

Trinity Dove

September 17, 2006 + Pentecost 15 + Exciting Times!

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✚ Sabbaths & Celebrations

Sunday, October 1 ~ Pentecost 17

- ✚ Worship at 9 am. (Parish Ministry update at 8:50 am)
Faithful Journey Stewardship visitors commissioned
- ✚ Community Fellowship at 10 am.
- ✚ SCS at 10:05 am. Adults: Interesting Lives: Anne & Trevor Anderson

Sunday, October 8 ~ Pentecost 18 / Thanksgiving

- ✚ Worship at 9 am. (Parish Ministry update at 8:50 am)
- ✚ Community Fellowship at 10 am.
- ✚ No Sunday School or adult learning today.

Sunday, October 15 ~ Pentecost 19

- ✚ Worship at 9 am. (Parish Ministry update at 8:50 am)
- ✚ Community Fellowship at 10 am.
- ✚ SCS at 10:05 am. No adult learning this morning. We're getting ready for the ordination!

- ✚ **Anne Anderson ordination at 4 pm. Reception follows.**

Sunday, October 22 ~ Pentecost 20

- ✚ Worship at 9 am. (Parish Ministry update at 8:50 am)
Full Serve TYGers assist in leading worship
- ✚ Community Fellowship at 10 am.
- ✚ SCS at 10:05 am. Adults: Interesting Lives: Dean Clarke

Sunday, Oct. 29 ~ Pentecost 21 / Reformation

- ✚ Worship at 9 am. (Parish Ministry update at 8:50 am)
Confirmands' Witness
- ✚ Community Fellowship at 10 am.
- ✚ SCS at 10:05 am. Adults: Interesting Lives: Steve Aho

Sunday, Nov. 5 ~ Pentecost 22 / All Saints

- ✚ Worship at 9 am. (Parish Ministry update at 8:50 am)
Rite of Confirmation with Pr. Nadine Nicholds
- ✚ Community Fellowship at 10 am.
- ✚ SCS at 10:05 am. No adult learning today.

Sunday, Nov. 12 ~ Pentecost 23

- ✚ Worship at 9 am. (Parish Ministry update at 8:50 am)
Baptismal Sunday
- ✚ Community Fellowship at 10 am.
- ✚ SCS at 10:05 am. Introduction of EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WORSHIP - session 1/3

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✚ *andré lavergne*

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✝ Pastor André ~ Exciting Times!

Grace and peace to you.

In this October/November issue of TRINITY DOVE, you will learn that Anne will be ordained; Lori will be on leave; Joan will be remembered; our parish will be visited; we'll worship out of a new book; and much, much more! These are exciting times as we chart our faithful journey together!

I want to thank the following who will be visiting throughout our parish in October as part of our Faithful Journey stewardship emphasis: Wilson Abraham, Steve Aho, Jim & Nancy Arbuckle, Gerry Baan & Doreen Lindner-Baan. Flex Bender, Roy & Betty Bondy, Dave & Millie Buehlow, Dean Clarke, Jean Cook, Ed Danner, Larry & Deb Gravill, Darrin Gueguen, Anne Hammer, Don Jardin, Reta & Neil Klaassen, Jo Knackstedt, Stan Leis, Roger & Anne Lindner, Bill Lindner, Debbie Linseman, Brenda & Scott Malloch, Sandy Martin, Dave Merner, Ray Merner, Rob Murray, Jim Murray, Betty Murray, Earl Nickolas, Brad Otterbein, Bob Povey, Cy Ridout, Ernie Ritz, Rick, Janice & Emily Ritz, Buck Roth, Peter Schmidt, Ken & Judie Seltzer, Hollice Stock, Randy Thomson, Shirley Unrau, Bill & Muriel Weichel and Lyla Wettlaufer. Thanks, friends!

Greet these folks warmly when they come to visit. Be part of our faithful journey and... read on!

All blessings.

✝ *andré lavergne*

✝ Anne Says Thanks!

