

TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
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TRINITY TIDINGS

AUGUST 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

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Every Sunday: 10:30 am Worship with Holy communion		1 9 am Quilters 4 pm Worship & Music	2 5:30 pm Women's AA	3 7pm Men's AA	4	5
6 11:30 am Neighborhood Forum 5:30-8:30 pm Youth Group	7 5 pm Women's AA	8 9 am Quilters 5:30 PM Church Council	9 5:30 pm Women's AA	10 7pm Men's AA	11	12
13 Blood Pressure Checks after worship	14 5 pm Women's AA	15 9 am Quilters 4:30 pm Learning Com- mittee	16 10 am Priscilla Circle Bible Study 5:30 pm Women's AA	17 11:45 am Baker Welcome Lunch 7pm Men's AA	18	19
20 5:30-8:30 pm Youth Group	21 September <i>Trinity Tidings</i> deadline 5 pm Women's AA	22 9 am Quilters 7 pm TLHA	23 5:30 pm Women's AA	24 7pm Men's AA	25	26
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Special Items of Interest

- ◆ August 6, 11:30 am Neighborhood Forum
- ◆ August 17 Baker Welcome Lunch
- ◆ **Personal Care Kit items for LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF** are being collected by Priscilla Circle. You can bring items to the Quilting Room or office anytime before Oct. 1. Items needed:
 - **One bath towel (light weight, dark color)**
 - **Two bars soap (bath size)**
 - **One toothbrush (original package)**
 - **One sturdy comb**
 - **One nail clipper**



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INTERGENERATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL



Beginning September 10, **students and adult learners** will gather together in the library on Sunday mornings at 9:15 for lively and thoughtful discussions covering a wide range of topics. The seven-week series features a short video presentation by different Christian leaders followed by group discussion. The topics are presented in straightforward, engaging fashion. They include: how we see and experience God, religion and faith, Jesus, salvation, the cross, the Bible, and what church means.

I will lead the conversations and discussions most Sundays, including during the first several weeks. Previously, at another congregation, the series served as a meaningful way for confirmation students and their families to develop

stronger ties and share their faith. Grandparents as well as parents attended and learned with and from each other. Each confirmation student will receive a study guide, including the major ideas from the videos as well as space to journal their thoughts. This may also help them recall ideas for use next spring when they create their faith statements. *Whether you have a young family member in confirmation or not doesn't matter*—the learning committee encourages *everyone* to give the “Animate Faith” series a try.

Sunday school class for our young children is still available too. After opening prayer in the library, the children will step across the hall to the nursery area for class and activities, rather than traveling downstairs.

If you might be interested

in attending adult Sunday school this fall, please let Diane Bottorff or Pastor Alan know during August. Copies of the journals/study guides are available for you to review and decide if you'd like one also. If you do, we'll order them in advance so the appropriate number are on hand for the kickoff.

No pre-registration is required, and each week's topic is independent of the next or prior. So if you can't make all seven Sundays—no problem!

Pastor Alan



INTERIM PASTOR ALAN SAATKAMP

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Worship Assistants								
Date	Greeter(s)	Usher(s)	Musicians	Lector	Altar Guild	Coffee Host(s)	Assisting Minister	Presiding Minister
August 6, 2017	Duane & Debbie Pomeroy	Curt Lewis	Laurie Jackson	Ted Quast	Marilyn Heckman & Team 1	Linda Longren		Interim Pastor Alan Saatkamp
August 13, 2017	David & Cindy McGinnis	Linda Longren	Mitchell Bean	Martha Nemeth	Marilyn Heckman & Team 1	Walt & Helen Laughlin	Ted Murphy	Interim Pastor Alan Saatkamp
August 20, 2017	Dean McGinnis	Curt Lewis	Laurie Jackson	Debbie Pomeroy	Marilyn Heckman & Team 1	Martha Nemeth & Diane Bottorff	Bob Horton	Interim Pastor Alan Saatkamp
August 27, 2017	Martha Nemeth	Linda Longren	Laurie Jackson	Linda Longren	Marilyn Heckman & Team 1	Janice Greenlee	Walt Laughlin	Interim Pastor Alan Saatkamp



Prayer Requests

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

We love our Dillon's shoppers!

Thanks to you, we received additional income of \$132.93 for the second quarter of 2017!

