



# Trinity Dove

August 22, 2010 + Pentecost 13 + Change  
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## + Sabbaths & Celebrations

### Sunday, August 29 ~ Pentecost 14

- + Anchor Worship at 9:30 am. Parish update, 9:20 am.
- + Community Fellowship at 10:30 am.
- + Sanctuary Worship at 11:30 am. Pot-luck follows!

### Sunday, September 5 ~ Pentecost 15

- + Anchor Worship at 9:30 am. Parish update, 9:20 am.
- + Community Fellowship at 10:30 am.
- + Faith Adventures at 10:45 am.
- + Sanctuary Worship at 11:30 am.

### Sunday, September 12 ~ Pentecost 16

#### Backpack Sunday + There will be cake!

- + Anchor Worship with installation of Faith Adventures staff at 9:30 am. Parish update, 9:20 am.
- + Community Fellowship at 10:30 am.  
We honour Mike & Chris Gascon.  
There will be cake!
- + Faith Adventures Start-Up at 10:45 am.  
Go to [www.telc.ca](http://www.telc.ca) and register at Spark Online!
- + Sanctuary Worship at 11:30 am.

### Sunday, September 19 ~ Pentecost 17

- + Anchor Worship at 9:30 am. Parish update, 9:20 am.
- + Community Fellowship at 10:30 am.
- + Faith Adventures at 10:45 am.
- + Adults: Emily Ritz on her Kenya experience
- + Sanctuary Worship at 11:30 am.

## Sunday, September 26 ~ Pentecost 18

- + Anchor & Sanctuary Worship at 9:30 am with Pastor Judi Harris preaching. Parish update, 9:20 am.
- + Community Fellowship at 10:30 am with Pastor Judi Harris reminiscing.
- + Faith Adventures at 10:45 am.
- + Anniversary Luncheon in Trinity Hall at 11:30 am.

## + Voices of Change

In addition to a piece addressing the dissolution of our national ELW, four articles in this issue of TRINITY DOVE speak to the reality of change. Melinda Mosig—a voice from the past—witnesses to the change she saw over a lifetime. Catharine Pote speaks of theological change while Bishop Michael Pryse uses the metaphor of whitewater rafting to illustrate a Christian response to changing realities. Finally, Emily Ritz offers her witness—an invitation to put ourselves in the picture—from Opening Worship at Synod Assembly.

+ *andré lavergne*

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## + Pr. Anne ~ Change and Growth

Grace to you and peace.

The summer has been very full with many events. Our worship life has been very rich, here at Trinity. The circle of life has been experienced in baptisms, weddings, and funerals. Each event has marked significant family and parish changes. We have rejoiced and wept; we have laughed and cried. For this time in our journey together, I give thanks.

I picked up a book at the Synod Convention this summer: *THE PROMISE OF DESPAIR* by Andrew Root, a professor of youth and family ministry at Luther Seminary. It focuses on the theology of the cross. The idea is that God calls us to understand that Christ walks with us in our suffering; that through his life, death and resurrection, Christ walks with us.

God also calls the church to walk in the world, in the world's suffering, heralding the truth that God is present. Root offers this word of benediction: "To the God of the cross—who brings from death, life; calling us to seek for God in what is broken, so that we might be made whole—be the glory." As we get ready for the fall, my mind rests on this.

Last week, Jennifer, our new intern, and I had a great conversation as we began planning and getting ready for her two years here at Trinity. We were looking at some of her goals and hopes that she wishes to realize while here at Trinity. I am looking forward to joining her on her journey of change and growth. Jennifer reminded me of the call of Christ to walk alongside others as she described her vision of what the church can be. She spoke of how she is beginning to see that church includes more than the walls of our buildings, and how church is about our faith lived in action. Exactly!

As we walk together on Trinity's faithful journey, we will experience the full circle of life. That is who we are as followers of Christ; that is who we are as the church. So I invite you to welcome Jennifer into our community. You will see her at worship and out among us experiencing the life of the parish, in leadership, in visits and in parish programming. I am sure she would welcome conversation and time together. Get to know her. Jennifer is very excited to be joining us here at Trinity.

Our journey continues. Let's walk together, exploring the road ahead and wherever the path may lead us.