Wow! What a welcome to New Hamburg! Trevor and I would like to say a great big thank you to the congregation. There have been so many people who have been preparing the house and space for us. We are very thankful for all of the hard work that went into creating a beautiful home. Our moving day was a long day but a good day filled with many hands and lots of laughter and a few grunts to get the heavy furniture in place.

We have been unpacking and sorting things out and are looking forward to joining you in ministry on September 15. Thanks again to all!

✝ *anne anderson*

✝ Call Accepted ~ Trinity Ordination!

On Sunday, July 9, we extended a call to Anne (Hallman) Anderson. Shortly thereafter, we received word that Pastor-elect Anne had accepted our call. Anne will begin work on September 15 with her first Sunday being September 17. Anne will be ordained at Trinity Church on Sunday, October 15, at 4 pm. Bishop Michael Pryse will ordain. Reception following. The Rev. Dr. Jon Fogleman (St. Paul's, Guelph) will preach. We ask people to keep Anne and her husband, Trevor, in their prayers in the weeks to come.

✝ *andré lavergne*

✝ Sacraments & Seasons

Birth

We rejoice at the births of Kaida Rayne (Aug. 22), a daughter for Sherri Keller & Kelly Eastlake and of Natalie Lee (Aug. 26), a daughter for Jason & Tiffany Ropp.

Wedding

We rejoice at the August 19 wedding of Melanie Hallman & Shane Snyder.

Death

Our community grieves the death, August 12, of Loreen Wettlaufer, at the age of 73. Blessed are they who mourn.

October Birthdays

1 - Joshua Stewart; **2** - Ruth Lindner; **3** - Nancy Hallberg, Maxwell Junker; **4** - Paul Diebel, Ted Seyler, Tara Keller, Geordie Campbell, Holly McInally, Meghann Otterbein, Zachery Whittacker, Justin Steinmann, Zack Winhold; **5** - Burt Flood, Tara Schaaf, Jessica Chester, Bradley Egerdee; **6** - Reta Ridout; **7** - Dave Pauli; **8** - Joan Cook, Dhana Clements, Kelly Jantzi, Jeff Malloch; **9** - Elaine McEllistrum, Tim Pearson, Patty Steinman, Patty Ingold, Jeremy Baan, Stephanie Rogers, Hailey Gingerich; **10** - Brett Witzel, Madison Erb, Olivia Farr; **11** - Shayna Dramnitzke; **12** - Cody Klaassen, Kara Patton; **13** - Virginia Schmidt, Ed Danner, Tim Junker, Trevor Steinmann, Rowan Gravill; **14** - Mackenzie Leclaire; **15** - Barb Schwartzentruber; **16** - Lorraine Schroeder, Bev Yule; **17** - Jean Hammer, Rodrick Bender, Gailen Ludington; **18** - David Bast, Stephanie Morrison; **19** - Henry Simon, Pat Diebel, Kris Ferguson,

Laura McCurdy, Ali Pearson; **20** - Ebba Petersen; **21** - Larry Roth, Chris Leu; **22** - Lynn Prues, David Butz, Tim Bailey, Alexandra Glencross; **23** - Earl Cressman, Marjorie Forler, Karen Jutzi, Laurie Bingeman, Sandra Cook; **24** - John Sippel, Eileen Miller; **25** - Jane Klem, Patti Becker; **26** - Frieda Mueller, Arlene Roth, Peter Klem, Gary Wilson, Lori Persaud, Kyle Power, Kaileigh Lindner; **27** - Jo-anne Randerson, Kyle Kaminska, Rochelle Becker; **28** - Lou Sippel, Kathryn Eichler, Kim Pearson, Josh Brennan; **29** - August Popp, Joanne Snyder; **30** - Bruce Hammer; **31** - Otto Berg, Janice Junker, Amanda Morrison. Happy birthday, friends.

