

TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
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TRINITY TIDINGS

AUGUST 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

August 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	3	4
			5:30 pm Women's AA	7 pm Men's AA		
10:15 5 Hymn Sing-a-long Pr. Elwyn Luber presiding Blood Pressure Checks after Worship	6	7 9 am Quilters	8	9	10	11
5 pm Women's AA		6:30-8 pm Historic Old Town NIA meeting		5:30 pm Women's AA		7 pm Men's AA
12 Pr. Shawn Norris presiding	13	14 9 am Quilters	15 10 am Priscilla Circle Bible Study	16	17	18
5:30-8:30 pm Youth Group		5:30 pm Council		5:30 pm Women's AA		7 pm Men's AA
19 Pr. Elwyn Luber presiding 11:30 150th Anniversary Info/Planning Meeting	20 September Trinity Tidings deadline	21 9 am Quilters	22	23	24	25
5 pm Women's AA		5:30 pm Women's AA		7 pm Men's AA		
26 Mary Heald presiding Camdyn & Carsyn Ralph baptisms	27	28 9 am Quilters	29	30	31	
5:30-8:30 pm Youth Group		7 pm TLHA		5:30 pm Women's AA		7 pm Men's AA

Pastor Alan's Column



Jeremiah 29:11 *"For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope."*

Usually the scripture lesson for the Trinity Tidings comes from the Gospel for the first Sunday of the new month (if you've been paying attention or had a feeling you'd read or heard the message already.) That seemed to work pretty well from my viewpoint, but this month I'm taking a different approach using this verse from Jeremiah. It seems fitting at least to me, for a couple reasons, including a sentimental one. During my years in seminary, we were expected to do a special project, and since nothing jumped out at me for the next semester of adult Sunday school at Shalom Lutheran in Harrisburg, I decided to research Jeremiah and write a 13-week, semes-

ter-long Bible study series to share with the members. It certainly was educational, informative, and gave us greater insights in to what Jeremiah's life was like and what difficulties he faced—and how God cared for him throughout adversity.

This passage also seems apt for my farewell column, as Jan and I are moving to Normal, Illinois in August to be closer to our daughter Megan (our new house is two blocks from hers!) Megan is getting married in January next year, and our future son-in-law Scott's entire family (all Lutherans!) live in the Bloomington-Normal area. So the opportunity to relocate "before the snow flies" (and it does in Illinois, just as it did in Wisconsin, Minnesota, and South Dakota, where I've spent most of my life) seems a good idea. And all of our plans to head toward that destination have worked out. We found a great new house near Megan and Scott plus our house in Shawnee sold quickly. God seems to be favoring us during this move, our eighth during 35 years of marriage. My last day at Trinity will be July 31, as I discussed with council president Bob Hor-

ton in early July and so informed the council the following week. The scripture passage from Jeremiah gives me hope for our family's future (although it may be something of a challenge trying to openly root for the Brewers, Badgers, and especially Packers while living in Illinois). The point is that God will provide for our family. God wants our family to prosper in our new setting. I have faith this will happen.

And those plans, as the scripture passage describes, are likewise apt and accurate for the future here at Trinity Lutheran. God has a plan for Trinity. We spent most of last year as a transitional task force leading the effort and attempting to discern what God wants the church to do for ministry at Trinity, right here at 8th & Buchan-

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Miscellaneous

Worship Assistants									
Date	Greeter(s)	Usher(s)	Musicians	Lector	Acolyte	Altar Guild	Coffee Hosts	Assisting Minister	Presiding Minister
August 5, 2018	Walt & Helen Laughlin	Walt Laughlin	Mitchell Bean	Ted Quast	Parker Jackson	Jane Lewis & Team 2	Howard & Loni Reece	Mary Heald	Pr. Elwyn Lubber
August 12, 2018	Sam & Charlotte Blenden	Howard Reece		Marcy Carlson	Cindy McGinnis	Jane Lewis & Team 2	Donna Allen, Marilyn Heckman, Carol Marker	Marsha Ridinger	Pr. Shawn Norris
August 19, 2018	Dorothy Strom	Diane Bottorff	Laurie Jackson	Diane Bottorff	Rosie Nichols	Jane Lewis & Team 2	Don & Charlotte O'Brien	Ted Murphy	Pr. Elwyn Lubber
August 26, 2018	Junior & Liz Utech	Duane Pomeroy	Mitchell Bean	Debbie Pomeroy	Duane Pomeroy	Jane Lewis & Team 2	Junior & Liz Utech	Bob Horton	Mary Heald



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 August 5, 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.



