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A Note From Pastor Diane

Hello Trinity Community,

As I write this I am sitting in my office with my window open letting in some fresh air filled with the scent of rain from the shower we had earlier this morning. Outside of my window I can hear the voices of two kids... one older, the other younger with that cute giggle little kids have. They are checking out the tomato plants growing along the building. "Oh look! There's one!" "No, don't pick that one... it's not ready yet." "We'll have to check again next time."



You see, just before I sat down to write, I popped outside to say hello to the folx who were lined up to receive lunch from the TLC Pantry and while I was out there I also checked on the tomatoes. Lo and behold, there are some that are starting to turn red and a few peppers that are almost ready as well. So, I let the people know that they are welcome to check the plants and pick anything that is ready because we are growing the tomatoes and peppers for them. Let me tell you, that brought some big smiles to people's faces... maybe because for some of the people we serve, being treated with kindness and dignity is not something they are accustomed to. Or maybe it's because having access to fresh produce is an unattainable luxury for many. Or maybe it's something else. Maybe it's because those tomatoes and peppers bear witness to them, people whom society often disregards, ignores, belittles, treats as invisible... that this community here at Trinity sees them... that we see them as the beloved children of God they are and we are doing what we can to show them God's love by sharing the fruits of our labour, without expecting anything in return, without them having to do anything to earn it. If that sounds like grace to you, you're right. And if us mere human beings are capable of showing grace, how much more must God be able to? And if the grace shown by the sharing of tomatoes can bring elicit joy and giggles, how much more transformative must God's grace be when we embrace it?

God's love has the power to transform us. When we encounter the risen Christ, we are changed. We live differently from the world... we are spurred into action to serve others as Jesus served. We share Christ's love so that others may encounter the risen Christ and be transformed. Most of the time, we have no idea what that change looks like... and it's not necessary for us to know... God only asks us to love our neighbour and then God takes it from there. But every once in a while, we get a glimpse of what can happen when we share God's love with others... and sometimes it's as simple as seeing a face light up with a smile or hearing a child giggle.

Thanks be to God.

Yours in Christ, Pastor Diane
(She/Her)

Do you have a stash of plastic grocery bags?

We can go through over 600 bags in a week at the TLC Pantry!!

Folks use them to transport their bag lunches and other items from the pantry.

IF you have any bags you could donate to the pantry please contact the church office at 306-757-7729 or trinityoffice@trinityregina.ca to make arrangements!



Do you have an abundance of produce in your garden?

The TLC Pantry will gladly accept donations of fresh fruits and veggies to share with the people we serve. Fresh produce is a luxury for people experiencing poverty and any time we have produce to share, it is always greatly appreciated.

Produce can be brought to the church Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday in the morning so that it can be shared that same day as we have limited fridge space!

**Thank you for supporting the
TLC Food Pantry ministry!**



It's hard to believe that summer holidays are almost over and it's time to start planning for the fall.

Confirmation will start up again in October. We will be in touch with all of the confirmation families in early September to figure out the times and the format.

If you have children in grades 6 to 8 who are interested in joining confirmation, please email Pastor Diane at dnoko1972@gmail.com.



Can you lend a hand?

We are in need of folks to assist with worship throughout September and October!

If you are able to or willing to give it a try please contact the office at 306-757-7729 or email Pastor Diane at dnoko1972@gmail.com!

No Experience Needed!

Thanks in advance!

Food on the 4th Ministry



Food insecurity is an ongoing challenge for many families who live in the neighbourhood around Trinity.

The Regina Community Fridge is a wonderful volunteer run initiative with a location beside Carmichael Outreach just a couple of blocks from the church.

More often than not, the fridge and pantry are empty. Out of love for our neighbour, we are collecting non-perishable food and then on the 4th Sunday of each month we'll deliver it to the community fridge!

Look for the bin at the back of the church where contributions can be placed,

Thanks for supporting Food on the 4th!

*Take what you need,
leave what you can.*





Listen to the Voice of creation **SEASON OF CREATION 2022**



The Season of Creation is a time to renew our relationship with our Creator and all creation through celebration, conversion, and commitment together.

From September 1st to October 4th, we are invited join our siblings in the ecumenical family in prayer and action for our common home. Throughout the month-long celebration, the world's 2.2 billion Christians come together to care for our common home and this year over the next 5 weeks, we are going to add our voices to the Season of Creation through our worship, prayers and perhaps a few other activities (Watch the bulletin for updates.)

This year, the burning bush is the symbol for the Season of Creation.

Today, the prevalence of unnatural fires are a sign of the devastating effects that climate change has on the most vulnerable of our planet. Human greed, desertification and land misuse lead to the disintegration of ecosystems, the destruction of habitats, and the loss of livelihoods and species at an alarming rate. Creation cries out as forests crackle, animals flee, and people are forced to migrate due to the fires of injustice that we have caused.

On the contrary, the symbol of the burning burst reminds us that the fire that called to Moses as he tended the flock on Mt. Horeb did not consume or destroy the bush. This was a flame of the Spirit that revealed God's life sustaining presence. This holy fire affirmed that God heard the cries of all who suffered, and promised to be with us as we followed faithfully to deliverance from injustice.

During the Season of Creation, the burning bush calls us to listen to the voice of creation, and faithfully respond through worship, repentance and action. Moses was told to remove his sandals, for he was standing on holy ground in God's presence. May this symbol move us to remove the "sandals" of our unsustainable lifestyles that disconnect us from creation and our Creator, contemplate our connection to the holy ground where we live, and listen for the voice of creation. May we be filled with hope to quench the fires of injustice with the light of God's healing love that sustains our common home.

(Adapted from Seasons of Creation 2022)



SEPTEMBER

Schedule Of Events

Sunday, August 28th	10 am 1130 am	English Worship Service in Sanctuary Deutscher Gottesdienst In Chapel
Sunday, September 4th	10 am 1130 am	English Worship Service in Sanctuary Deutscher Gottesdienst In Chapel
Sunday, September 11th	10 am 1130 am 145 pm 2 pm 7 pm	English Worship Service in Sanctuary Deutscher Gottesdienst In Chapel <i>RSO Chorus Rehearsal in Sanctuary</i> Council Meeting in Chapel <i>Sisters in Song Rehearsal in Sanctuary</i>
Sunday, September 18th	10 am 1130 am 245 pm 7 pm	English Worship Service in Sanctuary Deutscher Gottesdienst In Chapel <i>RSO Chorus Rehearsal in Sanctuary</i> <i>Sisters in Song Rehearsal in Sanctuary</i>
Sunday, September 25th	10 am 1130 am 245 pm 7 pm	English Worship Service in Sanctuary Deutscher Gottesdienst In Chapel <i>RSO Chorus Rehearsal in Sanctuary</i> <i>Sisters in Song Rehearsal in Sanctuary</i>
Wednesday Evenings Starting September 7th	7 pm	Live Stream Worship at facebook.com/TELCRegina
Monday - Friday Sept 12-16, 19-23, & 26-30	1-4 pm	<i>Carmichael Outreach Life Skills Classes in Chapel</i>

• *Events in Italics are private bookings.*



How did the ocean share peace with the beach?

- It waved!