



Trinity Dove

February 20, 2011 + Epiphany 7 + A Holy Lent
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+ Sabbaths & Celebrations

Sunday, February 27 ~ Epiphany 8

- + 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 (Marie-Paule "Mary" Munyabarenzi)
- + Sanctuary Worship at 11:30 am. A potluck lunch follows at 12:30 nn.

Sunday, March 6 ~ Transfiguration

- + Anchor Worship at 9:30 am with the baptism of Brody Parkin (parish update, 9:20 am).
- + Community Fellowship at 10:30 am.
- + Faith Adventures at 10:45 am. Adults: Christian Ethics 5/5: Work Place (Deb Snider)
- + Sanctuary Worship at 11:30 am.

Wednesday, March 9 ~ Ash Wednesday

- + Imposition of Ashes at 7 pm.

Sunday, March 13 ~ Lent 1

- + Anchor Worship at 9:30 am (parish update, 9:20 am).
- + Community Fellowship at 10:30 am.
- + Faith Adventures at 10:45 am. Adults: Growth in Discipleship 1/5: Live (Bob Kelly)
- + Sanctuary Worship at 11:30 am.

Sunday, March 20 ~ Lent 2

- + Anchor Worship at 9:30 am (parish update, 9:20 am).
- + Community Fellowship at 10:30 am.
- + Faith Adventures at 10:45 am. Adults: Growth in Discipleship 2/5: Hear (Jennifer Famme)
- + Sanctuary Worship at 11:30 am.

Sunday, March 27 ~ Lent 3

- + Anchor Worship at 9:30 am (parish update, 9:20 am). Waterloo-Oxford Chamber Choir at worship.
- + Community Fellowship at 10:30 am.
- + Faith Adventures at 10:45 am. Adults: Growth in Discipleship 1/5: Proclaim (André Lavergne)
- + Sanctuary Worship at 5 pm with Papa Thom followed by a shepherd's pie supper & music at c. 5:45 pm.

+ *andré lavergne*

+ Synod Scholarships

Eastern Synod scholarship applications are out. Many Trinity youth have benefitted from these funds over the years. Interested? Forms are available from Pastor Anne or via a link off the main page at www.telc.ca.

+ *andré lavergne*

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+ Pr. Anne ~ A Holy Lent

Grace and peace to you.

Are you a Jesus Freak?

I have been reading the book JESUS FREAK by Sarah Miles. It's a great book. Sarah focuses on how each of us, with our own unique gifts, is enabled by God to be Christ in our world to our neighbours, friends and enemies alike. Almost 500 years ago, Martin Luther said exactly the same thing... "We are called to be Christs..."

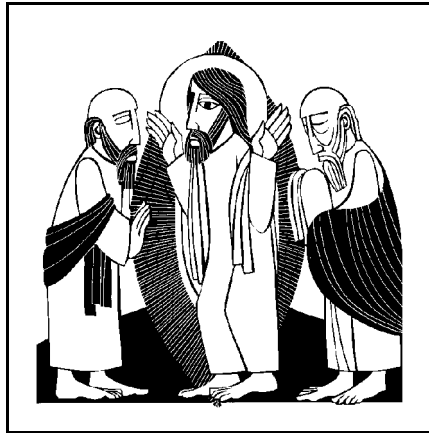
I have often heard it said "but I don't know enough" or "I am not good enough" to help with this project or be a part of that event. Yet, I believe we all have a part to play in the life of this community. I agree with Sarah when she says each of us is *fed, healed, forgiven, loved and raised from the dead and is called to go and do likewise*. These sound like daunting tasks but perhaps this Lent we can take some time to think about how we might do them!

You don't have to start a food bank to feed someone. You could invite a friend or even stranger to share a meal with you. You don't have to become a nurse or doctor to heal. You could hug a friend or just be present with someone who is experiencing deep grief. You don't have to be a religious leader to give and experience forgiveness. Forgiving someone who has hurt you may be an overwhelming task but there is no special training that makes anyone of us a specialist.

As for raising the dead... Sarah reminds us that we celebrate the raising of the dead each Sunday as we take the bread and wine or say "Christ is risen". We remember that death is not the end of our story. She reminds us that we pray with no hope of perfect outcomes and that we are simply called to admit our weaknesses and to love people who don't deserve it. Us included!