+ anne anderson

## + Anniversary News

### Pastor Judi Visits

On Sunday, September 26, former Trinity pastor, Judi Harris, will be at worship at 9:30 am and reminiscing at 10:30 am. A luncheon will follow at 11:30 am. Please sign-up for this all-salad luncheon.

### Cookbooks Coming Soon!

We've had a phenomenal response to our request for Anniversary Cookbook recipes. Our goal had been about 300. In fact, we got 450 recipes, essays and bits of wisdom! The material has been collated and shipped to Winnipeg. We are grateful to all who made a contribution and encouraged others to do so! We are grateful to Myrta Biesel, Laurie Clarke, Anne Hammer, Dee Radke & Betty Ritz for their tremendous behind-the-scenes efforts and to our Faith Adventures folks for their artwork.



Proceeds will benefit Canadian Lutheran World Relief and the Wilmot Family Resource Centre. We expect to review a proof of our new book any day and to have finished copies available at the end of October. The cost will be \$12. We have received orders for over 300 to date!

Look for the enclosed order form and get your order in right away! Consider how many copies you and your family and friends might wish... They will make a terrific gift for family members, neighbours, co-workers and friends. Consider family members who have left home... Consider your Christmas gift-giving... These books would be welcome in any Christmas stocking, especially if your name or those of your friends are on some of Trinity's recipes!

Please put the completed form on the offering plate or slide it under Jill Merner's office door.

Please support this wonderful anniversary project and the terrific work of Canadian Lutheran World Relief and the Wilmot Family Resource Centre.

### The Three Bells

In the last issue of *TRINITY DOVE*, the possibility that we might give names to our three bells was raised. Why not? Since then, our Anniversary Task Group has taken up the cause with Council support. The rules are on page 3!

+ larry gravill & friends

## ✦ Sacraments & Seasons

### Birth

We welcome the birth, July 3, of Lucas Keith Ropp.

### Baptism

We welcome Gabriel Nickolas, son of Debbie (Ting) and Todd Nickolas, into God's family. Gabriel was baptized on June 27.

### Weddings

We congratulate Mark Beavis & Kerstin Erlich (June 26); Ruth Lavergne & Ian Zwiers (July 24); and Lynette Eberschlag & Andrew Moss (August 14).

### Deaths

Our community grieves the death, July 9, of Jessie Junker, at the age of 87; and July 13, of Lorraine Schoeder, at the age of 83. Blessed are those who mourn.

