

TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED



October 2021

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WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, 10:30am Holy Communion

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

October 2021

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

<p><i>Every Sunday: 10:30 am Worship & Holy Communion</i></p>					1	2		
<p>10:30 am Worship 3</p> <p>After worship: Spiritual Care committee meeting</p> <p>2 pm Doorstep Walk/5K Fun Run</p>	4	<p>9 am Quilters 5</p>	6	7	8	<p>11am-3pm Prince of Peace Oktoberfest</p> 		
<p>10:30 am Worship 10</p> <p>After worship: Administration committee meeting</p> <p>2 pm PFLAG meeting</p>	11	<p>9 am Quilters 12</p>	<p>Pr. Andrew at Fall Theological Conference</p>		13	14	15	16
			<p>6:30-8 pm Historic Old Town NIA meeting</p>					
<p>10:30 am Worship 17</p> <p>After worship: Congregational Life committee meeting</p>	<p>18</p> <p>November 2021 Trinity Tidings deadline</p> <p>7 pm Council</p>	<p>9 am Quilters 19</p>	20	21	22	23	<p>Pr. Andrew in Chicago for Messy Church training</p> <p>9am-4:45pm Topeka Literacy Council training; see page 7</p>	
<p>10:30 am Worship 24</p> <p>After worship: Community Relations committee meeting</p>	25	<p>9 am Quilters 26</p>	27	28	29	30	<p>9am-4:45pm Topeka Literacy Council training; see page 7</p>	
<p>Reformation/Halloween Sunday</p>  <p>31</p>		<p>7 pm TLHA</p>					<p>9am-4:45pm Topeka Literacy Council training; see page 7</p>	

Trinity Lutheran Church
Topeka, KS

Pastor's Letter

"Salt is good; but if salt loses its saltiness, how will it become salty again? Maintain salt among yourselves and keep peace with each other." -Mark 9:50

We often forget the importance of salt in the days of the disciples. It was not only used to enhance the flavor of the food but was the primary means of preserving food in the days before refrigeration. Salt could be worth its weight in gold in some parts of the Roman Empire unlike how we spend pennies on the stuff and think nothing of accidentally spilling the shaker on our table. We just sweep it into the trash or some throw it over their shoulders for the more superstitious among us. If the Romans would see how we think of salt today, they certainly would have a heart attack over how little regard we have for those little grains of flavor.

Jesus in this passage is confronting his disciples for creating rules about how to be a follower of Christ that Jesus did not approve. They were busy trying to make a name for themselves and setting up a church that worked according to man's will, not God's will. Therefore, Jesus reminds them that in their faith together, they

must remember the roots of their faith. They must stay salty in their faith; they must stay true with their faith for the world to know them as followers of Christ. Another point of this metaphor to think about is not losing our saltiness, but what happens when we have too much salt. There always comes a point when the flavor that is added with salt gets lost. A point where you no longer are enjoying the food but reaching for a glass of water to clear your mouth of the mineral taste left from too much salt. Too much salt can create as much of a problem as having too little salt. Therefore, our challenge in our faith through this example is that we have to be mindful to always keep our faith at the center of our lives but at the same time, we must be open to accepting that our ways of practicing our faith need some variation.

Therefore, these next two months we are going to try to connect with some of our passions in faith as a congregation and try other ways of praising God on Sunday. On the last Sundays of October and November, we will try new ways of worshipping together. On the last Sunday in October, (see page 2) we will be incorporating

a less formal, family-friendly, and interactive worship service oriented toward the little ones in our congregation. Our care for the children in our congregation is always a highlight of our faith life when we can get all of our families together. This will hopefully be the start for thinking about creating more family focused Sundays next year. In November, the last Sunday will be oriented toward our service to our community. Or as we say in the ELCA, doing "God's Work, Our Hands." We will plan on having morning prayer at church and working with our food ministry on bringing much-needed food to our neighbors during the holiday season. We have always had a deep passion for giving and serving our neighbors in need and if we enjoy this way of being church, we might think about dedicating a Sunday each month to worshipping God in our action in the community. Therefore, may we take these two Sundays and explore our faith and how to worship as a community in new light; connecting the passions of our faith as a congregation with the worship of God.

