

TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

725 SW Buchanan Street

Topeka, Kansas 66606-1426

CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

TRINITY TIDINGS

APRIL 2018

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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

April 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 <p>1 Easter Sunday 9-9:45 Potluck Breakfast No adult Sunday school 5:30-8:30 pm Youth Group</p>	<p>2 5 pm Women's AA</p>	<p>3 9 am Quilters 5:15 pm W&M mtg.</p>	<p>4 5:30 pm Women's AA</p>	<p>5 7 pm Men's AA</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8 Blood Pressure Checks after Worship 11:45-12:15 Home communion visit training</p>	<p>9 5 pm Women's AA</p>	<p>10 9 am Quilters 4:30 pm Learning 5:30 pm Council</p>	<p>11 6:30-8 pm Historic Old Town NIA meeting 5:30 pm Women's AA</p>	<p>12 7 pm Men's AA</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15 5:30-8:30 pm Youth Group</p>	<p>16 5 pm Women's AA</p>	<p>17 9 am Quilters</p>	<p>18 May <i>Trinity Tidings</i> deadline 10 am Priscilla Circle Bible Study 5:30 pm Women's AA</p>	<p>19 7 pm Men's AA</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22 3 pm LFACT Hymn Fest @ Grace Cathedral</p>	<p>23 5 pm Women's AA</p>	<p>24 9 am Quilters 7 pm TLHA</p>	<p>25 5:30 pm Women's AA</p>	<p>26 7 pm Men's AA</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29 5th Sunday Special for Doorstep 5:30-8:30 pm Youth Group</p>	<p>30 5 pm Women's AA</p>	<p>31 9 am Quilters</p>	<p>EVERY SUNDAY: 9:00 AM CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:15 AM INTERGENERATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30 AM WORSHIP & HOLY COMMUNION</p>			

Special Items of Interest

- ◆ April blood pressure checks will be done on April 8th, the second Sunday, instead of the first Sunday.
- ◆ Don't forget to bring your little red barns filled with money, to church on Easter.
- ◆ Doorstep has an critical need for food for the pantry; see page 4 for a list of needed items.
- ◆ Easter breakfast will be potluck-style this year; bring your favorite breakfast dish to share!



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Philippians 2:5-11

⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, ⁷but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, ⁸he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

By the time you read this, no doubt we'll be fully immersed in Holy Week, which began on Palm Sunday. Paul's letter to the Philippians captures, I think, what Holy Week is about. Although Jesus experienced a joyous entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, the people cheering him on had dif-

ferent expectations for what his arrival would mean for them.

But Paul saw it differently, with the benefit of decades of hindsight. What's that expression? Hindsight is 20-20? Paul hits the ball out of the park, to borrow a baseball metaphor, pointing out that Jesus, born in human likeness and found in human form, humbled himself and gave his life on a cross. Christ suffered death for our sins.

And how should we respond? "... at the name of Jesus every knee should bend ... and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

These past 40 days during our journey through Lent gave us the opportunity to reflect on God's covenants throughout the Old Testament. God's commitments, God's agreements, God's contracts with his people. And throughout history,

even though God's people made bad choices and turned away from God, God never gave up on God's people. God wants very much to be in relationship with God's people, no matter how stubborn, indifferent, or oppositional we might be. How does God's love manifest itself in your life? How do you witness to our Risen Savior who lives and reigns now and forever? Christ is risen! Hallelujah!

