



Trinity Lutheran Church

One in Christ Newsletter News In and Around

A Christian community, open to all, transforming lives through worship, learning and service.

Pastor's Message

By Pastor Jordan Smith

Being Prepared for This Moment

“Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.” (Colossians 3:12, NIV)

As I sit down to write this monthly reflection we are at the beginning of our first heat wave of the summer. On the news this morning, reporters shared familiar advice for staying safe in extreme heat: stay hydrated, seek cool spaces, wear loose-fitting clothing, and apply sunscreen.

Having fun and staying healthy in the summer requires being prepared for the elements and the activities you have planned. Paul’s letter to the Colossians carries a similar tone to the public health guidelines we receive in extreme times. Both sources recognize that there is bad advice and good advice. Paul found it necessary to teach the church in Colossae that they did not need to follow special rules and ceremonies endorsed by false teachers. Instead, they were to be confident that their faith in Christ was sufficient for their salvation.

This is why I love focusing on the verse above as our instruction for how we are to prepare ourselves for living in extreme times. First, we are given the *why*, then we are given the *what that means for us*. We are God’s chosen people who are holy and dearly loved.

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Trinity Milestones



Happy Birthday

Congratulations to our Trinity members turning 90+.

July 10

Eileen Forestall

July 25

Ilse Reizgys

July 31

Karl Hubatschek

August 13

Gerhard Magiera

August 19

Johann Remesat

August 28

Ilse Kastrau

Pastor's message continued

This is why we will clothe ourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. The order of this message is critical. It is not because we have clothed ourselves with these spiritual gifts that we are loved, but instead we receive these gifts because we are loved by God.

This summer, as you pack sunscreen and water for your outdoor activities, don't forget to clothe yourself with the spiritual gifts God provides. Reach out with compassion to a struggling neighbour, offer kindness to a stranger, show humility in conflict, extend gentleness in times of stress, and practice patience during the cottage country traffic jams. These are the garments of God's chosen people, provided to you out of God's love. Wear them boldly, and together let us make this season one of radiant faith.

Special Anniversaries



Happy 60th Anniversary

Monika and Philipp Arth - July 3

Alice and Peter Seller - July 24

Happy 70th Anniversary

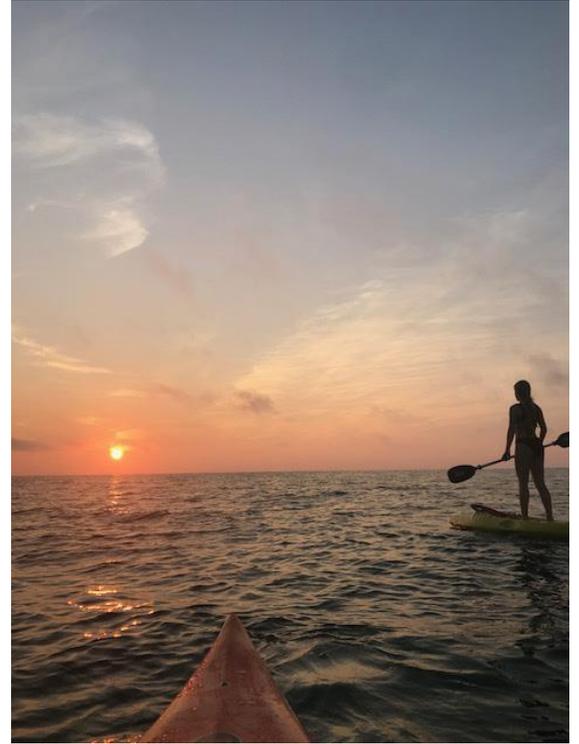
Helen and Erwin Lutz- Aug. 27

What Makes the Summer Special?

Marita Matthews

For me summer is a special time to be near the water, either at our pool or along the shores of Lake Huron. It's a season to enjoy family and friends, savour delicious summer foods, and appreciate God's blessings.

It's also a time to reflect on the summers of my own childhood, cherish memories of my children's childhood, and honour all the amazing people who have played a significant role in my life.



Blanka Gndt

I am excited about this summer as I will work my first job as a counsellor at a summer camp for children. Hopefully there will be enough time to see my boyfriend. With having a job, I will be able to buy him a nice birthday gift (his birthday is in August) with my own money. I will also do some more shopping.

I will be starting driving lessons and will then be able to move around more independently.

This year there will be no time for travelling but we will have a garden and a BBQ.

I am thankful that the pulling out of my wisdom teeth has been postponed to September, so this summer should be great!



