

TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
725 SW Buchanan Street
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TRINITY TIDINGS

February 2021



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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

FEBRUARY 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
	1	2	3	4 6:30 pm Singing the Unsung on Zoom	5	6	
10:30 am Worship on Facebook Doorstep Souperbowl Sunday	7	Delivery of February Trinity Tidings & Annual Report 6 pm Council via Zoom	8 9	10 6:30-8 pm Historic Old Town NIA meeting	11 Operation Food Secure delivery 6:30 pm Singing the Unsung on Zoom	12	13
10:30 am Worship on Facebook	14	15	16	17 Ash Wednesday	18 6:30 pm Midweek Zoom	19	20
10:30 am Worship on Facebook ANNUAL MEETING via Facebook immediately after worship	21	22 March 2021 Trinity Tidings deadline	23	24	25 Operation Food Secure delivery 6:30 pm Midweek Zoom	26	27
10:30 am Worship on Facebook DUE DATE for ballots to be returned to office. They will be counted March 1st.	28	<p>To join us for Midweek Zoom meetings, use this information: Meeting ID: 933 6260 1538 Password: 0000 https://kansas.zoom.us/j/93362601538</p>					

Trinity Lutheran Church
Topeka, KS

A Note from Pastor Andrew



“Will You Be Mine?”

There is no doubt that at some time or some place, someone has either asked you this question or gave it to you written on a card. Maybe it was accompanied by a bouquet of flowers or simplified as *Be Mine* on one of those hard chalk hearts that they pass off as candy. No matter who we are at this time of year, Valentine’s Day makes itself known or someone else makes you aware of it for trouble will be had for the spouse that forgets!

Yet, we often forget about the root of the day that we celebrate with flowers and candy. From what we know, St. Valentine was a minister in Rome during the 3rd century. He was known for illegally marrying Christians. For you see at the time, only a Roman authority had the right to approve marriages. It was particularly important for

keeping the young men single so that if war was to be fought, they would have many soldiers to call in an emergency. So not only does Valentine become the saint of marriage and love but also the saint for youth for many of these couples were young Christians hoping to be married so that they might avoid going to war.

In our own faith tradition, we see marriage as a gift of God to bring joy and mutual strength in our faith by the love we show our partners. That marriage is not only a showing of the love that two people have for one another, but also is a testament to the whole community for the way in which God loves us each and every day. During these times, that can be even more challenging as our spouses are our only social circle as we have been together in these lock

downs for months. We all have our moments. As Valentine’s Day comes this month, let us remember the blessing that the church gives in prayer during the marriage ceremony. May it serve as a guide for our love for each other and for our lives every day with those we love...not just on Valentine’s Day:

By the power of the Holy Spirit, pour out the abundance of your blessing on them. Defend them from every enemy. Lead them into all peace. Let your love be a seal upon their hearts, a mantle about their shoulders, and a crown upon their foreheads. Bless them so that their lives together may bear witness to your love. Bless them in their work and in their companionship; in their sleeping and their waking; in their joys and in their sorrows; in their life and in their death.

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FEBRUARY CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

- 6 Marcy Carlson
- 11 Susan Carpenter
- 16 Jane Lewis
- 16 Chuck Sodergren
- 19 Howard Reece
- 23 Loretta Hoerman
- 24 Erin Lewis
- 25 Al Carpenter
- 25 Bronwyn King
- 26 Brayden Winsor

BAPTISMS

- 2 Mary Heald
- 2 Jeff Longren
- 10 Martha Nemeth
- 18 Troy Pomeroy
- 20 Brett Henry
- 25 Susan Fitz

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- 17 Sam & Charlotte Blenden

TO TRINITY

Thank you so much for your words and deeds of condolence in Carl's passing.

Thank you, Trinity, for the Christmas gift of a beautiful poinsettia, goodies to eat, and words of sympathy.

Thank you, Laurie Jackson, for delivering the gift.

Carl loved Trinity.

Betty Quarnstrom & family

FEBRUARY READINGS

February 7 — 5th Sunday of Epiphany

Isaiah 40:21-31
Psalm 147:1-11, 20c
1 Corinthians 9:16-23
Mark 1:29-39

February 14 — Transfiguration of Our Lord

2 Kings 2:1-12
Psalm 50:1-6
2 Corinthians 4:3-6
Mark 9:2-9

February 17 — Ash Wednesday

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 or
Isaiah 58:1-12
Psalm 51:1-17
2 Corinthians 5:20b—6:10
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

February 21 — 1st Sunday of Lent

Genesis 9:8-17
Psalm 25:1-10
1 Peter 3:18-22
Mark 1:9-15

February 28 — 2nd Sunday of Lent

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16
Psalm 22:23-31
Romans 4:13-25
Mark 8:31-38

ADDRESS

UPDATE:

Marcy Carlson & Janelle Meredith
John Carlson, Ben Carlson
1268 SW MacVicar
Topeka, KS 66604-3931

ANNUAL MEETING 2021

Due to the on-going COVID-19 pandemic, the 2021 annual meeting will be conducted in a different manner than in years past. The format for the meeting will be a hybridized version using both electronic media and paper. **The meeting will occur February 21, 2021** on Facebook following worship. The annual report and ballots has been mailed to you prior to the meeting with this issue of Trinity Tidings. Here are the important dates and steps needed for a successful meeting.

I. READ

Annual meeting packet and ballots are included with this February issue of Trinity Tidings.

