

TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
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# Trinity Tidings

## JANUARY 2017

### STAFF

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### OFFICE

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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!*

**T**ogether in Community

**L**iving with Christ

**C**aring for Neighbors

# JANUARY 2017

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

<p><b>1</b> New Year's Day  No children's Sunday school</p>	<p><b>2</b>   5 pm Women's AA</p>	<p><b>3</b> Alan Saatkamp's first day @ Trinity</p>	<p><b>4</b>   6 pm W&amp;M 5:30 pm Women's AA</p>	<p><b>5</b>   6 pm Men's AA</p>	<p><b>6</b> Epiphany of Our Lord</p>	<p><b>7</b></p>
<p><b>8</b> Alan Saatkamp's first worship  Blood Pressure Checks after Worship  5:30-8:30 pm Youth Group</p>	<p><b>9</b>   5 pm Women's AA</p>	<p><b>10</b> 9 am Quilters   5:30 pm Council</p>	<p><b>11</b>   5:30 pm Women's AA</p>	<p><b>12</b> 11:30 Baker Welcome Lunch  6 pm Men's AA</p>	<p><b>13</b></p>	<p><b>14</b></p>
<p><b>15</b></p>	<p><b>16</b> Martin Luther King Day  5 pm Women's AA</p>	<p><b>17</b> 9 am Quilters</p>	<p><b>18</b> 1:30 pm Priscilla Circle Bible Study  5:30 pm Women's AA</p>	<p><b>19</b> <b>February</b> <i>Trinity Tidings</i> <b>deadline</b>  6 pm Men's AA</p>	<p><b>20</b></p>	<p><b>21</b></p>
<p><b>22</b>   5:30-8:30 pm Youth Group</p>	<p><b>23</b>   5 pm Women's AA</p>	<p><b>24</b> 9 am Quilters   7 pm TLHA</p>	<p><b>25</b>   5:30 pm Women's AA</p>	<p><b>26</b>   6 pm Men's AA</p>	<p><b>27</b></p>	<p><b>28</b></p>
<p><b>29</b></p>	<p><b>30</b>   5 pm Women's AA</p>	<p><b>31</b> 9 am Quilters</p>	<p><b>EVERY SUNDAY:</b> 9:00 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:15 AM ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL &amp; CONFIRMATION CLASS 10:30 AM WORSHIP &amp; HOLY COMMUNION</p>			

# Trinity Tidings

JANUARY 2017

Dear Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church members, I am excited to inform the congregation that **Alan Saatkamp** (pronounced sought-camp) will serve as our interim pastor. **He will officially start January 3rd and his first worship service will be January 8th.** Originally from Wisconsin, Alan has recently served as administrator at the Veterans Home in Minnesota, school teacher, and associate minister in South Dakota. Most recently he served as interim pastor for two congregations in Kansas City. Alan is looking forward to learning about Trinity and our members.



Please come to his first service January 8th and have the opportunity to meet and welcome

Alan.

I would like to thank all the supply pastors who have helped us through this new era for Trinity. The Central States Synod has been very helpful with this process connecting us with Pastors Susan Candea and Keith Hohly.

I also need to thank Bob Horton and Cindy McGinnis for taking the lead on this forward-moving process.

Thanks be to God!

Curt Lewis, Council President

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO WEAR YOUR NAMETAGS!  
ALAN HAS A LOT OF NAMES TO LEARN!**

**SPECIAL ITEMS OF INTEREST:**

- ◆ **2017 Calendars are available from the youth group.** They include 74 pictures from Trinity's past, long ago and more recent. Cost is \$20; additional calendars purchased at the same time are only \$15! Contact the church office or Dean McGinnis to order yours!
- ◆ Please note the event on page 8. Anyone is welcome to attend, but please register so they may plan for the meal.
- ◆ Quatermania is planned for January, but the date & time is not known as of this printing. Watch bulletins, Facebook & email for more info.

**ANNUAL MEETING JANUARY 15, 2017  
SEE MORE INFO ON PAGE 5**



**SAVE THE DATE!** Join us for lunch on Thursday, January 12, 11:30 am to welcome 46 new nursing students who are beginning their studies toward a bachelor of science in nursing at Baker University School of Nursing, Stormont Vail Campus.

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

See more BUSN news on page 6.