October Anniversaries

1 - Christine & Marty Normandea, Judy & Bob Hillar; **2** - Keith & Rachel Heise, Joanne & Dave Randerson; **3** - Karen & Rick Haffner; **5** - Kevin & Stephanie Price; **6** - Joyce & Verne Hammer, Melanie & Michael Eichler; **7** - Doug & Nancy Kaminska; **9** - Paula & Bob Povey, Matt & Valerie Ceccardi; **11** - Dorothy & Don Jardin; Kelly & Mark White; **13** - Kevin & Krista Durrer; **18** - Diane & Bob Anger, Dorothy & Victor Hobbs; **19** - Pam & Paul Koehler; **20** - Keith & Nancy Ropp; **21** - Karen & Ken Barnes; **23** - John & Lou Sippel, Clarence & Marlene Schamber; **24** - Brenda & Edward Ingold; **27** - Muriel & Wilfred Greulich. Happy anniversary, friends.

November Birthdays

1 - Katherine Deckert, Dan Fisher, Paul Ziegler, Becky Kaminska, Elesa Ludington; **2** - Lynn Pauli; **3** - Scott Lowrie, Dennis Jahn, Amy Chiduck, Katie Schwartz; **4** - Sherry Pearson; **5** - Judy Ziegler, Carl Steinman, Murray Deckert, Riley Stewart; **6** - Rick Ritz, Mary Cook-Glencross, Mike Junker, Scott Bingeman; **7** - Tammy Junker, Laura Lindner, Jenna Legare; **8** - Bill Ferguson, Hunter Becker; **9** - Larry Godfrey, Kathryn Ritz, Marty Normandea, Ian McCurdy; **10** - Chris Medley; **11** - Hilde Koch, Donna Medley; **12** - Millie Buehlow, John Murray, Kara Cook; **13** - Jim Murray, Carol Schwartzentruber, Danielle Long; **14** - Elaine Mohr, Jody Steinman, Jacquelyn Campbell, Mary Aitken, Tyler Johnston, Noah Steinman; **15** - Jim Arbuckle, Greg Ropp, Christy Racho; **16** - Carol Merner, Ryan Burchatzki, Carter Gravill; **18** - Brad Martin, Cortney Legare, Ben Klooster, Saphire Linseman; **19** - Joan Beavis; **20** - Dorothea Butz, Mary Snider, Cindy Briner, Krista Straus, Cassidy Stewart, Tanner Arnott, Dayton Arnott; **21** - Rick Haffner, Jeff Schmidt, Jeff Pauli; **23** - Steve Hayden, Andrew Racho, Danita Fisher, Adam Aho, Christopher Lindner; **24** -

Cy Ridout, Philipp Hofmeyer, Janet Boshart, Robert Stefansson, Jessica Schiedel; **25** - Bonnie Jokic, Valerie Brenneman, Sam Winhold, Trent Otterbein; **27** - Lori Stewart, Melanie Eichler, Christina Baumgartner, Nicole Pfohl, Morgan Schaaf; **28** - James Ingold, Chris Gravill, Brooke Kienapple, Jason Drexler; **29** - Ray Cook, Betty Stock, Randy Thomson, Kory Steinmann; **30** - Reta Klaassen, Émile St-Pierre, Abby Steinman. Happy birthday, friends.

November Anniversaries

1 - Chris & Donna Medley, Jeff & Krista Schmidt; **2** - Donnie & Rick Long; **3** - Otto & Renate Berg, Diane & Andrew Hatchwell; **4** - Mathew & Suzanne Lindner; **5** - Jean & Kim Ruthig, Jason & Tiffany Ropp; **7** - Jeremy & Sandra Cook; **8** - Margaret & Burt Flood; **11** - Heather & Rob Leu; **12** - Jane & Peter Klem, Rick & Susan Pearson, Fred & Linda Straus; **14** - Murray & Suzan Deckert, Larry & Diane Godfrey, Dale & Dianne Hillar, Robert McGlynn & Jane Murray; **19** - Betty & Hollice Stock; **20** - Calvin & Carol Schwartzentruber, Roy & Betty Bondy; **21** - Doug & Mim Miller; **22** - Theresa & Dick Bakker; **25** - Bruce & Sharon Hammer, Kevin & Kylie Becker; **28** - Anita & John Meredith, Mark & Tricia McMaster, Amy & Gary Becker, Jeff & Shelley Lindner; **29** - Mike & Rose Mueller, Wally & John Mueller; **30** - Ruth & Bill Lindner, Becky & Rodrick Bender. Happy anniversary, friends.