If you are viewing this newsletter electronically via our website and you have not received the newsletter, annual report & ballot by US Mail as of **February 8th**, please contact the office, 233-0767, as soon as possible. We will mail or deliver the materials to you.

II. WATCH

Please join us on Facebook for worship at 10:30 am on February 21st — and then stay with us as the meeting takes place soon after worship. When the worship livestream ends, there will be a break of about 10 minutes. Then a new livestream will start and we will have to join the new livestream to participate in the meeting.

By joining in to the livestream broadcast, you will be able to comment, ask questions, and make statements in the text box at the bottom or side of your screen.

Contact the office, 785.233.9767 or email office@topekatlc.org or Pastor Andrew, 423.748.9922 or email pr_andrew@topekatlc.org with questions.

III. VOTE

Each household will receive enough ballots for all eligible voting members with their February issue of Trinity Tidings.

Please fill out the whole ballot and vote for all items.

IV. RETURN

Return your paper ballots

- via US Postal Service
- scan & email to office@topekatlc.org
- drop off at the church office through the mail slot or bring in.

It's very important that ballots are turned in by February 28th. Meeting quorum will be determined by the number of returned ballots (we need ballots from 26 voting members). Ballots will be counted by Pr. Andrew and Cindy McGinnis on Monday, March 1, 2021.

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, January 11, 2020

- ◆ Curt reported that west door of church has a new exit bar & now uses a hex key to keep it unlocked.
- ◆ Annual meeting was discussed. Reports are due to the office by Jan. 18. Annual report will be distributed to members via the February Trinity Tidings. Members should have reports in hand by Feb. 18th. Meeting will be livestreamed on Facebook immediately following worship.
- ◆ Nominating Committee has been working to fill all positions on council and TLHA.
- ◆ Committee structure & bylaws will be reviewed by new council.
- ◆ Synod will provide guidance regarding our worship format with regard to COVID19.
- ◆ Bob reported that our budget shortfall was less than projected for the year.
- ◆ Small memorial funds (less than \$500) have been transferred to general fund.
- ◆ Howard reported that thermostat in TH office has been replaced. Elevator is not working, but no plans to repair at this time.
- ◆ Topeka Rescue Mission has received funding for the food delivery for another two months.
- ◆ Shelley & Ted have decided to remove the memorial bench.

Central States Synod Assembly June 4-5, 2021

The Central States Synod will hold its annual assembly online
Sessions begin Friday evening and end Saturday afternoon

Please consider serving as our representative to the Synod assembly. It will be conducted via Zoom so you will want to take that into consideration.

*"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

Carl W. Quarnstrom — 1928-2020



Carl W. Quarnstrom, 92, Topeka, died Thursday, November 26, 2020 at the University of Kansas Hospital, Kansas City, Kansas. He was born October 8, 1928 in Hutchinson, KS, the son of Axel and Gerda (Johnson) Quarnstrom.

He graduated from Hutchinson High School and Hutchinson Junior College. He attended Bethany College in Lindsborg, graduating in 1950 with a Degree of Bachelor of Science. He taught at Oakley High School before volunteering for service in the United States Air Force during the Korean Action from 1951 to 1955. He then attended Washburn University Law School graduating with a Bachelor of Law Degree in 1957 and was later conferred the Degree of Juris Doctor.

He was a practicing lawyer and started his law career with the firm of Garlinghouse, Shaw and Hergenreter and later became a partner in the firm. He enjoyed the practice of law for 55 years.

While attending Bethany, he met Betty Hed-

lund and they were married on December 29, 1951 in the New Gottland Lutheran Church.

He was a member and President of the Topeka Bar Association. He enjoyed many years of working with fellow lawyers in the production of the Topeka Bar Show which was presented at the annual Kansas Bar Association Conventions in Topeka, serving as Chairman for eight of those productions. He was awarded the Warren W. Shaw outstanding Service Award from the Topeka Bar.

He was a member of the Board of Directors and President of the Topeka Symphony Society and President of the Board of Directors of Bethany College. He was member of Trinity Lutheran Church, Topeka, KS, President of its council and helped in the development of Luther Place in Topeka.

He served for 20 years as a member of the Board of Directors of Capitol Federal Savings.

He enjoyed making beautiful furniture for

his home and others and restoring his 1915 Model "T" Ford Roadster which he bought in 1946.

He was president of the Lake Sherwood Club and worked for the betterment of Lake Sherwood.

Survivors include his wife, Betty (Hedlund) Quarnstrom and sons David (Roxann) Quarnstrom of Shawnee, KS and Douglas (Helen) Quarnstrom of Prairie Village, KS; grandchildren Eric (Katherine), Chase, Mary Elizabeth and Joel Quarnstrom.

He was preceded in death by his sisters, Doris Ewbank and Adelyn Ewbank.

Inurnment will be at Fairlawn Cemetery, Hutchinson, KS.

Memorial contributions may be made to Trinity Lutheran Church, 725 SW Buchanan St, Topeka, KS 66606, or Bethany College, 335 E Swensson St., Lindsborg, KS 67456; or Topeka Symphony Society, PO Box 2206, Topeka, KS 66601.

DOORSTEP'S
"SOUPERBOWL
SUNDAY" IS
FEBRUARY 7th



**BRING
SOUP**

**AND
CRACKERS**



Our Goal this year is 2.5 ton... 5,000 pounds!

**TO YOUR CONGREGATION TO HELP
STOCK DOORSTEP'S FOOD PANTRY!**