What Makes the Summer Special? - Continued

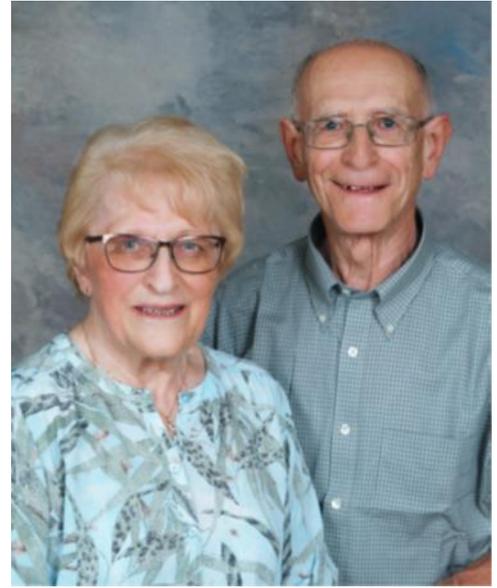
Bonnie and Ed Hofer

We have enjoyed our summer so far, even though it won't be very different from the rest of the year, except our grandkids won't come to our house every day as they do during the school year.

We used to travel, drive and walk a lot but we can't do that anymore and at times that is frustrating.

In past years we often went to the theatre in Stratford or Niagara-on-the-Lake but now we don't plan that much. We only do trips on the spur of the moment.

Tending the garden and going to special events with our children and grandchildren are still wonderful summer activities.



Congregational Communication - By Cathy Calvin, Chair, Trinity Board of Directors

A reminder to all that we will be moving up to the Fennell site on September 7, 2025, for Rally Sunday.

Services will continue during the summer at the Hughson Street location.

We hope everyone enjoys a safe, happy and healthy summer.



Birds, Butterflies, and Bees Nature Outing

Saturday, July 19th from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m.

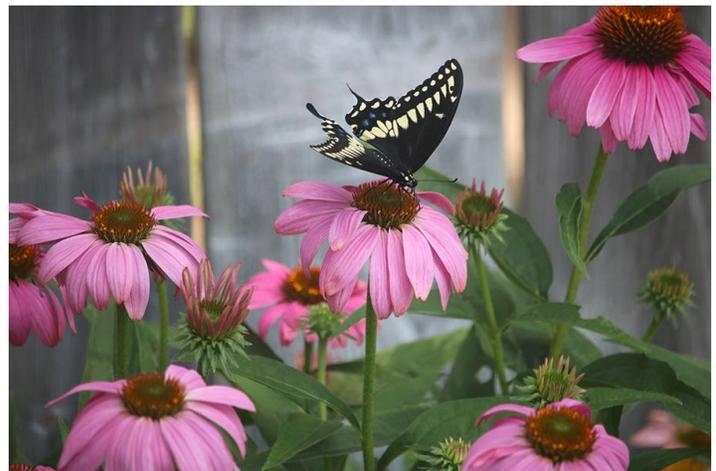
Canal Park and Urquhart Butterfly Garden, Dundas

Binoculars are not only good for bird watching. One can use them to get up close to butterflies, bees, and other miniature creatures. Nestled in the heart of Dundas is a complex of natural areas that we can explore to see which birds are raising their young and which pollinators are attracted to the array of native plants there. We'll check out the Desjardins Canal and the Hamilton Conservation Area nature sanctuary next to it which is situated where the cactus greenhouses used to stand. Of course, we'll be visiting Canada's first municipal butterfly garden which was named after Dr. Frederick and Nora Urquhart who after 40 years of patient research, solved the mystery of the migrating monarchs.



Whether you are an experienced or novice birder, join Debbie Lindeman and Dennis Price for a morning of birding and nature appreciation. Please bring a pair of binoculars if you have them.

Please email Debbie at deborahlindeman3@gmail.com or call (905) 389-0224 if you would like to participate.



The Social Ministry Committee members continue to fill **Hamilton Community Fridges and Pantries** with your donations of food and food purchased with your financial donations. Please continue your support. Food items can be left in the food container in the Parish Hall.

Financial donations can be made for **Community Fridges Hamilton**:

- In your Sunday offering
- By e-transfer to tlchamilton2020@gmail.com
- A cheque made out to Trinity Lutheran Church and mailed to 104 Hughson St. N. Please include a note indicating what your donation is supporting.

Trinity's **Little Library** continues to be well used. Consider donating any used fiction books. Everyone is welcome to use the library.

We continue to ask for donations of **Seasonal Apparel** for people attending the **People's Cafe**. Clean, gently used clothing for spring and summer, as well as socks, new underwear and toiletries are also appreciated. There has been a specific need for more men's clothing.

Clothing Works is a new initiative being launched by **Goodwill Amity**. Their mission is to support men and women who are preparing to re-enter the workforce by providing access to professional clothing, personalized styling and a boost of confidence at a critical time in their lives. The Social Ministry Committee feels that we can support Clothing Works by requesting donations of job interview clothing, accessories, hygiene products and other professional essentials. They are also looking for volunteers who will help to coach job seekers through choosing a professional outfit for their first interview and who will be a kind, supportive presence, helping to make sure the person is ready to take that next big step towards sustainable employment. There is training provided.