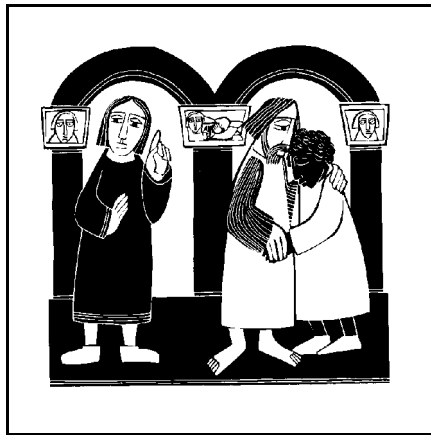
### September Birthdays

**2** - Connie Forler, Maria Baumgaertner, Stacy Medley, Rae-Leala Gole; **3** Ken Bean, Ashley Nagel-Otterbein, Cara Scheerer, Stacey Holst; **4** - Steve Malloch, Mark Godfrey, Alec Merner; **5** - Ruth Jones, Sheila Snyder, Judy Gueguen, Tamara Bakker; **6** - Brian Wettlaufer, Teagan Cook; **7** - Gerald Eichler, Mark White, Jennifer Becker, Bailey MacKenzie, Eryka Mountain; **8** - Rick Whittaker, Breanna Schwartz; **9** - Mildred Cook, Ralph Pauli, Judie Seltzer, Violet Bender; **10** - Florence Herman, Mykaela Erb, Aspen Kienapple; **11** - Mark Hagen, Rick Long, Ryan Danner, Travis Hatchwell; **12** - Joyce Snyder, Alison Mitchell, Barbara Lavergne, Colton Smith; **13** - Hugh Stere, Aimee Anger, Stefanie Bender, Matthew Wiechers; **14** - Marcus Buehlow, Darrin Gueguen; **15** - Kathy Weicker, Melanie Jahn, Brody Lagace-Roote, Lillian Schwartz; **16** - Pat Schmetzer, Kevin Durrer, Isabelle Bingeman; **17** - Nancy Arbuckle, Ruby Strauss, Meredith Hagen, Fran Jantzi, Barry Kalbfleisch, Shelby Ingold.; **18** - Bill Lahn, Mike Schiedel; **19** - Don Zarnke; **20** - Ray Merner, Cindy Holst, Kevin Power, Dale Egerdee, Chazen Snyder, Brayden Smith; **21** - Peggy Faulhafer, Andrea Aho; **23** - Don Shaw, Jake Ritz, Caitlin Pearson, Carlee Mohr; **24** - Denise Kienapple, Anne Anderson, Travis Bondy; **25** - Bill Thompson, Marlene Schamber, Denise Gingerich, Claire Otterbein, Rick Trafford, Jim Eichler, Alexandra Smith, Lucas Bast, Joshua Durrer; **26** - Claudia Danner, Sheri Morrison, Barry Kienapple, Matt Aho; **27** - Joyce Hammer, Brian Wiechers, Nicole Parsons; **28** - Mim

Miller; **29** - Dianne Stere, Carolyn Witzel, Jane Murray, Patricia Bruce; **30** - Lorrie Power, Troy Ferguson, Brett Bakker, Anne Aitken. Happy Birthday, friends!

### September Anniversaries

**1** - Edna & Marcus Buehlow, Neil & Reta Klaassen, Dolores & Neil Hofstetter, Linda Bjerre Danner & Perry Danner; **3** - Carl & Norma Steinman **4** - Brad & Jennifer Becker; **5** - Carol & Rob Murray; **6** - Hans & Joyce Lass, Dan & Janet Boshart; **7** - Debbie & Tom Linseman; **9** - Earl & Susan Nickolas; **12** - David & Wendy Schwartz, Lisa Hagen & Randy Thomson, Cheryl & Mike Mohr; **13** - Paul & Sheri Morrison; **14** - Jim & Leanne Snider; **16** - George & Marlene Mueller, Brendan & Amy Cape; **17** - Kathryn & Bill Ritz, Cindy & Walter Briner, Christine & Mike Gascon, Debbie & Todd Nickolas, Anesa & Bryan Wettlaufer, Don & Gwen Zarnke; **19** - Gerry Baan & Doreen Lindner-Baan; **20** - Cy & Reta Ridout, Millie & Stuart Rhem; **22** - Dave & Susan Rogers; **24** - Myrtle & Ralph Pauli, Adam & Katrina Jantzi; Travis & Catherine Deckert; **25** - Don & Rita Coxson, Dave & Greta Mello; **26** - Michelle & Chad Gravill. Congratulations, friends!



✦ *jill merner*

## ✦ Naming Trinity's Three Bells

1. Write your suggestions on a "Name Trinity's Bells" form. You may make more than one suggestion. Each suggestion must include a name for each of our three bells. For example, "Larry, Moe & Curly."
2. Place your suggestions on the offering plate. All suggestions must be in before the close of worship on Sunday, September 26. Jill Merner will keep a record of all of the suggestions and pass these on to the Anniversary Task Group (Pastors Anne and André, Ernie Ritz, Larry Gravill, Pat Schmetzer, Kathy Bender & Michel Gascon).
3. The Anniversary Task Group will go through all of the ideas and take three suggestions (with three names each) to Council. Council will make the final choice. Neither Council nor the Task Group will know the identity of the person making the suggestion prior to choosing. That's it.

We await your ideas!

✦ *larry gravill & friends*

## ✚ I Remember...

*This piece appeared in the March, 1984 edition of The Canada Lutheran. That's the month in which I began my ministry at Trinity Church.*

*Shortly after my arrival, we began plans for Trinity's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations. The guest of honour at our fall banquet was Melinda Mosig. What a lovely and remarkable woman. Kim and I sat next to her. At some point in our conversation, she remarked to Kim: "I came a bride; I left a grandmother!" —a.r.l.*

When I read about the beautiful new church that was dedicated in Port Elgin last summer, my thoughts went back to the time my late husband, H.R. Mosig (as he always signed his name), would talk about his first parish in Port Elgin and Southampton, as a German missionary.

