

Trinity Dove

January 21, 2001 · Epiphany 3 · Searching for Sun

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

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🏠 Sabbaths & Celebrations

Sunday, January 28 ~ Epiphany 4

Who are the people... Guest TBA.

- ▲ Worship at 9 am. (Ministry update at 8:50 am.)
- ▲ Community Fellowship at 10 am.
- ▲ Sunday School & Adult Learning at 10:15 am.
- ▲ Worship at 11:15 am. (Ministry update at 11:05 am.)

Sunday, February 4 ~ Epiphany 5

Annual Meeting

- ▲ Worship at 9 am. (Ministry update at 8:50 am.)
- ▲ Community Fellowship at 10 am.
- ▲ Sunday School at 10:15 am.
- ▲ Annual Meeting at c. 10:30 am.

Sunday, February 11 ~ Epiphany 6

Who are the people... Ruth Martin

- ▲ Worship at 9 am. (Ministry update at 8:50 am.)
- ▲ Community Fellowship at 10 am.
- ▲ Sunday School & Adult Learning at 10:15 am.
- ▲ Worship at 11:15 am. (Ministry update at 11:05 am.)

Sunday, February 18 ~ Epiphany 7

Who are the people... David Cameron

- ▲ Worship at 9 am. (Ministry update at 8:50 am.)
- ▲ Community Fellowship at 10 am.
- ▲ Sunday School & Adult Learning at 10:15 am.
- ▲ Worship at 11:15 am. (Ministry update at 11:05 am.)

Sunday, February 25 ~ Transfiguration

Who are the people... Joe & Donna Reeves

- ▲ Worship at 9 am. (Ministry update at 8:50 am.)
- ▲ Community Fellowship at 10 am.
- ▲ Sunday School & Adult Learning at 10:15 am.
- ▲ Worship at 11:15 am. (Ministry update at 11:05 am.)

Wednesday, February 28 ~ Ash Wednesday

- ▲ Noon-hour Soup, Sandwich, Sermon & Song at Zion.
- ▲ Supper for TAFYs, youth and families.
- ▲ Ash Wednesday Worship at 7:30 pm.

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🏠 Pastor Nadine: Searching for Sun

Grace be yours and peace.

January is not a very nice month. The excitement from Christmas wanes. The lights come down off the houses. The days are grey and cold. It's no wonder we get the *January Blah's*.

It's during these bleak mid-winters that we constantly search for the sun. Some people physically remove themselves from Southwestern Ontario and fly south for a few weeks or months. Those of us who are not as lucky, have to be a little more creative.

Besides sitting in my sunny yellow office, some of the things that pick me up happen right here at Trinity.

Just a few nights ago, I was at the Learning Committee meeting. We have a lot of fun talking about the goings on in the education of our community. Sometimes we go off on a tangent but that is part of what is enjoyable.

There are so many optimistic things that come out of our meetings. I have found out that the grade sevens have a wonderful attendance. They must be having a great time in class. What a ray of sunshine!

This committee is very dedicated to high quality education. The light that shines from these members is radiant. Thank you so much for your commitment and positive attitudes!

Choir is another place where the sun shines. Not only are choir members fun to be around – even if some of them give me a hard time. I'm not mentioning the names of any basses.– but they are also a superb singing group. They can sing anything they put their minds to. It's wonderful to be around such dedicated and happy people.

These are just two specific instances of seeing some sun. Most days of sun-searching are filled with casual greetings and congenial smiles.

While January and February drag on, it's good to know that within us the sun is shining. Soon spring will come and the world will show us what is in our hearts.

🏠 *nadine*

🏠 Dan Millar: A Gift for Kim & André

Once again, the people of Trinity have evidenced themselves to be among the most generous of folk.

Late in 2000, **Laurie Clarke** spearheaded a love offering designed to show our appreciation for **Kim** and **André**. And wow, did you respond! Because of your generosity, we were able to purchase a stay at the beautiful Ben Miller Inn in Goderich.

I had the pleasure of presenting the gift to **André** and **Kim** earlier this week. They were deeply, deeply appreciative –and genuinely surprised!

