To God’s Saints at Trinity,

Grace, mercy and peace be yours in Jesus Christ our Lord!

As I write this letter many of us are praying for April showers to bring May flowers (plus moisture to parched fields and pastures all around us). This has been quite a different winter and spring from what most of us have ever encountered in this area (although, in a sign that there is nothing new under the sun, I heard today that Calgary is poised to set a new high for the day – breaking the old high of 26 Celsius set as recently as 1910). Whatever the cause for the differing weather patterns (and thank God Christians are free to argue about the causes without having to subscribe to any one theory as a matter of faith), there are people who will find previous examples to explain, either positively or negatively, the changes through which we are going.

The statement in Ecclesiastes 1:9-10 that there is nothing new under the sun noted above is true for day to day life, politics, health issues – yes, even the weather. It is also true for the church and the Church.

For the visible church – congregations like Trinity, associations or denominations like Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ, groups such as Lutherans or Baptists or Anglicans – the most intense ongoing struggle is how to get sinners to work together while disagreeing on so many things. From simple things like what colour to paint a room or a building through differences in preferences of worship styles and all the way up to conflict over doctrine and the practices based on it the church offers ringside seats for some of the most intense verbal (and once in a while physical) fisticuffs you could ever hope to see. While this is truly sad in itself, so often the source of the conflict is only a rerun of what served as the basis for conflict years before.

Even the invisible Church, that body of believers in Christ Jesus as Lord and Saviour which stretches across time and space, faces the reality of nothing new under the sun. Yet here there is a great difference. There is nothing new under the sun because our God and his promises never change.

The world in which the Church exists will change, even as it does for the church we can see. But from start to finish the Bible shares a consistent story of the Holy Other who is Wholly Other – the absolutely just God who is also Love. That Word proclaims the Word, made flesh, God of God yet fully man, who came into our reality in truly human form to confront our lost condition, our separation from the Trinity because of sin, our pain and brokenness and fear and rage and hate. From Genesis to Revelation we see God’s patience as humanity and each of us individually manages to stagger from one sin filled cesspool to another – all the while proclaiming how what we have found and done is something new and even good! We are told how in love, both because of and in,spite of our sin, he sent his only begotten Son that those who believe in him might pass from spiritual and eternal death into life. And we are promised that neither he nor his promises will ever change, that nothing and no one can separate us from him and how much we are loved by him in Christ Jesus.

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**Upcoming Events**

**AT TRINITY**

**Trinity Times**

**Date: June 3 & 4**

**Time: TBA**

**Church Garage Sale**

Supporting our Mission Ministry and TLC Youth

We are looking for clean items in reasonable shape for our garage sale. Items can be dropped off in the Fellowship Hall from May 28 - June 1. Please watch for a sign-up sheet for volunteers on the bulletin board across from the office.

**Ladies please note:**

Agape is Wednesdays @ 1:00pm

In the Chapel

**Outdoor Worship**

May 28 @ 2:00pm

We will be having an outdoor Worship at the amphitheatre at Dinosaur Park with a potluck to follow. Come join us in fellowship (Watch for further details)

**Community Events**

**Saturday May 14**

Kinbrook Provincial Park

Race begins at 10AM

Registration Fee $40 Child $20, Family $100

**Newell Christian Community**

Did you know that the EID Ministerial has a Facebook page where the community churches can post what is happening at their churches other than Sunday services? Please feel free to check it out it is called “Newell Christian Community”.

Please do not park in the alley as it is not only illegal but it also is inconvenient for our neighbors. Also, please be considerate of our seniors & leave parking spaces for them at the back door.

**TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN**

The next TLCW meeting will be on May 11, 2016 at 10:00 am. All ladies are invited to attend.

**Secret Prayer Sister Reveal**

Thursday May 12th @ 5:30pm

Come and join all the secret sisters for a potluck and reveal who has been praying for you all year.

