

TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
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Trinity Tidings

JULY 2016

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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

JULY 2016

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

3	4	5	6	7	8	9	1	2	
3 pm Community Garden Work Meeting	5 pm Women's AA	9 am Quilters	5:30 pm Women's AA	6 pm Men's AA					
10	11	12	13	14	15	16			
Blood Pressure Checks after Worship 3 pm Community Garden Work Meeting		9 am Quilters							
5:30-8:30 pm Youth Group	5 pm Women's AA	5:30 pm Council	5:30 pm Women's AA	6 pm Men's AA					
17	18	19	20	21	22	23			
3 pm Community Garden Work Meeting	5 pm Women's AA	9 am Quilters	1:30 pm Priscilla Circle Bible Study	6 pm Men's AA					
24	25	26	27	28	29	30			
3 pm Community Garden Work Meeting 5:30-8:30 pm Youth Group	9 am Senior Breakfast @ Cracker Barrel	9 am Quilters	5:30 pm Women's AA						
5th Sunday Special for "Christmas in July"	31	5 pm Women's AA	7 pm TLHA	5:30 pm Women's AA	6 pm Men's AA				

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PR. MAMY RANAIVOSON

Dear Trinity members,

I can't go on without mentioning, even though I have mentioned it in my sermons, what happened in Orlando, Florida. The big tragedy event of the killing of forty-nine of us. This was a pure crime of hate and terror, **done to us**, and **I insist on "to us"** as we are all created in the image of God. Terrible tragedy was done to some of us, as God's people. Whatever the reasons for doing this, for sure, it is not an act of love but of hate. It is not from God but from the devil.

We must not be silent but be bold and declare again such injustice. As when we were baptized and confirmed, we promised to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth.

This is what Rev. Dr. George Cruz-Martinez of All Saints Lutheran church in Orlando wrote back to me when I offered to

send them our "Prayer Shawls" for the families who lost their loved ones:

"What has happened in Orlando is a sign that more than ever we are in need of proclaiming the eternal message of the God of LIFE. This is a message of Justice for all.

Thank you for your offer, and your gift will go to those that have lost loved ones in this horrific tragedy.

Once again, thank you and shalom.

The Rev. Dr. George Cruz-Martinez

SPECIAL ITEMS OF INTEREST:

- ◆ Through July 31st, Thrivent will match any contributions you make through their website to help the victims of the Orlando shootings. You may go to this website: www.thrivent.com/making-a-difference/living-generously/disaster-response/ to see the options available. Please come into the office if you would like help doing so.



Let us pray for peace on earth and comfort for the families who lost their loved ones.

Peace,

Pr J. Mamy Ranaivoson




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JULY 2016 WORSHIP LEADERS

Worship Assistants										
Date	Greeter(s)	Usher(s)	Organist; Choir Director; Keyboard	Flowers	Acolyte	Lector	Altar Guild	Coffee Host(s)	Assisting Minister	Presiding Minister
July 3, 2016	Don & Linda Longren	Dean McGinnis	Laurie Jackson		Zane Kennedy	Betty Quarnstrom	Noel Ranaivoson & Team 1	Dean McGinnis	Rosie Nichols	Pr. Mamy
July 10, 2016	Dorothy Strom	Dean McGinnis	Mitchell Bean		Jake Kennedy	Marsha Chelson	Noel Ranaivoson & Team 1	David & Cindy McGinnis	Walt Laughlin	Pr. Mamy
July 17, 2016	Jack & Monique Wyatt	Dean McGinnis	Laurie Jackson		Marcy Carlson	Linda Longren	Noel Ranaivoson & Team 1	Diane Bottorff	Vickie Jacobs	Pr. Mamy
July 24, 2016	Eleanor Jewell	Dean McGinnis	Mitchell Bean	Andy & LaVell Winsor (1)	Bronwyn King	Loni Reece	Noel Ranaivoson & Team 1	Bob & Pam Kobbeman	Walt Laughlin	Pr. Mamy
July 31, 2016	Andy & LaVell Winsor	Dean McGinnis	Laurie Jackson		Zane Kennedy	Duane Pomeroy	Noel Ranaivoson & Team 1	Duane & Debbie Pomeroy	Bob Horton	Pr. Mamy

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS
JULY 10, 2016



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

Please note that blood pressure checks will be done on the 2nd Sunday of July due to the holiday weekend on the first Sunday.

