

TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
725 SW Buchanan Street
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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

TRINITY TIDINGS

June 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

June 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
EVERY SUNDAY: ADULT & CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL IS ON RECESS UNTIL SEPTEMBER 9TH 10:30 AM WORSHIP & HOLY COMMUNION					1	2	
					Historic Old Town NIA SmokeOut BBQ		
					Pr. Alan out of town. Call Pr. Walt for pastoral emergencies.		
10:15 Hymn Sing-a-long Blood Pressure Checks after Worship	3	4	5 9 am Quilters	6	7	8	9
Pr. Alan in Topeka.			CSS Synod Assembly in Lindsborg. Pr. Alan, Cindy, & Parker will attend.				
	5 pm Women's AA	5:15 pm W&M mtg.	5:30 pm Women's AA	7 pm Men's AA			
10	11	12 9 am Quilters	13	14	15	16	
Pr. Alan vacation							
5:30-8:30 pm Youth Group	5 pm Women's AA	5:30 pm Council	6:30-8 pm Historic Old Town NIA meeting 5:30 pm Women's AA	7 pm Men's AA			
Father's Day Pr. Elwyn Luber presiding.	17	18 <i>July Trinity Tidings deadline</i>	19 9 am Quilters	20 10 am Priscilla Circle Bible Study	21	22	23
Pr. Alan vacation			Pr. Alan in Topeka.				
	5 pm Women's AA	7 pm TLHA	5:30 pm Women's AA	7 pm Men's AA			
24	25	26 9 am Quilters	27	28	29	30	
5:30-8:30 pm Youth Group	5 pm Women's AA		5:30 pm Women's AA	7 pm Men's AA			

Pastor Alan's Column

John 14:25-31 *All this I have spoken while still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.*

"You heard me say, 'I am going away and I am coming back to you.' If you loved me, you would be glad that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. I have told you now before it happens, so that when it does happen you will believe. I will not say much more to you, for the prince of this world is coming. He has no hold over me, but he comes so that the world may learn that I love the Father and do exactly what my Father has commanded me.

Last month the longest season of the church year began—Pentecost, the season that celebrates the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the next four months we'll dwell in Pentecost. Green is the liturgical color for this season, and it represents growth—our growth in the Holy Spirit.

We know that summer is a

busy time of the year, with outdoor activities, travel, and time with friends and family abounding. That's great, and we should enjoy the abundance of God's gifts throughout this season as well as what the rest of the year has to offer. But there's another side of Pentecost, when the gift of the Holy Spirit was given to Jesus' followers. And the timeless message is here and true for us today. This is the season of the church year and an opportunity for us to reflect on our spiritual state. It's a time to think about how we can grow in our faith and service. Goodness knows there are many opportunities to do so—and you don't have to go far to find them. Trinity's location puts it in a neighborhood that abounds with service opportunities. Some of those take place with the smoke-out planned for this weekend. Some will take place beginning later this month when Trinity hosts a monthly (at least to start with) meal—an opportunity for those who live nearby to join for an hour of food, beverage, and community.

By the time you've read this, you probably have already heard about what's going

on, either through council meetings, announcements before worship, or committee efforts such as witness/outreach has been organizing. I encourage you to consider stepping outside your comfort zone and joining the effort to reach out and give a few hours of your time and talent to help serve your neighbor.

Transitional Pastor Alan Saatkamp, Deacon



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Worship Assistants									
Date	Greeter(s)	Usher(s)	Musicians	Lector	Acolyte	Altar Guild	Coffee Hosts	Assisting Minister	Presiding Minister
June 3, 2018	Chuck Sodergren	David McGinnis	Mitchell Bean	Shelley Andrews	Duane Pomeroy	Charlotte Blenden & Team 3	Andy & LaVell Winsor	Jeff Longren	Pr. Alan Saatkamp
June 10, 2018	Martha Nemeth	Curt Lewis	Laurie Jackson	Mary Heald	Erin Lewis	Charlotte Blenden & Team 3	Mike & Shelley Andrews	Walt Laughlin	Pr. Alan Saatkamp
June 17, 2018	Duane & Debbie Pomeroy	David McGinnis	Mitchell Bean	Walt Laughlin	Laurie Jackson	Charlotte Blenden & Team 3	Mike & Laurie Jackson	Ted Murphy	Pr. Elwyn Luber
June 24, 2018	Howard & Loni Reece	Ted Murphy	Laurie Jackson	Jeff Longren	Parker Jackson	Charlotte Blenden & Team 3	Bob & Pam Kobbeman	Mary Heald	Pr. Alan Saatkamp



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>

Blood Pressure Checks June 3, 2018



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

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.



