

TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
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# Trinity Tidings

**May 2020**

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## 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 Easter 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 (if you need help with this, please call the office)

OFFERING, ATTENDANCE, and FINANCIAL STATUS						
Date	General	Other	Total Weekly Income	Average Weekly Expense	Weekly Income Minus Average Weekly Expense	Attendance/ Communion
Mar. 29	\$1,679.00	\$0.00	\$1,679.00	-\$2,792.00	-\$1,113.00	0
Apr. 5	\$2,640.00	\$0.00	\$2,640.00	-\$2,792.00	-\$152.00	0
April 12	\$3,690.00	\$0.00	\$3,690.00	-\$2,792.00	\$898.00	0
April 19	\$1,270.00	\$0.00	\$1,270.00	-\$2,792.00	-\$1,522.00	0
The money shown in the “Other” column is restricted and not available for our general fund.						
			Income	Expense	Behind/Ahead	
		Mar 2020	\$8,147.00	-\$10,125.60	-\$1,978.60	
		Jan. - Mar	\$27,119.17	-\$30,656.47	-\$3,537.30	

“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

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*"Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity." - Colossians 3:12-14*

Sometimes in our lives, we find ourselves in a world that we create to make everything normal. While the world around us might be falling apart, we just tell ourselves to keep our heads high and truck on. We make sure that we are dressed nice, that our hair is done, and if anyone dares asks us "how are things going" we put on a smile with a quick remark that things have never been better. We have our lives together just perfectly and we don't need any stones coming toward our shiny glass houses.

Yet, in our faith, we learn that our lives are not about having it all together. One major example of this is Moses and the Israelites journey in the desert for 40 years. Time and time again, the people thought they knew best what to do but God brings them back. They give up hope for fear of starving in the desert; God gives them manna. They start to wor-

ship a golden calf; God gives them order in the 10 Commandments. Moses himself thirsting for water forgets to be thankful for God in their lives and in frustration strikes the rock; God brings forth a spring.

What is important for all of these events is that God comes with us in all of our human nature. God is there when we are being fools. God is there when we just made a wise decision. God is there when we are joyful about our lives. And God is there when we just seem to make a royal mess out of everything we touch. It is in this constant journey with us in our lives, that we learn of the true love that God has for all of us. A love that "binds us all together in perfect unity."

So do know that during this pandemic, we are all a mess today. Our daily lives, our communities, our places of work, our churches, our country and our world. We are all just trying to do the best we can as we navigate this desert just like the Israelites did. Sure enough, we will make mistakes on this path, but God will be with us along the way. If there is any relief to the story of the wandering in the desert, it is that while the path may not be the path we expected nor wished, God will make a way for us forward. God will lead us and fight for us even when

we give up all hope. Despite us walking away, creating false idols, and physically hitting the wall with frustration, God showed that God is with us no matter what.

So as we move forward during these times, take heart the words of Colossians. Be a light of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience to all those around us. Forgive our errors both personal and societal as we are all trying to figure out our lives in the chaos. And most of all, show God's love in this world that is full of discomfort and pain. Show that God is still walking with us while we are in this season of being in the desert...

*Andrew C. Patty*





**May Celebrations**

- Birthdays**
- 2 Chance Hutchison
  - 11 Donna J. Allen
  - 14 Daniella King
  - 16 Ted Murphy
  - 22 David McGinnis
  - 25 Shane Pomeroy

- Baptisms**
- 1 Helen Laughlin
  - 10 Naomi Walker
  - 11 Karen Arney
  - 11 Marcy Carlson
  - 12 Pam Kobbeman
  - 12 Emily McGinnis
  - 12 Rosie Nichols
  - 13 Erin Lewis
  - 20 Tom Arney
  - 21 Breanna Lewis
  - 26 Bronwyn King
  - 26 Daniella King
  - 26 Elania King
  - 26 Sara King
  - 27 Larry McGinnis
  - 30 Brayden Winsor

- Wedding Anniversaries**
- 13 Tom & Karen Arney
  - 29 Russ & Tresa Johnson
  - 31 James & Cathy Tunnell