The Hospitality Committee would like everyone to know that coffee cans are no longer needed for altar flowers. We have a fairly large quantity of coffee cans on hand currently and the florist puts them in an insert that does not require a coffee can for transportation. From now on, you may put your coffee cans in your recycling bin. Thanks.



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@topekalc.org.

PRAYER REQUESTS

To share a prayer request please contact Barbara Apps at 234-5130. She will contact Pr. Mamy and 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

Altar flowers are available July 3rd, July 10th, July 17th, and July 31st. Please call the office, 233-0767, if you would like to sponsor a live bouquet on any of those Sundays.

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 them 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.

JULY CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays

- 2 Donna Southerland
- 4 Bridget Hiltgen
- 8 Andy Winsor
- 12 Trisha Welch
- 14 Janelle Meredith
- 15 Curt Lewis
- 16 Edward Emmons
- 16 Marilyn Hypse
- 20 Katelin Cain
- 20 Rhonda Webb
- 21 Barbara Apps
- 21 Dennis Mize
- 22 Ted Quast
- 24 Don Longren
- 25 Kade Welp
- 26 Hudson Ralph
- 27 Audrey Horton
- 28 Kathryn Axelton
- 28 Lucille Falley
- 28 Alex Nichols
- 29 Parker Jackson
- 30 Brooke Ralph

Baptisms

- 3 Marsha Ridinger
- 7 John Carlson
- 9 Tyler Tunnell
- 13 Cindy McGinnis
- 18 David McGinnis
- 22 Jennifer Grubb

Wedding Anniversaries

- 2 Al & Susan Carpenter
- 20 David & Brooke Ralph
- 26 Andy & LaVell Winsor

JULY READINGS

July 3 — Seventh Sunday of Pentecost

Isaiah 66:10-14
 Psalm 66:1-9
 Galatians 6:[1-6] 7-16
 Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

July 10 — Eighth Sunday of Pentecost

Deuteronomy 30:9-14
 Psalm 25:1-10
 Colossians 1:1-14
 Luke 10:25-37

July 17 — Ninth Sunday of Pentecost

Genesis 18:1-10a
 Psalm 15
 Colossians 1:15-28
 Luke 10:38-42

July 24 — Tenth Sunday of Pentecost

Genesis 18:20-32
 Psalm 138
 Colossians 2:6-15 [16-19]
 Luke 11:1-13

July 31 — Eleventh Sunday of Pentecost

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23
 Psalm 49:1-12
 Colossians 3:1-11
 Luke 12:13-21



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

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Tom & Mary Heald
 3821 SW Green Hills Rd
 Topeka, KS 66618-1526

SAVE THE DATE!

**Baker University
 Welcome Luncheon
 Thursday, August 18, 11:30**

We will be welcoming 46 new students to our community.



Starting June 26, the youth group will begin meeting every other Sunday, 5:30-8:30 pm. This change was requested by the kids in order to have more time together!

COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS, JUNE 14, 2016

- Bob K. reported that Simply Solutions is working on our QuickBooks setup.
- Four Trinity kids will attend Camp Tomah Shinga this summer.
- Purchase of AED unit will be re-searched for more discussion in July.
- Linda volunteered to shop for items for pantry shelves.
- Dean is researching new Christmas trees for the sanctuary, using funds from the Martha Erickson memorial.
- Property issues reported by Howard included non-working AC units and a concrete block from our sign needs to be reattached to the base.
- Dean reported that he is working on small groups for inactive members. He is continuing to work with Mac Hinson and 8-14 year olds. Mac will attend July meeting to provide more detail.
- Linda reported that Doorstep will do Christmas in July again.
- Task Force reported that Cair Paravel is seeking additional class room space and may rent some Trinity Hall rooms.
- Bob K. is looking to have our church building listed on the Historical Register. He is also working with the Governor's Row House to possibly promote our church as a wedding site.
- July 5th Sunday Special will be for the benefit of Doorstep's Christmas in July and October 5th Sunday Special will benefit the CSS Reformation 500 celebration.

