

TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
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Trinity Tidings

November 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

NOVEMBER 2019

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

EVERY SUNDAY: 9:15 AM ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30 AM WORSHIP & HOLY COMMUNION					1	2	
10:15 Hymn Sing-a-long W&M meeting during coffee hour Blood Pressure Checks after Worship	3	4	5 9 am Quilters	6	7	8	9 9am-3pm Trinity Garage Sale
Witness/Outreach meeting during coffee hour 2 pm AGO Members Organ Recital @ 1st United Methodist	10	11	12 9 am Quilters 5:30 pm Council	13 6:30-8 pm Historic Old Town NIA meeting 5:30 pm Women's AA	14 7 pm Men's AA	15	16
WELCA Thank Offering Sunday	17	18 December Trinity Tidings deadline 5 pm Women's AA	19 9 am Quilters 7 pm TLHA	20 10 am Priscilla Circle Bible Study 5:30 pm Women's AA	21 7 pm Men's AA	22	23
	24	25	26 9 am Quilters	27	28 Thanksgiving Day	29	30
	31 5 pm Women's AA			5:30 pm Women's AA	7 pm Men's AA		

Trinity Tidings

From Pr. Andrew



Dear Trinity Members,
It has been a while since you last heard from our little family since my brother last reported. We have been busy enjoying all the great foraging

this summer. It seems the seasons are changing and we are spending more time in our home sweet home here in the comfy church. This means that we have been

able to listen in on some of the things that are happening. We got really excited about hearing that Pastor is trying to bring back an old tradition. All of us Swedes used to celebrate St. Lucia Day all over the place. In Sweden, it is a national holiday with many festivities including a candlelight hymn service at all the churches where St. Lucia makes an appearance. Since we heard about this, our family has

been busy trying to get together all the costumes. I have included a photo of my very own outfit as St. Lucia in hopes that the pastor will consider me for the role! Please reserve the night of December 13th as we bring back this tradition and be sure to invite family and friends as it will be a wonderful night of hymns and carols.

The Church Mousette



In the opening of "Fiddler on the Roof," we are brought into the story of the village of Anatevka by the boosterish singing of "Tradition" by Tevya and his family. The irony of this song is that while Tevya has a static concept of Tradition—to do things as they have always been done—we find in the conflicts with his daughters and the changes of greater society that Tevya is forced to create a new concept of Tradition that allows for movement. This is most wildly demonstrated in the wedding of Motel and Tzeitel where the ropes are tak-

ing down and the men and women dance in joy for the blessing of God on this new union. Even the most conservative person, the Rabbi, whips out his handkerchief to spin around with the young ladies, an action that was normally forbidden.

Tradition is a funny thing in many ways for it can both be joyful or dreadful. Why does this happen? As Tevya finds out, tradition cannot be bottled up and kept the way it has always been. If that happens, it becomes separated from the people and the reality

that we all live in. It takes the input, adaptation, and changes of each generation to take these traditions and give them new meaning for our lives. While we like to think that traditions always stay the same, even traditions such as worship, the history of humanity has shown that we never do that great at keeping things exactly as they "have always been." Sometimes, we have to let tradition die and spring up in new ways that makes sense in our modern life.

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TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Worship Assistants									
Date	Greeter(s)	Usher(s)	Organist	Lector	Acolyte	Altar Guild	Coffee Hosts	Assisting Minister	Presiding Minister
November 3, 2019	Sam & Charlotte Blenden	Howard Reece	Mitchell Bean	Loni Reece	Laurie Jackson	Carol Marker & Team 1	Junior & Liz Utech	Marsha Ridinger	Pr. Andrew Patty
November 10, 2019	Marilyn Hypse	Bob Horton	Laurie Jackson	Betty Quarnstrom	Ted Murphy	Carol Marker & Team 1	Bob & Janeen Horton	Rosie Nichols	Pr. Andrew Patty
November 17, 2019	Linda Longren	Curt Lewis	Laurie Jackson	Debbie Pomeroy	Duane Pomeroy	Carol Marker & Team 1	Walt & Helen Laughlin	Walt Laughlin	Pr. Gary Teske
November 24, 2019	Martha Nemeth	Dean McGinnis	Mitchell Bean	Junior Utech	Cindy McGinnis	Carol Marker & Team 1	Frank & Glenda Visocsy & Monica Spencer	Vickie Jacobs	Pr. Andrew Patty

Blood Pressure Checks
November 3, 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>

November Celebrations

Birthdays	4	Walt Laughlin
	8	Julie Reeves
	9	Pr. Andrew Patty
	10	Rosie Nichols
	13	Betty Quarnstrom
	15	Liz Utech
	18	Susan Fitz
	20	Martha Nemeth
	21	Matthew Kobbeman
	24	Betty Patton
	26	Debbie Pomeroy
Baptisms	4	Laurie Jackson
	9	Russell Johnson
	11	Ameerah Esquibel
	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