August Celebrations

August Readings

Birthdays

- 4 Janeen Horton
- 6 Shelley Andrews
- 11 Ella Bosch
- 15 Brian McGinnis
- 20 Samantha Ginter
- 23 Karen Kaiser
- 23 Pr. Alan Saatkamp
- 27 Loni Reece
- 29 Heather Klamm
- 29 Adrienne Hutchison
- 31 Bryah Wakes

Baptisms

- 3 LaVell Winsor
- 10 Marilyn Hypse
- 13 Marilyn Heckman
- 29 Janeen Horton

Wedding Anniversaries

- 1 David & Cindy McGinnis
- 2 Bob & Pam Kobbeman
- 5 Rick & Janice Greenlee
- 10 Bob & Janeen Horton
- 15 Tom & Mary Heald

August 5—11th Sunday of Pentecost

Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15
Psalm 78:23-29
Ephesians 4:1-16
John 6:24-35

August 12—12th Sunday of Pentecost

1st Kings 19:4-8
Psalm 34:1-8
Ephesians 4:25—5:2
John 6:35, 41-51

August 19—13th Sunday of Pentecost

Proverbs 9:1-6
Psalm 34:9-14
Ephesians 5:15-20
John 6:51-58

August 26—14th Sunday of Pentecost

Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18
Psalm 34:15-22
Ephesians 6:10-20
John 6:56-69

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an. Just as our own self-interests and wishes don't always come to fruition the way we'd like them to, so God's plan for Trinity might not be the one every member is comfortable with or willing to embrace. That's the challenge—to have faith in God and respond to new opportu-

nities not out of a sense of duty, but as Mark Allan Powell says, as stewards responding with delight. May the Spirit continue to bless each of you with a sense of joy and gratitude for God's blessings.

Transitional Pastor Alan Saatkamp, Deacon

Address Change

Martha Nemeth has a new address:

4712 SW 6th Ave., Apt. 363
Topeka, KS 66606

Ramada Downtown Topeka

For visiting clergy or parishioners the Ramada Downtown offers a special rate of \$79.00 + applicable taxes per room per night.

Ramada Downtown also offers a Bereavement Rate of \$69.00 + applicable taxes. Both room rates include a full hot breakfast buffet for overnight guests.

For more info, contact:

Bobbi Smith,
Sales Manager
Parrish Hotel
Corporation
785-215-8241
bbi@parrishhotels.com

Welcome to New Members

We are blessed to have Glenda Visocsky and Monica Spencer join us as members of Trinity as of July 22nd, 2018.

They had been attending worship for a few weeks after relocating to Topeka from Oklahoma.

Please add their names and addresses to your directories:

Glenda Visocsky
Monica Spencer
744 NE Kellam
Topeka, KS 66616-1675
Phone: (405) 66616-1675



150th Anniversary of Trinity Lutheran Evangelical Church INFORMATIONAL MEETING August 19th

A light lunch will follow worship for those interested in serving on a task force to plan celebrations for Trinity's 150th Anniversary. Participants are encouraged to bring written histories, pictures, recorded stories, saved invitations from past celebrations, bulletins, etc. of Trinity's rich history to this informational meeting. The goal of this first meeting is to establish a working task force and calendar for preparations. The 150th Anniversary will take place in 2020.

Learning Committee News

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

Life Review Interviews with Baker Nursing Students

Senior nursing students in the class, Nursing of Elders, have an assignment to interview someone who is age 65 or better. Interviews will be done during September. If you'd like to participate, the student who selects you for an interview will contact you to set up an appointment. The interview can take place at your home or at a mutually agreeable location. If you would like to be interviewed, please contact Diane Bottorff at 231-0379.



Favorite hymns

PRELUDE at 10:15

August 5th

Come & sing!

Council Meeting Highlights, July 10, 2018

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

- ◆ Pr. Alan will review home communion program & ask someone to lead & coordinate.
- ◆ Pr. Alan's last Sunday with us will be July 29th; his last day in the office will be July 31st.
- ◆ Bob K. reported that June was better than expected, financially.
- ◆ Sunday school will resume Sept. 9th.
- ◆ Bid to repair elevator (\$4,968.32) was approved. There are still water issues in the sanctuary and new addition.
- ◆ Gardeners requested a fence around garden to prevent theft; fence was not approved at this time. There will not be a Baker welcome lunch next month due to lack of workers & support.
- ◆ Safety during weekdays was discussed.
- ◆ A planning meeting for the 150th anniversary has been scheduled.
- ◆ Thank you to Duane & Debbie Pomeroy for shopping to restock the food pantry.
- ◆ Membership update letters sent out in May have had no response. It was approved to move letter recipients to inactive status.
- ◆ A tub to collect items for Doorstep's Christmas in July will be put in the narthex.

