

TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
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Trinity Tidings

JUNE 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

JUNE 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

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5 Blood Pressure Checks after Worship	6	7 9 am Quilters	8	9
3 pm Community Garden Work Meeting	6-8 pm Youth Group	5 pm Women's AA	5:30 pm Women's AA	6 pm Men's AA
12 9 am Task Force/ Council Special Meeting	13	14 9 am Quilters	15	16 July <i>Trinity Tidings</i> deadline
3 pm Community Garden Work Meeting	5 pm Women's AA	7 am-6pm Topeka Gives @ Fairlawn Mall	1:30 pm Priscilla Circle Bible Study	6 pm Men's AA
19 Father's Day	20	21 9 am Quilters	22	23
3 pm Community Garden Work Meeting	6-8 pm Youth Group	5:30 pm Council	5:30 pm Women's AA	6 pm Men's AA
26	27 9 am Senior Breakfast @ Cracker Barrel	28 9 am Quilters	29	30
3 pm Community Garden Work Meeting	5 pm Women's AA	7 pm TLHA	5:30 pm Women's AA	6 pm Men's AA

CSS Synod Assembly - Wichita, KS



Trinity Tidings

JUNE 2016



PR. MAMY RANAIVOSON

Dear Trinity family,

We enter the summer period starting with June and there are already many things a lot of you have planned to do. And yes, all of us are going to be out there with family and friends. As far as the church calendar is concerned, we will be in the Season of Pentecost for a long period of time, until the Advent season.

I want to share statistic results from the American Church growth organization's research about how people are influenced to come to church:

- Evangelistic crusade: 0.5%
- Special needs: 1-2%
- Visitations: 1-2%
- Church program: 2-3%
- Walk-in: 2-3%

- Sunday School: 4-5%

- Pastor: 5-6%

-Family members or friends: 75-90%

This should encourage us to invite our family members and friends to attend church services on Sundays as it is shown that you are the most effective person that they will listen to! Once they are at church, we pray to God and we ask the Holy Spirit to touch their lives.

Trinity members, we are blessed to know that God's love for us is unchanging. God's faithfulness toward each one of us is never-ending and God's graciousness for us is ceaseless.

Blessings!

See you in church.

Pr J. Mamy Ranaivoson

SPECIAL ITEMS OF INTEREST:

- ◆ Heads up! The Pentecost Project has begun. Turn to page seven for an inspirational start and see how you can be involved.
- ◆ Congratulations to Zane, Parker and Joe on their confirmation. Photos on page six.
- ◆ Altar flowers are available June 5 and June 19.



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JUNE 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
June 5, 2016	Bob & Pam Kobbeman	Diane Bottorff	Laurie Jackson		Zane Kennedy	Marcy Carlson	Charlotte Blenden & Team 3	Walt & Helen Laughlin	Bob Horton	Pr. Mamy
June 12, 2016	Bob & Linda Stone	Diane Bottorff	Mitchell Bean	Marcy Carlson (2)	Joe Ranaivoson	Ted Murphy	Charlotte Blenden & Team 3	Howard & Loni Reece	Walt Laughlin	Pr. Mamy
June 19, 2016	David & Cindy McGinnis	Diane Bottorff	Laurie Jackson		Jake Kennedy	Bob Horton	Charlotte Blenden & Team 3	Rick & Janice Greelee	Bob Horton	Pr. Mamy
June 26, 2016	Martha Nemeth	Diane Bottorff	Marcia Dahlman	Curt & Jane Lewis (2)	Bronwyn King	Walt Laughlin		Howard & Loni Reece	Ted Murphy	Pr. Mamy

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@topekatic.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 GUILD

Charlotte's altar guild team will be unavailable June 26. Will another team volunteer to fill in that week, please?

ALTAR FLOWERS

Please note that there are two Sundays in June for which no one has volunteered to sponsor the altar flowers. If you would like to sponsor one or both vases on June 5th or June 19th, please contact the church office. Thanks.

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 at 233-0767.

After worship, please put your fresh flowers in alternate containers (coffee cans are available in the kitchen) and 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.

