail.com.

- April 22 - Mary (Abel Ferrara, 2005) - The courage of embracing the truth.

- April 29 - Trois couleurs: Bleu (Krzysztof Kieslowski, 1993) - Touching death. Touching life.

✝ *andré lavergne*

✝ Adults: Boundaries of Faith

In this continuing series we explore the boundaries we experience or impose in our community of faith. Are our boundaries appropriate? Are they not?

April 20 - Boundaries of mental health - Pr. Mike Hackbusch

April 27 - Boundaries of wealth and poverty - Pr. Steve Gross

May 4 - Boundaries of prison walls - Pr. Sylvia Poetschke

May 11 - Boundaries of class, nationality and origin - Dr. Oz Cole-Arnal

May 25 - Boundaries of age: Too old? Too young? - Senior Seminarian Joanna Miller

June 1 - Boundaries of education - Dr. David Schnase Jacobsen

✝ *andré lavergne*

✚ Sacraments & Seasons

Baptism

On March 22, at the Vigil of Easter, we welcomed Sydney Janet Ferguson, daughter of Julie (Steinberg) & Troy Ferguson into the family of faith. Great stuff!

Marriage

On February 6, 2008, Holly Boshart & Jason Plein were married in Mexico. Congratulations, friends.

Death

We grieve the April 2 death of Robin Wesley Croft young in life. He was only thirty. Blessed are those who mourn.

May Birthdays

1 - Bob Povey, Roy Bondy, Sharon Ziegler, Stephanie Bingeman, Stephanie Medley, Derek Harrison; **2** - Marjorie Shantz, Janet Farr, Heather Faulkner, Atlanta Diebel; **3** - Sandra Schmidt, Karen Barnes, Tyler Medley; **4** - Ron Lippert, Mathew Lindner, Anna Knackstedt, Tori Burchatzki; **5** - Ken Seltzer, Sharon Bast, Rob Leu, Melissa Power, Mercedes Preikschas; **6** - Jessie Junker, Ben Ruthig, Abby Sostar; **7** - Don Coxson, Clarence Stever, Susan Arsenault, Anne Lindner, Austin McClenaghan; **8** - Wilson Abraham, Jade Boehler; **9** - Merv Roth, David Buehlow, Dieter Steinkraus, Robert McGlynn, Glen Brodrecht, Bryan Wettlaufer, Matthew Riedel, Tyler Randerson; **10** - Jennifer Pearson; **12** - Brian Roth, Perry Danner, Bradley Livingston, Aimee Boutilier; **13** - Don Jardin; **14** - Marcia Ritz; **15** - John Bowman, Bob Zoeller, Mike Mueller, Shirley Bender, Paul Koehler, Ken Bender, Bobbie Jo Ruthig; **16** - Millie Rhem, Rose Mueller, Michelle Gravill, Tawnya Coffin; **17** - Sharon Hammer, Michelle Rogers; **18** - Antonia Danner, Dolores Hofstetter, Dave Oliver, Alyssa Roth, Casey Ingold; **19** - Larry Gravill, Sarah Riedel; **20** - Bill Ziegler; **21** - Jackie Buehlow, Jacquelyn Bean; **22** - Ray Straus, Lynn Bale; **23** - Bill Weichel, Linda Ferguson, Nicole Lindner; **24** - Stephanie Sostar, Kim Steinmann, Kaylee Goodyear; **25** - Grant McGregor; **26** - Doug Miller, John Hanson, John Jokic, Daniel Roth; **27** - Paul Holst, Dianne Parsons, Mary Seltzer; **28** - Charles Stock, Stefanie Mueller; **29** - Amy Hammer, Kieran Campbell, Eilish Moylan; **30** - Brandy Hillar, Grace Bender; **31** - Edna Haunn, Steve Aho, Karen Lorentz, Pete Buehlow, Barry Stock.

Happy birthday, friends!

