



# Trinity Dove

April 19, 2009 + Easter 2 + Thanks!  
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## ✚ Sabbaths & Celebrations

### Sunday, April 26 ~ Easter 3

- ✚ 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
- ✚ Nurturing Faith: Adults... Interesting Lives with Neil & Reta Klaassen.
- ✚ Sanctuary Worship at 5 pm

### Sunday, May 3 ~ Easter 4

- ✚ 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
- ✚ Nurturing Faith: Adults... Interesting Lives with Bill & Betty Thompson.
- ✚ Sanctuary Worship at 5 pm

### Sunday, May 10 ~ Easter 5 + Mother's Day

- ✚ 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 with Keith Thom
- ✚ Shepherd's Pie Supper in Trinity Hall

### Sunday, May 17 ~ Easter 6 + Victoria Day Weekend

- ✚ Anchor Worship at 9:30 am (Parish update, 9:20 am)
- ✚ Community Fellowship at 10:30 am
- ✚ Sanctuary Worship at 5 pm

### Sunday, May 24 ~ Easter 7

- ✚ Anchor Worship at 9:30 am (Parish update, 9:20 am)
- ✚ Community Fellowship at 10:30 am with celebration of Bob Ruthig Sunday. There will be cake!
- ✚ Sanctuary Worship at 5 pm

### Sunday, May 31 ~ Pentecost

- ✚ Anchor Worship at 9:30 am (Parish update, 9:20 am)
- ✚ Community Fellowship at 10:30 am
- ✚ Faith Adventures Litterwalk at 10:45 am
- ✚ Susan Salmons Students' Recital at 1:30 pm
- ✚ Sanctuary Worship at 5 pm

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## ✚ Ponderable

"I would maintain that thanks are the highest form of thought, and that gratitude is happiness doubled by wonder." — *G. K. Chesterton*

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## ✚ Pr. André ~ Thanks!

Grace to you and peace.

As I write, the Holy Week journey is under way. We've been visiting madly; accompanying and encouraging; designing and planning; marshaling; writing, printing and posting; more encouraging; preparing... Already, I'm anticipating the myriad opportunities I'll have to say "thanks" in the days to come.

On Sunday —Palm Sunday— Pastor Mark Harris was with us to preach. It was terrific to have my old friends, Mark and Connie, in our community. They are and have been important people in my life. Anyway, Mark began his sermon with some high praise for our congregation and pastors in providing leadership and support for the wider church. He mentioned how well-regarded we are "out there." It was nice to hear. Mark ended his morning, over Ken Seltzer's cake and some coffee, in the Katie Luther Room. He expressed how lovely it was to experience the all-ages reality of our full-church worshiping community. It really was a terrific morning! Kudos!

I mentioned to Mark that much credit is owed our Faith Adventures people and the congregation itself for being willing to test the waters and to risk moving in bold new directions over the years, especially with the revamp of our ministry in 2006. Thank you, F/A friends! Of course, Pastor Anne has had a big part in helping to bring our new vision to life for our Faithful Journey. She is a wonderful leader and a terrific pastor. Thank you, Anne. Well, there you have a couple of big thank-you's. But there are so many... Where to pick-up? Here are a few more:

To Gywin Murray, Lisa Hagen, Sharla Nafziger and our choirs and musicians for their terrific work; to Jill Merner, Brian Racho & Marc Buehlow for all of the behind-the-scenes stuff; to our lily-givers, vigil keepers, decorators and large cadre of worship ministers; to Sheryl Loeffler & Sherry Coman, Holy Week's voices; to Sarah Clarke, our youthful painter; to quilters, knitters and knotters; to the TYGers and providers of food for the Easter feast; to friends and mentors; to all who led or participated in Trinity's Faithful Journey—to all of you, we say "thanks."

Have I missed anyone? Of course I have! I'm told "you always will." Please do me the honour of helping me to cover the bases. Please help me to express our community's gratitude. Please help me to say "thanks".

Easter blessings.