André and **Kim**, from all of us at Trinity, thank you for your endless patience to us, your selfless Christian giving to the people of Trinity, and please know that we love you with all of our collective heart.

🏠 *danny millar*

🏠 Notice of Annual Meeting

Trinity's annual congregational meeting is called for Sunday, February 4, at 10:30 am. The 2000 BULLETIN OF REPORTS will be available for pick-up in the narthex by Sunday, January 28. Please mark this important time on your calendar, and join us, February 4, for worship, fellowship and our annual meeting.

🏠 Parents Coping with Drugs

With broad community involvement, a support group has been established for parents of kids involved with drugs. The group meets Monday evenings, 8 pm, in Trinity's Martin Luther Room. For information, contact **Frances Moriarty**, 662-2851.

Other options being contemplated include the possibility of establishing a New Hamburg-based Narcotics Anonymous group. These initiatives, together with others, have emerged as a result of a significant drug abuse problem in the schools of Wilmot Township.

Trinity is seeking to do its part to create a climate wherein, in our community – whether in our schools or elsewhere – drugs are simply no longer an option.

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🏠 Sacraments & Seasons

Births

On November 30, **Abigail Marie** was born to **Amy** and **Scott Steinman**; on December 16, **Mason Gregory** was born to **Tricia McCormack** and **John Runstedler**; on January 5, **Logan Daley** was born to **Lori** and **Dwane Arnott**; on January 13, **Marshall Robert** was born to **Jody** and **Rob Weiss**. Congratulations, friends!

Baptisms

On January 7, **Hailey Ann Gingerich** and **Leeta Brianne Currah** were baptized. We welcome you into the Lord's family.

February Birthdays

1 - Stephen May, Marina Baker; **2** - Erma Cheeseman, Howard Weicker, Tammy Bingeman; **3** - Janice Ritz, Christine Lass, Dwane Arnott, Tara Otto, Kirsten Danner; **4** - Ella Luckhart, Sherry Wallace, Dave Randerson, Dale Schaaf; **5** - Annelise Kraehling, Tom Boehler, Ricky Long; **6** - Steve Frank, Darla Hammer, Christina Butz, Jessica Gasc on; **7** - Hans Lass, Douglas Lake, Kate Burchatzki; **8** - Joan Nabert, Bob Clements, Joanne Aitken; **9** - Betty Daniels, Bruce Briand, Paul Buehlow, Rob Murray, Todd Seltzer, Rachel Heise, Jenny Hancox, Jackie Hancox; **10** - Rose Swartzentruber, Susan Ziegler; **11** - Keith Heise; **12** - Calvin Schwartzentruer, Anita Hanson, Halayna Bas; **13** - Lynn Zoeller, Laurie Clarke, Beth Bender, Maureen Ruthig, Derek Snyder; **14** - Barb Honderich, Ralph Wettlaufer, Jean Hammer, Klaus Jahn, Valerie Gerber; **15** - John Wallace, Jim Burchatzki, Jeff Lindner, Sara Mann, Caitlyn Burchatzki; **16** - Irvin Quast, Arlene Kropf, Shain Arnott; **17** - Paul Sostar, Jeff McClenaghan, Geri Prues, Jessica Bean, Justin Gerber; **18** - Troy Hammer; **19** - Mary Ann Keller, Kevin Bingeman, Steve Aitken; **20** - Elaine Vancoillie, Steve Von Farra, Michelle Wettlaufer, Barry Wallace; **21** - Bruce Hammer, Brent Shantz; **22** - Richard Zoeller, Max Lass, Tracy Sheard, Jacqueline Bailey, John Runstedler, Brad Drexler; **23** - Judy Hillar, Andrea Flood, Heather Hawkins, Angie Scheid, Justin Brennan; **24** - Roy Berfelz, Sara Baker, James Scheidel; **25** Pete Bast, Shelley Lindner, Rachel Mathewson, Ashley Leu; **26** - Pete Hammer, Christine Klaassen, Gipper Medley, Kevin Schwartz; **27** - George Mueller, Sheila Hooisma; **28** - Helen Pearson, Tom Murray, Doug Kaminska, Jason Holst, Shelby Junker. Happy birthday, friends!

