



Trinity Dove

June 21, 2009 + Pentecost 3 + The Buzz?
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+ Sabbaths & Celebrations

Sunday, July 5 ~ Pentecost 5

- + Anchor Worship at 9:30 am (Parish update, 9:20 am)
- + Community Fellowship at 10:30 am
- + Sanctuary Holden Evening Prayer at 5 pm.

Sunday, July 12 ~ Pentecost 6

- + Anchor Worship at 9:30 am (Parish update, 9:20 am)
- + Community Fellowship at 10:30 am
- + Sanctuary Holden Evening Prayer at 5 pm.

Sunday, July 19 ~ Pentecost 7

- + Anchor Worship at 9:30 am (Parish update, 9:20 am)
- + Community Fellowship at 10:30 am
- + Sanctuary Holden Evening Prayer at 5 pm.

Sunday, July 26 ~ Pentecost 8

- + Anchor Worship at 9:30 am (Parish update, 9:20 am)
- + Community Fellowship at 10:30 am
- + Sanctuary Holden Evening Prayer at 5 pm.

Sunday, August 2 ~ Pentecost 9

- + Anchor Worship at 9:30 am (Parish update, 9:20 am)
- + Community Fellowship at 10:30 am
- + Sanctuary Holden Evening Prayer at 5 pm.

Sunday, August 9 ~ Pentecost 10

- + Anchor Worship at 9:30 am (Parish update, 9:20 am)
- + Community Fellowship at 10:30 am
- + Sanctuary Holden Evening Prayer at 5 pm.

Sunday, August 16 ~ Pentecost 11

- + Anchor Worship at 9:30 am (Parish update, 9:20 am)
- + Community Fellowship at 10:30 am
- + Sanctuary Holden Evening Prayer at 5 pm.

Sunday, August 23 ~ Pentecost 12

- + Anchor Worship at 9:30 am (Parish update, 9:20 am)
- + Community Fellowship at 10:30 am
- + Sanctuary Holden Evening Prayer at 5 pm.

Sunday, August 30 ~ Pentecost 13

- + Anchor Worship at 9:30 am (Parish update, 9:20 am)
- + Community Fellowship with celebration of Bob Thaler's ministry at 10:30 am. There will be cake!
- + Sanctuary Holden Evening Prayer at 5 pm.

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✦ Pastor André ~ The Buzz?

Grace be yours, and peace.

From time to time, in connection with our various ministries, I prepare tracking documents to keep information related to particular projects together in one place. I find them handy. I've used them for various task groups, for the Second Century Project, to monitor weekly General Fund offerings and more.

Recently, I realized that I needed such a document to gather Anniversary Task Group, Stewardship Task Group, Adult Learning Team and other related stuff in one place. I titled this document "WHAT'S THE BUZZ?". As I circulated it to our task groups and others, and as the document grew, I came to answer my own question. What's the buzz? We have much to celebrate!

We have an astonishing couple of years ahead of us and much of it, already in the planning stages, will begin to take shape this fall. So I've decided to let everyone in on THE BUZZ I've enclosed the current version in TRINITY DOVE. Each individual item may refer to a small piece of the puzzle or to a big one. The two-line reference, for example, to the fact that Bishop Michael Pryse will kick off our anniversary celebrations on November 22, 2009, points at once into the deep past and Jacob Seyler's birth on November 21, 1834, 175 years ago, and well into the future and to the couple of years of celebration to come! Take a look!

What's the buzz? We have much to celebrate at Trinity Church! Want to know more? It all begins with this issue of TRINITY DOVE. Care to participate? Two possibilities:

First: join us on June 21, Church Music Sunday, for some great music and for Pastor Anne's call meeting.

Second: visit Trinity's website (www.telc.ca). For the first time, you'll be able to book a photo session online for a new parish album. That's right. **We're doing a 175th Anniversary Album and we want to include you!** We have photo dates in August and September. Don't have a computer? Ask a family member or friend to give you a hand. Still stymied? Speak to me! I'll make you this offer: I will personally take you online to tour you around Trinity's terrific website and book your family photo session.

I'd be honoured!

All blessings.

