

TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
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Trinity Tidings

April 2021



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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

April 2021

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

<p><i>Every Sunday: 10:30 am Worship & Holy Communion via Facebook</i></p>				<p>1 <i>Maundy Thursday</i></p>	<p>2 <i>Good Friday</i></p>	<p>3</p>
 <p>4</p> <p><i>Easter Sunday</i></p> <p>10:30 am Worship on Facebook</p>	<p>5</p> <p>6 pm Council</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>6:30-8 pm Historic Old Town NIA meeting</p>	<p>8</p> <p>6:30 pm Midweek Zoom</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>
<p>10:30 am Worship on Facebook</p> <p>11</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p> <p>6:30 pm Midweek Zoom</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>
<p>10:30 am Worship on Facebook</p> <p>18</p>	<p>19</p> <p>May 2021 Trinity Tidings deadline</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p> <p>6:30 pm Midweek Zoom</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>
<p>10:30 am Worship on Facebook</p> <p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p> <p>6:30 pm Midweek Zoom</p>	<p>30</p>	

To join us for Midweek Zoom meetings, use this information:
 Meeting ID: 933 6260 1538
 Password: 0000
<https://kansas.zoom.us/j/93362601538>

Trinity Lutheran Church
Topeka, KS

A Note from Pastor Andrew

“Be tolerant with each other and, if someone has a complaint against anyone, forgive each other. As the Lord forgave you, so also forgive each other.”

Colossians 3:13

As we approach a time when the vaccine is being distributed to our communities and life may slowly return to normal, we might have a rosy picture of what is ahead compared to the past year. It is true that some parts of church life will be coming back, but it will still be a while before we truly return to normal. We are faced with multiple messages as our denomination, our health officials, and our local government all offer different requirements. This is already happening as I am writing this message to you today.

Therefore, there will be disagreements as we figure out what is right for us to do moving forward. We will not agree with some decisions.

Some might stay home longer while others will be at church at the first opportunity.

Yet, while we might find ourselves in debate and disagreement, it does not mean we cannot do that in a faithful manner. As Paul outlines in Colossians 3:13,

we will have moments as when we will not see eye to eye. Despite this, the scripture lays out a way that we can move forward through conflict. First, we must be tolerant and kind to one another. Regardless of our disagreements with others, with the Council, or with the Pastor, we are doing our best in these difficult moments, but we will mess up along the way. Second, make your views known. If bottling up conflict or emotion was an Olympic sport, I know Trinity would have some gold medal winners. Those of us in leadership in the church cannot be mindful of things that need to be fixed or resolved if we never hear about them. Then finally, let's forgive each other and give some grace during. I always think of the confession where it states that we ask forgiveness for things that we have done knowingly and unknowingly.

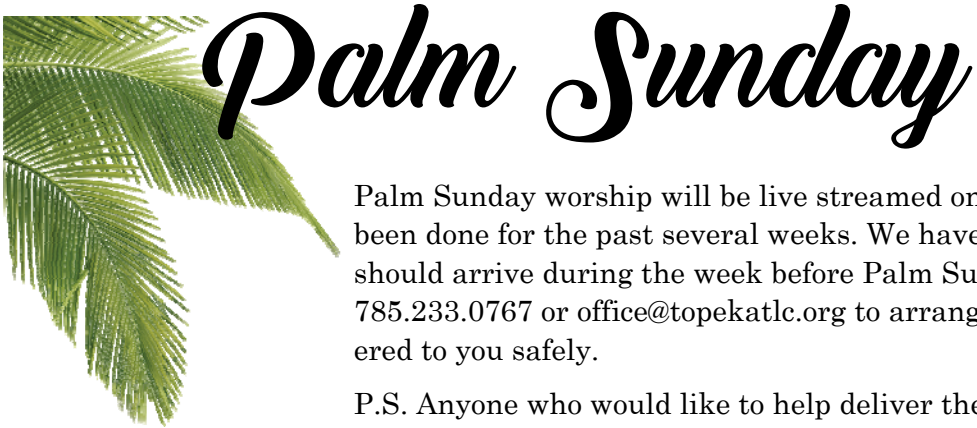
I want to stress to you the realities of leading the church when multi-

ple and conflicting things are happening with the virus. The Synod has advised since January that we remain with online worship only. The ELCA this past month sent out a three-step guideline for reopening that is related to number of cases in our county. It is apparent with the transfer of leadership in the local health agencies, that the government is pushing to get things reopened as fast as possible even if it means that it is not safe. Then, you can add that some congregations, particularly in rural areas, never closed and act like nothing ever happened. I tell you this because in the next couple of months, we might be at a different place than other people or churches with regard to reopening the doors. But in those moments, just remember the path laid out by Paul. Be Kind, Let Your Voice Be Heard, and Forgive Others while we figure out the next steps for our church.

Holy Week



Worship services for Maundy Thursday and Good Friday will be pre-recorded and available on Facebook on each of those days. You may then view the service at your convenience.



Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday worship will be live streamed on Facebook at 10:30 am as has been done for the past several weeks. We have ordered palm fronds which should arrive during the week before Palm Sunday. Please contact the office at 785.233.0767 or office@topekatl.org to arrange to pick up or have palms delivered to you safely.

P.S. Anyone who would like to help deliver the fronds to members at home, please contact the office at the phone or email address above.

