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Trinity Tidings

MAY 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

MAY 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Blood Pressure Checks after Worship 3 pm Community Garden Work Meeting 6-8 pm Youth Group	2 5 pm Women's AA	3 9 am Quilters	4 6 pm W&M 5:30 pm Women's AA	5 National Day of Prayer 6 pm Men's AA	6	7
8 Mother's Day 3 pm Community Garden Work Meeting	9 5 pm Women's AA	10 9 am Quilters	11	12 6 pm Men's AA	13	14
15 Day of Pentecost Confirmation Last day of Sunday School for kids; 6-8 pm Youth Group	16 5 pm Women's AA	17 9 am Quilters	18 June Trinity Tidings deadline 5:30 pm Women's AA	19 6 pm Men's AA	20 5:30 pm BUSN Pinning Ceremony @ Grace Cathedral	21
22 Holy Trinity 1 pm BUSN Graduation @ Baldwin City Campus	23 9 am Senior Breakfast @ Cracker Barrel	24 9 am Quilters	25	26 1:30 pm Priscilla Circle Bible Study	27	28
P r . M a m y o n C o n t i n u i n g E d u c a t i o n						
29	30 Memorial Day 5 pm Women's AA	31 9 am Quilters 7 pm TLHA	5:30 pm Women's AA	6 pm Men's AA		
P r . M a m y o n C o n t i n u i n g E d u c a t i o n						
	5 pm Women's AA		EVERY SUNDAY: 9:00 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:15 AM ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL & CONFIRMATION CLASS 10:30 AM WORSHIP & HOLY COMMUNION			

Trinity Tidings

MAY 2016



PR. MAMY RANAIVOSON

Dear Trinity members,
Since the visit of the Synod Bishop Associate, Rev. Susan Canda, with the Trinity Task Force and Council members last month, I kept thinking of the questions she asked us, "**Who are we?**" and "**Why are we here?**"

The challenge in front of us is that we are greatly reduced in numbers due to many members who have passed away and we rarely have new members joining us. Nonetheless, we are still a church, meaning that we gather here where **the gospel is taught purely and the sacraments are administered rightly.** That makes us a church, because the church is not an institution, or an organization, or a building where we meet every Sunday. But we, the people, are the church, a community of relationships where people's selves are with God and with one another, bound by love.

That is who we are as church and who we are as God's beloved children, claimed by God through our Baptism. But that is not all. From the beginning of the Church, the Holy Spirit "calls, gathers, enlightens, and makes holy the whole Christian church on earth". The church has a mission. **Yes, we are called to participate in God's action in the world to redeem the world.**

Regardless of our numbers, God invites us to partner with God to share God's love through the world. In other words, we cannot just come here on Sunday to gather and that is it! Once we are nurtured and fed with the word of God and the Sacrament of Holy Communion and Baptism, our purpose is given to us and we are sent out into the world to share God's love through living our faith in daily life and through acts of service that we need to define in our context. I know that we have too many things going on here and there; I would rather concentrate on two or three things that meet our neighbor's needs and do more with them.

Blessings in your journey. Peace!

Rev J. Mamy Ranaivoson

SPECIAL ITEMS OF INTEREST:

- ◆ Pr. Mamy will be out of the office for Continuing Education May 17 through May 31.
- ◆ During Pr. Mamy's absence, Pr. Walt Laughlin will be on call. Contact the office, 233-0767, or call Pr. Walt, 266-9357, if pastoral care is needed.
- ◆ Pr. Elwyn Luber will preside on May 22 and May 29.



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MAY 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
May 1, 2016	Ted Quast	Ted Murphy	Laurie Jackson	Linda Longren (1) Laurie Jackson (1)	Zane Kennedy	Ted Murphy	Janeen Horton & Team 2	Marsha Chelson & Roxanne Wolf	Walt Laughlin	Pr. Mamy
May 8, 2016	Linda Longren	Ted Murphy	Mitchell Bean	Donna Allen (1) Marilyn Heckman (1)	Joe Ranaivoson	Linda Longren	Janeen Horton & Team 2	Eleanor Jewell & Roxanne Wolf	Marsha Chelson	Pr. Mamy
May 15, 2016	Curt & Jane Lewis	Ted Murphy	Laurie Jackson	Julie Reeves (2)	Jake Kennedy	Loni Reece	Janeen Horton & Team 2	Allen; Heckman; Marker	Bob Horton	Pr. Mamy
May 22, 2016	Susan Fitz	Ted Murphy	Mitchell Bean		Marcy Carlson	Ted Quast	Janeen Horton & Team 2	Liz Utech	Vickie Jacobs	Pr. Elwyn Luber
May 29, 2016	Walt & Helen Laughlin	Dean McGinnis	Mitchell Bean		Bronwyn King	Marsha Chelson	Janeen Horton & Team 2	Ted Quast	Ted Murphy	Pr. Elwyn Luber