February Anniversaries

2 - Erma & Sid Cheeseman; **3** - Kay & Bill Becker; **6** - Pete & Sharon Bast; **13** - Laura & Steve Von Farra; **16** - Jill & Ray Merner; **19** - Paul & Stephanie Sostar; **27** - Jackie & Pete Buehlow. Congratulations, friends!

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🏠 Sunday Church School

Sunday School has started the winter term and everything is well in hand. There are just a few notes that we need to bring to your attention.

We would ask all of you to save your "Pringle" chip cans and bring them to the Sunday school. We are going to have a special Lenten offering and the children will be using these cans to create a bank.

A reminder to parents: There will be no Sunday school on February 4th, as that is the date of the annual meeting. Child care will be provided in the Luther room.

The next Children and Youth Learning Committee meeting will be on Tuesday February 13 at 7pm. We invite anyone who is interested to come out to the meeting. We would love to see you.

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🏠 Adult Learning

Who Are the People in My Neighbourhood?

In this continuing Adult Learning series, we're getting to meet some "people in our neighbourhood"; people who come from a variety of faith perspectives; people who live out their faith in a variety of vocations. We're getting to meet a teacher, a funeral director, a professor of nutrition, a doctor, a pastor and others. Down the road, still others may be invited –we'd welcome your suggestions! Speak to **Barb Honderich** if you know someone who's life might be shared in our community. Join us, Sundays, at 10:15 am.

A Lenten simple supper and movie series and a Sunday morning Sermon study are also in the works. Watch for the next issue of TRINITY DOVE for details.

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🏠 Sabbath Blessings

Writing from Prescott, Ontario, Molly Wolf offers another SABBATH BLESSING. Her first series was published under the title HIDING IN PLAIN SIGHT: SABBATH BLESSINGS (Liturgical Press). Her second series, is called A PLACE LIKE ANY OTHER: SABBATH BLESSINGS (Image/Doubleday). SABBATH BLESSINGS are published weekly to the Internet community. Each month, we download and reprint one essay. © Molly Wolf.

Faces

Anything, even an airport, has to have something to recommend it, however much a stretch it sometimes is to find that something. I have to say that I do like two things about airports: watching aircraft take off (always, it seems to me, an act of outrageous optimism) and people-watching. By people-watching I do not mean poking or prying, of course; nor trying to judge a book by its cover. I keep firmly in mind that I don't have the slightest idea what any stranger's life is like, or what might be really going on inside his or her noggin. But a person with time between flights can amuse herself by noticing faces and speculating a little, knowing that what she's committing is fiction, not fact.

Two such faces came into my ken during my latest airport jaunt, if you can use "airport" and "jaunt" in the same sentence. They were very much alike faces; they could almost have been mother and daughter. Both belonged to slim, very well-dressed, tousle-haired streaked-blond women in black. Both sported very good bones and the sort of skin that has been expensively cared for. I probably wouldn't have noticed these similarities, though, if not for another characteristic that the two faces shared: their expression. Both looked bored, dissatisfied, and more than a little petulant.

The first of these faces belonged to a young woman in her mid-twenties, I'd guess: and on her, the expression had a strange attractiveness. You've probably seen girls like her often enough in magazines: the imperious young princess with the fetchingly sulky mug. She seems to be saying "The world is my oyster; now, where's the pearl?" You sense that cavaliers are falling around her feet, bringing her fabulous gifts, feating the old daring-do to get her eyes to light up in interest and her full young mouth to smile. That was what the first face was like.

The second might have been the first face, some thirty-odd years later. I'd guess that its owner was a few years older than

I am, albeit much, much better preserved. What flashed through my mind when I saw her was the line my mother used to tease us with when a child looked sulky or cross: "Darling, if the wind changes, your face will stay that way." In this woman's case, the wind had clearly changed. She looked as though bored, dissatisfied and petulant were now hardwired onto her phiz. I had the sense that I was seeing her face in repose -- that this was, as it were, her default expression. The lines and sags of natural age, which no skin cream can do much about, had set this way; while she still might be able to smile, her face would naturally fall back into this expression. And it was not the expression of a happy, satisfied person. It was the face of an imperious elderly princess who'd long since got bored with the cavaliers and the gifts and the daring-do. It was a face to make you sad.