Address Changes

Shawn Nowak
Luther Place II
4900 SW Huntoon, Apt. 302
Topeka, KS 66604

Mack Hinson
Rose Villa #18
2075 SW Fillmore St.
Topeka, KS 66604



Have you designated your portion of the

Dillon's Community Rewards money to go to Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church?



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!

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AUGUST CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays

- 4 Janeen Horton
- 6 Shelley Andrews
- 6 Jimmy King
- 11 Merle Adams
- 11 Ella Bosch
- 13 Gay Marker
- 15 Brian McGinnis
- 17 Jay Tunnell
- 17 Johnathon Brown
- 20 Samantha Ginter
- 20 Paula Soldan
- 23 Karen Kaiser
- 23 Pr. Alan Saatkamp
- 24 Howard Kunard
- 27 Russell Johnson
- 27 Whitney Gentry
- 27 Loni Reece
- 29 Heather Klamm
- 29 Adrienne Hutchison
- 30 Maren Farr
- 31 Bryah Wakes

Baptisms

- 2 Evelyn Johnson
- 3 LaVell Winsor
- 10 Marilyn Hypse
- 13 Marilyn Heckman
- 18 Paula Southerland
- 24 Brandon Soldan
- 29 Janeen Horton

Wedding Anniversaries

- 1 David & Cindy McGinnis
- 2 Bob & Pam Kobbeman
- 5 Rick & Janice Greenlee
- 10 Bob & Janeen Horton
- 15 Tom & Mary Heald

AUGUST READINGS

August 6 — 9th Sunday of Pentecost

Isaiah 55:1-5
Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21
Romans 9:1-5
Matthew 14:13-21

August 13 — 10th Sunday of Pentecost


1st Kings 19:9-18
Psalm 85:8-13
Romans 10:5-15
Matthew 14:22-33

August 20 — 11th Sunday of Pentecost

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8
Psalm 67
Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32
Matthew 15:[10-20] 21-28

August 27 — 12th Sunday of Pentecost

Isaiah 51:1-6
Psalm 138
Romans 12:1-8
Matthew 16:13-20



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Youth Group is scheduled to meet August 6 and August 20.

Luther Says...

I have held many things in my hands, and I have lost them all; but whatever I have placed in God's hands, that I still possess.

Martin Luther

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Doorstep Newsletter Article – August 2017

We would like to thank everyone who donated items for Christmas in July! As kids are getting ready to go back to school, now is the perfect time to stock up on school supplies. Doorstep provides new school supplies to the children we adopt at Christmas to replenish them for the second half of the year. If you can help with these items while supplies are plentiful, and on sale, we would greatly appreciate your donations!

During the heat of summer we get more requests for hygiene kits. In 2016, we gave out nearly 700 hygiene kits! We are in need of deodorant, bar soap or body wash, shampoo/conditioner in one, razors and shaving cream, sunscreen and lip balm. Thank you in advance if you can help!

Doorstep is open Monday – Friday from 8am – 3pm for donations. We are located at 1119 SW 10th Avenue (10th & Buchanan).

Do you know about our thrift store – The Dovetail Shoppe?

Located on the corner of 12th & Washburn sits a building filled with treasures!

The Shoppe is Doorstep’s version of a thrift store. We ask for a reasonable donation for the items people choose. You will find clothing for men, women and children. There is a whole knick knack room, books, collecti-

bles, toys, furniture, games, holiday décor, shoes, formal dresses, pictures, dishes and more!

The Dovetail Shoppe has been open since the Fall of 1994. Stop in and look around, I bet you’ll find something you need, or never knew you wanted! The monetary donations taken in at Dovetail are funneled back into services and agency needs at Doorstep!

The manager, Ron, is there with his volunteers on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 10am – 4pm. Help us spread the word about this great little treasure!

Dovetail Shoppe has a shortage of volunteers on Saturdays. Ron needs help from 9am – 12:00pm, 12:00-2:00, 2:00-4:00, or 12:00 – 4:00pm.

Doorstep policy states that there must be at least two people in the building during hours of operation. If one of the current volunteers cannot attend, he will have to shut the doors until another volunteer comes in. Please help us find some additional volunteers.

Dovetail is open Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 10am – 4pm. Phone 234-3004. Anyone interested may call Ron at the Shoppe during the above hours.

However you can help is appreciated! Please spread the word!!

