

TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

725 SW Buchanan Street

Topeka, Kansas 66606-1426

CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

TRINITY TIDINGS

NOVEMBER 2018

STAFF

Pastor — position open

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Music Director

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WORSHIP SERVICE

Sundays, 10:30 AM liturgical service of Holy Communion celebrated every Sunday

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ADULTS

Trinity Hall-725 SW Buchanan Street

9:15-10:15 AM (September-May)

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

NOVEMBER 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
EVERY SUNDAY: 9:15 AM ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30 AM WORSHIP & HOLY COMMUNION				1	2	3
				7 pm Men's AA		
Pr. Dinah Dutta 4 10:15 Hymn Sing-a-long Blood Pressure Checks after Worship	5	6 9 am Quilters	7	8	9	10
	5 pm Women's AA		5:30 pm Women's AA	7 pm Men's AA		
Pr. Elwyn Luber 11 Ameerah Esquibel Baptism 5:30-8:30 pm Youth Group	12	13 9 am Quilters 5:30 pm Council	14 10 am Priscilla Circle Bible Study 6:30-8 pm Historic Old Town NIA meeting 5:30 pm Women's AA	15	16 December Trinity Tidings deadline	17
	5 pm Women's AA			7 pm Men's AA		
Pr. Robert Dealey 18 WELCA Thank Offering Sunday 5:30 pm Community Meal	19	20 9 am Quilters 7 pm TLHA	21	22 Thanksgiving Day	23	24
	5 pm Women's AA		5:30 pm Women's AA	7 pm Men's AA		
Pr. Michael Haar 25 Pr. Fulton Retirement Celebration-- invitation pg. 6 5:30-8:30 pm Youth Group	26	27 9 am Quilters	28	29	30	
	5 pm Women's AA		5:30 pm Women's AA	7 pm Men's AA	Deadline for submission of Bishop election information survey	

A Note from Council President Bob Horton

The Call Committee voted unanimously to recommend a candidate to the Council on October 18. Members of both groups met before church on October 21 for a brief conversation about the candidate. The candidate's profile has been distributed to the Council members for their consideration. I have asked for their input concerning the next steps to be taken. In the meantime, scheduling pulpit supply and pastoral care for members remains high on the Council's list of priorities. We pray for God's guidance as we work through these tasks.

The 2019 Central States Synod Assembly will elect a Bishop for a six-year term. The intent this year is for the members of the Synod to have the opportunity to actively participate in the election process before the actual ballots. An important step

in the process of electing a bishop and thereby providing input into the direction of the Synod is through a survey. This will help the members of the CSS discern God's hope for the Synod and for the possible nominees to discern their call. A printed version of the survey is included in this month's Tidings or you can go online to <https://css-elca.nm-secure.com/bishop-election> and use the link to complete the survey electronically. The deadline for submission of the survey is November 30, 2018.

This is an exciting time for our church family. I appreciate your commitment of Time, Talents, and Treasures as we put our full trust in God and listen closely to where He is calling us. Take care.

Bob Horton,
Council President

150th Anniversary Celebration

The date has been set!! The celebration of Trinity's 150th Anniversary will take place August 14th through August 16th, 2020!! We'll be sending out save the date notices soon!



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Favorite hymn
Sing-Along at 10:15
Nov. 4th

Come & sing!

Miscellaneous

Anyone who wants to help with a mailing list for the 150th Anniversary Celebration, please contact the church office, 233-0767 or email: office@topekatlc.org

Worship Assistants									
Date	Greeter(s)	Usher(s)	Musicians	Lector	Acolyte, Crucifer, Banner Bearer	Altar Guild	Coffee Hosts	Assisting Minister	Presiding Minister
November 4, 2018	Bob & Linda Stone	Diane Bottorff	Laurie Jackson	Linda Longren	Rosie Nichols	Janice Greenlee & Team 2	Donna Allen, Marilyn Heckman, Carol Marker	Ted Murphy	Pr. Dinah Dutta
November 11, 2018	Walt & Helen Laughlin	Howard Reece	Mitchell Bean	Ted Murphy	Cindy McGinnis	Janice Greenlee & Team 2	Janice Greenlee	Vickie Jacobs	Pr. Elwyn Luber
November 18, 2018	Sam & Charlotte Blenden	Howard Reece	Laurie Jackson	Ted Quast		Janice Greenlee & Team 2	Howard & Loni Reece	Jeff Longren	Pr. Bob Dealey
November 25, 2018	Carol Marker	Dean McGinnis	Mitchell Bean	Marcy Carlson		Janice Greenlee & Team 2	Walt & Helen Laughlin	Mary Heald	Pr. Michael Haar



