



Trinity Lutheran Church
 552 Louisa St., Ayton, 519-665-7585
 Community Services 10 am

July & August 2023 Newsletter

... from the pastor's desk ...

Well, my friends, this is it – retirement has arrived and our time together has come to an end.

Thank you, thank you, thank you for everything: for allowing me into your lives to celebrate the joys and sorrows you experienced; for the love and support we gave each other; for the faithful and generous giving you made to keep our ministries alive; for your participation in weekly worship and special times of prayer, study, and fellowship; for daring to dream beyond today's challenges and being part of building a future for Trinity's next generations; for the music – oh, how I love our choir and the faith dear Sharon has in our abilities!; for the food – no better food ANYwhere!!; for the willingness to try new things, to make mistakes and learn new skills; for the laughter – and the tears – we did them all together; for standing together as the Body of Christ from the beginning and not giving up; for your prayers – for me, for my family, for each other; and so much more.

As I've said before: family doesn't say goodbye; we only say "See you later!" My prayer for you comes straight from Paul's letter to the Thessalonians: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God.

You have been my joy, and I love you all. May God bless and keep you ... see you later!

*With abundant love,
 Pastor Heather+*



"Let us remember In our daily prayers, our sick & shut-ins & all those we name silently In our hearts"
 Carol Bieman Laverne Becker  Tammy Tims Judith Thomson

Contact us if you'd like someone added to this prayer list.

Olivia Douglas & Cam Devries



Saturday, May 27, 2023



Elsie Pfeffer



*Welcomed Into Baptism
 Sunday May 7, 2023*



Dear Trinity:

My Grandfather, Reverend Edward Heimrich (my namesake) served your congregation in the mid to late 1960's. My Grandmother, Irene, passed away relatively young in 1967. My Grandfather remarried in 1969 to Pearl Foerster.

My mom, Marilyn Heimrich (widow of our late Dad Ron who passed June 29/2017), and my sister and brother-in-law, Laurie and Phil Erb, were recently in your fine little town. The purpose of the visit was to reminisce the good old days, and to look up some graves that were both unknown and known to our family. One of which was my step-grandma, Pearl (Foerster) Heimrich. She was born and raised in Ayton and a lifelong Lutheran. Some of the more senior members of your congregation may remember "Grandma Pearl" who moved to join us in Zurich for the remainder of her life following Ayton.

On their recent visit, my sister took some pictures, including the front read-o-graph sign at your church. Obviously, we noticed your special date of June 4, today. We were really hoping to attend your celebrations. However, we were involved in a full busy service at our own church AND a few other life issues got in the way.

Regardless, we still wanted to reach out to you and offer our congratulations to you and your congregation. 70 years is an admirable milestone indeed! We have so many wonderful memories of our Ayton and Trinity Lutheran days. Your community and church hold a special place in all of our hearts. For me, it was from childhood days and into my early adulthood. That was both during my Grandfather's tenure at Trinity, and his retirement and even after his passing in 1972 as we continued to visit Grandma Pearl.

I would like to formally pass along our sincere congratulations to all of you on the occasion of your 70th! Congratulations are from our congregation at St. Peter's Lutheran in Zurich and our Pastor Nadine Schroeder-Krantz. My family also wish to pass along our personal congratulations, from us to you. That includes my family named above, myself and my wife Julie and our three children, along with my brother Dave and his family. I also extend congratulations on behalf of my Aunt Audrey (Heimrich) Haberer (late Fred 2021) and her daughter Christine and son Steve and their respective families.

Best wishes and God's richest blessings to you all as you celebrate the Trinity of our creator and your 70th Anniversary on this beautiful Sunday.

*Sincerely,
Mark Heimrich*

"I will be unable to attend your Anniversary service due to my advanced age and mobility concerns.....Some of my happiest days were spent in Ayton, so I wish the church all God's blessings.

Much love! Barbara Werner Lane"

Dear Members of Trinity,
Greetings from Nanaimo, BC.

Congratulations on the 70th Anniversary of Trinity's church building. I would have been 14 years old when it was built and dedicated. I have fond memories of my time at Trinity and there is a special place in my heart for loved ones who have passed and are laid to rest in Ayton, and for family in Jim and Joyce Nuhn (who, I am happy to say are coming out to visit Joan and I this summer).