Listed below are the reasons not to attend church this Sunday:

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Join us for worship at Trinity Lutheran Church

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***From Surviving to Thriving* by Rev. Dr. John Krahn**

John Krahn is a Lutheran pastor with over 50 years of parish experience, including many recently as an interim pastor. His book offers many practical ideas for revitalizing a congregation. His basic premise is that renewal is about vision. During the July council meeting, I shared a summary of those ideas. Some of them are already in progress through the efforts of the transition task force, which continues to lead Trinity toward answering the question “What does God want us to do?”

Rev. Krahn uses a straight-forward approach and doesn’t pull any punches. He cites numerous examples of congregational transformation, changes that didn’t take place just because of his efforts and only lasted as long as he served that particular church. He states that the “power of God can enable us to become vehicles for God to use in the re-

talization of the church.”

One of his “radical” ideas includes weekly worship as an expectation. Yes, **weekly** worship, not the norm in our society today (“regular attendance” has morphed into once or twice a month, sadly). Hence the page four, column three bullets on why not to attend church on Sunday, if you noticed them. Something to consider as you plan your coming week, eh? I’ll share a few of Rev. Krahn’s recommendations, starting first with those for the pastor: calling on each household to introduce myself, visiting inactives in their homes, the aforementioned “reasons not to attend church” prompt (vis-à-vis setting the expectation that people attend worship weekly and explaining why), and telling people what God wants them to hear, not what they want to hear.

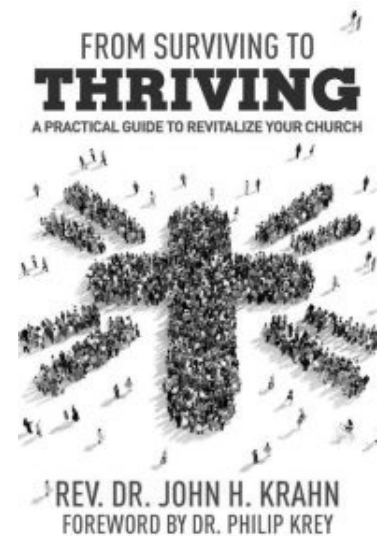
The congregation’s members (including the council) are encouraged to focus on: making the church a vital expression of God’s love for the world, admitting and sharing the (defined) problem, praying for three families each week, reclaiming inactive members, inviting in the neighborhood we serve, inviting people to church after teaching them how to share their faith openly, and “neglecting the good to be able to accomplish the better.”

That last one deserves explanation—it means reaching consensus and deciding which things are most important to the church, then focusing on those and abandoning the others “to the glory of God.”

We all know that change isn’t easy and is unsettling. Rev. Krahn points out that things are what they are. He advises us to “deal with it. God is not dead.” And among his closing comments and advice is

that we celebrate what God is presently doing in our midst, recognizing that God will provide the help and energy we need, and “all hands on deck”—everyone is needed.

Interim Pastor Alan



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How many of you use the word "upend" in your vocabulary? Neither do I, so I had to go to Webster's on that one! It means to set on end or overturn. Oh! it's all in the way you look at the word! I first saw "upend" not "up-end". The title of our Bible Study for August is "Upend the Tables". The study will point out char-

acters in the biblical story who challenged unjust systems and turned norms upside down and spoke truth to power! What systems in our society today need to be challenged? The book of Romans will have good guidelines for discussions.

We meet August 16, 10:00 a.m. at Trinity Library. See you there!

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Have you visited our website lately? There have been some changes, especially a new calendar, which is a whole lot easier to read! Check it out!

Baker University School of Nursing News

We will be hosting a **Welcome Luncheon** at 11:45 on **Thursday, August 17** for 54 incoming nursing students who are beginning their studies toward a bachelor of science in nursing at Baker's Stormont Vail campus.

Your help is needed to welcome the students to our neighborhood. We invite you to meet and eat lunch with the students.

Salads and desserts are also needed. If you can help, contact Diane Bottorff, 231-0379.

Life Review Interviews

With the start of the Fall semester persons age 65 or better once again have the opportunity to participate in a life review interview with a Baker senior nursing student. Interviews will take place in September. The student who selects you for an interview will contact you to set up an appointment to meet with you at your home or at a mutually agreeable location. To have your name placed on the interview list, contact Diane.