He had graduated from Kropp Seminary in 1905, and came to Johnstown, Pennsylvania, to take over a parish for the summer months. He was ordained in that Synod. From there, he came to visit friends, the Rev. E. Jestinsky in Montreal, and received a call to the Port Elgin parish. There were just a few members, especially in Southampton where one dedicated family was the backbone of the church. In a short time, however, this large family of John Kalte found it impossible to find work, so one after the other they moved to Hanover, and the mission church was closed.

Port Elgin at that time was a beautiful quiet village, not the flourishing town of today, and Synod decided to add it to the Mildmay parish. My husband spent every other weekend there, looking after their spiritual needs. The kind people (especially Dr. L. Doerings, who was the dentist there ) took him into their homes.

Many of the Port Elgin families were also moving away as there seemed to be no future for their children. Eventually that church was closed, but I believe the white brick building is still standing today.

Now Mildmay and Walkerton were formed as a parish, and that is when I came into the picture. I still remember at age 14 when the Rev, Richard Mosig from Port Elgin came to preach for a call. It was the Advent season, when God's message was, and still is, on things pertaining to the end of time. His text was Luke 21:28, "When these things come to pass look up, lift up your heads, for your redemption draweth nigh." This sermon must have been favorable, as he received the call, and was our pastor for

seven years.

He organized a youth group of which I was a member. This led, later on, to a deep interest in one another, and finally, to our marriage in 1916. Before we married, we approached the Rev. E. Hoffman, who was President of Synod, asking whether it is best for a pastor to leave his congregation when he marries someone from the parish. His answer was, "Yes, I also did." He was in Wellesley at the time.



My husband received the call to New Hamburg, and we began our work there January 1, 1917, where by the grace of God we spent 33 blessed years. Our five daughters all were born and raised there. Soon English services were held every Sunday evening, and a Missionary Society was organized. The church which had been built in 1910 still had a few thousand dollars' debt, a huge sum in those days. So Vater (as he was called by everyone later on), visited every member, many on farms, either by walking, or on bicycle, asking for a donation. The debt was soon paid.

When our girls were in their teens, they and many others of the youth were musical. So I started a choir. With the help of our faithful organist, Mrs. Elena Ritz, we helped to enhance our services for many years.

When the time came for our retirement in 1950, we moved to Waterloo to a home we had bought from the family of the late Rev. Brackbush. We lived there until my husband died in 1964. In 1980 I sold the home, and moved to Luther Manor, where many of my dear friends are living, and which is now home.

Yes, as in the church , so in our lives, God closes doors but also opens new ones for us.

To Him be all the Praise and Glory.

✚ melinda mosig

## ✚ Nurturing Faith ~ Adults

**September 19** ~ Emily Ritz will report out her experience with Tumaini 2010 —Remember her "Children of Bukati" presentation and letter?— and her summer visit to Kenya.

**October 3** ~ Vicar Jennifer Famme participates in our Interesting Lives series.

✚ andré lavergne & friends

## ✦ Jesus Has Left the Building

*I recently asked Catherine Pote if we might reprint her editorial from the summer, 2010, edition of Esprit. As it turns out, this will be the last issue of Esprit. The piece was already doing the rounds in the parish and had been distributed at Council. She said “yes”. This item is published by permission. —a.r.l.*

“Have you seen Jesus my Lord? He’s here in plain view. Take a look, open your eyes. He’ll show it to you.” These words just came into my head this morning as I sat down to write this editorial. They are the opening lines from John Fischer’s “Have You Seen Jesus My Lord” circa 1970. It’s a song I sang a lot in worship growing up. Back then it was kind of seen by many in the congregation as a bit of a “ditty” that the contemporary “Rejoice Group” offered as part of an alternative repertoire to the more conventional hymns being sung at the “traditional” service. I still think the music is rather simplistic and now quite dated, but today the words of this song hold new meaning for me.

