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Trinity Tidings

APRIL 2017

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WORSHIP SERVICE

Sundays, 10:30 AM liturgical service of Holy
Communion celebrated every Sunday

BIBLE STUDY

9:15 AM Sundays in Trinity Hall Lounge

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Trinity Hall-725 SW Buchanan Street

9:00-10:15 AM (September-May)

Ages 3 through Adult

The mission of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church is to:

- *worship God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,*
- *serve those in need, and*
- *reach out to share the Good News of salvation through Jesus Christ!*

Together in Community

Living with Christ

Caring for Neighbors

April 2017

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

EVERY SUNDAY: 9:00 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:15 AM ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL & CONFIRMATION CLASS 10:30 AM WORSHIP & HOLY COMMUNION						1
2 Blood Pressure Checks after Worship 5:30-8:30 pm Youth Group	3 5 pm Women's AA	4 9 am Quilters	5 Lent Midweek Gathering 5:15 Soup Supper 6:15 Worship 5:30 pm Women's AA	6 7 pm Men's AA	7	8
9  Palm Sunday	10 5 pm Women's AA	11 9 am Quilters 5:30 pm Council	12 Lent Midweek Gathering 5:15 Soup Supper 6:15 Worship 5:30 pm Women's AA	13 6pm Maundy Thursday	14 6pm Good Friday	15
16  Easter 9:30-10:00 am Continental Breakfast in Fellowship Hall 5:30-8:30 pm Youth Group	17 May Trinity Tidings deadline 5 pm Women's AA	18 9 am Quilters	19 1:30 pm Priscilla Circle Bible Study 5:30 pm Women's AA	20 7 pm Men's AA	21	22
23 Bring treats for BUSN Treat Day 5th Sunday Special for KU LCM Student Hunger Project 5:30-8:30 pm Youth Group	24 BUSN Treat Day 5 pm Women's AA	25 9 am Quilters 7 pm TLHA	26 5:30 pm Women's AA	27 7 pm Men's AA	28	29

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“If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.”

Colossians 3:1-4

In the letter to the Colossians, our second reading on Easter Sunday, we are reminded and encouraged to refocus our attention, our energy, and our efforts—away from “things

that are on earth.” Instead, we are called to “seek the things that are above.” This message echoes down through the ages, not just aimed at the original audience in Colossae two thousand years ago—it’s one intended for us in the here and now, in this world of high tech and instant communications we find ourselves living today.

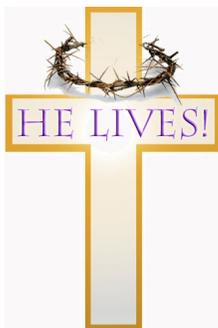
Life today certainly offers more than its share of distractions and opportunities to dilute or divert our attention from our baptismal promise to live out our lives in faith. Yet through Christ’s death on the cross and resurrection on Easter Sunday, we are set free. As Luther wrote in *On the Freedom of a Christian*, we too are “a perfectly free lord of all, subject to none. A Christian is a perfectly dutiful servant of all, subject to all.”

How does this translate today? As Christians, set free to serve others, what is God calling us to do? That in a nutshell is the question Trinity Lutheran Church will be exploring this season Easter and well into Pentecost. May we rejoice in our Risen Savior and pray the Holy Spirit guide our path.

SPECIAL ITEMS OF INTEREST:

- ◆ No Quartermania is planned for April

The offering received at midweek services and from the red barn coin collection banks has been designated for the ELCA World Hunger project (see page 9 for the possibilities). Please remember to bring your red barn, full of coins and folding money, to church on Easter Sunday. Once all the money is collected and counted, an order will be placed for one (or more) of the animals from God’s Global Barnyard.



Easter Breakfast

A continental-style breakfast is planned for Easter Sunday, 9:30—10:00 am. Join us for coffee cake, sweet rolls, and other pastries, coffee and juice as we celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord. No coffee hour after worship on Easter.



