

TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

725 SW Buchanan Street

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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

TRINITY TIDINGS

DECEMBER 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

DECEMBER 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
EVERY SUNDAY: 9:00 AM CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:15 AM INTERGENERATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30 AM WORSHIP & HOLY COMMUNION					1	2
3 Blood Pressure Checks after Worship 6:30 PM HOT NIA meeting 5:30-8:30 pm Youth Group	4 5 pm Women's AA	5 9 am Quilters 4 pm W&M mtg.	6 Midweek Advent Soup & Service 5:30 pm soup supper 6:15 worship 5:30 pm Women's AA	7 7 pm Men's AA	8	9
10 Bring treats for BUSN Christmas Potluck Dinner after worship	11 Trinity Treat @ BUSN 5 pm Women's AA	12 9 am Quilters 5:30 pm Council	13 Midweek Advent Soup & Service 5:30 pm soup supper 6:15 worship 5:30 pm Women's AA	14 January Trinity Tidings deadline 7 pm Men's AA	15	16
17 5:30-8:30 pm Youth Group	18 5 pm Women's AA	19 9 am Quilters	20 Midweek Advent Soup & Service 5:30 pm soup supper 6:15 worship 5:30 pm Women's AA	21 7 pm Men's AA	22	23
24 10:30 AM ONLY CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP No adult or children's Sunday school Dec. 24 or Dec. 31.	25 5 pm Women's AA	26 9 am Quilters 7 pm TLHA	27 5:30 pm Women's AA	28 7 pm Men's AA	29	30
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Special Items of Interest

- ◆ Midweek Advent services, starting with soup suppers, will be December 6th, 13th, and 20th. Services will feature Holden Evening Prayer and Old Testament lesson discussion.
- ◆ Mark your calendar for December 10; we will have a pot-luck dinner after worship.
- ◆ Christmas Eve service will take place on December 24 at 10:30 AM—no evening service this year.



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ADVENT— *we prepare for the coming of the Christ child*

The holiday season is certainly upon us. No doubt you've seen early hints and perhaps not-so-subtle signs of it during the past several months. Some of us "old timers" may lament the "good old days" when retail stores held off on their Christmas advertising and promotions until after Thanksgiving. Not so in the culture in which we reside today! That's something that's changed for sure. Or maybe you're immune to these early signs the commercial world has dangled in front of us, consciously or otherwise, the past few months.

The secular world certainly imposes on us, vying for our time and attention, oftentimes diverting us from the true meaning of Christmas—God's gift to the world, our Savior Jesus Christ. Yet as Christians, if we stay focused, we can prepare our hearts and minds to once again receive the Christ child. We can rejoice in the

fulfillment of God's promises made long ago. We can celebrate Emmanuel—God with us.

During Advent, I invite you to join us for worship throughout the month, not only on Sunday mornings at 10:30 beginning December 3, but also to three special Wednesday evenings in Fellowship Hall. We'll gather each week, December 6, 13, and 20 for bread, soup, and dessert supper in Fellowship Hall beginning at 5:30. After the meal at 6:15 we'll again use the Holden Evening Prayer service and study the first lesson reading for the upcoming Sunday. Some of you participated last spring during Lent when we used this format. A number of Trinity members' feedback indicated they enjoyed learning more about the Old Testament readings on Wednesday evenings and found those readings more meaningful when they heard them again from the lectern on Sunday mornings. Typically the Old Testament readings, quite frankly, get lost and overshadowed

by the New Testament readings and Gospel—upon which most sermons are based. So here's your chance to enjoy a home-cooked light supper, fellowship, worship, and Bible study. The first readings and corresponding Bible studies for the second, third, and fourth weeks in Advent are as follow:

Isaiah 40: 1-11
(December 6)

Isaiah 61: 1-4, 8-11
(December 13)

2 Samuel 7: 1-11, 16
(December 20)

As we enter this busy time of year, I pray that God will guide your path to welcome and receive the Christ child, this greatest of all gifts.

Pastor Alan



INTERIM PASTOR ALAN SAATKAMP

TRINITY TIDINGS

Worship Assistants								
Date	Greeter(s)	Usher(s)	Musicians	Lector	Altar Guild	Coffee Host(s)	Assisting Minister	Presiding Minister
Dec. 3, 2017	Eleanor Jewell	Walt Laughlin	Laurie Jackson	Walt Laughlin	Team 2 Share	Junior & Liz Utech	Bob Horton	Interim Pastor Alan Saatkamp
Dec. 10, 2017	Walt & Helen Laughlin	Howard Reece	Laurie Jackson	Martha Nemeth	Team 2 Share	Potluck Dinner	Ted Murphy	Interim Pastor Alan Saatkamp
Dec. 17, 2017	Ted Murphy		Mitchell Bean	Debbie Pomeroy	Team 2 Share	Janice Greenlee	Mary Heald	Interim Pastor Alan Saatkamp
Dec. 24, 2017 Christmas Eve	Martha Nemeth	Curt Lewis	Laurie Jackson		Team 2 Share	Diane Bottorff & Martha Nemeth		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.

