



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 Daniela Mertz**

While I write this devotion, it's still October and the leaves are beautiful. I enjoy being outside and watching the green leaves changing to bright yellow, red and orange.

November is usually less colourful when it comes to nature, but it is an interesting month in a different way. On All Saints Day we remember our loved ones, and on Remembrance Day those who gave their lives to bring peace. On November 10 Martin Luther was born - and on November 9 the wall in Berlin came down.

I still remember that evening. We all were watching tv and could hardly believe what we saw and heard. People were climbing on the wall that had separated Berlin from its surroundings for decades. It had been a deadly border and now people had just walked across the barbed wires and now were sitting and standing on the wall. Trabbis (the little East German cars) were driving into West Germany with no border guards stopping them.

People from the cities near the border in the West came to see for themselves if this was really happening, to welcome the visitors with hugs and little gifts and celebrate with them.

I will always remember the pictures of that night. This was one of the most amazing events that I have ever seen. I felt such joy and relief when that wall came down.

The beginnings of this peaceful revolution were discussed in worship services in different churches in Leipzig and other cities.

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Trinity Milestones



Happy Birthday

Congratulations to our Trinity members turning 90+.

November 12

Eugenie Fischer

November 18

Gerda Baxmeier

November 22

Evelyn Campbell

November 22

Josephine Marcinko

Pastor's message continued

Christians had begun gathering every Friday night to pray for change and for peace.

The small groups had grown until they had become a movement that led to that memorable evening on November 9.

The worshippers had trusted that Jesus Christ would help do again what he had done before when Christ "has broken down the dividing wall of hostility". In Ephesus he brought reconciliation and unity between Jews and Gentiles who were once separated by spiritual and cultural barriers.

In a world today, where we see walls being built in so many places (real and symbolic ones), it is good to remember that they can be torn down.

In Christ we are called to follow his lead and remember that in God's kingdom there is no "East or West". Our categories, distinctions and classifications are human made walls, but in Christ "there is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus."

Let us be inspired by the joy brought when the Berlin wall came down and use this month to take an honest look at where we have built walls and how we can tear them down.

Coffee Hour Snacks

November 30- Advent 1

We would be so grateful if members of the congregation could bring along some snacks to share for our coffee hour on November 30. Simple treats like crackers and cheese, fruit, or Christmas cookies would be wonderful. Thank you in advance for helping make this time of fellowship so special!

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

There have been several new developments from the Redevelopment Working Group Committee and the Board since our October 5th congregational meeting. The congregation has accepted a successful bid from Renokrew Construction. We have issued a letter of intent to Renokrew, and they hope to mobilize on site by the end of November. The first, pre-construction meeting will take place on November 12th.

We are also pleased to announce that Andy Arth has agreed to be Trinity's Construction Manager and will attend meetings and look out for Trinity's interests throughout the project. Mike Schuster will be his alternate. We thank both gentlemen for taking on this task on our behalf.

Mike and I met with the team at Renokrew and Invizij and are working on several ways to cut some additional costs without changing the overall concept of the addition/renovation. Once the details have been worked out and approved by the Board, we will issue the Canadian Construction Documents Committee (CCDC) contract to them to make everything official.

We hope to have a ground-breaking ceremony sometime in November (hopefully on a Sunday) so stay tuned for further information on that as well. Beginning the first week of November, we will also have a separate section on our website to show the progress of the project with pictures and video of the work being done. Thanks to Pastor Jordan, Jim Ridge and our Webmaster Kathy Davidson for creating this for us. Even if you don't have a computer, you will still be able to see the progress on Sunday mornings before the service as content is added.

Good Food Box (GFB)

The GFB program runs every second Thursday of the month from September to June. Everyone is welcome to order a Good Food Box. The cost is \$22, and you receive 11 to 13 varieties of fresh vegetables and fruits. 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 etransfer to Trinity Lutheran Church tlchamilton2020@gmail.com is required.

Order must be placed by November 6.

Pick up is November 13 at:

232 Fennell Ave. E. from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

130 Victoria Ave. N. from 12 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Branching Out to the South

by Debbie Lindeman

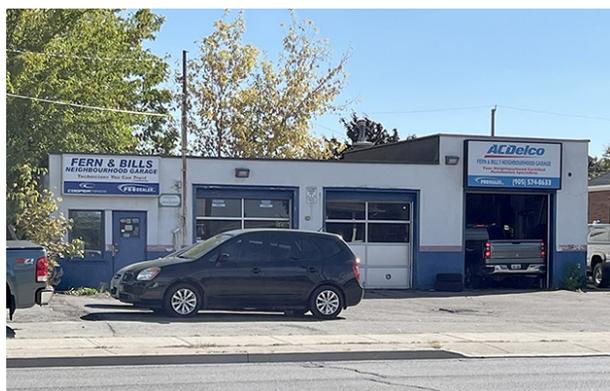
Who are the people in our neighbourhood?