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## JANUARY 2017 WORSHIP LEADERS

Worship Assistants								
Date	Greeter(s)	Usher(s)	Organist; Choir Director; Keyboard	Lector	Altar Guild	Coffee Host(s)	Assisting Minister	Presiding Minister
January 1, 2017	Shelley Andrews	Linda Longren	Laurie Jackson	Linda Longren	Cindy McGinnis & Team 1	Dean McGinnis	Walt Laughlin	Pr. Gary Teske
January 8, 2017	Vickie Jacobs	Curt Lewis	Laurie Jackson	Ted Murphy	Cindy McGinnis & Team 1	Curt & Jane Lewis	Bob Horton	Alan Saatkamp
January 15, 2017	Howard & Loni Reece	Curt Lewis	Marcia Dahlman	Loni Reece	Cindy McGinnis & Team 1	Annual Meeting	Ted Murphy	Alan Saatkamp; Rev. Barry Feaker preaching
January 22, 2017	Janice Greenlee	Curt Lewis	Laurie Jackson	Ted Quast	Cindy McGinnis & Team 1	Junior & Liz Utech	Vickie Jacobs	Pr. Keith Hohly
January 29, 2017	Chuck Sodergren	Curt Lewis	Laurie Jackson	LaVell Winsor	Cindy McGinnis & Team 1	Walt & Helen Laughlin	Rosie Nichols	Alan Saatkamp

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS  
**JANUARY 8, 2017**



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

### General Information

#### 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@topekatlch.org](mailto:office@topekatlch.org).

#### PRAYER REQUESTS

To share a prayer request please contact Barbara Apps at 234-5130. 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

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:

- 1) if you will not be picking up your flowers after worship but sometime during the week or
- 2) if you do not want the flowers and prefer we donate them for you.

## JANUARY CELEBRATIONS

### Birthdays

- 1 Mary Heald
- 4 Jane Velen
- 6 Kay Van Dorn
- 13 Brandon Cain
- 16 Ben Carlson
- 16 Daniel Erickson
- 16 Linda Longren
- 17 Edwin Bennett
- 23 Ivan Carlson
- 23 Cathy Tunnell
- 24 Marsha Chelson
- 25 Jerry Chelson
- 27 Zane Kennedy
- 28 Keith Springer
- 29 Bonnie Adams

### Baptisms

- 20 Betty Quarnstrom
- 23 Betty Patton
- 27 Matthew Kobbeman
- 31 Ron Axelton

### Wedding Anniversaries

- 1 Michael & Laurie Jackson

## JANUARY READINGS

### *January 1 — Name of Jesus*

- Numbers 6:22-27
- Psalm 8
- Galatians 4:4-7 or
- Philippians 2:5-11
- Luke 2:15-21

### *January 8 — Baptism of Our Lord*

- Isaiah 42:1-9
- Psalm 29
- Acts 10:34-43
- Matthew 3:13-17

### *January 15 — 2nd Sunday of Epiphany*

- Isaiah 49:1-7
- Psalm 40:1-11
- 1st Corinthians 1:1-0
- John 1:29-42

### *January 22 — 3rd Sunday of Epiphany*

- Isaiah 9:1-4
- Psalm 27:1, 4-9
- 1 Corinthians 1:10-18
- Matthew 4:12-23

### *January 29 — 4th Sunday of Epiphany*

- Micah 6:1-8
- Psalm 15
- 1st Corinthians 1:18-31
- Matthew 5:1-12



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



Youth Group is scheduled to meet January 8th and January 22nd, 5:30-8:30 pm.

## CHRISTMAS ADOPTION

This year's adoption, sponsored by the Learning Committee, collected \$284.28! What a great result! Thanks to everyone.

As you know, we had intended to use the money to buy winter outerwear for kids in need at a neighborhood elementary school. However, two schools that were contacted did not respond. So it was suggested that we “graduate” to the middle school level. Robinson Middle School is in our neighborhood and they have need for personal care items for some of their students. As of this writing, we are planning to forward a check to Robinson that will help provide socks and underwear, toiletries and other small personal care items needed by some of the students.

Again, your generosity will help someone in need. Thank you.



## COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS, DEC. 13, 2016

- It was decided to offer Alan Saatkamp four days a week at a salary of \$4000 per month.
- The money collected for the Sunday school Christmas project will be given to Robinson Middle School.
- Alan Saatkamp joined the meeting to explain his views of what his duties should be and asked each Council member to share what their gifts are and their vision for the future of Trinity.
- The meeting was adjourned and we enjoyed a delicious meal and fellowship with Alan, council members and spouses.