My theology has changed a lot over the years. I used to go to church, now I go to worship. I used to think the church building was “God’s house.” Today, I believe the world is God’s house (and God’s playground and God’s sanctuary...). I no longer believe that we the Church have something to offer to the world that the world doesn’t already have—namely God. In fact, God has been working in and through the world (not just the Church) from the very beginning.

When our country was Christian—when most of us feared God; when we were all speaking the same language, we could, with confidence “name and claim” God, in Jesus, as our own—someone we could parcel out to those who “needed” him and withhold when they didn’t “behave.” I think we somehow misunderstood “I am the way, and the truth and the life...” (John 14:6) to conclude with “...no one comes to the Father except through *you*.”

Our arguably understandable arrogance has blinded us to the living God who is and moves and has being “out there” in the world in spite of our best efforts to lock the great I Am up inside our tidy, orderly sanctuaries. I think this is why we in the mainline churches are facing our current crisis. We still do not really believe that Jesus can be out there if we don’t take him, or maybe more truthfully, we are afraid of what might become of us if the word got out that he is. I would suggest that the word *is* out. That’s why fewer and fewer people are coming inside. They know the

jig is up and it’s a little like walking in on the disciples still hiding in the upper room after the resurrection. It’s a bit embarrassing for everyone.

We can continue to gather together as people of faith (in fact we should) to hear God’s word, share in God’s feast and to strengthen each other for God’s service. But maybe it’s time we stopped deluding ourselves into believing that God is really only “in here,” and if we just find new ways to entice people to pay for the privilege of coming and experiencing what we have all locked up inside, we will never have to learn to be Church “out there.”



Jesus has left the building. The tomb is empty. Have you seen him? Have you seen him in the faces of the women? Have you seen him in the stranger, the orphan, the widow? Jesus has left the building, and it is up to us to see with new eyes the incredible things he is up to in our world—making all things new—and to jump in and get involved in it.

This is not a strategy for institutional survival. In fact, shame on us if we try to make it so. If we truly want to be “relevant” in today’s context, we need to admit that church as we have known it is done—it is finished. But...the tomb is empty. Be not afraid. Go and tell the people and be on the lookout for the risen Christ. He’s here in plain view.

✦ *catharine pote*

## ✦ Sanctuary News

We have been well underway this summer worshipping at our new time: 11:30 am.

Our group has been slowly growing even with many away on holidays. Caleb Herbison has done a great job assisting in music leadership on guitar and drum and we have had great help from Erika Mueller on graphic design and tech for our service.

Haven’t been to church in a while? Would you like to try something new? Come and join us every Sunday in the Sanctuary for worship at 11:30 am. Sanctuary offers Word and song, bread and wine, together with lively conversation in a different atmosphere. All are welcome. From the very young, to young at heart, all have a place!

Questions? Would you like to help with assisting in worship or sharing music? Please speak with Pastor Anne.

✦ *anne anderson*

## + Rules for Whitewater Rafting

*In his Report to the Eastern Synod Assembly, Bishop Pryse made a number of observations about the reality which is the church today. Part way through his report, Bishop Pryse observed the following. —a.r.l.*

About a month after I was elected bishop in 1998, I spent a couple of days with some canoeing buddies doing the Ottawa River white water experience. We ended up dumping more times than I care to admit; and I ended up drinking more of the Ottawa River than I would have ever thought possible. Still it was a good time. I'd recommend it to any of you. (Although I would suggest you stay with the larger rafts and pass on the two-man sportiak option!)

A few months later, I invited Loren Mead to be the presenter at one of our clergy conferences. I mentioned the white water trip to him and he said he'd send me something he had picked up while on a similar adventure in Colorado several years previous. What I'd like to share with you now are Loren's eight rules for white water rafting along with some brief commentary on how those rules might apply to our life together as we encounter this particular white water time.



**1. Don't be surprised if the boat doesn't go where you want it to go.** We are a community on a voyage together. All of us have paddles. Sometimes we paddle together and sometimes not. Sometimes we read the waters well and sometimes not so well. That's the way it is! That's the way it always has been. That's the way it always will be. We need to learn to live with it.