## ✚ March Council News

Thanks to a great deal of work by the Mutual Ministry Team and the Second Century Task Group, Council covered a lot of territory at the March meeting:

- The Second Century Project is on hold, intact, pending significant economic recovery or financial support.
- A moratorium has been placed on non-critical spending.
- Council has set an expenditure level of \$2,000 beyond which multiple quotes or tenders will be secured.
- A Stewardship Task Group has been convened to undertake a fall program. Rick Ritz will serve as chair.
- An Anniversary Task Group is in place to help us celebrate our 2009-11 anniversaries. Larry Gravill has agreed to convene this group.
- Council affirmed the membership of the Mutual Ministry Team: Steve Aho (chair), Lori Arnott, Millie Buehlow, Don Jardin & Jes O'Donoghue (liaison).

- Together with staff, the Mutual Ministry Team is reviewing the staff *Policies and Procedures Manual* and will bring an updated version to Council.
- Mutual Ministry will conduct an end-of-term ministry review with Pastor Anne so that they may provide a recommendation to Council with respect to extending a new call. Her present, 3-year term-call, expires this fall.
- Upon Mutual Ministry's recommendation, and where requested, salaries have been rolled back to 2008 levels.
- Council will honour principles of "mutual respect" and of speaking with "one voice" on matters decided by Council.
- Mutual Ministry has been asked to provide Council with a draft code of ethics / conduct for Council members.
- Jo Knackstedt was elected vice-chair/president.
- Marc Buehlow is taking over our grounds-keeping from Ray Merner. We are grateful to Ray for his years of service and look forward to thanking him in June.
- Council proclamations: May 24 shall be observed at Easter 7 and celebrated as Bob Ruthig Sunday; June 14 shall be observed as Pentecost 3 and celebrated as Ray Merner Sunday.

## ✚ Sacraments & Seasons

### Death

Our community grieves the death, March 29, of Genoeva Bingeman. She was 85. Blessed are those who mourn.

### May Birthdays

**1** - Roy Bondy, Sharon Ziegler, Stephanie Bingeman, Stephanie Medley, Derek Harrison; **2** - Marjorie Shantz, Janet Farr, 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, Ashley Allan; **6** - Jessie Junker, Ben Ruthig; **7** - Betty Thompson, Don Coxson, Clarence Stever, Susan Arsenault, Anne Lindner, Austin McClenaghan; **8** - Wilson Abraham, Jade Boehler; **9** - Merv Roth, David Buehlow, Dieter Steinkraus, Bryan Wettlaufer, Matthew Riedel, Tyler Randerson; **10** - Jennifer Pearson; **12** - Brian Roth, Perry Danner, Bradley Livingston, Aimee Boutillier; **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** - 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** - Betty & Bill Thompson, Brian & Deb Roth, Shawn & Sonya Burchatzki; **29** - Doris & Howard Weicker, Corrie & Pete DeRuiter; **31** - Kathy & Flex Bender. Congratulations!

### Special Anniversaries

65 - Ray & Mildred Cook (May 5)

50 - Chuck & Charlotte Schiedel (May 9)

✚ *jill merner*

### ✚ Luther Hostel 2009

This summer, take a journey to an amazing destination called Luther Hostel. Luther Hostel will leave you feeling inspired and energized as you explore your faith, meet new friends and rekindle old relationships.

**Live** ~ Begin your day with inspiring, uplifting and exceptional worship services. Worship at Luther Hostel soars with a combination of exquisitely crafted services, chancel dramas and stunning old and new music. The services unlock the day with praise and thanksgiving.

**Learn** ~ Stretch your mind. Listen, ask questions, discuss. With a number of certificate courses to choose from and daily lectures, there will be an abundance of topics to discuss over dinner and consider for months to come.

**Laugh** ~ Evenings at Luther Hostel are reserved for fun. Karaoke night is a highlight. Barbecues, banquets, great entertainment, it's all here at Luther Hostel 2009.

Luther Hostel will run June 8-12, at Waterloo Lutheran Seminary on the Campus of Wilfrid Laurier University. Details and pamphlets have been placed in the narthex.