The Fennell site where we are temporarily worshipping is situated at the intersection of Fennell and Upper Wellington. Let's take a walk along Upper Wellington to the south and see what we find.

As you make your way down this road and check out any of the side streets, you will find block after block of small 1950s bungalows. Our own church was built in 1959 (kitchen and parish hall were added later). The houses in this neighbourhood replaced smaller wartime houses. Once you step away from the busy thoroughfares, the neighbourhood quickly becomes quiet and peaceful.

About midway towards Mohawk Road, you will see Fern and Bill's Neighbourhood Garage. This three-bay garage was originally a White Rose Gas and Service Station built in 1955.

The busy intersection of Mohawk and Upper Wellington has a variety of stores and businesses, including a Shoppers' Drug Mart and a Tim Hortons. Wellington Square Apartments dominate the southwest corner of this crossroads.



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Branching Out Continued

by Debbie Lindeman

Now that we have our Tim Horton's coffee, let's head back into the neighbourhood near Trinity church. Tucked in on Terrace Drive is Norwood Park Elementary School.

Although it is close to the ultra-busy intersection of Upper James and Mohawk, it is surprisingly quiet and serene. Originally built in 1958, it has been used as a French Immersion school since 1987.

The park next to the school is a draw for the people of the neighbourhood with its playground and mature trees.

Easily missed in this neighbourhood are three religious places of worship. At the corner of South Bend and Upper Wellington, you'll find a Korean congregation called Sebit Church. Living Word Ministries is found on South Bend Rd. near Norwood Park school. Shree Swaminarayan Gurukul Canada is a Hindu Temple located in the original location of South Gate Presbyterian Church on Terrace Drive.



Over the years, change has taken place in this neighbourhood. Back in the 50's, it probably marked the outskirts of the mountain population, but since then the southern boundary of the city has been creeping along for kilometres.

Temporary wartime houses were replaced with permanent structures that have remained mostly unchanged since then. However, places of worship have changed, reflecting the increased diversity up here on the mountain. Businesses have come and gone as they serve society's ever-changing needs.

Bird Watching Outing

Saturday, November 8th, 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.

Princess Point Trail, Royal Botanical Gardens

Princess Point Trail of the Royal Botanical Gardens offers a variety of habitats to attract migrating and resident birds, including the shallow waters of Cootes Paradise, the restored tall grass prairie on the peninsula, and the surrounding forests. There is a charge for parking, but it is free if you have a displayed RBG pass. Carpooling can be arranged.

Whether you are an experienced birder or a novice, join Debbie Lindeman and Dennis Price at 10:00 a.m. for a morning of birding and nature appreciation. Please bring binoculars if you have them. Please email Debbie at deborahlindeman3@gmail.com or call at (905) 389-0224 if you would like to participate.

Annual Christmas Market

Saturday, November 15, 2025, at 232 Fennell Ave. E. from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

We welcome your support by donating baked goods, crafts, and knitting.

Lunch will be sausage or hot dog with sauerkraut on a bun along with cake and coffee or tea.

Proceeds will be donated to Youth Outreach programs. We hope to see you there!

The Christmas Market “Gift Shoppe” Table

Once again, we welcome your generous donations as we plan to offer a “Gift Shoppe” table at our upcoming Christmas Market in November. We need jewelry, (even broken chains or single earrings etc.), decorative items such as figurines, music boxes, pretty pieces of china, or other knick-knacks. We know that although an item may be pre-owned, it can still make a nice gift for someone else.

We also welcome Christmas ornaments as well as other Christmas related decorations.

Your donations may be dropped off at our Fennell site on Sundays or during office hours, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Please call Carol-Ann to arrange to drop off items. If you have further questions, please speak to Emma Begert. Unfortunately, we cannot accept other yard sale items at this time.

Your support is always greatly appreciated!



Friends of Creation Challenge

Thank you to everyone for your support of **CLWR Friends of Creation Challenge**. We surpassed our goal and raised \$3185.50, which will help to restore 63.71 acres in the Lake Chad basin. We continue to have a responsibility to care for God's creation, so we challenge you to consider ways that you can help to care for creation in your everyday life. If we take care of creation, it will take care of us!

