

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

175th Anniversary + Faithful Journey

Invitation to Ministry



Trinity Lutheran Church offers a wonderful ministry and a profound witness at home and beyond. The people of Trinity have a terrific vision for ministry of which we can be proud! As we celebrate our 175th anniversary, we'd love to involve as many people in our ministry as possible. It's simply good stewardship!

- Please place an **X** where you or someone in your family is serving.
- Please place a **✓** where you might like to serve or like to know more.

Ministry contacts are indicated where possible and a call to the office (519.662-1810) will have you directed to someone knowledgeable.

Anchor Community Worship (André Lavergne, design; Sundays, 9:30 am)

- Guide to Worship & Worship Rota - Jill Merner; preparation of printed worship materials.
- Tape Ministers - Rose Mueller; provide access to our worship life to those unable to attend.
- Altar Guild - Reta Klaassen; provides custody and care of Trinity's worship items and prepares for Holy Communion.
- Communion Wine - Neil & Reta Klaassen; prepare and bottle communion wine for our Anchor and Sanctuary communities.
- Greeters - André Lavergne; welcome and orient guests to worship and remind people of important items: "Trinity Dove is out today..."
- Acolytes - André Lavergne; help the presiding and assisting ministers in their leadership of our community's worship.
- Choirs - Gywin Murray; Trinity Choir (changed voices) and Affirmation Singers lead, support and embellish Trinity's worship life.
- Ushers - Ken Seltzer; see to the seating and needs of worshippers.
- Musicians - Gywin Murray; lead, support and embellish worship.
- Assisting Ministers - André Lavergne; help to lead our assembly's worship.



Sanctuary Community Worship (Anne Anderson, design; Sundays, 5:00 pm)

- Assisting Ministers - Nancy Dale; help lead our community's worship.
- Musicians - Anne Anderson; lead, support and embellish worship.
- Hosts - Nancy Dale; welcome and orient guests to worship and remind people of important items: "Trinity Dove is out today..." See to peoples' needs as they become apparent.
- Community Life - Dee Roth; building community bridges; suggesting and planning opportunities for community fellowship and interaction.

Congregational Life (celebrating life in our parish)

- 175th Anniversary Task Group - Larry Gravill; celebrating the 175th anniversary of our congregation (2009); 100th anniversary of the ground-breaking for our present first wing (2010); 100th anniversary of our first worship in our present worship space (2011).
- Sunday Coffee Hour - Dave Mello; offering an opportunity for fellowship over coffee, juice and cookies after our Anchor Community worship.
- "There will be Cake!" Sundays - André Lavergne; an occasional opportunity to celebrate the sometimes un-sung ministry of individuals in our community.

- ❑ Prayer Circle - Shirley Unrau; prays for individuals and parish and other important concerns.
- ❑ Good Friday / Holy Saturday Prayer Vigil - André Lavergne; an opportunity to pray and meditate from the Good Friday service to the Easter Vigil liturgy.
- ❑ Gentle Friends Reading Group - Kathryn Ritz; monthly conversation over a good book.
- ❑ Trinity Quilters - Florence Sebert / ELW; weekly gathering of quilters; novices welcome!
- ❑ Prayer Shawls and Quilts - Millie Rhem / ELW; provides succour & support for the hurting through the gift of a hand-knit shawl or hand-knotted quilt.
- ❑ Secret Sisters - Shirley Unrau / ELW; building relationships among Trinity's women through anonymous loving kindnesses and a terrific annual fellowship dinner.
- ❑ Shepherds - André Lavergne; assist in the monthly delivery of TRINITY DOVE and other items; making our pastors aware of ministry needs and of people coming and going.
- ❑ Community / Affirmation suppers & meals - Pat Schmetzer; provision of table hospitality for fellowship and special events.
- ❑ Funeral Lunch Teams (Betty Ritz / ELW; provision of hospitality in times of grief; guys welcome!
- ❑ Soup, Sandwich, Sermon & Song - Pat Schmetzer; inter-church community Lenten program offering noon-hour devotions and fellowship.
- ❑ Council "Thank You" Letters - Krista Durrer; every month, Council directs the writing of 4-5 "thank you" letters to people in our community and beyond.
- ❑ Inquirers' Classes - Anne Anderson; instruction & welcome of people whether new to or established in our community.
- ❑ Trinity Church Library - André Lavergne; contains a small portion of the library of Pastor Lavergne together with many other books and periodicals.

