



A Friendly, Caring, Inclusive Community of Faith

TRINITY TALKS



Summer Transition

August - We are halfway through the summer months! Welcome back to Trinity – we kickoff the summer services in the church and welcome our friends from St. Andrews Presbyterian Church as they worship with us. The link to the service will be posted on our webpage and on Facebook Friends of Trinity United Church Thorold later that afternoon for those at home to watch as their schedule provides.



Join our Community of Faith as we offer the Sacrament of Baptism on Sunday, August 7th.

Celebrate with the Baum family as Henry Donald is baptised.

Smile: Have we heard from you?

Three weeks until the first date to have your picture in our updated **Church Directory**. The last directory was 2016 and is very out of date. The only way to get a FREE directory is to have your picture taken – there is no obligation to buy the photographs (but they are offered at 30% reduction to studio costs).

- ➔ Monday, August 29 from 2:30 to 8:30 pm
- ➔ Saturday, September 17 from 10 am to 3 pm

Call the Office (905-227-4644 / tuc@vaxxine.ca) for which of these two **dates** is best for your family.

Important Financial Update

Dear Trinity Family:

As Jan & I prepare to leave for our early 20th anniversary vacation, I thought I would write a letter to fill the gap that you'll be missing while you anxiously await the financial updates for July. Stay tuned as I'll get to them as soon as we return, the airlines be willing.

- JULY WITH ST. ANDREWS. As you know, the month of July we worshiped with the St. Andrews congregation at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. Rev. Pearl Vasarhelyi was fun and actually gave us some homework assignments. Sadly, the St. Andrews congregation greatly outnumbered the Trinity congregation. Sadly, this also will reflect with our weekly envelope givings. Hopefully our reduced expenses in July will help to reduce the expected shortfall for the month. I would like to thank those of you who donate through PAR as these are givings that we can count on each month.
- AUGUST WITH ST. ANDREWS. In August, we'll be welcoming the St. Andrews congregation to Trinity United Church. I'm hoping that we'll be able to outnumber the faithful St. Andrews group, but they are a faithful group attending through the summer months. Sunday August 7th will be a great start back at Trinity, welcoming Yujene back from vacation and with a baptism scheduled. Sadly, Jan & I will miss this service but hope to hear great things from all of you who attend.
- SWISS CHALET. We are still waiting for Swiss Chalet to launch their new Community Support program, but you should know that we have still been saving everyone's receipts from the Glendale Avenue location and they have just given us a cheque for just under \$200. And until they get their Community Support program up and running, I am still collecting all of those Swiss Chalet receipts and I'll continue to submit them. And this location has also supported our upcoming Lottery fundraising event with a gift certificate for \$50, which will be one of the prizes which will be awarded. See the Lottery fundraising news below.
- LOTTERY FUNDRAISING EVENT. A team of volunteers that includes Mary Ellen & Paul Martin, Elaine & Orlen Swart, Melva Snowling, Carol Dueck and Jan & Bob Tanouye have been planning this fundraising event. Watch for announcements regarding the great lineup of prizes that will be up for grabs. We will be selling 1,500 tickets for \$10 each or 3 for \$20 and we will be counting on everyone to support this event by selling and buying tickets.
- STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN. Lucy Forbeck, Carol Dueck and Bob Tanouye have volunteered to lead a stewardship campaign. Although we have not yet met, we are reading up on some programs that are available, that we might be able to use or adapt. If you are interested in helping out or be willing to volunteer to be on this committee, please let us know.
- FUNDRAISING. Any ideas for fundraising, please share with us.

Bob Tanouye
Chair of Finance Committee



211 Service - Did You Know?

Niagara Region offers a variety of assistive services for these trying times. The ministers / leaders of the churches in Thorold do see the acute and growing need of many families for housing, food security and mental health support. Of note, our community is watching for Trinity's announcement for the start date of our monthly Community Suppers.

Terence Schlistra, pastor at "The Table" in downtown Thorold, has the talent to connect folks to appropriate assistance. The Thorold Ministerial group meets weekly for coffee and sharing of what is happening in our churches and the community. We have been introduced to dynamic leaders of organizations such as *Niagara Life Centre Counselling* (905-934-0021) and support groups like *Care Connect* that meets Monday evenings at St. Andrews church. (905-328-9744), Safe Families Niagara (905-690-7233).

Being a church that cares about outreach, you may see a neighbour or meet a person that needs a hand; but wonder who to call or where to search for the appropriate help. It is getting easier: Niagara Region webpage now offers connections to find the right service.

<https://www.incommunities.ca/en/211-niagara/>

How is the 211 helpline different from 311, 411, 511 and 911 services?

You can dial any of the below three-digit phone numbers to reach them.

211 – Information and referral helpline to community, social, government and health services in Ontario.

311 – Customer service and municipal information helpline for the following regions/cities only. (Toronto, Halton, Windsor, Brampton, Mississauga, Ottawa, Greater Sudbury).

411 – Telephone directory and business listings. You can also search yellowpages.ca to find local businesses.

511 – Public information on provincial highway travel in order to improve safety and reduce congestion.

911 – Emergency number for police, fire and ambulance for life threatening situations.

What is 211

211 Ontario is Ontario's most comprehensive source of information on government and community-based health and social services to help navigate the complex network of human services quickly and easily, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The phone helpline can provide interpretation in over 150 languages. You can chat online with a specialist Monday to Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Links to chat can be found at the top of every page and can chat in English and French. Highly trained specialists answer the 211 service and update the database.

New Outreach Project at Trinity Thorold

Proposing to offer coffee & chat in the fall called an English Conversation Program. Not a formal ESL course, just an opportunity for newcomers to practice conversational English in an informal, friendly environment here at the church. Like to chat? Interested in volunteering? See Yujene. Take some of the posters and share in the community.

English Conversation Program

Free English Conversation Program

English speaking practice with your partner once a week for 5 weeks

Register: trinityuc.sm@gmail.com



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On the Lighter Side

THINGS TO PONDER:

- What if my dog only brings the ball back because he thinks I like throwing it?
- If the poison expiration date is past does that mean it's less or more poisonous?
- Which letter in "Scent" is silent...is the S or the C?
- Do twins ever realize that one of them is unplanned?
- Why is W pronounced "double U" instead of "double V"?
- What if oxygen is killing you & it just takes 75 to 100 years to work?
- Everytime you clean, you make something else dirty.
- 100 years ago, everyone had a horse, only the rich had a car. Today everyone has cars & only the rich have horses.
- If you replace the "W" with a "T" in "What, Where & When", you would have the answer to each one.
- If you rip a hole in a net, you have less holes than you started with.