



# Trinitopics & Church Announcements

## # 5 ~ Thursday, March 7th, 2024



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## Worship

March 24 - Palm Sunday

March 29 - Good Friday (**Knox UC Hosting - Time to be confirmed**)

March 31 - Easter Sunday - Communion

### Greeters Needed for March 24 and March 31:

We are looking for two greeters for these services. If you can help, please contact Alan Silvius at (204) 726-4169 or see him at church.

Please see Pulpit /supply during Rev. Doug's Sabbatical on Page 3.



### Death and Taxes Educational Seminar:

Trinity hosted this seminar on January 22<sup>nd</sup> with 48 registrants in attendance. As a result we earned \$960.00. Thank you to everyone who attended, completed their evaluation form, donated cookies and helped clean up at the end. Your support was greatly appreciated.

### Trinity March Gift Card Fundraising Project:

Orders, including payment, must be received by Wednesday, March 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 an order via email to [silviusa@mymts.net](mailto:silviusa@mymts.net) or via phone at (204) 726-4169 (Home) or (204) 570-2338 (Cell).

Public Intentional Explicit Day

Saturday, March 9th, 2024

1 ~ 3 pm

Everyone Welcome!

Guest speaker Comedian **Lara Rae** of Little Mosque on the Prairie fame (Al Rae) is a public figure and transwoman in Winnipeg and finds laughter and happiness in her "new" identity.



Don't forget to....



Spring Forward!

Saturday night at bedtime, March 9th.

If bedtime is after midnight, then March 10th!!



# Trinity United Church

March 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 COP Prayers 7pm Prairie Group 8 pm	2 Eastern Star Meeting Basement 1-4 pm
3 Trinity Worship + SS 10am GIG Worship 12:30pm COP Worship 5pm	4	5 WW 9am UCW Meeting 1:15pm WW 4:30pm Prairie Group 8 pm	6	7  Bible Study 1:30pm Choir Practice Sanctuary 7pm	8 Messy Church 5pm COP Prayers 7pm Prairie Group 8 pm	9 PIE Day @ Knox UC 1-3pm
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A great big thank you to those who have volunteered for the month of February and March for Junior Sunday School craft support.



## 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, bender 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 safely and support in respect of social justice and human rights.



## Pulpit Supply during Rev. Doug Neufeld's Sabbatical 2024

.On behalf of the Worship committee, I wish to acknowledge and thank those individuals who will be leading us in worship during Rev. Doug's Sabbatical

We are truly blessed at Trinity.

*Alan Silvius, Worship Convener*

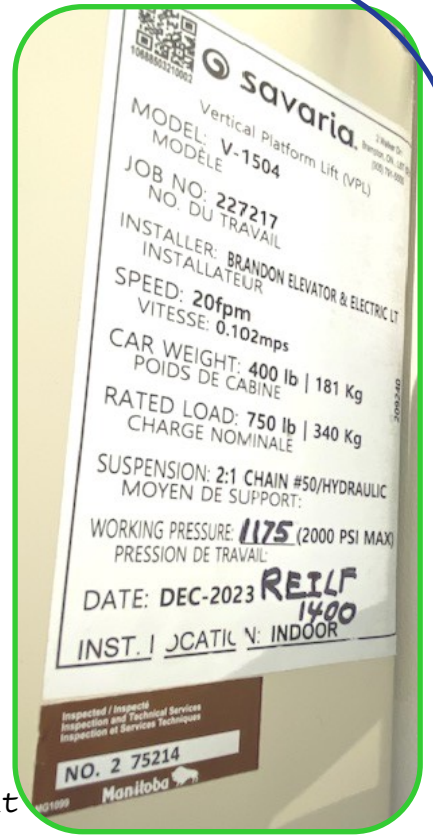
Date	Pulpit Supply Coverage
June 2 (Pride Sunday)	Pat Bowslaugh
June 9	Outreach Committee
June 16 (Father's Day)	Miranda Edwards
June 23	Faye McLoughlin
June 30 (Outdoor Service)	Barb Janzen
July 7	Randolph Smyth
July 14	Rev. Dave Wilson
July 21	Rev. Dave Wilson
July 28	Gail Thickett, Donald Livesley, Darlyne Smith & Judy Diswinka
August 4	Randolph Smyth
August 11	Rev. Dave Wilson
August 18	Faye McLoughlin
August 25	Faye McLoughlin
September 1	Miranda Edwards

Trinity has \$50 & \$100  
Gift Cards from  
Sobeys/Safeway and Superstore.  
Please see Eden in the office if  
you would like to purchase cards.