Blood Pressure Checks
November 4, 2018



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



Have you designated your portion of the



If you are a Thrivent member, have you



This link will take you directly to the AmazonSmile page that directs the donation generated by your

November Celebrations

November Readings

Birthdays

- 4 Walt Laughlin
- 8 Julie Reeves
- 10 Rosie Nichols
- 12 Andrew Carpenter
- 12 Dustin Carpenter
- 13 Betty Quarnstrom
- 15 Liz Utech
- 18 Susan Fitz
- 20 Martha Nemeth
- 21 Ron Axelton
- 21 Matthew Kobbeman
- 24 Betty Patton
- 26 Debbie Pomeroy

Baptisms

- 4 Laurie Jackson
- 9 Russell Johnson
- 14 Marlene Hassan
- 17 Dean McGinnis
- 19 Sammy Ginter
- 23 Edwin Bennett
- 23 Kyra Bennett
- 23 Meranda Bennett
- 23 Johnathon Brown
- 24 Heather Klamm
- 24 Dorothy Strom
- 25 Carl Quarnstrom
- 28 Adam Heald
- 29 Eleanor Jewell

Wedding Anniversaries

- 24 Jim & Susan Erickson

November 4—All Saints Sunday

Isaiah 25:6-9
Psalm 24
Revelation 21:1-6a
John 11:32-44

November 11—25th Sunday of Pentecost

1 Kings 17:8-16
Psalm 146
Hebrews 9:24-28
Mark 12:38-44

November 18—26th Sunday of Pentecost

Daniel 12:1-3
Psalm 16
Hebrews 10:11-18
Mark 13:1-8

November 25—Christ the King Sunday

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14
Psalm 93
Revelation 1:4b-8
John 18:33-37

Watch your bulletin November 4th and November 11th for poinsettia order forms.

Early orders must be placed by November 12th to get the best price. We can still order after the 12th, but the price may be higher.



Watch for
bulletin
inserts listing
items
needed for
the Christmas
Store.

First, I want to thank everyone who helped to make our inaugural Neighbor Helping Neighbor Walk/5K Run a success. We were able to raise \$6,000 to help with agency expenses during the last quarter of 2018! Mark your calendars for Saturday, October 5, 2019 for our second annual event!!

It is true what people say... the older you get, the faster time goes by! 2018 has flown by and we are already making plans for our Christmas Store for adopted families and individuals. Doorstep will again adopt 250 households from the Christmas Bureau. There are over 775 individuals within these households, and we provide a Christmas for all.

This year the Christmas Bureau will take applications for seven days — October 22nd through November 2nd. This is for our neighbors in need who cannot afford to provide a Christmas for their families. These are families and individuals who meet the federal pov-

erty guidelines. They are working, but not making a living wage; they are disabled, they are struggling to provide the basic needs for their families, and need a little extra help at Christmas.

Our Christmas Store is a unique experience and different from anything else we do at Doorstep! We need your help with gifts, monetary donations to purchase food, and volunteers to help during the five day process. The Store is an uplifting experience, and you cannot help but feel good about your time spent volunteering there!

Please mark your calendars for December 9th – 13th, and watch for our flyers on specific days and times for volunteering. Doorstep's Christmas Store is possible each year in large part because of the generosity of our congregations and their members. Neighbors helping neighbors is what Doorstep was founded on, and what we continue to do today!

Council Meeting Highlights, October 9, 2018

CONGREGATION COUNCIL

President

Bob Horton
640-5344

Vice President

Mary Heald
221-2790

Secretary

Dean McGinnis
272-0255

Treasurer

Bob Kobbeman
478-0381

Members

Diane Bottorff
271-7131

Laurie Jackson
224-9683

Dean McGinnis
272-0255

Ted Murphy
817-0372

- ◆ Pr. Michael Haar will be contacted to provide pastoral care (outside of regular worship) to our members & shut-ins. Bob Horton will draft a covenant.
- ◆ Autopay accounts were approved.
- ◆ Gardeners have offered to paint the garage with donated paint.
- ◆ Old Town NIA will host a Trunk-or-Treat in the Grace Cathedral parking lot Oct. 31, 6-8 pm. All are welcome.
- ◆ Community garden picnic Oct. 14, 5:30 pm.
- ◆ Community meal Oct. 21, 5:30 pm. Draft of grant request was discussed.
- ◆ Oct. 28 is Reformation Sunday; Pr. Luber will preside.
- ◆ Advent midweek services will offer liturgical education along with soup & bread supper.
- ◆ Christmas Eve worship will be at 4 pm.
- ◆ Thanksgiving Eve worship info will be requested.
- ◆ Cindy will be asked to contact Thrivent for potential dates to visit worship & coffee hour for presentation.
- ◆ 150th anniversary planning meeting Oct. 14 after worship.