Community Service

- ❑ Advent Mitten Tree - André Lavergne; provision of knitted warm winter woollies to festoon our Mitten Tree and to augment the contents of our Christmas hampers.
- ❑ Christmas Hampers - André Lavergne / Priscilla Group; provision of Christmas Hampers via the Wilmot Family Resource Centre.
- ❑ Trinity Garden Club - Maria Baumgaertner; offering community garden plots.
- ❑ Trinity Christmas Clinic / Canadian Blood Services - Ken Seltzer; provision of staff, food, set-up & take-down for clinics. Participation in the *Partners for Life* program.
- ❑ Trinity Endowment Fund - Michel Gascon; provides funding to extend or deepen our ministry in the wider community.
- ❑ Trinity/Optimist Christmas Breakfast - Neil Klaassen; Saturday morning fun, fellowship & food in the run-up to Christmas.
- ❑ Food Bank - Hans Lass / Wilmot Family Resource Centre; gathering of food for the hungry.

Community Support

- ❑ Waterloo Seminary Women's Auxiliary - Pat Schmetzer / ELW; provides financial and material support to Waterloo Lutheran Seminary and the community of seminarians.
- ❑ Lutheran Campus Ministry - Anne Anderson; providing support to students and seminarians.
- ❑ Canadian Lutheran World Relief - André Lavergne; global development & education around development issues; provision of "We Care" bags for overseas relief.
- ❑ Edgewood Camp - Rick Ritz; providing support for facilities and programming related to faith expressed in the out-of-doors.
- ❑ ELCIC Missions - André Lavergne; writing & supporting Lori Endress and others who serve in mission contexts at home and out-of-country.
- ❑ Community Care Concepts - Cy Ridout; helping to meet the needs of seniors by hosting concerts and assisting with volunteers.
- ❑ Amnesty International - Joyce Roth; occasional letter-writing opportunities to "speak" for those imprisoned who would otherwise have no voice.
- ❑ Habitat for Humanity - Buck Roth; occasional projects to provide decent, affordable housing.

Nurturing Faith Team - Children & Youth

- ❑ Faith Chests - Cy Ridout; creation of treasure chests for the newly-baptised; chests contain a baptismal candle and a variety of books funded through our Endowment Fund.
- ❑ Cradle Roll - Nancy Brodrecht / ELW; embracing infants, toddlers and young families through the provision of notes and other printed materials.
- ❑ Nursery - Krista Durrer; maintain & provide for a nursery during worship & other programs.
- ❑ Faith Adventures - Lori Arnott; Sunday morning learning with music, stories, arts & crafts and videos for kids.
- ❑ Affirmation Ministry! - Anne Anderson; learning, camping and fellowship for kids preparing for confirmation.
- ❑ TT@MM's - Third Thursdays at Meme's - Anne Anderson; a Philosophers' Café offering timely conversation among youth & others.



Nurturing Faith Team - Adults

- ❑ Life-Long Learning - Ray Merner; Sunday morning & weekday evening programs for adults in our congregation and beyond.
- ❑ Faith in Film - Sherry Coman; hosted in the Bruce Hammer Theatre, seasonal film series typically having a running theme.

Mutual Ministry Team

- ❑ Steve Aho; provides support and care for our staff and creation/review of Policies and Procedures governing our staff.

Property & Maintenance

- ❑ Property repairs and maintenance - Ken Seltzer; keeping our facilities in good repair
- ❑ Work Days - Ken Seltzer; opportunities for people to offer their skills around the church... We can put anyone to work! Please note your skill (carpentry, plumbing, gardening...)
- ❑ Grounds-keeping - Marcus Buehlow; attending to our lawn, flowers, shrubs & trees.