Hamilton Community Fridges and Pantries

With your financial and food donations we continue to fill Hamilton Community Fridges and Pantries. Food donations can be left in the box at the back of the church at Fennell.

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 232 Fennell Ave. E. Please include a note indicating what your donation is supporting.

Seasonal Apparel Drive

Consider donating any weather appropriate, clean and gently used water repellent coats, gloves, T-shirts, pants, track suits, shoes, socks and new underwear. Toiletries are also appreciated. The Social Ministry Committee will direct your donations to areas of need in our community.

Knitters and Crocheters

We need baby hats for newborns at McMaster hospital. We also accept donations of wool, adult hats, socks, prayer shawls, baby sweaters, and baby blankets. If you need knitting supplies, you can contact Dianne Busser at 905-389-4008. Donations can be dropped off on Sundays in the coat room at Fennell or contact Carol-Ann to arrange drop-off throughout the week.

Little Library

We are working on setting up a Little Library at Fennell and we are still filling the Little Library at Hughson (until construction starts). Everyone is welcome to use the library. Please consider dropping off your used fiction books in the coatroom at Fennell.

Collecting Christmas Gift Cards

Starting November 16th, we will begin collecting gift cards to be given out at Christmas by **Living Rock and Liberty for Youth** to at-risk youth in our community. More information will be forthcoming.

Movie Afternoon

Saturday, November 8 at 2.00 p.m. at the Fennell Site

We will watch and then discuss the movie "Luther" from 2003. It depicts the journey of Martin Luther, a German monk who becomes disillusioned by corruption in the Catholic Church. Starting with his vow to become a monk after surviving a thunderstorm, the film chronicles his spiritual struggles, his challenges to Church doctrine—especially the sale of indulgences, his bold act of posting the 95 Theses, and his subsequent exile. Undeterred, Luther translates the Bible into German, marries Katharina von Bora, and inspires a movement that ignites the Protestant Reformation, emphasizing faith and scripture for all believers. Discussion to follow and coffee, tea and snacks will be served.

Trinity Men's Breakfast

Tuesday November 25, 9:00 a.m.- Golden Griddle, 1119 Fennell Ave. E.

The men of Trinity are invited to gather for breakfast and friendly conversation on the last Tuesday of each month, at 9 a.m. at the Golden Griddle Restaurant. For more information, please speak with John Weiss or Pastor Jordan.

TrueCity Christmas Carol Service

**Sunday, November 30th at 6 p.m., at [Immanuel Christian Reformed Church](#)
61 Mohawk Rd. W. Hamilton**

Join the first ever TrueCity Christmas Carol Service! We are excited to celebrate the start of the Advent Season by coming together as a family of churches for this special worship service. Everyone is welcome. All who are interested in joining the mass choir are invited to the rehearsals on Wednesday, November 19 and November 26 at 7.30 to 9.00 p.m.

ABIDING in HOPE - National Housing Day Prayer Gathering

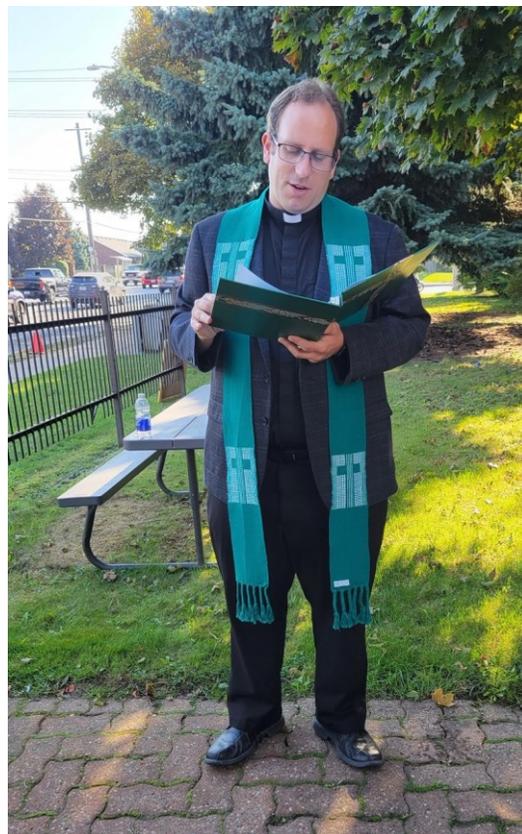
Saturday November 22

Join Indwell and the Greater Ontario House of Prayer (GOHOP) on Saturday, November 22 for Abiding in Hope, a day of prayer and worship focused on God's heart for those without a home.