Transitional Pastor Alan Saatkamp, Deacon



INTERIM PASTOR ALAN SAATKAMP



TRINITY TIDINGS

Worship Assistants									
Date	Greeter(s)	Usher(s)	Musicians	Lector	Acolyte	Altar Guild	Coffee Hosts	Assisting Minister	Presiding Minister
April 1, 2018 Easter	Junior & Liz Utech	Walt Laughlin	Laurie Jackson	Loni Reece	Ted Murphy	Diane Bottorff & Team 1	No coffee hour	Vickie Jacobs	Pr. Alan Saatkamp
April 8, 2018	Dorothy Strom	Dean McGinnis	Laurie Jackson	Ted Quast	Duane Pomeroy	Diane Bottorff & Team 1	Ted Quast	Ted Murphy	Pr. Alan Saatkamp
April 15, 2018	Diane Bottorff	Ted Murphy	Mitchell Bean	Marcy Carlson	Curt Lewis	Diane Bottorff & Team 1	Laurie Jackson	Bob Horton	Pr. Alan Saatkamp
April 22, 2018	Donna Allen	Duane Pomeroy	Laurie Jackson	Debbie Pomeroy	Laurie Jackson	Diane Bottorff & Team 1	Duane & Debbie Pomeroy	Mary Heald	Pr. Alan Saatkamp
April 29, 2018	Vickie Jacobs	Bob Horton	Mitchell Bean	Diane Bottorff	Parker Jackson	Diane Bottorff & Team 1	Junior & Liz Utech	Marsha Ridinger	Pr. Alan Saatkamp



Prayer Requests

The prayer chain has not been used for a long time. We are here for you when you need prayers. Contact Barbara Apps at 249-7244 to start the prayer chain.

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>



Please note that April blood pressure checks will be done on the **2nd Sunday** since the first Sunday is Easter.

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS
APRIL 8, 2018

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

TRINITY TIDINGS

APRIL CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays

- 5 Taylor Hiltgen
- 5 Blayne Pomeroy
- 5 Tyler Tunnell
- 5 Naomi Walker
- 6 Mike Andrews
- 6 Lucille Brill
- 9 Rachel Heald
- 10 Breanna Lewis
- 10 Emily McGinnis
- 11 Isis Pomeroy
- 21 Peggy Buchholz
- 22 Janet Dick
- 26 Shawn Nowak
- 27 Kegan Longren
- 30 Kasey Hiltgen
- 30 Marsha Ridinger

Baptisms

- 1 Chuck Sodergren
- 1 Bill Walker
- 2 Jerry Chelson
- 4 Danny Erickson
- 6 Rhonda Webb
- 8 Patricia Raymond
- 8 Susan Kelly
- 10 Brad Carpenter
- 10 Sara McGinnis
- 12 Susan Carpenter
- 17 Linda Longren
- 28 Lucille Brill
- 30 Trey Horton

Wedding Anniversaries

- 1 Don & Linda Longren
- 11 Walt & Helen Laughlin
- 14 Duane & Debbie Pomeroy
- 17 Gay & Carol Marker

APRIL READINGS

April 1—Easter

- Acts 10:34-43
- Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
- 1st Corinthians 15:1-11
- Mark 16:1-8

April 8—2nd Sunday of Easter

- Acts 4:32-35
- Psalm 133
- 1st John 1:1—2:2
- John 20:19-31

April 15—3rd Sunday of Easter

- Acts 3:12-19
- Psalm 4
- 1st John 3:1-7
- Luke 24:36b-48

April 22—4th Sunday of Easter

- Acts 4:5-12
- Psalm 23
- 1st John 3:16-24
- John 10:11-18

April 29—5th Sunday of Easter

- Acts 8:26-40
- Psalm 22:25-31
- 1st John 4:7-21
- John 15:1-8

SPECIAL EMPHASIS DURING LENT

God's Global Barnyard has been our special emphasis during Lent. Please bring your little red barn to church on Easter Sunday. If you didn't collect your coins (and bills) in a red barn, you can make a contribution designated to "God's Global Barnyard". All funds collected



will go to ELCA Good Gifts to purchase farm animals for our neighbors in developing countries around the world.



Youth Group is scheduled to meet
April 1
April 15
April 29

See Camp Tomah Shinga 2018 information brochure on pages 11 & 12.