LUTHERAN CAMPUS MINISTRY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS

Our annual chili cook-off was a resounding success, as we were able to raise over \$5,500 to support our ongoing food ministry programs for students at KU. The majority of the proceeds from the

Chili Cook-Off will benefit our food pantry, which we are currently expanding. We'd like to congratulate Dudley Hogue for winning our grand prize for his delicious chicken chili! We'd also like to thank all who attended and supported the chili cook-off, as we couldn't have done this without you.

Currently we are asking for toiletries for our food pantry, as these items are often overlooked and expensive for struggling students. We ask you to assist in our mission by donating toiletries (e.g. soap, shampoo, toothpaste) or non-perishable food items (e.g. peanut butter, jelly, canned fruits/vegetables). While these items may seem insignificant to us, they can make a world of difference to a student in need.



Thank Offering

THANK OFFERING

It's November! Time for Thanks! Giving! It's a time when we think about a delicious spread of food for family and friends, but let's also think "outside of that box"!

As we count God's many blessings, we can also think about the words in the prayer we use at the beginning of the worship service, "Lord, what can I do for you today?"

Women in our church have followed the tradition of Thankofferings since the 1800s. When the Women of the ELCA was formed in 1987 they committed to continue this tradition of giving in gratitude for God's blessings. Thousands of congregations support thank offerings which make it possible to support underprivileged women and girls....scholarships, stopping human trafficking, supporting community food banks, community gardens, educational programs and many others.

Together with others we can do more through these programs than we could ever do alone! You are invited to use the envelope attached to this newsletter and place it in the offering plate on November 18 or any Sunday in November!

We are invited!



St. Paul's Lutheran Church

God's Work, Our Hands - Making Disciples
to Make Peace

For all that has been - thanks. To all that will
be - yes. *Markings by Dag Hammarskjöld*

Please Join Us to Honor
the Ministry of Our Pastor
The Rev. David C. Fulton
and to Celebrate his Retirement

Sunday, November 25th
St. Paul's Lutheran Church
925 N. Waco Wichita Kansas
Worship will be at 9:30 a.m.

RETIREMENT LUNCHEON AND PROGRAM
Program 11:00 a.m.
Luncheon 11:30 a.m.

LUNCHEON RESERVATIONS ARE REQUESTED
Sign up after worship November 4 or 11
or RSVP by November 12th to
Betty Ladwig 316-722-5123, Elaine Harvey 316-744-2935
or St. Paul's Office 316-263-0810
stpauls.wichita@gmail.com

Marie Henriksen Obituary



Marie C. Henriksen, 104, passed away Tuesday, October 2, 2018. She was born March 29, 1914 in Kansas City, Missouri, the adopted daughter of Samuel B. and Florence (Graham) Clark. She spent her early years in Summerfield, Kansas. She moved to Falls City, Nebraska when she was three and completed high school there. She later graduated from Clark's Business College in Topeka. She was married to Christian "Chris" W. Henriksen on October 10, 1933 in Red Oak, Iowa. He preceded her in death on July 19, 1993. She was also preceded in death by two grandchildren. She is survived by three children: Neil Christian Henriksen

(Maxine), Grand Prairie, Texas, Maren L. Farr (Tom), Topeka, and Bruce Henriksen (Saundra Snyder), Topeka; three grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; eight step-great-grandchildren and a host of friends.

Mrs. Henriksen and her husband Chris owned and operated the Shawnee Creamery for 35 years from 1936 to 1972, the last independent creamery in Kansas. In that capacity she worked as office manager and bookkeeper. They manufactured butter, ice cream and bottled milk and other daily products. Following the closing of the creamery, she worked at Wolf's Jewelers and the Neiswanger Co as bookkeeper. After her retirement, she gradually went back into full time employment with the Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star for 20 years, gradually limiting her hours during the last years.

Marie was an over 60 year faithful member of Trinity Lutheran Church where she had served as choir member and in many other capacities. She was an over 75 year active member and Past Matron of Helena Chapter #210, Order of the Eastern Star. She was Past Worthy High Priestess of Trinity Shrine No 7 Order of the White Shrine of Jerusalem and present Worthy Scribe, a member Council No 1, Ancient Toltee Rite, Arab Shrine Nobelles, Arab Antique Car Club, Wah-No-Quah Club, Prime-Timers and the Past Matrons and Patrons Club of Helena Chapter.