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 FLOWERS

When altar flowers are not sponsored, the general budget must absorb the cost. So Church Council decided in March that silk flowers will be displayed on those Sundays with no sponsors. Janice Greenlee volunteered to create arrange-

ments for the different church seasons. Supplies were purchased with memorial funds designated for Betty Bottorff. Thank you to all involved in this new venture.

You may still sponsor "fresh" flowers for \$25 a vase. See flower chart in narthex for available dates. 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
MAY 1, 2016



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

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

MAY CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays

- 2 Jennifer Grubb
- 2 Chance Hutchison
- 4 Gianni Noriega
- 8 Jim Erickson
- 9 Brandon Soldan
- 11 Donna J. Allen
- 14 Daniella King
- 20 Tony Ibrahim
- 22 David McGinnis
- 23 Evelyn Johnson
- 25 Shane Pomeroy
- 26 Clara Ranaivoson

Baptisms

- 1 Jan Dick
- 1 Howard Kunard
- 1 Helen Laughlin
- 10 Brandon Cain
- 10 Naomi Walker
- 11 Karen Arney
- 11 Marcy Carlson
- 12 Pam Kobbeman
- 12 Emily McGinnis
- 12 Rosie Nichols
- 13 Erin Lewis
- 20 Kali Arney
- 20 Tom Arney
- 21 Breanna Lewis
- 26 Bronwyn King
- 26 Daniella King
- 26 Elania King
- 26 Sara King
- 26 Gianni Noriega
- 27 Larry McGinnis
- 30 Shawn Nowak
- 30 Brayden Winsor

Wedding Anniversaries

- 3 Tom & Karen Arney
- 27 Bill & Laurie Walker
- 28 Conrad & Sharon Youngblom
- 29 Russ & Tresa Johnson
- 30 Steve & Julie Cain
- 31 Jerry & Marsha Chelson
- 31 James & Cathy Tunnell

MAY READINGS

May 1 — Sixth Sunday of Easter

- Acts 16:9-15
- Psalm 67
- Revelation 21:10, 22—22:5
- John 14:23-29 or
- John 5:109

May 8 — Seventh Sunday of Easter

- Acts 16:16-34
- Psalm 97
- Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21
- John 17:20-26

May 15 — Day of Pentecost

- Acts 2:1-21 or
- Genesis 11:1-9
- Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
- Romans 8:14-17 or
- Acts 2:1-21
- John 14:8-17 [24-27]

May 22 — The Holy Trinity

- Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31
- Psalm 8
- Romans 5:1-5
- John 16:12-15

May 29 — Second Sunday of Pentecost

- 1 Kings 8:22-23, 41-43
- Psalm 96:1-9
- Galatians 1:1-12
- Luke 7:1-10



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
DATE CHANGE!!**

PRISCILLA CIRCLE

will meet for Bible Study
Thursday, May 26, 1:30 pm,
in the Trinity Hall library.

A LITTLE CHANGE MAKES A BIG CHANGE



During Lent the Learning Committee asked us to save coins so that school supplies could be purchased for children and schools in underdeveloped countries through ELCA Good Gifts. Our goal for “A Little

Change Makes a Big Change” was \$400. to purchase supplies for a classroom. We exceeded our goal, \$635.23 was collected!! This will buy school supplies for a classroom plus supplies for 23 individual students. Thanks for your generous support. Together we do more than we could ever do alone.

PARTNERSHIP WITH BAKER UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF NURSING

Baker University School of Nursing Pinning Ceremony, May 20, 5:30pm at Grace Cathedral. There are 38 graduates. Baker University Graduation at Baldwin City Campus, May 22,

1pm. The 38 graduates will received their Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree. All are welcome to both of these events.