LEARNING COMMITTEE NEWS

There will no adult Sunday school class on Easter. The *Animate: Practice* series will continue on April 8. The final session in this series is April 29. Each lesson is self-contained so if you miss a class you can pick up where you left off. Join us in the lounge of Trinity Hall at 9:15 am.



ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL MEETS ON SUNDAY MORNINGS AT 9:15 AM.

DOORSTEP NEWS – APRIL 2018

We had a successful **Operation Soup Line!** Thank you to everyone who helped out by selling tickets, making desserts, donating baskets, volunteering, and attending the event! A great big Thank You to Cathy Butler who made all of the soup and chili!! We almost met our highest number of delivery orders again this year with 421, just 2 shy! In all, we served 1,015 for lunch through delivery orders, carry out, and at the event! We had 46 theme baskets making over \$3,100 for the event! In total, we made \$18,351* for the 15th Annual event! (*Estimated – waiting on bills and final deposit).

We will have just one food sale fundraiser this year! We will take orders for **Cinnamon Rolls and Tamales April 7th – 22nd**, with delivery the weekend of May 4th. Find your Doorstep representative to place an order, and help Doorstep bring in much needed funds!

Doorstep's **Annual Banquet** honoring our volunteers will be at St. Andrews Presbyterian

Church this year! Mark your calendar for **Thursday, April 26th at 6:30pm.** We will have a speaker, entertainment, volunteer awards, quilt drawing, taco bake for dinner and a Love Offering for Doorstep! Reservations are due by April 24th. Call the Doorstep office (8am – 3pm) to RSVP, 357-5341. We will have the **Quilt Drawing, at \$1 per chance**, and you do not have to present to win! See your Doorstep representatives for tickets, or buy them at the banquet before dinner!

Two important events you'll want to put on your calendar are:

Topeka Gives – Tuesday, June 5th at Fairlawn Plaza Mall. 7am – 6pm. A Day of Giving – Hosted by the Topeka Community Foundation.

Doorstep's 1st Annual Neighbor Helping Neighbor Walk/Run – Saturday, October 6th at Lake Shawnee, Reynolds Lodge. Plan to join us in getting some exercise around the lake, and raise funds for Doorstep this October. We are still working out all the details, so watch for more information in the coming months!

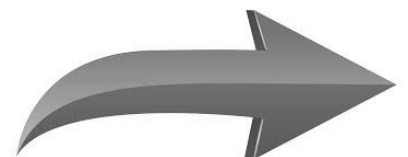
Doorstep is low or out of several items for food orders. If you can help with the following items, please take them to Doorstep at 10th & Buchanan.

Monday – Friday, 8am – 3pm.

They need:

- Jelly
 - Spaghetti
 - Canned Fruit
 - Hamburger/Tuna Helper
 - Egg Noodles
 - Pork & Beans
 - Tuna
 - Peas
- Thanks your help!

See pages 9 & 10 for more info on Doorstep's banquet and the food sale fundraiser.



Council Meeting Highlights, Mar. 13, 2018

- ◆ Call Committee reps Duane Pomeroy & Marcy Carlson presented Ministry Site Profile. Laurie Jackson made motion to approve with additions & corrections; Curt Lewis seconded; motion carried.
- ◆ Bob Horton reviewed council meeting expectations.
- ◆ Pr. Alan requested permission to purchase communion kits for use of lay persons to take communion to shut-ins. Curt made the motion; Mary Heald seconded; motion carried. Dean McGinnis will ask Memorial Committee for funds.
- ◆ Trinity Lutheran is no debt-free as building loan has been retired, using available building funds, Murphy bequest and a portion of Donna Allen bequest.
- ◆ YTD we \$1,961.14 behind for the year.
- ◆ Easter breakfast will be potluck-style, served 9-9:45 am.
- ◆ Honorarium for Easter musicians was approved at Feb. meeting. Jerry Chelson approved use of Marsha Chelson memorial funds.
- ◆ Bob H. reported on *The Safe Church* and info from visit with Officer Josh Klamm about our unique situation.
- ◆ Committee policy & procedures are due prior to April 10 meeting. Pr. Alan provided a draft of council responsibilities for consideration.
- ◆ Tithely online giving will be reviewed by Stewardship/Finance committee.
- ◆ Congregations Cooperating for Mission video shared by Alan to see how other churches are dealing with innovative ways to collaborate with other churches.