✚ *jill merner*

✚ Sabbaths & Celebrations (continued)

Sunday, Nov. 19 ~ Pentecost 24

- ✚ Worship at 9 am. (Parish Ministry update at 8:50 am)
Faithful Journey Rededication
- ✚ Community Fellowship at 10 am.
- ✚ SCS at 10:05 am. Introduction of EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WORSHIP - session 2/3

Sunday, Nov. 26 ~ Reign of Christ

- ✚ Worship at 9 am. (Parish Ministry update at 8:50 am)
We honour the memory of Joan Nabert with music.
- ✚ Community Fellowship at 10 am.
- ✚ SCS at 10:05 am. Introduction of EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WORSHIP - session 3/3

✚ *andré lavergne*

✦ Molly Wolf's Sabbath Blessings

Each month, we download and reprint one of Molly Wolf's lovely essays. © 2006 Molly Wolf.

The Fair

Properly carded or not, the silver-grey fleece spins up a treat. I have brought my portable wheel with me, camping; at the Heath Fair — an old-fashioned, serious country fair — I have found other spinners. I have unloaded the wheel and my hand cards and the bag of fleece, and now I am sitting under a large green-striped canopy happily treadling and drafting.

Next to me, working at a Louet wheel, is a beautiful young woman with a wheat-gold plait to her waist, which is thickening with her next child — her third or third-and-fourth, depending on whether it's twins. An older woman crafts a hooked-rug picture with hand-spun, hand-dyed yarns, as another woman spins multicoloured rovings on a superb Polish wheel. We are entirely contented. There's no strangeness when you wander into this world of fibers, only a shared language and an unfailing welcome.

The yarn I'm spinning — it's going to be a three-ply — is for a very specific project: I am going to use it to knit a hat. The hat will be in Shaker rib, a stretchy, resilient stitch, very warm, a toque with a turned-up bottom. I'm not going to wash the mildly sheepy smell out of the yarn; I'm going to leave it. I want the hat to convey this reality to the man I'm making it for, sheep-smell and all.

I'll call him Toby; he's a big, handsome guy in his late 30s, very bright, an artist and writer; he is one of the most genuinely good people I know, and also one of the most tragically flawed. The flaw blew open last fall, rather like the side of a volcano blowing off in an eruption, and Toby is now behind bars. He will likely stay there for, oh, at least 10 or 15 years, likely longer. You see, the eruption occurred when he was on parole from a previous eruption. He's older and wiser now, and I think in the very long term, he's going to be okay; this time, he's surrounded by a circle of support and accountability, as he wasn't before. He's very much loved, and that makes a difference. But still, it's going to be a long, long time — if ever — before Toby walks in fields like these or can go to a small country fair.

And so I spin the fair into my dove-grey single, twisting it in.

I twist in children's laughter, the bleat of penned goats, the bray of a donkey. I twist in the quiet chat of my spinning companions. I spin in the seriousness of the rabbit judging competition, and the poultry; I spin in first-prize ribbons on jams and cakes. I spin in the smell of bruised grass and of the chicken barbecue put on by the volunteer fire department.

There's a spatter of light rain and I twist that, too, into my wool. I work in the men just next to us, who are showing people how rope used to be hand-crafted; I add the woman carving wooden spoons, the man demonstrating butter-making, the old guys showing off lethal-looking two-man saws.