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>



Preparing to test the 750 pounds of weight in the lift, prior to inspection next day.



Kerry & Bob have been really good sports about having their pictures taken!! They have done such a great job of installing our new lift!!

As explained to me, because 'Brandon Elevator & Electric' have been the contractors with this job, versus working for another contractor, they were able to show **their** work ethic and dedication to get the job done!! Thanks & Congrats to them!!

Our elevator/lift passed inspection on March 6th and will have an official 'opening'. The picture on the seal is the Manitoba flag. Time to celebrate the fact that many will be able to attend again and to all who donated to the fund!!



Subscriptions renewals are due by the end of March 2024. Please contact Lois Riley for [lriley@mts.net](mailto:lriley@mts.net) or see me after service. Subscriptions rates have increased to \$30.00 per year for 10 copies. This is the first increase in rates in 7 years. Still an excellent price for this magazine ! Payments are to be made to Trinity United Church.

**We are looking for a Property Convenor for Trinity!**  
**VIP**



**Our next meeting is  
Tuesday, April 2nd, 2024  
Starting @ 1:15 pm**



**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.*

21 hardy UCW women showed up at the meeting on March 5th.

We will have a games day on April 10th; more info to follow.

UCW women will be celebrating mother's at the Mother's Day service on May 12th.

UCW will be at the pulpit that day.

Easter Thank Offering will go to 'Housing First'

**UCW March Birthday**

27th Frances McKague

28th Winnie Black



Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup> @ 2 pm

Wednesday, March 13th @ 10:30 am

Thursday, March 14<sup>th</sup> @ 11 am

Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup> @ 2 pm

Tuesday, March 26<sup>th</sup> @ 2 pm

Valleyview PCH

Fairview PCH (Tentative)

Riverheights Terrace

Hillcrest Place

Victoria Landing

**BEWARE OF SCAMMERS!!**

They are out there in full force!!

Be Smart .... Be Careful!!

**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!!!



Our first Communion for the Easter season at Valleyview



# ROTARY SPRING BOOK SALE



**VICTORIA INN BRANDON  
IMPERIAL BALLROOM**

**Thursday, March 28, 2024  
9:00am - 8:00pm**

**Friday, March 29, 2024  
9:00am - 8:00pm**

**Saturday, March 30, 2024  
9:00am - 2:00pm**

**FREE BOOK FOR EVERY CHILD  
OVER 75,000 BOOKS...  
SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE  
FREE ADMISSION**

...Please bring your own book bags

**FALL BOOK SALE SEPTEMBER 12, 13, 14, 2024**

Inquiries for  
Rotary Club of Brandon:  
[www.rotaryclubofbrandon.org](http://www.rotaryclubofbrandon.org)  
[brotary1344@gmail.com](mailto:brotary1344@gmail.com)



"All funds raised support Brandon Westman  
& International Rotary projects...  
Thank you to everyone for your support."

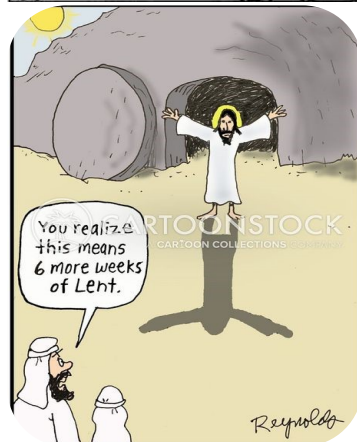
**Rotary**   
Club of Brandon 1344



One of the many wall hangings in Trinity,  
masterpieces of Vivian Privat!!  
John: 27



"We always have pizza for Easter dinner because that's what my mom gives up for Lent."