Of course I'm reading all sorts of things into these two faces that probably aren't really there, but I'm a writer: that's in my job description. It is also in my job description to try to tease some meaning out of any and all observations. A bit of

C.S. Lewis passed through my mind – I think it's from MERE CHRISTIANITY; I'll have to look it up when I get home. To paraphrase, which is all I can do in Logan on a Saturday afternoon: "If I have a terrible temper, and I indulge my temper so that it gets worse and worse, I will be a very angry old woman. And if that particular life-trajectory projects beyond death and into the life to come, then I will indeed be in hell." It has been truly observed that retirement homes are full of extremely strong-minded people, because people become more themselves, not less themselves, with time. If ever there was a rationale for a good solid mid-life crisis, there it is.

What kind of old woman do I want to become? What kind of face do I want people to see if they notice me in an airport? I can play "fake it till you make it" and try to play-act what I want to be, and that will do for a while, but the problem is that people tend to get stuck in the play-acting phase, because faking it is so much easier than making it. But with time, that too leads in an unpromising direction, because it turns into the Big Lie: persona and real self diverging, all the good stuff staying with the persona and all the bad stuff remaining with self. I have seen, and suffered much from, people who took that course; and the saddest thing is that it never really works. It's too hard to keep all the self successfully hidden behind the persona; inevitably, there are leaks, and sooner or later, people do figure out what's back there.

No, if I want the self I take into the next life to be something

I want to live with for eternity, then I have to start now on the changes I need to make. If I'm like that young woman, now is the time to learn a little humility, to prune back my natural selfishness, to take an eager interest in the world around me, to look for real love, love of self and love of others. Then, thirty-odd years on, my face will be full of light, and its natural lines and sags will speak of peaceful happiness, the sort of face that smiles easily and naturally and wins smiles in return. If I want my soul to dwell in God's peace and glory in the life to come, then now's the time to look at my assumptions and check the negative ones; now's the time to do something about my stores of lumped-up anger and judgmentalism

Now's the time to exercise those good muscles of patience, charity, justice, honesty, courage, so that they're better developed. Now's the time to exercise the same dedication and personal investment in my soul-making that a professional beauty spends on her skin and figure.

Now, if I could just bring myself to care more than I do about what I look like...

△ *molly wolf*

△ Great News II from MESH

Dear Joan,

We have a postal strike in India at the moment. If you have completed any of your ordering work then perhaps you could send it by fax or e-mail rather than in the post where it will languish in the bottom of a bag somewhere forever probably.

All is well here. Everyone is fine barring the usual quota of coughs and colds that come upon us in the winter. The AWA sale was good as usual although not as big as it should have been with our increased prices. The British one on the weekend was also very good. I like both of those sales for their lovely atmosphere with lots of children joining in. Jayne Butt at the Canadian High Commission had a food and clothing drive run by the scouts and we have lots of rice and dhal and warm clothing to share with the local colony people. Good old Canadians again.

You know young Lakshmi in Amarjyothi, slightly disabled by polio, wife of Peter the young chap? Well they have at last had a son born a few weeks ago. When I last visited for necklace kits, the babe was a week old and Mum was quite poorly with a high fever. They had called in the doctor though

so she ought to be well again now. The baby was as small as the other two girls who always look thoroughly malnourished but who manage to grow as tough as nails anyway.

The award ceremony on the 2nd went very well. It was great. We had about 20 people from all three colonies join us—women who don't usually have allowable reasons for venturing out of the colonies. On the walk from the India Habitat Centre to the Indian Social Institute where we were hosting a canteen lunch, we met with a cart selling sweaters. The Faridabad women were having a great time bargaining and buying. It was good to see them in the canteen too, laughing and joking amongst themselves completely unburdened for a few hours from their usual roles of mums and wives.

