



# Trinity Dove

April 18, 2010 + Easter 3 + Food Revolution  
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## + Sabbaths & Celebrations

### Sunday, April 18 ~ Easter 3

- + Anchor Worship at 9:30 am. Parish update, 9:20 am.
- + Community Fellowship at 10:30 am.
- + Faith Adventures at 10:45 am. Adults: Faith Adventures Kids Teach Back!
- + Sanctuary Worship at 5 pm.

### Sunday, April 25 ~ Easter 4

- + Anchor Worship at 9:30 am. Parish update, 9:20 am.
- + Community Fellowship at 10:30 am.
- + Faith Adventures at 10:45 am. Adults: Interesting Lives with Emily Ritz & Sarah Clarke.
- + Sanctuary Worship at 5 pm.

### Sunday, May 2 ~ Easter 5

- + Anchor Worship at 9:30 am. Parish update, 9:20 am.
- + Community Fellowship at 10:30 am. There will be cake in honour of Pat Schmetzer.
- + Faith Adventures at 10:45 am.
- + Sanctuary Worship at 5 pm.

### Sunday, May 9 ~ Easter 6

- + Anchor Worship at 9:30 am. Parish update, 9:20 am.
- + Community Fellowship at 10:30 am.
- + Faith Adventures at 10:45 am. Adults: Interesting Lives with David & Nancy Butz.
- + Sanctuary Worship at 5 pm.

### Sunday, May 16 ~ Easter 7

- + Anchor Worship at 9:30 am. Parish update, 9:20 am.
- + Community Fellowship at 10:30 am.
- + Faith Adventures at 10:45 am. Adults: Sherry Coman on Lutherans Connect [www.lutheransconnect.com](http://www.lutheransconnect.com).
- + Sanctuary Worship at 5 pm.

### Sunday, May 23 ~ Pentecost / Victoria Day Weekend

- + Anchor Worship at 9:30 am. Parish update, 9:20 am.
- + Community Fellowship at 10:30 am.
- + Faith Adventures at 10:45 am. No Adult Learning.
- + Sanctuary Worship at 5 pm.

### Sunday, May 30 ~ Holy Trinity

- + Anchor Worship at 9:30 am with Pr David Pfrimmer preaching. Parish update, 9:20 am.
- + Community Fellowship at 10:30 am with David Pfrimmer reminiscing.
- + Luncheon with Pr David Pfrimmer at 11:30 am.
- + Sanctuary Worship at 5 pm.

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## + Pastor Anne ~ Food Revolution

Grace to you and peace.

In the haze after our Easter services I was watching Jamie Oliver's Food Revolution. It's a show about a celebrity chef from England who travels to the American Deep South and who tries to get folks to eat healthy and think about how their eating affects their health.

He begins in the schools and tries to get kids excited about fresh, healthy foods. I thought it was just one more reality show exploiting one more human weakness. Then Chef Oliver said something that caught my attention. He said that in our race to become technologically advanced we have lost the things that have really made us special like gathering together and breaking bread.

That got me thinking about the week of celebrations that we have just had and the time we have spent around the table. The times that were really special to me were around the table: Maundy Thursday... when some of our students and their families gathered for soup and conversation before service and we shared a bit of our lives together. The Maundy Thursday Holy Communion. The Easter Vigil... when a very large group gathered around the communion table, several deep. And Easter Sunday... when we shared bread and wine and continued to break bread with our traditional Easter breakfast.

I think setting time to be together as a family to break bread is important. It helps us to know each other, listen to each other and support one another. That is a gift of the church, to be counter-cultural and to encourage community without boundaries. Everyone is welcome at table regardless of age, ethnicity or sexuality. That goes for the table at the front of the church, the tables downstairs in Trinity hall and the tables around which we gather in our homes.

Maybe we Trinity folks have our own *food revolution* on the go! We are welcoming to the table all who care to join us and, as difficult as it may prove, God is working in us, changing our hearts and minds with love as we serve one another and look to the needs of people beyond ourselves.

How does that happen here at Trinity?

