



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

I remember a German hymn that we loved to sing as teenagers. The song was written in the sixties, and it compares congregations with a ship that sails across the "sea of time".

It's a realistic song, as it starts by saying that the congregation - like every ship on the ocean - keeps facing storms, dangers, and uncertainties. So, at times the crew on the ship wonders, "Will the ship reach its destination, or will it sink?" If fear overcomes the sailors, are they reluctant to even set sail?

The song reminds us not to be so scared that we stay in the safe haven, just idling there, reminiscing about the past and shying away from new challenges and risks.

I have always liked the song because it is encouraging. At times we wonder if everything will work out, and if we will attract enough new members? Can we achieve all the good work we are planning?

The hymn takes all these questions and worries seriously but then it also makes clear that only those who are willing to embrace the risks and overcome their fears will achieve God's great goals.

The song reminds us that for the journey, it is crucial that all members are united through God's Spirit in faith, hope and love. Finding the right course may be difficult at times because so many voices are speaking at once.

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Trinity Milestones



Happy Birthday

Congratulations to our Trinity members turning 90+.

Roman Neske
September 14

Magdalena Hubatschek
September 20

Shirley Subonovich
September 27

Pastor's message continued

By listening to God, the path becomes clear. Ultimately the community is sustained by God's presence, by friendship, and by shared courage, and then it will arrive safely in God's final "harbour."

Over the last months our Trinity ship has had some quiet time in the harbour of summer, but now we are about to set sail again.

In September our groups and committees will resume. We will have Rally Sunday, Sunday School, bible studies, confirmation class, Good Food Box and so much more. The event calendar highlights all the activities.

The Vision task force is busy planning the next parts of our journey, including our move back to our Hughson location. It's an exciting time!

With God as the navigator of our lives, and as the one who can calm the storms, we can sail and journey with confidence.

Bay Area Bonfire

Saturday October 3 from 5-7 p.m. 97 Alberton Road, Ferguson farm.

The Bay Area is inviting everyone to come to a Fall Bonfire Gathering with hot dogs and marshmallows, fellowship and camp songs.



Building Renewal- Fall Update

by Pastor Jordan, Pastor Daniela, Michael Schuster, Cathy Calvin, and Thomas Mertz

As September begins, it is hard to believe that we have been worshiping and meeting at our Fennell site for a full year. Last fall's theme was "Branching Out," and in many ways we have lived into that theme together: adapting to our temporary location, getting to know our neighbours, and participating in CLWR's Friends of Creation Program. The past twelve months have been full of ongoing meetings about the construction project, many congregational activities, and the steady rhythms of worship life: Sundays, holidays, funerals, weddings, and baptisms.

When our leadership team looks at the calendar for the coming year, we are aware that there is still important work ahead of us. Construction is ongoing and our Vision Task Force is busy dreaming of what we might do after we move back to the Hughson site. Our fundraising team is working on gathering support for our non-construction building renewal costs.

We wanted to give you an update on these various aspects of Building Renewal as we begin the fall season and a new year of programming.

Construction Update: If you've driven by the Hughson site recently, you'll have noticed that the steel and walls for the addition are making a dramatic impression. We can now get a much better sense of the new footprint of the building, while also seeing the progress being made on the condos surrounding us. Michael Schuster and Andy Arth continue to work closely with Renokrew to monitor construction progress. At this point, we are still hopeful that we will be able to move back to the Hughson site sometime in March. While construction delays are always possible, the project is progressing smoothly, and the team continues to work hard to keep things moving forward. If you haven't watched our construction videos on YouTube, take a look to see what has been happening. A newly updated video is expected to be posted in mid-September.

Vision Task Force: A team of fourteen dedicated people has met five times this year to start dreaming about how we might best use our buildings when we move back downtown. One group has been researching options for renting the Fennell location while also potentially having it available for our more limited needs. Another group is working on a communications plan for promoting the re-opening of the Hughson site along with the new programs we hope to be running that connect with the community around us.

