

TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
725 SW Buchanan Street  
Topeka, Kansas 66606-1426

CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED



# Trinity Tidings

**April 2020**

## STAFF

Pastor Andrew C. Patty  
[pr\\_andrew@topekatlc.org](mailto:pr_andrew@topekatlc.org)

Cindy McGinnis  
*Administrative Assistant*  
[office@topekatlc.org](mailto:office@topekatlc.org)

Laurie Jackson  
*Music Director*

Marcy Carlson  
*Custodian*  
[marcyrtpr@gmail.com](mailto:marcyrtpr@gmail.com)

## OFFICE

Trinity Hall, 725 SW Buchanan St.  
Office Hours: 10:00AM-3:30PM, Mon, Tues., Thur.  
Noon to 5:00PM Wednesday  
Telephone: (785) 233-0767

## WORSHIP SERVICE

Cancelled until further notice.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ADULTS

Cancelled until further notice.

***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

**In place of our calendar this month (since we are all supposed to stay home), here are some important items of which to be aware during this time of Covid-19.**

### **We worship.**

Please join the ELCA congregations of Topeka (1st, Our Savior's, and Trinity) in our shared worship services this Lent season.

On Sundays at 10am please join us by Facebook or Youtube. To join in on Facebook:

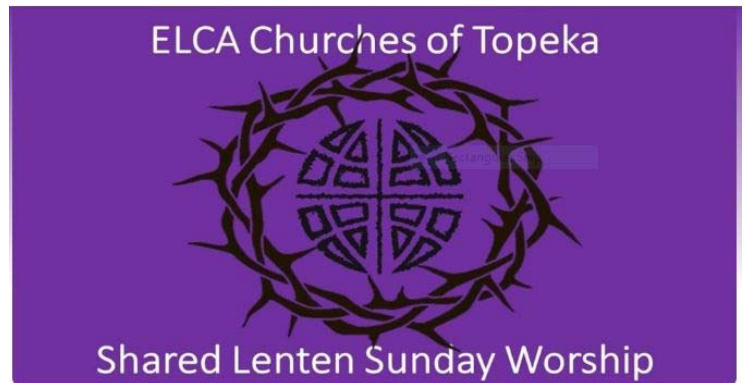
<https://www.facebook.com/1stlutherantopeka/>

or

First Lutheran Church Topeka\_(@1stlutherantopeka)

Youtube:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC4xPwmMxupJE-FiSH78M2HQ>



### **We meet.**

Pr. Andrew will contact committee members to arrange a time to meet on Zoom. Some of us — well, me anyway — will be learning as we go.

Here's a link in case you want to read up a bit beforehand:

<https://zoom.us/>



### **We give.**

Unfortunately, any time we as individual church members, are not in the pews at church, we forget that expenses continue to accrue. And during this prolonged and unknown period of closure, we are undoubtedly worried about many things. So please remember Trinity financially just as you would when we are gathered on Sunday mornings.

The best and easiest ways to submit your offering at this time are:

via US mail

drop off at the office (there is a mail slot on the north side of Trinity Hall)

set up an autopay service from your bank

"Every hand that we don't shake should become a call that we place. Every embrace that we avoid must become a verbal expression of warmth and concern." - Rabbi Yosef Kanefsky

# Trinity Tidings

April 2020

“You do not need to know precisely what is happening, or exactly where it is all going. What you need is to recognize the possibilities and challenges offered by the present moment, and to embrace them with courage, faith and hope.”  
– Thomas Merton

These words by theologian and monk Thomas Merton reflect the challenges of his life. This statement was given in the mist of the 1960s with Merton trying to understand what God was telling us as Americans while the Vietnam War and Civil Rights Movement upended our life together. Yet, in all the challenges of the times, Merton guides us to what Christians have done for centuries through times of conflict. Merton encourages us to have courage, faith, and hope.

**Have Courage-** Listen to what our health experts are telling us and do the most you can do to keep our church

and community safe. Be sure to reach out to people in the church and check in on each other during these times, particularly those that might be isolated during these “stay-at-home” orders. Also, remember our commitment to care for our neighbors as many in our community have experienced the temporary loss of their jobs and the needs of places like Doorstep and other charities will increase in this time.

**Have Faith-** With the “stay-at-home” order, we know that our Holy Week and Easter will be different this year as we cannot meet in person. While it could be easy to just give up during this time, I ask you to be vigilant in keeping your connection with God. Embrace doing Morning or Evening Prayer from the ELW, sing some hymns from home, challenge yourself to read a book in the Bible. Remember that Sunday worship will continue with our partnership with First

and Our Saviors that you can see on both Youtube and Facebook.