✦ *andré lavergne*

✦ Faith in Film IV

Through Children's Eyes is the theme for the **Thursday evening**, Summer, 2009, Faith in Film IV series hosted by Sherry Coman. The series runs July 9 - August 20. Showtime is 6 pm. Information: sherry.coman@gmail.com.

- July 9 - **Eve and the Fire Horse** (Canada: Julia Kwan, 2005) - a lighthearted drama about two young Asian Canadian girls who try to decide between Catholicism and Buddhism.
- July 16 - **Salaam Bombay** (India: Mira Nair, 1987) - the precursor to *Slumdog Millionaire*, a gripping story about street children in Bombay.
- July 23 - **To Kill a Mockingbird** (USA: Robert Mulligan, 1962) - a young girl witnesses the trial of a black man, whose case is defended by her lawyer-father.
- July 30 - **Ma Vie En Rose / My Life in Pink** (France: Alain Berliner, 1996) - a drama-comedy about a boy who wants to be a girl, and who is trying to make sense of his feelings.
- August 6 - **Rabbit Proof Fence** (Australia: Phillip Noyce, 2002) - three aboriginal sisters attempt to "walk home" 1000 miles to their community, from the residential school where they've been taken.
- August 13 - **Ponette** (France: Jacques Doillon, 1996) - a little girl struggles to understand the death of her mother and the nature of heaven.
- August 20 - **Billy Elliott** (UK: Stephen Daldry, 2000) - a young British lad dreams of dancing amid the cold realities of a mining town.

We also anticipate a fall **Monday evening** Faith in Film V series to run from October 19 to November 30. Details will be published in August or September.

✦ *sherry coman*

✦ Sacraments & Seasons

Wedding

We congratulate Greg Ropp & Steph Greenbeck on their June 13 wedding. Best wishes and many happy days!

July Birthdays

1 - Debbie Stefansson, Charlene Boehler, Ron Junker, Kevin Kasper, Dustin Fisher, Amaya Snyder; **2** - Margaret Flood, Dan Miller, Taylor McCormick, Kyle Burchatzki, Lily Diebel; **3** - Myrtle Pauli, Neil Klaassen, Marilyn Hoffman, Flex Bender, Michael Kasper, Lyndsay Yost, Shane Lagace-Roote; **4** - Shannon Gingerich, Rob Bender, Amy

Cape, Adam Arsenault, Sam Gole; **5** - Doreen Lindner-Baan, Lisa Pauli, Derek Klaassen, Jane Steinberg, Ashley Mueller, Laura Pearson; **6** - Bill Ritz, Stacey Ritz, Chad Snider, Courtney Winhold, Joseph Trafford, Devon Merner; **7** - Marlene Mueller, Gary Riedel, Joshua Snider, Merena MacDonald; **8** - Joe Ritz, Janelle Scheerer, Maddux Snyder; **9** - Grace McGregor, Susan Yutzi-Smith, Carina De Sapio, Caroline Wiechers, Darren Morrison; **10** - Pat Eichler, Celia Jones, Mark Murray, Jeff Knackstedt, Kyle Hillar; **11** - André Lavergne, Dean Clarke, Steven Sangster; **12** - Norma Thomson, Faye Bonner-Roth, Terralene Johnston, Katrina Jantzi; **13** - Tom Linseman, Jeff Mohr, Ken Ferguson, Ryan Gueguen, Riley Coughlin, Jaden Gerber; **14** - Lorraine Becker, Summer Rundstedler; **15** - Anne Wootton, Mark McMaster, Jim Thompson, Michelle Wallace, Jonathan Bean; **16** - Evelyn Hohl, Theresa Bakker, Emily Persaud; **17** - Lucy Braun, Ron Wallace; **18** - Tim Parkin, Daniel Jahn, Lucas Patton, Colin McBride; **19** - Arthur Danner, Reagan West; **20** - Tyler Szanto; **21** - Donna Schwartzentruber, Debbie Jantzi, Paul Mitchell, Mike Yost; **22** - Bobbie Weichers, Krista Ayre, Daniel Ritz, David Trafford, Samatha Lindner, Alexander O'Brien; **23** - Ardis Hinz, Karen Haffner, Zachary Thompson; **24** - John Ritz, Justin Briner; **26** - Shirley Lorentz, Ed Stix, Rick Pearson, Ruth Aho, Maggie Seyler; **27** - Veronika Fisher, Claire Runstedler; **28** - Jamie Hatchwell; **29** - Gunther Hell, Kerry Ruthig, Chris Meyer, Chloe Price; **30** - Doug Brenneman, Suzanne Lindner, Pete DeRuiter; **31** - Debbie Gravill, Sonya Burchatzki, Dwayne Hofstetter, Avery Gravill. Happy Birthday!