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
- 21 Jan Saatkamp
- 23 Chris Arney
- 24 Jennifer Walker
- 25 Sherryl Ferretti
- 26 LaVell Winsor

Baptisms

- 1 Rachel Heald
- 1 Jaden Hiltgen
- 4 Liz Utech
- 7 Donna J. Allen
- 17 Ronnie Longren
- 18 Jim Erickson
- 21 Bridget Hiltgen

Wedding Anniversaries

- 25 Howard & Loni Reece
- 26 Curt & Jane Lewis
- 30 Josh & Heather Klamm

recess!

Adult & Children's Sunday School is on recess until September 9th.

June Readings

June 3—2nd Sunday of Pentecost

Deuteronomy 5:12-15
Psalm 81:1-10
2nd Corinthians 4:5-12
Mark 2:23—3:6

June 10—3rd Sunday of Pentecost

Genesis 3:8-15
Psalm 130
2nd Corinthians 4:13—5:1
Mark 3:20-35

June 17—4th Sunday of Pentecost

Ezekiel 17:22-24
Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15
2nd Corinthians 5:6-17
Mark 4:26-34

June 24—John the Baptist

Malachi 3:1-4
Psalm 141
Acts 13:13-26
Luke 1:57-67[68-80]

Prayer Shawls Needed

With the start-up of lay persons visiting and taking communion to our shut-ins, our supply of prayer shawls has been depleted.

If you like to knit or crochet, please consider making and donating a prayer shawl to replenish our supply.

This website —

www.allfreecrochet.com/Prayer-Shawls/11-Easy-Crochet-Prayer-Shawls — has some links to free patterns for crochet. And here is a link for knitters:

www.allfreeknitting.com/Knit-Shawls/Prayer-Shawl-Patterns-for-Knitting

Thank yous

Thank you to all who have been praying for Andy's dad, Russell. Eleven months after being diagnosed with cancer, 12 chemo treatments, and three major surgeries later, his doctors say he is in remission. Russell still has some hurdles over the next few months, but is trying to gain back weight and strength for now. He's felt good enough to be able to help with spring planting - which means an awful lot to a farmer. God is so good!

Thank you again for your continued prayers. Our Trinity family means so much to us. Andy, LaVell, Kade, and Brayden

Thank you to Donna Allen for her help with assembling the 2018 directory. I appreciate the help and we got it stapled and folded so quickly!

Cindy

Thank you to Debbie Pomeroy & Loni Reece for the work they have done in cleaning up the church kitchen & Trinity Hall kitchen. It's an ongoing process, but they look so good!

Update from the Call Committee

The Ministry Site Profile (MSP) was completed in March and approved by the Church Council and the ELCA Central States Synod office.

The MSP is a dozen pages of data and narrative answers to questions in a standardized ELCA form. The Call Committee built on the work done last summer and fall by the Transitional Task Force including the Town Hall meetings. Additional data was gathered from the "Who are we this Sunday?" form distributed during a November church service and other resources.

What this means is anyone interested in the ministry opportunity at Trinity can look at our profile and notify the Synod of their interest. The Synod staff is also looking to identify possible candidates. Nationally, the pool of candidates is smaller than the number of positions. Now is a good time for the congregation to pray that God sends to us the person we need.

Duane Pomeroy, Chair

Learning Committee News

Learning Committee will not meet in June.

Sunday School for adults and children will not meet in June, July, or August. Classes will resume on Sept. 9, the Sunday after Labor Day.

Vacation Bible School will be July 9-13, 5:30—8:30pm, at First Lutheran. The theme is *Babylon: Daniel's Courage in Captivity*.

Ages nursery through fifth grade are eligible. Suggested donation is \$15; no family will be required to pay more than \$30.

Pre-teen, teen & adult helpers are needed on the playground and at craft stations.

To register a child or to volunteer go to <http://1stLutheranTopeka.org>.



FAVORITE HYMNS

As of May 22, the top three favorite hymns, with five votes each are:

773 Precious Lord,
Take My Hand
785 When Peace
Like a River
838 Beautiful
Savior

What's going on in Historic Old Town?

The Historic Old Town NIA is the area of Topeka in which Trinity is located. Check out this link to see what events are happening in this neighborhood:

https://nextdoor.com/news_feed/?post=81773456

June 1st & 2nd, Old Town NIA will be hosting a SmokeOut BBQ on our block of Buchanan. The event will be open to the public on June 2nd, 8am - 6 pm. The activities will take place on Trinity property and we will be providing some food & beverage items for sale during the Saturday event.