**May Readings**

*May 3—4th Sunday of Easter*

- Acts 2:42-47
- Psalm 23
- 1st Peter 2:19-25
- John 10:1-10

*May 10—5th Sunday of Easter*

- Acts 7:55-60
- Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16
- 1st Peter 2:2-10
- John 14:1-14

*May 17—6th Sunday of Easter*

- Acts 17:22-31
- Psalm 66:8-20
- 1st Peter 3:13-22
- John 14:15-21

*May 21—Ascension of Our Lord*

- Acts 1:1-11
- Psalm 47 or Psalm 93
- Ephesians 1:15-23
- Luke 24:44-53

*May 24—7th Sunday of Easter*

- Acts 1:6-14
- Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35
- 1st Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11
- John 17:1-11

*May 31—Day of Pentecost*

- Acts 2:1-21
- Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
- 1st Corinthians 12:3b-13
- John 20:19-23

**CONGREGATION COUNCIL**

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**Council Meeting Highlights, April 13, 2020**

- ◆ Bob K. explained that expenses are on track or below so bottom line is at a break even point. Restricted & memorial funds may be reviewed for possible use for building repair.
- ◆ Curt offered to complete the PPE loan application. It was approved to start the process of applying for the loan.
- ◆ A bill for roof repair was submitted. Bob K. recommended using memorial funds to pay.
- ◆ Re-opening the church for worship in the next few weeks was discussed. Curt will request from Marcy a timeline for completion of deep cleaning.
- ◆ Laurie said that the hymn sing portion of 150th anniversary will include church history and explanation of stained glass windows.
- ◆ May 31st 5th Sunday Special is designated for quilters; this may be reviewed since they have not been meeting. The August 30th collection will be for Pastor’s discretionary fund since we did not meet March 29th.
- ◆ The building to the west of church will be demolished after it was destroyed by fire. It is best to avoid driving in the alley until removal is complete.

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

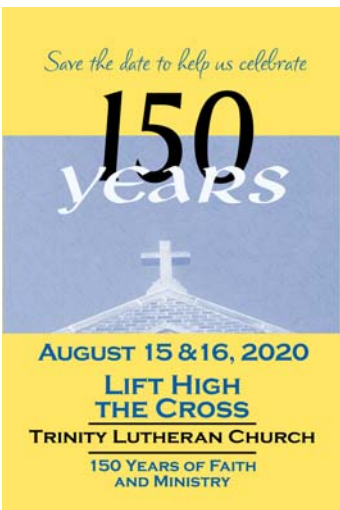
Trinity Lutheran Church was founded in 1870, making 2020 our 150<sup>th</sup> year. To celebrate this occasion, special events are planned for August 15 and 16.

- 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.

I hope you have all received a save the date post card in the mail. If not, please let the church office know. We would also like to know of any former members & friends who might like to receive a post card; call the office with names and contact information, please!

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



## **Doorstep News – May 2020**

This Spring has been crazy! With the corona virus everything has changed! At this point, we aren't sure when the 'stay at home' orders will be lifted, and when they are, what life will look like at that point.



Doorstep has continued to provide services to our neighbors in need through phone intakes. We have been assisting with food, rent, utilities, prescriptions, dental and gas vouchers. We know we will continue to see more people in need as this continues, and we try to get back to 'normal'. We appreciate those who have donated food and/or money during this time to help Doorstep. The staff and food room volunteers have continued working to help our neighbors.

The **Doorstep Annual Banquet and Quilt Drawing** has been postponed for now. We hope to have this event later in the year as it is a celebration of our volunteers!

We will still have our **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Summer Cash Bash**, but maybe in July this year to correspond with our Christmas in July collection. Once we figure some things out, we will set the dates and get the word out!

Other dates to remember are:

We will have one food sale fundraiser this year! We plan to take orders for **Cinnamon Rolls and Tamales September 11<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>**, with delivery the weekend of October 16<sup>th</sup>. Mark your calendars to stock your freezers!

**Doorstep's 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Neighbor Helping Neighbor Walk/5K Run is Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at 2pm** at Lake Shawnee. Plan to join us in getting some exercise around the lake, and raise funds for Doorstep this October. The walk/run has been moved to a Sunday afternoon this year in the hopes of competing less with other events during that time of year! Mark your calendars!!