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APRIL 2017 WORSHIP LEADERS

Worship Assistants									
Date	Greeter(s)	Usher(s)	Organist; Choir Director; Keyboard	Flowers	Lector	Altar Guild	Coffee Host(s)	Assisting Minister	Presiding Minister
April 2, 2017	Jerry Chelson & Samantha Ginter	Howard Reece	Laurie Jackson		Ted Quast	Charlotte Blenden & Team Three	Linda Longren	Rosie Nichols	Interim Pastor Alan Saatkamp
April 9, 2017 Palm Sunday	Janice Greenlee	Howard Reece	Mitchell Bean		Martha Nemeth	Charlotte Blenden & Team Three	Walt & Helen Laughlin	Ted Murphy	Interim Pastor Alan Saatkamp
April 16, 2017 Easter	Donna Allen	Howard Reece	Laurie Jackson	Dean McGinnis (2)	Debbie Pomeroy	Charlotte Blenden & Team Three	No coffee hour	Bob Horton	Interim Pastor Alan Saatkamp
April 23, 2017	Martha Nemeth	Howard Reece	Mitchell Bean		Linda Longren	Charlotte Blenden & Team Three	Diane Bottorff & Eleanor Jewell	Walt Laughlin	Interim Pastor Alan Saatkamp
April 30, 2017	Marilyn Hypse	Howard Reece	Laurie Jackson		Ted Murphy	Charlotte Blenden & Team Three	Janice Greenlee	Marsha Ridinger	Interim Pastor Alan Saatkamp

Flowers are available for most of the Sundays in April. See the sign-up chart on the narthex bulletin board!

BLOOD PRESSURE
CHECKS
APRIL 2, 2017



**REGULAR BLOOD
PRESSURE CHECKS ARE
GOOD FOR YOU!**
Come to the kitchen after
worship to have this
important health check.

OFFICE HOURS

The church office is open Monday thru Friday, **10:00 am to 3:30 pm.**

To be removed from the mailing list, please call 785-233-0767 or email office@topekatl.org.

PRAYER REQUESTS

To share a prayer request please contact Barbara Apps at 249-7244. She will get the prayer chain started. If you want your prayer request included in our worship service prayers, please let Barbara know that as well.

ALTAR FLOWERS

If you would like to donate one or two vases of flowers for our worship service, please see the sign-up chart on the narthex bulletin board or call the church office, 233-0767.

Each vase is \$25. Please note "flowers" on your check and put it in the offering plate. Should you have questions or concerns, please contact Cindy in the church office, 233-0767.

After worship, you may take live flowers only home or to a friend. Please let Cindy know if you will not be picking up your flowers after worship but sometime during the week or if you do not want the flowers and prefer we donate them for you.

APRIL CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays

- 5 Taylor Hiltgen
- 5 Blayne Pomeroy
- 5 Tyler Tunnell
- 5 Naomi Walker
- 6 Mike Andrews
- 6 Lucille Brill
- 9 Rachel Heald
- 10 Breanna Lewis
- 10 Emily McGinnis
- 11 Isis Pomeroy
- 21 Peggy Buchholz
- 22 Janet Dick
- 26 Shawn Nowak
- 27 Kegan Longren
- 30 Kasey Hiltgen
- 30 Marsha Ridinger

Baptisms

- 1 Livia Perlaky
- 1 Chuck Sodergren
- 1 Bill Walker
- 2 Jerry Chelson
- 4 Danny Erickson
- 6 Rhonda Webb
- 8 Patricia Raymond
- 8 Susan Kelly
- 10 Brad Carpenter
- 10 Sara McGinnis
- 12 Susan Carpenter
- 17 Linda Longren
- 28 Lucille Brill
- 30 Trey Horton

Wedding Anniversaries

- 1 Don & Linda Longren
- 11 Walt & Helen Laughlin
- 14 Duane & Debbie Pomeroy
- 17 Gay & Carol Marker

