

Around Trinity

happenings in the life of our church...

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WELCOME BACK TO CHURCH

Sadly, our vacations have come to a close and the familiar scheduling of fall begins. Trinity will be back in full swing as of September 1st and we look forward to seeing you in the pews on Sunday mornings. Beginning in September, coffee will be served downstairs in the Assembly Room.



FALL FLEA MARKET & RUMMAGE SALE



This yearly event takes place on <u>Saturday</u>, <u>September 23</u> in Trinity Hall from 10 to 1 pm. This is your invitation to do some fall house cleaning and bring down your unwanted, gently used *furniture*, *housewares*, *linens*, *toys*, *tools*, *books*, *CD's*, *wall hangings*, *figurines/ornaments as well as clothing for all ages*. Phone 807-344-7302 if a pick-up is required. *Deadline for donations is Thursday*, *September 21 at 4:00 pm*.

We will again have a lunch bar with a seating area and would appreciate donations of labelled muffins and homemade pies as well.

Approximately 30 workers are required to help set up and work on the day. Can you lend a hand? A sign-up sheet is posted in the narthex or you can contact **Josie at 807 344-7302** or **Lorna Plant at 807 345-8125** to volunteer. It really is a fun project at which to work.

REPLACEMENT SOUGHT (Carol Forneri, M&P Chair)

As many of you know, Joan Bailey is retiring at the end of December. Trinity is currently taking information from people interested in a part-time Office Administrator position beginning soon and who will be taught the ropes by Joan. Please direct your enquiries to the Church Office.

THANKS AND APPRECIATION

The family of Joan and Ken Brooker extend their appreciation to Trinity for catering the Celebration of Life reception in their parents' memory on August 26th. Sincere thanks to all the bakers and people who worked to bring it all together.

LADIES' LUNCH (Lee-Ann Smetaniuk)

Starting in September, we will be beginning the monthly ladies' lunches. **Montana's** is the location for the **Thursday, September 14 lunch**. This is your invitation to come and bring a friend if you desire. Contact **Lee-Ann at 807 345-6255** to reserve a seat. Remember to bring a loonie for the draw. Plan on coming to renew friendships over a simple meal.

FUN WITH THE SLIBI FAMILY (Shane Judge)

Shane Judge, Chair of Trinity's Outreach Committee and the Inter-Church Refugee Committee, hosted the Slibi family and 20 of their new Thunder Bay friends for an afternoon of food and fellowship at Loon Lake in July.

The Slibis are the latest family sponsored by the I-CRC. Father Kamil, mom Sahar and son Roy, organized an amazing afternoon of food and fellowship. Below, Kamil shares barbecuing duties. Sahar and friends produced an amazing salad while son Roy (the fellow without the shirt) entertained guests. Lunch also included barbecued corn-on-the cob and a dessert of wild blueberries and Ontario peaches on frozen yogurt.



HIGHLITES OF JUNE 13, 2023 COUNCIL MEETING

- Insurance savings should kick in soon as a result of Trinity changing its insurance coverage to the United Church's self Insurance program (United Church Protect). A savings of at least 30% is anticipated.
- the May 27 Antique Fair & Nearly New Boutique brought in \$3624
- Donations continue to come in for the \$29,000 Dry Basement Project. Although costly, this was a successful maintenance project which continues to keep the basement dry. Approximately \$7500 has been received in donations towards the project.
- Trinity Hall continues to be a hot commodity for rentals. Applauze and Magnus occupied the Hall most of July and August. Other rental groups have been brought in as a result of Trinity's technical sound and Russ Krawczuk's (Applauze) lighting.
- the Tech Team continues to work on smoothing out issues related to the live-streaming
- Trinity received a request from our Caretaker, Ali, to provide some monetary assistance for his brother who is living as a refugee in Lebanon.
- A list of contacts for pastoral care is being prepared while we have no resident clergy. Trinity folk should contact Joan in the office if emergency pastoral care is required.
- upgrading of the lighting in the Assembly Room and Trinity Hall is being researched
- plans are underway for another Gospel Music Night in the fall as the June 1 event was so successful. Approximately \$400 had been raised for the Inter-Church Refugee Committee and Multi-site.

ON-LINE WORSHIP SERVICES FOR SEPTEMBER 2023

Date	Host Church	Leader
September 3	Pinegrove	Rev. Rob Smith
September 10	Harmony	Rev. Mastard Sakala
September 17	Trinity	Christina Stricker
September 24	St. Paul's	Rev. Desire Tiriwepi