



Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

Dear members and friends of Holy Trinity,

I write to you in a time of challenge, fear, and uncertainty. Our lives have been turned upside down by the events of the last number of days and weeks. A closure of this magnitude has never occurred in the history of Holy Trinity or any other church in this area.

It is unknown how long this period of closure will last. It could be several weeks or several months. COVID-19 will have a long-lasting and far-reaching effect on the economy. All churches will feel this impact and we are no exception. With a sustained closure, some local churches may never recover. Unlike some sectors of the business community, as a registered charity we cannot expect to be rescued by a government bailout.

As ministry will continue in the best way possible, I cannot stress enough how important it will be to continue to make our offerings. We will someday open again, and when we do, we must ensure that Holy Trinity is prepared and ready to resume normal operations. Currently, there are numerous ways to give. A few options are outlined below:

1. Sign up for Pre-Authorized Withdrawal (PAR)

- a. Registration forms are available through the church office.

2. Visit our website and click the donate button

- a. Search for our website: www.HTELC.ca
- b. Click on this button:



- c. Follow the prompts to add amount and personal details. That's it.

3. Interac e-Transfer using online banking

- a. If you use online banking, log into your personal account
- b. Add Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church as a recipient using the email address of: donations@htelc.ca. We would ask that you use the special password of “**Htelc1**”
- c. Enter the desired amount and click send.

4. Mail envelopes to the church

- a. If Canada Post continues to operate, you can mail donations directly to the church. Mailing address is: Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, 516 Victoria Ave., Belleville, Ontario, K8N 2G5
- b. As a reminder, please do NOT send cash donations in the mail. Use cheques.

5. Drop envelopes off at church

- a. If the church building is unlocked, you can drop off envelopes into the office door lockbox. Someone will be checking the lockbox regularly.

If you need assistance with these options or have any questions at all, please do not hesitate to reach out. The days, weeks, and months ahead will be a challenging time for us, but I know when we pray, work, and give in GOD's name, we can make it through the darkness.

*For I am the LORD your God who takes hold of your right hand and says to you,
Do not fear; I will help you. ~Isaiah 41:13*

Yours in Christ,

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