APRIL READINGS

April 2 — 5th Sunday of Lent

- Ezekiel 37:1-14
- Psalm 130
- Romans 8:6-11
- John 11:1-45

April 9 — Palm Sunday

- Isaiah 50:4-9a
- Psalm 31:9-16
- Philippians 2:5-11
- Matthew 26:14—27:66

April 13 — Maundy Thursday

- Exodus 12:1-4 [5-10] 11-14
- Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19
- 1 Corinthians 11:23-26
- John 13:1-17, 31b-35

April 14 — Good Friday

- Isaiah 52:13—53:12
- Psalm 22
- Hebrews 10:16-25
- John 18:1—19:42

April 16 — Easter Sunday

- Acts 10:34-43
- Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
- Colossians 3:1-4
- Matthew 28:1-10

April 23 — 2nd Sunday of Easter

- Acts 2:14a, 22-32
- Psalm 16
- 1 Peter 1:3-9
- John 20:19-31

April 30 — 3rd Sunday of Easter

- Acts 2:14a, 36-41
- Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19
- 1 Peter 1:17-23
- Luke 24:13-35



ADULT BIBLE STUDY MEETS ON SUNDAY MORNINGS AT 9:15 AM.

youth group SCHEDULE

Youth Group is scheduled to meet April 2, April 16 & April 30, 5:30-8:30 pm.

BAKER SCHOOL OF NURSING NEWS

**Baker School of Nursing
Treat Day is Monday,
April 24.**

Students enjoy cookies, chips, pretzels, granola bars, fruit and anything chocolate!

Please remember to bring three dozen of the treat of your choice to church on Sunday, April 23rd. You may leave them in the kitchen; please be sure they are marked for Baker.

This is the last Treat Day for the spring semester. Thanks to all who have brought treats this semester.

WHAT IS A TRANSITION TASK FORCE ALL ABOUT?

OR

WHEN ARE WE GOING TO START SEARCHING FOR A NEW CALLED PASTOR?

An important first step in the call process for a new pastor is discernment—another term for “figuring things out.” This involves listening and gathering information. From whom? From Scripture, from the members of the congregation and from the community surrounding the church.

Toward that end, the church council appointed seven members to serve as fulltime members of the transition task force during its March meeting. Cindy McGinnis, Marcy Carlson, Chuck Sodergren, Duane Pomeroy, Dean McGinnis, and Loni Reece will lead the effort, with Pastor Alan as the group’s trainer and advisor. They will be assisted by additional members of the congregation for specific tasks. A chairperson and recorder will be named, but not before the printing deadline for this newsletter; names will be announced at worship & in bulletins.

Beginning in April and continuing through Spring and into Summer, the task force will host several events with the ultimate goal of providing the council with recommendations this fall. These will assist the call committee to complete its work producing the Ministry Site Profile (MSP), which explains where Trinity is today and where it’s going in the future. The MSP enables the Synod office to identify candidates interested in sharing their gifts by serving Trinity. Look for updates from the task force in future issues and during announcements at worship services.

Interim Pastor Alan

Shoe Collection for Kenya Medical Mission

Baker School of Nursing faculty, graduates, and students participate in a Medical Mission in Kenya. This mission was started a number of years ago by two Baker nursing graduates, Hotensiah Kimori and Ephantus Mwangi, a husband and wife team who are native Kenyans. You may remember that they have spoken at Trinity in the past.

To support this mission — and the goal of collecting 7500 pairs of shoes — we are asking you to bring new and gently used shoes for men, women and children to church between March 5 and April 30. The funds raised from the collection of shoes will be used to provide health care services in Kenya during this summer’s mission trip in July. The shoes will be distributed to people in need around the world. A large box will be in the narthex for collection of the shoes.



COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS, MAR. 14, 2017

- Two Synod Assembly representatives (June 8-10) are needed.
- Bob Horton & Bob Kobbeman will review the roles of Treasurer and Financial Secretary and bring a recommendation to Council.
- Election of Officers: President Bob Horton; Vice-President Curt Lewis; Secretary Dean McGinnis.
- Committee Liaisons: Finance & Stewardship Bob Kobbeman; Learning Diane Bottorff; Memorial Dean McGinnis; Personnel Curt Lewis; Property Howard Reece; Witness/Outreach Dean McGinnis; Worship & Music Ted Quast & Ted Murphy.
- Boiler maintenance contract was renewed for another year.
- Maundy Thursday & Good Friday worship services will be at 6:00 pm, instead of 7:00 pm.
- Dean reminded everyone to go online to donate to KU LCM EverOnward campaign to fight student hunger; the number of donors is more important than the number of dollars to win a prize of \$2,000. Event goes thru April 2nd.
- Transition Task Force members: Chuck Sodergren, Loni Reece, Pam Kobbeman, Duane Pomeroy, Cindy McGinnis, Marcy Carlson & Dean McGinnis.
- Debbie Pomeroy and Diane Bottorff will work with Susan Candea of CSS office to update our constitution during the transition process.
- New paper towel dispensers were approved for Trinity Hall.

ATTENTION:

There are currently nine elected members serving on the Congregational Council.

The constitution allows for a maximum of twelve Council members, so if you are interested in filling one of the remaining spots please contact Curt Lewis, 286-0323, Bob Horton, 640-5344, or Cindy McGinnis, 233-0767.



Church Directory

UPDATE



In April, work will begin on updating our phone directory; this will update the version dated May 2015. Please submit additions, corrections, address, phone or email changes to Cindy in the church office, 233-0767 or office@topekatlc.org.

WELCA NEWS

Our Bible study for April is titled *For Freedom, Christ has set us free!* It is based on Galatians 5:1-6:18. The study will explore Paul's understanding of Christian freedom; reflect deeply on what it means to love our neighbor as ourselves; understand the fruit of the

Spirit as God's gift to the Christian community. We'll gather for discussion at 1:30 p.m. in the Trinity library on Wednesday, April 19.

YOU ARE WELCOME!





Bethany College will honor seven of its alumni at the Spring Alumni Awards Luncheon during Palm Sunday weekend. We here at Trinity are blessed to have two of the honorees as part of our congregation: Carl & Betty Quarnstrom.



The awards recognize outstanding achievement and service to society by Bethany graduates. Carl (class of 1950) and Betty (Hedlund, class of 1950) will receive the Alumni Lifetime Achievement Award. Other award recipients include Merle Shogren '51, Distinguished Graduate Award (posthumously); Jenny (Peck) Paulsen '72, Lan Nelson '71, Leo Schell '55 (Award of Merit) and Brandon Draper '01, will receive the Gold Award.

The awards luncheon will take place on April 8, 12:30 pm in Lindquist Hall on the Bethany College campus. Reservations for the lunch are required by April 3 and can be made by contacting the Alumni Office, 785-227-3380, ext. 8270.

DOORSTEP APRIL 2017

Welcome Spring!! Please keep Doorstep in mind for donations as you start Spring cleaning around your house. Remember, our Dovetail Shoppe can take furniture and larger items. Just call Doorstep, 357-5341 or the Shoppe, 234-3004 to inquire about donating.

We had a successful **Operation Soup Line!** Thank you to everyone who helped by selling tickets, making desserts, donating baskets, volunteering at the event and attending! We had our highest number of delivery orders this year at 423, and made the most on our 14th Annual event at \$17,912. In total, we served 1,082 through delivery, carry out and through the line!

It is hard to believe it's already time for our **Annual Banquet** honoring our volunteers! This year **Countryside UMC is hosting us on Thursday, April 27th at 6:30pm.** We will have a speaker, entertainment, volunteer awards, quilt drawing, taco bake for dinner

and a Love Offering for Doorstep! Reservations are due by April 25th. Call the Doorstep office (8am – 3pm) to RSVP, 357-5341. We have 11 quilts and throws this year for **Quilt Drawing at \$1 per chance**, and you do not have to be present to win! See your Doorstep representatives for tickets, or buy them at the banquet before dinner!

