





Ministry Doesn't Take a Summer Vacation

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Summer often brings a change of pace. School is out, vacations are planned, cottages are opened, and routines shift. While many of us look forward to a season of rest and renewal, ministry at Trinity continues to flourish.

Our worship life remains vibrant throughout the summer months. We are blessed to welcome a variety of gifted pulpit supply preachers (Rev. Dr. Marc Jerry, president and vice-chancellor at Renison College, and Rev. Dr. Cindy Jacobsen) who will bring fresh perspectives, faithful leadership, and inspiring messages as we gather each Sunday to worship God together.

Summer is also a season of community engagement. We are excited to host Vacation Bible School, welcoming children and families into our church for a week of learning, laughter, friendship, and faith formation. VBS is one of the many ways we share God's love beyond our regular Sunday gatherings and connect with our wider community. And our theme, *Creation Care Quest*, invites our children to support the care of creation here at home, but also globally by learning about our partnerships throughout the world.

Learning continues as our youth participate in Summer Lutheran Youth Camp. These experiences provide opportunities for young people to deepen their faith, build lasting friendships, and discover how God is active in their lives and in the world around them. Pastor J.R. Bestvater is offering summer Bible Study focusing on the Parables of Jesus, and all are welcome. And planning is beginning for our autumn adult learning sessions which follow worship on Sunday mornings. (A reminder that we are looking for a few more people to help us with the planning of these wonderful learning times!)

Finally, discernment continues. After a successful and informative congregational presentation on June 14th, the Visioning Task Team will remain hard at work as they dig deeper and more critically into the possibilities surrounding property redevelopment. This important work involves thoughtful reflection, careful research, and faithful conversation about how our property can best support God's mission in the years ahead.

While summer may look different, ministry continues. Through worship, learning, community engagement, and discernment, Trinity remains active in sharing God's love

and preparing for the future. Thank you for your prayers, encouragement, and support as together we continue God's work in every season.

Church Council News

PAT SCHMETZER, COUNCIL SECRETARY

Trinity's Church Council met in person on Wednesday June 17th, 2026.

Council learned that we have received a grant of \$500 towards the cost of re-lamping our sanctuary with LEDs. We are hoping to do this re-lamping in early July.

Council approved a motion to purchase a bike rack (capacity of 4 bikes) to be installed on our property.

We have received some great feedback about the Visioning Task Team's presentation on June 14th. Thank you to the Team for all their hard work and to the congregation for the many thoughtful questions, comments, and suggestions. Please see details from the presentation on the next page.

Council now takes a break for July and will re-convene on August 19th.

Sacraments and Seasons

We offer birthday greetings to those celebrating milestone birthdays in July and August: Bill Laight (85), Faye Bonner-Roth (85), Margaret Flood (85), Marilyn Hoffman (85), Gywin Murray (90), Muriel Weichel (90), and J.R. Bestvater (95). Happy birthday, friends! We also offer congratulations to Ken & Sheila Snyder, celebrating their 55th wedding anniversary.

We grieve with the family of Dagmar Otto who died on June 11th. Blessed are they who mourn.

Visioning Dispatch: Three Options

NANCY DALE, VISIONING TASK TEAM

On Sunday, June 14th a presentation from the Visioning Task Team followed the church service. The Team presented information to the congregation on three potential options for development on our properties. A question and answer period followed the presentation.

BACKGROUND

- Task Team progress leading to these three options had been shared during adult learning sessions
- Preliminary costing and financial modelling was presented to Visioning Task Team on May 5th
- The Visioning Task Team developed a recommendation to Church Council outlining our preferred path forward
- Church Council ratified the recommendation during their May 20th meeting
- Council approval to share the proposed direction with the congregation and other stakeholders.

OPTION 1: RENOVATE AND ADD



- Demolition of Peel and Wilmot houses
- New dedicated housing building on Peel Street lots with 31 housing units
- Church renovations to provide better space for partners and congregation

Costs for Church Renovations (Trinity funded)

\$ 1,321,621

Costs for Entire Build

\$ 17,979,855

Build Canada Homes Contribution 40%

\$ 7,191,942

Development Charge Waiver

\$ 645,990

Financing Expectation (mortgage)

\$ 8,102,817

Funding Gap Housing Portion

\$ 2,039,106

Funding Gap Full Project

\$ 3,360,727

OPTION 2: PARTIAL DEMO AND RENOVATIONS

- Demolition of Peel and Wilmot houses
- Physical connection between new housing building on Peel Street lots and existing office wing
- 30 Housing Units
- Major changes to existing office and partner spaces
- Full integration of facilities to provide better space for partners and congregation
- Significant step toward a "Community Hub"