I was going to wear a sari but it looked horrible (too skinny around the neck and throat) and in the end wore a suit with those lovely tight pants, which everyone liked. Even Buchan and Mehtab approved which might be an all time record.

Wish you could have been with us, you would have enjoyed it all. Of course we had to sit around for ages waiting for Mrs. Gandhi to arrive and there were loads of security people looking under chairs and in cupboards but that made it even more interesting. Mr Banerji was not free, nor Father Rajamoney but all the other board members came and there were many people from the Leprosy Mission. They joined us for lunch too and it was delightful to see Mr. Daniel with the colony people. He is a very much-liked man.

So, there is the news. I hope all is well with you in the Canadian winter. Love to everyone.

△ *jacky bonney*

△ Priscilla Ministry

The response has been terrific, though the need persists. The Priscillas continue to collect items for the Grand Valley Institution for Women: unused cards (Christmas & Easter, birthday, thank you, get well, encouragement), used Christmas and Easter cards for crafts, scrap materials for quilts, art and craft supplies, skeins of wool and end-pieces of yarn, needlepoint crafts, puzzles, games, stamps, stationery, children's toys for visitation room. Label material "Grand Valley" and bring it in to the church office. Information? Contact **Joyce**, 662-1717.

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🏠 Tintinnabulations

February 2 & 3 - Clergy-Lay Adult Forum

LIVING BY GRACE IN A COSTLY WORLD is a clergy-lay adult education forum to be held at St. Mark's, Kitchener, Friday afternoon and evening and all-day Saturday. Details in the narthex or call **Irene Fancy** at 893-5058.

February 5 ~ ELW Meeting

The ELW will gather, 6:30 pm for their annual Secret Sister Pot Luck Supper. The identities of Secret Sisters will be revealed and new Secret Sisters will be assigned for the coming year.

Would you like to become a Secret Sister? Wonder what it's all about or what's involved? Give **Shirley Unrau**, 662-1515., a call. She can fill you in.

The ELW has great fellowship and does great work! Come, join us!

February 6 ~ Prenatal Health Fair

Take a look at the narthex board for information related to this 6-9 pm event for parents in early pregnancy or planning a pregnancy. Dads-to-be and support people are welcome. Offers, displays, pamphlets, workshops and more. For information call 883-2308.

February 7 ~ Sacred Circle

We'll meet Wednesday, February 7, 7:30 pm, at the home of **Millie Rhem**. Information? Call **Barb Schwartzentruber** at 662-4481.

February 13/14 ~ Trinity Crafters

Crista Coughlin will lead the February craft. Call **Millie Rhem**, 662-2727, for information.

February 20 ~ Gentle Friends

The Gentle Friends gather, 7:30 pm, to discuss BRAT FARRAR by **Josephine Tey**. The local library has copies. **Kathryn Ritz**, 662-2960, has information.

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🏠 New Internet Home

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church now has its own Internet address. The information is as follows:

Home page ~ www.telc.ca

General e-mail ~ mail@telc.ca

Pastor **Nadine** e-mail ~ nicholds@telc.ca

Pastor **André** e-mail ~ lavergne@telc.ca

Drop-by the web-site.

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🏠 Making Disciples

One of the greatest gifts an adult can offer a youth is one-to-one, concerned and encouraging friendship. Below are the current focuses for our terrific Red, Green and Blue TAFY teams.

Red Team - Making Disciples 5: Worship (January / February)

Blue Team - Making Disciples 10: Spiritual Life ~ Prayer Journal (January / February)

Green Team - Making Disciples 13: The Faith Journey Continues: Confirmation Memories (January)

Green Team - TAFY, Youth and Family Banquet: February 14, 6:30 pm

Blue/Red Teams - Ash Wednesday TAFY, Youth & Family Supper: February 28, 6 pm.

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🏠 Council Members

Dan Millar, Brad Otterbein, Mary Seltzer and **Laurie Clarke** are retiring from Council. They have served well. We have been blessed with excellent ministry! **Maggie Racho, Henry Simon, Rob Murray** and **Lyla Wettlaufer** have agreed to let their names stand for a three year term. As well, **David Buehlow** –having served some 8 years over the last decade– is leaving Council at the 2-year mark in his current term. **Buck Roth** has agreed to take his place.