You are all in my prayers as you celebrate this occasion. God's richest Blessings as you continue in your ministry.

*Love,
Kathryn Karr (nee Nolting)*

Trinity Council members have been very impressed with the support and assistance that has been provided by members of Trinity over the past few months. To those of you that are helping as readers and with lay services, **we thank you!** The Involvement, participation and support with the 70th Anniversary celebrations was exceptional. Each of you contributes In your own unique way and collaboratively, Trinity has so much to be proud of.

We also want to take the time to **thank Pastor Heather** for her guidance, prayers, support, innovative thinking and friendship over these past 8 years. She has Inspired all of us and encouraged us to share our talents and strengths, sometimes stepping outside of our comfort zones, in order to make Trinity a vibrant and supportive community. We will miss her wit and humour, but we are confident that we will make it through the next phase of our transition to a new pastor, without too many hurdles along the way. We wish Pastor Heather many years of a well-deserved retirement.

As we head into the next few months, we want to let members know that your Trinity Council has been working hard to find a supply pastor or lay leader to lead us in worship on Sunday mornings. Christine Mussar-Rehkopf will be available at the beginning of each month, with the exception of August. You will notice that we have a few different supply pastors that will be helping us out as well throughout the next few months. The tentative list of coverage for services can be found below. Unfortunately, there is no Interim pastor available at this time, so we do ask for your patience and support as we navigate through this next phase. We do have a direct line to Synod Office, should we need assistance and support.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to any of the council members. The phone number for Trinity Lutheran church (519-665-7585) will still be connected and messages can be left there and they will be followed up with on a regular basis. In an emergency, you are welcome to phone Co-Council Chairs - either Sharon Machina at (519)901-2187 (cell) or (519)327-8646 (home) or Wayne Pfeffer at (519)665-7756.

Trinity Lutheran Ayton will still be a happening place! We hope to see you worshipping with us throughout the summer months.

On behalf of Council,
Sharon Machina, Co-Chair



Service Plan for the summer months:

- July 2:** Pastor Christine Mussar-Rehkopf
- July 9:** Pastor Paul Pfeffer - Ice Cream treats
- July 16:** Pastor John Boehmer
- July 23:** Ayton Centennial Hall Picnic Shelter - outdoor lay service & potluck picnic
- July 30:** Lay Service
- August 6:** Lay Service
- August 13:** Lay Service
- August 20:** Pastor John Boehmer
- August 27:** Lay Service - Sundae Sunday
- September 3:** Pastor Christine Mussar-Rehkopf
- September 10, 2 pm,** Cemetery Memorial service: Pastor Christine Mussar-Rehkopf

A congregational meeting was held on June 18 to discuss and vote on WOF kitchen renovation proposals.

Voting by paper ballots resulting in the following: 49 Members voted.

- 28 were in favour of "b" option which is an estimated price of \$20,000 which includes larger hot water heater and new flooring in small meeting room attached to kitchen
 - 15 were in favour of "c" option which is an estimated price of \$50,000 modified proposal
 - 6 were in favour of "d" option which is an estimated price of \$120,000 full renovations
- Council and committees can now move ahead with plans for renovations. Thanks to all who were available to vote.

Mission Statement: Trinity is a Christ-centered community of faith, whose purpose is to share God's grace for everyone.

Vision: Trinity reaches out in love for all in the name of Christ through our Worship, Witness and Fellowship

Value Statement: Guided by God's word, the values of Trinity are:

- * Worship * Prayer * Fellowship
- * Generous Giving * Witnessing
- * Community * Sense of Purpose
- * Reaching out to others
- * Honouring the Vision of Past, Present & Future Generations

CALL COMMITTEE REPORT

The Call Committee met at 7 pm on Monday, June 12, 2023 in the church basement to review the Availability for Call submissions. These are pastors who have expressed interest in ministering to Trinity. This process is not one that can be rushed. Thoughtful consideration must be given and we are pleased that things are progressing.

We continue to ask for the Lord's guidance and the congregation's support and prayers as we proceed in this most important endeavor.

Submitted by:
Kathy Mauer, Chair Trinity Call Committee



Look What's Been Happening at Trinity!



Attitude of Gratitude

Check out this newsletter for lots more.

Share yours, by naming & claiming the work of a person (s) who lives out their gifts in service to our Lord.