*Peace of Christ,
Rev. Andrew C. Patty*

October Celebrations

Birthdays

- 3 Charles Hutchison
- 14 Marlene Hassan
- 16 Rosemary O'Neil
- 17 Tresa Johnson
- 23 Marilyn Heckman
- 26 Frank Visocsky
- 28 Charlotte O'Brien

Baptisms

- 3 Loni Reece
- 7 Ella Bosch
- 15 Kade Welp
- 17 Ellen Irwin
- 18 Barbara Apps
- 19 Ted Murphy
- 20 Brooke Ralph
- 21 Collin Horton
- 26 Bob Horton
- 26 Curt Lewis

Wedding Anniversaries

- 2 Hugh O'Neil & Loretta Hoerman
- 9 Bill & Marsha Ridinger
- 27 Frank & Glenda Visocsky
- 29 Don & Charlotte O'Brien

October Readings

October 3 — Nineteenth Sunday of Pentecost

- Genesis 2:18-24
- Psalm 8
- Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12
- Mark 10:2-16

October 10 — Twentieth Sunday of Pentecost

- Amos 5:6-7, 10-15
- Psalm 90:12-17
- Hebrews 4:12-16
- Mark 10:17-31

October 17 — Twenty-first Sunday of Pentecost

- Isaiah 53:4-12
- Psalm 91:9-16
- Hebrews 5:1-10
- Mark 10:35-45

October 24 — Twenty-second Sunday of Pentecost

- Jeremiah 31:70-9
- Psalm 126
- Hebrews 7:23-28
- Mark 10:46-52

October 31 — Reformation Day

- Jeremiah 31:31-34
- Psalm 46
- Romans 3:19-28
- John 8:31-36

Doorstep News & Needs — October 2021



Doorstep is planning how we will operate our Christmas Store this year. We will adopt 260 households with 800+ individuals from the Christmas Bureau as we do every year. How distribution will be handled is being planned, and we will update our member congregations as we know more.

We are now through the first quarter of our 55th Anniversary year, and donations for the 55th Anniversary Fund to replace our HVAC have brought in over \$31,000 so far. We feel incredibly blessed to have received this amount! We need at least another \$129,000 to replace the HVAC system which is

60+ years old. Anything over the HVAC amount will go to help more of our neighbors in need with basic needs such as rent and utility assistance. We are asking our supporters to donate a minimum of \$55 per person towards our 55th Anniversary Fund...

Please consider making your donation to Doorstep. You can mail donations to: Doorstep, Inc., 1119 SW 10th Ave, Topeka, KS 66604. You can also donate through PayPal on our website: www.DoorstepTopeka.org under the Donate tab, note the anniversary fund with your donation.

Spiritual Care

A new committee has been formed for the care of church members. Our first goal was to set up the Prayer Chain. You can find more information about the prayer chain below.

I would now like to form a committee for organizing

hospital and home visits. If you are interested in visiting our shut-ins or hospitalized members, please let me know.

Vickie Jacobs

785-379-5430 or vickiejacobs47@gmail.com

Prayer Chain

Thank you to Barbara Apps for many years overseeing the prayer chain and most recently, thank you to LaVell Windsor.

As technology changes, the prayer chain has changed too. It has become more of an 'email prayer' notification. If you have a prayer request, please call the church office and notify Pastor Andrew or Cindy. Pastor will then start the prayer request notification. If the concern is only for Pastor Andrew, please share that with him.

If you're not on the current prayer chain list and want to be, please state

preference of how you want to be contacted, by email or phone call. You will not be asked to pass anything on to others by email. Also, please remember to let Cindy know if you want specific prayers included in the Sunday bulletin or service.