We feed, heal, forgive, love, and live new life. If that is what it means to be a *Jesus Freak* then I would like to be called just that. My challenge for all of us, this Lent, is to be aware of those things... when and how do we feed, heal, forgive, love and live the resurrection in our daily lives?

Being aware of my place in our faithful journey—and of God working in our lives and in our community—that is my task this Lent. Would you care to join me?



+ anne anderson

+ Nurturing Faith ~ Adults

Sunday Morning Adult Learning

We (1) continue our exploration of the ethical dimension of our Christian faith, (2) offer one session in our Interesting Lives series, and (3) begin a new pastoral series wherein we explore our growth in discipleship using the action words of our Affirmation of Baptism (*Evangelical Lutheran Worship, pages 234-237*).

February 20 ~ Epiphany 7 ~ Christian Ethics 4/5: Family Violence with Karen Dymond

February 27 ~ Epiphany 8 ~ Interesting Lives with Marie-Paule "Mary" Munyabarenzi. A friend of Sarah Clarke, Mary is a Rwandese Canadian who moved to Canada in 2001. She is a lover of travel and languages. She lived in Guatemala for two summers where she learned Spanish. This summer, she is hoping to learn French. Mary is studying Social work at the University of Waterloo and hopes to do her master's next year.

Mary is president of the University of Waterloo African Student Association.

March 6 ~ Transfiguration ~ Christian Ethics 5/5: Work Place with Deb Snider

March 13 ~ Growth in Discipleship 1/5: Live (Bob Kelly)

March 20 ~ Discipleship 2/5: Hear (Jennifer Famme)

March 27 ~ Discipleship 3/5: Proclaim (André Lavergne)

Open Table

On Fridays, March 4 & 25, Vicar Jennifer and Roger & Nancy Dale will host two evenings of fellowship and faith exploration. We will gather at 6 pm for dinner (provided) in Trinity Hall, then spend some time together exploring and discussing our faith questions. Child care will be provided at the church, so please bring your whole family! We'll wrap things up by 8 pm so you can get the kids home to bed.

This is a safe and welcoming space to bring your questions and concerns about God and church, and it's a great way to connect with your faith family. Look for a sign-up sheet at the church.

Questions? Give Roger or Nancy a shout at 519.662-3132 or call/e-mail Jennifer at 519.662-1810 or famme@telc.ca.

+ andré lavergne

+ Sacraments & Seasons

Births

We welcome the birth, January 27, of Isabelle Nicole to Misty (Parsons) & Devon Otterbein; and January 11, of Lillia to Tonya & Paul Harvey (new to our community).

Death

We grieve the death, January 29, of Ron Ziegler. Blessed are they who mourn.

March Birthdays

1 - Nancy Ropp, Linda Bjerre Danner; **2** - Helen Roth, Jim Szanto, Christine Gascon; **3** - Caley Klaassen, Carson Goodyear; **4** - Walter Briner, Taylor Randerson; **5** - Brenda Ingold, Manfred Chiduck, Dick Bakker, David Hillar, Griffin Smith; **6** - Dave Mello, Kelsey Briner, Abby Burchatzki; **7** - Todd Nickolas; **9** - Melissa Racho, Michael Schiedel, Willow Racho, Heather Heise, Wesley Preidt; **10** - Bruce Junker, Paul Ramseyer, Bonnie Long; **11** - Elaine Bowman, Dorothy Jardin, Jaida Regan; **12** - Kathryn Genrick, Jackie Currah, Jairus Eastlake-Keller; **13** - Wilfred Greulich, Pete Goodyear; **14** - Tom Pearson, Adam Shantz, Valarie Ceccardi, Mark Beavis, Robert Johnston, Kristopher Stefansson; **15** - Kim Ruthig, Bryan Chester, Carl Seltzer; **16** - Mel Snyder; Amy Arbuckle-Bradley; **17** - Rita Coxson, Del Yutzi, Kelly White; **18** - Lloyd Hagen, Angela Snider; **19** - Jim Snider, Matt Ceccardi, Adam Jantzi; **20** - Carl Schroeder, Gerry Baan, Lisa Hagen, Jacob Aicken; **21** - Paul Morrison, Misty Otterbein, Christopher Faulhafer, Lucas Ruby, Christian Thomson, Nathan Reidel; **22** - Ron Witzel, Mackenzie Normandeau, Madeline Moylan; **23** - Bob Steinberg, Brooke Wettlaufer, Sierra Dupuis; **24** - Edward Ingold, Jim Hammer, Conner Glencross; **25** - Lynn Buehlow, Tom Otto, Nancy Brodrecht, James Patton; **26** - Tim Scheerer, Erica Buehlow, Erin Persaud; **27** - Kathy Hancox, Tom Hinz, Kevin Erb, Sadie Bowslaugh; **28** - Michael Klosch, Maggie Siegel, Jeanette Long; **29** - Merva Zehr, Bob Hillar; **30** - Kevin Becker; **31** - Bonnie Hell, Nancy Dale, Aidan Ruthig. Happy birthday, friends!