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THE GOSPEL OF  
**MARK**  
FRANCIS CHAN  
A VIDEO BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study happens every Thursday at 1:30.

Studying the book of Mark

Please join in person or on Zoom. Rev. Doug will send out a link weekly.

## It's time to celebrate women

Every year in March, we celebrate Women's History Month. Now you may ask yourself, what is Women's History Month? Women's History Month is simply "a celebration of women's contributions to history, culture and society" ([History.com](https://www.history.com)).

Women's History Month has taken place since 1992, every March 1-31. But why March? Women's History Month is celebrated in March because, way back in 1910, German activist Clara Zetkin created a mainstream feminist movement, which led to International Women's Day on March 8. Eventually, this became Women's History Month, which is now recognized in Canada, the United States, The United Kingdom and Australia.

This year's theme for Women's History Month is "Women who advocate for equity, diversity and inclusion." This theme recognizes women throughout Canada who stand up for a positive future, in which there is no bias or discrimination.

To view this complete article please see the Brandon Sun, Monday, March 4th; page B 6. It is written by Sarah Martin: a grade eleven student at École Secondaire Neelin High School



To receive weekly information to your email, or to read what is happening in the United Church: <https://united-church.ca/e-newsletters>

Trinity Reps:

Alison Murray & Darlyne Smith

### Information from March 6/24 P2P Weekly News

#### Greetings and blessings for the new year from your Growth Animator!

A Growth Animator... what is that?!

The United Church of Canada believes that God is calling us to Deep Spirituality, Bold Discipleship and Daring Justice. Hearing this, the church's vision for the next 5-10 years is: Called by God, as disciples of Jesus, The United Church of Canada seeks to be a bold, connected, evolving church of diverse, courageous, hope-filled communities united in deep spirituality, inspiring worship, and daring justice. One way the United Church is putting this into action is by working to Strengthen Invitation. This is about helping existing ministries grow, and nurturing new and emerging communities of faith. To support this, a new Growth Team was formed. We have 3 streams of work.

**Renew:** We are coming alongside existing communities of faith. We want to help you attract and welcome neighbours, knit them into your congregation's life, share in the Spirit's transforming work in their lives, and inspire them to share in God's work in the world.

**Create:** We are seeding and strengthening new communities of faith. Across the country new expressions of church are emerging, largely among populations that have historically been underserved by the church. Can we imagine new forms of rural faith communities? How about online ones? God is calling people together in new ways. How can we join in?

**Invite:** We are helping United Church people to talk with others about our faith and invite them to explore the Christian life together with us. How do we share the story of Jesus today? What does a post-Christian, post-colonial, humble, and joyful evangelism look like?

An animator brings things to life. God is the Life-giver! As an animator of growth, I'll be watching and listening for signs of life – glowing embers, sparks of heat and energy, signposts that God is working away. I'll be looking for how I can help fan those embers to help them burn brighter: having supportive conversations, sharing in prayer, providing encouragement, exploring questions, making connections, offering resources.

Six Growth Animators are serving across the country. I am focusing on our 3 regional councils in the prairies (Prairie to Pine, Living Skies, and Northern Spirit). I will be working closely with your regional ministers and regionally deployed staff. And maybe I'll get to work with you and your congregation!

Do you have ideas? Questions? Want to talk with me about your community of faith? I still have so much to figure out. And I'm delighted to listen and learn with you. What might we hear together?

Together in Christ, Jordan Cantwell

Growth Animator | Prairies

The United Church of Canada

[jcantwell@united-church.ca](mailto:jcantwell@united-church.ca)

## Trinity 55 Plus; Mission for Mittens

Sincere thank you, again, to everyone who has filled our baskets this winter with mittens, scarves, toques, socks and other winter essentials ... they have been Delivered, and gratefully received, by Schools for our children, The Bear Clan, and Mary's House. Your knitting skills are and continue to be amazing!