There's a duet going on in the music tent, folk songs sung well and truly by a man and a woman, with fiddle and banjo and guitar, and little kids are dancing, and I work that in as well. I spin in the town library display, and the school display, and the quilt raffle, and the concession stand. I want the whole fair in this yarn.

No doubt all the people wandering through this gentleness are as flawed as Toby and I are, although I hope they've suffered far less. But the place itself has an innocence about it; it's a place and an occasion testifying to the goodness of Creation. Both the place and the fair tend to attract people of sound soul and kind heart; they do not attract people with pretensions or illusions of importance. It has, and has always had, a mildly zen feel to it, of wisdom, not cleverness.

The animals in the long judging barns — sheep and cattle, oxen, horses — are well cared-for. The judging's been done thoughtfully and with respect.

Much affection went into the planning of this fair — I know some of the planners — and that love spills out among the long rows of parked cars; it's in the fresh lemonade and the famous fried dough cakes.

It's a place where soul can bump soul, and that happens; I have a long, rich conversation with a man who's a writer like me, and with his beautiful wife; we are at once in a space of truth and intimacy and an understanding of truths that this good, truthful place deeply understands but that the world of midways will never get. I set my spinning aside for a while, just to talk to these people. The young mother spinning next to me looks up from her white roving and says wisely, "You are having such a rich afternoon."

Yes, I am. It's in this landscape; there's something about the place, everybody knows that. Half a mile south and straight

downhill from here, there's the white Union church where Reinhold Niebuhr first said the Serenity Prayer. That's what I want to twist into this yarn for Toby's hat. It's what I want to convey to him.

But more than that: I believe — as do the others here — that this peaceful goodness, this quiet beauty, is of this one still-standing moment, but it's also of eternity. Toby doesn't yet know that, but we do: that this moment is perfect in itself, but it also represents a perfection yet to come, when we stand on the other side of the River and breathe that kindest of airs. I know that; the young woman beside me knows that, as do the author and his wife and the people who planned the fair, and it only increases this moment's joy. We don't have to cling to the joy; we can just let it be, because we have it always.

That's what I'm really spinning into this yarn; that's what I want Toby to have wrapped around his ears in the prison yard when it's January and bitter cold. That's what I'll ply when I twist three singles together; that's what I'll knit in with every stitch. Toby, this isn't it. There's so much more to come.

This is my last day camping; tomorrow I'll pack up and head home. I'll give my new grey yarn a wash in hot water to set the twist and let it bloom into whatever it's supposed to become, and then I'll start a swatch. It's only a hat. It shouldn't take me long.

✚ *molly wolf*

✚ Ireland Anyone?

Pastor Judi Harris is hosting a tour of Ireland, August 13-28, 2007. Interested persons are invited to an information meeting with Scott from Rostad Tours at Mt. Zion Lutheran Church, 29 Westmount Rd. S., Waterloo on Wednesday, October 18, 1-3 pm. The trip should be a lot of fun. To reserve a spot, call Pastor Judi at 519-883-8276 or e-mail revjudi@sympatico.ca.

✚ *andré lavergne*

✚ Post-Ordination Reception

After Anne's ordination, October 15, at 4 pm, we'll hold a reception in Trinity Hall. Lyla Wettlaufer (696-8980) is pulling things together. She would welcome your help.

✚ *andré lavergne*

✚ Adult Learning

More Interesting Lives

In October our adult learning program will continue with our terrific Interesting Lives series. Look for Anne & Trevor Anderson on October 1; Dean Clarke on October 22; and Steve Aho on October 29.

Evangelical Lutheran Worship

In November (12, 19 & 26), we'll have three adult learning sessions to introduce us to our new worship book, EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WORSHIP.

✚ *andré lavergne*

✚ Special Anniversaries

We have two special anniversaries coming up on the fall docket. On October 6, Joyce and Verne Hammer are celebrating 50 years of marriage. On November 3, Otto and Renate Berg will also celebrate 50 years of marriage. We wish these couples every blessing.