Drop in anytime between 1–7 p.m. for interactive prayer stations, and/or join us for a Prayer Gathering from 7-9 p.m. for an evening of music, stories, and intercession for Hamilton. Together, let's seek God's hope and provision for every neighbour in Hamilton. Come by yourself, or with a group!

GOHOP - 1907 King St E, Hamilton - Bus No 5. Parking at back. The building is not accessible.

Blessing of the Animals



Hiking Group



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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 the following address:
 - 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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November 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.

- Sunday Nov. 2** **Worship Service** (in-person & Zoom) 10:00 a.m., 232 Fennell Ave. E.
- Monday Nov. 3** **Friendship Circle** – 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., 232 Fennell Ave. E.
Social Ministry Committee Meeting- 7:00 p.m. Via Zoom.
- Tuesday Nov.4** **People's Café** - 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., 82 Ferguson Street N.
Newsletter Committee Meeting- 7:00 p.m. Via Zoom.
- Thursday Nov. 6** **Deadline to order Good Food Box**
Mid-Week Service - 11:30 a.m., 232 Fennell Ave. E.
Choir - 7:00p.m., 232 Fennell Ave. E.
- Friday Nov. 7** **Confirmation Class** - 5:00p.m., 232 Fennell Ave. E.
- Saturday Nov. 8** **Bird Watching Outing**- 10:00 a.m. Princess Point Trail. See page 6.
Movie Afternoon- 2:00 -4:30 p.m. 232 Fennell Ave. E. See page 8.
- Sunday Nov. 9** **Worship Service** (in-person & Zoom) 10:00 a.m., 232 Fennell Ave. E.
Sunday School- 10:00 a.m.
- Monday Nov. 10** **Friendship Circle** – 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., 232 Fennell Ave. E.
- Tuesday Nov. 11** **People's Café** - 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., 82 Ferguson Street N.
- Thursday Nov. 13** **Mid-Week Service** - 11:30 a.m., 232 Fennell Ave. E.
Good Food Box - 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., 232 Fennell Ave. E.
Good Food Box - 12:00 - 2:30 p.m., 130 Victoria Ave. N.
Choir - 7:00p.m., 232 Fennell Ave. E.

November Events Calendar

- Saturday Nov. 15** **Annual Christmas Market- 10:00 a.m.** See page 6 for details.
- Sunday Nov. 16** **Worship Service** (in-person & Zoom) 10:00 a.m., 232 Fennell Ave. E.
- Monday Nov. 17** **Friendship Circle** - 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., 232 Fennell Ave. E.
Trinity Board of Directors Meeting - 7:00 p.m., 232 Fennell Ave. E.
- Tuesday Nov. 18** **People's Café** - 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., 82 Ferguson Street N.
- Thursday Nov. 20** **Mid-Week Service** - 11:30 a.m., 232 Fennell Ave. E.
Choir - 7:00p.m., 232 Fennell Ave. E.
- Friday Nov. 21** **Confirmation Class** - 5:00p.m., 232 Fennell Ave. E.
- Saturday Nov. 22** **National Housing Day Prayer Gathering-** See page 8.
- Sunday Nov. 23** **Worship Service** (in-person & Zoom) 10:00 a.m., 232 Fennell Ave. E.
Sunday School- 10:00 a.m.
- Monday Nov. 24** **Friendship Circle** – 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., 232 Fennell Ave. E.
- Tuesday Nov. 25** **Men's Breakfast Golden Griddle** -9:00 a.m. 1119 Fennell Ave. E.
People's Café - 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., 82 Ferguson Street N.
Creation Care Group- 7:00 p.m. 232 Fennell Ave. E.
- Thursday Nov. 27** **Mid-Week Service** - 11:30 a.m., 232 Fennell Ave. E.
Choir - 7:00p.m., 232 Fennell Ave.
- Saturday Nov. 29** **Bibles and Bagels-** (in-person & Zoom) 9:00 a.m., 232 Fennell Ave. E.
Men's Breakfast - 9:00 a.m., 232 Fennell Ave. E.
- Sunday Nov. 30** **Worship Service -Advent 1** (in-person & Zoom) 10:00 a.m., 232 Fennell Ave. E.
TrueCity Christmas Carol Service – 6:00 p.m. Immanuel Christian Reformed Church. See page 8.