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Quilting News
The quilting ladies have done it once again! They have made so many quilts this year. A total of 189 quilts were lovingly made by hand as well as 30 layettes. They were all donated to Cantara Safe House Women's Shelter, Inn From the Cold, Mustard Seed, and CLWR. Thank you to all that donated their time, material and supplies to help make all the beautiful handmade quilts for people who need them.

We invite all of the photographers in the congregation to submit your scenery photos to be used for background pictures for use on the screen for Sunday mornings. You can email them to the church office at brkstrin@telusplanet.net. We are also looking for pictures of our members in ministry or scenery for the website and bulletin covers. We look forward to seeing the creativity of our church family.

We are still in need of a volunteer to sign up for taking care of Trinity’s recycling needs for the year. The signup sheet is on the bulletin board across from the office. This is a monthly sign-up and May through December are still available. Please consider this opportunity to serve.

IDEAS NEEDED
“Church Council has approved a suggestion that the two upper windows on the West Wall of the Church Hall have stained glass windows installed. Funds from our Memorial Donations will be used for this suggestion that came from our 50th Anniversary planning. Leona Ferguson and Carol Siedel are looking for anyone who is interested in contributing ideas or assisting with this project to become part of a small working group. If you are interested please speak with Carol or Leona. Thank you.”

Check it out at www.brookstrinity.ca

Attention Youth!

Hey Youth!
Please look below for your stuff

Spring Youth Things
"Remember your Creator in the days of your youth”
- Ecclesiastes 12:1

“Deeper”
High School Youth
Mondays @ 6-8pm
Come join us in the youth room as we go “Deeper”. Don’t forget your Bible

Youth Bible Study

Youth Sunday mornings
@ 9:00 am
Join us for breakfast and God’s Word.

One Christ Many Creeds
A Study of Denominations from a Lutheran Perspective

One God, many gods
A Study of World Religions

We will alternate one week with One God, many gods and one week with One Christ Many Creeds.

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ECHO

Every Christian Holler Out
Annual Youth Conference
Presented by the Canadian Mission District of North American Lutheran Church

August 19-21
CLBI, Camrose, AB
Cost: $300 / person
Grade 7+

Live music guest speakers, learning mission work and a canoe day out “On The River”
“their voice has gone out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world.” Romans 10:18b

Registration forms are due to Maggie by May Long Weekend!!!.

Confirmation

Our regular classes are continuing on Wednesdays at 4:45 p.m and will continue until June 15. We look forward to seeing you grow in faith in class!
Please remember your binders and Bibles!!!

Church Work Day
Saturday, May 14, 2016 @ 9:00am
Bring a lunch and spend the day.
We will clean the church basement, sort the basement storage areas, clean the parsonage double garage, repair the garage window and walk in door, clean the parsonage yard and prune trees, clean the parking lot, and paint lines in the parking lot.

Prayers of Thanksgiving-Starve 2016
Written by: Brianna Nolan

Heavenly Father’
Thank you for the 16 people who gave up their own time to participate in the Starve event. Continue to bless each and every one of them as they continue to think about time, talent, and treasure, and the way they can use the 3T’s to help them serve Christ.
Thank you to the many people who donated to each of these participants to make the event possible. All together a grand total of $2,847.10 was raised in support of the projects on Burkina and Bolivia.
For each of the 10, 545 meals, provide nourishment in each bite taken, as well as a sense of identity and closeness to you.
Thank you for each child that is going to receive a meal provided from these donation. Bless each one of them and surround them with your love each and every day.
Thank you for the Bridges of Hope organization as they continue to provide for youth locally and afar, without them, this kind of event would not happen.
Lastly, I ask you to bless the individuals who participated, the individuals involved in the planning, the individuals that donated, and the individuals that will receive the donations. Keep them close always and surround them so that they may always know you.
Amen