Well, it can happen in coffee hour as we step out of our comfort zone and greet people we don't know. It can happen as we support programs that help others like the WFRC Food Bank, ROOF and our CLWR baby bundles.

It can happen as we share a pot-luck supper or anniversary meal together and get to know new people or as we volunteer within our community or beyond.

I say we join a revolution of our own. Lets see how we live out the welcome extended from the table at worship, to the tables in our homes, our community and beyond. Let's see how our food revolution can change us and our world.

Blessed Easter!

+ anne anderson



## + Motivated Mommies

Every Monday moms and friends gather for a drop-in at 8 pm in Trinity Hall. Note the new time! People encourage one another in healthy living through learning and discussion on a variety of topics such as food, exercise and lifestyle. Look for an April 26 guest speaker. She's Holly Bast, a local personal trainer. More info? Care to join? Contact Christina Flood at 519.662-8777. Christina and her family joined our community at

Sanctuary's Easter Vigil service.

+ anne anderson & friends

## + An Anniversary Celebration

On Sunday, May 30, The Feast of the Holy Trinity, former Trinity pastor David Pfrimmer will be preaching at 9:30 am and reminiscing at 10:30 am. A pulled-pork luncheon will follow at 11:30 am. People are invited to sign-up to bring salad or dessert.

+ larry gravill & friends

## + Nurturing Faith ~ Adults

April 25 - Interesting Lives with Emily Ritz & Sarah Clarke.

May 2 - We honour Pat Schmetzer.

May 9 - Interesting Lives with David & Nancy Butz.

May 16 - Sherry Coman on Lutherans Connect.

May 23 - No adult Learning (Victoria Day).

May 30 - Former Trinity pastor David Pfrimmer will be preaching and reminiscing at Trinity.

+ andré lavergne & friends

## + Sacraments & Seasons

### Death

Our community grieves the death, March 31, of Peter Klosch, at the age of 38. We grieve deeply with his father, Michael, his sister, Michelle and her family, and with his widow, Eun Ah, and her family.

### Baptism

At the Vigil of Easter, Makayla Rivest, daughter of Bev Mohr & Pierre Rivest was baptized. Welcome aboard!

### New Members

Our celebration of Easter saw us invite the following into membership...

...at the Great Vigil: Bill Bradley & Amy Arbuckle-Bradley (twins Mira and Bennet will be baptized in June); Dave & Christina Flood (Jacob & Montana); Holly Gerber; Tara & Dave Kleine (Tyler & Logan); David & Brenda Ricketts (Colby, Reed, Blake).

... on Easter Sunday: Barry & Julie Kalbfleisch (Emily & Cameron); Brian & Bobbie Wiechers (Emma, Caroline & Matthew). Welcome, friends!

### May Birthdays

**1** - Roy Bondy, Sharon Ziegler, Stephanie Bingeman, Stephanie Medley, Derek Harrison; **2** - Marjorie Shantz, Janet Farr, Atlanta Diebel; **3** - Karen Barnes, Tyler Medley, Blake Ricketts; **4** - Ron Lippert, Tori Burchatzki; **5** - Ken Seltzer, Sharon Bast, Rob Leu, Melissa Power; **6** - Jessie Junker, Ben Ruthig; **7** - Betty Thompson, Don Coxson, Clarence Stever, Susan Arsenaault, Austin McClenaghan; **8** - Wilson Abraham, Jade Boehler; **9** - David Buehlow, Dieter Steinkraus, Bryan Wettlaufer, Matthew Riedel, Tyler Randerson; **10** - Jennifer Pearson; **12** - Brian Roth, Perry Danner; **13** - Don Jardin; **14** - Marcia Ritz, Jacob Flood; **15** - John Bowman, Bob Zoeller, Mike Mueller, 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, Stephanie Ropp; **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, Pierre Rivest, 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

**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** - Doug & Valerie Brenneman; **11** - Judy & Ron Ziegler, Laurie & Dean Clarke, Kevin & Tracey Erb; **12** - 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, David & Tara Kleine; **20** - Antonia & Arthur Danner, Judy & Paul Riley; **22** - Roy Lagace & Stephanie Rote; **23** - Eddy & Liz Livingston; **24** - Beth & Ken Bender, Dale & Rhonda Egerdee; **25** - Jackie & Mark Currah; **26** - Jean & Ken Hammer; **27** - Betty & Bill Thompson, Brian & Deb Roth, Shawn & Sonya Burchatzki; **29** - Corrie & Pete DeRuiter; **31** - Kathy & Flex Bender. Congratulations!