✚ *andré lavergne*

✚ Guests Honour Nabert Memory

As a tribute to Joan Nabert and as a thank you to all her friends who helped in so many ways — packing, unpacking, selling for MESH, doing income tax, driving and more—Joan's family is offering the gift of music. On November 26, cellists Julie Brierley & Ron Laurie will play for worship.

Julie Brierley teaches cello and theory in Stratford. She has played in several orchestras including the Stratford Civic Orchestra. Her primary teacher has been Sally Gross of Illinois with whom she studied technique & Suzuki pedagogy.

For 40 years, Ron Laurie played in the Toronto Symphony Orchestra. He spent the last 25 years as assistant principal cellist. Although retired, he continues to play with many orchestras in southern Ontario. Together with his wife, Julie Brierley, he performs for a variety of special occasions.

Join us on Sunday, November 26, to honour Joan's memory and to experience some wonderful music.

✚ *andré lavergne*

✚ Tintinnabulations

September 27 ~ Seminary Women's Auxiliary

The Women's Auxiliary will gather at 9:30 am for its annual meeting at St. John's, Waterloo.

October 2 ~ ELW Meeting

Trinity's ELW gathers at 7:30 pm in Trinity Hall for a Thanksgiving meeting featuring Lori Endress, missionary in Thailand. All —men & women—are welcome to this special event. Contact Shirley Unrau, 662-1515, for info.

October 3 ~ Prayer Circle Update

Shirley Unrau meets with Pastor-elect Anne at 9:30 am for an update.

October 15 ~ Anderson Ordination

Pastor-elect Anne will be ordained at Trinity at 4 pm.

October 16 ~ TOTS

The "TOTS" (Syd's Kids) gather at 11:45 for their monthly meeting. Details will be published in the *GUIDE TO WORSHIP*. All are welcome. Look for a sign-up sheet in the narthex. Contact Pr. Syd Hills, 662-1429, for information.

October 17 ~ Gentle Friends

The Gentle Friends gather at 7:30 pm, at the home of Kathryn Ritz, 39 Hunter St. For the October meeting, we're reading *BALTIMORE'S MANSION* by Wayne Johnston. Copies are on reserve at the library. Contact Kathryn, at 662-2960, for information.

October 23 ~ Blood Donor Clinic

The New Hamburg Lionesses and Lions are sponsoring a 2 pm to 8:30 pm clinic at Waterloo-Oxford. As ever, Ken Seltzer, 662-2432, can provide information.

November 6 ~ ELW Meeting

Trinity's ELW gathers at 7:30 pm in Trinity Hall for a Praise Offering meeting. All women are welcome. Contact Shirley Unrau, 662-1515, for info.

November 7 ~ Prayer Circle Update

Shirley Unrau & pastors meet at 9:30 am.

November 20 ~ TOTS

The "TOTS" (Syd's Kids) gather at 11:45 for their monthly meeting. Details will be published in the *GUIDE TO WORSHIP*. Contact Pr. Syd Hills, 662-1429, for information.

November 21 ~ Gentle Friends

The Gentle Friends gather at 7:30 pm, at the home of Kathryn Ritz, 39 Hunter St. For the November meeting, we're reading *TEACHER MAN* by Frank McCourt. Contact Kathryn, at 662-2960, for information.

November 22 ~ WLS Dedication

Through our Endowment Fund, Trinity has supplied Waterloo Seminary with a full set of new worship books including presiders' and musicians' editions. A dedication service will take place at 7 pm at Keffer

Chapel at the Seminary. All are invited. All are welcome.

December 29 ~ Christmas Blood Donor Clinic

Trinity will host its annual Christmas clinic on Friday, December 29, from 2 pm to 7:30 pm clinic at W-O. Ken Seltzer, 662-2432, will be looking for a number of volunteers to help with set-up, take-down and regular hosting duties. Can you give a few hours? Let Ken know!

