



Trinity Dove

January 23, 2011 + Epiphany 3 + Happy New Year!
Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

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+ Sabbaths & Celebrations

Sunday, January 23 ~ Epiphany 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: Christian Ethics 2/6: Privacy (Randy Thomson)
- + Sanctuary Worship at 11:30 am. A potluck lunch follows at 12:30 nn.

Sunday, January 30 ~ Epiphany 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: Christian Ethics 3/6: Work Place (Deb Snider)
- + Sanctuary Worship at 11:30 am.

Sunday, February 6 ~ Epiphany 5

- + Anchor Worship at 9:30 am (parish update, 9:20 am).
- + Community Fellowship at 10:30 am.
- + Faith Adventures at 10:45 am. Adults: Christian Ethics 4/6: Healthy Relationships (Cindy Jacobsen)
- + Sanctuary Worship at 11:30 am.

Sunday, February 13 ~ Epiphany 6

- + Combined Anchor & Sanctuary Worship at 9:30 am (parish update, 9:20 am).
- + Community Fellowship at 10:30 am.
- + Annual Meeting at 10:45 am.

Sunday, February 20 ~ Epiphany 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: Christian Ethics 5/6: Family Violence (Karen Dymond)
- + Sanctuary Worship at 11:30 am.

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.

+ *andré lavergne*

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+ Pr. André ~ Happy New Year!

Grace to you and peace.

As I write, the tree is heading to the curb. One year is yielding to another. In fact, Trinity has had a pretty good year and we are looking forward to another.

Trinity's Advent & Christmas Ministries

We are thankful to all who participated in our terrific Advent and Christmas ministries including our CCC Optimist breakfast, Mitten Tree, Hamper, Cheer Box & We Care programs. We garnered 200+ warm winter woollies, delivered 8 hampers with food, gifts and woollies, delivered some 50 cheer boxes and sent out over 100 We Care bags. Wow!

Trinity's Christmas Worship

We are grateful to Gywin Murray, Lisa Hagen, our Trinity Choir, Affirmation Singers and soloists for their terrific music and to all of our worship leaders and ministers for their devotion. Our worship attendance rose over last year. The new pattern of Christmas worship seem to have found some resonance. Of course, we are very grateful to Betty, Steve and Rob Murray for the magnificent tree which greeted worshippers, to the set-up and take-down crew and to all who donated poinsettias or helped decorate our worship space and environs.

Trinity's Annual Christmas Clinic

On Dec. 27, Trinity hosted her annual Christmas Blood Donor Clinic. 134 people turned-out. Of these 122 were able to give blood. That means that 366 people +/- benefitted from our community's generosity. Kudos to Ken Seltzer and his team for making it all happen. Kudos, too, to Pat Schmetzer and friends for their hospitality. As always, Trinity's Famous Hamburger Soup was a big hit!

Trinity's Contributions to CLWR... Wow!

This past year saw the greatest total of CLWR donations in recent years. When all is added-up, the number exceeds \$23,000. Government dollar-matching will magnify our contributions to over \$35,000. Our work has included such important projects as Haiti & Pakistan relief and the global distribution of We Care bags. In addition to regular donations, fund-raising included Faith Adventures offerings, the Gifts from the Heart program, and proceeds from cookbook sales. The cookbooks, especially, were a wonderful witness to Trinity's sense of hospitality, welcome and devotion. Bravo!

Taste of Trinity a Great Success

Most of our stock of 700 Taste of Trinity cookbooks has been depleted! We are grateful to all who participated in this project, whether in organizing, supplying recipes or in purchasing the books. To the end of December, we had cleared about \$4,000 from cookbook sales to be shared equally between Canadian Lutheran World Relief and the Wilmot Family Resource Centre.



Both agencies deal with food and hunger-related issues on a daily basis. We are grateful to Dee Radke, Betty Ritz and their friends for giving legs to this magnificent anniversary project.

HISTORY OF TRINITY Coming Soon

As we look ahead into 2011, a fourth draft of a new History of Trinity — a project shepherded by Ernie Ritz — has been prepared and is being formatted for review and publication.

This is one of several items on the docket of the Anniversary Task Group. Another is our Anniversary Quilt. The

Trinity Quilters are piecing and binding the Faith Adventures Anniversary Quilt. It will make an appearance in the weeks to come.