Marie's funeral services was held at 10:30 am on Saturday, October 13, 2018 at Trinity Lutheran Church. Memorial contributions may be made to Trinity Lutheran Church, 725 SW Buchanan, Topeka, KS 66606 or Topeka & Shawnee Co. Public Library, 1515 SW 10th Ave, Topeka, KS 66604. To share a message with the family, please visit www.ParkerPriceFH.com.

Theлма Strom Obituary



Thelma Mae Johnson Strom was born on August 9, 1928 in Marquette, KS, one of five children of Oscar and Edna Krieg Johnson. She passed away Wednesday, October 17, 2018, at Country Care Nursing Home in Easton, KS, at age 90.

Thelma graduated from Marquette High School in 1946. She came to Topeka, June 1946 and worked for Security Benefit. Later, she worked 20 years for USD 501 at Topeka West High School library and retired in 1988. She married Wilbur Strom, March 13, 1948 at Trinity Lutheran Church. They were married for 64 years. They were members of Trinity Church for 50 years. In 2001 they moved to Leavenworth, KS and were members of St. Paul Lutheran Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband Wilbur, son Ronald, and three sisters.

She is survived by her sons Alan Strom (Mary) Ft Worth, TX; Brian Strom (Kimberly) Grand Forks, ND; daughter Sharon Bates (Ron) Leavenworth, KS; daughter-in-law Bonnie Strom, Des Moines, IA; her brother, Eldon Johnson, Pflugerville, TX; 16 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

Family received friends from 4-6 P.M., Sunday, October 21, 2018, at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 311 N 7th Street, Leavenworth, 66048. Funeral services were held at 10 A.M., Monday, October 22, 2018 at 10:00 A.M. at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Burial followed in the Mount Muncie Cemetery.

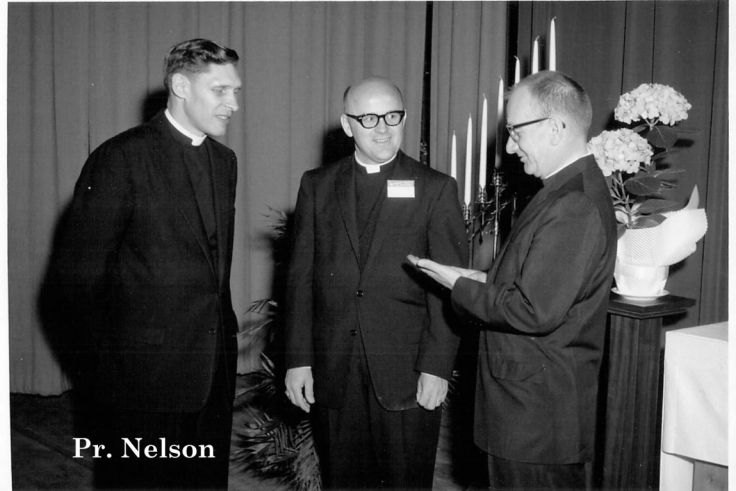
Memorial contributions may be given to Trinity Lutheran Church, Topeka, KS or St. Paul Lutheran Church, Leavenworth, KS.

Thelma's family would like to thank Country Care Nursing Home for the love and care they provided and Crossroads Hospice for their services.

Can you help???