✚ *andré lavergne*

✚ An Evening with Lori Endress

For a couple of years, Trinity, New Hamburg, has been supporting Lori Endress, an ELCIC missionary serving in Chiang Mai, Thailand at Payap University, an institution founded by the Church of Christ in Thailand. Lori has served since 2002. She currently addresses the English language needs of students and faculty at Payap's McGilvary Faculty of Theology and Seminary.

On home leave from Thailand and hosted by our ELW, Lori will be at Trinity, on Monday, October 2, at 7:30 pm, to talk about her ministry. All —women and men, both— are welcome to this special event.

✚ *andré lavergne*

✚ Finances to August 30, 2006

	General Fund	Capital Fund	Transfers
Income	\$ 154,477	\$ 9,992	\$ 14,354
Outgo	146,513	9,863	6,411
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Balance	\$ 7,964	\$ 129	\$ 7,943

We are showing a modest General Fund surplus of \$7,964. The Capital Fund reflects the purchase of a new main computer for the office.

PAR Update

We currently receive \$95,172 yearly (\$7,931 monthly) from 54 PAR households. Some \$82,968 is earmarked for the General Fund. This represents about one-third of our General Fund envelope requirements for the year. PAR applications are available from the office.

✚ *bob ruthig & andré lavergne*

✚ Property Matters

Our infra-red hearing-assist system has died and the main unit is no longer being manufactured. This is a big and potentially costly headache. We are sorting out our options.

Work is almost done at Wilmot Street. The house was cleaned from top to bottom and repainted; the basement floor was resurfaced and painted; all of the carpet was replaced; there are several new light fixtures; new steps were built for the back porch; the back-yard fence was righted; a deck is in the works as is a door for direct access to the back yard; cable and phone access were taken to the second floor office; all of the locks were replaced. Still, while Trevor & Anne have moved in, there is a little bit of detail work to go.

We are grateful to Bob Anger, Mark Buehlow, Don Coxson, Ed Danner, Bruce & Anne Hammer, Ken Hammer, Don Jardin, Jo Knackstedt, Hans Lass, Bill Lindner, Roger & Anne Lindner, Scott Malloch, Ray Merner, Doug Miller, Arlene Meyer, Earl Nickolas, Brad Otterbein, Brian Racho, Willow Racho, Stu Rhem, Cy & Reta Ridout, Judy Riley, Buck Roth, Pat Schmetzer, Carl Schroeder, Ken & Judie Seltzer, Henry Simon, Rick Trafford and Mary Trussler for their terrific contributions to the endeavour. Thank you, friends for a job well done!

✚ *henry simon*

✚ Discipleship ~ Sunday School

Sunday School Helpers Needed

We are still looking for a number of classroom helpers for the grade 4/5/6 group. Please consider joining this essential ministry. Talk to anyone on the Discipleship Team —Lori Arnott, Val Gerber, Carol Murray, Nancy Brodrecht or Sherri Morrison— if you or someone you know might volunteer for this important ministry.

✚ *andré lavergne*

✚ TYGers & Full Serve

Lisa to Gather High School Youth

Lisa Hagen is pulling together some monthly activities for youth in grades 9 and up. The first event for fall will be a drive-in movie night on Saturday, September 16. Watch for details.

Lisa may be reached at 662-9573. Look for posters in the narthex and blurbs in the GUIDE TO WORSHIP.

Full Serve Youth at Worship

On Sunday, October 22, our company of Full Serve youth and leaders will assist in leading worship. Pastor-elect Anne will meet with the gang in September to make plans. Trinity's Full Serve youth are Justin Gerber, Scott Malloch, Tara Otto, Rachel Gueguen, Saphire Linseman, Emma Bruce, Stef Mueller, Cassandra Lindner, Joe Trafford, Brandon Danner, Emily Ritz, Stephanie Martin, Justin Danner and Erika Mueller. Their leaders are Roger Lindner & Deb Linseman.