This is a great way to keep communication flowing and prayers for our Trinity family.

If you have questions regarding this, please don't hesitate to call me, 785.221.8076

In love and prayer, Loni Reece



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Council Meeting Minutes, Sept. 13, 2021

- ◆ Approved seeking registration on Historic Register. Pr. Andrew will begin the process.
- ◆ Approved investigating possible partnership with Central Congregational Church.
- ◆ Approved proposed new worship format using Messy Church and service church each once a month.
- ◆ Approved Pr. Andrew to travel to Chicago Oct. 22nd & 23rd for Messy Church training.
- ◆ Approved using Baker Univ. funds to start a WU campus ministry.
- ◆ Approved roof & gutter repair bids & toilet repair.
- ◆ Approved adding food ministry budget item.
- ◆ Discussed anniversary booklet publication; more info needed.

Food Ministry

At the September Council meeting, it was approved that a budget line item be added to collect funds that can be used to provide food to people that come to our door. Some memorial funds will be moved to this line item to get it started then will be sustained by member giving alongside their contributions to our general fund.

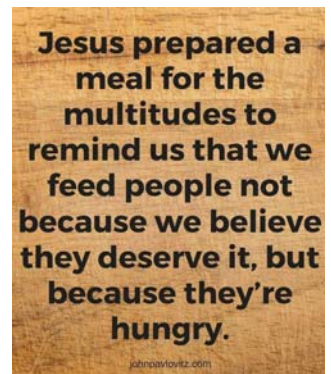
This ministry is not intended to replace our support of Doorstep or Operation Food Secure,

but will instead supplement those networks. The food items to be stocked are yet to be determined though they will resemble the food bags we purchased two years ago. We will also have items available for persons who are homeless.

Pr. Andrew is planning to restart our food ministry in November by preparing food boxes to be delivered to some homes in our neighborhood shortly after Thanksgiv-

ing. More information on this project will be announced in November.

As we move forward, please share ideas that you may have to support this ministry either financially or in kind. Please call the office, 233-0767, if you have questions or ideas.





Walkers and runners are invited to participate in our 4th Annual

Neighbor Helping Neighbor Walk/5K Fun Run

A Fundraiser for Doorstep, Inc.

Location: Lake Shawnee Shelter Houses 1 & 2, West Edge Road

Date: Sunday, October 3, 2021

Check-In & Late Registration: 1:00PM to 1:45PM

Time: One Mile Walk & 5K Fun Run to begin at 2:00PM

Celebrity Starter for the Walk/Run is:

Chris Fisher ~ WIBW-TV

If the event becomes impacted by COVID-19 restrictions, we will make the event virtual.

Snacks & drinks will be provided at the finish of the Walk/5K Fun Run in the shelter house.

Enjoy ~ Cookies, granola bars, fresh fruit, juice, and water

**One Mile Walk/5K Fun Run Registration is Due by September 14, 2021
to Guarantee an event t-shirt!**

Late & Event Day Registrations Accepted. (T-shirt not guaranteed)

The registration cost is \$30 for individuals or pledges (\$30 minimum).

One registered child age 10 & under can walk for FREE with a paid adult. (T-shirt extra)

T-shirt included with \$30 registration fee or on total pledges of \$100+. Registrations received after September 14th will not be guaranteed a t-shirt.

Go to www.DoorstepTopeka.org (under the Events Tab) to register online or for registration/sponsor forms.



Thank you to our sponsors:



A Special Reformation-Halloween Sunday



Be Sure to Mark Your Calendars for this Special Sunday Service for Reformation Day and Halloween!

Our Service will Include:
A Processional of God's Creation
(Children and Adult Encouraged to Dress Up)
A Short Play on the 95 Thesis
An Outdoor Trunk or Treat Coffee Hour
After Worship

Member News



Don & Charlotte O'Brien have moved to a new residence. Please make note of their new address in your directories.