The program in Hamilton is hoping to begin servicing job seekers in September but are accepting clothing and interest from volunteers. Anyone interested in volunteering can contact Lynne Shanks 905-865-1456 for the job description. Please mark your clothing donations for either the **Seasonal Apparel for the People's Cafe** or **Clothing Works**.

Clothing, hygiene products, books and food items can be dropped off at Hughson St. N. on Sundays or contact Carol-Ann at 905-974-9878 to arrange drop off at Hughson on a day other than Sunday. Contact Dianne Busser 905-389-4008 if you need wool, or to arrange pick-up.

Good Food Box

The volunteers of the Good Food Box are having a well-deserved vacation in July and August. Mark your calendars for **the next Good Food Box on September 11th**. Orders will need to be placed by Sept. 4th.

Order through Trinity's website on the [Good Food Box sign up page](#) or by contacting Pastor Thomas at 289-680-7387 or email tfrm58@gmail.com. Payment through e-transfer to Trinity Lutheran Church tlchamilton2020@gmail.com is required.

Photos of Bishop Carla Blakley- Music Sunday, May 25, 2025



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Please email all newsletter submissions to Kathy Davidson before the 22nd of each month.

Taxi Program- To order a taxi

1. Call Hamilton Cab at **905-777-7777**.
2. Press "0" to speak to an operator and order the taxi. If you use the App, it will not go on Trinity's account, and you will have to pay for it.
3. Say that you would like to order a taxi on the account of Trinity Lutheran Church for one of the following addresses:
 - 104 Hughson St. N.
 - 232 Fennell Ave E.
4. Confirm with the driver that this is on the account.
5. Ask for a receipt with the fare amount on it. Give the receipt to one of the pastors, LLU members, or bring to the church office.
6. You can give them a tip if you wish especially if they help you with a walker, etc.
7. You can use a taxi to go to either of the Trinity sites any day of the week.
8. Make sure you are ready to go before you order the taxi as they can be there within minutes.
9. If you have questions, call the office during the week between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. at 905-974-9878.

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July Events Calendar

For Zoom links, please contact the office at 905-974-9878 during the week.

Check out [Trinity's online events calendar](#) for additional community events.

Tuesday July 1	Canada Day - Church office closed. People's Café - 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., 104 Hughson St. N.
Sunday July 6	Worship Service (in-person & Zoom) 10:00 a.m., 104 Hughson St. N.
Monday July 7	Friendship Circle – 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., 232 Fennell Ave. E.
Tuesday July 8	People's Café - 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., 104 Hughson St. N.
Sunday July 13	Worship Service (in-person & Zoom) 10:00 a.m., 104 Hughson St. N.
Monday July 14	Friendship Circle – 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., 232 Fennell Ave. E.
Tuesday July 15	People's Café - 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., 104 Hughson St. N.
Saturday July 19	Birds, Butterflies and Bees Nature Outing -9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., Canal Park Dundas. See page 5 for details.
Sunday July 20	Worship Service (in-person & Zoom) 10:00 a.m., 104 Hughson St. N.
Monday July 21	Friendship Circle – 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., 232 Fennell Ave. E.
Tuesday July 22	People's Café - 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., 104 Hughson St. N.
Sunday July 27	Worship Service (in-person & Zoom) 10:00 a.m., 104 Hughson St. N.
Monday July 28	Friendship Circle – 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., 232 Fennell Ave. E.
Tuesday July 29	People's Café - 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., 104 Hughson St. N.



August Events Calendar

Sunday August 3	Worship Service (in-person & Zoom) 10:00 a.m., 104 Hughson St. N.
Monday August 4	Civic Holiday
Tuesday August 5	People's Café - 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., 104 Hughson St. N. Newsletter Committee Meeting - 7:00 p.m. via Zoom.
Sunday August 10	Worship Service (in-person & Zoom) 10:00 a.m., 104 Hughson St. N.
Monday August 11	Friendship Circle – 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., 232 Fennell Ave. E.
Tuesday August 12	People's Café - 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., 104 Hughson St. N.
Sunday August 17	Worship Service (in-person & Zoom) 10:00 a.m., 104 Hughson St. N.
Monday August 18	Friendship Circle - 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., 232 Fennell Ave. E. Trinity Board of Directors Meeting - 7:00 p.m. 104 Hughson St. N.
Tuesday August 19	People's Café - 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., 104 Hughson St. N. Worship & Music Committee Meeting - 7:00 p.m. 232 Fennell Ave. E.
Sunday August 24	Worship Service (in-person & Zoom) 10:00 a.m., 104 Hughson St. N.
Monday August 25	Friendship Circle – 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., 232 Fennell Ave. E.
Tuesday August 26	People's Café - 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., 104 Hughson St. N.
Sunday August 31	Worship Service (in-person & Zoom) 10:00 a.m., 104 Hughson St. N.

Please note that the church office will be operating on summer hours for July and August.

Starting after Canada Day the office will be closed on Mondays. Regular hours will resume after Labour Day.

