

TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

Trinity Tidings

December 2019

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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

The mission of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church is to:

- *worship God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,*
- *serve those in need, and*
- *reach out to share the Good News of salvation through Jesus Christ!*

Together in Community
Living with Christ
Caring for Neighbors

DECEMBER 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
10:15 Hymn Sing-a-long Blood Pressure Checks after Worship		9 am Quilters 7 pm TLHA meeting	6:30 pm Mary & Martin Midweek Advent Worship & Study			
	5 pm Women's AA	9 am Quilters 5:30 pm Council	6:30 pm Mary & Martin Midweek Advent Worship & Study 6:30-8 pm Historic Old Town NIA meeting	5:30 pm Women's AA	7 pm Men's AA	5:30 pm Julbord Dinner 6:30 pm St. Lucia Day Candlelight Service
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15 January 2020 Trinity Tidings deadline	5 pm Women's AA	9 am Quilters	6:30 pm Mary & Martin Midweek Advent Worship & Study	5:30 pm Women's AA	7 pm Men's AA	
22	5 pm Women's AA	5 pm Christmas Eve Worship	Christmas Day	5:30 pm Women's AA	7 pm Men's AA	
29 5th Sunday Special to benefit Central States Synod	30 Deadline to submit reports for Annual Report 5 pm Women's AA	31 New Years Eve	EVERY SUNDAY: 9:15 AM ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30 AM WORSHIP & HOLY COMMUNION Trinity Lutheran Annual Meeting January 19, 2020			

Trinity Tidings

St. Lucia Celebration

Julbord Dinner

Christmas Potluck Dinner with Swedish Sweets

Friday, December 13, 5:30 pm

Ham will be provided as the main serving. We are asking members to bring side dishes and desserts.

St. Lucia Day Candlelight Service

6:30 pm

After the meal, we will gather in the sanctuary for a traditional Swedish Christmas service with candlelight and hymns. In Sweden, St. Lucia is the major holiday celebration for all Lutheran churches and we are delighted to bring back this tradition to our congregation.

Please invite your friends and family to this evening of fellowship and worship.



Dear Trinity,

I am very excited as we begin another year in the liturgical calendar. Just today, I had to reset the Gospel book from the back to the front to start us in Year A and thought of all the ways that while I have only been with you a short time, there have been so many memories made since starting with you back in the spring.

Memories are those things that are made over time that bond you to others. How often have you had fond memories with others? How often have you had memories that you would like to forget? Memories are a part of our human formation and I would like to add are pivotal to our faith formation. In the season of Advent, we are reoriented back to the memory of a

child being born without a place to lay his head. Far away in the land of Bethlehem, something special is about to happen.

What is interesting is that all of us know the ending of the Advent season (and so does every store in town for the next month). Yet, it might be helpful for us to have the imagination of the early Christians before Christmas was allowed to be celebrated publicly. For many new Christians in the Roman era, the Advent narrative would have been the first thing they would have listened to as followers of this new faith. They didn't know the story to come. They didn't have an idea of what the story was to be. They were making new memories with their church community while being formed into Christians.

Therefore, in this Advent season, I ask that you have this same mindset of mystery and wonder at the path that we will be taking toward that hopeful night on which Christ is born. Do not be so held to the past that you are not making new memories in our present day. Be on this journey with the whole church as we live into this season. And as your pastor, know that we will be doing a mix of old and new things....and old things renewed this Advent season. Just know that I want you to hopefully enjoy all that has been planned and for us all to build new memories for the future of this church.

Andrew C. Patty



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TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Worship Assistants									
Date	Greeter(s)	Usher(s)	Musicians	Lector	Acolyte	Altar Guild	Coffee Hosts	Assisting Minister	Presiding Minister
December 1, 2019	Julie Reeves	Dean McGinnis	Laurie Jackson	Marcy Carlson	Cindy McGinnis	Team 2	Ted Quast	Ted Murphy	Pr. Andrew Patty
December 8, 2019	Dorothy Strom	David McGinnis	Mitchell Bean	LaVell Winsor	Laurie Jackson	Team 2	Donna Allen, Marilyn Heckman, & Carol Marker	Vickie Jacobs	Pr. Andrew Patty
December 15, 2019	Walt & Helen Laughlin	Duane Pomeroy	Laurie Jackson	Shelley Andrews	Ted Murphy	Team 2	Howard & Loni Reece	Mary Heald	Pr. Andrew Patty
December 22, 2019	Vickie Jacobs	Ted Murphy	Laurie Jackson	Diane Bottorff	Duane Pomeroy	Team 2	Bob & Pam Kobbeman	Bob Horton	Pr. Andrew Patty
December 29, 2019	Chuck Sodergren	Diane Bottorff	Mitchell Bean	Marcy Carlson	Cindy McGinnis	Team 2	Don & Charlotte O'Brien	Walt Laughlin	Pr. Andrew Patty

