



October 2022 Newsletter



Trinity Lutheran Church
552 Louisa St., Ayton, 519-665-7585
Service & Sunday School: 10 am

*This newsletter is sponsored by
Doug & Sandra Scott*

*In Celebration of their
52nd anniversary
on October 2nd*



Want to be part of decorating the church for Thanksgiving? Please bring in your decorating materials to the church Saturday, October 8th between 10 and 12 noon.

We welcome squash, hardy vegetables of all kinds, flowers and anything suitable for an autumn or Thanksgiving theme.

Anything brought in **can and should** be taken away after the service on October 9.




You are invited to

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS
for


Betty Ahrens
(95 years young)
&
Arley Morran
(90 years young)

on Sunday, October 2
from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
As an Open House at
Trixie's Saloon in Ayton.

Please accept this as a personal invitation and help the family celebrate this special event with Betty and Arley.
No gifts please. A donation to the church or your favourite charity would be a wonderful tribute to them.



**“Let us remember in our daily prayers,
our sick & shut-ins & all those we name
silently in our hearts”**

Laverne Becker  **Tammy Tims**

Pastor Christine **Velma Weppler**

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

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

There's always a moment – some magical moment in mid-summer – when the winds change. Not much else changes; it's still warm, it's still humid, BBQs are still smoking and ice cream is still much sought after. But *something* changes, much like the smoke from the London rooftop chimneys in **Mary Poppins**. At that very moment, if your eyes are open, you can feel it. The world shifts on its axis, and change is in the air. Day by day the sun shines for a little shorter time. Birds start practice runs for instinctive migration plans. Hunters and gatherers get busy finding stuff – and places to stuff the stuff.

And one day we open our eyes and, with wonder and amazement, we name the change: autumn has arrived once again. With changing colours, changing temperatures, pumpkin spice **everything!** We get our homes and our pantries and our clothes ready for the long winter ahead – but not too quickly! Autumn is a time for slowing down, breathing deeply, giving thanks for all God's bounty. I love the change! I love autumn!

Things have changed at Trinity too – gently, slowly, with much thought and preparation. We gather together in our beautiful sanctuary – to give thanks. We remember the struggles of the past two+ years and acknowledge that some things have changed

forever. And yet there is exquisite and mysterious beauty in the changes. It's good to be together. It's good to see children in church! It's good to share a coffee and fellowship with family and friends!

In a season of change, in a world of change, God's love for each of us never changes. Every time we gather is a reason for giving thanks. When we're nourished with God's bounty in Holy Communion, when we partake of Jesus' word that gives life to the world, when our hearts in prayer are drawn together for God to be made known in our lives, we do so with thanksgiving.

Come - and together we'll offer our thanks for all God has given to us. Come – and together we'll claim God's promise for new life in the midst of what appears to be destroyed. Come – and together we'll focus on *“whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, and pure and lovely and admirable ... and put it all into practice. And the God of peace with be with us all.”* **Philippians 4: 4-9** Come!

Walking with you ... in thanksgiving ... Pastor Heather+



All Saints' Sunday is November 6th. Please write the names of your loved ones that you would like to be remembered on the list on the bulletin board. You can also call the office or email the names to Pastor Heather.



Welcome to the membership of Trinity, Ayton: Paul and Ruth Pfeffer.

Council News

The Fall season is now upon us and things are certainly getting busier at Church.

We are thrilled to have Sunday School starting up again after an absence of 2 years. Thank you to Mary Lou and her helpers for all your efforts and wonderful ideas. Sunday School will take place during the church service, so if you have a child or grandchild who would like to be part of this great program please get in touch with Mary Lou.

Speaking of Sunday School, they will again be collecting non-perishable items for the **West Grey Food Bank** for Thanksgiving. More info on this is also in the newsletter.

It is the practice to give members two options for our special Thanksgiving offerings, and Council has also chosen the **Food Bank and Light on Main Street in Hanover** which offers a free hot lunch weekly for anyone in the community. They operate out of Grace United Church. This group was also affected greatly by Covid but is resuming their lunches on Oct. 5th. These two organizations provide food for a growing number of families in need. Please designate where you would like your special offering to go. If it is not designated it will be split between the two.

BENEVOLENCE is a very important part of our givings, and we here at Trinity show that year after year. We are very grateful for the many members who continue to help fund synodical and other church-wide ministries by faithfully giving to benevolence on a regular basis. Your donations help fund synod operations, programs like "In Mission for Others", and mission projects : 35% of synod budget goes to provide vision, leadership and support to synod community; 24% goes to develop capable leaders; 20% connects the synod community with the wider church through effective partnerships; 21% goes to living as a healthy synod through lay leadership, global mission partners and the bishop's connection to local ministry areas so our common mission to share the Good News continues.

