



Trinitopics & Church Announcements

14 ~ Thursday, July 6th, 2023



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Trinity Gift Card Fundraising Project:

We are having a Gift Card Fundraiser which will take place during the month of July. Orders, including payment, must be received by Thursday, July 27th at 4:00 pm.

Orders will be received by Alan Silvius at any time so there is no need to wait until the deadline date.

If you prefer, you can send order via email to silviusa@mymts.net or via phone at (204) 726-4169 (Home) or (204) 570-2338 (Cell).

Worship News

Ushers Needed for August:

Ushers/Greeters are needed for the month of August. If you are available to help, please sign up on the sheet posted on the sanctuary doors.

Pulpit Supply Needs 2023:

Our Pulpit Supply needs for this summer are now covered. A sincere thank you is extended to all of the individuals who volunteered to lead us in worship while Rev. Doug is away.

- July 23: Faye McLoughlin
- July 30: Pat Bowslaugh



- August 13: Judy Diswinka & Darlyne Smith
- August 20: Barb Janzen

- August 6th Helen Mitchell, Gail Thickett, Donald Livesley & Alan Silvius

July 2nd Outdoor Service/Potluck Picnic Lunch:

This event was a great success with approximately 90 people in attendance.

Thank you to everyone who helped with this event in terms of:

- Organizing,
- Preparing the front yard of the church,
- Set-up and decorating of grounds for service and picnic,
- Rev. Doug for his meaningful service,
- Holly for her musical talents,
- Davis and the joint choir for their beautiful anthems
- Ushers, camera and sound system operators,
- Connie Haigh for the homemade buns,
- Worship committee for the watermelons
- Preparing the beverages and watermelons,
- Putting out the food and desserts,
- Clean up following the picnic.





It was a team effort and it wouldn't have been possible without all of the volunteers. The open offering received at the service, including some designated donations, was \$405.00 which will be donated to Samaritan House.

JOB WELL DONE!

Note: Thank you, Alan Silvius, for your great organizational skills in making this another successful venture!

Trinity United Church

July 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Canada Day RCCG Choir Practice 6pm
2 Trinity Outdoor Service 10am RCCG Worship 12:30pm COP Worship 5pm	3 Office Closed	4 WW 9am WW 4:30pm Prairie Group 8 pm	5 RCCG Bible Study 7pm	6 	7 Prairie Group 8 pm	8 RCCG Choir Practice 6pm
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Holiday office hours at Trinity

Our Office Admin gal, Eden Snider, is taking her holidays over the next two weeks. The office hours will be as follows:

Mon. July 10

Tue. July 11

Thurs. July 13: Barb Janzen

Fri. July 14

Mon. July 17

Tue. July 18

Thur. July 20

Fri. July 21

Office open 10am- 12 noon. A volunteer will assist you.

Any one who is interested in a 2 hour shift please call **Miranda @ 204 720 1086**

Affirming Vision, Trinity United Church, Brandon, MB

At Trinity United Church our Vision is to Grow in Faith, Fellowship and Service Through Christ Jesus.

We believe that all people are children of God and we embrace the fullness of our diversity in ability, age, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, race, sexual orientation, social economic status or any other human division as we unite in worship and full participation in all aspects of our ministry.

As a congregation we are committed to surroundings that reflect safety and support in respect of social justice and human rights.



Elevator – Out of Order! Update

You don't fully appreciate something until you lose it – and we've really felt the loss of our church elevator that provides access for our mobility challenged friends to all levels of our facility. The board's first decision was very easy, "Yes, we need a functioning elevator."

To try to manage without is not an acceptable option.

We then solicited Brandon Elevator to provide us with some initial quotes. To repair and bring our current system up to code was \$22,000. Brandon Elevator discouraged this choice because it is a band aid solution on a 27-year-old lift that is no longer technically supported by its provider.

They also quoted \$54,000 for a new two-level (basement/main floor) lift and \$69,000 for one that would access all three levels like our current elevator. The board is currently leaning toward the all-level solution but has requested more information on the quoted device and is procuring a quote from another provider.