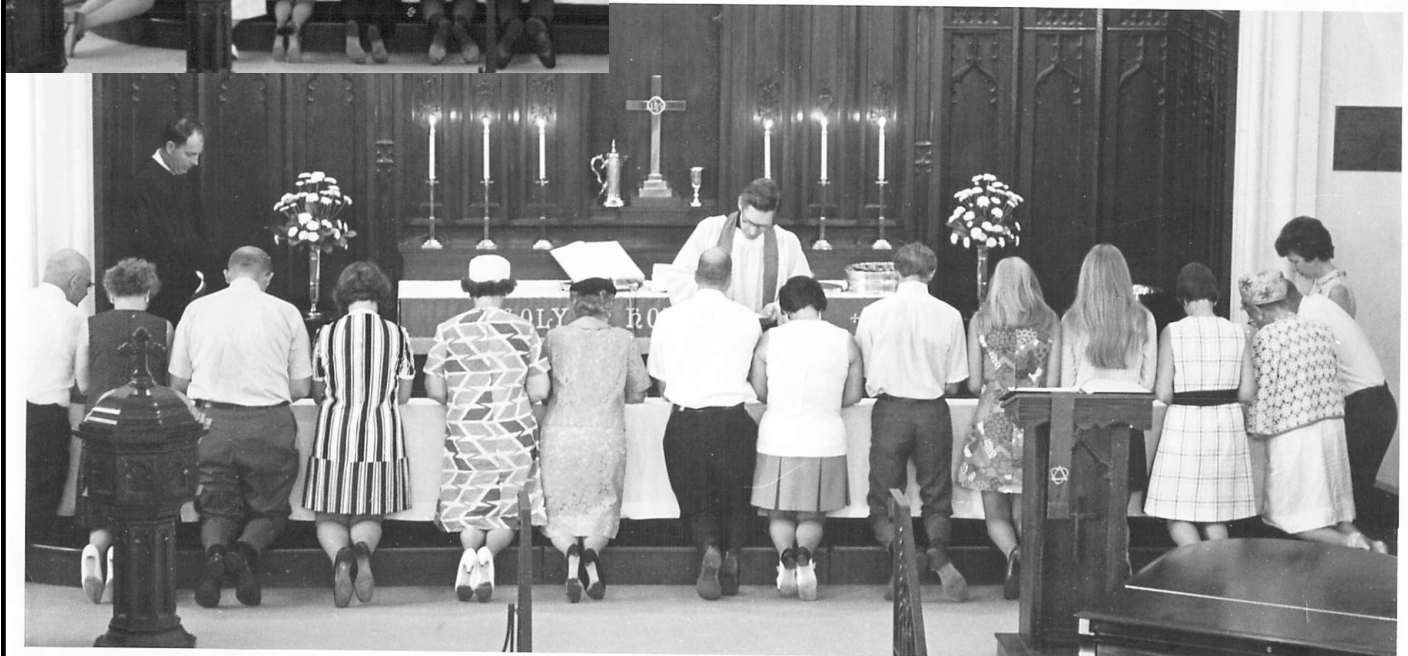
This month, the photos in question are from the era of Pastor Nelson. He was our pastor for many years—1955-1982—so there are lots of photos! Take a look at these pictures and see if you can identify anyone—other than Pastor Nelson—or name the event or provide an approximate date.

Do you know the approximate date of this photo and who the other two men might be?



These two photos appear to have been taken on the same date. If anyone knows about when that might have been, please call Cindy in the church office.

←The second communicant from the left appears to be Marcy Carlson; who might the others be?

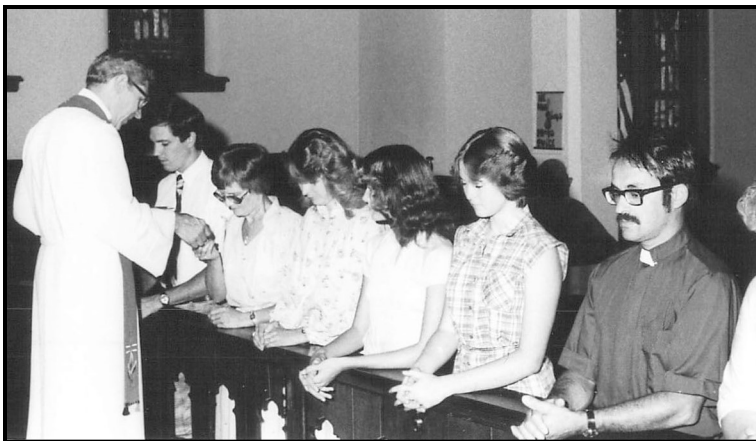
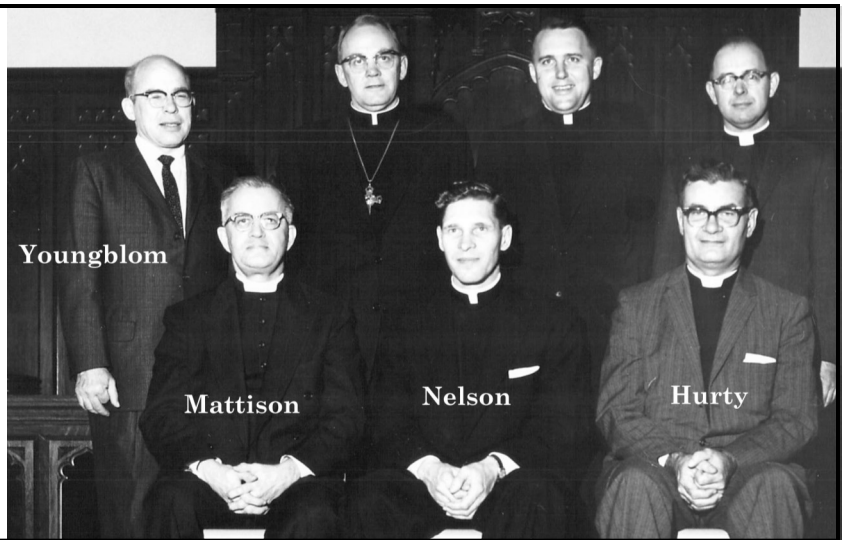


This photo shows a baptism occurring. Date??
Family??