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Building Renewal- Fall Update Continued

A third group is evaluating our staffing needs, including paid and volunteer, that will allow us to focus on ministering to the existing congregation while providing outreach opportunities. Several recommendations will be coming to the board over the next few months. We will continue to update the congregation with reports and will advise if special meetings are required.

Fundraising: We launched our fundraising campaign at our annual meeting in February to cover non-construction building renewal costs such as sanctuary chairs, kitchen appliances, and a new communion table. We have held a fundraising dinner, offered small items for sale, and graciously received your generous free-will contributions. More fundraising events are being planned for the coming months, including items that will be offered through an online auction. Details will be shared in future newsletters.

These upcoming events are also intended to reach beyond our congregation and engage the wider community, creating opportunities to raise funds from outside our church family. If you haven't had an opportunity to contribute to the building fund, please speak with one of the pastors or a board member. They can tell you more about the tools for ministry we will be purchasing with these funds and how your gift can be directed.

Thank you as always to everyone who has contributed time, talents, and funds towards our Building Renewal Project. The next eight to twelve months will be filled with important work as we make final decisions about the renovation, prepare to move back into the Hughson site, and prepare for the future of our Fennell site. This will be a year of more transition and celebration as we continue to share the good news of Jesus in our neighbourhoods.



Bird Watching/Nature Outing

Saturday, September 12th, 9:30 to 11:00 a.m.

Iroquoia Heights Conservation Area, 1031 Old Mohawk Road, Ancaster

Many of our summer songbirds are beginning their trek to warmer climes. It's a more leisurely journey than in the spring, and with suitable habitat they will stay put to fatten up before continuing their migration. Hopefully, we'll find some pockets of migrants who chose this natural habitat to stay awhile.



Parking is free along Old Mohawk Road.

Whether you are an experienced birder or a novice, join Debbie Lindeman and Dennis Price for a morning of birding and nature appreciation. Please bring binoculars if you have them. The leaves are still on the trees so pack your patience when trying to catch a glimpse of these active birds. Please email Debbie at deborahlindeman3@gmail.com if you would like to participate.

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

Rally Sunday takes place on Sunday, September 20. This will be the kickoff for Sunday School, with a luncheon to follow. We hope to see many of you there.

If you have been to the Hughson site, you will have seen some significant progress on the new addition. The renovations to the interior are progressing nicely as well. Look for a new video in the coming weeks to highlight the progress until now.

Fundraising continues for the items needed beyond the building renovations. Thanks to your generosity, we have raised approximately \$57,000, which is more than a quarter of our goal. This fall we will begin purchasing kitchen equipment for installation in our new kitchen. Before year end, we will also need to move and refurbish the organ. If you have not yet donated, please consider doing so. To those who have already contributed, thank you for helping make our renewed church home possible.

Rally Sunday

Sunday September 20 at 10:00 a.m.

Come to Rally Sunday to celebrate coming together after the summer with an all-age service. Everybody is invited to stay for lunch, ice cream, and fellowship.

Share Your Talents

by Lynne Shanks

Trinity is a Christian Community, open to all, transforming lives through worship, learning and service.

In addition to our worship services, Trinity offers many opportunities for members to participate in the life of our Christian community. Below is a partial listing of ministries and volunteer roles, including descriptions and time commitments. More opportunities will be shared next month. We invite you to consider sharing your gifts and talents as we continue to grow together in faith.

Congregational Life Committee

What we do: Organize special fellowship events throughout the year (Rally Day Sunday, First Advent Coffee Hour, etc.). We also support special coffee hours through set-up, clean-up, and sometimes proving baked goods, and we send birthday cards to members celebrating special birthdays.

Meetings: 1 to 1½ hours over Zoom every 2–3 months.

For questions or to volunteer speak with Cosmo Leon, Waltraut Weingartner, or Sylvia Zwick.

Worship and Music Committee

What we do: Discuss worship-related matters including special services, Holy Communion, music, Tech Team and Zoom, Altar Guild, and worship volunteers (Readers and Ushers).

Meetings: 45 minutes to 1 hour every 2–3 months over Zoom

Readers, Ushers, and Altar Guild volunteers are not required to attend meetings unless they wish to join the committee. For questions or to volunteer speak with Judy Lindeman.