Trinity's 2011 Anniversary Celebrations

On Sunday, May 29, Susan Johnson, National Bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada, will be our guest of honour in the parish. We are contemplating the creation of a time capsule for placement, that morning, in the wall near the parking-lot entrance. The day will include some sort of luncheon. Details will be forthcoming.

Our annual Church Music Sunday celebration will unfold in June. This year, we shall honour Gywin Murray for her 50 years of ministry at Trinity Church. Another "Wow"!

Trinity's Annual Meeting

As I write, our finance people are getting ready to close the books on 2010 — See the numbers on page 7. — while Council members and others are getting their annual reports together. The BULLETIN OF ANNUAL REPORTS should be ready by the end of January in plenty of time for the February 13 annual meeting.

So for now.

Happy New Year!

+ Sacraments & Seasons

Deaths

Our community grieves the deaths, December 9, of Ardis Hinz, at the age of 87; and January 7, of Ralph Becker, at the age of 67. Blessed are they who mourn.

February Birthdays

1 - Stephen May; **2** - Erma Cheeseman, Tammy Bingeman, Anesa Wettlaufer; **3** - Janice Ritz, Dwane Arnott, Tara Otto, Kirsten Danner; **4** - Ella Luckhart, Sherry Wallace, Dave Randerson, Dale Schaaf, Jackson Normandeau; **5** - Anneliese Kraehling, Tom Boehler, Ricky Long, Aidan Bruce; **6** - Christina Butz, Jessica Gascon; **7** - Hans Lass, Kim Schwartz, Darryl Smith, Kate Gingerich, Rachel Steinberg; **8** - Joanne Aitken, Christina Flood, Bennett Bradley, Mira Bradley; **9** - Paul Buehlow, Rob Murray, Todd Seltzer, Rachel Heise, Jeremy Wagler; **10** - Rose Swartzentruber, Susan Leclair, Tyler Legare; **11** - Keith Heise, Heidi Ziegler, Kelly Snyder, Sayde Campbell; **12** - Calvin Swartzentruber, Anita Hanson, Brad MacDonald, Erin Anger; **13** - Lynn Zoeller, Laurie Clarke, Beth Bender, Derek Snyder; **14** - Jean Hammer, Klaus Jahn, Valerie Gerber; **15** - Jeff Lindner, Sara Mann, Caitlyn Burchatzki; **16** - Arlene Kropf, David Flood, Greg Martin; **17** - Jeff McClenaghan, Diane Hatchwell, Geri Prues, Jessica Parkin, Justin Gerber; **18** - Michael O'Donoghue, Troy Hammer; **19** - Mary Ann Keller, Kevin Bingeman, Steve Aitken; **20** - Barry Wallace, Michelle Zoeller, Lynette Eberschlag; **21** - Brent Shantz; **22** - Richard Zoeller, Tracy Sheard, Jacqueline Bailey, Isaac Seltzer; **23** - Judy Hillar, Bill Bradley, Heather Leu, Angie Scheid, Michael Lagace-Roote; **24** - Roy Berfelz, James Schiedel; **25** - Pete Bast, Shelley Lindner, Ashley Leu; **26** - Christine Klaassen, Martha Cook, Anthony Medley, Kevin Schwartz; **27** - George Mueller, Abel Ng, Sheila Hooisma; **28** - Doug Kaminska, Jason Holst, Shelby Junker, Adrian Nickolas.

February Anniversaries

1 - Derek & Kelly Snyder; **4** - Corey & Kate Gingerich; **6** - Pete & Sharon Bast, Kimberley & Mark Murray, Holly & Jason Plein; **14** - Christina & David Flood, Mark & Stacey West; **16** - Ray & Jill Merner; **19** - Dwane & Lori Arnott; **24** - David & Holly Bast; **26** - Steve Dramnitzke & Teresa MacVicar; **27** - Jackie & Pete Buehlow.



+ 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.

Winter Potlucks are scheduled for Sundays, January 23 and February 27, at 12:30 noon. As always, all are invited and all are welcome. It's a great way to put names and lives to faces. Look for sign-up sheets at worship. As you are able, please bring some food to share!