August Birthdays

2 - David Schroeder, Deb MacDonald; **4** - Jean Cook, Kitch Radke, Shannon Bean, Joel Egerdee; **5** - Hilda Seip, Al Junker; **6** - Traci Jutzi; **8** - Andy Persaud; **9** - Pam Gingerich, Jodie Honderich; **10** - Syd Hills, Michael Eichler, Sarah Oldenburger, Tanner Pearson; **11** - Dave Merner, Adam Straus, Erin Spence; **12** - Mildred Knackstedt, Judy Seyler, Jamie Genrick, Jeremy Cook; **13** - Lena Schmidt, Gywin Murray, Shane Snyder; **14** - Doris Schwartzentruber, Bill Wettlaufer; **16** - Fred Leu, Fred Buehlow, Audrey Cook, Andrew Moss; **17** - Muriel Greulich, Liam Ritz Neigh; **18** - Evelyn Reibling, Joyce Roth, Lyla Wettlaufer, Lori Arnott; **19** - Stuart Rhem, Walter Oldenburger, Matthew May, Daniel Aitken, Corina Denstedt; **20** - Muriel Weichel, Launi Eichler, Roger Dale; **21** - Edna Buehlow, Alex Huiser; **22** - Andy Cook, Jaime Baumgaertner, Keida Eastlake-Keller; **23** - Neil Hofstetter, Sandy Martin, Stephanie Power; **24** - Sheila Leis, Stephanie Roote, Morgan Wettlaufer, Spencer Shaw, Justin Harrison, Alex Murphy; **25** - Barb Otterbein, David

Schwartz, Craig Weichel, Lydia Lindner; **26** - Peter Schmidt, Jane Knackstedt, Cassandra Lindner, Natalie Ropp; **27** - Harold Danner, Isabelle Gravill; **28** - Lyle Roth, Erin Martin, Emma Whittacker; **29** - Arthur Long, Randy Pries, Diane Anger, Donald McEllistrum, Brittany Snider; **30** - Erwin Faruzel, Cornelia Jahn, Greta Riedel, Mark West, Ruth Lavergne; **31** - Dan Boshart, Vicki Fisher, Nathan Seyler, Ella Ropp. Happy Birthday, friends!

July Anniversaries



2 - Brian & Melissa Racho; **4** - Darrin & Judy Gueguen; **6** - Arlene & John Kropf, Jeff & Tracy McClenaghan, Carol Ann & Craig Weichel; **7** - Lynn & Randy Pries, Kathy & Tim Scheerer; **8** - Al & Tammy Junker, Aimee & James Anger; **9** - Ken & Sheila Snyder; **10** - Gwen & Wilson Abraham; **12** - Linda & Bill Ferguson, Bobbie & Brian Wiechers, Derek & Tracy Klaassen; **13** - Greg & Jane Steinberg; **15** - Judy & Ted Seyler; **16** - Carl & Lorraine Schroeder, Claudia & Ed Danner; **18** - Debbie & Robert Stefansson; **19** - Gerald & Kathryn Eichler, Devon & Misty Otterbein; **20** - Bruce & Marilyn Wagler; **22** - Carina & Joseph De Sapio; **25** - Ron & Jean Schaaf, Gary & Greta Riedel; **26** - Barry & Denise Kienapple; **28** - Muriel & Bill Weichel; **29** - Kathy & Kevin Bingeman; **30** - Betty & Ernie Ritz; **31** - David & Janet Farr. Happy anniversary!