November Readings

November 3 — All Saints Sunday

Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18
Psalm 149
Ephesians 1:11-23
Luke 6:20-31

November 10 — 22nd Sunday of Pentecost

Job 19:23-27a
Psalm 17:1-9
2nd Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17
Luke 20:27-38

November 17 — 23rd Sunday of Pentecost

Malachi 4:1-2a
Psalm 98
2nd Thessalonians 3:6-13
Luke 21:5-19

November 24 — Christ the King Sunday

Jeremiah 23:1-6
Psalm 46
Colossians 1:11-20
Luke 23:33-43



Trinity's garage sale is scheduled for Saturday, November 9th, 9 am to 3 pm.

We have a few volunteers to help that day, but more will be needed. If you are able to help, please contact Pr. Andrew, 423-745-9922, or email pr_andrew@topekatlc.org

You may also contact Cindy in the office.



Favorite Hymn Sing-Along
November 3
10:15 a.m.
Come & sing!

CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS October 8, 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

- ◆ Pr. Andrew shared options for bells to honor 150th anniversary and reported on the Topeka Pride Picnic and the Topeka ELCA church picnic.
- ◆ Learning Committee items discussed included Education Assistant position, First Communion instruction, and the Youth Group, which is now inactive.
- ◆ Staff evaluations will be done by end of November.
- ◆ Water dispenser will be replaced due to leak. Two emergency lights have been replaced. A new shutoff valve will be installed in TH ladies room to prevent future overflows.
- ◆ Witness/Outreach items discussed were HOT Fall Festival, food pantry, community garden and BUSN outreach.
- ◆ Hospitality/Membership committee will meet Oct. 27.
- ◆ Garage sale has been rescheduled to Nov. 9.
- ◆ Property Committee will contact vendors for wifi improvements.
- ◆ Firm copy machine proposal is requested from Century Business Technologies for November meeting.
- ◆ Authorized a special offering collection for International Women Leaders program of the ELCA in honor of Pr. Susan Candea's installation as CSS Bishop.
- ◆ Cindy will take a vacation day on Nov. 7.



Lucille L. Falley, 91, of Pontiac, IL; formerly of Topeka, died Monday, September 23, 2019 at Evenglow Lodge, Pontiac, IL.

Mrs. Falley was born July 28, 1928 in Topeka, KS; the daughter of Henry T. and Elsie L. (Howell) Hylt. She married Melvin D. Falley on October 30, 1948 in Topeka. Mel passed away December 23, 2004.

Survivors include one daughter, Bonnie (Steve) Bury of Chenoa, IL; grandchildren, Jessica (Shawn) Carmany of Washington, IL; Michael Bury of Forrest, IL; one great granddaughter, Sophia A. Carmany of Washington, IL; two sisters, Louise A. Hankinson of Lillian, AL; and Lawonna R. (Richard) Wasson of Meridian, ID; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Lucille was a career Military wife, relocating frequently. She was creative and could always seem to make something out of nothing. She was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church, Topeka. She loved her family, who will miss her deeply.

Graveside service was Saturday, September 28, 2019 at Prairie Home Cemetery, Topeka. The family suggests memorials be directed to Alzheimer's Association.

WOMEN OF THE ELCA



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"!

Women in our church have followed the tradition of Thank Offerings 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. This year, our Thank Offering will be shared with Women of the ELCA, Topeka Rescue Mission, and Doorstep.

Together with others we can do more 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 17 or any Sunday in November!

Priscilla Circle Bible Study

In our final session of the three-part Bible study on the stewardship of emotions, we will explore the meaning of joy--what it is, where it comes from and what the poetry of the Bible has to teach us about this gift. While the topic of joy may not seem as difficult as the other emotions we studied--angst/anger and grief - we must consider these gifts from God and use them carefully and considerately. We welcome you to our next meeting at 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, November 20.

All are also welcome to participate in collecting Health Kit Items for Doorstep and deposit one or more items in the (food) collection box at the South entry door. Items are: Towels (new) Bath, Hand, Washcloth; combs, Bar Soap, Deodorant, Toothpaste, Toothbrush, Shampoo, Razors.

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This Advent season, I am working to bring the tradition of St. Lucia Day back to our congregation. I really hope that it can be an event that highlights the holiday season and gives us a moment to bring back something that was very important in the lives of our founders. Another major reason for this service is to realize the

busy lives people have around Christmas. Many people are traveling and some have to go to multiple homes. St. Lucia Day not only gives us an earlier date (December 13th) but it can be a celebration to which we can invite our family and friends that might not be able to attend our regular Christmas services. Even breweries and bars today have Christ-

mas carol sing-alongs, so what could be better than in a candlelit beautiful church such as ours? So be sure to mark it on your calendars as we prepare to bring back this tradition of St. Lucia Day so that we might make the old new to inspire the hearts of us all during this Advent season.