This year's key-note person is Dr. Patrick Keifert who teaches at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota, and who is President and Director of Research of Church Innovations Institute, a church-related non-profit organization seeking to "innovate your church's capacities to be missional."

Sounds like stuff we've been about at Trinity!

Visit [www.seminary.wlu.ca](http://www.seminary.wlu.ca) for more information.

✚ *andré Lavergne*



## ✚ Sabbath Blessing

*As ever, we are grateful to Molly Wolff for her kindness in making the gentle voice of Sabbath Blessings available to a wide following in the electronic and print media.*

### The Bowl

I chose my glass carefully, taking sheets of coloured, transparent fusible glass and layering one on top of another until I got the colour I wanted for this piece, which was to be a birthday present to my daughter-in-love. I wanted a rich deep crimson and found glass that would give me that. I made a pattern from a sheet of paper, first cutting it square and then rounding off the corners; we measured the pattern and Linda, the store owner, cut off the right amount for my project, two 8-inch squares.

I'm not very good at cutting glass yet, but this was simple enough; it was a good chance for me to practice, anyway. It's mostly a matter of confidence. Glass is such *hard* stuff. You cut it by scoring the surface with a carbide roller and then snapping off the scored part with pliers.

I rounded off the corners of both pieces of red glass, getting a little better and a little more confident with each cut, and then I ground the pieces down until they conformed with each other and with the pattern. There.

Next: cutting up the dichroic glass. This is wondrous (and extremely expensive) stuff: glass reflecting two different colours. I had clear dichroic to play with, and the colours it would reflect would depend on the coloured glass it sat on—but these colours would be completely unpredictable. That's part of the fun. Getting more and more confident with the cutter, I scored and broke my dichroic into 19 squarish bits and made a design: four bits in each rounded-off corner and five in the centre. I glued everything together, thinking loving thoughts about this bowl's recipient. And then went on to make two other fused/dichroic dishes using the same rounded-square pattern, one in a gentle mauve and one in soft green, and then a clear plate (no dichroic) edged with the red and mauve trimmings from the first two. And then it was time to stop. But my cutting had improved immeasurably.

Later, Linda fired my projects in the shop kiln until the stacked glasses fused, and then she put the fused flat plates over moulds and fired them again until the glass softened and slumped into or around the molds, and then we were done. One crimson flanged bowl, two shallow plates (mauve, green), and one candle-holder (clear with red and mauve tips). It wasn't until I picked the projects up that I knew what they would look like, other than very generally. Fused glass is like that; there's a certain

uncertainty about it. That's one of the things I like.

I'm learning about glass, mostly about respecting its character. There are things you can't ask of it, because it just won't do them. You cannot, for example, cut a circle out of glass and pop it out, regardless of what happens in the movies. You cannot ask it to give you an interior right angle—that's not going to happen. You have to work with its properties, respecting its nature. At best, you can coax it into fairly gentle curves, but it really wants to snap along a straight line.



You cannot ask glass to stick to solder; it won't. You have to stick something to the glass for the solder to adhere to—copper foil with an adhesive backing—and solder, in turn, has its own properties. You have to respect the ways in which glass expands and contracts in firing or your piece may shatter. You have to take care in the rate of heating and cooling. You may be the creator, but glass is your co-creator. You may develop tremendous skill, but the glass still demands your understanding and wisdom, simply because it is glass.

I had great spiritual fun with this; it made me understand a little better how God, in dealing with us, is tremendously skillful and creative, but is still working with us as we are, where we are, because we are God's co-creators. We can choose to co-create in lovely or hideous ways. We have that freedom, which is in our nature, as the tendency to break in straight lines is in glass's nature, as a drop of melted solder wants to form a sphere. The chances are excellent that however we turn out, we're going to be imperfect and unpredictable, and that's quite all right, because imperfection and unpredictability can be extraordinarily beautiful.

But unlike glass, we get a say in the matter. We can choose painful self-insight or willful self-ignorance. We can choose to be loving or insensitive in our dealings with others. We can choose power and control or humility and poverty of spirit. We can choose to accept grace or refuse it. And God respects our choices.