Finance & Stewardship

- ❑ Stewardship Task Group - Rick Ritz; provision of Trinity's Faithful Journey stewardship program and related education about stewardship.
- ❑ Endowment Fund Committee / Evangelical Lutheran Fund of Eastern Canada - Michel Gascon; management of funds to extend Trinity's mission and ministry far and wide.
- ❑ Envelope Offering Counters - Rick Ritz; monthly team of 2 or 3 people to assist a Council member to count the offerings each week.

Future Directions

- ❑ Second Century Task Group (on hold pending economic recovery) - Rick Ritz; Project designed to address long-standing and growing hospitality, space and property concerns.

Administration

- ❑ TRINITY DOVE Prep Team - Jill Merner; collating, stuffing and addressing each monthly issue.
- ❑ Office assistance - Jill Merner; provision of office support (such as taking calls) when Jill is off.

In Case you Want to Know More... ✓

Trinity's staff

- ❑ Parish Secretary ~ Jill Merner - since 1980; the weekday-morning face and voice of Trinity to members, friends and guests alike.
- ❑ Sexton ~ Brian Racho - on his own, with Bruce Hammer or in support of Melissa, since 1988; rings the bells and attends to security & other duties.
- ❑ Director of Music ~ Gywin Murray - since 1961; combines roles of organist and choir director.
- ❑ Pastor ~ Anne Anderson - since 2006; focus on children/youth; Sanctuary, Faith Adventures...
- ❑ Pastor ~ André Lavergne - since 1984; focus on worship, pastoral care, administration...

Trinity's lay leadership

- ❑ Lori Arnott, Council, President/Chairperson, Nurturing Faith Team, Mutual Ministry Team.
- ❑ Marc Buehlow, Council, Property & Maintenance.
- ❑ Laurie Clarke, Financial Secretary.
- ❑ Jackie Currah, Council, Nurturing Faith Team (Children & Youth)
- ❑ Krista Durrer, Council, Secretary, Nurturing Faith Team (Children & Youth).
- ❑ Larry Gravill, Council, Anniversary Task Group
- ❑ Doreen Lindner-Baan, Council, Congregational Life.
- ❑ Devon Otterbein, Council, TYGers.
- ❑ Rick Ritz, Council, Stewardship Task Group, Second Century Task Group, Finance.
- ❑ Bob Ruthig, Treasurer.
- ❑ Pat Schmetzer, Council, Congregational Life, Anniversary Task Group, ELW.
- ❑ Ken Seltzer, Council, Witness & Outreach / Service, Property & Maintenance.
- ❑ Heidi Ziegler, Council

Trinity's vocational support

- ❑ Syd Hills, Pastoral Assistant - provides occasional preaching, presiding and pastoral care.
- ❑ Lori Endress, Missionary - teaches English at McGilvary Seminary, Chiang Mai, Thailand.

Trinity's auxiliaries

- ❑ Evangelical Lutheran Women ~ Pat Schmetzer; formally organized to provide fellowship among women of the parish and a variety of ministry support to the Trinity community and beyond.
- ❑ Priscilla Group ~ Reta Klaassen; informal group of women who provide program support to the Trinity community.
- ❑ Junior & Senior TYGers (Trinity Youth Group-ers) ~ Anne Anderson; provides opportunities of like-age youth to gather for fellowship and to participate in the work and mission of the church.

Agencies housed or based at Trinity

- ❑ Creative Beginnings Day Care - Kim Lafontaine; 519.662-3854
- ❑ Interfaith Counselling Centre - Ruth Martin; 519.662-3092
- ❑ TOPS (Taking Off Pounds Sensibly) - Joe Couch; 519.662-4977
- ❑ A/A (Alcoholics Anonymous) - call 519.742-6183
- ❑ CLEAN (Community Link Empowered Against Narcotics) - call 519.662-9555

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