Mystery solved!



So, we received this box of items via UPS delivery on July 18th from Amazon fulfillment services. It was addressed to Trinity to the attention of "Christmas in July." Since it had the correct delivery address, I did accept the package (I don't always if I'm not expecting anything.)

I opened it & found these items inside. I had a sneaking suspicion that someone had ordered the items for Doorstep's Christmas in July campaign, but I wasn't sure and had no idea who might have placed the order.

By chance, our women's Bible study was meeting that day & Julie came to the office to ask if I had received an email she had forwarded from her son, Steve. I had not, so she went on to explain that Steve, who has a philanthropic nature, is an Amazon Prime shopper and had seen the list of items Doorstep requests for their Christmas store. I pointed to the box and asked if he might be responsible for it. He had seen the Christmas in July flyer that I had posted on our website blog. God does work, and sometimes not so mysteriously.

So, we now have a crock pot, a ten-piece cookware set and a toy that will be heading to Doorstep. And since then, we have received two additional shipments of items. Thank you, Steve Reeves!

Obituaries



Evelyn Laurence (Ross) Johnson died July 22, 2018 in Topeka. She was born May 23, 1925 in Longmont, CO. She graduated from Longmont High School and then went on to graduate from Bethany College in Lindsborg. She worked as a Medical Technologist at Stormont Vail Hospital for many years.

She married Wilmer Johnson in 1950. Together they had three children, Craig, Kathy and Rod.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Henry and Katherine Ross; sister, Dorothy Ann Olander (Dean); and husband, Wilmer Johnson.

She is survived by children: Craig Johnson (Alex), Kathy Johnson (Fernando Burstein), Rod Johnson (Suzanne Mades); grandchildren, Larissa Johnson, Ross Johnson, Mario Burstein (Megan Kovash), Sarah Burstein (Scott Sinnott), and great grandchild, Lyra.

Services were held Thursday, July 26, 2018 at Trinity Lutheran Church with burial at Mount Hope Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Trinity Lutheran Church, or the NE Kansas Parkinson's Association.



Janet Louise (Berg) Lampe, 67, of Topeka, passed away July 9, 2018 at her home surrounded by her family, following a battle with cancer.

She was born on February 16, 1951 in Lindsborg, the daughter of James and Virgie (Larson) Berg. She attended Lindsborg High School, graduated from Highland Park High School and earned her undergraduate degree and Master's degree from Washburn University in Education. She taught Special Education at various schools. She retired in May 2014.

She enjoyed sewing, reading, and spending time with her family, especially her 13 grandchildren. Janet especially loved nature, and bird watching. Janet was known as a wonderful wife, mother, sister, daughter, grandmother, teacher, and friend. She was proud of her Scandinavian heritage and was a founding member of the Lindsborg Swedish Folk Dancers. She loved music and participated in choirs in Lindsborg and at Grace Episcopal Cathedral, where she was a member. Janet was a world traveler particularly fond of Alaska, Ireland, Scotland, Portugal, and Canada.

Janet married James Lampe on May 26, 1973 in Lindsborg. He survives. Other survivors include children, Kajsa Elizabeth Lampe-Martinez, Maia Helena Hamilton (Brian), Annika Louise Wilson (Zack), grandchildren, Katja Andrea Lampe Martinez, Erik James Lampe Martinez, Malena Elizabeth Hamilton, Caleb Gragg Wilson, Nikolaus David Hamilton, Anja Louise Lampe Martinez, William Michael Lampe Martinez, Kiera Elise Hamilton, Chloe Louise Wilson, Jessica Marie Amy Wilson, Kason James Hamilton, Alex Lano Wilson, Eli James Wilson, siblings, Jack Berg (Anita), Jeanne Berg (Jeannine Herron), as well as her "honorary daughter," Kristin Willis Banks (Adam) and sister-in-law, Martine Berg.

She was preceded in death by her parents, as well as brother, James Berg.

Services were held Saturday, July 14, 2018 at Grace Episcopal Cathedral. Burial was at Elmwood Cemetery in Lindsborg. Memorial contributions may be made to Grace Episcopal Cathedral.

THIS CHANGES EVERYTHING.

2018 ELCA YOUTH GATHERING
JUNE 27 - JULY 1

Thank you all for your support, prayers and encouragement as we traveled and participated in the 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering. Parker Jackson, Jake Kennedy, Diane Bottorff and Dean McGinnis headed south to Texas Sunday, June 24th following worship, spending the night in Ardmore Oklahoma. We arrived at the JW Marriott at the Galleria in Houston on Monday afternoon. After checking in and getting our bearings we headed across the street to the Galleria (fancy shopping mall). At first I thought “great what will we do during down time with BOYS”, but as it turned out this was the first of many trips to the mall, “they said ‘to eat’- right”.