May Wedding Anniversaries

1 - Jessica & Tim Parkin; **3** - Kim & Tim Pearson, Angie & Peter Scheid; **4** - Cindy & Doug Hammer, Joanne & Syd Hills; **5** - Mildred & Ray Cook, Lyndsay & Mike Yost; **6** - Julia & Peter Kellendonk; **8** - Philipp & Sibylle Hofmeyer; **9** - Chuck & Charlotte Schiedel, Doug & Valerie Brenneman; **11** - Judy & Ron Ziegler, Laurie & Dean Clarke, Kevin & Tracey Erb; **12** - Emilie & Erwin Faruzel, Sherry & Ron Wallace; **13** - Amy & Scott Steinman, Christy & Andrew Racho; **14** - Jim & Lyla Wettlaufer, Bonnie & John Jokic; **17** - Nancy & Carl Hallberg, Cortney & Gerry Legare; **18** - Gordon & Peggy Faulhafer, David & Millie Buehlow; **20** - Antonia & Arthur Danner, Judy & Paul Riley; **22** - Roy Lagace & Stephanie Roote; **23** - Ken & Sandra Schmidt, Eddy & Liz Livingston; **24** - Beth & Ken Bender, Dale & Rhonda Egerdee, Jackie & Mark Currah; **26** - Jean & Ken Hammer; **27** - Brian & Deb Roth, Shawn & Sonya Burchatzki; **29** - Doris & Howard Weicker, Corrie & Pete DeRuiter; **31** - Kathy & Flex Bender. Congratulations!



Special Anniversaries

50th - Carl & Nancy Hallberg (May 17)
60th - Howard & Doris Weicker (May 29)

✚ *jill merner & andré lavergne*

✚ Time to Celebrate!

ELW & Sanctuary: Let's Do Supper!

The whole congregation is invited to a Pot-Luck Supper on Sunday, May 25, at 6 pm, following our Sanctuary Community worship. Bring a smiling face and an outstretched hand to congratulate Pastor André and Barbara on their recent marriage and to welcome Barbara to our community. We ask people to bring dishes & cutlery and an item of food (entrée or salad or desert). Come and enjoy fantastic food, fabulous fellowship and fine fun! As at many of our parish celebrations... there will be cake!

Aspects of Love - The Gift of Music

On Sunday, June 22, at 9:30 am, André & Barbara are inviting the congregation to celebrate the gifts of love and their recent marriage at a festive Anchor Community service featuring soprano Sharla Nafziger and accompanist Charlene Nafziger. The date is tentative; watch for details.

✚ *millie rhem & andré lavergne*

✚ Dear Kim, This is what I believe...

Explaining Christian Faith Today

Each month, by kind permission, we publish an extract from Bill Loader's book, Dear Kim, This is what I believe...

Chapter 3: What About The Bible?

The Old Testament

The larger collection of writings in the Bible is the Old Testament, written in Hebrew. It consists of writings of old Israel preserved by the Jewish people. It contains the major stories from their history which they looked to for their identity and where they encountered God. It also has much legal material, including detailed instructions of how the temple system was to run. Some of its most exciting material is in the writings of the prophets, who were kind of freelance preachers who used to challenge political and religious leaders of the community on matters of justice and truth, often in the face of great personal danger.



There are also collections of proverbs, poetry and shorter popular stories and the large psalm collection used in Israel's worship. Right at the beginning of the Bible we find a series of well known stories: the making of the world and of people (two different versions); Adam and Eve; Cain and Abel; Noah's ark; and the Tower of Babel. These are similar to many of the ancient myths of the peoples of the region. They belonged to the wider culture. They are not historical, let alone scientific descriptions. Yet they have a special quality, for they have been retold with significant modifications to bring out deep insights into human life and God.

Take the story of the tower of Babel, for example. It tells of people wanting to make a tower which would reach up into the heavens. Those in the heavens reply by destroying the tower and from that day people were scattered all over the earth with different languages. We can just imagine a little child asking, 'Why do people speak so many different languages?' and a parent telling the story. Yet at a deeper level this ancient myth alerts us to the tragedy which occurs when people overreach themselves in the endeavour to assert their importance, how it can bring division and lead to breakdown of communication and relationships. This is its message in the scriptures, not a theory about languages. Often we get the truth about life best from stories that are not necessarily true in the literal or historical sense.

Written by human hands

All of these writings were written by human beings in particular circumstances. They reflect those circumstances and the world view of their time. Naturally there is a lot of variety within the collections in quality and style. Some accounts of history are more valuable than others. Some preserve deeper insights than others. This is only to be expected of a collection of writings coming from almost a thousand year time span.