Congratulations, friends!

+ jill merner

## + Edgewood Work Weekend Retreat

Come break bread and join in community with other Edgewood supporters, Friday-Sunday, May 28-30. There are plenty of projects for this men's retreat, including roofing, framing, landscaping and clean-up. All talents welcome. Meals and stay included for a small fee of \$40. Cost a burden? Speak to a pastor in confidence. The goal is to register 65 men for Edgewood's 65 years. Let's be part of the celebration! Info? Visit [www.edgewood-camp.ca](http://www.edgewood-camp.ca) or speak to Pastor Anne.

+ anne anderson

## + Bible Society Update

We're informed that we raised about \$1,500 through the Lenten Soup, Sandwich, Sermon & Song series. Kudos!

+ andré lavergne



## + Sabbath Blessings

We are grateful to Molly Wolff for her kindness in making the voice of Sabbath Blessings available to us. Sometimes, Molly offers a sermon she has written rather than a simple essay. This one dates to 2003. In rereading it, I was struck by how much it dovetails with our national "In Mission for Others" emphasis together with Trinity's own "On the Streets" mission emphasis.

### Of Ropes and Cooties

From there he set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, [a Greek] of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go — the demon has left your daughter." So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone. (Mark 7:24-30)

Before we get going with this, I'd like to introduce an important theological term. Don't worry; it only has two syllables and it doesn't come from Greek. The term is "cooties". For those of you who've forgotten elementary school, "cooties" describes a sort of invisible but contagious, non-biological germ. Cooties don't make you sick; they make you *icky*. If you haven't encountered the concept, just think how a 10-year-old boy reacts to being kissed by a girl. Girl germs! Grossout! Yuck!

Definitions done, let's get back to the Gospel. Context, first: this passage comes right after a slanging match between Jesus and the Pharisees. Jesus has been tearing up one side of them and down the other for worshiping technical correctness more than God. He says that what matters isn't precise obedience to the rules, but what comes from the heart.

So now we get a quick change of scene. Jesus has gone off to what's now Lebanon, clear out of Israel. This time, as always, word of his healing power gets out — only this time, he's among a very mixed population: Jews, Greeks, Phoenicians, Canaanites — the people of modern Palestine. Now, these Gentiles are, by Jesus's own cultural standards, badly cootified. They don't, of course,

keep the Mosaic Law — but even if they tried to keep it, it wouldn't matter. They still wouldn't be Jews. You could only be Jewish by being born to a Jewish mother. The Law puts a barrier — think of it as a sort of dividing rope, like the ropes they use to organize bank lines — between Gentile and Jew, to keep the Jews cootie-free.

That wasn't the only rope. There were ropes separating slaves from free people, ropes separating men from women. Outside the house, a good Jewish man would no more speak to a woman than he would eat pork. She might be menstruating, and that would give her cooties, and she'd give them to anyone who touched her. Men wouldn't take that risk.



On with the story: this Gentile woman has a very sick little girl — most likely with something neurological or behavioral, epilepsy or severe autism, perhaps. The woman has heard that Jesus is a healer. So she approaches him, looking for help.

Sounds perfectly reasonable, no? But to Jesus? He's a man. He's a Jew. He's a rabbi. She's a Gentile; she's a woman.

She has cooties on her cooties. It wouldn't matter if she kept a kosher kitchen and lived a perfectly virtuous life. She's wrong, not for anything she's done but for who she *is*. And there's nothing she could ever do to change that.

But she's scared for her kid and she's going to get his help and she doesn't care what she has to do to get it. So she calls out, "Lord, please heal my daughter!"