+ anne anderson

+ Nurturing Faith ~ Adults

Sunday Morning Adult Learning

We continue our exploration of the ethical dimension of our Christian faith and offer one session in our Interesting Lives series.

January 23 ~ Epiphany 3 ~ Christian Ethics 2/6: *Privacy with Randy Thomson.*

January 30 ~ Epiphany 4 ~ Christian Ethics 3/6: *Work Place with Deb Snider.*

February 6 ~ Epiphany 5 ~ Christian Ethics 4/6: *Healthy Relationships with Cindy Jacobsen.*

February 13 ~ Epiphany 6 ~ Annual Meeting. *No adult learning.*

February 20 ~ Epiphany 7 ~ Christian Ethics 5/6: *Family Violence with Karen Dymond*

February 27 ~ Epiphany 8 ~ Interesting Lives with Marie-Paule "Mary" Munyabarenzi.

+ andré lavergne

+ Grandmama's Expressions

Grandmama had a wonderful vocabulary of great and peculiar expressions. Two come to mind: "It's a great trick if you can do it; it's a great trick if you can't!" and "Neat, but not gaudy, the monkey said, painting his tail green."

The latter sounds very much like a quotation of some sort, but I've never been able to run it down.

+ andré lavergne

+ The Cab Ride I'll Never Forget

This essay is excerpted from Kent Nerburn's MAKE ME AN INSTRUMENT OF YOUR PEACE: LIVING IN THE SPIRIT OF THE PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS (Harper San Francisco, 1999) by kind permission of the author. It was featured in the Hospice Renfrew newsletter along with a nice piece on Ruth Stiefelmeyer. A fine story in its own right, it bears the additional virtue of being true.

Twenty years ago, I drove a cab for a living. One time I arrived in the middle of the night for a pick up at a building that was dark except for a single light in a ground floor window.

Under these circumstances, many drivers would just honk once or twice, wait a minute, then drive away. But I had seen too many impoverished people who depended on taxis as their only means of transportation. Unless a situation smelled of danger, I always went to the door. This passenger might be someone who needs my assistance, I reasoned to myself. So I walked to the door and knocked.



"Just a minute," answered a frail, elderly voice.

I could hear something being dragged across the floor. After a long pause, the door opened. A small woman in her 80's stood before me. She was wearing a print dress and a pillbox hat with a veil pinned on it, like somebody out of a 1940s movie. By her side was a small nylon suitcase.

The apartment looked as if no one had lived in it for years. All the furniture was covered with sheets. There were no clocks on the walls, no knickknacks or utensils on the counters. In the corner was a cardboard box filled with photos and glassware.

"Would you carry my bag out to the car?" she said. I took the suitcase to the cab, then returned to assist the woman. She took my arm and we walked slowly toward the curb. She kept thanking me for my kindness.

"It's nothing," I told her. "I just try to treat my passengers the way I would want my mother treated."

"Oh, you're such a good boy," she said. When we got in the cab, she gave me an address, then asked, "Could you drive through downtown?"

"It's not the shortest way," I answered quickly.

"Oh, I don't mind," she said. "I'm in no hurry. I'm on my

way to a hospice."

I looked in the rear view mirror. Her eyes were glistening.

"I don't have any family left," she continued. "The doctor says I don't have very long."

I quietly reached over and shut off the meter. "What route would you like me to take?" I asked.

For the next two hours, we drove through the city. She showed me the building where she had once worked as an elevator operator. We drove through the neighborhood where she and her husband had lived when they were newlyweds. She had me pull up in front of a furniture warehouse that had once been a ballroom where she had gone dancing as a girl.

Sometimes she'd ask me to slow in front of a particular building or corner and would sit staring into the darkness, saying nothing.

As the first hint of sun was creasing the horizon, she suddenly said, "I'm tired. Let's go now."

We drove in silence to the address she had given me.

It was a low building, like a small convalescent home, with a driveway that passed under a portico. Two orderlies came out to the cab as soon as we pulled up. They were solicitous and intent, watching her every move. They must have been expecting her. I opened the trunk and took the small suitcase to the door. The woman was already seated in a wheelchair.

"How much do I owe you?" she asked, reaching into her purse.

