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Minister's Message Easter 2009

Randy Boyd

Rabbi Lawrence Kushner tells of the time he and his wife set out for the wilderness to do some hiking and communing with nature. Having heard horrible stories about bears in these mountains of Montana, they were rightfully cautious and a bit leery of the adventure.

"Get many bears up here?" he asked the Ranger.

"Sometimes quite a few" was the reply.

"How about that easy trail around the lake over there? Any chance of running into any this morning – so close to the store....?"

The Ranger paused for a moment and took a slow sip of his coffee. "If I could tell you for sure there wouldn't be any bears, it wouldn't be a wilderness now would it?"

The message of Lent is that we need to go through the wilderness to get to Easter. We wish we could avoid the wilderness – we're scared of the bears – and we certainly wish we could avoid Good Friday. But the only way to Easter is through the wilderness.

We know this at Trinity. We've been doing a bit of wandering in the wilderness ourselves lately. But, you know – it's been rather exciting too. 2009 has been a good year so far. We've had the spectacular Presbytery service with over 500 bursting the seams of the church, with another 70 in the choir filling the sanctuary with beautiful music, and the Moderator preaching a powerful sermon. We've had some "Seeker" services that have pointed to alternative ways to come together and worship God. We've had our studies of Paul and Jesus 24/7 where more and more people have been exploring the foundations of their faith. There is definitely a spirit in the air!

Now, I wish I could tell you that there aren't any bears out there – but then that wouldn't be the wilderness, would it? The wilderness is full of danger and risk, and so is the future – especially when you live your life with faith. For

living with faith is the opposite of living it safe. We need to open ourselves to risky/faithful living, for then we find out what God has in store for us.

I'm looking forward to the year ahead. I have no idea what the future holds for us, but I've never been more excited by the possibilities. As we continue our "journey to Jerusalem" – the journey to our destiny, to Good Friday, Easter, and beyond, I know there are dangers. But I also know that the Trinity community is up to the challenge.

So if you're on the sidelines looking in, come join us! The company is great, and the promise of Resurrection is glorious.

May you all have a wonderful Easter!

2009 Lenten and Easter Services

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| April 5 | Palm Sunday Service and Communion |
| April 6 – 9 | Noon Hour Reflections during Holy Week (12:15 - 12:45 p.m.) in the Chapel. Bring a bag lunch and visit in the Assembly Hall after. |
| April 9 | Maundy Thursday at St. Paul's United in the Sanctuary - 6:30 p.m.
A symbolic service including Communion. |
| April 10 | Good Friday Service - 11:00 a.m. at Westminster United |
| April 10 | Good Friday Sacred Music Presentation by the TB Community Choir
7:00 p.m in the Trinity Sanctuary |
| April 12 | Easter Sunday Celebration |

Happy Easter

1WORSHIP COMMITTEE

Pat Jackson



This newsletter will be circulated on March 29th, the Sunday when the third Seeker Service will be in progress. We have had very positive feedback for this style of worship as an alternative once a month. Randy and Marcella plan all aspects of the service to present a message through drama, music and message. The Worship Committee would like you to share your thoughts about any of our Sunday services.

As Easter approaches we would like to invite everyone to the various services throughout the churches in the North Ward. Trinity provided the Ash Wednesday evening service as our contribution this year. Please note the dates and times for Maundy Thursday at St. Paul's and Good Friday at Westminster. Our own Easter Service will be at 11:00 a.m.

In the words of Hymn #166 from Voices United - Words and Music: Gordon Light 1985

Joy comes with the dawn; joy comes with the morning sun;
joy springs from the tomb and scatters the night with her song,
joy comes with the dawn.

We will rejoice, we will rejoice, and give praise, to the One who brings us grace.

Blessings to everyone this Easter season.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Sally Marsh

Rev. Randy Boyd is conducting a faith study 'Jesus 24/7' every Tuesday night with the exception of the first Tuesday of the month, running until June 30th. This study has been well received with approximately 15 people coming out each night. Anyone can still join as the study book can be used at home for missed nights. It is a very thought-provoking study.

During Holy Week, Randy will be conducting meditations each lunch hour from 12:15 to 12:45 p.m., Monday to Thursday, on The Undivided Self. You are encouraged to bring a bagged lunch.