Yes they are!
Have a listen at brookstrinity.ca

Thank you to all that have donated toys to keep our little ones busy before during and after worship. We would like to ask that we keep them worship friendly (unlike our Jack-in-the-box pictured).
What is Pentecost?
(Acts 2:1-13)
"Pentecost" is one of those "church" words that is used around this time of year. We will be celebrating the Festival of Pentecost or Pentecost Sunday on May 15th, and then journey through the "green" season or the season of Pentecost. But for many of us this word and the colour that accompanies it means little without some understanding. So I pray that the following will bring some information and a deeper awareness of "why we do, some of what we do" in the church, to help us grow closer to Christ and deeper in our faith.

Pentecost comes from a Greek word that means "fifty". Pentecost Sunday is the fiftieth day after Easter. It is not a new festival in the church. In fact, it is a celebration that goes all the way back to the Old Testament. Every year, the Jews tried to make the trip to Jerusalem to celebrate Pentecost on the fiftieth day after Passover.

Pentecost had a twofold purpose:
1) It was a day to remember when God gave the Law (the 10 commandments) to the children of Israel at Mount Sinai.
2) It was like our Thanksgiving, a chance to thank God for the spring festival (as we do for the fall harvest).

It was on the festival of Pentecost, after Jesus' death on the cross and resurrection from the dead, that God poured out the promised Holy Spirit in a special way on His disciples. He gave them the ability to speak the "wonders of God" in different languages and with boldness. (Acts 2) In this way God equipped them to be His witnesses and to share the Good News of Jesus with all people.

Jesus had told them before His ascension to heaven:
1) "Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." - Matthew 28:19, 20
2) "Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation." - Mark 16:15
3) "You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." - Acts 1:8

Pentecost marks the beginning of the "non-festival half" of the church year. (The festival half is from Advent to Easter, roughly December to April, and it focuses on Jesus' life - his birth, death, resurrection and ascension.) The non-festival half runs roughly from late May to November and may be from 22-27 Sundays, depending on the year. During this time, the readings from Scripture each Sunday direct our thoughts and actions to what Christ's life means for the individual Christian, for you and for me.

We do celebrate two special Sundays during the non-festival time of the church year and those are Thanksgiving Sunday and Reformation Sunday.

The colour of Pentecost Sunday is Red to represent the power of the Holy Spirit poured out upon the disciples and given to us in our baptism and through the Word of God. The symbol of Pentecost is often a "flame". The season of Pentecost is Green to represent growing and maturing in faith.

Pentecost Sunday is often referred to as the "Birthday" of the Christian Church. On the Pentecost day recorded in the Book of Acts, after Peter preached with boldness we read, "So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added. They devoted themselves to the apostles teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers." (Acts 2:41-42) The Christian Church was born!

I invite each of you to come and worship on May 15th, on Pentecost Sunday. Join in the celebration of Holy Communion and give thanks for the privilege of "being the church"! If you like wear red as a way of celebrating!

With the joy of serving in Christ's name, Maggie
Practical Bible Answer Book is a Must Have
Submitted by Gordon Frank

The revised Complete Bible Answer Book compiled by Hank Hanegraaff is now available. Hank has over 40 years of experience answering common, practical questions we all wonder about. His answers are short and concise, usually only one to two pages. He often includes Bible references. It is a fantastic resource that you will use often.

Hank Hanegraaff has heard it all. He knows what questions plague believers and nonbelievers. And he's done something about it—he's spelled out the answers. The Complete Bible Answer Book is a simple guide covering over 170 of the top questions that the Bible Answer Man has dealt with in his ministry. Topics include: parents and kids, religions, difficulty, faith, fear, sin, salvation, and many more issues vital to understanding the path to better understanding God. Each question is approached in Hanegraaff's scholarly, easy-to-understand style, and he even suggests additional sources for readers who want to explore the topics further.