August Anniversaries

1 - Holly & John McCurdy; **2** - Danita & Ross Kuepfer; **4** - Ruth & Steve Aho; **6** - Michael Hayes & Celia Jones; **7** - Carolyn & Ron Witzel, Darryl Smith & Susan Yutzi-Smith; **9** - Cindy & Paul Holst, Brenda & Steve Malloch, Nancy & Roger Dale, Michael & Lori Otterbein; **12** - Peter & Virginia Schmidt; **13** - Tony & Joan Beavis, Julie & Troy Ferguson, Anne & Trevor Anderson; **14** - Jared & Shannon Snyder; **15** - Harold & Susan Danner; **17** - Donna & Michael Kasper, Angela & Chad Snider; **18** - Jane & Rick Trafford; **20** - Mary & Raimond Danner, Andy & Lori Persaud; **21** - Dagmar & Tom Otto, Janice & Rick Ritz, Christine Klaassen & Régis St-Pierre; **22** - Jim & Nancy Arbuckle; **25** - Charlene & Tom Boehler, Chris & Kelly Jantzi; **26** - Larry & Debbie Gravill; **27** - David & Nancy Butz, Dale & Tara Schaaf, Ron & Summer Runstedler; **29** - Lynn & Paul Buehlow, Anne & Roger Lindner; **31** - Diane & Ron Lippert. Congratulations!

Special Anniversaries

July 16 - Carl & Lorraine Schroeder (55 years)
July 25 - Ron & Jean Schaaf (50 years)

✦ Sabbath Blessing

As ever, we are grateful to Molly Wolff for her kindness in making the gentle voice of Sabbath Blessings available to a wide following in the electronic and print media.

The Camp

In the big classroom, I sat with the other parents in a wide circle around the 30-odd kids who were sitting on the floor in four teams, wearing (respectively) green, purple, blue, and red t-shirts. It was the closing ceremony for the two-day camp for learning-disabled incoming students, held by our local college. They'd slept in dorms, played games, heard about what resources would be available for them as LD students, and (above all) been together with their peers. They were no longer alone.

Their experience of school had mostly not been happy. In some cases, it was downright brutal. My own two kids weren't diagnosed with LD until far, far too late. Trying to go to school with learning disabilities is like having to hold down a job that you can't really do, can't improve at, didn't choose, and can't quit— and you constantly hear that you're the problem. At least that's what we'd experienced. And this is the kid's first job in the world, and she has to start when she's only 5 or 6 and she's stuck for the next 12 years, while her personality is forming.

If it's brutal for the kids, it's awfully hard on the parents. You have to turn in your ordinary expectations for expectations that the kid can actually meet, and sometimes this means swimming upstream against the conventional current. You also have to leave your parental ego at the door. Yes, Amanda *should* be able to remember her homework, but Amanda has attention deficit disorder and virtually no short-term memory, so that's just not going to happen and what will we do next? The teacher looks at you and you feel judgment in her eyes: if your kid isn't achieving, somehow it has to be your fault.

And then there are the grandparents, the neighbours, the friends, all with "helpful" advice that doesn't work because they're assuming that the kid is just lazy or stupid or unmotivated when in fact, the kid is trying to run as fast as possible with invisible leg shackles.

Family reunions? "Great news! Kevin didn't fail Grade 9!"— when in fact this is a humungous achievement for which Kevin deserves major kudos.

And then there are those who think that LDs don't really

exist: "Your kid is just manipulating you and you're enabling for it. Let the kid fail and he'll learn to pull up his socks and do better." Yeah. Right. As though the kid needs his parents siding with the opposition.

All of us in this big room, parents and kids, had suffered through this, some of us worse than others. It felt wonderful, though, to know that all the others in our circle knew something about our struggles. I sensed that the love of parent for child in this room was perhaps deeper and tougher and stronger *because* we'd gone through such hard times with them.



I don't think God plays favourites, any more than a good parent does. I like the phrase that William Paul Young puts in God's mouth: She is "especially fond" of every single one of us. But for those of us who have suffered with our suffering children, maybe the bond has a little more intensity and depth. I think God sits with families in trouble and weeps, because God's been there, done that, got the scars to prove it. God knows about having a suffering child, up close and personal.