Doorstep News – October 2019

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Fall Fundraisers by joining us at the Walk/5K Run, or buying tamales and cinnamon rolls! Every little bit helps, and with our recent basement flooding the funds are greatly needed to replenish our account!

If you haven't heard, Doorstep's basement was flooded on August 30th by a City sewer back-up. This was blamed on the heavy rainfall that morning. And, insurance did not cover the expense of the clean-up and repair (roughly \$18,000), and the loss of at least one-third of our Christmas Store donations we had collected. We have the basement nearly back in order, with pallets lining all of the sort and storage rooms.

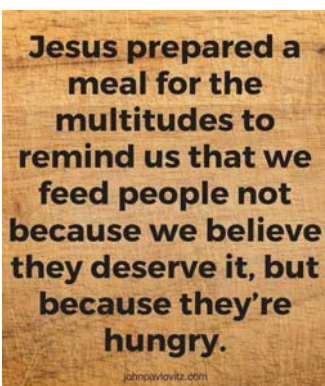
As we prepare for the over 800 individuals we will adopt for Christmas, there are specific items we know we lost, and others we always need.

We know we need blankets (queen & king), school supplies and backpacks, children's toys, new winter clothing for boys and girls sizes 6-16, men and women, and household items such as crockpots, coffee makers, sheets (queen & king), dishes, pots and pans, etc.

Start watching those pre-holiday sales and help Doorstep where you can this Christmas. You can bring donations Monday – Friday from 8am – 3pm. We are located at 1119 SW 10th Avenue (10th & Buchanan). Please let us know when you have donations specifically for Christmas.

The Christmas Store will be December 8th – 12th this year, and we'll need volunteers all week long to help us out! Watch for the flyers coming soon!

Food Pantry



Nurses' Christian Fellowship (NCF), a Baker School of Nursing student organization, chose Trinity's Food Pantry as their service project the end of September. NCF members asked students and faculty to bring in non-perishable food items to help stock our pantry. The Food Pantry is available for persons in need when

other food sources in the community are not open. Bob Horton has been doing some shopping for the pantry but you are encouraged to donate items to help keep the shelves stocked. Thanks to the Baker students and faculty for their donations!

October News from Lutheran Campus Ministry at KU

Chili Cook-off: Things are really heating up as we get ready for the Sixth Annual Chili Cook-off on November 9th! Enter your competition chili and compete for great prizes by signing up here:

https://secure.lglforms.com/form_engine/s/VZAogvjE6VduORqyHSSh5w

The \$50 entry fee goes to the food ministry of Lutheran Campus Ministry at KU, an amazing cause!

Your donation is your vote! The winning chili is the one that receives the most dollar votes. You can vote for the chili chef(s) of your choice by donating here:

<https://www.westwoodku.org> or

come taste the chili and vote in person. Chili is served from noon to 2:00 pm. Voting closes at 1:30 pm and winners will be announced at the event. (And, for the second year in a row, beer will be available for purchase!)

Reunion: The first-ever Lutheran Campus Ministry Mini Reunion is November 8th, 9th, and 10th. Alumni, Parents, and Friends of LCM are all invited! Come for all or part of it, to reconnect with old friends and make new ones. The schedule for the weekend includes tailgating at Fields and Ivy, the annual Chili Cookoff, and Dining through the Decades (not to mention celebrating Luther's 436th Birthday!) The full schedule is here:

<https://sites.google.com/view/lcmreunion/home>. Follow the links to sign up!

Leadership: Thanks to a generous grant from Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Manchester, MO, this fall Lutheran Campus Ministry at KU will be launching a leadership development program. The focus of the training will be encouraging students to develop their gifts and learn to use them as lay members of congregations. Interns will be developing new programs and ministries around Westwood, so keep an eye out for new and fun activities to be involved in at Westwood House! Special thanks to Rachel Griffard, KU Junior, who initiated this grant! [see picture]



Come by and see us! You are always welcome at Westwood House, home of LCM-KU, 1421 W 19th St, Lawrence, KS 66046.

Website: www.westwoodku.org

Email: lcmkuprogram@gmail.com

For the LCM Board,

Becky Foerschler

TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

TOPEKA CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN GUILD OF
ORGANISTS PRESENTS

Members Organ Recital

Honoring our veterans and giving thanks for all our
blessings!

Sunday, November 10 at 2:00 p.m.
First United Methodist Church
600 SW Topeka Blvd, Topeka

Enjoy an afternoon of free music! Bring a friend!
Veterans are most welcome to attend.