TRINITY WOMEN OF ELCA - Priscilla Circle

The 31st Women of ELCA annual Synodical Gathering will be held July 13-15 at Windermere Baptist Convention Center, Roach, Missouri near the Lake of the Ozarks. A tentative agenda, along with registration forms & grant applications for first time attendees, have been received. See Helen Laughlin to view the agenda, if you are interested. The area is beautiful and accommodations are great!

Closer to home, remember our regular gathering for Bible study. The summer months will offer a study on "LET US PRAY" and Session one is titled "The paradoxes of prayer". Come to Trinity Library Wednesday, June 20, 10:00 a.m. for learning, rest, conversation and inspiration! You are WELCOME!

Council Meeting Highlights, May 8, 2018

T R Hathaway, husband of Maren Longren, passed away May 13, 2018. He is survived by Maren and two sons, Brock and Mark.

- ◆ Bob Kobbeman recommended that audit committee meet twice per year. Council will seek a third person for audit committee at annual meeting. since Bob K. is not eligible due to council membership.
- ◆ Cindy McGinnis will attend Synod Assembly in June. A second person is needed; Laurie will see if Parker is interested.
- ◆ Bob K. reported that we are off to good financial start for 2nd quarter. He presented new financial control forms to help manage expense reporting.
- ◆ Diane said that she, Dean McGinnis, Parker Jackson, Zane Kennedy and Jake Kennedy will attend ELCA youth gathering.
- ◆ Some of the Harold Hypse memorial was used to purchase the home communion sets.
- ◆ Mary Heald reported that she & Laurie Jackson are working on job descriptions. They recommend performing background checks on all persons who work with youth.
- ◆ Curt Lewis shared updated property policy procedures. We are due for annual elevator inspection.
- ◆ Dean reported on several Witness/Outreach activities. In May, Historic Old Town NIA will have two 40-yard dumpsters on our property. A BBQ will be held June 1st & 2nd on our property. Trinity will provide some food & beverages for sale. A monthly community meal is planned for summer, as well as a monthly teen game night. Dean shared sign-up sheets for volunteers to help with these events.
- ◆ Hymn sing-a-longs will take place on the 1st Sunday of June, July, & August, at 10:15am. The banner room has expanded to include the classroom.
- ◆ Pr. Alan reported that Trinity's ministry site profile as part of the call process is complete. One "known clergy" form has been submitted to Synod office for consideration.
- ◆ Dean presented request to use facility for Cole Wells Eagle ceremony July 8th. Approved.
- ◆ Laurie requested use of two round tables off-site. Approved.
- ◆ Membership update letter was sent to 34 households.
- ◆ Policy & Procedures Manual progress will be reviewed at July meeting.
- ◆ Laurie suggested W&M begin planning 150th Anniversary & report to Council.
- ◆ CSS Assembly offering will be collected via envelopes inserted in bulletins, starting May 13.

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
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Diane Bottorff	271-7131
Laurie Jackson	224-9683
Dean McGinnis.....	272-0255
Ted Murphy	817-0372

Hollis Center Activities

UPCOMING EVENTS

TASTE OF HOLLIS: Fine Wine & Craft Beer Tasting

June 2nd | 5-7 PM | Hollis Lodge

Do you like summer evenings filled with friends, music, fine wine, craft beer and food? Then you will LOVE Taste of Hollis! Invite your friends, and join us at the Hollis Lodge for a casual summer evening under the trees. For more info visit <http://www.holliscenter.org/taste-of-hollis.html>



Brick Works: A Kid-Focused Family Friendly Service Project

*June 6th - July 11th - August 8th |
10- AM at the Hollis Picnic Shelter*

We are introducing something new this summer, called BrickWorks. Throughout the summer we are inviting families to help us give back, and experience the joy of working together as a community to serve others. We are partnering with The Giving Brick, which is a Kansas City based non-profit that collects used LEGO bricks, repackages sets, and gives them children served by CASA of Jackson County.

During our Brick Works service hour, we will sort through donated LEGO bricks and break apart already assembled LEGO pieces. At the conclusion of the hour, all will be treated to popsicles. All attendees are also welcome to bring sack lunches, and explore the trails & hills of



Hollis, play a game of GAGA ball, or sand volleyball. <http://www.holliscenter.org/brick-works-1.html>

WHEN: June 6th | July 11th | August 8th
from 10-11AM

WHERE: Hollis Renewal Center,
11414 Kansas Ave., Kansas City, KS
66111

COST: Free

REGISTER: Let us know you are coming! Register today <https://hollisbrickworks.eventbrite.com>



Coming this Summer:

Favorite hymns PRELUDE at 10:15

June 3rd

July 1st

August 5th

Come & sing!