**2. Rest in the calm places. There will be more white water soon.** This convention may well end up feeling like a calm place. The agenda of this gathering is relatively gentle and easy. There have been no great controversies. We will see. Regardless, different expressions of the church are characterized by varying levels of intensity. Enjoy it! There will be more white water soon!

**3. Never stop paddling; even when it seems hopeless.** Each time we gather for these assemblies I always experience a keen awareness of our shared determination and commitment to the life of our church; an expressed realization that regardless of the circumstances, we will keep plugging away. I always hear, loud and clear, the expressed desire that we continue fulfilling our ministries and doing the best we can at this time and in this place. This is so very important! One of the biggest challenges we face today is that of not giving in to cynicism which

Luther reminds us, should be counted among "doubt, despair and other shameful sins." We need to keep paddling!

**4. If you get into trouble, don't panic.** When you're in rough water you need to keep your head. Stay cool. Combat anxiety. In times such as these, it's important that we do the things we need to do to regulate and monitor our collective anxiety levels. The bottom line is that you don't make good decisions when you're anxious and panicky.

**5. If you go under, let go of everything. Eventually you will come back up.** At one of the first joint meetings of the Lutheran and Anglican Houses of Bishops - in the midst of the tougher days in dealing with the residential schools issue - Archbishop Tom Morgan said something that really stuck with me. He said, "In the end of it all, if we should lose everything — all we need is the book, the loaf and the cup and we're back in business." There is something immensely comforting and liberating in acknowledging reality. It puts things in right perspective knowing that, regardless of what happens, we will most certainly come back up.

**6. Someone needs to call out the orders. It works better that way.** You need a system for piloting the boat. And it seems to me that we have a wonderfully collaborative system of shared oversight and leadership in our synod. Likewise, we need to respect the rules which we have set to govern our life together and to help us engage difficult issues. That's part of the trust we share with one another. In fact, we can only have the kind of freedom we want to bring forth difficult questions if we trust one another to honour the rules by which those questions are to be addressed. You can't have the former without the latter.

**7. White water is what you came for. Enjoy it.** As difficult as this time in our life might be, there is something deeply refreshing about this time in the life of the church - about having so many members of our churches engaged in serious conversations about scriptural interpretation, ecclesiology and mission. It might well mean experiencing white water, but this is the business we're supposed to be in. All is not darkness and there are many very good things happening among us in this present moment. And finally...

**8. Everyone paddles furiously to get somewhere, but ultimately it's the current that takes you downstream.** The Spirit will do with us and with creation — whatever the Spirit wills. And at the end of the day, we need to trust and believe that God will have God's way with us. There is something amazingly comforting in reminding ourselves of

that reality. We say this, not to let ourselves off the hook from responding to this or any other challenging moment, but as a way of reminding ourselves that regardless of our frailties, our weaknesses and failings, that God's will, will indeed be done.

✝ michael pryse

## ✝ The Word from Emily Ritz

Emily Ritz, together with pastors Mei Sum Lei and Bob Binhammer, was asked to offer some reflections in the context of the sermon for the Opening Service of our Eastern Synod Assembly. It was a remarkable experience. Her text was John 2: 7-8: "Jesus said to the servants, 'Fill the jars with water'; so they filled them to the brim." Here's what Emily said. —a.r.l.

As I hear this story, I can't help but imagine the situation as it unfolds; to picture ourselves there at the wedding, working as the servants, while these events are taking place. We're all busy working, serving food and drinks, the guests are enjoying themselves, everyone is having a great time. But then the wine runs out. Oh no. The guests are not going to be pleased with that. And we are the ones who will probably have to tell them. But then this man, this man named Jesus, comes along. His mother has just asked him to do something about the lack of wine, and we are supposed to do whatever he asks of us. So what does he ask of us? To go and just *pick up* more wine from perhaps a merchant down the street? No. Instead, there are these six stone water jars standing nearby.

Now, we are told in the story that these stone water jars were there for "the Jewish rites of purification". These stone jars were there for the purpose of performing certain rites and rituals, including the washing of hands before eating. These stone jars would be used to uphold the law, which dictated the purification and cleansing of that which was unclean.