At Full Serve in Winnipeg, it was announced that the next Canadian Lutheran Youth Gathering will take place in Whitehorse, Yukon —Yes, really!— in 2008.

✚ *andré lavergne*

✚ Hats Off

We are grateful to the Discipleship - Children & Youth team (Nancy Brodrecht, Lori Arnott, Carol Murray, Val Gerber & Sheri Morrison) for all of their work in getting ready for Sunday School and to the terrific team of teachers and helps who have joined them in their work. Well done!

✚ *andré lavergne*

✝ Evangelical Lutheran Worship

The response to our request for sponsorships for our new worship book, *EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WORSHIP*, was astonishing. We needed 220 to do the job and got orders for some 250. Wow! We also have commitments for the two presider's and two organist's editions.

We hope to begin singing from our new book in October/November and to learn a new setting of the Holy Communion in time for Advent (December). Three Adult Learning sessions in November will focus on *EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WORSHIP*.

Care to know more about *EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WORSHIP*? Take a look at the materials located in the Katie Luther room. Complete details concerning our new book are carried at the ELCIC's worship web site www.worship.ca. Simply click on *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*.

✝ *andré lavergne*

✝ Faithful Journey

Since early in the year, Trinity's Stewardship Task Group has been working on a stewardship program whose theme is "faithful journey." To date, there have been several terrific newsletter pieces and, currently, a series of temple talks. All of these were designed to preface an every-household visitation program to unfold in October.

Some 50-60 dedicated individuals working singly or in teams will be visiting many of our families while others will be invited to participate by mail. Our program has four main goals.

Faithful Journey: Stewardship Goals

1. To deepen participation in Trinity's worship and congregational life. 2. To provide a strong financial foundation for our renewed team ministry. 3. To encourage people to look seriously at their own personal and household stewardship. 4. To give people the opportunity to offer constructive feedback concerning our ministry together.

Faithful Journey: Read, Reflect, Respond!

To achieve our goals, we are asking people to do three things: to *read, reflect & respond*: 1. To read two stewardship pieces

called *FAITHFUL JOURNEY: A STEWARDSHIP OF LIFE* and *FAITHFUL JOURNEY: A FAITHFUL RESPONSE*. These items are designed to introduce good and faithful stewardship as a "way of life" and to help our people to appreciate the financial challenges faced by our congregation and to see ourselves in our overall financial picture.

2. To reflect on what has been offered. There will be lots of opportunity for reflection and conversation.

3. To respond using three pieces entitled *FAITHFUL JOURNEY: MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES* which allows people to express interest in any of the many ministries in which people can become involved; *FAITHFUL JOURNEY: TRINITY'S PAR PROGRAM* which outlines Trinity's PAR program and encourages all of our households to consider participating; and *FAITHFUL JOURNEY: AFFIRMATIONS & IDEAS* which affords people the opportunity to further reflect on our ministry and to offer affirmations and ideas.

Faithful Journey: Please Respond!

That's it: read, reflect, respond! That's what we are asking *everyone* to do; that's what we are asking *you* to do. Please respond positively when one of your neighbours calls or when you receive your Faithful Journey stewardship kit in the mail.

I hope that you, together with all of God's people at Trinity, will begin to reflect on what it means to be a thoughtful and careful steward of the wonderful ministry commended to God's people and wonderful world placed in our care. I hope, as well, that you will respond as you are able using the materials which will be provided you.

Faithful Journey: Thank You!

Together with all of the members of the Stewardship Task Group—Steve Aho, Flex Bender (Council), Jo Knackstedt (Co-chair; Council), André Lavergne (*ex officio*), Bill Lindner, Roger Lindner, Brad Otterbein, Bob Povey (Co-chair) and Rick Ritz—I want to say "thank you" for any and every effort you make to insure that good stewardship continues to grow and flourish as a way of life for you and for all whom you hold dear.

For your companionship on our *faithful journey*, we are all very grateful!

✝ *andré lavergne*