CONGREGATION COUNCIL

President Bob Horton.....	640-5344
Vice President Mary Heald.....	221-2790
Secretary Dean McGinnis.....	272-0255
Treasurer Bob Kobbeman.....	478-0381
Interim Pastor Alan Saatkamp	605-214-1469
Members	
Diane Bottorff.....	271-7131
Laurie Jackson	224-9683
Dean McGinnis.....	272-0255
Ted Murphy.....	817-0372

WELCA – Priscilla Circle Bible Study

We will enjoy the 4th session of the four-part study, *Multiple Meanings; Learning from Other Interpretations* by Mark Allan Powell when we meet on **April 18, 10 a.m.**, in the Trinity Library. **YOU ARE WELCOME!** The scripture text for the study is Luke 15:11-32, *The Prodigal Son*. This interesting series of studies has shown us what God wants to say to different people in different contexts. Our eyes have been opened to these ways.

At our last meeting we also decided to give a monetary gift to the Lenten project, God's Global Barnyard. Also, since our meeting we received an invitation from Grace Lutheran Women, Osage City to enjoy their Spring Salad Luncheon on April 14, 11:30 a.m. The RSVP is to be made to Dawn Pearson, [785-230-2306](tel:785-230-2306), by April 5. See invitation on page 6.

GOOD NEWS!! Trinity is debt-free since the building loan has been paid in full, effective March 9, 2018! Watch for more info!

HE HAS MADE EVERYTHING BEAUTIFUL IN ITS TIME

Ecclesiastics 3:11



WOMAN OF GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH, OSAGE CITY
ANNUAL SPRING SALAD LUNCHEON

SATURDAY APRIL 14, 2018

11:30 A.M.

LOCATION

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
210 HOLLIDAY
OSAGE CITY, KS

ENTERTAINMENT

OSAGE CITY HIGH SCHOOL VOCAL ENSEMBLE

FOOD & DRINK PROVIDED BY LADIES OF GRACE

KINDLY RSVP BY APRIL 5TH
TO DAWN PEARSON (785)230-2306

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A COUPLE OF HOURS OF FOOD, FELLOWSHIP, & FUN



Easter Breakfast,
Potluck Style

There will be Easter breakfast on Sunday, April 1. Serving will be from 9am to 9:45am. This year the breakfast will be a potluck. You are asked to bring an item or two to share. Table service and drinks will be provided. The Sunday School children will enjoy breakfast, then go to Trinity Hall to learn about the Resurrection.

BAKER SCHOOL OF NURSING NEWS

Thanks to our senior members who participated in Life Review interviews with Baker School of Nursing senior students during the Spring semester. Those gracious folks who shared their story were: Chuck Sodergren, Junior Utech, Marilyn Heckman, Walt Laughlin, Helen Laughlin, Mike Andrews, Marilyn Hypse, Dorothy Strom, Pr. Alan Saatkamp, Marcy Carlson, and Janelle Meredith.

Please help support Topeka's St. John's Lutheran Church 60th Annual *Smorgasbord for Missions* on Tuesday, April 24th from 5-7 pm in Luther Hall. Join us for a fantastic meal of chicken, ham, and meatballs while supporting our mission outreach programs.