Blood Pressure Checks December 1, 2019



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

Due to HIPPA and Privacy Laws, hospitals and care facilities are not allowed to notify us when patients are admitted. Therefore, please contact the office if you will be entering a hospital or care facility and would like a visit. If you are unable to attend worship due to illness or mobility, please contact Pr. Andrew or Cindy to schedule a visit.

Help us keep your contact information up to date.

If you have a current email address, please use it to email the church office, office@topekatlc.org.

If there is an email address that you no longer use, please call the office, 233-0767, and we can remove it from our records.

PLEASE NOTE: We have three AA groups that meet here at Trinity. One of the tenets of AA is anonymity.

The meeting times are on our calendar each month; the Monday night group meets in Fellowship Hall and the Wednesday & Thursday groups meet in Trinity Hall.

Please respect their privacy.



Dillons recently upgraded their system, and as a result our Non-Profit Organization (NPO) has a new account number — MV608. Please reference the new number when contacting Dillons for assistance. The previous number will continue to be associated with our organization, however, it will not be visible when enrolling.



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>

December Celebrations

Birthdays 3 Junior Utech
14 Brad Carpenter
14 Sara King
16 Chelsea Carpenter
19 Don O'Brien
20 Edwin Brown
22 Troy Pomeroy
23 Jeff Longren
27 Cindy McGinnis
30 Karen Arney
30 Brett Henry
30 Adeline Klamm

Baptisms 6 Julie Reeves
8 Peggy Buchholz
8 Walt Laughlin
9 Junior Utech
10 Roy O'Neil
15 Ivan Carlson
21 Tresa Johnson
25 Andrew Carpenter
25 Dustin Carpenter
26 Debbie Pomeroy
29 Janice Greenlee

Wedding Anniversaries

29 Carl & Betty Quarnstrom

December Readings

December 1 — 1st Sunday in Advent

Isaiah 2:1-5
Psalm 122
Romans 13:11-14
Matthew 24:36-44

December 8 — 2nd Sunday in Advent

Isaiah 11:1-10
Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19
Romans 15:4-13
Matthew 3:1-12

December 15 — 3rd Sunday in Advent

Isaiah 35:1-10
Psalm 146:5-10
James 5:7-10
Matthew 11:2-11

December 22 — 4th Sunday in Advent

Isaiah 7:10-16
Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19
Romans 1:1-7
Matthew 1:18-25

December 24 — Christmas Eve

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

December 25 — Christmas Day

Isaiah 62:6-12
Psalm 97
Titus 3:4-7
Luke 2:[1-7] 8-20

December 29 — 1st Sunday of Christmas

Isaiah 63:7-9
Psalm 148
Hebrews 2:10-18
Matthew 2:13-23



Favorite Hymn Sing-Along
December 1
10:15 a.m.
Come & sing!

Mary and Martin

Exploring Lutheran Views on the Mother of God

6:30 pm Every Wednesday during Advent

December 4

December 11

December 18

We will gather in the sanctuary at 6:30 for a time of worship, then go downstairs to Fellowship Hall for Bible study and refreshments. Those that are attending are asked to bring one snack item (bag of chips, cookies, etc.) to share with the group.

During Advent, we will be reviving our midweek sessions as we await the coming of Christ. Our theme for this Advent study season will focus on the theological foundations of what Lutherans thought of Mary's place within our faith tradition and what it

means for us today. We will balance the past and the present by looking at some historical documents and statements of our church in comparison with reflections from various current ELCA clergy persons.



CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS November 12, 2019

CONGREGATION COUNCIL

President

Diane Bottorff
271-7131

Vice President

Mary Heald
221-2790

Secretary

Laurie Jackson
224-9683

Treasurer

Bob Kobbeman
478-0381

Members

Bob Horton
640-5344

Curt Lewis
286-2728

Dean McGinnis
272-0255

Ted Murphy
817-0372

- ◆ There was discussion of options to celebrate 150th anniversary: bells, sanctuary restoration, impact paint in sanctuary, plaster repair, landscaping, lighting, doors, outdoor monument. Council will form five proposals to present at annual meeting.
- ◆ Pr. Andrew will seek volunteers to help with St. Lucia dinner. Dinner will be at 5:30; worship will follow at 6:30.
- ◆ Christmas Eve service will begin at 5 pm with scripture, hymns & Taize chants.
- ◆ Pr. Andrew presented a seasonal direct mail proposal. Motion was approved.
- ◆ Policy & Procedure manual was reviewed; still in process.
- ◆ Staff evaluations are scheduled for November.
- ◆ Thanksgiving Eve service will be at 1st Lutheran, 7 pm.
- ◆ Christmas trees will be put up Nov. 24 following worship.
- ◆ Julie Reeves would like some additional persons to serve as acolytes.
- ◆ Guest/Membership committee is working on follow-up procedures and branding.
- ◆ Annual meeting will be Jan. 19; backup date Jan 26.
- ◆ Pr. Gary Teske will speak about Companion Synods in Russia and Papua New Guinea. A special offering will be collected.
- ◆ New copier/printer from Century Business Technologies was approved.
- ◆ Next meeting December 10, 5:30 pm.

Trinity Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of our congregation will be held at the conclusion of the worship service on Sunday, January 19. Tentative agenda items include: approval of 2020 budget, elections, presentation of proposal for special project to celebrate 150th anniversary, and more.

We will need a quorum of voting members to conduct business. According to our constitution a quorum is 25% of our voting members. A voting member is confirmed and has communed and made a contribution of record during the preceding or current year.

Answer the call: In the coming weeks the Nominating Committee will be seeking persons to serve in a number of positions that will be elected at the annual meeting.

There are council positions, 3 year terms, Nominating Committee members, 1 year term, Audit Committee, 3 year term, Doorstep board, 1 year term, Topeka Lutheran Home Assoc, 3 year terms, Lutheran Fine Arts Council, 1 year terms. When you are called, please prayerfully consider serving.

Thank you!!



In case you are wondering...

Our September 5th Sunday Special for the benefit of the Topeka Rescue Mission resulted in \$931.00!

Our garage sale garnered \$300, plus we were able to donate some merchandise to Doorstep and our food pantry patrons. This money will be used for children's ministry.

We need to take moment to thank everyone who helped with the garage sale:

Pr. Andrew, Junior & Liz Utech, Donna Allen, Carol Marker, Marcy Carlson, Shelley Andrews, Diane Bortorff, Laurie Jackson, Cindy McGinnis, and Linda Longren.

And we did a spectacular job of giving to the Companion Synods that Pr. Gary Teske talked about on Nov. 17th. The offering received totaled \$572.75!! We will be sending a check for that amount in the near future.

75 bags!!!!

Thank you to everyone who brought food for our pantry. I see the people who come to our door and they have touched my heart. Some I have only seen once and some are here more often. Many have disabilities or other struggles with which we cannot help so being able to offer them a bag of food means so much to them. Every single one offers their thanks—and I have been blessed so many times ... so I'm sharing those blessings with you.

It started out as a challenge – donate three bags of bags of groceries and earn a chance to give Pastor Andrew a face full of whipped cream. And that challenge resulted in 10 cream pies and **75 bags of groceries donated to Trinity Lutheran's food pantry!**

I am sending my personal thanks to everyone who brought groceries; your generosity warms my heart!

Cindy



Doorstep News – December 2019

This year has presented many challenges for Doorstep, and thankfully many blessings. As you have heard, with the sewer issue in our basement in late August we lost at least 1/3 of the Christmas items we had stored. We have cleaned up and organized the donations and have a good idea what we really need for the Christmas Store, which isn't far away now! The Christmas Store is the week of December 8th – 12th!

Items we really need are:

New winter clothing youth, boys & girls, sizes 6-16, teens, women and men.

