

HOLY TRINITY ANGLICAN-LUTHERAN CHURCH PARISH PROFILE -2018

Holy Trinity has enjoyed the shared ministry of Grace Lutheran and St Catherine's Anglican Edson parishes with Pastor Ann Salmon, called to serve both parishes as we strove to unite our community over 5 years, with some bumps early in the interim and then with Rev Keith Denman, for a nine-month interim. We know we have some hard work to do to regain the confidence and trust of some of our parishioners. As a result, partly of economic downturn but also dissatisfaction with the amalgamation process, our regular giving's have declined. However, there is a strong core group of committed stewards in the parish and we look forward to working on a good stewardship campaign. We anticipate that a permanent pastor ready to commit to the community and congregation will help renew the commitment of many of our members who have taken a rest from their involvement in the parish.

A small core group of dedicated, committed, and hardworking Christians forms the foundation upon which this congregation stands. They have worked diligently with clergy and will continue to do so during the interim and beyond. Many positive initiatives have been undertaken by these parishioners in the area of service and outreach, and they continue to have a major impact on our parish family and the community at large. We are committed to keeping the parish on track towards the goal of being Christ's hands, feet and heart within Edson and Yellowhead County.

Holy Trinity is very ecumenical in spirit. We hold Advent and Lenten Wednesday services which have been enjoyed also by members of the United Church and our 2017 Carol service was attended by United, Pentecostal and Roman Catholics. We are involved with the World Day of Prayer and the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Our clergy have been members of the local Ministerial Association. We have a latent Cursillo community and hope to continue the Christmas 'Road to Bethlehem' which debuted in Edson in 2017, an event supported by 8 other churches. We have an active Prayer Shawl Ministry. There is currently no Youth Group, but we have an energetic and dedicated volunteer who hopes to get one running this fall. Neither ACW nor ELW is active in the parish but the ladies are busy.

Holy Trinity sees one of its main missions as outreach. Some of our ladies' work at the interdenominational Thrift Shop, and at the local food bank. We also contribute to the food bank on a weekly basis, with donations taken up to the altar for blessing with the regular offering. Kate's Kitchen is a very successful and busy ministry which provides a free meal once a month and a free BBQ lunch in summer months. This ministry has been going for 9 years and it is clear that the need is not always for food; we have a number of people (notably seniors) who attend just because they feel the need for company. We enjoy visiting with them all and always have lots of fun.

We organize a number of fundraising events throughout the year, including a yard sale, coffee houses and our Christmas Bazaar. A percentage of funds raised is given to non-profit organizations including the Boys and Girls Club, Sorrentino's Compassion House, Reflections (a group assisting those with mental illness). WIN House, Yellowhead Emergency Shelter, The Pregnancy Care Centre, Edson Day Care Society. We have monthly missions which include some of the above plus We Care (through CLWR) Mustard Seed, Pine Grove Middle School's Breakfast program, On Eagles' Wings, Canadian Food grains Bank, Hope Mission, Campus Ministry, PWRDF.

Lay Ministry is an important part of Holy Trinity and has been over the years. There is at present only one Anglican Licensed Lay Leader. There are four members who have in the past lead Service of the Word as needed. There is an Altar Guild when at St Catherine's and two altar table setters/ servers when at Grace (others who have served in the past and would do so again) several guitarists and a healthy 10 member choir, two keyboardists, a list of readers and Sunday Service Greeters. It is anticipated that this team of members will continue to provide a strong supportive role for the new incumbent.

It would be remiss of us not to mention that at present we have 2 buildings plus St Columba- a delightful historic building about 40 minutes from town, in an open field next to a cemetery. This electricity-free site tiny church is fondly used as much as possible on fifth Sundays in summer months and at Christmas.

A rough demographic would be that we are not young (except in outlook!) although we have a few families with young children who we trust we will see in Sunday School in the fall. We have members who reside in the Lodge and the Long-Term Care Facility or who are home-bound. There is a great need for pastoral visiting and it is anticipated this could be a joint effort of the incumbent and a lay team. The stability of the congregation is affected by the transitory nature of employment in this area. [The economic engine of Edson and environs is the natural resource sector with oil, gas, coal, and lumber industries being the main employers. This can lead to changes in our demographics when workers are transferred.

We believe that fellowship is a very important part of our community. We endeavour to make all our events fun for workers and visitors alike. It is important for us that we offer a friendly and welcoming hand to all who worship with us, or who come to share events with us. Having said this, we must continually seek new ways to represent and foster the Christian Spirit and Idea among ourselves and within the community at large, evidenced in our commitment to outreach and ecumenism.

We are searching for a pastor and priest, a shepherd who will lead us further into being one parish and into the fulfilling and exciting future we are sure God has prepared for us; and energetic, outgoing personality who will become part of Edson as much as they are a part of Holy Trinity. We need someone to work with us to put Holy Trinity on the map as the church with open arms.

Edson is halfway between Jasper and the National Park and the provincial capital, Edmonton. We have thus access to mountain parks, outdoor activities and to cultural events of all types.
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