And our loving Lord — our tender, loving, gentle shepherd who suffers little children to come to him — what does he do? He turns into a Pharisee. He does exactly the sort of thing that was driving him nuts when the Pharisees did it a short while ago. "Look, you dog," he says, "Scram. Beat it. What I've got is for the insiders, not the outsiders. I've got enough on my plate. You're icky. Take a hike." I'd like to think that he answers this way because he's too tired and strung-out to think straight, but to the woman, it's still a slap in the face. "Dog" is a *really* vile term in that part of the world.

But she's desperate and determined and her child's life is at stake. And she *believes* in him, really believes. Quick-witted, she fields his response, gives it a twist and fires it back at him like a fastball. "Maybe we're dogs, but I'll settle for crumbs."

I'd like to think that she manages to look right at him as she speaks, although she probably doesn't. I'd like to think that suddenly he sees her as a warm, living, loving human being instead of a foreign-female-thing-with-cooties.

I'd like to think that he suddenly sees how his own cultural righteousness had turned him into exactly the sort of person he'd just railed against. I'd like to think that he is, for a moment, appalled by his own reaction. These words that just came out of his mouth — what do they say about what's in *his* heart?

I'd like to think that in that breaking moment, seeing her hurt, her humanity, her desperation, her love for her child, he hits the wall. Since she cannot change who she is, he has to change what he thinks. *Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.*

I would like to think that in that moment, he hears that quiet voice, his Abba's voice, deep in his soul: *Child, child, hear Me: Love trumps the Law. Always.* And I believe that, in that moment, Jesus changes profoundly.

Whatever goes on in his mind, his action is clear. He reaches right over the rope that stands between them, and he does the right and needful thing. "For saying that, you may go. The demon has left your daughter."

It's a fine story, a remarkable story. But what does it say to us?

We've been doing it for years, we Christians, along with everybody else: we've set up a rope to divide the Pure Guys from the Icky People, the People With Cooties.

The early church struggled with the issue of including Gentiles — a huge battle. Eventually, thanks largely to Paul, the church moved the rope and *included Gentiles in*. And lo! The Gentiles had no cooties. Sadly, the church then *included women out*. "Alone of all her sex, she pleased the Lord," an Early Father wrote of Jesus' mother Mary. For most of two millennia, Christianity taught "the daughters of Eve" that having two X chromosomes gives you cooties. We only started to move that rope about 35 years ago. And lo! Girls don't have cooties.

The church supported society's choice to put a rope between white people and people of colour, until only about 45 years ago. In South Africa, the Dutch Reformed church cited the Bible in support of *apartheid*. We enslaved and exploited these people, preaching how right our behaviour was, until finally, Justice smacked us hard upside the head and yelled STOP IT! Slowly, too slowly, we've moved the rope. And lo! Persons of colour don't have cooties.

Here in Canada we put Aboriginal peoples on the wrong side of the rope, and we thought we were doing them a real favour by teaching them to be non-Aboriginal, beating

their very identities out of them in residential schools. Too many of them, and too many white Canadians, still believe that they have cooties. But trust me, Aboriginal people are cootie-free.

We still put the poor on the "wrong" side of the rope. They're wimps, they're losers, they don't try hard enough. They're icky. Oh, they believe us — just come serve dinner at Martha's Table and you'll see that in their eyes. Do they really have cooties? Not one bit.



And all along, whenever we've stretched a rope dividing Right People from Wrong People, whenever we've shouted "Eeew!" at some of God's children, we've *always* cited selected — very selected! — passages of Scripture to justify our position. We *all*, without exception, pick and choose from Scripture, giving special weight to the bits that support our position. Example: we no longer seek to stone to death brides who are found to be non-virgins, at least not in these parts. And we don't hand along widowed sisters-in-law to the next brother down, to perpetuate the line. We've changed, and the changes feel right.

If we look around the landscape, we notice some other changes. We no longer accept marital rape or spousal abuse. We adhere to the Geneva Conventions. We prosecute hate crimes. We've rejected slavery; we protest against poverty, oppression, abuses of human rights. We preach — even if we don't always practice — respect for all human souls. We see war as a very bad thing. Are these changes Scripturally mandated? Not in the narrow sense. But are they in tune with the Gospel? I'll leave that to you to decide. So it's not really a matter of "anything goes" — of abandoning all standards and boundaries and wallowing in chaos. What we're doing, instead, is discernment — holding what we learn from this world in one hand, and God's self-revelation in the other, and thoughtfully considering how to bring them together in the Kingdom way.