Making the decision to buy a new elevator is easier than coming up with a way to pay for it. We've received a few donations and raised \$1,000 with the pancake breakfast on June 11. We have \$20,000 in our Memorial fund which is appropriate for projects like this but \$69,000 is no small amount and much more fundraising is planned. As well, grants have been searched out.

People have asked, "What about all that money we received from Central?"

The board chose to invest the Central funds to generate interest to help balance the budget. In our ministry sharing agreement with Alexander, we received almost \$8,000 per year toward the minister's costs. With them leaving the agreement this year, the board determined that interest from the Central donation almost covers this shortfall. We could liquidate investments to pay for the elevator, but this would impact our ability to balance the budget and our long-term sustainability. The best outcome for our church's financial situation is to raise as much money as possible for the new elevator.

- ♦ We reached out to Otis and completed an application for a quote. Eden followed up a number of times and there has been no response.
- ♦ Brandon Elevator was contacted early last week asking for a meeting to get more information but also no response.

When we hear something, it will be shared.

Romans 12:12

Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.

Rev. Doug & Trinity Board



Don't forget to love yourself.

Soren Kierkegaard

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What certain NHL players don't understand about homosexuality and the Bible

by Michael Coren, posted on tvo (tvOntario) Today, Mar 20, 2023

OPINION: Goalie James Reimer refused to wear a Pride-themed jersey, citing his faith.

But what do the Scriptures actually say?



James Reimer did not participate in Pride Night alongside his teammates. (AP Photo/Josie Lepe)

Hockey stories don't often break out of the sports pages, but that's certainly not the case this week. San Jose Sharks goalie, Manitoba-born James Reimer, decided not to participate in the warm-ups before Saturday's game against the New York Islanders. The reason? His teammates were wearing Pride-themed jerseys to show support for the LGBTQ community, and Reimer believes that this would be contrary to his Christian beliefs.

He has "always strived to treat everyone with respect," he said in a statement, but "[in] this specific instance, I am choosing not to endorse something that is counter to my personal convictions, which are based on the Bible, the highest authority in life."

Reimer isn't the first professional hockey player to speak out on the subject. In January, the

Philadelphia Flyers' Ivan Provorov also refused to wear a similar warm-up jersey, arguing that he had "to stay true to myself and my religion." That same month, the New York Rangers decided not to wear Pride jerseys or use Pride tape, after earlier announcing that they would do so.

Within the sporting world, the issue isn't confined to hockey — back in 2019, the Australian rugby player Israel Folau went much further, posting that gay people were destined for hell. He was banned from the national team.

But it's less about sport or James Reimer than it is about Christian inconsistency and homophobia. All of these stars play on Sundays. I'm sure they mix different fabrics in their uniforms and street-wear. They don't keep kosher, and they ignore — quite rightly —

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“What certain NHL Players” continued — many of the other Mosaic laws contained in the first five books of the Old Testament. I mention this because most of the alleged prohibitions against same-sex relationships are to be found in texts that also outline any number of restrictions that were abandoned centuries ago by Christians.

The fact is that the Bible is ambiguous about homosexuality — a word not actually coined until the late 19th century. The Genesis story of Sodom and Gomorrah is a particular favourite, yet Sodom isn't really about the issue at all, and Lot, one of its heroes, offers the mob his two virgin daughters in place of his male guest. Hardly family values!

Ezekiel says, “This was the guilt of your sister Sodom: she and her daughters had pride, excess of food, and prosperous ease, but did not aid the poor and needy. They were haughty and did abominable things before me.” It wasn't until the 11th century that the papacy insisted that the story was about sex.

When the Old Testament does deal with the subject, it refers to the need to procreate so as to preserve the people — it's the same reason that masturbation was condemned. Also, when God creates humanity, the word “Adam” is used, and, in Hebrew, it's gender-free and not specifically male. How interesting the Bible is when we look a little deeper.