**YOU HAVE MADE A DIFFERENCE !!**

Blessings to you all and thank you again!

Trinity 55 Plus making a difference  
a little at a time:

Glenn & Ruth Sawyer, Gail Thickett,  
Larry & Hazel Sage



**FLORENCE HALCROW** From **The Blue Door** will be our guest on **Tuesday, March 19th, starting at 1:30 pm.** More information to follow.  
Trinity 55 Plus; making a difference a little at a time!!  
Glenn & Ruth, Gail, Larry & Hazel

## Trinity collection for March is for Samaritan House.

### MOST WANTED FOOD ITEMS



**SAMARITAN HOUSE** MINISTRIES INC.  
Food Bank & Resource Centre  
820 Pacific Avenue  
Brandon MB R7A 0J1  
204-726-0758  
www.samaritanhouse.net

### MOST WANTED NON-FOOD ITEMS



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**CAMPING:**  
where you spend  
a small fortune  
to live like  
a homeless person

**Felt  
uncomfortable  
driving into the  
cemetery. The  
gps blurted out  
you have reached  
your final  
destination.**



## Christmas Cheer 2023

The Outreach Committee received this note from Christmas Cheer and wanted to share it with the Trinity family. Kudos to all. Trinity is so blessed!!  
Trinity Outreach Committee

Christmas 2023

Hi Connie,

Thank you to your committee and the congregation of Trinity United for the tremendous support you gave to Christmas Cheer. It was amazing the toys and food that you brought to us.

at Christmas Cheer we prepared and delivered 1101 hampers. That meant that 3320 children and adults enjoyed a Christmas meal.

Wishing your congregation all the Best in 2024. Myrna Lane

Trinity has \$50 & \$100 Gift Cards from Sobey's/Safeway and Superstore. Please see Eden in the office if you would like to purchase cards.



The goal of Mission and Service is people serving together to bring help and healing where it is needed. The hope is to inspire meaning and purpose and to transform lives. The vision is to see people changed by the love of Christ as together we help to build a better world.

Reporting from “God’s Mission Our Gifts” (United Church site): Thank you to all the Communities of Faith who forwarded their generous contributions to M&S. The **\$17,090,056** received from Congregations, UCW and Special Donations exceeded the budget.

Your commitment to Mission and Service means that the programs can continue and the families and children that need our support can continue receiving it.

Thank you for your generosity in sharing your resources locally and to the Trinity Mission and Service Fund.

*Submitted by Faye McLoughlin*

**Marlane Wilson** will send a card to someone who is in the hospital, or needing some cheering up. Please call/contact her with anyone’s name that you are aware of. **204 729.8574 or marlane.w@yahoo.com**

Why is Lent the best time of the year to run a marathon?

Why couldn’t the priest find his rosary?

Did you hear that Chris is giving up negativity for lent?

Because that’s when you fast.

Because it was Lent.

We’ll see how long that lasts.



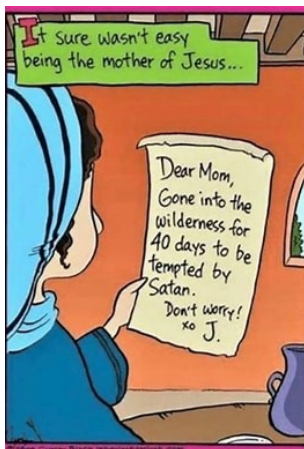
### Pat’s Writers Group

**Friday, March 22nd** at 10:30 in the library.

Our prompt for this session is “It’s not what you think,” he said.

All are welcome!

Please contact Alison Murray for more info.  
204 725-3471      almark@mymts.net



Jeff gives it up for Lent.

I just love dieting and exercising so much that I gave it up for Lent.