Our discernment tries to figure out the Will of God — the Mind of Christ. Yes, Jesus confronts sins (although somehow it doesn't occur to us to confront the same sins that Jesus confronts, like hypocrisy and greed). But who does Jesus put his arms around? The excluded, the unwelcome, those on the wrong side of the rope — even those icky cootified Samaritans!

More than that — far more than that: God Himself ducks under that thick dividing rope and comes over to stand among us — for we *all* have cooties, in that sense, and God knows that, and strangely, it doesn't seem to make Her love us one bit less.

I want to stand on the same side of the rope as the poor and the oppressed and the other cootified sinners, for that's where I find my brother Jesus. You may find him somewhere else, of course; I'm not prescribing for you, and I respect our differences. For me, though, I'd still rather take a risk for love, because that's what Jesus did for me.

And I believe with all my heart that our Lord got it right, so long ago in Tyre — holding his suffering sister in one hand, and his own legalism and unthinking prejudice in the other, and saying to himself, *I've got to make a choice here.* And then choosing her, cooties and all. Because that's where the life was.

*Child, child, Love trumps the Law, Abba-God whispers deep in our souls. Always. You hear Me?*

✚ molly wolff



## ✚ March Council News

- Every month, Council sends a number of thank-you notes. This month, we thanked Dave Merner (computer repair), Sherry Coman (Faith in Film), Dee Radke (Cookbook), Barry Schaaf (Sanctuary supper), Keith Thom (guest musician).
- Pastor Lavergne offered the first of several in-service learning sessions on Lutheran worship: How we got where we are; Why we do what we do.
- In connection with Pastor Lavergne's new position with the national church, Council passed the following enabling resolutions:
  1. *Council authorizes Rick Ritz and Pastor Lavergne to sort out contractual matters with the national church.* In place!
  2. *Council authorizes Pastor Anderson to open a conversation with Waterloo Lutheran Seminary re internship possibilities.* The seminary has identified an intern. We are awaiting confirmation by "C-Com", the Eastern Synod's Candidacy Committee.
  3. *Council authorizes Pastor Lavergne to invite Pastor Helen Toman to begin regular parish visitation of ten hours per week as soon as possible.* Helen has begun her regular visitation. She will work her way through an assigned list of about 70-75 families in rotation.
  4. *Council authorizes Pastor Lavergne to invite Pastor Bob Thaler to begin monthly preaching as soon as possible.* When last seen, Bob & Anne were heading from China to Australia. We expect Bob to begin preaching in May or June.

✚ krista durrer and friends

## ✚ Tintinnabulations

### May 1 ~ Parish Work Day

Sign up in the narthex. Gather 8:30 am. Lunch provided.

### May 4 ~ Prayer Circle Update

Shirley Unrau & pastors meet, 9:30 am.

### May 5 ~ Congregate Dining

Gather, 11:30 am, at Zion United Church. Details: 519.749-0784.

### May 5 ~ Open Table

Gather, 7 pm, Katie Luther Room.

### May 17 ~ ELW Meeting

Trinity Hall, 9 am. We'll assemble baby bundles and do lunch after. Info: Pat Schmetzer, 634-8232.

### May 17 ~ Blood Donor Clinic

Gather from 5 to 8 pm at the New Hamburg Legion.

### May 18 ~ Gentle Friends Reading Group

Trinity Hall, 7:30 pm, for *A Thousand Splendid Suns* by Khaled Hosseini. Info: Kathryn Ritz, 519.662-2960.

### May 20 ~ DOVE Prep Team

TRINITY DOVE Preparation Team gathers, 9 am.

### Mondays, 8 pm ~ Motivated Mommies

Note the new time! Meet in Trinity Hall.

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

Martin Luther Room, holidays excepted.