We are grateful to all who have offered their time and energy to direct the ministry of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church.

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🏠 Finances to December 31, 2000

| | General Fund | Capital Fund | Transfers |
|---------|--------------|--------------|-----------|
| Income | \$241,007 | \$23,584 | \$22,207 |
| Outgo | 245,323 | 23,453 | 22,207 |
| | ----- | ----- | ----- |
| Balance | - 4,316 | 131 | 22,207 |

| | Millennium Fund | Memorials |
|---------|-----------------|-----------|
| Income | \$29,108 | \$3,835 |
| Outgo | - | 3,835 |
| | ----- | ----- |
| Balance | 29,108 | - |

Financial Stewardship Update

The year-end was, over-all, a *good news* story. While we showed a deficit of \$4,300 in the General Fund, the Capital Fund took in some \$10,800 more than last year and a great many property items were thus taken care of. A list of these projects appears in the BULLETIN OF ANNUAL REPORTS. As well, over \$29,000 was raised toward our Millennium Project: the refurbishment of Trinity's worship space.

At the February 4 Annual Congregational Meeting, Council will bring in its budget for 2001 and make recommendations concerning our Millennium Project.

🏠 *arl & laurie clarke*

🏠 Affirmation! Ministry

January 17 ~ Nithview Night

Grades 3-6 gather in the Nithview auditorium, 6:30 pm, for a Games Night with residents. We finish around 8 pm.

February 6 ~ Faith & Life Supper 4

"Living with Stress". Grade 8's meet at the church at 7:30 pm for some conversation with guest speaker Maggie Clarke.

February 28 ~ Ash Wednesday

Grade 7 and 8 families and TAFYs meet for supper at 6 pm. All Trinity families are invited to worship at 7:30 pm.

🏠 *claire otterbein*

🏠 TYGers' Night Out

February 2 ~ After-Exams Dance

Join the TYGers, Friday, February 2, 7:30-10:30 pm, for an After-Exams Dance in Trinity Hall. We have a great DJ on deck. Space is limited.

Tickets, at \$5, are available from **Tim, Kathy or Janelle Scheerer, Roy, Betty or Travis Bondy, Roger, Anne or Natasha Lindner or Laura McCurdy.**

February 3 ~ Youth Planning

So far, Natasha Lindner, Melanie Jahn, Jayla Kirkey, Sarah Mueller, Jake Ritz, Brett Bakker, Matt Aho, Chantelle Junker, Jason Brodrecht, Joe Trafford, Dan Ritz, Travis Bondy, Steven Sangster, John Lavergne, Brandon Danner, Justin Danner, Stephanie May, Peyton Boehler, Josh Brennan, Jessica Chester, Alyssa Roth, Ali Pearson, Jenna McCutchen and Laura McCurdy have all expressed interest in the possibility of attending the Year 2002 National Youth Gathering at Vancouver, British Columbia. And there are likely other interested youth!

We'll have a Youth Ministry Planning Meeting on Saturday, February 3, from 9 am to 11:30 am, in the Martin Luther Room. We'll plan our spring schedule of TYGers activities, including preliminary fund-raising for Vancouver.

All interested youth and one or both parents are asked to attend Please let Pastor Nadine know if you are interested in participating but are unable to make the meeting..

February 23 ~ Sleigh Ride

Dan & Vicki Fisher and Claudia & Ed Danner, together with **Sarah Mueller and Danita Fisher**, are taking lead. We'll gather at the church, 6:30 pm, to car-pool to **Roger Cober's** farm for 7 pm. Bring \$5 for the ride. Hot chocolate will follow the sleigh ride. Space is limited to 18 participants. Note: This event was rescheduled from a January date.

Would you like to participate in some aspect of Trinity's youth ministry but find yourself short on cash? Speak to a pastor privately. No one is ever denied access to our ministry because of financial hardship.

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