In addition, Hank has added 26 short teaching topics that he presents with acronyms to organize the information and make them memorable for the reader. Hank also has a daily radio program on several stations including AM 700 and AM 1140. The show plays once in the morning and again in the afternoon of each station. You can listen at their website: www.equip.org and find other valuable resources there. The book can be found in Christian Bookstores and on line at various book selling sites. If you want to order from Hank Hanegraaff's site, use the Canadian one to save exchange and high mailing costs. You can go to www.equip.org/canada/ and their contact email is: contact@christianresearchinstitute.ca or phone them at 1-800-665-5851. You also use the Canadian contacts for any donations so they are tax deductible.

Many of the Bible answers are useful when talking to others to strengthen their faith or to know what you believe, so you can help non-Christians understand the Christian faith. I find it puts me more at ease because I have a reference to quickly use when I don't know how to give an answer. We are called as it says in 1Peter 3:15, "But, in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect."

We are called to live our lives in such a way that people see Jesus in us and are likely to ask us questions about what we believe. And, we can find ways to proactively initiate dialog about what Jesus means to us as we go about our everyday lives. This book goes a long ways to giving you the tools to do that. Consider ordering it today.

Vacation Bible School
July 4 – 8, 2016
9:00 am – noon

For children 4 yrs (by Sept) to Grade 6

Be part of Barnyard Roundup VBS! God’s children of all ages will learn that Jesus gathers us together at Barnyard Roundup VBS. AND, every child will hear the Good News that Jesus, their Savior, is with us and abundantly provides for all our needs. He also protects and saves us—now in this world and forever too!

We pray that Barnyard Roundup gives us opportunities to introduce children and their families to Christ. We hope to help our own children grow in their faith in Jesus while reaching out to children in our neighborhood. This makes VBS a key outreach ministry in our congregation and our local community.

Here are some ways that you can help:
- Pray for our volunteers and the children and families who participate.
- Enroll your children or grandchildren in Barnyard Roundup and invite friends and neighbors too.
- Volunteer to help. There are many jobs, even if you can’t be here during VBS week.
- See the sign-up sheet on the table in the Narthex.
- Donate to offset expenses. Currently we are looking for donations to help with the VBS Startup Kit and Bibles that were purchased to give to children who don’t have one.

Please contact Kari Bolen or Tilly Gamble if you can help out with this fun and meaningful ministry!

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LCMS Stewardship Newsletter Article
May 2016

Do we Christians really have to tithe? Are we really under a compulsion to give? Aren't we free? Don't we have a freedom from the law that was purchased for us by Jesus Christ's death and resurrection?

The problem is that our sinful flesh uses our freedom for selfishness. Christ did not die and rise so that we could give less and do less good work in the world. He died and rose to free us from the compulsion of the Law, to free us from a burden we could not bear.

We are missing the point completely if we use the freedom from the Law that Christ won by His passion, crucifixion, and resurrection to give less, or to do less of any good work. Christ set us free to live in His image of faithfulness, generosity, and kindness. We are free from the Law's condemnation so that we can walk in the good works the Lord has prepared for us.

Our freedom is not given to indulge our sinful and selfish flesh. Our freedom was purchased and won by Christ so that we could serve our neighbors—our family, our society, our church.

As a result, much of your freedom is not a freedom from, but a freedom to and for. You are not free from serving your neighbor. You are free for service toward your neighbor—willingly and without compulsion. You are not free from giving to your church; you are freed to give to your local congregation in joy, willingly, and without compulsion.

The reason you are free to serve, the reason you are free to give is because of Jesus Christ and the forgiveness of sin He won for you on the cross, which He delivers to you in the Gospel and the sacraments. That is our motivation. “For God so loved the world, that He gave His only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life” (John 3:16). And since God loves us in this way, by giving us His only-begotten Son so that we do not perish, we also love one another in this way, by giving what we have so that our neighbor does not perish.