Women like the sweat sets, pajama pants & tops & long nightgowns. The men can use sweat sets, long sleeved shirts & boxer briefs (all sizes). All children receive an outfit and a set of pajamas. The youth section, sizes 6-16, is the largest age range we help, and we always have to buy clothing in these sizes to cover the children we have adopted.

We also need toys for all children, and gifts for teenagers. And, monetary gifts to help cover the food expenses of the Christmas Store, which is the largest expense.

We need volunteers to work each day starting on Sunday, December 8th from 2pm- 5pm to help move all collected items to First Nazarene Church across the street. Monday volunteers are needed to help sort and organize donations. Then on Wednesday the 11th and Thursday the 12th we need volunteers to escort the families as they shop. Flyers have been distributed with the dates and times. We schedule 19 households per hour during distribution, so we need plenty of volunteer escorts!

You can bring donations for the Doorstep Christmas Store, Monday – Friday from 8am – 3pm. We are located at 1119 SW 10th Avenue (10th and Buchanan), or to your congregation. Donated items for the Store are needed by Monday, December 9th at the very latest!

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

The staff at Doorstep wishes each of you Happy Holidays and a Blessed 2019!



St. John's Lutheran Church
9th and Fillmore, Topeka, KS

Friday, December 6, 2019

Bazaar and Luncheon

Booths open: 10:30 am – 1:00 pm

Crafts, Gift items, Baked Goods,
Sweet Shop, "The Cookie Walk"

Luncheon served: 11:00 am – 1:00 pm

Dine in or carryout

Luncheon Tickets: Adults: **\$8.00**

Children under 12: **\$3.00**

All profits from the bazaar and luncheon
will be donated to charities and mission projects

Tickets are available in church office
will also be available at the door on December 6

5th Sunday Special for the Central States Synod

As we all know, when people aren't in worship due to inclement weather conditions, their offerings aren't either.

Because of the decrease in giving from February to April, the synod has experienced a noticeable decline in mission support from the congregations.

Even though giving has declined, expenses have not. This is as true for the synod as for our congregations. The

synod staff has been reduced this year to help resolve some of this deficit. Visiting congregations, providing support, maintaining our office; and paying synod staff still happens and are ongoing expenses.

Watch for *5th Sunday Special* offering envelopes in your bulletin on Dec. 29th!



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Baker University School of Nursing

Thanks to these senior members who participated in Life Review interviews with Baker School of Nursing students during the Fall semester: Walt Laughlin, Helen Laughlin, Marilyn Hypse, Chuck Sodergren, Charlotte

O'Brien, Marilyn Heckman, Junior Utech, Carol Marker, Donna Allen, Marsha Ridinger, Bill Ridinger, Eleanor Jewell, Loni Reece, and Marcy Carlson.

Charles Leslie Dutt

1926 - 2019

On November 21, 2019, Charles Leslie Dutt, 93, left his earthly body to join his Heavenly Father for eternity. He was born August 3, 1926 in Topeka to Orville and Vivian Dutt. Charles grew up in Topeka where he met and married his high school sweetheart, Dorothy Larson. Charles served as a member of the Armed Forces from 1945-1953 as part of the 58th Signal Service Battalion. During his service, he received both the World War II Victory Medal and Army of Occupation Medal. After an honorable discharge, he returned to Topeka and married Dorothy in 1947. He joined Southwestern Bell Telephone Company where he enjoyed a successful and fulfilling career for 45 years.

His greatest joys in life were his family and faith. He was a devoted and loving husband, father, and grandfather who exhibited his faith in all earthly endeavors. He felt blessed to be surrounded by his family in Plano and Flower Mound, TX during his retirement. His family included his wife of 71 years Dorothy, daughter Marianne Steele, and grandchildren Shannon, Bridget, and Jerry Steele. He will be missed dearly by all of them.

Charles was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Topeka, Kansas and later at Resurrection Lutheran Church in Plano, TX. He is survived by Dorothy, daughter Marianne Steele, granddaughters Shannon Steele, Bridget Steele, grandson Jerry Steele, brother Wendell Dutt, and many nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by brothers Jim Dutt and John Dutt. His son Steven Dutt also preceded him in death at the early age of 15 and is now reunited with him in Heaven.

A graveside memorial service to celebrate and remember Charles was held on November 29, 2019 in the Mount Hope Cemetery & Funeral Chapel. Pr. Andrew conducted the service.