"Nothing," I said.

"You have to make a living," she answered.

"There are other passengers."

Almost without thinking, I bent and gave her a hug. She held onto me tightly.

"You gave an old woman a little moment of joy," she said. "Thank you."

I squeezed her hand, then walked into the dim morning light. Behind me, a door shut. It was the sound of the closing of a life.

I didn't pick up any more passengers that shift. I drove aimlessly, lost in thought. For the rest of that day, I could hardly talk. What if that woman had gotten an angry driver, or one who was impatient to end his shift? What if I had refused to take the run, or had honked once, then driven away?

On a quick review, I don't think that I have done anything more important in my life. We're conditioned to think that our lives revolve around great moments. But great moments often catch us unaware — beautifully wrapped in what others may consider a small one.

✚ *kent nerburn*

✚ Tintinnabulations

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

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

February 7 ~ Women of Trinity ~ We'll gather at 6:30 pm for our annual Secret Sister pot-luck supper. We'd love to have you join us!

February 9 ~ Nurturing Faith (Children) Team ~ We gather at 7 pm.

February 15 ~ Gentle Friends Readers ~ Gather, 7 pm, in Trinity Hall. This month: POLISHED HOE by Austin Clarke. Copies available at New Hamburg Library.

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

February 28 ~ Blood Donor Clinic ~ Gather from 2:15 pm to 8:30 pm at Waterloo-Oxford.

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*

✚ December Council News

- Every month, Council sends a number of thank-you notes. This month, we thanked Betty, Rob & Steve Murray (Christmas tree); Mike/Christine Gascon & Dave Merner (Men of Trinity calendar); F/A Team for their great work.

- We reviewed a second draft of the 2011 program budget and made adjustments. We also confirmed a schedule of 2011 Endowment Fund expenditures for recommendation to the congregation at the February 13, 2011, annual meeting.

- Trinity's Peel and Wilmot Street energy-conservation Capital projects were completed as was a final inspection. We have received both federal and provincial rebates.

- Trinity is undertaking a replacement of lighting in the office area in a new government-sponsored program. The project, worth \$1,000, will not cost Trinity anything. The work will take place early in 2011. We are contemplating undertaking more such work, though

unsubsidized, around the church.

In a related endeavour, Trinity's exit lamps have been replaced with LED technology. The investment will be recouped in well under a year.

- Lori Arnott and Marcus Buehlow will be retiring from Council in February, 2011. Ken Seltzer and Heidi Ziegler are completing terms and will be nominated for re-election. Council is seeking two people, therefore, one to serve in the Property portfolio and one to serve in the Nurturing Faith - Children and Youth portfolio.

In recent years, Council has had great success recruiting people to position, that is, inviting people to consider portfolios on Council for which they are particularly suited or have particular gifts.

Late word: John McCurdy (Property) & Susan Rogers (Nurturing Faith - Children and Youth) have both indicated their willingness to serve. Wonderful news!

- Council was reminded of the Christmas gathering at the home of Syd & Joanne Hills.

Late word: The shrimp dip was excellent while the hospitality was superb!

✚ *krista durrer and friends*



+ Property Update

Church - Energy Conservation

Lighting replacement in and around the Martin Luther Room will be completed in 2011. The energy saving should be significant and we are looking at the possibility of doing more such work in 2011. New LED arrays have been installed in the exit lights throughout the building.

Church - Future Projects

We are budgeting for a new phone system for the church. The old one—about 25 years old!— is on its last legs. We are also budgeting for a new sign for the front of the property.

Peel Street Parsonage

Work has been completed around the October kitchen grease fire. In 2011, we plan to complete the flooring projects which were anticipated in 2010.

Wilmot Street Parsonage

Scheduled energy conservation work has been completed. Some wiring and dry-walling is anticipated in the basement where the new insulation has been applied. This work will happen over the next few weeks. A new stove has been purchased as the old one died, joining the recently-demised fridge in appliance heaven.

+ ken seltzer et al

+ The Women of Trinity

At Christmas, the Women of Trinity spear-headed a new "Cheer Box" project which saw tins of cookies delivered to some 50 families in the parish. The effort was enormously successful, and wonderfully received, as people throughout the parish contributed cookies and tins or both! This effort is a keeper for next year!