Costs for Church Renovations Integrated

n/a

Costs for Entire Build

\$ 21,819,443

Build Canada Homes Contribution 40%

\$ 8,727,777

Development Charge Waiver

\$ 645,990

Financing Expectation (mortgage)

\$ 7,235,383

Funding Gap Full Project

\$ 5,210,293

OPTION 3: TOTAL DEMOLITION AND NEW BUILD

- Demolition of all structures including sanctuary
- New building combining all uses
- Purpose built to our requirements
- Can incorporate air conditioning and enhanced energy conservation options
- 31 housing units
- Sanctuary space would be located on south corner of Peel Street property
- Full integration toward a Community Hub

Costs for Church Renovations Integrated

n/a

Costs for Entire build

\$ 27,538,050

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Visioning ... continued

*Build Canada Homes Contribution 40%, entire project**

\$ 11,015,220

Development Charge Waiver

\$ 667,523

Financing Expectation (mortgage)

\$ 8,522,268

Funding Gap Full Project

\$ 7,333,039

Notes:

1. All options account for independent property management
2. All numbers are preliminary, high-level estimates at this point
3. Potential for additional funding from Region of Waterloo

RECOMMENDATION OF VISIONING TASK TEAM

- That we proceed to explore Option 1 in greater detail for possible implementation
- Options 2 and 3 will be given tertiary review ongoing
- Stakeholders would be kept informed as we proceed
- A congregational vote would only be taken after full exploration of costs and a detailed financial model is developed; vote would be a GO/NO-GO decision

FURTHER RATIONALE FOR CHOOSING OPTION 1

- Separate housing building allows flexibility for future
- Congregation could sell the property and/or business in the future
- Less disruption of church activities during construction and beyond
- Building and personal security issues associated with Options 2 and 3 housing/church integration
- All options provide approximately the same number of apartment units
- Option 1 is least cost and simplest to implement
- Current Sanctuary space remains untouched

Ryan Hicks from SRM Architects, Bob Zehr from Nith Valley Construction and Tim Welsch from Welsh Consulting were all present for the presentation. Positive support for the recommendation was shown through a show of hands, not a formal vote. A catered lunch was provided following the meeting in Trinity Hall where the architectural drawings were available to be looked at. Thank you to everyone who made a donation towards the cost of the lunch.

Back to School is Cool

Trinity is once again supporting the Wilmot & Wellesley Resource Centre **Backpack Program**. Together, we'll help send local kids back to school with the supplies they need to start the year off right!

It's easy to participate! Purchase a backpack and add **some** of the items from the list on the next page. Backpacks and items are due at Trinity by **Sunday, August 2nd**. New items only, please.

Families needing assistance with a backpack and supplies for their children can register with **Wilmot & Wellesley Resource Centre** at **519-662-2731** or by emailing info@wilmotwellesleyrc.ca.

Pick a few
items from
the list



Offering Statements

Thank you to all those who support Trinity's mission and ministry through gifts of time, talents, and treasure.

In early July, Trinity will send out statements reflecting all financial offerings for the first six months of 2026. Please review your statement when it arrives and report any discrepancies to the church office.

For those who give via Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR), and who might like to update their giving amounts, you can use the simple PAR change form at telc.ca/donations.

Trinity Book Club

Trinity Book Club takes a break for the summer and resumes meeting in the fall, usually on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm in the Martin Luther Room at Trinity. Watch for the September issue of the Dove newsletter for details on the September book club selection. All are welcome at these book club discussions; speak to Dee Radke if you would like further details.

Thank You for Supporting the WWRC Backpack Program!



NEW ITEMS NEEDED:

Backpacks (large, solid colour) *
Lunch Bags *
Pencil Cases (with 3 holes) *
Coiled Notebooks
Binders with zippers
Markers (washable, unscented)
Pencils
Pens
Pencil Crayons
Erasers
Glue Sticks
Children's Scissors
Geometry Sets
Scientific Calculators
Water Bottles *
Small White Boards
White Board Markers

BRING ITEMS TO
TRINITY BY
AUG. 2



*Most Needed

School Snacks: Pudding Cups, Fruit Cups, Crackers

WILMOTWELLESLEYRC.CA

Financial Update

RICK RITZ, FINANCE COMMITTEE

As we enter the summer period, our General Fund is in a good position relative to our budget. Although we have a \$9,300 deficit, it is more reasonable than some of our recent years and less than what we budgeted for the end of May. Financial income is higher than budget and expenses are lower than our budget, which is always good news. Your Church Council and the staff have been prudent with your financial gifts, holding the line on expenses in a very challenging economy where prices for almost everything are increasing. As reported last month, we have had significant income from maturing GICs and increased revenue in rent from incremental usage of our facilities. We don't expect this benefit to continue for the balance of the year.