As a Christian and a priest, I relish the Hebrew scriptures, but they require, if not demand, interpretation. They could be regarded as justifying slavery, ethnic cleansing, and selling one's children into bondage. We can take the Bible seriously or literally, but we can't always do both.

The New Testament, which should be central to the Christian life, says even less about homosexuality. Jesus never mentions it and is much more concerned with those who judge others or are religious pedants. There is, however, one fascinating

episode when he's approached by a Roman centurion who deeply loves his servant and wants him healed. Jesus is impressed — and does so.

Two points. First, Jews at the time mocked the Romans as being gay. Second, the Greek used in this exchange describes something much more than platonic love. It could well be that onlookers of the scene and early readers of the story would have assumed this to be Jesus approving of a same-sex romance.

St. Paul does condemn straight men using boys for sex but never comments on loving, committed, same-sex relationships. If we read the text carefully and properly, it appears that he's referring to pagan initiation rituals — and condemning illicit and immoral behaviour in general.

That really is about it. A fringe theme at best and something that Jesus clearly wasn't especially concerned about. There are, however, more than 2,000 references to the poor in the Bible, and Jesus himself speaks throughout the Gospels about social injustice, exclusion, intolerance, inequality, and the dangers of wealth and power. It's almost as if some people are looking at scripture through the wrong end of the telescope.

I don't expect hockey players to be theologians, and I certainly don't believe in screaming at them when they make foolish decisions. But I do wonder who is teaching and guiding them. LGBTQ people are still persecuted in much of the world, still face discrimination even in good old Canada and especially in the United States. Surely, the Christian thing to do is stand — and play — in solidarity.



Michael Coren

Michael Coren is an author, columnist, radio and TV broadcaster, and Anglican clergyman. His latest book is *The Rebel Christ*.

Father O'Malley answers the phone: "Hello, is this Father O'Malley?"
This is the IRS. Can you help us?"
"Do you know a Ted Houlihan?"
"Is he a member of your congregation?"
"Did he donate \$10,000 to the church?"

"It is"
"I can"
"I do"
"He is"
"He will".





Our next meeting is
 Tuesday, September 12th, 2023
 starting at 1:15 pm

Have a great summer!!



Calling All Women

UCW supplies the coffee, tea, drink crystals,
 creamers, sugar & sweetener
 for all Trinity functions.
 UCW FundScript cards for purchasing available.

UCW Purpose

To unite women of the congregation for the total mission of the church and to provide a means through which we may express our loyalty and devotion to Jesus Christ in Christian witness, study, fellowship and service.

The Lord watch between me and thee when we are
 absent one from another.



- UCW**
July
 15th Noreen Paterson
 16th Irene Smith
 29th Myrna Hall
August
 7th Shirley Mabon
 19th Sheila McCausland



Our **Mystery Trinity Garden Angel and friends** are doing a great job!
 We have a team working with our garden now!! Sheila McCausland has planted a few perennials, and we have the others also helping. Thanks to all!!
 Teamwork!!

When good friends walk beside us
 On the trails that we much keep
 Our burdens seem less heavy
 And the hills are not so steep.
 The weary miles pass swiftly
 Taken in a joyous stride
 And all the world seems brighter
 When friends walk by our side.

A woman frantically calls the fire department to report a fire in the neighbourhood.
 The dispatcher asks, 'How do we get there?'
 Confused, the caller replies, 'Don't you still have those little red fire trucks?'

Please think about our folks in hospital and care homes and drop them a greeting through the Prairie Mountain Health website.
<https://www.prairiemountainhealth.ca/pmh-well-wishes>

Good judgment comes from experience, and a lot of that comes from bad judgment.

Will Rogers

Do the difficult things while they are easy
 and do the great things while they are small.
 A journey of a thousand miles must begin
 with a single step.

Lao Tzu

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Outdoor service & pot luck picnic ~ 2023



Lots of deviled eggs!! YUM



Awesome Potluck dishes



Wisdom is knowing when to speak your mind and when to mind your speech.