Email: netnanny@wightman.ca.

Our 70th Anniversary celebration has come and gone and what a fabulous celebration it was! The entire day was wonderful from beginning to end. **A huge thank-you** to everyone who participated in the service in any way - those that were part of the procession at the beginning, the readers, the special music, Pastor Doug's message, and Pastor Heather's leadership throughout. It was all amazing! And to see the number of hands that were raised when Pastor Doug asked how many were at the Initial service 70 years ago was breathtaking. Another comment that we heard was, how great it was to sit in the midst of the congregation and be able to hear everyone singing!



A huge thank-you to each and everyone of you who came out to Trinity to help us celebrate the 70th Anniversary of the church building. You brought energy and excitement to the whole day! Trinity Ayton was definitely the place to be on June 4th!

It would not have been a special service at Trinity without all of the special music that filled the sanctuary.

Thank-you to: Sheila Fisher for playing the baby grand piano and joining with Sharon to share a vocal duet, "El Shaddai".



The Holstein Musical Belles for their barbershop selection of "I Will Follow Him"



Micaela Quibell and Pastor Heather for their beautiful duet, "In Unity We Lift Our Song"

Trinity Choir for their selection, "Let Us Give Thanks"

Wayne Stoltz, Pastor Heather, Micaela & Lucia Quibell for their beautiful harmonies in "Hallelujah"

Trinity Sunday School for sharing the "10 Commandment Boogie".

Thank-you to everyone who donated & shared their flower arrangements and planters to decorate the church and hall; it certainly added lots of colour in the sanctuary.

Ruth, Kathy & Bonnie
In memory of Paul Pfeffer

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In memory of Terry Pfeffer

Ruth, Kathy & Bonnie
In memory of Earl Martin Jacob Conrad

Louise Schenk & Wayne Douglas
In memory of Dick & Marg Schenk

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In memory of Bill & Verna Brusso

Eunice Henning
In memory of Violet & Elmer Fischer

Harvey & Brenda Maes, Beth Glauser
In memory of Elmer & Gertie Becker Ken Glauser

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Wayne E Pfeffer
In memory of Arnold & Eileen Pfeffer, Brian & Glen Pfeffer, Pfeffer Grandparents, Uncle, Aunts & Cousins

Murray & Bonnie Grein
In memory of Russell & Marj. Grein



Mary Lou Pfeffer
In memory of Herman Maes & Louis Ahrens

Rheo & Sharon Machina, Sheila Fisher & Tom Zimmerman, Betty Fisher
In memory of Ivan Fisher

Wayne E Pfeffer
In memory of Becker Grandparents, Uncle, Aunts & Cousins

Eileen Becker
In memory of Ezra Becker

Dennis & Denise Fischer, Lorri & Steve Holley
In memory of Mark Fischer, Elmer & Violet Fischer, Austin Holley

Fred Bieman & family
In memory of Lois Bieman

Bob & Doreen Kreller
to celebrate their 65th Anniversary

Don, Glenn & Kathy Mauer & Families
In memory of Norm & Vi Mauer, John & Mil Eisenbach

Kathy & Glenn Mauer and Families
In memory of Vic & Marg Eisenbach

The committee would like to thank everyone who helped behind the scenes to tidy-up and clean the church prior to the Anniversary weekend and to assist with set-up and clean-up at the hall.

Clean-up of church:

Bonnie Pfeffer Ken Glasser Sue Bridge Denise Fischer Mary Lou Pfeffer Alex Pfeffer

Set-up and Clean-up of hall:

Harvey Maes	Glenn Mauer	Fred Bieman	Wayne Douglas	Doug & Sandra Scott
Eunice Henning	Denise Fischer	Daniel Bieman	Bonnie Pfeffer	Susan Pfeffer
Micaela, Joshua & Lucia Quibell		Sheila Fisher		

Thanks again to Marley Tone for creating the sketches of Trinity Lutheran Church and for framing her original sketches and donating them to the church. We will hang these pictures in the front entranceway, so be sure to look for them.



Thank-you to:

- Bob Kreller for helping to pick up the balloon bouquets
- Rheo Machina & Keith Grein for delivering the wooden Trinity church model to the arena hall and returning it to the church basement.
- Thank you to Telf Wegg for taking photos at the church and the arena hall.