Anyone know who these men are with Pr. Nelson? Date? Event?

Please identify, if you can, the three men in the top row and the date and event.



Left to right: Pr. Nelson, Randy Evans, Elaine Patton, _____,
Karen Velen, _____,
Intern Jim Martin, and possibly Ida Swenson to Jim's left.

If you can identify the three girls, date, and/or event, please call the office.

I have lots more photos here in the office. If you are so inclined, feel free to stop by and take a look to see if you can make any identifications.

Cindy

A look back...

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
Eighth and Buchanan
Topeka, Kansas
NOVEMBER 8, 1964
THE TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
THE SERVICE AT 11:00 A.M.

WE PREPARE OURSELVES

Silent Prayer and Meditation. Please read Psalm 95 on page 197 and prayer number 118 on page 233.

The Prelude Guilmant

The Processional Hymn.....Number 149

The Invocation.....Page 15

The Confession of Sins.....Page 15

WE WELCOME THE SAVIOUR AND PRAISE GOD

The Introit.....Page 104

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WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

The Epistle -- Colossians 1:9-14Page 24

The Gradual -- The Alleluia.....Page 24

The Holy Gospel -- Matthew 9:18-26

The Confession of Faith -- The Apostles' Creed.....Page 5

The Anthem "Now Let Every Tongue Adore Thee" Bach

The Pulpit Hymn.....Number 393, Third Tune

The Sermon....."The Good and Gracious Will of God"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

The Offertory....."Let Us, With a Gladsome Mind"

The Offertory Response.....Page 27

The Reception of New Members

The Lord's Prayer.....Page 8

The Closing Hymn.....Number 402

The Benediction and Threefold Amen

The Postlude
"Triumphal March"Grieg
(Indentation indicates Congregation is seated.)

PASTOR -- J. Edward Nelson

ORGANIST--SENIOR CHOIR DIRECTOR -- John V. Friedstrom

CHILDREN'S CHOIR DIRECTOR -- Mrs. John V. Friedstrom

ACOLYTES -- John Southerland and Craig Johnson

GREETERS -- Mrs. George Ericson and Mrs. Leonard Johnson

ALTAR FLOWERS -- In memory of Miss Nettie Peterson

VESPERS AT FIVE O'CLOCK

The Organ Prelude Bach

The Hymn Number 422 (Stand for last stanza)

The Versicles.....Page 141

The Psalm -- Number 8Page 163

The Gloria PatriPage 142

The Scripture Lesson -- 2 Corinthians 5:1-10

The Pulpit Hymn Number 169

The Sermon "The Majesty of God"

The Organ Offertory "Meditation" Boellmann

The Offertory ResponsePage 27

The Closing Hymn Number 172

The Closing Liturgy

The Organ Postlude "Marche Romaine"Page 143

FELLOWSHIP HOUR AT SIX O'CLOCK: COMMITTEE -- Miss Bernice Danielson, Miss Louise Hagadorn, Mr. and Mrs. Dean Mason, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Lassman and Susan.

MONDAY, 7:30 P.M.: Teachers' Training Course

WEDNESDAY, 7:30 P.M.: Meeting of the Building Committee at the church.

THURSDAY, 6:30 P.M.: Children's Choir rehearsal

7:30 P.M.: Senior Choir rehearsal

SATURDAY, 9:30 A.M.: 7th Grade Confirmation Class

10:35 A.M.: 8th Grade Confirmation Class

We are most pleased to receive the following persons into the confirmed membership of our congregation today: Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Kolstad, Curtis Kolstad, Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Logan, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Mlynek. May God's blessings accompany them as they participate in the life and work of Trinity Congregation.

At the organizing meeting of the Church Council, the following officers were elected: Norman Norburg, vice-president; Everett Anderson, secretary; Paul Southerland, treasurer; and Raymond Youngblom, financial secretary.

The Christian Fellowship Guild will be packing clothing for Lutheran World Relief at its next meeting, November 20. Anybody having items for this purpose should take them to the church by the 20th. The need is still very great. Generally speaking, any serviceable clothing, shoes, blankets, and other cloth goods can be of use to LWR. Synthetics are now acceptable. Ladies hose and flimsy materials are not desired.

and another one...

