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Welcome to *Generosity in Action*! This regular update celebrates the many ways people at Trinity share their time, abilities, talents, and finances to enable us to spread God's love and grace together. Have a suggestion for a future issue? Please send your ideas to <u>liz@trinitystreetsville.org</u>

Doubling our Sunday morning welcome!

Since we reopened our doors in September 2021 after an 18-month pandemic shutdown, hundreds of people have attended Trinity for the first time. In the past six months alone, more than 200 people have visited! It's exciting to see how many visitors have decided to make Trinity their church home. They have found a warm and welcoming community (that's us!) where they can learn about Jesus, grow in faith, and find opportunities to serve.

The sanctuary is now about 80 per cent full on Sundays and space is getting tight. Making room, time, and opportunities for others is a natural outflow of generosity and hospitality. That's why we are adding a second service to Sunday mornings!

Why are we making this change?

There are four main reasons for adding another service on Sunday mornings:

Responding to what God is already doing.

We can see God going ahead of us and working in us, among us, and through us. God is drawing people to Trinity in growing numbers. We want to partner with the Lord in this exciting work!

Extending hospitality.

At Trinity we seek to be a family of faith that cares for each other. We want to see more chairs at the family table! Today in our community we know that many people are looking for a place to belong. Extending hospitality can change people's lives and make the world a better place.

Deepening commitment.

As people continue to join the Trinity family, adding a second service provides more opportunities for deeper commitment. Through volunteering, people can discover new gifts, grow leadership skills, and so much more.

Demonstrating faith.

Adding a second service is a step of faith. In this we say, "God we know that you will give us what we need – more volunteers, resources, opportunities, more lives to touch, more people to reach, and more challenges to overcome." With God leading us we can do much together!





What will be different (or the same?)

Service Times

Sunday morning services will take place at **9:15 and 11:15**. The worship songs, teaching message (sermon), communion, and scripture reading will be the same at both services. Each service will be 75 minutes long, with a 45-minute break in between. Consider volunteering at one of the services and then attending the other!

Coffee Time Fellowship

Fellowship over coffee (as well as tea, juice, and sweet treats!) will be available following both services. Stay following one of the services to enjoy chatting with friends and making new ones. Helping out at Coffee Time is also a wonderful volunteer opportunity.

Parking

We'll continue to use our main parking lot across from the church and the priority parking along the south side of the building. If you are able, please consider parking at one of our friendly neighbours to

make room for those who need to be closer. Alternate parking is available at: Greg Guzik - 82 Queen St S., Chiropractic & Wellness - 80 Queen St S., Chartered Professional Accountants -101 Queen St S., and Streetsville Legion – *North side of lot only.* The 45-minute break between the services will allow time for the parking lot to clear following coffee time and before the start of the 11:15 service.



Kids Church and Youth Ministry

Kids Church ministry will be offered at both services. We anticipate more parents and children will attend the first service. At the 9:15 service the children will be divided into five groups: Babies (Crawlers), Toddlers (Walkers), JK to Grade 1, Grades 2 to 3, and Grades 4-5. At the 11:15 service, there will be two groups: Crawlers and Walkers, and JK to grade 5. Youth ministry will also take place at both services. Following the teaching message youth in grades 6 to 8 will meet downstairs with Youth Director Zion Raakman.

Online Church Both services will be livestreamed on Trinity's YouTube channel

(https://www.youtube.com/@TrinityChurchStreetsville). You can choose the time that is best for you! Online Engagement Director Elizabeth Archer is also planning new features, including additional live-streamed segments before, during, and between the services.

Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, says the Lord Almighty. - Zechariah 4:6