A heartfelt thanks to our members who assisted Baker nursing students with Life Review Interviews and Home Safety Assessments during the Spring Semester. Life Review: Walt Laughlin, Marsha Chelson, Jerry Chelson, Marilyn Hypse, Barbara Apps, Chuck Sodergren, Eleanor Jewell, Marie Henrikson.

Home Safety Assessments: Laughlins, David and Cindy McGinnis, Chelsons, Pomeroy, Utechs, Markers, Donna Allen, and Marilyn Heckman.

The Lutheran Fine Arts Council of Topeka invites all Lutheran artists in the Topeka area to be part of their FIRST FRIDAY ART WALK which will be held in conjunction with Topeka’s First Friday Art Walk. The event will be held at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 3625 SW Wanamaker Dr., May 6th from 5:30-8:00 p.m.

This is a great opportunity to share your art with the Topeka community, with the option to sell. Questions or to register, please contact Susan Thowe at srthowe@gmail.com or 785-969-4342.



MAY 6 . 5:30 - 8:00 pm
PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
3625 SW WANAMAKER RD . TOPEKA

Artwork by new and returning Lutheran artists from the Topeka community will be shown with some items available for purchase

sponsored by
Lutheran Fine Arts
Council of Topeka
for more information,
or to be included in this event,
contact Susan Thowe
srthowe@gmail.com or 379-0435

LEARNING COMMITTEE NEWS

BAKER UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF NURSING NEWS

LUTHERAN FINE ARTS COUNCIL OF TOPEKA

COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS, APRIL 19, 2016

- Rev. Susan Candea, Bishop's Associate participated in the Council meeting for a short time, explaining that she is available to help the Task Force and congregation to discover where we might be headed as a church.
- Bob Kobbeman is working with Cindy and Janice to make a friendlier bookkeeping system. He is also reviewing the use of restricted funds.
- Diane Bottorff reported that \$635.23 was collected during Lent for school supplies for children in underdeveloped countries. This well exceeded their goal of \$400. Diane recommended the use of \$250 (4026 Youth Ministry) to help with 'The Manna's Project: Bags of Blessings'. This was approved by consensus. She also said Mac Hinson wants some help introducing some kids he works with at Garfield Community Center to the church. Dean will investigate this further.
- The boiler maintenance contract is up for renewal at a slightly higher cost than last year. (\$1,098). This was approved. Howard Reece will seek bids to repair the balcony ceiling and the west windows of church. Carrie Lobb will be retained to mow our property during the summer as needed; we will now pay \$60 each time.
- Linda Longren had tickets available for a quilt drawing for the benefit of Doorstep.
- Pr. Mamy will contact Central Congregational Church to see if they would like to join us or use our facilities when their church closes.
- Diane Bottorff and Ted Quast volunteered to attend the Central States Synod Assembly in June.
- Dean said Rev. Candea will also help us change the quorum needed for our annual meeting.
- The Fifth Sunday Special in May will be collected for offering to be given at the Synod Assembly.

CONGREGATION COUNCIL

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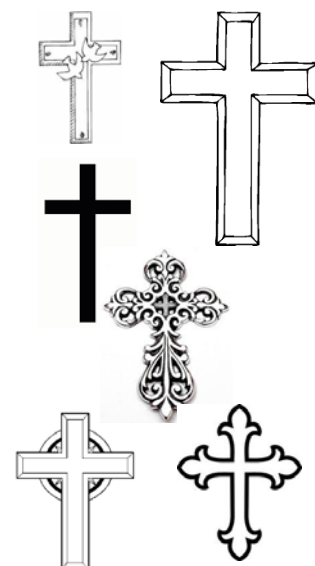
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CROSSES ON DISPLAY DURING LENT

Thank you to the many Trinity members and friends who so generously shared their personal crosses. They have truly served as inspiration during the Lenten and Easter seasons. Each one seemed to tell a special story and we wish we could know where they came from and how they came to their owners. If you would like to share the story of your own cross, please send it to Trinity at 725 Buchanan, 66606, or type it into an email to

office@tlctopeka.org so that we can share it with others in the next Tidings. Don't forget to describe your cross as well.