### Tuesdays, 6:45 pm ~ TOPS

Taking Off Pounds Sensibly in Martin Luther Room.

### Saturdays, 8 pm ~ A/A

A/A open meeting in Trinity Hall.

✚ andré lavergne & jill merner

## + Finances to March 31, 2010

	General Fund	Capital Fund	Transfers
Income	\$ 60,378	\$ 3,996	\$ 13,753
Outgo	68,113	5,706	11,550
Balance	(\$ 7,735)	(\$ 1,710)	\$ 2,203

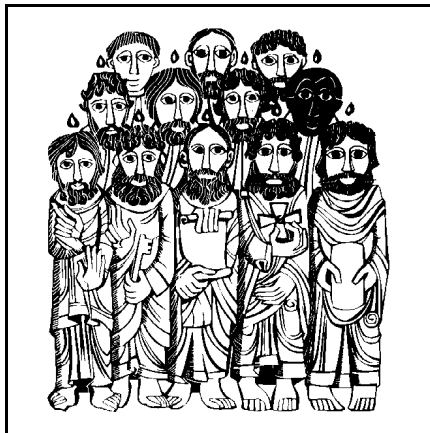
The early-year General Fund deficit is largely as anticipated. The Capital Fund reflects energy conservation work to be substantially covered out of accumulated funds.

+ bob ruthig & friends

## + Property Matters

A Work Day is on the docket for Saturday, May 1, 8:30 am. Lunch provided. Sign-up at the church. Jobs of all kinds available.

+ doug miller, ken seltzer & friends



## + Nurturing Faith ~ Open Table

Join us for our monthly philosopher's café featuring coffee and conversation. The venue is the Katie Luther Room. The time is 7 pm. The focus is on young adults, but everyone is welcome. Next session is May 5. Topic: spiritual practices in every-day life.

+ anne anderson

## + Nurturing Faith ~ Faith Adventures

### CLWR's One Community

Through CLWR we have been helping to raise funds to "build a village." Thanks to all who have donated to the project. Watch Katie Luther Room poster come to life!

### Affirmation Ministry Update

As of April 17, we are finished with our Affirmation classes for the season. The next event will be camp for our youth entering grade seven and eight in the fall along with youth wishing to be Vets (entering grade nine and up). Camp runs Sunday, August 29 through Friday, September 3. Forms will be available from Pastor Anne .

+ anne anderson

## + TYGers

**CLAY - The first ever Canadian Anglican and Lutheran Youth gathering** is taking place in London, Ontario, August 19-22. We are taking a group of ten youth to the gathering and will be doing some fund-raising around the church to help us cover costs. Some of the things coming up...

**Mother's Day Quilt Raffle** - Our Trinity Quilters have come through once more with a magnificent quilt. We are tremendously grateful for their support. Tickets are on sale now. The draw will be after service May 9. Tickets are \$2 or 3 for \$5. You can buy them from one of the TYGers or after service in April.

**The Real Men of Trinity Calendar** - Dave Merner and the gang are creating a fun project to have a good, clean laugh and raise some money. Look for more details after church in weeks to come.

**Tagged by Kindness** - Have you done something nice for someone else? Check out our cards from the youth that track random acts of kindness. For more info speak with Erika Mueller, 519 662-3814.

**Golf Tournament** - We will return to the Tavistock Golf Course at 9 am on Saturday, June 19, for our annual TYGers Golf Tournament. Mark your calendar now! We'll be signing people up shortly.

**Pitch and Praise** is coming! Between May 21 and 24 we will be joining with a thousand or so other youth and camping in Paris, Ontario. We'll have a blast with games, music and activities galore! Sign up now and get your form into Pastor Anne by April 30. Check out [www.pitchandpraise.com](http://www.pitchandpraise.com) for info.

**Connect with Pr Anne...** 1. Facebook at TYGers New Hamburg. 2. E-mail [anderson@telc.ca](mailto:anderson@telc.ca).

+ anne anderson & friends

## + A Few Albums Remain

A few of the "new" parish albums featuring four additional pages of anniversary photos remain to be picked up in the church office. Bring in your "old" one and we'll trade it in.

+ andré lavergne