Our budgeted commitment to Benevolence again this year is \$10,000. As of Sept. 3 we have donated \$6282. Please consider this very important work of our Church.

Blessings to all, Trinity Council

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Payment Options to Trinity

- E-transfer:** Pay directly from your bank account into Trinity's account. Simply set up Trinity as a payee on your online banking. The email address for e-transfer donations is trinitychurchayton@gmail.com (Please verify the email address is entered correctly). The account is setup so donations are deposited directly to the Current account. No security question required.
 - Payment by cheque:** Mail your cheque to Trinity Lutheran Church, 805 Albert St. Bx 222, Ayton, Ont. N0G 1C0 or call the church office (519-665-7585) to arrange a time to personally give your envelope to Pastor Heather instead of dropping it into the mailbox.
 - Pre-authorized Payment (P.A.R.):** Join the others & sign up for P.A.R. with Brenda Maes 519-665-2268.
- Offerings: At worship services, an offering plate will be on a table just before the back pews and will be available when you enter or leave.**

Financial Report

Opening Balance, Jan. 1, 2022 \$ 16,203.02 (15,206.27 + 464.37 + 532.38)

Income

Income (Jan. 1 – Sept. 20) \$ 95,943.21

GIC redeemed (technology) \$ 5,103.14

Total \$117,249.37 \$117,249.37

Expenses

Expenses (Jan. 1 – Sept. 20) \$ 92,816.61

Technology Upgrade \$ 6,286.99

Bank Balance, Sept. 20, 2022 \$ 18,145.77

Donations

Account Receivable	\$6,029.00	\$ 164.96	GIC Interest
Benevolence	\$ 1,475.00 (Current Account)	\$ 5,801.00	(Benevolence Acct)
Bible Society	\$ 200.00	\$ 1,675.68	HST Rebate
Current	\$76,538.37	\$ 286.45	(CLWR – Ukraine)
Initial Offering	\$ 89.00	\$ 201.66	(CLWR)
In Memory	\$ 3,830.00	\$ 655.75	Plate
Trinity Cemetery	\$ 468.00	\$ 700.00	Lauderbach
Newsletter Sponsor	\$ 290.00	\$ 125.00	Sunday School
Food Bank	\$ 306.66	\$ 141.68	Saugeen Hospice
Technology	\$ 2,990.00	\$ 692.00	(CLWR – Ukraine)
Union Cemetery	<u>\$ 190.00</u>		(Benevolence Acct)
Total	\$95,943.21	\$ 395.00	(Benevolence Acct)

2021 Current \$ 97,165.54 (2021 includes 18k donation) 2022 Current \$ 76,538.37

Benevolence to date (Jan.1 to Sept. 20) \$ 7,276.00 CLWR to date (Jan. 1 to Sept. 20) \$ 1,575.11

Operation Christmas Child

You know that Christmas is fast approaching when we see Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes appear.

They will be available starting **Thanksgiving Sunday**. Collection week is the week of November 14-20. The final day for boxes to be brought to church will be November 13.

Again this year shoeboxes from Canada will make their way to the countries of Nicaragua, El Salvador and Costa Rica in Central America and in West Africa the countries of Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Sierra Leone, Senegal and The Gambia. A list will be posted for Shoebox Gift Suggestions for each of the age and gender categories to make things a little easier. If you have any questions, please see Sue Bridge.



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SUNDAY SCHOOL IS HOLDING A FOOD DRIVE FOR THE FOOD BANK

Trinity Sunday School is sponsoring a food drive beginning:

October 2, Week # 1 - pasta, KD, pasta sauce

October 9, Week #2 - canned meat or fish

October 16, Week #3 - canned fruit or vegetables

October 23, Week #4 - baby food, formula, diapers and wipes

October 30, Week #5 - personal items such as toothpaste, soap, body wash, lotion, feminine hygiene products, etc.

November 6, Week #6 - paper products such as toilet paper, Kleenex, paper towels

November 13, Week #7 - cleaning products, laundry soap, clothes detergent, etc.

Carts will be placed at back of the church on which you can place your donations.

This food drive will be completed just in time for Christmas. There is a greater need than ever for our support because of the higher cost of living and general conditions. We hope that you will be able to help us in any way. Thank you for your support.



Look What's Been Happening at Trinity!