The woman sitting next to me— a beautiful woman, with delicate features and lovely silver-streaked dark hair— glanced down at her son, who was almost at my feet. It was pretty obvious from his behaviour that he was autistic. He needed to move into and out of the group, and she tracked him without anxiety but with practiced care, and her eyes were unworried and full of tenderness. This is, I think, perhaps how God looks on us in our brokenness.

The kids were playing a game in which they had to pass things left or right at high speed. The boy with autism was having real problems, and I found myself whispering to him, "No! No! *Other* left," and a woman behind me laughed softly, in recognition.

For all parents with kids facing serious challenges in school, but especially for other mothers. Pass it on!

✦ molly wolff

✦ Some Words of Thanks

We extend some words of thanks to Betty Murray for the lovely work on Trinity's flower beds; to brother Marcus for tending our grounds; and to Dorothea Butz for taking the spot vacated by Judie Seltzer —to whom we also say thanks!— on the Adult Learning Team. Magnificent!

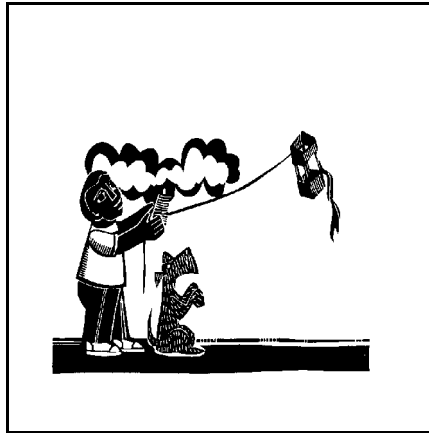
✦ andré lavergne

✦ Stewardship Task Group Update

A Faithful Journey Never Ends!

This fall, the people of Trinity will embark on another leg of our *faithful journey*, as we explore our role as stewards in God's world. The Stewardship Task Group has already been meeting for the past couple months planning our fall stewardship program.

Many people equate Stewardship with raising money. However, stewardship involves our management of *all* that God has entrusted to our care: our time, our talent, our possessions and finances. We are called upon to use these resources in the best possible way to serve God, ourselves and our community. Stewardship is an umbrella encompassing every part of our journey through life. This is much more than fund-raising to fix the roof or paint the nave. Stewardship is a *way of life* and a challenge to look at how we manage our time, our talent, and our possessions.



The Task Group chose Mark 12: 28-32 as the biblical basis for this year's Faithful Journey stewardship initiative. Throughout the Journey, we will explore what it means to *love our neighbours as ourselves* and to incorporate this into our personal and congregational journey.

This year's journey will have a number of elements leading us toward a better understanding of how to *love our neighbours as ourselves*. A series of six Adult Learning sessions entitled *My Life as God's Steward* is being planned for September/October. Details will be published in future editions of TRINITY DOVE.

The initiative will culminate in an every member visitation, program but with a twist from past practise. The Task Group evaluated various options. In the end, we decided to hold a series of *cottage meetings* to spread the word within our congregation. What's a "cottage meeting"? Instead of visiting families on a one-at-a-time basis, we will meet in small groups to discuss our Faithful Journey. We are confident these meetings will foster a better sense of *neighbourliness* and encourage more dialogue between us compared to the more traditional single-family visit.

We're asking approximately 30 people/families to host a *cottage meeting* in their home. The Task Group will train 10-15 presenters who will facilitate the meetings.

You will continue to receive information over the next few months regarding our Faithful Journey initiative. In the meantime, please read Mark 12: 28-31 and begin to think

about how you can use your time, talent and possessions to love your neighbour as yourself.

✦ rick ritz

✦ Anniversary Task Group Update

Celebrate as We Continue our Faithful Journey

At the most recent meeting of your anniversary task group —comprised of Kathy Bender, Mike Gascon, Ernie Ritz, Lyle Roth, Pat Schmetzer, Pastors André & Anne, and myself— we continued to solidify many of the ideas that have come from the group and members of the congregation.

Earlier in this edition of TRINITY DOVE, you read that Bishop Michael Pryse will help us kick off the first of many celebrations on November 22. As the plans for those celebrations take shape our Task Group members need your input, advice, and support to make sure those joyous occasions capture the past, present, and future.