Please visit with us during coffee hour and take a look at the pictures showing our adventures. The majority of the Gathering activities were held at the NRG Park facility using the NRG Field for the mass gatherings, and a few of the other buildings on the

grounds for community life and interactive events.

Friday, June 29th we spent the day with our Central State Synod brothers and sisters at the JW Marriott in worship and fellowship, connecting with those who came from Grace in Osage City, Our Saviors Lutheran and First Lutheran in Topeka along with all the other central states synod congregations.

Saturday, June 30 was our service project day. We ventured out in buses and helped clean up trash and debris from within the 5th Ward and Golfcrest neighborhoods along the roadside. Picking up all kinds of debris, from tires, to straws and everything in-between, there were five bus loads of

youth and sponsors at this event. We were well protected by the Harris County Precinct 6 Constables office and they also provided drinks for us.



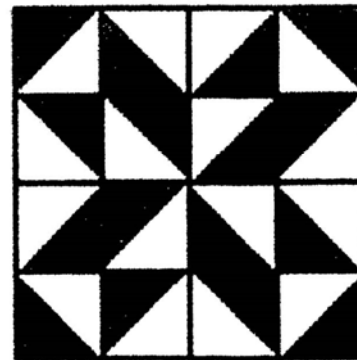
Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings were spent all together hearing stories from a variety of speakers, musicians and connecting with others. Sunday morning we closed with everyone gathering for Worship at the NRG Stadium and then started back home to Topeka Sunday afternoon. Oh yes, we had to go back to the Galleria for lunch and more shopping one last time before we left.

Please take some time and visit with Parker Jackson, Jake Kennedy Diane Bottorff and myself about our GRAND Adventures at the 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering, including a day at Galveston Beach.

Peace Thru Christ



Camp Tomah Shinga Quilt Auction



Saturday, September 22, 2018

Dear Friends,

Camp Tomah Shinga was blessed with your donations to last year's quilt auction! Many good things are happening this year at the camp, partly because of your generosity! Campers and counselors right now are growing in faith as they experience the amazing outdoors at the camp.

This year's auction will be September 22. Please help us again by providing a quilt... or quilts for the auction. Quilts can be hand quilted, machine quilted, or tied. Quilts of all sizes are welcome – they can be bed quilts, wall quilts, baby quilts, table runners, or other “quilty” items including quilt racks.

We are enclosing a donation form for your use. Please make copies as needed for each item donated. We have simplified the form and are no longer asking for photos. Instead, we ask you to write a very brief description of the quilt or item.

Such as: “40”x50” baby quilt, machine quilted using pastel colors” or
“24”x30” Christmas themed wall quilt, hand quilted.”

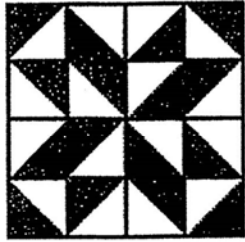
We also hope that you will encourage other quilters in your congregation to join you for this event and donate a quilt!

A quilt auction will not be successful if we do not have buyers! Please encourage members of your congregations to come to the quilt auction on September 22 to bid on your quilt and others; and at the same time enjoy our great Camp Tomah Shinga! The quilts will be on display at 9:00 a.m. and the auction begins at 10:00 a.m. Lunch will be available.

Thank you for your prayers and for blessing the camp with your participation in this ministry!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ben Fulton', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Ben Fulton
Director



This completed form should accompany the item when delivered. Donations should be placed in a plastic bag and delivered or mailed between August 1 and August 31 to: **QUILT AUCTION, c/o FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH, 930 POYNTZ AVENUE, MANHATTAN KS 66502.** If not delivered by then, please contact Karen Spaeth at 785-539-1363 or kspaeth@cox.net to make arrangements for delivery.

Individual Donor Name _____

or

Church Group Donor Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-mail _____ and/or Phone # _____

Congregation Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

BRIEF DESCRIPTION of donation: Please include size, type (tied, machine or hand quilted), color, etc.

Example: "24"x30" *Christmas themed wall quilt, machine quilted*" or

"80"x85" *9-patch in fall colors, hand quilted.*"

KEEP IT SIMPLE!

Quilt Title/Name _____

Description _____

Your congregation will also receive information about the Camp Tomah Shinga Quilt Auction. We encourage you to display your donation at church, advertise in your church newsletter, carpool to the auction with other congregational members, encourage them to BUY, and anything else that will contribute to the success of this special event!