However, back to the wedding, we as servants hear that this man, a guest named Jesus, wants us to use *these* jars? Yes, these same stone jars are then the very containers which Jesus asks us, the servants, to fill with water. I don't know about you, but I don't think I could help but ask, "Ok, how is filling up these jars with water really going to help this situation. How is this really going to get more wine for the guests?!"

But *these jars*, these unexpected containers, usually used for rituals and rites, *are* what Jesus uses, this time for a completely different and completely new purpose.

Jesus sees a need in the people at the wedding, and while providing for these people, he uses the jars in a fully new way —with them he creates celebration, joy and new life. Christ doesn't abolish the rites and rituals that are bound to these jars, but he in fact fulfills them, taking these jars used for cleansing and purification but using them in an entirely new way in order to begin his own work in cleansing, purification, and making all things new.

And we are indeed the servants in this story. Jesus has asked *us*, he has called *us*, he has invited *us* to participate in this task with him.

We have been asked to fill up the jars with water, to work towards a new creation, where all things are made new, and where we see God's Kingdom here on earth. It is my hope that we, as a church, as servants, and as people being *In Mission for Others*, will respond and take part in Christ's act of renewal.

After all, "Jesus said to the servants, 'Fill the jars with water'". Now we must commit our lives not only to fill them, but to fill them *to the brim*.

✝ emily ritz

## ✝ The Women of Trinity

As our last issue of TRINITY DOVE went to press, we learned that our national Evangelical Lutheran Women would be dissolved. I made a few phone calls to make sure our own ELW folk would learn this news first hand, rather than in a Sunday announcement or through this newsletter.

Over the summer, many have contemplated this loss. The national ELW was simply not financially viable. At the same time, we have a lot going on here for which the women of the parish provide powerful and gracious leadership and terrific support. Thus, as was recently echoed by our bishops, "we do not grieve as those without hope." Pat and I and others have been talking. While the name "ELW" will likely pass into history, the many ministries of hospitality which have been the hallmark of our ELW will continue.

At the same time, the Priscillas will likely relinquish *their* name and Trinity's women, all and together, will redefine themselves to continue the good work for which we should be grateful and they should be proud. Stay tuned!

✝ andré lavergne & pat schmetzer



## + Tintinnabulations

### August 23 ~ Blood Donor Clinic

Gather from 2 to 8:30 pm at the W-O Cafeteria.

### August 30 ~ Women of Trinity

Gather at 12:30 noon. This date displaces the regular September date.

### September 7 ~ Prayer Circle Update

Shirley Unrau & pastors meet, 9:30 am.

### September 14 ~ Adult Learning Team

We gather at 8:30 am.

### September 16 ~ DOVE Prep Team

TRINITYDOVE Prep. Team gathers, 9 am.

### September 20 ~ Blood Donor Clinic

Gather from 5 to 8:30 pm at the New Hamburg Legion.

### September 21, 7 pm ~ Gentle Friends Readers

Gather in Trinity Hall. This month, we're reading One Book; One Community's *THE BEST LAID PLANS* by Terry Fallis. Copies are available at the New Hamburg Library.

### Mondays, 8 pm ~ Motivated Mommies

Meet in Trinity Hall. Look for our Facebook page!

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

Martin Luther Room, holidays excepted.

### Tuesdays, 6:45 pm ~ TOPS

Taking Off Pounds Sensibly in the Martin Luther Room.

### First Wednesdays, 11:30 am ~ Congregate Dining

Gather at Zion United Church unless otherwise announced.

### Saturdays, 8 pm ~ A/A

A/A open meeting in Trinity Hall.

## + June Council News

- Every month, Council sends a number of thank-you notes. This month, we thanked David Pfrimmer (anniversary guest preacher); our terrific funeral lunch people; Arlene Meyer's family for the gift of audio-video equipment for use at Sanctuary worship and adult learning; the Gerber family for including the TYGers in their suggestions for memorial donations.



- Pastor André offered the fourth of six in-service learning sessions on Lutheran worship: In May, we began to look at *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* and its accent on flexibility and responding to people who are new to the community of the faithful. In June we took a look at the place of the Creed in worship.