LET THE CRAFTS BEGIN!

Lee-Ann Smetaniuk (345-6255) will be hosting a craft making group at her home to prepare saleable items for the Christmas Tea and Bazaar.

Beginning April 23 (and every Thursday afternoon)
1:00 – 4:00 p.m. 634 Hartland Street

OUTREACH

Janet Buckley

A special Mission and Service appeal...

More members of the Trinity family accepted a Lenten Givings Calendar this year than ever before! (Just a reminder to keep those coins handy.) For those who may have missed the beginning of this project in late February, it's not too late to pick up a calendar either in the narthex or downstairs at coffee time. Please mark any special Lenten gift with your name and envelope or PAR number and place it in the specially marked baskets at the doors as you enter the church on Easter morning.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Carol Watson

The Sunday School has enjoyed the energy that has come with the help of many keen adults on the third Sunday of the month. Many thanks go to **Al Houstoun** for helping us learn origami. **Sheila Colquhoun** and **Julie Jerome** used their culinary skills to lead us in making cookies which was really appreciated by all who got to make and taste them. **Paula Leach** used her skills with planting and crafts to help the children plant sunflowers. All of these sessions were popular with the children, and the Sunday School teachers who really enjoy the time upstairs in church! Many, many thanks for taking the time to get to know the Sunday School children and for letting them get to know you!!!

I would also like to thank the children and parents of the Sunday School who helped on Presbytery Sunday with the extra children, especially **Lyndsay, Emily and Melissa**.

The senior children have been studying from the curriculum of BibleQuest and have been learning to find the relevant bible stories in the Bible. Many thanks to **Iris Czinkota** (and **Marcella** and the choir) for your musical talents in teaching us the song about the books of the bible in church! We were amazed by your skills and memory. What a fun way to learn! The third Sunday of April is planned to be a Guitar Hero event. As Easter approaches, there has been a lot of planning into a special "Stations of the Cross" for the Sunday School on Palm Sunday. We hope to see as many children attend as possible for this event which will really help us understand and embrace the story of Easter.

A planning session is being organized for April for all interested people to talk about our future plans for the Sunday School coming up soon. We look forward to mapping out our plan to keep the Christian programming for our children current and interesting for them.

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

Jim Adams – Trinity’s Caretaker

Unless he’s taking a time-off day, or outside shoveling snow, you will usually catch a glimpse of Jim Adams somewhere in Trinity every Sunday... checking out the mike upstairs or moving chairs around downstairs. When asked, Jim very kindly provided a thumbnail sketch of his history.

Jim has lived in Thunder Ball all his life and from age 16 has had varied career experiences before coming to Trinity.

His wiring experience was gained from his employment with CPR and which took him from here to Swift Current, Sask. Until closure of the CNR ore dock, he worked for CNR for 11 years. Cutbacks at Great Lakes Paper terminated his 12 years of employment with them.

Jim came to Trinity as Caretaker 12 years ago having gained experience in church maintenance at St. Agnes and St. John’s.

On a personal note, Jim has 5 children and is the grandfather of 6. He loves to cook, enjoys fishing and just being in the bush. He has experienced countless fishing and canoe trips during his years.

When asked what he enjoyed about Trinity – “all the wonderful people I have met over the years working at Trinity”.

A RELECTION FROM THE ORGAN BENCH

Marcella Smithers



Where are we, musically today, within the sanctuary of Trinity? What has been the pathway that brings us to today as compared to where we were several years ago?

As I reflect over these past years at Trinity, as your “musician-on-board”, it is obvious to me that I have been the one to be blessed abundantly. When I came here (2003), you may recall that I was to be a part of doing just one Sunday service monthly; the last Sunday of the month was designated to be “an alternative worship service” which would involve musical leadership with a team of singers; the service music was deliberately chosen to be different from the traditional service.

Since that time, lots has happened: worship services continue to be filled with music – i.e., excellent congregational singing, meaningful anthems presented by the choir, occasional guest musicians, more contemporary

music from the new resource More Voices, along with the wise use of the Rodgers organ, the acoustic piano, the digital piano, and the sounds of the handbells.

Over these years, those worshipping with us at Trinity have had an opportunity to explore and experience various types of worship: the traditional services, the alternative services, the REVIBE services, and now the SEEKER SERVICES. These services are proving to be an adventure in yet another means of providing a meaningful type of worship for those gathered.