Two important events you'll want to put on your calendar are:

Topeka Gives – Tuesday, June 6th at Fairlawn Plaza Mall. 7am – 6pm. A Day of Giving – Hosted by the Topeka Community Foundation.

Doorstep's 50th Anniversary Dance – Friday, June 9th at the Great Overland Station. The Kings of Swing will be playing for your dancing and listening pleasure. We will have food, drinks, cash bar and silent auction items. More information coming soon!

Pr. Alan on vacation!

Pastor Alan is planning to take the week of Monday, May 15 through Sunday, May 21 and the week of Sunday, June 18 through Saturday, June 24 as vacation weeks. Pr. Luber will serve as presiding minister and preacher on the two Sundays that Alan will be gone.

BUSN STUDENTS THANK YOU!

Thanks to all who participated with Baker nursing students in Life Review interviews during the Spring semester: Alan Saatkamp, Walt Laughlin, Helen Laughlin, Marilyn

Hypse, Eleanor Jewell, Chuck Sodergren, Donna Allen, Marilyn Heckman, and Janelle Meredith.



Have you designated your portion of the Dillon's Community Rewards money to go to Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church?

We received a check for \$134.03 for the last quarter of 2016.

Thanks to all of our Dillon's shoppers!!!



If you are a Thrivent member, have you designated Trinity to receive your Choice Dollars?



This link will take you directly to the AmazonSmile page that directs the donation generated by your AmazonSmile purchase to Trinity:

<http://smile.amazon.com/ch/48-0697751>

Call Cindy in the office if you need help getting signed up for any of these!

2017 5th Sunday Specials!!

April 30 KU Campus Ministry Student Hunger Project. Here is a little bit about the food insecurity at KU. You may remember reading this paragraph in the March issue of Trinity Tidings:

Roughly half of KU students struggle with not having enough money to buy food in a typical month. KU has a reputation as a rich school, which is part of what makes student hunger such a problem here--there's a lot of shame that goes with being poor, hungry, and in need. In addition to poor full time undergraduate students, student hunger affects part time students who take classes at Johnson County and KU while working full time, and graduate students, who are struggling to pay all their expenses and tuition. Many of them live off campus so they don't have meal plans.

Here is some additional info from Shawn Norris:

We're trying to respond to student hunger in three ways:

1. We do two free meals a week, Sundays at 5 pm, and Thursdays 6:00-7:30 pm (noodle night!) In addition we're open Sundays through Thursdays 3 until 11 pm and always have food ready that we can heat up and serve students.
2. We host a food pantry for students, faculty, and staff in our basement. It is staffed Thursdays 4 until 7, but students can come other times that the building is open to pick up food. The food comes from Just Food, the Douglas County food bank. Volunteers come from the Center for Community Outreach at KU, and the space and emotional support come from Lutheran Campus Ministry at KU
3. We are raising awareness on campus and in the community. We're working with the Center for Community Outreach to publicize the issue of student hunger and the availability of the food pantry.

Over the last several weeks, you've been asked to contribute online to the KU EverOnward campaign which awards \$2,000 to the campus group with the most individual contributions (not the most dollars). That campaign ends April 2nd at 11:59 pm. Trinity plans to help fight student hunger in our own way, in addition to any online contributions our members may have made, by designating April 30th 5th Sunday Special collection for KU Lutheran Campus Ministry. We'll let you know how LCM did in the Ever Onward campaign and publish the total 5th Sunday Special collection in the May newsletter.