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS
AUGUST 13, 2017



Come to the kitchen after worship to have this important health check.



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Transition Task Force Update

SAVE THE DATE:

Sunday
August
6th

Your attendance at this meeting is **CRUCIAL** as we discern (listen) where **GOD** is leading Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Following worship we will hear a few of our neighbors share what they see as some of the needs in our neighborhood. This is our opportunity to listen to others about what they experience in our NEIGHBORHOOD, where we live, work and worship.

We will meet in the fellowship hall immediately following worship, beginning at 11:30 am. Lunch will be available following this meeting!

We will listen to each speaker for five minutes followed by five to 10 minutes of discussion.

The task force is making progress as we plan our third town hall meeting coming in September!!!

Items the task force continues to work on:

- Updating the constitution, with special thanks to Diane and Debbie
- Reviewing and updating all position descriptions and responsibilities, both paid and volunteer.
- Reviewing our current Mission/Vision Statement to see if it still matches what we as a church are accomplishing.
- Identifying the current membership list regarding voting, confirmed, baptized and associate members as defined by our constitution. We will also include those who attend regularly but are not included in membership, per the

constitution; everyone is important in the life of Trinity!

- Broadening our reach with the SWOT analysis (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats) by including those who are not attending on a regular basis. When you are here remember to add your thoughts to the time line and SWOT displays in the fellowship hall.

The work being done now will lead us toward the next step: forming the Pastoral Call Committee.

If you are interested in being part of this process let any council member know of your interest.

Thank you for your support.

Trinity's Transitional Task Force: Marcy Carlson, Loni Reece, Cindy McGinnis, Pam Kobbeman, Duane Pomeroy, Chuck Sodergren, Dean McGinnis and Pastor Alan Saatkamp.

Luther Sings

Dear Christians, One and All Rejoice is our Martin Luther hymn for August. A hymn of "firsts" it was:

- ◆ Luther's first hymn (written in 1523)
- ◆ Published in 1524 in the first Lutheran hymnal, the *Achtliederbuch*, literally *Eightsongsbook*.
- ◆ It was the first song in the *Achtliederbuch*.

We will sing several verses of this hymn each week in August during communion. Scriptural references include Psalm 98:1-3, 2 Timothy 1:9-10 and Romans 3:28. The themes of *Dear Christians, One and All Rejoice* are justification by faith, the saving sacrifice and work of Jesus and freedom in Christ.

Luther Says

We must make a great difference between God's Word and the word of man. A man's word is a little sound, that flies into the air, and soon vanishes; but the Word of God is greater than heaven and earth, yea, greater than death and hell, for it forms part of the power of God, and endures everlastingly.

Martin Luther

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Council Meeting Highlights, July 11, 2017

- Pr. Alan shared highlights from *From Surviving to Thriving — a practical guide to revitalizing your church* by John Krahn.
- Pew journals will be used again to clarify members eligible to vote.
- Janice Greenlee submitted her resignation as treasurer, effective July 11, 2017.
- Bob Kobbeman will serve as interim treasurer.
- Diane reported that Sunday school classes will take on an inter-generational format this fall.
- Howard reported on several property items: DF Osborne contributed \$300 for the most recent roof repair; main hallway AC not working; elevator inspection due this month not yet completed; re-searching hand railings for south entry steps.
- Dean reported on the recent TTF activities and progress toward forming a call committee.
- Diane reported on the constitution update progress.
- Baker welcome lunch August 17, 11:45 am. Helpers are needed.
- Motion to remove first pew on pulpit side and move the rail piece back was approved to give more space to musicians.
- TTF is reviewing current membership.
- Pr. Alan will attend a preaching seminar @ Luther Seminary Oct. 1-5.
- Reformation 500 ideas were discussed: weekly updates and an event to reinvent the east entrance; Dean will work with youth to fill a time capsule; re-landscaping the east entry along Buchanan.

Many thanks to Janice!

Janice Greenlee submitted her resignation as TLC Treasurer at the July 2017 Council meeting. Her resignation was regrettably accepted and Bob Kobbeman was voted by the Council to serve as interim treasurer. Heartfelt thanks to Janice for her many years of dedicated service to TLC as treasurer.

2017 5TH SUNDAY SPECIALS

October 29
Camp Tomah Shinga

December 31
ELCA World Hunger