You may pick up your crosses any time before Sunday, May 15, when we'll be celebrating the Feast of Pentecost and the coming of the Holy Spirit.



WELCA NEWS

We have received the mailing with all the details of the 29th Convention of the Central States Synod Women of the ELCA. The convention will take place July 29-31 at the Ramada Plaza Hotel and Oasis Convention Center, Springfield, Missouri.

See Susan Fitz for registration forms and details including the tentative agenda. The theme of the Convention is "Faith Moves Mountains", Matthew 17:2.

Our instructions to participate in the in-kind offering is a collection of toothbrushes and nutri-

tious cereal bars. You may bring your offering anytime and place it in the collection box located in the Quilter's Room marked "WELCA Convention In-kind Offering."

The next Bible Study meeting of Priscilla Circle will be Thursday May 26, 1:30 p.m. in Trinity Library. The lesson is titled "Sisters Across the Generations...Mary and Elizabeth", based on Luke 1:26-56. Circle this date on your calendar and join us for fellowship and reflection. All are WELCOME!

5TH SUNDAY SPECIAL

On May 29th, we will provide envelopes for a 5th Sunday Special offering. This offering will be sent with our delegates, Diane Bottorff and Ted Quast, to the Central States Synod Assembly in June. The Synod will divide this money between three ministries:

- Lutheran Campus Ministry — to support the work done in and through the students at K-State in Manhattan, KU in Lawrence and the St. Louis campuses in Missouri.
- Partners Ministry — to help fund one of the synod's newest mission developments which reaches out to the Latino community in Wichita.
- ELCA World Hunger Appeal — to participate in the World Hunger Appeal, part of the "Always Being Made New" ELCA campaign.

CAMERON WADE MCGINNIS

Cameron, son of Michael & Meghan McGinnis was born Friday, April 15. Cameron is the grandson of David and Cindy McGinnis and great-grandson of Jane Velen.



SUMMER CAMPING FUN IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER AT TOMAH SHINGA.

There are opportunities for first grade through high school students as well as a week-end family camp. Each camper is asked to pay a \$25 deposit; if there are 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 from the church office or from Diane Bottorff. Registration is completed online.



Mothers' Day March for Reducing Gun Violence

Sunday, May 8, 2016 2:30 PM

We will meet at Temple Beth Sholom

4200 SW Munson Ave.

and walk to the amphitheater at Gage Park (arriving at approximately 3 PM) where we will be remembering victims of homicide in Topeka during the past year.

For More Information Please call

TOPEKA CENTER FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE

785-232-4388

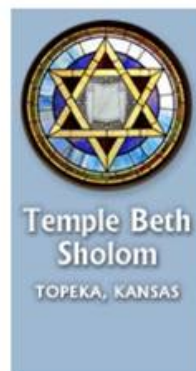


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Topekan's Against Gun
Violence



Take your Mother out to dinner, then join us for this important walk. This is for everyone!



COMMUNICATION TREE

Many years ago, we had a phone tree in place as a way to spread information quickly. Basically, each person called a few more people so that everyone in the congregation got the news.

Today, we send out a lot of information via email. Email gets the information out quickly, but not as thoroughly since so many of our members do not have email. Information can still be sent via US Post Office, but we all know how much more time-consuming and expensive that would be.

So a Communication Tree has been suggested to combine the speed of email and with

the personal contact of the telephone.

It will require volunteers, however! Would you, as the recipient of an email message, be willing to phone two or three folks who do not have email to relay a message? This could work not only to spread information, but also serve as a way to check up on or visit with a fellow member.

Details need to be worked out, but if you think this would be a viable idea, please contact the church office by phone, 233-0767, or email office@topekatlch.org. Contacting the office does not necessarily mean you are volunteering, just providing input at this time.



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!

THANK YOU!

Curt Lewis says thank you to Howard Reece, Marcy Carlson and Ben Carlson for their help with changing/replacing light bulbs in the church sanctuary.

It's Coming!

THE PENTECOST PROJECT!

Watch for it SUNDAY, MAY 15TH

Where is the Holy Spirit in my life?

Who is the Holy Spirit?

Why do we celebrate Pentecost?

What is the Holy Spirit?

Is the Holy Spirit God?