And watch for 5th Sunday Specials during the rest of 2017:

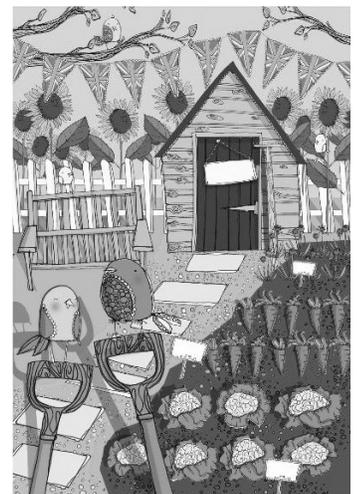
July 30 Doorstep

October 29 Camp Tomah Shinga

December 31 ELCA World Hunger Appeal



YOU ARE INVITED to be a part of our community garden in 2017. If you are interested in joining, please visit with or phone Walt Laughlin, 266-9357.



GOD'S GLOBAL BARNYARD

An animal can make a world of difference for a family in need. Animals provide food to eat, fertilizer to grow crops and offspring to sell on the market. With one gift, you can help a family escape the cycle of hunger and poverty for good.



\$500

Cow

A cow's milk, meat, fertilizer and calves can quickly strengthen a family's financial security.



\$20

Honey Bees

Bees pollinate plants and boost crop growth – helping the wider community. Soaps and candles can be made from their wax and sold at the local market.



\$50

Goat

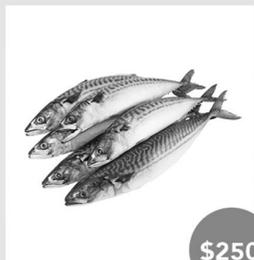
Fresh milk from a goat is very nutritious and can be used to make products like yogurt and cheese to sell at the market.



\$1000

Oxen and plow

A pair of oxen will help create record-breaking harvests, provide natural fertilizer for the fields and give families the gift of time.



\$250

Fish

A fish farm and training in good business economics can provide a lifetime of meals for a community.



\$125

Sheep

A sheep's wool can be sold at the local market for extra income or be made into hats, sweaters, coats and blankets to keep family members dry.



\$30

Pig

Within months after birth, piglets grow to weigh over 200 pounds – bringing a big payoff at the market.



\$10

Chicks

Chicks begin laying eggs at just a few months old, offering nutritious, protein rich meals for families who are hungry.

Give through your congregation, by visiting www.ELCA.org/goodgifts

or by sending a check to ELCA Good Gifts, P.O. Box 71764, Chicago, IL 60694-1764.

Please indicate your gift in the memo line of your check.

www.ELCA.org/goodgifts

Lent Midweek Worship Services

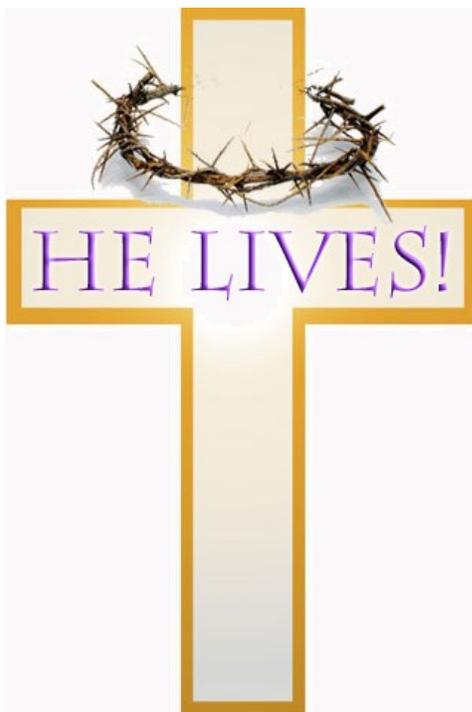
† April 5

Midweek service begins with a soup supper @ 5:30

Holden Evening Prayer worship will follow @ 6:15 pm.

Offering collected at midweek services will be used to make a purchase from God's Global Barnyard; see the insert on page eight for items that are available.

So many gifts that just keep on giving!



Holy Week

April 9 Palm Sunday

April 13 Maundy Thursday

April 14 Good Friday

April 16 Easter