Even within the New Testament, where the time span is less than 100 years, there is considerable variety. With four different accounts of Jesus' life, there are inevitably quite different slants on some events and some contradictions in detail. Overall such things did not matter; what mattered, as far as the New Testament was concerned, was that this collection was the major resource for what Jesus was like and the kind of impression he made on his followers. Who and what Jesus was, rubbed off on these people. Their writings allow us to sense something of the impact of who he was and what he did.

With the Old Testament it is similar. It is the body of writings belonging to a particular culture, Jewish culture, but Christians have always seen in these writings and in the history which they recount a place where the God-light has shone through in human affairs. In this regard its writings are quite mixed. There are awful stories of cruelty and massacre which their authors thought were willed by God. But there are also moments of tenderness and human love, challenges about social injustice and profoundly sensitive descriptions of what it means to live with pain. There is something of God captured or reflected in these writings which rings true to the picture we get of God through Jesus. But it is there in the mix typical of such a collection. To try to cut out the offensive nationalism of some parts or to try to distil only the purist thoughts would be an impossible task.

The same is true, ultimately, of the Bible as a whole. It is a human book by human authors written in very human situations in very human ways. Yet it is precisely as it is, that it has been a source of inspiration to so many down through the ages. It is a place where people have seen the light shining, have heard God speaking, have found their lives opened up in a new way.

For me, reading the Bible or hearing it discussed is like walking in a familiar garden. As a biblical scholar, I know most of the plants quite well. Some parts I don't find attractive. Here and there, there has been too much hacking about, when people have tried to straighten things

out. Some of the garden beds look too much like they have been fitted into the going fashions. But at other points I just stand in wonder and it's as though I see things for the first time. It is always deeply rewarding to be in one of those 'God moments' that the Bible can make possible.

The holy Bible and fundamentalism

You will see from what I have said that I am quite comfortable with seeing the Bible as it is and that I don't feel I have to pretend it is something else. I used to believe that Christians should see the Bible as absolutely perfect, without error, as God's own words and that to be critical of any part of it would be a terrible sin. Having come to know it in its historical setting and to see it as it is, I think I have a deeper, more profound reverence for it than I had before. It is holy because it has a unique role in preserving and opening up an encounter with Jesus and so with God. But for me it can do that without my having to pretend it is free of contradiction or offensive parts.



One of the most unfortunate things which has happened in many parts of Christianity is that people have gone overboard in their enthusiasm for the Bible and have ended up making false claims about it which do more harm than good to what it is on about. I say: it is the garden where I encounter God; I could use other words like: God speaks through it. When some people use the shorthand expression, 'the Word of God' for the Bible, they mean what I mean here, though I think the term has become so misleading I would prefer not to use it.

But if, instead of staying with revering God, I then go on and start revering the book, I could very easily end up claiming the Bible is somehow not human but divine. I would be more inclined to do this, the less I knew of its origin. So I could easily find myself claiming this is 'the Word of God' and mean something like: God controlled what the people wrote; it is completely without error and contradiction; it is permanently valid in every thought and rule it utters, quite independent of when the rule was written, by whom and for whom. This approach is commonly called fundamentalism and the same sort of thing is to be found in most religions, when people declare old traditions to be final, unchangeable, infallible authority.

I used to believe in the Bible in this way. People taught me that this was the only way to read the Bible and I believed them. For a while I tried to persuade everyone else this was so. In many ways it was simpler to ask people to believe everything the Bible said than to suggest it was complicated, with some things to be believed and some

not. It also gave me a good feeling to believe I had the answers to everything, right there in the Bible. I shudder now at how arrogant and foolish I was, though I was very sincere and serious about it all.

It produced in me a narrow and inflexible attitude about what was right and wrong and about what people should believe. And I firmly believed I was right. When people believe like this and as long as they remain fixed in their attitude to the Bible, it can be like beating your head against a brick wall if you try to suggest alternative ways of looking at things. Many of the groups that go knocking on street doors are like this and so are many Christian groups today. I think I have a good understanding of what it is like to believe like this and to be so convinced.

When I reflect on it now, I can see that I held so intensely to such views not only because I thought they were right, but also because I was afraid of the alternatives. It seemed to me at the time that anything other than believing every word of the Bible was an offence to God and would destroy my faith. I can remember that the thing that changed my mind was not so much someone's

arguments as someone's example. I began to see that there were people who believed differently from me whose lives were full of love and caring, who were clearly in touch with God. Underneath I began to realise that I need not fear exploring other ways. There were real caring Christians who were not fundamentalists. I did not have to stay rigid and closed on the issue.