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS

DEC. 3, 2017



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

Please note that the deadline for the December issue of Trinity Tidings will be a bit early in December; Thanksgiving has an effect on mail delivery!

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>

TRINITY TIDINGS

DECEMBER CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays

- 3 Junior Utech
- 11 Tom Arney
- 14 Brad Carpenter
- 14 Sara King
- 16 Edwin Brown
- 16 Chelsea Carpenter
- 22 Troy Pomeroy
- 23 Jeff Longren
- 25 Don Field
- 27 Cindy McGinnis
- 30 Karen Arney
- 30 Brett Henry
- 30 Adeline Klamm

Baptisms

- 5 Bonnie Adams
- 8 Peggy Buchholz
- 8 Walt Laughlin
- 9 Junior Utech
- 10 Roy O'Neil
- 12 Jane Velen
- 15 Ivan Carlson
- 21 Marlys Hiltgen
- 21 Tresa Johnson
- 25 Andrew Carpenter
- 25 Dustin Carpenter
- 26 Debbie Pomeroy
- 29 Janice Greenlee
- 30 Kai Field

Wedding Anniversaries

- 29 Carl & Betty Quarnstrom

DECEMBER READINGS

December 3 — 1st Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 64:1-9
 Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19
 1st Corinthians 1:3-9
 Mark 13:24-37

December 10 — 2nd Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 40:1-11
 Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13
 2nd Peter 3:8-15a
 Mark 1:1-8

December 17 — 3rd Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11
 Psalm 126
 1st Thessalonians 5:16-24
 John 1:6-8, 19-28

December 24 — 4th Sunday of Advent

2nd Samuel 7:1-11, 16
 Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26
 Romans 16:25-27
 Luke 1:26-38

December 24 — Christmas Eve

Isaiah 9:2-7
 Psalm 96
 Titus 2:11-14
 Luke 2:1-14 [15-20]

December 31 — 1st Sunday of Christmas

Isaiah 61:10-62:3
 Psalm 148
 Galatians 4:4-7
 Luke 2:22-40

MIDWEEK ADVENT SERVICES

Wednesday nights

December 6th, 13th & 20th

Soup at 5:30 pm

Service: 6:15 pm

Join us for warm soup and fellowship, followed by worship with the Holden Evening Prayer Service and discussion of Old Testament lessons.

DECEMBER 10

Christmas Potluck dinner after worship, hosted by Church Council. Please join us.

**youth
group**
 SCHEDULE

Youth Group is scheduled to meet December 3rd and December 19th.



Don't forget to order your poinsettia for Christmas Eve! See the order form in your bulletin or call the church office, 233-0767.

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DOORSTEP NEWS – DECEMBER 2017

Our country has been hit hard the past several months with natural disasters and mass shootings. It has been hard to see the images, as people have lost their homes, belongings, and even family and friends in the floods, hurricanes, wildfires and shootings. The nation is hurting all over. In the midst of these images, we have seen heroes emerge, strangers helping strangers, and just like here at home, neighbors helping neighbors.

Many of you have likely donated money or items to those who are in need, far away from here, to help where you can. As we have watched these events unfold around the country, each day here at Doorstep, we are still faced with those who are struggling here in our city. We see people who are in danger of losing their home to eviction, and need help getting back on their feet. We see mothers who need clothing for their growing children, and cannot afford to buy them herself. We see families and individuals who are hungry, and need a food order. And, adults who need help with a dental or prescription voucher to help them feel better; or a gas voucher or bus tickets to get to/from work or medical appointments.

THANKS to some of our senior members who participated in Life Review interviews with Baker nursing students during the Fall semester. Those gracious folks were: Marilyn Hypse, Walt Laughlin, Marie Henriksen, Junior Utech, Marcy Carlson, Janelle Meredith, Marilyn Heckman and thanks also to Carol and Gay Marker who helped a student with her assignment to do a home safety assessment.

This year has hit us hard as people have been helping around the country during these difficult times. We need a strong donation flow to help us finish up 2017. Particularly as we head into December, and Doorstep adopts 250 households for Christmas, just as we have done in the past. There are over 700 individuals in these households, and they all receive gifts, clothing, a food order, blankets, quilts and toys for the children. Please consider giving your year-end gifts to Doorstep.

The Christmas Store is the week of December 10th – 14th. We need volunteers each day. Flyers have been distributed on the items we need to provide Christmas for 700+ individuals in these 250 households. We ask that items be new for the Christmas Store. You can bring donations for the Doorstep Christmas Store, Monday – Friday from 8am – 3pm. We are located at 1119 SW 10th Avenue (10th and Buchanan), or to your congregation.

You can also donate online at:
www.doorsteptopeka.org

The staff at Doorstep wishes each of you a Happy Holiday & a Blessed New Year!

2017 5TH SUNDAY SPECIALS

December 31
ELCA World Hunger



TRINITY TREAT DAY AT BAKER SCHOOL OF NURSING MONDAY, DEC. 11

Please bring 3 dozen of your item to the kitchen Sunday, Dec. 10. We need treats for 135 students who are taking end-of-semester exams on Dec. 11th.