Social Statement on Women and Justice Hearings in April

What should the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America teach about contemporary issues related to sexism and patriarchy in our society? You are invited to help shape a response to that question, by reviewing & responding to the "Draft of a Social Statement on Women and Justice" which is now open for discernment, comment, and response. You can call the church office to request a copy of the draft statement. You may participate in a hearings scheduled in April:

- Sunday April 22, 2-4 pm, Redeemer Lutheran Church, Salina
 - Sunday April 29, 4-6 pm, Trinity Lutheran Church, Lawrence,
- or use the response form at the back of the statement. If you would like to download, read, and respond to the statement online, please call, 233-0767, or email the church office, office@topekatlc.org.

TRINITY TIDINGS

“I was sick and you stopped to visit” from Matthew 25: 36, “The Message” study Bible translated by Eugene Peterson).

“Coming soon” could have been an alternate title for this short article, but the basis, found in the 25th chapter of Matthew, provides perhaps a better explanation. Late last year, many of our members responded to Council President Bob Horton’s request that they complete a time and talent sheet. The survey allowed each participant to indicate how they’d like to (or validate where they already do) contribute to the life of the congregation and its mission.

A handful expressed interest in serving our folks who no longer can attend worship or may be hospitalized. That’s ***in addition*** to the pastoral care coverage I’m able to provide as your part time interim pastor—***not instead of*** me (though I suspect many of those who receive visits will enjoy them even more than from me, who’s only known them the past year-plus. It’s happened elsewhere).

During April, the handful of volunteer visitors and I will get together to go over a few details such as the short liturgy for visiting and communion, the logistics for consecrating the elements, obtaining communion kits, and scheduling. Currently there are almost a dozen of our members whom I visit monthly in their homes, plus recently a few more who are hospitalized and/or in rehabilitation facilities. Most of the current folks seem enthusiastic about the prospect of a visit with another member of Trinity, perhaps even someone they’ve know for many years but not talked to recently. This program will launch after Easter this spring and strengthen a sense of community among the family of Trinity. If you also would like to participate, please contact me at ajsat96@gmail.com.

Transitional Pastor Alan Saatkamp,
Deacon



The Topeka Chapter of the American Guild of Organists invites you to a hymn festival on April 29 at 3:00 p.m. at Grace Episcopal Cathedral in Topeka, KS. This hymn festival will be played by Dr. John Behnke, a frequent organ recitalist and festival director from Milwaukee, WI. His program will feature hymns from the Easter season and perhaps some of your favorites! It is a free event, sponsored by the Topeka AGO.

2018 5TH SUNDAY SPECIALS



April 29

Doorstep

July 29

Topeka Rescue Mission

Sept. 30

Camp Tomah Shinga

Dec. 30

Lutheran Campus Ministry at KU

Watch for special envelopes in your bulletin on each of these Sundays.

Doorstep Annual Banquet

April 26, 2018 @ 6:30pm

St. Andrew's Presbyterian

1821 SW 37th Street

Program:

Volunteers ~ "What Doorstep Means to Me"

Entertainment:

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church Choir

Director: Mark Camacho

Dinner:

Taco Bake, Salad & Dessert

A 'Love Offering' will be taken.

Please Call For Reservations

357-5341 by April 24, 2018

** Quilt Drawing ~ \$1 Per Chance **

Doorstep Spring Fundraiser **Cinnamon Rolls & Tamales**

Cinnamon Rolls

\$9 each

**6 pack of frozen rolls with
cream cheese icing.**

Bake one at a time or all at once.

Perfect for holiday meals!



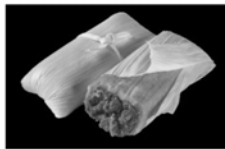
Tamales (Beef or Pork)

\$13 each

Receive a 6 pack of frozen Tamales.

Your choice of beef or pork!

Individually wrapped and frozen.



**Just heat and eat.
Perfect for a quick meal!**



**A Benefit For
Doorstep, Inc.**

**A local non-profit
providing basic needs
in our community.**

- ♦ **Taking Orders April 7th through April 22nd.**
- ♦ **Money is due with order. Make checks payable to Doorstep.**
- ♦ **Delivery will be the weekend of May 4th.**

Endure:
LOW IMPACT,
LASTING LEGACY

john 1:3



WHO WE ARE

We are a place set a part surrounded by the beauty of the Flint Hills. Camp activities vary from age to age but include: swimming, hiking, Bible study, crafts, worship, campfires, archery, high ropes, team building, and so much more!