Next month: *Freedom from fundamentalism*

✚ *bill loader*

✚ Adults: Fall Program

The Adult Learning Team —Kathy Bender, Judie Seltzer, Wilson Abraham, Ray Merner, Anne Anderson & André Lavergne— has been busy preparing for fall. Look for **Living the Questions II**, a nine-session Wednesday evening pastors' study to build upon LtQ I. On Sunday mornings, look for **Caring & Coping II: Palliative Care**, a September-October program with leadership from Dr. Donna Ward and others; **Nurturing Faith through the Years**, an October-November program led by Jackie Nunns, Director for Education, Eastern Synod.

As always, we'd welcome your suggestions. Our next meeting is on May 6. Talk to us!

✚ *andré Lavergne*

✚ Tintinnabulations

April 22 ~ Faith in Film

Mary (Abel Ferrara, 2005) The courage of embracing the truth. We brown-bag-it, 6 pm, Bruce Hammer Theatre. Information: Sherry Coman, <sherry.coman@gmail.com>.

April 26 ~ Interfaith Silent Auction

Gather at the New Hamburg Arena between 11 am & 4 pm. Look for the poster in the narthex.

April 28 ~ Blood Donor Clinic

Our next clinic will be held on Monday, April 28, from 2 to 8:30 pm at W/O.

April 29 ~ Faith in Film

Trois couleurs: Bleu (Krzysztof Kieslowski, 1993) - Touching death. Touching life. Silver Hammer, 6 pm.



May 3 ~ Parish Work Day

We gather at 8:30 am. Talk to Bill Lindner re jobs!

May 5 ~ ELW Gathering

Trinity's ELW gathers, 12:30 noon, for a regular meeting. Bring a brown-bag lunch. All women are welcome. Contact Mildred Knackstedt, 662-3739, for information.

May 6 ~ Prayer Circle Update

Shirley Unrau & pastors meet, 9:30 am.

May 7 ~ Congregated Dining

Community Care Concepts organizes a monthly lunch for seniors and adults with a disability. Details are posted in the narthex. The May gathering will take place at Zion United. Doors open at 11:30 am. Details: (519) 669-3023.

May 15 ~ DOVE Prep Team

The DOVE Preparation Team gathers at 9 am.

May 15 ~ TT@MM!

Jody Leis... Youth worker, janitor, husband and dad joins us on the theme "You, too, can change the world!" at MeMe's Café, 7 pm. All welcome! Visit www.dominicanrepubliccontainer.org for interesting stuff!

May 20 ~ Gentle Friends

Never Let Me Go (Kazuo Ishiguro, 2005). The Gentle Friends Readers gather, 7:30 pm, in members' homes. Information from Kathryn Ritz, 519.662-2960.

Mondays, 8 pm ~ CLEAN

CLEAN - Community Link Empowered Against Narcotics

Tuesdays, 6:45 pm ~ TOPS

TOPS - Taking Off Pounds Sensibly.

Saturdays, 8 pm ~ A/A

A/A gathers for an open meeting.

✚ *andré lavergne & jill merner*

✚ TT@MM's

We have had a great first year at Third Thursdays at Meme's —our Philosopher's café! Involvement from the wider community has been excellent. We

are winding down for the summer. Our last gathering is May 15. We'll return in the fall. If you can suggest any topics or potential guest speakers, please let Pastor Anne know.

✚ *anne anderson*

✚ Luther Hostel ~ June 9-13

Take a journey to an amazing destination called Luther Hostel. You will feel inspired and energized as you explore your faith, make new friends and rekindle old relationships. Worship: Begin your day with inspiring, uplifting and exceptional worship with great music, praise and thanksgiving. Pastor Anne is serving as chaplain this year!

So here's what's on: Be inspired by Dr. Wanda Deifelt, a Brazilian Lutheran pastor, currently teaching at Luther College in Decorah, Iowa. Dr. Deifelt brings to Luther Hostel an interdisciplinary world view of Lutheran citizenship. Evenings at Luther Hostel are reserved for fun. Karaoke night is a highlight. Barbecues, banquets, great entertainment, it's all here at Luther Hostel.