Easter Sunday

Easter morning, weather permitting, we plan to hold worship at church outdoors. The service will be at 10:30 am surrounding the front stairs of the church. The front doors will be open so that we can all enjoy the organ music for Easter. Please bring your own lawn chairs as was asked with the outdoor worship services last fall. If you do not have a lawn chair, folding chairs will be provided. For those staying at home, the service will also be livestreamed on Facebook.



We will have lilies again this year. As was done with the poinsettias at Christmas, we are asking folks to order two lilies — one for yourself and one that we can deliver to a homebound member. The cost for one lily is \$9.25 and for two \$18.50. Again, please contact the office at the number or email address given above to place an order or help deliver. Lilies may be taken home after worship on Easter Sunday or they will be delivered to you.

April Celebrations

Birthdays

- 5 Naomi Walker
- 6 Mike Andrews
- 9 Rachel Heald
- 10 Breanna Lewis
- 10 Emily Schwartz
- 11 Isis Pomeroy
- 21 Peggy Buchholz
- 30 Marsha Ridinger

Baptisms

- 6 Howard Reece
- 6 Rhonda Webb
- 12 Isis Pomeroy
- 14 Loretta Hoerman
- 14 Carol Marker
- 17 Nathan Andrews
- 17 Linda Longren
- 30 Trey Horton

Wedding Anniversaries

- 11 Walt & Helen Laughlin
- 14 Duane & Debbie Pomeroy

April Readings

April 1 — Maundy Thursday

Exodus 12:1-14
Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19
1 Corinthians 11:23-26
John 13:1-17, 31b-35

April 2 — Good Friday

Isaiah 52:13—53:12
Psalm 22
Hebrews 10:16-25
John 18:1—19:42

April 4 — Easter Day

Acts 10:34-43
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Mark 16:1-8

April 11 — Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:32-35
Psalm 133
1 John 1:1—2:2
John 20:19-31

April 18 — Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 3:12-19
Psalm 4
1 John 3:1-7
Luke 24:36b-48

April 25 — Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:5-12
Psalm 23
1 John 3:16-24
John 10:11-18

Doorstep News — January 2021



It is a little hard to believe that for over a year now we have been in the middle of this pandemic! We now have volunteers we have not seen for a year or longer! Our services continue to be over the phone, except for the clothing bank. We have certainly felt that loss of contact with people here at Doorstep, just as everyone has in their personal and work lives.

The month of April traditionally brings Doorstep's Annual Banquet honoring our volunteers, and the quilt drawing. With COVID still going on, we do not have plans yet for this event. It won't be in April, but hopefully later in the year we can gather again and celebrate Doorstep and our volunteers! Most of our events are "up in the air" at this time as we see how the year

goes. But, you can mark your calendars for Doorstep's **4th Annual Neighbors Helping Neighbors Walk/5K Run** at Lake Shawnee. The big day is **Sunday, October 3rd at 2pm!** Come out and support Doorstep, and get some exercise at the same time! We made just under \$7,500 last year with the pandemic virtual event, and have a goal of \$10,000 for our fourth year!

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Council Meeting Highlights, March 8, 2021

- ◆ The bid to have PCI Mechanical repair our non-functioning heating unit was approved.
- ◆ Casey & Keri Horton were approved for full voting membership at Trinity. Both of their children were baptized here.
- ◆ Pr. Andrew asked three questions for council members to consider for the future: 1. What is most important to you being a member of Trinity? 2. What do you think as a congregation we really need to work on? 3. Do you have any ideas for new things/programs/improvements not already discussed that we should consider? Each council member was allowed to give their answers to the group, and they were organized into a list. Pr. Andrew will be using this list to create an action plan for the council next month and council members will choose priorities on which to focus this coming year.
- ◆ Monica proposed creating care packages for homebound members for Easter similar to what was done at Christmas with poinsettias. Loni Reece and Monica will work on getting a team together & organizing the delivery of lilies and care packages.
- ◆ Election of officers: President Diane Bottorff; Vice-president Ted Murphy, Secretary Monica Spencer.

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 male delegate to the Synod assembly; Monica Spencer has volunteered to serve as our female delegate. 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



Foster Care Closet

CASA of Shawnee County, Inc. is a non-profit organization that utilizes volunteers to advocate for the best interest of children and youth involved in the court system. We will be expanding our impact by providing items to all foster children and youth in Shawnee County, and we are in need of donations. **We will be collecting donations at our office on the second Tuesday of every month from 10 AM to 4 PM.** For more information about how to donate, scan the QR Code below.

Donations Needed (High Need Items are in **Bold**)

Hygiene Items

(We are in need of full sized products for all ages, genders, and ethnicities. All hygiene products should be new and unused.)



Body Wash, Shampoo, Conditioner, **Ethnic Hair Care**, Bath Sponges, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Razors, Deodorant, Feminine Products

Baby Items



(Onesies and clothes can be lightly used, all other items should be new and unused.)

Baby Soap, Wipes, Diapers, Pull-Ups, Binkies, Teething Toys, Onesies/Clothes

Other Items

(Books can be lightly used, all other items should be new and unused.)

Duffel Bags/Luggage, Pillows, Waterbottles, Headphones, Toys for all Ages, Sensory Toys Art and Craft Supplies, **Books**, Learning Games, Stuffed Animals, Gift Cards for Different Restaurants and Activities in Topeka.



To learn more about CASA of Shawnee County click [here!](#)

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