After I picked up my projects (which turned out beautifully), I stopped in at the local glassblowers' gallery; I really am finding this glass-stuff fascinating. I watched a young man skillfully heat and shape and play with glowing blobs of molten glass, adroitly cupping and turning and rolling and nipping them, working quickly and gracefully, clearly knowing exactly what he was doing. The shop was full of magnificent pieces, sculptures in glass; I thought they must have been molded, but no, every piece was hand-blown. Stunning stuff. Any creation of beauty must, I think, make God smile—if nothing else, with fellow feeling.

I thought: God gives us choices. God lets us pick what

matters to us, instead of insisting on giving us what God had planned. So instead of wrapping the crimson bowl up as a gift, I offered all four pieces to my daughter-in-love and let her pick the one she liked best.

She chose the mauve.

✚ *molly wolff*

## ✚ Alphabet Soup: ELCIC, GHDA & CLWR

*In recent years, people have been confused about the respective responsibilities of the Global Hunger and Development Appeal and Canadian Lutheran World Relief and the substantial overlap between the two. Apparently, that confusion was broadly shared as people could give directly to CLWR or see funds flow through GHDA to CLWR to do the same work and both regularly happened at Trinity!*

*It all had to do with the fact the GHDA was an ELCIC program which channeled funds to CLWR—a non-ELCIC agency—to do on-the-ground-work on the ELCIC's behalf. CLWR, however, does good work both for the ELCIC and for Lutheran Church - Canada, our Missouri Synod counterpart. At the same time, GHDA does some advocacy and education work not undertaken by CLWR. It's all gotten so very complicated and confusing.*

*Recently, we received the following ELCIC update:*

### **ELCIC and CLWR Strengthen Partnership...**

Winnipeg + March 19, 2009

Members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada's (ELCIC) National Church Council and Canadian Lutheran World Relief's (CLWR) Board of Directors approved a new *Memorandum of Understanding* at their respective meetings this March. The strengthened partnership will see the ELCIC and CLWR working together in new and exciting ways to enhance cooperation and effective programming between the two organizations.

By integrating the work of the ELCIC's Global Hunger and Development Appeal (GHDA) into the work of CLWR we will present one clear message to ELCIC members, avoiding the ongoing confusion between GHDA and CLWR says ELCIC National Bishop Susan Johnson. Our resources will be better utilized and more focused, with better results.

In addition to the integration of the ELCIC's Global Hunger

and Development Appeal (GHDA) into the work of CLWR, the new partnership will see the establishment of a Joint Program Committee which will plan and implement activities related to leadership development and training, development education, advocacy, and international partner projects. The strengthened relationship will also allow for the creation of a shared approach to generating resources within the ELCIC in accordance with the ELCIC and CLWR principles of stewardship.

To advance their collective witness and service CLWR will act on behalf of the ELCIC in regards to the resettlement of refugees in Canada; responding to global emergencies; and gathering donated commodities such as kits and quilts to be sent overseas. International development programming, including support for projects of ELCIC international partners will be undertaken by CLWR in consultation with National and Synodical bodies.

Both CLWR and the ELCIC are committed to raising awareness within the ELCIC membership on issues related to international development and the root causes of hunger and poverty and have agreed to adopt a shared approach to development education and advocacy. The sale of alternative trade products within ELCIC congregations and related organizations through Four Corners alternative trade will continue to be encouraged.

Robert Granke, CLWR Executive Director, notes "Both the ELCIC and CLWR bring unique areas of expertise and efficiency to this partnership and by working more closely together we will be better able to engage the members of the ELCIC in their call to serve those in need." The new memorandum of understanding was formally signed by ELCIC National Bishop Susan C. Johnson and CLWR President Rev. Mark Harris on March 13, 2009. The terms of the agreement will be implemented starting July 1, 2009.