Recently Trinity has taking the opportunity to be a leader in beginning to explore various ways to share their services with the other Northward United churches. One service that will always remain in my memory was the February 2009 Presbytery Sunday service when the Cambrian Presbytery United Churches gathered here in Trinity’s sanctuary to worship as a huge-gathered community. What a glorious sound – a full church with a huge choir as well as the involvement of many, many musicians from the various churches. (I can hardly wait until we can do that again!)

So – now you may be thinking – what next? Might I suggest that there are possibilities:

- a) the choir is always looking for new members and you are welcome to join at any time. Rehearsals are at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday evenings;
- b) presently we have a handbell quartet/quintet rehearsing regularly and ringing for services in Trinity; they recently travelled to Pinegrove United to ring there;
- c) as of the middle of March, there are now more handbell ringers learning to ring (beginners as well as more advanced ringers);
- e) this is an invitation for an all-male choir to sing the Christian Family Sunday/Mother’s Day service in May;
- f) is there anyone who would like to learn to play the Rodgers organ?
- g) the June picnic-in-the-park always allows great opportunities for musical involvement; is there some way for you to get involved?

In closing, I’d like to share a website that may interest you: “The Vision” – 1 <http://www.stowarsei.com/story.htm>

FOOD BANK COLLECTION ITEM

Please note that **PASTA** is the Food Bank item for April. Please leave your donation in the boxes provided in the Narthex.

CAMBRIAN PRESBYTERY WINTER MEETING

The Cambrian Presbytery Winter Meeting, February 19-22, 2009, was held at Trinity United Church. The themes for the weekend were "General Council 101" and "Navigating Change". Eighty presbyters and twenty-eight youth attended.

"General Council 101" was informative. Conference Personnel Minister, Judy Hare and Jim Jackson explained the makeup and workings of the General Council. Current General Council Commissioners, the Reverends Francis Flook and Cheryl Kinney Matheson explained the responsibilities of being a Commissioner. The Conference tries to balance gender, age, lay/ordered, and new/experienced Commissioners. The following people were recommended by Cambrian Presbytery as General Council Commissioners: Ministry - Rev. Joyce Fergus-Moore with Rev. Cheryl Kinney Matheson as alternate; Lay - Christina Stricker, with Kyle Kellar as alternate. The meeting of General Council will be in Kelowna this summer.

On the theme, "Navigating Change", the Reverend Marilyn Anderson Corkum explained the many tools for change available on the CD of the same title. Each pastoral charge has received a copy of this CD and is encouraged to use the resources on it. A Train the Trainers Event will be held on March 28 from 9:00 to 4:00 p.m. at Wesley United Church.

Cambrian Presbytery Youth Minister, Matt Woodall, explained his continuing work to develop a Youth Council. The Youth Minister Advisory Committee is exploring options for funding the Youth Minister position past 2010.

KAIROS is encouraging us to observe Earth Day again this year by turning off lights between 8:30 and 9:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 28 and to send postcards to the Prime Minister urging that Canada "end oil aid". More information is available at www.kairoscanada.org. There will be a KAIROS Gathering in Waterloo, June 17-20.

Throughout the weekend, committees met and discussed relevant issues. New committee chairs were chosen and motions made. The presbyters and youth all enjoyed the warm hospitality of Trinity and a record crowd was on hand on Sunday to hear our Moderator, the Right Reverend David Giuliano preach. His meaningful message was the perfect ending for Winter Presbytery. PS...Free copies of the Observer for May, June and July will be given to the first 250 new subscriptions.


Paula Leach and Bob Foley

THE FINAL WORD....

- the **Safeway Coupon Book** fundraiser continues until May 31. Books are \$20 and Trinity pockets \$8 for every book sold. Frank MacDiarmid has books (345-2839)
- those interested in participating in the **2009 Supper Club** have until the end of March to sign up. Contact Josie Salonen (344-7302) or g-salonen@shaw.ca
- the TB Community Choir, under the direction of Mary McGhee, is presenting their annual **Sacred Music for Easter Concert** on Friday, April 10th at 7:00 p.m. in Trinity. Freewill offering with proceeds to Hospice Northwest
- the church picnic is scheduled for June 14th

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