CONGREGATION COUNCIL

PRESIDENT

CURT LEWIS
_____ 286-2728

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_____ 640-5344

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CAROL MARKER
_____ 862-1588

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_____ 231-3085

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_____ 271-7131

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_____ 357-4031

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_____ 272-0664

PR. MAMY RANAIVOSON
_____ 207-6489

DOORSTEP – CHRISTMAS IN JULY

With “Christmas in July” we try to alleviate the strain on donated items at the end of the year. Doorstep adopts 250 households with 700+ individuals through the Christmas Bureau. By having items donated in July, our Christmas Store Chair, Judy Neher, has a better idea what we need in November and December. Judy is here every week organizing the basement where our Christmas donations are kept until the big week arrives!

The staff, along with Judy, had an idea to change up Christmas in July. This year we are asking you, our donors, to focus on certain items instead of the whole list of needs.

Since winter clothing is not out in July, we are asking you to focus on toys, health kit items, household items and adult gifts. Each school aged child receives school supplies and a backpack if they need one at Christmas. Typically, their back to school supplies need replenished. Also, each of the 250 households receives a health kit filled with hygiene products, wrapped in a new towel!

Each year we could use more small appliances, dishes, sheet sets, glasses etc. The people

we help at Christmas are excited over the simple things like a new coffee maker or crockpot! Last year we had a big shortage on blankets. Each household receives at least one blanket or quilt. We started collecting blankets for 2016 in January and we will need a lot more to fulfill the need.

Each child receives one bigger toy and other smaller items are available along with games, books, stuffed animals, stocking stuffers etc. Typically, we are lacking in the main gift area. If you can help with toys for children ages 2-12 and gifts for the teenagers we would be grateful.

Please look over the Christmas in July flyer and see how you can help. Doorstep is successful in helping people in need because of our member congregations working together to provide for their neighbors in need. If everyone pitches in just a little, big things will continue to happen!

Please bring your Christmas donations to worship in July or to Doorstep, Monday – Friday, 8am – 3pm.

Doorstep is in need of these food items for their pantry:

Rice—1 pound bags
Pinto Beans—1 pound bags
Jelly—any flavor
Egg Noodles
Macaroni & Cheese

Please pick up a few extra items when you do your grocery shopping. You can bring the items to church or drop off at Doorstep, 10th & Buchanan. They are open for donations Monday – Friday, 8am – 3pm. Please note our congregation and poundage on the clipboard by the door for credit.

WELCA NEWS

We invite you to come gather with us on July 20, 1:30 pm for Bible Study. The summer topic is "Treasure in Clay Jars." When we meet in July we will be discussing "The Heart of the Matter--Seeking God" centered on the

theme verse from **Jeremiah 29:13-- "When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart."** All are welcome! Come join us for inspiration and cool refreshments!

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE SYNOD ASSEMBLY REPORT PRESENTED ON SUNDAY, JUNE 19.

Our delegates to the Synod Assembly were Diane Bottorff and Ted Quast. The assembly theme was Giving in Hope.

What is stewardship? It's about more than money; more than the annual "pledge drive" each fall. It's a way of life; how the people of God live out God's mission in the world. Stewardship is not just about giving, but also about receiving. The #1 reason people give is their belief in the mission; they want to see the impact of their giving.

One of the workshops offered was *Called Forward Together in Christ: ELCA Future Directions*. During the discussion, three questions were posed:

1. What kind of church do we believe God is calling us to become?
2. How do we become an inclusive church that is inspiring and relevant in different communities?
3. If we had to decide that some things are more important than others in the next four to five years, what are the top three things?

Not mentioned in the report was a booklet called *Stories of Hope* that was distributed at the assembly. Two of the stories were submitted by Trinity, our Partnership with Baker School of Nursing and our Community Garden. The booklet will be available for you to view during coffee hour the next few Sundays.



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?



And don't forget to shop amazonsmile when you shop online!

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

The Feast of Pentecost was 50 days after Jesus had celebrated His last Passover Supper, then gave his life for us. For 50 days the disciples wandered without direction, without leadership; in a fog. God woke them up with a wild, rushing wind and with tongues of flame. They were ignited with the fire of the Holy Spirit and went forth to *tell the story of Jesus' life and His resurrection.*

July 4th will be the 50th day after the tongues of flame rained down on our congregation from the balcony of Trinity Lutheran Church. How has the fire of the Holy Spirit affected YOUR life? Have we been changed? Are there skyrocket experiences to share? Or quiet gifts of tenderness, peace and/or joy? Please share them by sending them (in 250 words or less) to:

Pentecost Project
725 Buchanan St, 66606

OR email to office@topekatlc.org

God is waiting to hear from you.