## ADDRESS CHANGES

Keith Springer  
4712 SW 6th Ave., Apt. 126  
(just across the hall from his previous room; visits are welcome!

Bob & Pam Kobbeman  
5801 SW Clarion Lakes Way  
Topeka, KS 66610-1616  
Ph. 785-478-0381

Don Longren is now at Lexington Park Assisting Living, room 210. Room number may change after Christmas so just ask.

## TRINITY QUILTERS

After having a few weeks of vacation we will again gather to stitch, tie and chat on Tuesday, January 10, 9:00 a.m., same time and place in the Quilter's room. We certainly thank Junior Utech and Walt Laughlin for transporting the quilts in their cars to Doorstep for the Christ-

mas Give-away. And, also, thanks to Chad Irwin and Andy Windsor for helping to load! We were proud of the 38 beautiful quilts that made their way into 38 needy homes! May God continue to inspire and bless this project. It's all part of God's work and Our Hands!

## WELCA NEWS

We invite you to start the New Year 2017 with us in our Priscilla Bible Study. We meet Tuesday, January 18, 1:30 p.m. in Trinity Library. A brand new series of lessons will begin which are based on the book of Galatians and titled "Christian Faith and Christian Freedom...No Other Gospel!"

We also, wish to thank you for your participation in the recent yearly Thankoffering! It amounted to \$262. May God bless your gifts! And, may God bless the mission of the Women of the ELCA as well as the service of Topeka Rescue Mission and Doorstep.



Have you designated your portion of the Dillons 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!

## Creation Care Workshop Set for Saturday, February 18th

Gathering at 9:00 am; Workshop from 9:30 to 4:00 pm

Location: Lutheran Church of the Resurrection, 9100 Mission Rd, Prairie Village, KS 66206

Cost: \$25 per person

You are invited to attend a day-long Creation Care Workshop on Saturday, February 18, 2017 led by members of the Central States Synod Lutherans Restoring Creation Mission Table. Join us at Lutheran Church of the Resurrection in the KC area and learn how to incorporate creation care into your congregation's worship life, including:

- Educational programs
- Buildings and grounds
- Discipleship of members at home and work
- Public ministry and advocacy

Members of Resurrection will share their creation care work, including an energy efficient HVAC system, low flow toilets, programmable thermostats, newly-planted apple trees as a beginning of a grove to provide fresh fruit for weekly free breakfasts, worship resources, and other initiatives.

For more information and to register, go to <http://css-elca.org/lrc> or contact Noni Strand, LRC Mission Table Chair, at [nonistrand@gmail.com](mailto:nonistrand@gmail.com)

## DOORSTEP JANUARY 2017

Doorstep staff and volunteers would like to thank everyone who donated to Doorstep during the holiday season and throughout 2016. With the 250 households we adopted through the Christmas Bureau and community needs ever present we were able to assist more of our neighbors in need because of your generosity. We especially want to say Thank You to everyone who stepped up when we found out about Toys for Tots and helped us provide Christmas for the children we adopted!

Along with the start of a new year also comes the cold weather and high utility bills. Please remember your neighbors who are struggling to pay those high bills when looking for a place to donate. Doorstep offers utility assistance to individuals and families throughout the year as funds are available.

Souper Bowl Sunday is February 5th! Just around the corner! On this weekend we ask our member congregations to collect soup and crackers to help restock our food pantry. A can of soup can be a meal, and in the past with a successful collection we have had soup and crackers to last us into the summer months! Please remember Doorstep when you go grocery shopping and pick up a few items for your neighbors in need.

Also, mark your calendars for the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Operation Soup Line! This year it will be on Wednesday, February 22, 2017!

Doorstep is open Monday – Friday, 8am – 3pm for donations. We are located at 1119 SW 10<sup>th</sup> Street (10<sup>th</sup> & Buchanan). We ask that you do not leave donations outside our building when we are not here. They often become a parking lot mess. Thank you!

The Lutheran Fine Arts Council of Topeka will be sponsoring a Fiber Arts Workshop on Saturday, February 18<sup>th</sup> from 8:30-noon. The event will be held at Our Savior Lutheran Church, 2021 SW 29<sup>th</sup> and will feature presentations on weaving, doll-making, needlework, felting, quilt art and more. No charge and the public is invited to attend. More information on this workshop will be made available in the coming weeks.

## CELEBRATE EPIPHANY WITH YOUR OWN NATIVITY



Before you pack away your Nativity set after Christmas 2016, please share it with all the members of Trinity during coffee hour January 8.