- Our staff complement is coming to full strength. Helen Toman is working toward a weekly ten hours of visiting; Pastor Bob Thaler has begun monthly preaching; Jennifer Famme will join us in September. Pastor Anne is constructing an Internship Committee.

- Pastor Anne has established a K-W Youth Ministerial with Pastor Bonnie Shelter-Brown. They will meet quarterly.

- Council received late word that the national ELW will be dissolved. We await details and news of possibilities. See page 7 of this issue of TRINITY DOVE.

- Brenda Malloch is our new CLWR Awareness Builder.

- The Anniversary Task Group reported on progress on Ernie's history book (due spring, 2011), on the cookbook project (due late October, 2010) and on upcoming visits by former pastors.

- Council affirmed an Anniversary Task Group proposal that we name Trinity's three steeple bells. See page 2 of this issue of TRINITY DOVE.

- Council heard a report on the recent Area Ministry Consultation. Overtaken by the change of recent years, a number of congregations are struggling to discern the shape of their future. Since the consultation, we have received word of a number of pastoral changes among local congregations. Trinity is committed to partnering wherever possible with sister congregations in the area.

+ krista durrer and friends

+ andré lavergne & jill merner

## + Finances to July 31, 2010

	General Fund	Capital Fund	Transfers
Income	\$ 159,652	\$ 15,586	\$ 26,021
Outgo	154,429	21,759	22,769
Balance	\$ 5,223	(\$ 6,173)	\$ 3,252

✝ bob ruthig & friends

## + Property Matters

Work has begun on the Peel Street flooring. The hardwood in the livingroom and diningroom has been exposed and temporarily refinished. Thanks to Marcus Buehlow, who did a fair bit of painting and work on the grounds, the Peel Street house looked wonderful for Ruth and Ian's wedding! This fall, carpeting will be applied upstairs and in the family room. Tile will be applied in the front & back halls, office, kitchen and laundry room.

Wilmot Street work, including the insulation of the basement, will be completed this year.

✝ doug miller, ken seltzer & friends

## + Eastern Synod Scholarships

Three Trinity young people have received Eastern Synod scholarships. We congratulate Tara Otto, Scott Malloch and Emily Clarke on their achievements. Well done!

✝ andré lavergne

## + Nurturing Faith ~ Affirmation

This fall, I will be meeting with our grade nine students who will be preparing for Confirmation on November 7.

Mark your calendars for Witness Preparation Weekend October 1, 7-9 pm and October 2, 9 am - 12 noon. We will be getting our witness ready to share with the congregation on Sunday, October 31, 2010, Reformation Sunday.

Families with students in Grades 3 through 8... watch for our Affirmation calendar of events coming out in October. Classes will be set for 2011.

✝ anne anderson

## + Nurturing Faith ~ Faith Adventures

We are getting ready for our fall program with some great new things to offer. Backpack Sunday is September 12. We install our dedicated staff at 9:30 am and begin our Adventure together at 10:45 am.

### Spark, Spark Online & Veracity

Spark, our new Faith Adventures material, will debut this fall. We will be using our Bibles a lot more. We'll get into God's Word through music, art, movies and stories! Faith Adventures families are invited to go to [www.telc.ca](http://www.telc.ca) and register at Spark Online!

We also have a new DVD-based program for our grade 7-10 students called Veracity and a new space for them to gather as well. Veracity will run alongside Faith Adventures.

### Teachers & Shepherds Needed

Interested in being a part of the team ...teaching a unit or shepherding our kids? Please speak to Lori Arnott at 519.662-1441 or to Pastor Anne.

✝ anne anderson

## + TYGers

### Real Men of Trinity Calendar

Dave Merner, Mike & Christine Gascon and the gang have done a terrific job. Preparation of the new calendars is under way. To date, this project has raised over \$800 with additional income to come from the sale of calendars. Look for a calendar order form in September.

The TYGers have also done well on their Tagged by Kindness cards and Golf Tournament participation.

### TYGers Fall Kick-Off

If you are in Grade 7-12, and are interested in what TYGers is all about, come out to our meal and kick-off event. On Friday, September 17, at 6 pm, we will be doing something a little wacky, eating a great meal and planning some of our events for the coming year. Sign-up at the church.

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

✝ anne anderson & friends