March Anniversaries

3 - Alison & Paul Mitchell; **4** - Richard & Sheila Zoeller; **9** - Joan & Bob Cook; **10** - Pat & Paul Diebel, Joanne & Steve Aitken; **16** - Bruce & Janice Junker; **21** - Elaine & John Bowman. Congratulations, friends.



+ jill merner

+ Sanctuary News

Every week, we look forward to seeing new faces at Sanctuary where Vicar Jennifer and I are working together to shape our worship and community life. A Worship Rota particular to Sanctuary has been created by Vicar Famme.

A **Winter Potluck** is scheduled for February 27 at 12:30 noon, following worship. All welcome!

Papa Thom will join us on Sunday, March 27. We'll worship at 5 pm and enjoy a shepherd's pie supper at 5:45 pm. We'll pass the hat to support his cross-Canada Shepherd's Pie Tour.

+ anne anderson

+ World Day of Prayer

Wilmot's annual World Day of Prayer service will be held on Friday, March 4, 2 pm, at Living Water Church.

+ pat schmetzer

+ Soup, Sandwich, Sermon & Song

Trinity will participate in the annual *Soup, Sandwich, Sermon and Song* series held Wednesdays during Lent beginning on Ash Wednesday, March 9. This year's theme is The Story of Jesus. Trinity and St. George's Anglican will jointly host the March 16 devotions and lunch. Father Jesse Dymond and Pastor Anne will be on-deck.

Pat Schmetzer and friends will co-ordinate the lunch effort. We gather at Zion United Church on Peel Street at noon. A free-will offering supports the Canadian Bible Society.

+ andré lavergne

+ It's "Trinity Theatre" for TCP

The Community Players of New Hamburg (TCP) has renamed the performance space within the New Hamburg Arena the "Trinity Theatre" whenever TCP is on-stage. The name reflects TCP's early roots as the TRINITYPLAYERS and then as the TRINITY COMMUNITY PLAYERS which, later, became THE COMMUNITY PLAYERS of today.

In May, 2011, TCP will present the Elton John & Tim Rice version of Aida.

+ andré lavergne

+ Tintinnabulations

March 1 ~ Adult Learning Team ~ We gather at 8:30 am for our meeting.

March 1 ~ Prayer Circle Update ~ Shirley Unrau & pastors meet, 9:30 am.

March 7 ~ Women of Trinity ~ We'll gather at 12:30 nn for a brown-bag lunch planning meeting.

March 8 ~ Nurturing Faith (Children) Team ~ We gather at 7 pm.

March 15 ~ Gentle Friends Readers ~ Gather, 7 pm, in Trinity Hall. This month: RARE BIRDS by Edward Riche. Copies available at New Hamburg Library.

March 17 ~ DOVE Prep Team ~ The Team gathers at 9 am.

March 21 ~ Blood Donor Clinic ~ Gather from 5 pm to 8:30 pm at the New Hamburg Legion.

Recurring Events

Mondays, 8 pm ~ Motivated Mommies ~ Meet in Trinity Hall. Look for our Facebook page!

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.

+ *andré lavergne & jill merner*

+ Lay Spiritual Retreat

National Bishop Susan Johnson is the spiritual director at an April 8-18 Eastern Synod lay retreat to be held in Niagara Falls.

This is a wonderful opportunity for a little R&R and spiritual renewal. Pastor Anne has registration kits which are also available by following the link off the main page on Trinity's website at www.telc.ca.

+ *andré lavergne*

+ January Council News

- Every month, Council sends a number of thank-you notes. This month, we thanked Lisa Hagen and Caleb Herbison for their wonderful music at Sanctuary and Syd & Joanne Hills for hosting the Council Christmas gathering.

- We reviewed a third draft of the 2011 program budget and made adjustments. We also confirmed a revised schedule of 2011 Endowment Fund expenditures.