INTERESTED?

Contact Jacob at:
+785 375 1058 or
program.tomahsinga@gmail.com

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Junction City, 66441

+785 238 3654 - Office
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CAMP TOMAH SHINGA

Lutheran Outdoor Ministries

EXPLORERS

1st - 3rd Graders: This is a 3 day, 2 night program that is designed to gently introduce younger campers to all the fun and excitement that summer camp has to offer.

PATHFINDERS

4th - 6th Graders: will enjoy traditional camp activities listed on the back. They will also be introduced to new options such as team building elements, high ropes, and much more!

TRAILBLAZERS

6th - 8th Graders: will enjoy all of the traditional camp activities, as well as high ropes, canoeing on Lyons Creek, and other special activities reserved for our older campers!

*register according to grade completed	Explorers 1st-3rd	Pathfinders 4th-6th	Trailblazers 6th-8th	Pioneers 9th-12th
June 3 - 8 Week 1	Advent Lutheran Week	Advent Lutheran Week	Advent Lutheran Week	Advent Lutheran Week
June 10 - 15 Week 2	1st-3rd (June 10-12) \$250	4th-6th \$405	6th - 8th \$405	
June 17 - 22 Week 3	Metro Lutheran Ministry	Metro Lutheran Ministry	Metro Lutheran Ministry	Metro Lutheran Ministry
June 24 - 29 Week 4		4th-6th \$405	Confirmation \$405	
July 1 - 3 Week 5	1st-3rd \$250	4th-6th \$250	Family Camp \$400 per family	
July 8 - 13 Week 6		4th - 6th \$405	6th - 8th \$405	9th - 12th \$405
July 15 - 20 Week 7	1st-3rd (July 15-17) \$250	4th - 6th \$405	Confirmation \$405	9th - 12th \$405
July 22 - 27 Week 8	1st-3rd (July 22-24) \$250	4th -6th \$405	6th-8th \$405	

CONFIRMATION CAMP

Campers spend their mornings participating in faith-building talks and team building activities. Afternoons are spent enjoying all traditional camp activities that Trail Blazers enjoy, and evenings are filled with special worship opportunities only offered to confirmation campers.

ADVENTURE CAMP

Along with the traditional camp activities, they will enjoy activities specific to them. They will enjoy spending their nights in tents, as well as the opportunity to cook meals over the fire.

Register online: tomahshinga.com/summercamp

Timeline of Events

Sunday, April 15

** a.m. Dr. Moe-Lobeda will lead an adult education class at Trinity Episcopal Church, 1027 Vermont Street.

7 p.m. An informal conversation on at First Presbyterian Church, 2415 Clinton Parkway.

Monday, April 16

12:00 a.m. Lunch at Plymouth Congregational Church, 925 Vermont Street.

3 p.m. A presentation to faculty and students entitled, in Parker Hall, Room 127, on the campus of Haskell Indian Nations University.

7 p.m. Public presentation on "in the Mallott Room in the KU Memorial Union.

Tuesday, April 17

Classroom discussion, "Religion and Ecology," Smith Hall, University of Kansas, Religious Studies

All events are open to the public.