Please bring a brief story about your personal Crèche: "This was my Grandmother's," or "I brought this from Germany," or "We got this the first Christmas we were married!" And let us know who brought each one. Of course, you may bring more than one!

Come a little early for Sunday school or church and set it up on one of the tables in Fellowship Hall. What a beautiful way of sharing this BLESSED SEASON!

## ANNUAL MEETING OF TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH JANUARY 15, 2017.

The meeting will occur in the sanctuary, immediately after worship. Please plan to attend; we need at least 50 members eligible to vote in order to have a quorum. Election of officers will take place and we will also discuss and vote on the budget for 2017. Annual report booklets will be available on Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, so please turn in committee reports as soon as possible.

## *A Scandinavian Homecoming #*

I would like to thank all those who helped with the preparation for, celebration of, and clean up after the Scandinavian Homecoming. Some of the folks who generously donated their time and talents for this event include: Kathy Anderson, Diane Bottorff, Marcy Carlson, Dean McGinnis, Debbie Pomeroy, Rhonda Webb, and Roxanne Wolf. We also

would like to thank Dick Knoll with Cruise Holidays, Henrik Andersen, and the Scandinavian Folk Dancers of Kansas City. They enhanced our knowledge of other cultures and opportunities to explore.

Sincerely, Shelley Andrews



## **BAKER SCHOOL OF NURSING NEWS**

Thanks to those who donated treats during the fall semester for Trinity Treat Day at the School of Nursing. The next treat day will be in February. Students appreciate and enjoy the treats on their class breaks one Monday each month.

**Life Review Interview:** As a new semester begins seniors (age 65 or better) have the opportunity to participate in a life review interview with a Baker senior nursing student. Interviews will take place in February. The student will contact you to set up an appointment and will interview you at your home or meet with you at a mutually agreeable location. If you'd like to be interviewed, contact Diane Bottorff.



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(785) 233-0767**

## Saturday

January 7<sup>th</sup> - 3 to 5pm

**Trinity Lutheran Church**

**8<sup>th</sup> and Buchanan**



**Concessions Available**

Don't know what Quartermania is? Don't have quarters lying around the house? No problem. We will exchange bank-rolled quarters for \$10.00 each (there is \$10.00 worth of quarters in each roll). We will rent you a paddle to use and explain how quartermania works before we actually get started. It's easy & fun. Additional activities are planned as well.



## Church Together: Giving in Hope Area Ministry Gatherings

**We Are Church Together for the Sake of the World.  
What Does It Mean to Really Live Into This?**

*When Bishop Eaton reminds us of our church-wide mission, does this question come to mind? Join Bishop Gustafson*

and other synod staff as we gather on a Sunday afternoon to explore what it means to be **Church Together** and how **Giving in Hope** strengthens our connection with each other. Times have changed. . .and stewardship has changed. It is difficult to teach or practice stewardship unless we have a clear understanding of what it looks like today. We want to help you and your congregation develop a mindset and heart for generosity in order to grow our capacity to serve the world. This gathering will help us to see our gifts as tools God gave us to minister to the world around us, with the love of Christ.

This three hour event includes dinner at no cost and the following activities:

- ❖ **Giving in Hope Stories** – Share stories of how giving has made a difference – for the giver and receiver.
- ❖ **Ministry "Speed Dating"** – Get to know the needs of multiple ministries in 10-minute presentations.
- ❖ **The New Stewardship** – “Stewardship” has changed. Find out what it looks like in 2017 and beyond.
- ❖ **Celebrate Our Successes** – Celebrate as we worship and share a meal together.

Our gatherings across our synod are being supported by a grant from the Stewardship of Life Institute. All are invited to attend, especially council members and stewardship teams.

Your area ministry in Western Missouri. & Eastern Kansas (Area Ministry 6 & 7) will gather on:

**Sunday, January 22 from 3:00 – 6:00 p.m.**

**at Advent Lutheran Church, 11800 W 151st St,  
Olathe, KS 66062 [Map It](#)**

Please [register here](#) for this event OR go online at:

**[www.css-elca.org/area-ministry-gatherings](http://www.css-elca.org/area-ministry-gatherings)**

**so we may plan for the preparation and serving of the meal.**

Rostered leaders and PMAs will gather again on **Monday, January 23 from 9:30 a.m. – noon** at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church 5409 NW 72nd St, Kansas City, MO 64151 (North Kansas City) [Map It](#)

## Central States Synod, ELCA