Diane Pfeffer & family,
August 21

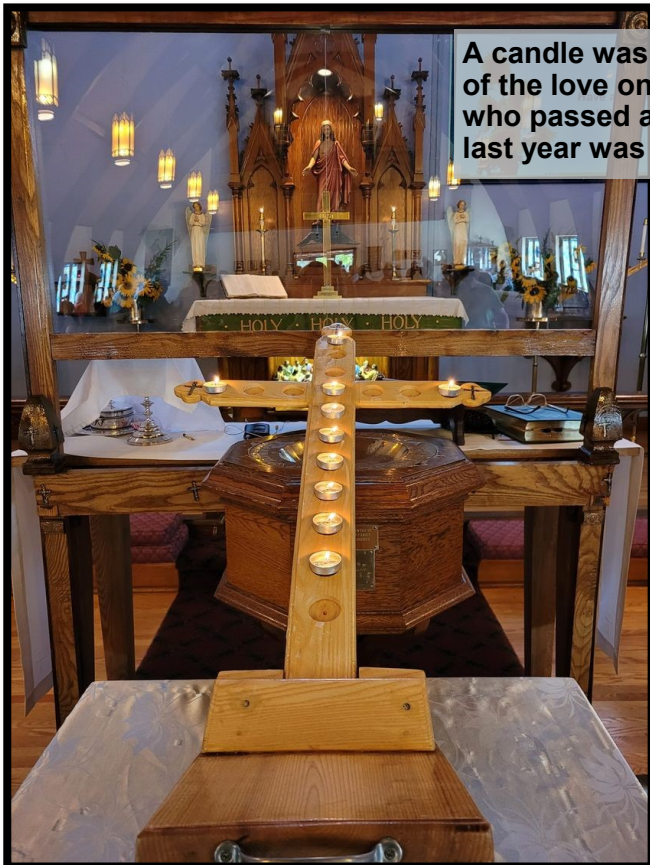


Sharon & Rheo,
September 4



Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Abigail Hyo Lee
James Junseo Lee



A candle was lit as each of the love ones names who passed away since last year was called out.

Cemetery Decoration Service, September 11

Names of our loved ones:

Carolyn Gerhardt
Dorothy Leibold
Charlie Becker
Jon Miller
Jim Henning



Gerald Schenk
Jerry Boeve
Edna Grein
Ron Herman
Dean Becker

Thank you to our musical guests, Wayne Stoltz (top) and filling in for Sharon, pianists, Marlene Dietz (l) & Sabrina Bristow (r).



Lemonade & Sundae Sunday!



Scenes of the Season



Share your seasonal scenes
from your travels.
Send to: netnanny@wightman.ca.







Attitude of Gratitude

Share yours by naming & claiming the work of a committee or a person(s) who lives out their gifts in service to our Lord.
Email: netnanny@wightman.ca.



Thank you to everyone who shared the bounty of their gardens with Pastor Heather! I have used them to provide meals for myself and some other needy people in our community. What a difference fresh, homegrown produce makes! Thank you!

Thank you for those who supply our Coffee Fellowship – and thank you to those who partake!

Thank you to our multi-media team (newsletters, videos, Facebook updates, sound equipment, etc.) who keep us connected!



Thank you to Pastor Heather for always making each service special and meaningful.

Thank you to Sharon for chairing our “Anniversary Committee”, and for those who have joined to get ready for our celebration next June.

Thank you to those who willingly prepare for our Holy Communion celebrations!

Thank you for coffee fellowship after church!

Thanks to those on the altar guild who provide beautiful flowers and communion. We appreciate you!

Thank you Rheo for looking after our financial reports etc.

Thanks to the ushers who welcome and greet us each Sunday. Nice to see your smiling faces.

Thank you to all who continue to support our ministries with their financial contributions! Thank you to everyone who has shared the beauty of their gardens with flowers for our sanctuary!



Thank you to our Sunday School teachers for organizing our children to learn about God’s love for creation and for us!



Trinity & Community Events Calendar

Date	Event
October Altar Guild	Carol Bieman & Sue Bridge
Sunday, October 2, 10 am	World Communion Sunday-17th Sunday after Pentecost—Holy Communion
Saturday, October 8	Bring in your Thanksgiving decorations between 10 & noon. .
Sunday, October 9, 10 am	Thanksgiving Sunday-Holy Communion
Monday, October 10	Thanksgiving Day
Tuesday, October 11, 7 pm	Council Meeting
Thursday, October 13, 6:30 pm	Anniversary Committee Meeting
Sunday, October 16, 10 am	19th Sunday after Pentecost
Friday, October 21	Newsletter items due
Sunday, October 23, 10 am	20th Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, October 30, 10 am	Reformation Sunday-Holy Communion
Monday, October 31	Halloween



West Grey's voting period via internet & telephone opens October 14, 2022 at 10 a.m. and closes October 24, 2022 at 8 p.m.

All Candidates Meeting
 September 29, 7 pm at the Normanby Arena, Ayton
 October 4, 7 pm at the Durham Arena

Fire Prevention Week, October 9 –15

FIRE WON'T WAIT

Plan. Practice. Escape.

- ✓ Practice Fire Drills
- ✓ Know 2 Ways Out
- ✓ Have a Safe Meeting Place