BLOOD PRESSURE
CHECKS
JUNE 5, 2016



**REGULAR BLOOD
PRESSURE CHECKS ARE
GOOD FOR YOU!**

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

JUNE CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays

- 1 Kyra Bennett
- 4 Charlotte Blenden
- 5 Duane Pomeroy
- 7 Meranda Bennett
- 10 Susan Erickson
- 12 John Carlson
- 14 Vickie Jacobs
- 17 Charlie Walker
- 19 Mary McGinnis
- 22 Joe Ranaivoson
- 23 Chris Arney
- 24 Jennifer Walker
- 25 Sherryl Coufal
- 26 LaVell Winsor

Baptisms

- 1 Rachel Heald
- 1 Jaden Hiltgen
- 4 Liz Utech
- 5 Vola Ranaivoson
- 7 Donna J. Allen
- 7 Noel Ranaivoson
- 10 Clara Ranaivoson
- 17 Ronnie Longren
- 18 Jim Erickson
- 20 Shane Pomeroy
- 21 Bridget Hiltgen
- 30 William Pomeroy

Wedding Anniversaries

- 25 Howard & Loni Reece
- 26 Merle & Bonnie Adams
- 26 Curt & Jane Lewis
- 30 Shane & Janalyn Pomeroy

JUNE READINGS

June 4 — Third Sunday of Pentecost

- 1 Kings 17:17-24
- Psalm 30
- Galatians 1:11-24
- Luke 7:11-17

June 12 — Fourth Sunday of Pentecost

- 2 Samuel 11:26—12:10, 13-15
- Psalm 32
- Galatians 2:15-21
- Luke 7:36—8:3

June 19 — Fifth Sunday of Pentecost

- Isaiah 65:1-9
- Psalm 22:19-28
- Galatians 3:23-29
- Luke 8:26-39

June 26 — Sixth Sunday of Pentecost

- 1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21
- Psalm 16
- Galatians 5:1, 13-25
- Luke 9:51-62



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

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS WITH BREAKFAST AT 9:00 AM.

CONFIRMATION CLASS FOR 7TH GRADE AND OLDER MEETS AT 9:15 AM IN THE TRINITY HALL LIBRARY.

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Roy & Rosemary O'Neil
3805 SW 18th St., Apt. 103
Topeka, KS 66604-3358

COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS, MAY 10, 2016

- Pr. Mamy explained The Manna's Project: Bag of Blessings and encouraged each council member to take one to share with a homeless person.
- Money will be moved from music fund and Thrivent into the general fund. Simply Solutions will be hired to set up Quickbooks bookkeeping for us.
- Dean suggested an AED unit, along with some first aid kits might be an appropriate use of some memorial money.
- Annual elevator inspection is due by July 1.
- Dean shared minutes of April 19 Task Force meeting and Congregational Vitality Project survey with a request to complete the survey and return at special meeting on June 12. By consensus, the Council agreed that it is possible to allow rented use of our building.
- Lutheran World Relief "Commemorate Reformation 500" will be reviewed at the June meeting.

CONGREGATION COUNCIL

PRESIDENT

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_____ 286-2728

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_____ 640-5344

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DOORSTEP – TOPEKA GIVES

The Topeka Community Foundation will host its 4th **Topeka Gives Event** to benefit local charities on **Tuesday, June 7th at Fairlawn Plaza Mall from 7am – 6pm**. Doorstep will be participating again this year and will have a booth at the event. The Foundation has \$73,500 available in match money for donations made to the 158 participating non-profits. The match will be made proportionately on donations of \$25 - \$1,000. Thanks to our wonderful donors, Doorstep received nearly \$12,712 last year to assist with agency needs and services. Please come out and join Doorstep staff and volunteers and help us raise needed funds. You must be present on June 7th to make your donation for the match money to be applied.

The "*A Fun Day of Giving*" through Topeka Gives and the Topeka Community Founda-

tion has grown significantly since the first year. The first Topeka Gives was a celebration of the Foundation's 30th Anniversary with \$30,000 in match money and 75 participating non-profits! This year it has grown to \$73,500 in match money and 158 non-profits! We want to thank the Topeka Community Foundation staff and volunteers for putting this event together each year to bring donors and non-profits together on one day!

For more information visit:

www.topekacommunityfoundation.org



WELCA NEWS

We are looking forward to the new summer schedule of Bible Study. It is titled "The Heart of the Matter--Conflict, Forgiveness and Reconciliation". The first lesson in this series is "Treasure in clay jars" based on 2 Corinthians 4:7. We'll meet on June 15, 1:30 pm in the Trinity Library. Come and enjoy the discussion, we'd enjoy having you with us!