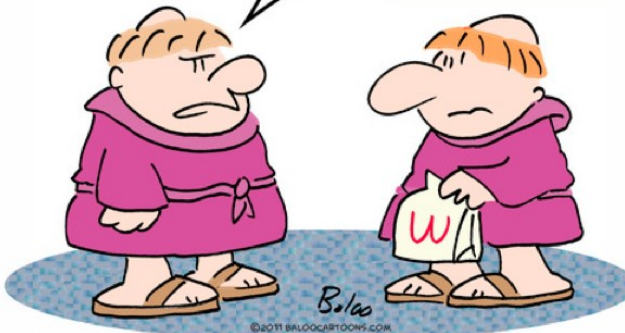
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I'm giving up drinking for Lent and giving up Lent for St. Patrick's Day.



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"Fasting" doesn't mean eating fast food!



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### Fellowship Committee

we are looking for those attending Fellowship to think about taking a turn to host on a rotating schedule.

We would like to try it until the end of June. The more teams who will participate, the less number of times you would be hosting.

Please talk to Myrna Lane or Darlynn Smith about the proposed duties.

### Trinity March Birthdays

9th	Reg Atkinson
17th	Ralph Heard
19th	Betty Russell <b>101 years</b>
22nd	Carol McManes
27th	Laura Fardoe Bournes
30th	Pat Bowslaugh

### FELLOWSHIP FOLLOWING WORSHIP EACH WEEK

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

**March 10th**

The Sisters & Janice Seddon.

**March 17th**

Outreach Committee

**March 24th**

Linda Friesen & Friends

**March 31st**

Easter Sunday  
Worship Committee

**April 7th**

Marg Cullen, Kay Gussie & Norie Rathwell

**April 14th**

Pat Bowslaugh (**need another here**)

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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;** please call the office.  
 204 728-4796



Sunday, March 3rd(Stormy day)  
 We had a choir  
 We had our Junior Sunday School  
 We had people Worshipping and  
 Fellowship! Rev. Doug is pleased.

Our Junior Sunday School share the  
 Ten Commandments with Rev. Doug  
 & congregation. Theo 'shines'!  
*Trinity is so blessed!!*



*Our thoughts and prayers to  
 anyone who has/is  
 experiencing health issues. If  
 you know of someone, please  
 let Marlane &/or the church  
 office know.  
 Thank you!*

Thinking of **Barb Roberds &  
 Myrna Barkly**  
 who are spending some  
 time in hospital. You both  
 are in our  
 thoughts &  
 prayers



***Our Friends in Personal Care and Senior Homes***

- Dinsdale:** Lois Aube, Lloyd Kitz
- Fairview:** Audrey Campbell, Judy Diswinka, Linda Garson,  
 Louise Hume, Eunice Lindenberg, Betty Russell
- Hillcrest PCH:** Don Jessiman, Vera Skayman
- Rideau:** Don Chambers, Garry VanRenselaar
- Valleyview:** Cliff Bowslaugh, Del Pringle
- Riverheights Terrace:** PHEME Andrew, Elsie Franklin, Dave  
 McClelland, Marlene Shantz,
- Rotary Villas:** Myrna Barkley, Marg Lovstrom
- Victoria Landing:** Elizabeth Cass, Myrna Hall, Al & Helen  
 Lauder, Betty McFarland, Fred Miller, Pat Rathwell, Wilma  
 Seafoot
- Wawanesa PCH:** Alice Laminman

**March**

In the snowing and the blowing  
 In the cruel sleet  
 Little flowers begin their growing'  
 far beneath our feet.  
 Softly taps the Spring and cheerly,  
 'Darlings , are you here?'  
 Till they answer, 'We are nearly,  
 Nearly ready, dear.'  
 'Where is Winter, with his snowing?  
 Tell us, Spring,' they say  
 Then she answers, 'He is going,  
 Going on his way'  
 'Poor old Winter does not love you  
 But his time is past,  
 Soon my birds shall sing above you,  
 Set you free at last.'  
 ... Mary Mapes Dodge

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The newsletter is prepared every 2nd week  
 Delivery is being made to all non email  
**The next issue will be March 21st, 2024**  
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 204-728-7713 @ home ~ 204-724-2923 @ cell  
 'May God hold you in the palm of His Hand'