Details at www.seminary.wlu.ca. More information in the narthex or talk to Pr. Anne.

✚ *andré lavergne*

✚ Finances to March 31, 2008

	General Fund	Capital Fund	Transfers
Income	\$ 72,233	\$ 3,823	\$ 2,766
Outgo	57,436	512	2,144
Balance	(\$ 14,797)	\$ 3,311	\$ 621

Yikes! Please help us to reduce our deficit!

✚ bob ruthig & andré lavergne

✚ Nurturing Faith

Faith Adventures Thank You - A special "thank you service" is planned for Sunday, April 27, to show our teachers and shepherds —and countless volunteers and donors!— how much we appreciate their commitment to the Faith Adventures program. Bring a bag of microwave popcorn (for the Silver Hammer) as part of your offering. Faith Adventures folks will join us for cake and juice after worship.



Affirmation! for Grades 7 & 8 - On Thursday, May 8, at 6 pm, we'll hold a **Litterwalk**. Our Affirmation classes will gather at Trinity where we will arm ourselves with garbage bags and gloves to do our part to make New Hamburg a cleaner place. Parents are welcome to join us. We will also talk a little about God's creation and how we are called to care for it.

Congregational Carnival - Please mark Sunday, June 8, on your calendars for our annual carnival. Everyone is invited for the BBQ, games and fun. This is our wrap-up for the Sunday Nurturing Faith program. Our Carnival is a fun gathering filled with games, food and time to visit together. Watch for the water balloons and for a few more surprises! If you are interested in helping with the event please speak to Mike or Christine Gascon at (519) 662-6475.

Faith Adventures Staff Wanted - 2008-2009 Faith Adventures staff are much needed and highly valued! You've heard all about our Faith Adventures program and you think some of your gifts may have a place in our ministry... We would love to have you join us! Please speak with Lori Arnott or Pastor Anne. We need people to assist with music, art, drama and movies. We also need shepherds (helpers who lead our children from station to station and assist teachers). Interested? Come, join us!

✚ anne anderson

✚ The TYGers' Den

Junior TYGers (Grades 6-8) On Saturday, May 24, 1-3pm, we will be playing **Owl Island**. Curious? It involves your smarts, your sneakiness & team-work. Come out! Friends are welcome!

Senior TYGers (Grades 9 & up) On Sunday, April 27, after Sanctuary (6 pm or so) we'll gather for a Video Scavenger Hunt. How creative and crafty are you? Bring your friends and find out! We will view our creations in the Bruce Hammer Theatre with pizza following.

Pitch 'N Praise www.pitchandpraise.com info is out. This May 16-19 (Victoria Day) weekend event is for those entering grade 9 in the fall of 2008 or older. Forms are available from Pastor Anne.

Halifax-Bound TYGers

Quilt Raffle - The Trinity Quilters have made another beautiful quilt. It is on display in the Katie Luther Room. We're now selling tickets. For information and to get your materials, please contact Judy or Darrin Gueguen at 519.662-3720. The draw will be held on Sunday, May 11.

Recycling Program - The Merner family is collecting aluminum pop cans through June. Everyone is asked to keep a box or bag in your garage and to save your cans so we can raise funds for Halifax. We will collect your stuff in the spring but ask people to start saving now. Questions? Speak with Dave Merner at 519.662-6530.

TYGers Golf Tournament - All are invited to our Third Annual TYGers Golf Tournament at the Tavistock Golf Course, Saturday, June 7. Tee-off time is 12:30 noon with supper to follow. Tickets are \$80. There are a few ways you help the TYGers make this a great event. You or your business can sponsor a hole for \$100 or you can sponsor a youth to golf at the event. All proceeds help our youth attend the Halifax servant event, Serve it up! Interested or have questions? Please speak with Ann Lindner at (519) 393-6805 or Pastor Anne at (519) 662-1810.

ELW & TYGers: Let's Do Lunch! - Do you have a hankerin' for a good bowl of chili? You can get one on Sunday, May 4. The whole congregation is welcome to our first-ever joint ELW-TYGers chili lunch following our Nurturing Faith sessions. (about 11:45 am.) Your freewill offering will support our Halifax-bound TYGers.

✚ anne anderson