As this bulletin was being prepared, a call from Pastor Foss informed us that the Corner-stone laying for St. Thomas Church had been postponed to November 22. Since word had gone to the Fellowship Hour Committee, and others, of the cancellation of Vespers, we thought it not feasible to have Vespers today. Nor will Vespers be held next Sunday in the hope that many of our members will want to attend the Service for the Laying of the Corner-stone at 4:00 p.m. on that day. A special Advent Vesper Service, sponsored by our ICW, will be held on Sunday, November 29, at 5:00 p.m. This promises to be an interesting and inspiring service for which we urge a large attendance.

Members of the Church Council, elected at the annual meeting, installed today include Kenneth Swenson, Millard Wray, Duane Sodergren, Hunter Blair, Chris Henriksen, Gerald Chelson, and Donald Buchholz.

The Luther League will meet this evening at 6:30 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Johnson, 3355 Kirk lawn. Following the business meeting, a roller skating party will be held at Roll-Away Skating Rink.

Monday, 7:30 p.m.: Teachers' training course
 Thursday, 6:30 p.m.: Children's Choir rehearsal
 Friday, 6:30 p.m.: Senior Choir rehearsal

Covered dish supper for the Christian Fellowship Guild at the church. Guests at the meeting will be Kenneth Kuan of China, who is a student at Washburn, and Miss Alice Huggins, former missionary to China, who will be the speaker. Hosts are Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Danielson and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Hanson.

Saturday, 9:30 a.m.: 7th Grade Confirmation Class
 10:35 a.m.: 8th Grade Confirmation Class

The Christian Fellowship Guild will be packing clothes for Lutheran World Relief the week of Nov. 23. If you have items which you wish to give to this cause, please see that they are ready to pack at the church prior to the 23rd. Any serviceable clothing, shoes, blankets, and other cloth goods can be of use to LWR as this organization attempts to clothe the needy in many parts of the world.

Mrs. Albert Kissell is interested in securing light house-keeping work. Anyone knowing of the availability of this type of work should notify the Kissells or Pastor Nelson.
 GREETERS TODAY - Mrs. George Ericson and Mrs. Gilbert Brill

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 The Anthem "In Thee, O Lord, Have I Trusted" Handel
 The Pulpit Hymn.....Number 168, Standard Version
 The Sermon....."Our Hope of Salvation"
 A Word about the Topeka Council of Churches-Mr. Don Tarver

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD
 The Offertory "Elegy" Gullmant
 The Offertory Response.....Page 27
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 The Lord's Prayer.....Page 8
 The Closing Hymn.....Number 191, First Tune
 The Benediction and Threefold Amen
 The Postlude "Postludium Circulaire" Gaul
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The survey is included in this newsletter on the next five pages. You may complete the survey and mail it to the address given at the bottom of this page. The mailing address is also on the first page of the survey. If you have the capability to complete the survey online, please do so – and save some paper & postage.

Every six years, the members of the Central States Synod of the ELCA elect a bishop. When we gather in Assembly on June 6-8, 2019, we will participate in electing a bishop for the next six-year term. That election, as always, will be through an [ecclesiastical ballot](#). Recently, the Synod Council appointed an Election Facilitation Committee (EFC) to oversee a process in the months leading up to Synod Assembly that will help us, the members of Central States Synod, with a process of additional discernment and education about who the next bishop might be. Here's what will happen:

- **Informational Survey:** The EFC will be seeking input through a survey about the state of the synod, and the needs and desires for the next term of the bishop. This information will be compiled to create a comprehensive picture of this synod. The survey is available [here](#), on the [Synod website](#), or may be [printed](#) and mailed. The deadline for submission of this survey is **November 30, 2018**.
- **Seeking interested individuals:** Over the next few months, the EFC will be collecting names of individuals (Ministers of Word and Sacrament in the ELCA) whom you believe should discern a call to the office of bishop. This allows for months of conversation and discernment for those individuals to consider this call. Individuals can self-identify or be identified, and they do not need to currently serve in this synod. Please submit the names and contact information of those individuals to [Dennis Allerheiligen](#) by **February 28th, 2019**, so their information can be collected and disseminated.
- **Sharing information with the voting members:** Information about those potential nominees will then be shared with the congregations, worshipping communities and organizations within the synod. Members of the synod's congregations, worshipping communities and organizations are encouraged to spend time learning about these individuals, praying and discerning for themselves whom they would like to nominate for the bishop's election at Synod Assembly.
- **Ecclesiastical Ballot at Synod Assembly:** The first ballot of the ecclesiastical ballot allows for all voting members at Synod Assembly to cast their first vote for bishop. This person can be any Minister of Word and Sacrament in the ELCA, whether or not their information has been previously shared through this process.