Please submit
FOR PUBLICATION:
HOW THE HOLY SPIRIT HAS WORKED THROUGH YOU
IN YOUR LIFE.
Deadline: September 25, 2016
(2 weeks after Rally Day)

Please submit:

1. your narrative, poem, haiku, artwork, transcript, audio file, etc...
2. Please include your name and contact information (not for publication)
3. a one sentence prayer or scripture reference
4. email your submission (or drop off at Trinity office) to: jacksonlk@aol.com
5. Questions? Need ideas? Need help getting it ready? We're here to help. Call us or a member of the Pentecost Project Task Force will be calling on you.
Julie Reeves jlrev@aol.com
Pr. Walt Laughlin wahl@networksplus.net
Laurie Jackson jacksonlk@aol.com

There is no limit on submissions. (Publication of submissions subject to editorial board review.) ALL TRINITY members guaranteed publication of one submission. Submissions limited to: 250 words or less, one page of artwork (color will be dependent on available funding). Children are included and encouraged to contribute. EVERY TRINITY member will be included in publication.

SHARE THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
IN YOUR LIFE!

JOY
LOVE
GOODNESS
GENTLENESS
KINDNESS
FAITHFULNESS
PATIENCE
FORBEARANCE
PEACE
GALATIANS 5:22

SHARE YOUR
GIFTS OF THE
HOLY SPIRIT!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

"So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them." Genesis 1:27

We are killing ourselves. We believe that all people are created in God's image. All of humanity bears a family resemblance. Those murdered in Orlando were not abstract "others," they are us. But somehow, in the mind of a deeply disturbed gunman, the LGBTQ community was severed from our common humanity. This separation led to the death of 49 and the wounding of 54 of **us**.

We live in an increasingly divided and polarized society. Too often we sort ourselves into like-minded groups and sort others out. It is a short distance from division to demonization. Yesterday, we witnessed the tragic consequences of this.

There is another way. In Christ God has reconciled the world to God's self. Jesus lived among us sharing our humanity. Jesus died for us to restore our humanity. God invites us into this reconciling work. This must be our witness as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. The perpetrator of this hate crime did not come out of nowhere. He was shaped by our culture of division, which itself has been misshapen by the manipulation of our fears. That is not who we are. St. Paul wrote, "So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation; everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new. All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ" (II Corinthians 5:17-20).

Our work begins now. We need to examine ourselves, individually and as a church, to acknowledge the ways we have divided and have been divided. We must stand with people who have been "othered". We must speak peace and reconciliation into the cacophony of hatred and division. We must live the truth that all people are created in God's image.

This morning your churchwide staff came together to mourn and to pray. We prayed for those killed in Orlando and remembered the Charleston Nine killed only a year ago. We prayed for the family of the shooter, for our LGBTQ brothers and sisters and for our Muslim brothers and sisters who now face the threat of retaliation. And we prayed that the Prince of Peace will bring us to the day when we stop killing ourselves.

Your sister in Christ,

Elizabeth A. Eaton

Presiding Bishop

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

DOORSTEP'S CHRISTMAS IN JULY

Each year we adopt 250 households for Christmas. There will be 700+ individuals in these households & we need your help in providing gifts & necessities.

Health Kit Items

Towels (new),
Washcloths (new),
Combs, Bar Soap,



Toys

Games - All Ages
Baby Dolls, Balls -
Football, Soccer,
Basketball
Teen Girls Gifts
Puzzles 100-500 pcs

**CHRISTMAS
IN JULY**

Household Gifts

Quilts, Blankets &
Sheet Sets
(Full, Queen & King)
Dish Sets, Toasters,
Hand Mixers,
Crockpots, Silverware,



Adult Gifts

Flashlights, Tool Sets,
Small Radios, Watches,
Aftershave, Playing Cards.

Please Bring Items To Worship Or Doorstep In July For Families Who Will Be Adopted This Christmas.