Here's some more Women of Trinity news...

Secret Sisters' Potluck

Our Women of Trinity host one of Trinity's most wonderful ministries. It's the Secret Sister program in which women are paired with one another as "secret sisters."

During the year, each sister sends birthday and anniversary greetings, seasonal cards and small gifts to a "secret sister." The latter does not know the identity of the

former. Participants gather for a February pot-luck supper at which identities are revealed. Are you a current participant? Terrific! Not aboard? Consider joining on February 7, 6:30 pm, at this year's pot-luck supper! Call Pat Schmetzer, 634-8232, or Shirley Unrau, 662-1515, for additional details. There's a sign-up sheet doing the rounds. Already, three new people have signed-up!

Honouring Trinity's Women

Each year, the Women of Trinity have been given \$300 from the Endowment fund to assist the Waterloo Seminary Women's Auxiliary.

For the past couple of years we have used this money to donate a new chapel chair for the seminary. This year we have decided to make a donation to the Women's Auxiliary in honour of three of our Trinity Women who have made great contributions to our ministry at Trinity.

This year we have chosen to honour Lori Arnott, Rose Mueller and Joyce Roth for their hard work and dedication to Trinity. Congratulations Lori, Rose, and Joyce.

We really appreciate all that you have done for us!

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 Dec. 31, 2010

	General Fund	Capital Fund	Transfers
Income	\$ 287,352	\$ 29,844	44,935
Outgo	279,098	31,347	44,935
Balance	\$ 8,254	(\$ 1,502)	\$ 0

General & Capital Funds

As we did last year, and despite the trying economic times, we completed the year in a surplus position, at \$8,254 to the good.

Our Capital Fund receipts include substantial energy rebates yielding a total small deficit of \$1,502. A deficit had been anticipated. However, receipts are much greater and the deficit much smaller than was anticipated. At the same time, Trinity had one of the most ambitious property and maintenance programs we have seen in a while.

Transfers

Our Transfers showed record numbers owing, especially, to Trinity's tremendous response to the various CLWR appeals. Funds for CLWR account for over half of our Transfers. A full accounting will be included in the BULLETIN OF ANNUAL REPORTS.

Endowment Fund Distribution

In 2010, we made Endowment Fund disbursements of \$12,434 toward Affirmation Camping, Waterloo Campus Ministry, the Seminary Auxiliary Roll, Interfaith Counselling, the Wilmot Family Resource Centre, Discipleship resources, Loris Endress missionary support and Sanctuary Community support.

The above numbers are subject to an external audit and will be confirmed in the BULLETIN OF ANNUAL REPORTS.

+ bob ruthig & rick ritz

+ 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!

Prayer Partners

On Sunday, February 6, we will be starting a 6 week Prayer Partner program. Our Faith Adventure kids will be signing-up to pray for another member of our congregation and, at the end of our six weeks, on April 10, will meet and thank their partner at our Sunday morning learning time. Are you interested in becoming a prayer partner, in praying for and remembering one of our young people for six weeks? Please sign-up to join us!



New Worship Pamphlets

Please take a look at our new worship pamphlets for kids. Pick one up and try it out at the service.

Affirmation Parents' Meeting

On Wednesday, February 9, at 6:30 pm we will be having a short information meeting regarding Confirmation Camp and this year's program for all parents of students in grades 6 - 9. Please, plan to attend to receive forms, information and to sign-up for upcoming events. For more information, contact Pastor Anne.

Grades 7-8 ~ We gather between 9 am and 3 pm on Saturday, January 29, and again on Saturday, February 26, for whole days of Affirmation Ministry. These are sessions one and two of three for the year.

+ anne anderson

+ TYGers

Men of Trinity Calendars

We extend a big "thanks" to all our men who gave time and energy to our great new calendar, and to the Merner and Gascon families who gave great leadership to the project! We have raised over \$500 and still have about 20 calendars for sale from Pastor Anne at the church.

February 4 ~ Friday Evening Hang-Out

The TYGers are invited to Hang-Out on February 4, 7-9 pm at the Gueguens' (30 Ritz Cr.) for games, food and fun.

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.

+ anne anderson