*So what does this mean for Trinity?*

*Within a couple of months, GHDA will essentially no longer exist. Those aspects of GHDA's work which were unique to GHDA will be undertaken by CLWR in a new ELCIC-CLWR arrangement. CLWR will continue to work for both the ELCIC and LC-C. In any event, stay tuned! Complete details surrounding this unfolding reality will be published in the late summer or early fall. And one more thing...*

*The terrific work of MESH, long-ago birthed in India by Joan Nabert, one of Trinity's own, is flourishing and will continue to flourish in the care of CLWR!*

✚ *andré Lavergne*



## ✚ Tintinnabulations

### April 25 ~ Interfaith Giant Silent Auction

Donate, support, participate! The auction: Saturday afternoon. Bids close at 4 pm. Look for the poster!

### April 26 ~ Great Ride 'N Stride to Beat Cancer

Gather, 12 noon, Magnussen Business Centre. You may walk, run, ride, sponsor. See the poster.

### April 27 ~ Blood Donor Clinic

Our next clinic will be held on Monday, April 27, from 2 to 8:30 pm at W/O.

### April 29 ~ SCS Curriculum Event

Hosted here, 7-9 pm, by Jackie Nunns. Speak to a member of the Faith Adventures Team for information.

### May 2 ~ Parish Work Day

Let's gather at 8:30 am! Sign-up in the narthex.

### May 4 ~ ELW Gathering

Trinity's ELW gathers, 12:30 noon, for a regular lunch meeting. All are welcome. Contact Mildred Knackstedt, 519.662-3739, for information.

### May 5 ~ Prayer Circle Update

Shirley Unrau & Pastor Lavergne meet, 9:30 am.

### May 6 ~ Congregate Dining

Community Care Concepts lunch for seniors and adults with a disability. See the narthex poster. Doors open at 11:30 am at Zion United Church. Details: 519.669-3023.

### May 19 ~ Gentle Friends Readers

The Gentle Friends gather, 7:30 pm, in Trinity Hall. Info: Kathryn Ritz, 519.662-2960. This month's pick: *A Long Way Gone: Memories of a Boy Soldier* by Ishmael Beah.

### May 21 ~ DOVE Prep Team

TRINITY DOVE Preparation Team gathers, 9 am.

### First & Third Mondays, 8 pm ~ CLEAN

CLEAN —Community Link Empowered Against Narcotics— meets in the Martin Luther Room.

### Tuesdays, 6:45 pm ~ TOPS

TOPS —Taking Off Pounds Sensibly— in M. Luther Room.

### Saturdays, 8 pm ~ A/A

A/A meets for an open meeting in Trinity Hall.

✚ *andré lavergne & jill merner*

## ✚ Mother's Day Quilt Draw



The Trinity Quilters have made a lovely quilt to raise funds for our youth ministry (TYGers) and our new Prayer Shawl Ministry, in which shawls and quilts are hand made, blessed with thanksgiving and prayer, and given to people who are in need of comfort and solace. Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5. They will be available in the Katie Luther Room during Sunday coffee or through the ELW or TYGers. Please contact Pat Schmetzer (519) 634-8232 for details.

✚ *pat schmetzer*

## ✚ Nurturing Faith - Adults

### Interesting Lives

On April 26, we'll pick up our Interesting Lives series with Neil & Reta Klassen offering their story. Bill & Betty Thompson will follow on May 3.

### Faith in Film III: Feasts & Celebrations

Feasts and Celebrations is the theme of the Easter, 2009, Faith in Film series hosted by Sherry Coman. From the outrageous to the sublime, join us as we spend the first half of the series attending weddings, and the second half gathering for meals of unusual and far-reaching meaning. The series continues, Tuesdays:

- April 28 - After the Wedding (2006), Susanne Bier
- May 5 - Father of the Bride (1950), Vincente Minnelli (with Spencer Tracy and Katherine Hepburn)
- May 12 - Guess Who's Coming to Dinner (1967), Stanley Kramer (also with Tracy and Hepburn)
- May 19 - Big Night (1996), Stanley Tucci (with neither Tracy nor Hepburn)
- May 26 - Babette's Feast (1987), Gabriel Axel

Info? Drop Sherry a line at [sherry.coman@gmail.com](mailto:sherry.coman@gmail.com). Trinity's films are shown through a licence held with Audio Ciné Films Inc of Montréal.