Among those who have previously served as Visiting Scholars in Religion are:

Marcus J. Borg, Hunderer Distinguished Professor of Religion and Culture, at Oregon State University

Amy-Jill Levine, Ph.D., E. Rhodes and Leona B. Carpenter Professor of New Testament Studies at Vanderbilt University Divinity School

John Dominic Crossan, Professor Emeritus of Religious Studies, DePaul University, Chicago

Wendy Doniger, Mircea Eliade Distinguished Service Professor of the History of Religions in the Divinity School of the University of Chicago

Bart D. Ehrman, Ph.D., Chair of Religious Studies, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

Peter J. Gomes, Ph.D, Plummer Professor of Christian Morals and Chaplain at Harvard University

Eddie S. Glaude, Jr., Ph.D., William S. Tod Professor of Religion and African-American Studies, Princeton University

Larry Rasmussen, Professor Emeritus of Social Ethics, Union Theological Seminary

William P. Brown, Professor of Old Testament, Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, Georgia

Dr. Molly T. Marshall, President and Professor of Theology and Spiritual Formation at Central Baptist Seminary, Kansas City, MO

George "Tink" Tinker, Professor of American Indian Culture, Iliff Theological Seminary, Denver, CO

2018 Theologian in Residence Lawrence, KS

Dr. Cynthia Moe-Lobeda

Professor of Theological and Social Ethics
Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary
Church Divinity School of the Pacific



April 15-18, 2018

A Reading from this Year's Visiting Scholar

Life arising from death and destruction is Earth's song of hope and God's song of love. Hope and love are the food of life.

Although we do not intend harm, our ways of life are killing people through climate change and through enslaving them in mines and plantations, poisoning their water or selling it on the global market Through myriad forms of ecological degradation we are disrupting a fundamental quality of God's garden - its life-generating capacity. We are un-creating.

Yet the truth of our participation in structural evil is only a partial truth. Moral vision that recognizes structural evil has a second lens that sees signs of hope breaking through the wasteland of economic and ecological violence. Hope springs eternal from the courage, tenacity, and creativity of people and movements [around the world].

The call to love as an economic and ecological vocation is ... the reorienting of human life to render it sustainable on this planet home.... In this reorientation we are called by God and by life itself to celebrate, relish, and stand in awe of Earth's beauty, unfolding complexity and life-generating goodness.

From Resisting Structural Evil: Love as Ecological-Economic Vocation.

About Dr. Moe-Lobeda

Dr. Cynthia Moe-Lobeda holds a joint appointment at Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary and Church Divinity School of Pacific, in Berkeley, CA. She has lectured or consulted in Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America, and many parts of North America in theological ethics addressing matters of economic globalization, public church, faith-based resistance to systemic injustice, and ethical implications of resurrection and incarnation. Of particular interest in her teaching is climate justice as related to race and class. She is the author of *Resisting Structural Evil: Love as Ecological-Economic Vocation*.

Dr. Moe-Lobeda was appointed theological consultant to the Presiding Bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, and has served as a church worker in Honduras and as director of the Washington, D.C. office of Augsburg College's Center for Global Education.

Prior to her current appointment, she served on the faculty of Seattle University in its School of Theology and Ministry, Department of Theology and Religious Studies, and Environmental Studies Program. While at SU, she was appointed Wismer Professor of Gender and Diversity Studies, and was awarded the "Outstanding Scholarship Award" in 2013. Dr. Moe-Lobeda's teaching revolves around participatory liberative pedagogy, developing critical thinking skills, and the integration of theory and practice.

Dr. Moe-Lobeda serves on the board of directors of the Society of Christian Ethics. She received her doctoral degree in Christian ethics from Union Theological Seminary in New York City.

The Theologian in Residence/Visiting Scholar in Religion program in Lawrence joins several congregations in Lawrence, the Ecumenical Campus Ministry, and the KU Religious Studies Department, in bringing the academic and faith communities together with an acclaimed speaker to address issues and questions of faith.

Theologian in Residence Consortium Members:

First Baptist Church (American Baptist)

First Presbyterian Church (PCUSA)

First United Methodist Church

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church (ELCS)

Plymouth Congregational Church (UCC)

Trinity Lutheran Church (ELCA)

Trinity Episcopal Church

Ecumenical Campus Ministries at KU

(PCUSA, UCC, Brethren, Quaker, UU)

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