- Council heard a report of the many anniversary activities that have been and will be unfolding.

A fourth draft of a new History is being reviewed; Michel Gascon has prepared a new site plan showing old and new buildings—churches and parsonages—to scale; almost all of the 700 cookbooks have been sold with a few kept as gifts for Adult Learning and Anniversary guests; plans are to have the Faith Adventures quilt on display for Easter; National Bishop Susan Johnson will join

us on Sunday, May 29, at which time we'll put a time capsule in the wall near the 1910 cornerstone.

+ *krista durrer and friends*

+ The Women of Trinity ~ I

Baby Bundles

Now that we are through our Mitten Tree Season, we turn our thoughts to baby bundles. Each year we prepare these baby bundles for Canadian Lutheran World Relief. They get sent out in the spring. Last year we were able to send out 41 bundles!

This year we are in need of knitted or crocheted baby sweaters, sleepers, shirts, wash-cloths, receiving blankets, and baby wool for our knitters. We can also use funds to help purchase flannel for diapers and receiving blankets, diaper pins, baby wool, and other supplies. We will need volunteers to hem diapers and receiving blankets.

Are you able to help? Please put any articles in the narthex. They can be new or gently used. Donations should be placed in an offering envelope labeled "Baby Bundles". Imagine the joy of a new mother who receives a bundle from CLWR to welcome her newborn!

+ *pat schmetzer*



+ Financial Update to Jan. 31, 2011

	General Fund	Capital Fund	Transfers
Income	\$ 20,501	\$ 1,163	570
Outgo	24,901	0	420
Balance	(\$ 4,400)	\$ 1,163	\$ 150

Overview

We've begun our year slowly, more or less as usual. Have you reviewed your stewardship for 2011? Take account of our recently approved budget. Can you increase your 2011 giving by 2 or 3 or 4%? Please do your part!

+ bob ruthig & rick ritz

+ Illustrations

The illustrations in this issue of TRINITY DOVE are from the Transfiguration & Lent 1 - 3 Gospel texts.



+ andré lavergne

+ Proclamation... More Cake!

April 17, 2011, shall be observed as Palm Sunday and celebrated as Ernie Ritz Sunday.

June 12, 2011 shall be observed as The Feast of Pentecost and celebrated as Sherry Coman Sunday.

+ andré lavergne

+ The Women of Trinity ~ 2

Tea Towel Shower

Lately we've been running a little short of tea towels in our kitchen. We go through a lot of tea towels when we're doing dishes after a big funeral or an anniversary lunch. So, for the month of March, we've decided to hold a tea towel shower for our kitchen. This was done with great success a few years ago.

Could you donate a few tea towels? We'll put a basket in the narthex to collect them. All of our kitchen volunteers will really appreciate having lots of fresh dry towels when they're helping with cleanup.

+ pat schmetzer

+ Nurturing Faith ~ Children & Youth

Faith Adventures ~ Family Winter Event

On Sunday February 27, 2 - 4 pm, we'll be having our annual Family Winter event with tobogganing followed by treats back at the church. Sign-up at the church!

Faith Adventures Prayer Partners

On Sunday, February 6, we started a 6 week Prayer Partner program. Our Faith Adventure kids have been paired with members of the congregation. On April 10, they will meet and thank each-other at our Faith Adventures time.

Grades 7-8 ~ We gather between 9 am and 3 pm on Saturday, February 26, for a whole day of Affirmation Ministry. This is session 2 of 3 for the year.

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+ anne anderson

+ TYGers

February 18 ~ Laser Quest with St. James, New Dundee

The TYGers are invited to join the youth of St. James for LaserQuest on Friday, February 18 at 6:30 pm. Please sign-up for all TYGers' events at the church or contact Pastor Anne via Facebook or e-mail.

March 11 ~ Friday Evening Hang-Out

The TYGers are invited to Hang-Out on March 11, 7-9 pm at the Gueguens' (30 Ritz Cr.) for games, food and fun.

March 26 & 27 ~ Papa Thom's Shepherd's Pie Tour

The TYGers will be helping to put food on the table when Papa Thom visits on the New Hamburg leg of his cross-country Shepherd's Pie Tour.

We gather on Saturday, March 26, 3 pm, in the Trinity kitchen to prepare for Sunday's (March 27) supper. Look for the sign-up sheet.

+ anne anderson