The details of Trinity Lutheran's history form a significant part of anniversary planning —Ernie Ritz is working on a book to "remind us" of that history. See the notes in WHAT'S THE BUZZ!— but the context of that history can help us to plot our congregation's pathway(s) for the future. We have all been encouraged by Pastor André to not simply rest on our laurels but to continue to look ahead for ways in which we can effectively interact with our wider community.

Not only do we intend to reach out to folks who have helped shape our journey to this point, in New Hamburg, but plans for a congregational mission emphasis may allow our celebrations to reach many others beyond our community.

We are contemplating the theme "On the Streets" to capture the idea that Trinity seeks to minister and to engage the ministries of people "out there." For example, our ELW and Faith Adventures Team could help us to explore the streets of Chamanculo in Mozambique; our TYGers may offer us a glimpse of Toronto's down-town Sanctuary Ministries; our Third Thursday folks and Adult Learning Team are poised to invite people who know the streets of New Hamburg, K-W and beyond to tell us of their worlds; our Faith in Film people can help us to touch the lives of people in all sorts of places and circumstances to remind us of our need to be "On the Streets."

Whether in celebration, at home, or on the streets of God's world, in ministry, join us in our faithful journey.

✦ larry gravill

✦ Tintinnabulations

July 14 & August 4 ~ Prayer Circle Update

Shirley Unrau & Pastor Lavergne meet, 9:30 am.

August 20 ~ DOVE Prep Team

TRINITY DOVE Prep. Team gathers, 9 am.

August 24 ~ Blood Donor Clinic

Steinmann Mennonite is the sponsor for Waterloo-Oxford's 2 - 8:30 pm clinic. Ken reminds us: Call 1.888.2-donate!

August 24 ~ ELW Gathering

Trinity's ELW gathers, 12:30 noon. All welcome. Contact Mildred Knackstedt, 519.662-3739, for information.

August 27-30 ~ Photo Sessions

Book on-line (beginning now) and on Sunday mornings beginning in July. September 17-20 also available.

First & Third Mondays, 8 pm ~ CLEAN

CLEAN meets in the M. Luther Room. Holidays excepted.

Tuesdays, 6:45 pm ~ TOPS

TOPS —Taking Off Pounds Sensibly— M. Luther Room.

Thursday, 6 pm ~ Faith in Film IV

Through Children's Eyes: July 9 through August 20.

Saturdays, 8 pm ~ A/A

A/A meets for an open meeting in Trinity Hall.

Summer Break ~ Congregate Dining

Doors open, September-June, at 11:30 am at Zion United Church. Details: 519.669-3023.

Summer Break ~ Gentle Friends Readers

The Gentle Friends gather, September-June, 7:30 pm, in Trinity Hall. Info: Kathryn Ritz, 519.662-2960.

✦ *andré lavergne & jill merner*

✦ May Council News

- Mutual Ministry provided Council with an updated *Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual* (April) which was approved by Council (May).
- Per Council's request, Mutual Ministry provided Council with a draft *Council Members' Code of Ethics* (April) which Council declined to approve (May).
- Council reiterated its adoption of the following statement provided to Council by Mutual Ministry in March: "Council's

mission is to respectfully work together to support the church's mission, to support goals and decisions made by council, and to support one another with solidarity in the community."

Council interprets this to mean that individual Council members will maintain Council solidarity outside of Council and will tender their resignation to Council if they wish to publicly dissent from significant Council decisions.

- Council adopted a recommendation from Mutual Ministry with respect to Pastor Anne's call. A congregational meeting is called for Sunday, June 21, to consider offering Pastor Anne a five-year extension of her call.

- Council was provided with an overview of the program themes, ideas, and directions for the Stewardship and Anniversary Task Groups. See WHAT'S THE BUZZ?
- Faith Adventures is adopting a new curriculum called *Spark* which includes making a gift of an age-appropriate version of the Scriptures to all participating children through Bible sponsorships and Faith Life matching funds.
- Trinity's Endowment Fund Committee will meet with a view to addressing investments that are coming due and the possibility of pooling resources with the Eastern Synod.
- Mildred Knackstedt has accepted a program role with the K-W Conference ELW.
- Rick Ritz has taken over Council's Finance portfolio.