**Please bring your donation to the kitchen
on Sunday, December 10th.**

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Council Meeting Highlights, Nov. 14, 2017

- ◆ It was noted that our giving income is behind what is needed to keep pace with our expenditures.
 - ◆ Debbie Pomeroy has agreed to serve on the Finance/Stewardship Committee. Bob Horton will give some temple talks this year regarding stewardship using a Time and Talents Sheet, which will also include a section for planned financial giving in 2018.
 - ◆ Howard reported that the lights on the sanctuary level by the elevator are now working. The elevator door will not close; a service call has been requested.
 - ◆ Dean reported that Marcy Carlson and Jeff Longren are willing to join Witness/Outreach Committee; a meeting will be scheduled. Dean gave an update of the meeting that we hosted on Oct. 18, seven area religious organizations attended.
- This meeting was a success and a follow-up meeting in November at Trinity has been scheduled. Linda gave an update on Doorstep needs and fundraiser.
- ◆ Council agreed to serve as hosts for the Dec. 10th meal after worship. One worship service will be held on Dec. 24, 2017 at 10:30am (fourth Sunday of advent and Christmas Eve).
 - ◆ Safety in our church in light of the recent church shootings was discussed. Our bishop sent out an email (11-8-17) regarding safety resources and it was suggested to ask Josh Klamm for his suggestions.
 - ◆ The special congregational meeting Sunday, November 12 meeting was successful. Annual meeting scheduled to be held January 28, 2018, following worship. At this meeting we will ratify the new constitution; we need 50

voting members present at this meeting.

- ◆ Doorstep will be designated to receive the monetary offerings at the joint Thanksgiving Eve service.

ADOPT A FAMILY FOR CHRISTMAS

Once again this December, the Learning Committee is sponsoring the adoption of a family in need during the Christmas season.

We ask the congregation's support of this outreach. If you are able, please make a monetary donation so that we can shop for items the family needs. Place your donation in the offering, marked "Christmas adoption" or mail it to the church office no later than Wednesday, December 13.

We are invited to help with the Lutheran Campus Ministry's

ALLEN FIELDHOUSE CLEANUP FUNDRAISER

One of their major fundraisers for the year is the Allen Fieldhouse Cleanup. This is an important fundraising event for them, which they typically do after a double-header and this year is no exception. They will clean the entire bleacher area in preparation for the next event at KU. If you would like to help out, bring your dirty work clothes and your best game!

They will have approximately 50 tickets on hand for the Men's December 10th game. However, because of issues in the past,

we are now requiring a deposit for the tickets in case you attend the game but not the cleanup.

You may sign up for one or both shifts. We will work from 3-7 pm and then 9 pm-12 am and on into the night, so please plan on staying the entire time.

Plan to meet on December 10th at the LCM House at or before noon for lunch and a watch party as KU takes on Arizona State at noon. After the game, cleaning will begin at 3 pm and continue until the start of the women's game at 7 pm, followed by more cleaning from 9 till midnight. After we're done there, ??? Questions? Contact Shawnatlutherans@ku.edu.

2017 Doorstep Christmas Wish List

Doorstep is adopting 250 Households for Christmas and we need your help with donations!

Toys

Puzzles 100-500 pcs
Back Packs
Color Books/Crayons
School Supplies
Toys for Ages 2-12
No Stuffed Animals Please



Toys

Girls Jewelry
Games - All Ages
Baby Dolls
Balls - Football, Soccer, Basketball
Teenage Girls Gifts

Men's

Boxer Briefs S - XL
Flashlights
Tool Sets
Small Radios
Aftershave & Socks
Watches
Playing Cards
Jeans & Sweats



Women & Teens

Larger Sized Bras
Underwear S-XL
Cosmetics
Jewelry & Socks
Jeans, Sweats & PJ's
Teen Sized Clothing

Children's

(Boys & Girls)

Jeans Sizes 6-16
Clothing Sizes 2T-16
Pajamas 2T-14
Socks & Underwear

Health Kit Items

Towels, Washcloths, Combs, Soap, Deodorant, Toothpaste/brushes, Shampoo/Conditioner

Household Gifts

Quilts, Blankets & Sheet Sets (Full/Queen/King), Dish Sets, Toasters, Hand Mixers, Glass Sets, Pots/Pans, Etc.

Bring Donations to Doorstep at 10th & Buchanan Mon - Fri from 8am - 3pm

Or

To Your Congregation for Delivery to Doorstep.

Christmas Store Schedule – We Need Volunteers!

Sunday, December 10 th	Move Items to 1 st Naz.	2pm - 5pm
Monday, December 11 th	Sort Donated Items	9am – 4pm
Tuesday, December 12 th	Sort Donated Items	9am – 2pm
Wednesday, December 13 th	Escort Clients at Store	8am – 8pm
Thursday, December 14 th	Escort Clients at Store	8am – 12pm
Thursday, December 14 th	Move Items to Doorstep	12pm - 3pm

If you can volunteer, call the Doorstep office, 357-5341.