Readers and Ushers

What we do: Set up for Communion and clean up after the service, greet and assist people prior to worship, and participate in worship by doing readings and assisting with Communion.

Volunteers are scheduled according to availability. Training is provided. For questions or to volunteer speak with Debbie Lindeman.

Altar Guild

What we do: Care for linens, paraments, brass, flowers, candles, and Communion supplies. Notify the Trinity Office Administrator when supplies are needed, change paraments according to the church season, clean brass and communion ware, and tidy the sacristy each November before the new church year. Training is provided. Time commitment is minimal and a schedule is provided. The Altar Guild is overseen by the Pastors.

For questions or to volunteer reach out to Gail Bennie 905-536-0800 or email gabennie52@gmail.com

Music / Choir

What we do: Sing and perform a wide variety of music. Rehearse in person Thursdays at 7 p.m. (September–June); Participate in various church services.

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Handbell Group

What we do: Learn and perform one piece of music at a time using handbells. Each member may play 1–3 bells. Rehearsals are scheduled based on upcoming events and member availability.

Praise Team

What we do: A small group of singers offering contemporary music, accompanied by musicians on guitar, bass, keyboard, percussion, or other instruments.

For questions or to volunteer for any Music Group speak with Heide on Sunday, call 905-616-2575, or email heide.lang@gmail.com

Newsletter Committee

What we do: Plan the theme and content of monthly newsletter and identify the most appropriate person to write each article (members are not required to write articles themselves).

Meetings: 30–45 minutes on the first Tuesday of each month. For questions or to volunteer speak with Pastor Dani.

Social Ministry Committee

What we do: Plan community outreach projects with input from Pastors and committee members. Optional volunteer tasks include shopping for Community Fridges, making announcements, or delivering collected items to community partners.

Meetings: 1 hour over Zoom approximately every 2 months

For questions or to volunteer, please reach out to Lynne Shanks at lynneshanks@gmail.com

Good Food Box

What we do: Assist with unloading produce from the supplier's truck, fill Good Food Boxes using wheeled carts, break down empty produce boxes, help with clean-up, and deliver Good Food Boxes. Volunteers are needed on the morning of the second Thursday of each month (September–June).

For questions or to volunteer speak with Pastor Thomas at 289-680-7387 or email at tfrm58@gmail.com

Christian Education / Sunday School

What we do: Pastor Jordan and volunteers review and select the online Sunday School curriculum, print and prepare lesson materials, use the accompanying video, worksheets, and craft and discuss any additional needs or issues.

Sunday School: Held every other week for about 45 minutes. Children break to attend Communion, then return to finish their craft, tidy up, and enjoy a snack.

Meetings: 2–3 times per year.

For questions or to volunteer speak with Pastor Jordan, Sylvia Zwick, or Angela Doyle. With more volunteers, the hope is to offer Sunday School weekly.

Past Events



Church Picnic July 2026



Baptism of Isla and Mikayla

Lutheran Ladies United (LLU)

Tuesday September 15, 2026, at 1:30 p.m.

232 Fennell Ave. E.

Trinity's Lutheran Ladies invite you to their fall session. We are fortunate to have Mable Chabot as our guest speaker. Mable will be addressing some common health concerns of senior women. We hope you will be able to join us, and we encourage you to bring along a friend for this important presentation.

Milk bags and Denninger receipts are ongoing, thank you for supporting this effort.

Save the Dates

The Lutheran Ladies United are working to bring you the following:

Thanksgiving Potluck

Tuesday, October 20, 2026, at 12:30 p.m.

Christmas Market

Saturday, November 14, 2026, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Social Ministry Committee

by Lynne Shanks

Thank you for your generous support of **Hamilton Fridges and Pantries**, which helps to address food security. Monthly we fill fridges and pantries with your food donations and with groceries purchased with your financial donations. Financial donations for **Hamilton Fridges and Pantries** can be made:

- 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., Hamilton, L9A 1S7.

Please include a note indicating what your donation is supporting.

Donations of clothing and shoes are no longer required.