After the service, a number of people gathered on the front lawn to renew acquaintances before heading up to the arena hall for a delicious meal and time to socialize.



Thank-you to Pastor Doug Reble for bringing greetings from the ELCIC Eastern Synod Office and for joining with us in our celebrations.

A shout out to the 70th Anniversary Committee for having the vision, the dedication and the patience to bring this all together and create more memories as we move forward. Thank-you to:
 Kathy Mauer Carolyn Fisher Mary Lou Pfeffer Sue Bridge Louise Schenk Eileen Becker
 Brenda Maes Sharon Machina Pastor Heather Spencer



Thank-you to Louise Schenk for putting together a wonderful display of weddings that have taken place at Trinity throughout the past 70 years. **Thanks** to Mary Lou Pfeffer for organizing all of the items related to the history of Trinity Lutheran Church. We were able to browse through the displays, mingle with friends old and new, and enjoy a glass of wine or beer if the spirit moved us.



A HUGE THANK YOU to everyone who submitted photos for the "70 Years of Trinity Weddings" display for the Anniversary celebrations. It was touching that so many brides and grooms wanted to remember their wedding day at Trinity! It was such a fun project and I want to give a **special shout out to Kathy Mauer** who spent one long evening helping me to cut, glue and organize the 53 photos submitted (we had a glass of wine & a lovely visit 😊)!
Thank you again to all! Louise

Thanks to all who turned out for the Father's Day BBQ.



Thanks to all the WOF ladies who gathered together recently to celebrate Pastor Heather's retirement. It was a fun night!

70th Anniversary Financial Report

Income

Music Concert	\$ 1,610.65
Church Anniversary Collection	\$ 722.00
Dinner Tickets	\$ 4,300.00
Drink Tickets	\$ 745.00
Excess Drinks purchased	<u>\$ 79.15</u>
Total	\$ 7,456.80

Expenses

Music Concert & programs	\$ 1,184.00
Hall Rental	\$ 150.00
Hall Insurance	\$ 190.63
Liquor License	\$ 150.00
Invitations/envelopes/magnets	\$ 306.25
Dinner Tickets	\$ 40.00
Dinner Meal/pizza	\$ 3,275.18
Cups/glasses/napkins/milk/etc.	\$ 144.36
Decorations	\$ 136.26
Flowers	\$ 140.00
Organist	\$ 100.00
Liquor	\$ 372.79
Wedding photos/display	<u>\$ 50.53</u>
Total	\$ 6,240.00

Donation Options to Trinity

1. **E-transfer:** Transfer through your banking account to trinitychurchayton@gmail.com. Include your mailing address & donation designation in the message section to receive a tax receipt.
2. **Pre-authorized Payment (PAR):** Sign up with Brenda Maes (519-665-2268 or hbmaes@wightman.ca.)
3. **Mail:** Trinity Lutheran Church, 805 Albert St. Bx 222, Ayton, Ont. N0G 1C0
4. **In person at service:** Collection plate is situated at the Inner entrance.

Financial Report

Opening Balance, Jan. 1, 2023 \$ 11,630.36 (10,733.61 + 464.37 + 432.38)

Income

Income (Jan. 1 – June 18) \$ 58,163.13

GIC added to Current Account \$ 20,000.00

70th Anniversary \$ 7,456.80

Total \$ 97,250.29 \$ 97,250.29

Expenses

Expenses (Jan. 1 – June 18) \$ 73,996.85

70th Anniversary \$ 6,240.00

Bank Balance, June 18, 2023 \$ 17,013.44

Donations

Accounts Receivable \$ 4,125.04	70 th Anniversary \$ 7,456.80
Bible Society \$ 100.00	CLWR (Earthquake) \$ 112.50
Christmas \$ 360.00	Benevolence \$ 250.00
Church (oil) \$ 975.00	HST Rebate \$ 97.16
Current \$ 45,694.29	Tech \$ 225.00
Initial Offering \$ 125.00	Newsletter Sponsor \$ 175.00
In Memory \$ 1,680.00	Choir \$ 50.00
Plate \$ 271.00	Food Bank \$ 210.00
Sunday School \$ 561.35	GIC Interest \$ 2,777.79
Women of Faith <u>\$ 75.00</u>	Youth \$ 234.00
Total <u>\$58,163.13</u>	In Honour \$ 65.00

