

Trinity Lutheran Church, Hamilton

A Christian community, open to all,
transforming lives through worship, learning and service.

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Greetings from the Board of Trinity Lutheran Church!

As this new year gets underway, our first January meeting covered some important information for our members. Here are the highlights:

- With increasing numbers of Covid 19 cases, and the province's declared State of Emergency, we will continue with Zoom services, meetings, and events until further notice. We have also set a date for a **virtual congregational annual meeting; this will be held on March 21st after the service**
- Lenten Services will be taking place via Zoom on Wednesday evenings at 7 pm. We have a special event on February 21st, with Bishop Michael Pryse leading an Ash Wednesday service at 7 pm for the entire Synod. More information to come! Remember that if you would like help setting up Zoom on any device (phone, tablet, laptop, or computer) we can work through this with you; just let the church office know!
- The legal process of amalgamation as Trinity is moving forward, although it is much slower than usual due to the changes in work environments due to Covid 19. We will keep you updated as soon as any milestones are reached!
- Trinity's Social Ministry continues in 2021 with a focus on the Seniors Support Program at St. Matthew's House. You will see information in the upcoming newsletter about this initiative, and you can go to this link to learn more about St. Matthew's House: <https://stmatthewshouse.ca/services-programs/seniors-support/>
- Finally, as every homeowner knows, buildings sometimes demand our time, attention, and resources. In late December, significant amounts of water entered the house at Wilson St where Vicar Jan and Sivan are living. Quite a surprise for everyone! Fortunately, Bob Tiefenbach was able to access tradespeople to come in before Christmas and fix the problem in the basement, foundation, kitchen, and bathroom to ensure that the house was once again a comfortable home. With a few repairs pending, the final total will come in at just over \$10,000. Thank you, Bob, for getting the tradespeople in, overseeing the process, and supporting Jan and Sivan through the construction zone!

As we move into this new year, and understanding that the impacts of Covid19 continue to be felt throughout our community, we reflect on Social Justice, one of Trinity's Core Values:

Social Justice: *We will meet with our neighbours, becoming more familiar with those living in communities who may vary from us in age, physical abilities, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, socioeconomic class and religious practices, and foster a climate of invitation for all. We will promote social justice where all people have equal access to resources, health, well-being, justice, privileges and opportunities, regardless of their legal, political, economic or other circumstances.*