If the God who has provided the sacrifice for your eternal salvation, the God who delivers that salvation to you in Holy Baptism, the God who continues to forgive you and show you His faithfulness, if that same God is the one who also promises to give you daily bread and take care of your earthly life, you can trust in Him, even in giving. After all, Jesus Christ is proof that God loves you and will take care of you.

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**Congratulations to Our Graduates!**

- Brendan Bartlett Brooks Composite
- Brianna Bolt Brooks Composite
- Mark Castello St Joseph's
- Kathryn Dyck Brooks Composite
- Alex Engel Brooks Composite
- Madison Hemsing Brooks Composite
- Nikki LaBoucane Brooks Composite
- Joel Musgrove Duchess
- Amanda Nilsson Bassano
- Brianna Nolan Brooks Composite
- AJ Santillian St Joseph’s
- Ashley Smith Brooks Composite
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- Colton Thurmeier Brooks Composite

Please hold these teens in your prayers as they begin the next journey in their lives.

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Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ  
NW District  
As we are now a member of the North West district of LCMC we invite you to check out their website www.lcmc-nw.com  
This is a good way to keep in touch with other churches in our area and find out what is happening in our district.

Dear members of Trinity.
Glenn and I once again want to thank you for all the love and prayers for our granddaughter Jennifer. It is 9 months ago that she lost her lower right leg, and she has continued to show such strength and fortitude as she presses on through the challenges and changes with grace and courage in her re-designed life. We are still overwhelmed by how well she has done in the face of this trauma, and of course we think the love and prayers have helped so much.

Many miracles like the fact that STARS air ambulance sent the helicopter with blood on board and that somehow the Foothills Hospital Emergency Chief Trauma Surgeon Dr. Richard Buckley, must have recognized her as an athlete because he even put a brace of bone between the tibia and fibula to make her leg stronger. God surely did put all the right people with her from the beginning until now! Although we sometimes still ask each other “why did this have to happen to our Jennifer”, we can see that God still has a great plan for her life, and our prayers are answered daily as we watch her life unfold.

Jennifer will graduate with her grade 12 class in May, in spite of all the missed time from school during a never ending list of appointments with doctors, physiotherapists, and prosthetic team specialists. She is back playing volleyball with her Calgary Canuck Volleyball team. She is full of determination and still very good and a great part of her team. She is presently testing out a newly designed type of athletic prosthesis from eastern Canada. Her third prosthesis was also an action athletic style, and on that one she tried skiing! Her second prosthesis is one she can use for swimming.

She has used her remarkable attitude to visit three young people in hospital after trauma and amputation. She is finding ways to give back; like her support for STARS; and her school’s "Young Bloods" blood donation campaign. There are so many little miracles along the way. She has made the national sitting volleyball team and just returned from 12 days in China. She has a team tournament in London, England at the end of May, and in July she will take part in a competition in Montreal followed by the Para Olympic International Volleyball Tournament in Rio De Janerio at the end of August.

With gratitude and love - Glenn and Dee
Volunteers are needed to help with GEMS
Where: Christian Reformed Church on Wednesday’s 7:00 – 8:30 pm.

GEMS Girls’ Clubs is a non-denominational, non-profit Christian girls club. The mission of GEMS Girls’ Clubs is to help bring girls into a living, dynamic relationship with Jesus Christ. Their vision is to see girls around the world actively and enthusiastically expressing love for God and others.

Please call Melissa Slomp at 362-0906 if you can help.

Do you have eyeglasses that you can no longer wear?
Please drop your old glasses off in the box labelled “Glasses” underneath the portable bulletin board in the foyer and give someone the gift of sight. There are many in this world who could never afford to buy eyeglasses and you can contribute to renew their sight.