Don & Charlotte O'Brien
2800 Villa West Dr., Unit #12
Topeka, KS 66614-5445

In addition, they no longer have their land line telephone service; you may reach them by calling 785.806.9226.

Trinity Friends,

Thank you for the prayers, phone calls, and cards following the passing of my special needs sister, Dalleen. Her passing was unexpected and peaceful. Some of you had met her in earlier years when my parents were able to travel. We take great comfort knowing that she is now dancing among the angels. This has been a rough year for us with the passing

of my dad, Andy's dad, and my sister. Thank you for your continued prayers. Our Trinity family is dear to us. Peace, Andy, LaVell, Kade, and Brayden



Octoberfest at Prince of Peace



Prince of Peace is having an Octoberfest on October 9th from 11:00-3:00. We are finalizing our plans for this event and are looking for vendors to join us. This is a community event which will include two food trucks, vendor booths, flea market, free kids games, bounce

houses and more.

If interested, please contact Margaret at 785-408-5627 or Prince of Peace office at 785-271-0808. Thank you for considering being a part of this community event.



TOPEKA LITERACY COUNCIL, INC.

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Volunteer Literacy Tutor Training Workshop

Volunteers needed to Help Adults with Reading

The Topeka Literacy Council will conduct a two-day tutor training workshop for individuals and organizations wanting to tutor adults in reading and writing. Volunteer tutor trainers at the workshop will cover proven techniques for teaching adults basic literacy and English as a second language. The cost is \$25.00 for the workbook and handout materials (cash, check, or money order; credit cards not accepted). This fee may be waived for some individuals and organizations. The workshop will be held on Saturday, October 23 and Saturday, October 30, 2021, from 9am to 4:45pm each day. New tutors need to attend both sessions.

Materials used and taught in the workshop include **Laubach Way to Reading** for basic reading skills, **Challenger** for review of basic skills and skill building, **Focus on Phonics** for improving recognition of speech sounds, and **Laubach Way to English** for English language learners.

LOCATION

Conference Room of the Doorstep Building

1119 SW 10th Ave. (SE corner of 10th and Buchanan), Topeka, KS 66604

(Parking in rear off Buchanan. Enter building through south door.)

DAYS AND TIME

Saturday, October 23, 2021, 9:00am to 4:45pm

AND

Saturday, October 30, 2021, 9:00am to 4:45pm

(Doors open at 8:30am for check-in/registration. Workshop begins promptly at 9:00am.)

For more information, please call the office of the Topeka Literacy Council at 785-234-2806, or email us at topekaliteracy@juno.com. Please **preregister by Wednesday, October 20**. You may mail us a check or money order made out to the Topeka Literacy Council for \$25.00 to cover the expense of providing workshop materials (credit cards not accepted). If you do not attend and receive these materials, your payment will be returned to you. Lunch break will be 45 minutes and is the participant's responsibility. We invite you to bring a sack lunch. You will have access to a refrigerator and microwave. Refreshments will be served in the morning and afternoon. You may want to bring a seat cushion as the chairs are hard. We look forward to seeing you!

ProLiteracy America is a national network of organizations and individuals that
Strengthens and promotes adult literacy in the United States

Church Committee Meetings for October 2021

October 3- Spiritual Care

(Prayer Chain and Homebound Care)

October 10- Administration

(Results of Mission Statement Survey)

October 17- Congregational Life

(Logo Work and Advent Planning)

October 24- Community Relations

(Food Delivery Ministry)



Trinity Receives Synod's Technology Grant



Council approved a plan to improve our technology for Sunday worship in partnership with the new grant program offered through the Synod. The Synod approved our request for grant funds for this first phase. We will use funds to purchase a permanent desktop for the sanctuary to be placed in the balcony. In April, we will apply for our second phase funding to purchase a camera to record services with.

We would like to give a special thanks to Vickie Jacobs, who has agreed to cover the congregation's expense for this first phase of the grant program.