Also, remember to bring your in-kind offering for the Women's Synod gathering to be

held July 29-31 at the Ramada Plaza Hotel and Oasis Convention Center, Springfield, MO. Everyone is welcome to participate in the tangible offering that will be taken which is toothbrushes and nutrition cereal bars. Bring those to the Quilting Room and place them in the designated box. For further convention information see Susan Fitz, Phone 232-1340.

God bless each of you with a beautiful summer!



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?

Vacation Bible School. will take place June 27 through July 1 at First Lutheran Church. VBS for preschoolers will be 9:00 am to 11:30 am; first through sixth graders will enjoy activities until 3:00 pm. Please contact the church office, 233-0767, if you would like to help with Bible School. Registration forms are available outside the church office.



Summer camping opportunities are just around the corner at Tomah Shinga. There are opportunities for first graders through high

school students as well as a week-end family camp. Each camper is asked to pay a \$25 deposit; if there will be more than two campers from the same family the maximum fee is \$50, with the remainder of the camp fee covered by the Reeves Foundation. Camp brochures are available outside the church office or from

Diane Bottorff. Registration is completed online. Call the office, 233-0767, if you need help with registration.



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!

CONFIRMATION 2016!



Parker Jackson, Joe Ranaivoson and Zane Kennedy with Pr. Mamy

Congratulations to Parker Jackson, Zane Kennedy, and Joe Ranaivoson on their confirmation May 15, 2016. Please keep them in your prayers.



Parker, Zane and Joe receiving blessings from Pr. Mamy.



Parker, Zane and Joe receiving their personalized Bibles from Council President Curt Lewis.

We want to include EVERY member of Trinity in the

Pentecost Project.

How has the Holy Spirit guided you in your life? Changed your life? Challenged you to use your special gifts? Moved you? Comforted you in a time of need? How do you "see" the Holy Spirit?

Come SHARE with us.

Questions? Contact
Laurie Jackson, 224-9683, (jacksonlk@aol.com),

Julie Reeves, 266-5335, (ljev@aol.com)

Pr. Walt Laughlin, 266-9357, (wlhl@networksplus.net).



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 WLHL@NETWORKSPUS.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!

A LETTER FROM THE BISHOP

The Royals had lost a heart-breaker to the Yankees the night before. It had come in the midst of a long road trip that had not gone well overall, and the boys were having trouble rising to the occasion. Some were saying last night's game had sort of summed up the season up to that point and served as a grim forecast of the rest of the road to October. The sports talk-show guys wanted to

know how Royals skipper Ned Yost felt about it all.

"Look," Yost said, "it's a 130-game season and we're 30 games into it. We need to stay focused on the game at hand. So I tell the guys, 'Look, you gotta forget about yesterday, you can't get it back. And don't be thinking about tomorrow, because



we're not there yet. All we've got is right now, right here, this one game that's right in front of us. It all boils down to this, what we're doing right now.' It's hard to keep that focus, especially when things aren't going great, but we gotta just keep grinding it out, day after day, and good things will happen."

I don't know if Yost is a Christian or if he goes to church or what he thinks about God, but I like his every-day, close-to-the-ground perspective and attitude. It's what makes for solid baseball teams, but I believe that approach is also what makes for a consistent, intentional, joyfully determined life as a follower of Jesus.

You might lament what some see as the passing of a glorious yesteryear when churches were packed (were they ever?), Sunday school teachers were in abundant supply (I never went to that church ...)

and the most coveted position in the congregation was Stewardship Committee chair (... or that one either). But even if that era existed, the day-to-day practice of faithfulness in all of life's dimensions still called for a primary focus on God which also summoned us to have a major concern for the well-being of "the other."

It's been said the Christian life is not for sissies. And this is why: it's not about "me"; it's about God, and then it's about "you." It takes a lot of re-

orienting to make that shift. And it's hard, when all of the voices around us shout that "I" and "me" are the center of the universe. But once you turn that corner and begin to look after what Jesus looks after, you begin to experience the freedom and the joy in claiming resurrection life for

yourself and then setting aside self-interest in favor of God's agenda.

This is, I believe, the essence of stewardship, the faithful use of the whole person, which is the focus of the upcoming Synod Assembly.

After all, when it comes to living the Christian life, "you gotta forget about yesterday, you can't get it back. And don't be thinking about tomorrow, because we're not there yet. All we've got is right now, right here, this one game that's right in front of us. It all boils down to this, what we're doing right now."

What we've got is right now, right here, the face of the person who's right in front of us. How will we live as the Gospel of Jesus?

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