Evangel



Trinity's Awesome Caretaker, Jim Hurd!
Mr. 'It's My Job'!

I met Jim at a grocery store one evening. He was shopping for a few things for their family Sunday supper. He rides his trusty bike wherever he wishes to go. It is a power assist and looks like a 'cream of the crop'!!

Jim will be away on holidays in July from the 10th –17th and in August from 7th—11th.

Lucky grandchildren will, no doubt, be with grandpa helping him enjoy his holidays.

Enjoy your much deserved time off, Jim!!

Is anyone or do you know someone who might be interested to spend at least 1 – 2 hours of your/ their weekend to be a settlement partner to our newcomer clients? Please respond to this email with your available weekend times and if you know someone, please send them my way.

Katrina Casulla Volunteer Coordinator
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A man goes to the doctor with lettuce sticking out of his ear...
The doctor says, "That's just the tip of the iceberg!"

Hope is being able to see that there is light despite all of the darkness.
Desmond Tutu

I know they say that money talks, but all mine says is
"Goodbye."



Knowing trees, I understand the meaning of patience.
Knowing grass, I can appreciate persistence.
Hal Borland



Happy Anniversary
July 6th Gord & Donna Pearen
July 19th Reg & Sheila Atkinson

Carpet Cleaning
The stairs in the church are going to be cleaned on
Monday, July 31st
This is a Trinity UCW project .

FELLOWSHIP FOLLOWING WORSHIP EACH WEEK

Thank you for the helpers, donators & all who come for fellowship.

July 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th.
Looking for folks!!



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Trinity July Birthdays
14th Linda Garson
14th Dorothy Helgeson
16th Donna Pearen
19th Kathy Mitchell
31st Anne Clark

Please be sure to call or e-mail
Marlane Wilson,
with any reports of folks in hospital or
needing some contact.
204 729-8574 or marlane.w@yahoo.com

If you know someone, or yourself,
who would like a care call from
Rev. Neufeld; call 204-441-8140
204 729.1946



Our beautiful trees and front lawn!!
Trinity is blessed!!

We have a Baptism on Sunday, July 9th
Malia Anastasia Murkin

Alice Laminman still in Assiniboine
Vera Skayman still in the Assiniboine
Congratulations to **Don Jessiman** in his
new place at Hillcrest Home.

Sending thoughts and prayers to **Glenna
Cobbe** who is now in Palliative in the
Assiniboine.



Our thoughts, prayers and hugs to
*Sending our thoughts,
prayers and HUGS to all who are
experiencing health issues*



Celebration for Jackie Reidle on August 7th
This would have been her 63rd birthday
Everyone is Welcome!!
It will be at Central Community Centre
Later in the afternoon & a BBQ.
These were Jackie's wishes.
... More info to follow next newsletter ...

Five ants rented an apartment together.
Now, they are tenants.

Our Friends in Personal Care and Senior Homes

Dinsdale: Lois Aube, Malcolm Macdonald
Fairview: Audrey Campbell, Judy Diswinka, Linda Garson,
Louise Hume, Eunice Lindenberg, Betty Russell
Hillcrest PCH: Don Jessiman
Souris PCH: Emma Garden
Rideau: Don Chambers, Garry VanRenselaar
Valleyview: Cliff Bowslaugh, Laura Cliffe, ,
Shirley O'Driscoll, Del Pringle
Riverheights Terrace: Pheme Andrew, Elsie Franklin, Patty
Hargreaves, Dave McClelland, Marlene Shantz, Vera Skayman
Rotary Villas: Myrna Barkley, Don Jessiman, Marg Lovstrom
Victoria Landing: Al & Helen Lauder, Betty McFarland,
Fred Miller, Pat Rathwell

Prayer Shawls are
available in the
library/meeting
room for you to take
to comfort anyone;
it does not have to
be a Trinity person!
There are so many
beautiful designs
and colors to be
chosen.
Thank you to the
talented ladies who
made these lovely
creations!!!



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Delivery is being made to all non email

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'May God hold you in the palm of His Hand'