Our mailing address is:

Central States Synod
136 Main St Ste 101
Kansas City, MO 64105-2303

Bishop's Election Survey, Central States Synod

Thank you for participating in our survey. This survey will help all of us to better understand the Central States Synod, its mission and ministries. Your feedback on this subject is important so that we can continue to best serve the Synod.

If using a printed version of this survey, please return to:
Bishop's Election Task Force
136 Main St., Ste 101
Kansas City, MO 64105

* Required

1. **Email address ***

2. **Rate your feelings about the future of your congregation/setting/worshiping community/institution ***

Mark only one oval.

	1	2	3	4	5	
Very Pessimistic	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Very Optimistic

3. **Rate your feelings about the future of the Central States Synod ***

Mark only one oval.

	1	2	3	4	5	
Very Pessimistic	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Very Optimistic

4. **Rate your feelings about the future of the ELCA ***

Mark only one oval.

	1	2	3	4	5	
Very Pessimistic	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Very Optimistic

5. What do you believe are the three (3) strongest ministries of the Central States Synod? *

Choose three (3)

Check all that apply.

- Bethany College
- Camp Tomah Shinga
- Campus Ministries (KU/KSU/St. Louis)
- Companion Synods (Papua New Guinea & Russia)
- Hollis Renewal Center
- Mission Partners (Bethany Home, Lutheran Family & Children's Services, Lutheran Men in Mission, Lutheran School of Theology-St. Louis, Metro Lutheran Ministry, Mosaic, The Oaks Indian Center, Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago, Wartburg Theological Seminary, Lutherans Restoring Creation)
- Mission Tables (Synod Mission Table, Congregational Vitality Mission Table, Eastern Conference Strategy Mission Table, Ellsworth Shared Ministry, Exploration Mission Table)
- New Starts (Iglesia Luterana Sagrado Corazon de Jesus, Garden City, KS, Paroquia Luterana El Divino Niño, Dodge City, KS, Mision San Juan de Dios, Wichita, KS, Laotian Worshipping Community, Olathe, KS, South Sudanese Congregation, St. Joseph, MO, Kansas City Oromo Mission Lutheran Church, Kansas City, MO, The Bridge, St. Charles, MO)
- Women of the ELCA
- Youth Ministry
- Other: _____

6. What should congregations in the synod expect of the synod bishop in the next six (6) years? *

7. What do you see as the principal challenge for this synod's bishop in the next six (6) years? *

8. How well does your congregation work with other congregations locally or in the synod? *

Mark only one oval.

1 2 3 4 5

Not at all Very well

9. How well do you understand the functions/roles of the Central States Synod? *

Mark only one oval.

	1	2	3	4	5	
Not at all	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Very well

10. How well do you understand the activities/ministries of the Central States Synod? *

Mark only one oval.

	1	2	3	4	5	
Not at all	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Very well

11. What are your congregation's three (3) greatest strengths? *

12. Please share any additional thoughts or comments you have on these issues.

13. Your age? *

Mark only one oval.

- Under 20
- 21-39
- 40-59
- 60-79
- 80 or older
- Prefer not to answer

14. Your gender identity? *

Mark only one oval.

- Female
- Male
- Gender non-conforming
- Prefer not to answer
- Other

15. How long have you attended an ELCA congregation within the synod? *

Mark only one oval.

- less than 1 year
- 1-5 years
- 6-15 years
- 16-25 years
- more than 25 years

16. Which best describes you? *

Check all that apply

Check all that apply.

- Member of an ELCA congregation
- Hold or have held a leadership role in an ELCA congregation
- Staff member of an ELCA congregation
- Served on a synod committee, team, task force or council
- more than 25 years
- Other: _____

17. Which best describes the context of your congregation? *

Check all that apply.

- Rural
- Small town (<10,000 people)
- Small city (10,000 - 50,000 people)
- Medium city (50,001 - 250,000 people)
- Large city (>250,000 people)
- Serve in specialized ministry
- Other: _____

18. How have you and/or your congregation interacted with the bishop in the last six (6) years?

Check all that apply

Check all that apply.

	You	Your Congregation
Attended a congregational meeting	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Came to my congregation (visited or preached)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Direct contact (via phone or in person)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Funeral (attended or preached)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Synod Assembly	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bishop's Convocation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Youth event(s)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Send me a copy of my responses.