Knitters and crocheters can continue to make prayer shawls and baby items. Completed items can be left at the church. To arrange pick up, donate wool, or request some supplies for knitting and crocheting, contact Dianne Busser at 905-389-4008.

We continue to stock our Fennell **Little Library** with donations of used fiction books. **The Friendship Circle** ladies will resume meeting on Mondays starting Sept. 14, 2026. If you're interested in joining the Friendship Circle, or you want more information, or if you have donations, please contact Nancy Catton 905-385-4837, cattonnancy@gmail.com

Good Food Box

The Good Food Box will resume Thursday, Sept. 10. The cost is \$22. 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. Everyone is welcome to order a Good Food Box.

Order by Sept. 3

Pick up Sept. 10

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

130 Victoria Ave. N. (Eucharist church) 12 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Thank you to the **Lutheran Ladies United** for their generous donation. This summer we received another **Charitus Partner Grant** for \$1500. The grant helps us to purchase bulk produce that we donate to Neighbour to Neighbour, St. Matthew's House and the Native Women's Centre.

Charitus is an independent charitable foundation that works with individuals, congregations and synods within the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Canada. They invest funds to ensure that they are invested in a way that aligns with faith-based values that help to build a just and sustainable society.

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

Taxi Program

1. To order a taxi 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:
 - 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 any 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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September 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 Sept. 1	People's Café - 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., 82 Ferguson St. N. Newsletter Committee Meeting - 7:00 p.m. via Zoom.
Thursday Sept. 3	Deadline for ordering Good Food Box
Sunday Sept. 6	Worship Service (in-person & Zoom) 10:00 a.m., 232 Fennell Ave. E.
Monday Sept. 7	Labour Day
Tuesday Sept. 8	People's Café - 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., 82 Ferguson St. N. Social Ministry Committee Meeting - 7:00 p.m. on Zoom.
Wednesday Sept. 9	Worship & Music Committee Meeting - 7:00 p.m. on Zoom.
Thursday Sept. 10	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.
Saturday Sept. 12	Bird Watching - 9:30 a.m. 1031 Mohawk Road. See page 5.
Sunday Sept. 13	Worship Service (in-person & Zoom) 10:00 a.m., 232 Fennell Ave. E.
Monday Sept. 14	Friendship Circle - 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., 232 Fennell Ave. E.
Tuesday Sept. 15	People's Café - 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., 82 Ferguson St. N. Lutheran Ladies United (LLU) Meeting - 1:30 p.m. 232 Fennell Ave. E.



September Events Calendar

Thursday Sept. 17	Mid-Week Service -11:30 a.m. 232 Fennell Ave. E. Choir - 7:00p.m., 232 Fennell Ave. E.
Sunday Sept. 20	Rally Sunday (in-person & Zoom) 10:00 a.m., 232 Fennell Ave. E. Sunday School - 10:00 a.m.
Monday Sept. 21	Friendship Circle - 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., 232 Fennell Ave. E. Trinity Board of Directors Meeting - 7:00 p.m. 232 Fennell Ave. E.
Tuesday Sept. 22	People's Café - 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., 82 Ferguson St. N.
Wednesday Sept. 23	Vision Task Force - 7:00 p.m. 232 Fennell Ave. E.
Thursday Sept. 24	Mid-Week Service -11:30 a.m. 232 Fennell Ave. E. Choir - 7:00p.m., 232 Fennell Ave. E.
Saturday Sept. 26	Men's Breakfast - 9:00 a.m., 232 Fennell Ave. E. Bibles and Bagels - 9:00 a.m., 232 Fennell Ave. E.
Sunday Sept. 27	Worship Service (in-person & Zoom) 10:00 a.m., 232 Fennell Ave. E. Children's Activity -10:00 a.m.
Monday Sept. 28	Friendship Circle - 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., 232 Fennell Ave. E.
Tuesday Sept. 29	People's Café - 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., 82 Ferguson St. N.

*Please note that Pastor Daniela will be on vacation from Sept. 5-13.
Please contact Pastor Jordan for any pastoral emergencies.