**Have Hope-** These times will come to an end and we will be together once again. Christians have endured worse times and the church comes back stronger from our experiences. Therefore, have hope that Christ will carry us through these times. In many ways, we might be experiencing the most drastic Lenten season in our lives. Yet, we have hope for that Easter morning. The day that the stone on the tomb was overturned. The day that Christ came to be with us once again. While we are not there yet, remember to have hope.

*Andrew C. Patty*



April 2020

## April Celebrations

- Birthdays**
- 5 Blayne Pomeroy
  - 5 Tyler Tunnell
  - 5 Naomi Walker
  - 6 Mike Andrews
  - 6 Lucille Brill
  - 9 Rachel Heald
  - 10 Breanna Lewis
  - 10 Emily McGinnis
  - 11 Isis Pomeroy
  - 21 Peggy Buchholz
  - 27 Kegan Longren
  - 30 Marsha Ridinger
- Baptisms**
- 1 Chuck Sodergren
  - 6 Rhonda Webb
  - 10 Brad Carpenter
  - 12 Susan Carpenter
  - 17 Linda Longren
  - 28 Lucille Brill
  - 30 Trey Horton
- Wedding**
- Anniversaries**
- 1 Don & Linda Longren
  - 11 Walt & Helen Laughlin
  - 14 Duane & Debbie Pomeroy

## April Readings

*April 5—Palm Sunday*

- Isaiah 50:4-9a
- Psalm 31:9-16
- Philippians 2:5-11
- Matthew 26:14—27:66

*April 12—Easter Day*

- Acts 10:34-43
- Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
- Colossians 3:1-4
- Matthew 28:1-10

*April 19—2nd Sunday of Easter*

- Acts 2:14a, 22-32
- Psalm 16
- 1st Peter 1:3-9
- John 20:19-31

*April 26—3rd Sunday of Easter*

- Acts 2:14a, 36-41
- Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19
- 1st Peter 1:17-23
- Luke 24:13-35

**CONGREGATION COUNCIL**

**President**  
Curt Lewis  
633-6661

**Vice President**  
Ted Murphy  
817-0372

**Secretary**  
Shelley Andrews  
554-3005

**Treasurer**  
Bob Kobbeman  
478-0381

**Members**

Laurie Jackson  
224-9683

Howard Reece  
221-8992

**Council Meeting Highlights, March 9, 2020**

- ◆ Plans for 150th anniversary celebration are under way.
- ◆ Pastor's car allowance can be used for travel expenses related to conferences & retreats.
- ◆ Changes of signatories on MIF accounts recommended. Approved signers are Curt Lewis, Bob Kobbeman, and Cindy McGinnis.
- ◆ Families who gave memorial money for the bell tower will be contacted following the veto of this project during the annual meeting.
- ◆ Howard presented a bid from B&T Roofing for \$2300. Bid was approved.
- ◆ Food pantry distribution is currently suspended.
- ◆ W&M report included plans for Easter and signage.

**150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration!!**

Trinity Lutheran Church was founded in 1870, making 2020 our 150<sup>th</sup> year. To celebrate this momentous

occasion, special events are planned for August 15 and 16. At its January 2020 meeting, the council did some planning and here's what was decided.

- Saturday afternoon, August 15, (exact time to be determined), there will be a musical program with organ and other instruments. The music will be interspersed with bits of Trinity's history. A reception will be held

after the musical program with time for visiting while enjoying refreshments.

- Sunday, August 16, Worship with Bishop Susan Candea as guest preacher. A catered lunch will be served after worship.

Watch future bulletins and Trinity Tidings for more details about the celebration. Save these dates on your calendar and get the word out to former members and friends who might like to join in the celebration.

As outgoing council president, Diane Bottorff will be serving as coordinator of these events. Your participation is needed to make the anniversary celebration a success!

Save the date to help us celebrate



**August 14-16, 2020**



**Trinity**  
Evangelical Lutheran Church

731 SW Buchanan St.  
Topeka, KS 66606  
trinitylutherantopeka.org  
email: office@topekalc.org



# Trinity Tidings

April 2020

## Doorstep News – March 2020

Thanks to everyone who contributed to our 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Operation Soup Line and made the event such a success! We served the highest number to date between attendees, carryout and delivery orders! We had 43 theme baskets which made \$3,369 for the event! In total, we raised over \$18,000 at this year's event!



The month of April traditionally brings Doorstep's Annual Banquet honoring our volunteers, and the quilt drawing. We do not have a place or date set yet, but we have plenty of quilts to choose from for the drawing. With events up in the

air due to COVID-19, we will update everyone once we have a hosting congregation and date.

Mark your calendars for Doorstep's 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Neighbors Helping Neighbors Walk/5K Run at Lake Shawnee. The big day is Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at 2pm! Come out and support Doorstep, and get some exercise at the same time! We made over \$6,000 last year, and have a goal of \$9,000 for our third year! Note that we moved it to Sunday afternoon for 2020!