2022 Current (Jan.1 to June 18) \$ 50,592.85 2023 Current \$ 45,694.29 (Jan.1 to June 18)

Benevolence to date (Jan.1 to June 18) \$ 2,514.00 CLWR to date (Jan. 1 to June 18) \$ 684.00

CLWR Earthquake \$ 205.00

Council has noticed recently that **Trinity's Benevolence Givings** are fairly low for this time of the year in relation to the amount we have budgeted for. With our Anniversary service behind us, council would like to take this opportunity to encourage you to consider some benevolence donations over the next little while, rather than wait until the end of the year.

One of the big trees in front of the parsonage was taken down on Wednesday. The tree was hollow and on the verge of coming down in the next wind storm. It was on the road allowance and therefore taken down by a company hired by the Municipality of West Grey.

Thanks to Ken Glasser & all those who helped with the cleanup.



Trinity & Community Coming Events



Ice cream treats will be available following the service on **July 9th**.



August 27th will be our **Sundae Sunday!** Your church council will be prepared to scoop out ice cream following the service. There will be a variety of toppings available for you to choose from and you can enjoy your own personalized sundae Trinity style. Plan to **bring your lawn chair** and we will enjoy some social time on the front lawn.



On July 23rd we will gather in the picnic pavilion at the Ayton Centennial Hall for an outdoor service at 10 am.

You are welcome to bring your **lawn chairs** and **potluck picnic** items. Following service, we will enjoy social time, potluck lunch,

some guessing games, card games and outdoor games for kids and adults. The baseball diamond is available for our use, as well as the playground equipment. We will have washroom access inside the Centennial Hall.

Be sure to mark this date on your calendar! We would love to have you join us for fellowship, fun, games and socializing!



Trinity Lutheran will hold their annual **Cemetery Memorial Service on Sunday, September 10th at 2 pm** with **Pastor Christine Mussar - Rehkopf** officiating.

Family Slo-Pitch Weekend

Ayton Centennial Park

July 28, 29, 30



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Lay Readers	Kathy Mauer	519-509-5900	glenn.mauer@wightman.ca
Music / Choir/ Video	Sharon Machina	519-327-8646	Cell: 519-901-2187
Pre-Authorized Remittance	Brenda Maes	5819-665-2268	hbmaes@wightman.ca
Receive/Sponsor Newsletter	Eunice Henning	519-665-7665	netnanny@wightman.ca



Trinity Community Calendar



Date	Event
July Altar Guild	Karen Glasser & Debbie Farquharson
Sunday, July 2, 10 am	5th Sunday after Pentecost, Pastor Christine Mussar-Rehkopf Holy Communion Reader: Ron Clarridge
Sunday, July 9, 10 am	6th Sunday after Pentecost, Pastor Paul Pfeffer Holy Communion Reader: Wayne Pfeffer Ice cream treats following the service
Sunday, July 16, 10 am	7th Sunday after Pentecost, Pastor John Boehmer Holy Communion Reader: Kathy Mauer
Sunday, July 23, 10 am	8th Sunday after Pentecost Outdoor lay service at Ayton Centennial picnic pavilion. Potluck & games to follow. Reader: Susan Pfeffer
Sunday, July 30, 10 am	9th Sunday after Pentecost, Lay Service Reader: Dahl Clarridge
August Altar Guild	Wayne Pfeffer & Brenda Maes
Sunday, August 6, 10 am	10th Sunday after Pentecost, Lay Service Reader: Wayne Pfeffer
Sunday, August 13, 10 am	11th Sunday after Pentecost, Lay Service Reader: Bonetta Vandereyken
Friday, August 18	September Newsletter Due
Sunday, August 20, 10 am	12th Sunday after Pentecost, Pastor John Boehmer Holy Communion Reader: Bonnie Pfeffer
Sunday, August 27, 10 am	13th Sunday after Pentecost, Lay service Sundae Sunday following service! Reader: Bryan Schenk
Sunday, September 3, 10 am	14th Sunday after Pentecost, Pastor Christine Mussar-Rehkopf Holy Communion
Sunday, September 10, 2 pm	Cemetery Memorial Service , Pastor Christine Mussar - Rehkopf Holy Communion



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