The Capital Fund receipts are a little less than budget up to the end of May. However, we haven't started spending money on any of the large budgeted projects for 2026, so we have a considerable surplus of \$7,596 in the Capital Fund at the end of May. Some of the projects will be completed in the summer months so we are in a good position to fund them.

Our work on the potential redevelopment project (as carried out by the Visioning Task Team so far) is being funded out of the \$50,000 budget approved last year. This amount came from our General Reserve Fund and does not impact our 2026 budgeted amounts.

The summer has traditionally been a time when our finances slip as people are off vacationing and enjoying the nice weather while it is here. We are confident that the supporters of our mission and ministry here at Trinity will continue to be aware of their personal financial stewardship goals for the year (for the church and other charities).

We are thankful so many stakeholders have chosen to use monthly pre-authorized giving (PAR), which has helped Council budget more effectively. If you would like to join PAR, or would like to review your PAR offerings, please speak to our Parish Administrator, Jamie Courtney.

2026 General Fund			
	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	Variance
Income	137,308	132,344	4,964
Expenses	146,608	156,220	(9,612)
Total	(\$9,300)	(\$23,876)	\$14,576

2026 Capital Fund			
	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	Variance
Income	7,800	10,417	(2,617)
Expenses	204	9,496	(9,292)
Total	\$7,596	\$921	\$6,675

*Receipts and expenses for General and Capital Funds through May 31st, 2026.
Capital Fund carry-over from 2025, not included above, is \$54,045.*

Offering Counters

Would you like to support Trinity's ministry in a practical and meaningful way? We are looking for a few additional volunteers to join our team of offering counters.

Offering counters work in pairs after worship on Sundays to count and record the weekly offerings. Training is provided, and volunteers serve on a rotating schedule.

This important behind-the-scenes ministry helps ensure that the gifts entrusted to Trinity are handled with care, accuracy, and accountability.

If you are interested in learning more or joining the team, please speak with Pastor Tanya or contact the church office. Thank you for considering this valuable ministry opportunity.

Kitch Radke, president • Tanya Varner, pastor
Jamie Courtney, parish administrator & minister of music
Brian Racho, sexton • Gywin Murray, emerita director of music

July 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Canada Day <i>Church Office Closed</i> 7:00 am Sunrise Ceremony at Norm Hill Park	2 10:00 am VBS Volunteer Training	3	4 7:00 pm AA
	5 6th Sunday after Pentecost 9:30 am Hybrid Worship 10:30 am Fellowship	6 10:00 am Monday Morning Meetup	7 9:30 am Prayer Circle 10:30 am Summer Bible Study	8	9	10 11 7:00 pm AA
	12 7th Sunday after Pentecost + Holy Baptism 9:30 am Hybrid Worship 10:30 am Fellowship	13 10:00 am Monday Morning Meetup	14 10:30 am Summer Bible Study	15	16	17 18 7:00 pm AA
	19 8th Sunday after Pentecost 9:30 am Hybrid Worship 10:30 am Fellowship 2:30 pm Nithview Worship	20 10:00 am Monday Morning Meetup	21 10:30 am Summer Bible Study	22	23	24 25 7:00 pm AA
	26 9th Sunday after Pentecost 9:30 am Hybrid Worship 10:30 am Fellowship	27 10:00 am Monday Morning Meetup	28 10:30 am Summer Bible Study	29	30	31 Aug. 1 7:00 pm AA

August 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2 10th Sunday after Pentecost 9:30 am Hybrid Worship 10:30 am Fellowship	3 Civic Holiday <i>Church Office Closed</i>	4 9:30 am Prayer Circle 10:30 am Summer Bible Study	5	6	7	8 7:00 pm AA
9 11th Sunday after Pentecost 9:30 am Hybrid Worship 10:30 am Fellowship	10 10:00 am Monday Morning Meetup	11 10:30 am Summer Bible Study	12	13	14	15 7:00 pm AA
16 12th Sunday after Pentecost 9:30 am Hybrid Worship 10:30 am Fellowship 2:30 pm Nithview Worship	17 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL	18	19 7:00 pm Church Council	20 9:00 am Dove Deadline (Sept. Issue)	21	22 7:00 pm AA
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