April
SENIOR’S BIRTHDAYS

*Louise Berg May 03
*Louis Nester May 03
*Anne Beblow May 05
*Carol Anderson May 07
John Dell May 08
Shirley Heck May 08
Joe Yarrow May 08
Evelyn Harahus May 10
Karen VanderLinden May 12
Darlene Curran May 14
Garry Carter May 17
Elvera Lillehei May 23
Rudy Peltzer May 26
Linda Weisbeck May 27
Huber Ellis May 28
Harry Nielsen May 31

If you are a Senior and would like to have your name included on the Seniors’ birthday list, please call the church office.

April
WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Jim & Debbie Ketchmark May 02
Chad & Julie Brothers May 03
Mike & Mona Cann May 03
Terry & Brenda Shepherd May 04
Bernyce & Kirk Baynham May 14
Chris & Jocelyn King May 15
Micah & Shanna-Lee Eckert May 16
Kyle & Debra Perini May 17
Barry & Tina Preston May 19
Glenn & Dee Ravnsborg May 19
Ken Frances & Ria Neufeld May 19
Walter & Audrey Johnson May 23
David & Jenna Gabert May 23
Barry & Della Berg May 30

If you would like to have your anniversary included in the Wedding Anniversary list please call the church office.

If you have a concern you would like to have placed on our Prayer Chain please call the church office. Please notify the office also if your email address or telephone number has changed.

The LORD reigns forever... for all generations.
Psalm 146:10, NIV

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Worship Services Schedule of Volunteer Duties

**May 01**

- **10:00am**
- **Acolyte:** Reid Musgrove
- **Lector:** Brandi McCord
- **Storyteller:** Val Deunk
- **Sound / Video:** Devon Flatla/ Joel Musgrove
- **Worship Assistant:** Brian Berg
- **Leader:** Val Deunk
- **Ushers:** Stan & Traey Waddell
- **Scripture Readings:** Acts 16:12-26
- **Revelations 21:9-14,21-27**

**May 08**

- **10:00 am**
- **Acolyte:** Rebecca Bolen
- **Lector:** Gisela McGregor
- **Storyteller:** Jeannie Culligan
- **Sound / Video:** Doug Erlandson/ Kathryn Dyck
- **Worship Assistant:** Mark Altwasser
- **Leader:** Brian Berg
- **Ushers:** Stan & Traey Waddell
- **Scripture Readings:** Acts 1:12-26
- **Revelation 22:1-6(7-11)12-20**

**May 15**

- **10:00 am with Communion**
- **Acolyte:** Brianna Nolan
- **Lector:** Anne McMahon
- **Storyteller:** Julie Musgrove
- **Sound / Video:** Emmalyn Elgersma/ Liam Anderson
- **Worship Assistant:** Harold Stedel
- **Leader:** Brian Berg
- **Communion Prep:** Will & Anna Moeller
- **Ushers:** Shirley Perry/ Jackie Lester
- **Scripture Readings:** Genesis 11:1-9
- **Acts 2:1-21**

**May 22**

- **10:00am**
- **Acolyte:** Jaxson Peltzer
- **Lector:** Anna Moeller
- **Storyteller:** Pastor John
- **Sound / Video:** Ryan Summach/ Myra Altwasser
- **Worship Assistant:** Brain Berg
- **Leader:** Anna Moeller
- **Ushers:** John & Charlotte Dyck
- **Scripture Readings:** Proverbs 8:1-4,22-31
- **Acts 2:14a,22-36**

- **May 29**
  - **10:00am**
  - **Acolyte:** Katherine Bolen
  - **Lector:** Ria Nuefeld
  - **Storyteller:** Maggie Theiss
  - **Sound / Video:** Rand Flattla/ Ian Altwasser
  - **Worship Assistant:** Mark Altwasser
  - **Leader:** Brian Berg
  - **Ushers:** Doug & Mona Erlandson
  - **Scripture Readings:** 1 Kings 8:22-24, 27-29, 41-43
  - **Galatians 1:1-12**

Ushers are reminded to please make sure that all church doors are locked before leaving after Sunday worship.

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