✦ *lori arnott, pat schmetzer et al*

✦ CLWR Bundles of Joy!

Sincere thanks to everyone who contributed to Trinity's Canadian Lutheran World Relief Baby Bundles project. On May 25 the ladies of the ELW gathered to assemble the bundles and send them off to Winnipeg via Taylor Home Hardware. Through the generosity of our congregation, 36 Baby Bundles, 18 childrens' kits and a relief quilt were gathered. Thank you for your contribution of 36 hand-knit sweaters and countless sleepers, baby shirts, blankets, facecloths and cash donations. We are very grateful.

✦ *florence sebert and betty ritz*



+ Finances to May 31, 2009

| | General Fund | Capital Fund | Transfers |
|---------|--------------|--------------|-----------|
| Income | \$ 102,919 | \$ 6,304 | \$ 10,895 |
| Outgo | 104,658 | - | 7,270 |
| Balance | (\$ 1,739) | \$ 6,304 | \$ 3,625 |

We are in pretty good shape for this time of year. (Last year's deficit was about \$17,000 at the end of May.) This will serve us well as we enter the "lean" summer months.

As Rick Ritz notes on page 5 of TRINITY DOVE, we will offer a major stewardship program this fall which we hope will have a significant impact on our General and Capital Funds. See the goals listed on the "What's the Buzz?" insert.

+ bob ruthig & andré lavergne

+ Nurturing Faith - Adults

My Life as God's Steward

This series is designed to help set the stage for this fall's Faithful Journey stewardship program. See page 5.

- September 13: My Life as God's Steward: Faith (André Lavergne & Anne Anderson: motivation; theology)
- September 20: My Life as God's Steward: First Fruits (Rick Ritz & Peter Schmidt: a model; setting priorities)
- September 27: My Life as God's Steward: Family (Dean Clarke: the people I/we care for)
- October 4: My Life as God's Steward: Firmament (Christina Vanin: the world around me/us)
- October 18: My Life as God's Steward: Finances (Dave Buehlow: the stuff in my/our care)
- October 25: My Life as God's Steward: Framework (Rick Ritz & Peter Schmidt: putting it all together)

+ rick ritz, andré lavergne & friends

+ Swing Low Golf Tournament

Golfers, mark September 13 on your calendars for the second annual "Swing Low Golf Tournament" in support of Edgewood Camp and Conference Centre. Golfers of all abilities are welcome. If you are not a golfer, you can support the cause by sponsoring a hole or donating a prize. For information, speak to Rick Ritz or Pastor Anne. More details to follow.

+ rick ritz

+ Nurturing Faith - Faith Adventures

Are you ready to activate your faith?

The Faith Adventures Team is thrilled to introduce an exciting, new faith education program called "Spark". This new program will be launched on September 13, Back-Pack Sunday, for our 2009 - 2010 Faith Adventures season.

What is "Spark"?



"Spark" is a new Sunday School program designed for children ages 3 through grade 6, and includes resources for a rotation model —the model we implemented in 2007. Of course, we have some great curriculum for our grade 7&8 youth as well!

"Spark" is Bible-centred.

An age-appropriate Bible is given to every child in the program. The Bible is used as the learning tool for the Spark curriculum and serves as the cornerstone for each lesson. Kids open and use their Bibles each week and engage the Scriptures! Watch them grow in faith, learning God's word and participating in fun activities along the way!

"Spark" supports our teachers

Spark equips our teachers/shepherd/leaders with on-line support for lesson preparation, downloadable family pages, forums with other Christian educators and administration resources to help build and manage an education program around our congregation's worship lessons and events.

We have Bibles!

On Sunday May 24, we invited people to sponsor one or more Bibles at \$20 each. We'd hoped to raise funds for 50 Bibles. Faith Life Financial would match our fund-raising (\$1,000) for another 50 Bibles for a total of 100 Bibles. We got our 50 sponsorships! We have 100 Bibles! Terrific!

Seeking Faith Adventures Teachers & Helpers

Might you teach, shepherd or otherwise lead in our Faith Adventures program? We especially need musicians! Speak to me if you might serve. We'd be grateful!

Affirmation Camp

You've got the info! Forms and fees are due!

+ lori arnott & friends