✚ *andré lavergne & sherry coman*

## ✚ Finances to March 31, 2009

	General Fund	Capital Fund	Transfers
Income	\$ 56,669	\$ 3,449	\$ 6,012
Outgo	64,293	-	4,621
Balance	(\$ 7,623)	\$ 3,449	\$ 1,391

**Not-so-good news:** Even though we are in much better shape than we were last year —When our deficit stood at \$15,000!— we're still in the hole. Please help!

**Good news:** PAR helps to keep us afloat! We receive \$10,690 monthly from 82 PAR households. Of this, \$9,502 is earmarked for the General Fund. That's about 45% of our General Fund requirements for the year. The rest is allocated to Capital, CLWR, etc. Please consider joining PAR if you have not already done so. Good stewardship!

✚ bob ruthig & andré lavergne



## ✚ From the TYGers' Den

**Shepherd's Pie Preparation** - We'll gather on Saturday, May 9, at 3 pm, to make pie for Keith Thom's Shepherd's Pie Tour coming to Trinity, May 10, at/after Sanctuary. Visit [www.papathom.com](http://www.papathom.com) for current news.

**Pitch and Praise: Into the Wild** - Information is out on the web at [www.pitchandpraise.com](http://www.pitchandpraise.com). That's the Victoria Day weekend, May 15-18. This event is for those entering grade 9 in the fall of 2009 and older. Information: Rachel Gueguen, 519.662-3720 or Erika Mueller 519.662-3814.

**Synod scholarships** - Eastern Synod scholarship applications are out. Many Trinity youth have benefitted from E/S scholarships over the years. Interested? Forms are in the narthex. Deadline is May 18.

✚ andré lavergne & friends

## ✚ Of Pots & Pans & Crock-Pots!

Friends, there are a lot of baking pans, bowls, cookie tins, plates, and even a Crock Pot, that have been left in the kitchen from funeral lunches and pot-lucks. Some have names on them but many do not. Could you please check the kitchen and pick up anything that belongs to you? Everything has been placed on the shelf under the back kitchen counter. Thanks so much!

✚ pat schmetzer

## ✚ Nurturing Faith - Faith Adventures

It's that time of year: time to look ahead and to invite others into the faithful journey of Faith Adventures. Might you teach, shepherd or otherwise lead in next fall's 2009-2010 program? We'd love to hear from you!

For now, more fun and excitement lie ahead! Please mark your calendars with the following special events:

**Beautiful Unique Girls** - This is a terrific, April 23, 4:30 - 9 pm, activity for girls between the ages of 12 & 17. The cost to the TYGers is \$15. Chris Gascon, 519.662-6475, has information. All young women are welcome!

**Last Day for 2008-2009 Season** - Our Faith Adventures season concludes on Sunday, May 10 (Mother's Day).

**Congregational Litter-Walk** - Join us for a litter-walk, after worship, on Sunday, May 31. We gather for coffee, juice & cookies at 10:30 and strike out for some village clean-up at 10:45 am. Your willing hands would be welcome!

**Congregational Carnival** - Please mark Sunday, June 7, on your calendars for our summer carnival. Everyone is invited for the BBQ, games and fun. More information next month. There are photos of last year's carnival on-line.

**Affirmation Camp** - The dates have been set: Sunday afternoon, August 30, through to Friday morning, 11 am, September 4. Note the change!

**These represent new dates** (over those published last month) and are based on recent revisions to the school year schedule in a number of affected school-boards. Forms will be available soon.

✚ lori arnott, chris gascon & friends

## ✚ Pastoral Care Update

Since December, Pastor Helen Toman has been assisting us with pastoral visitation. Recently, Pr. Helen became unable to drive for medical reasons. Our hope is to see her back in harness in May or June. Till then, we find ourselves stretched pretty thin as we try to cover the bases. Right now, we're giving priority to critical special-care needs. Still, if we're missing something, please give us a shout. We'll do our best. We're grateful for peoples' understanding and look forward to being back to full strength soon.

✚ andré lavergne