

TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
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November 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

# November 2021

SUNDAY      MONDAY      TUESDAY      WEDNESDAY      THURSDAY      FRIDAY      SATURDAY

	1 All Saints Day	9 am Quilters 2	3	4	5	6
10:30 am Worship 7 After worship: Spiritual Care committee meeting	8  7 pm Council	9 am Quilters 9	10	11	12	13 9 am Grace Lutheran, Osage Bazaar (more info on page 6)
10:30 am Worship 14 After worship: Administration committee meeting  2 pm PFLAG meeting	15	9 am Quilters 16	17	18 December 2021 Trinity Tidings deadline	19	20
10:30 am Worship 21 Christ the King Sunday After worship: Congregational Life committee meeting Put up Christmas Trees	22	9 am Quilters 23  7 pm TLHA	24	25 Thanksgiving Day (office will be closed) 6:15 pm Choir Rehearsal 7 pm Thanksgiving Eve Worship @Our Saviors	26	27
10:30 am Worship 28 1st Sunday of Advent After worship: Community Relations committee meeting	29	9 am Quilters 30	<p><i>Every Sunday: 10:30 am Worship &amp; Holy Communion</i></p>			

Trinity Lutheran Church  
Topeka, KS

## *Pastor's Letter*

Things are slowly returning back to how they were before Covid and this past month saw the return of the Synod's fall gathering of pastors and leaders. Those in the past might have remembered it as the Bishop's Convocation but has now been transformed into a learning week for congregational leaders. The theme for our conversations this year was focused on the "Way of Jesus and the Reign of God." Broadly, the focus of our conversations were about how the church participates in social justice and what does it mean for our churches to participate in the discussions of our society. And indeed, politics were a major discussion point for all regardless of the perspective that people held.

This topic might be helpful for all of us as we approach an election day this month. While not as contentious or hair-raising as our federal elections, our local elections are still a part of who we are called to be both as a citizen and as a Christian. As Christians, we are called to use our vote as a means to participate and further policy, people, and parties that can help our society move forward in showing care to all our people. Often not thought of in this manner, but to vote is a form of commu-

nity service that you are doing in guiding the direction that the leaders of our communities will use to serve the greater good. Yet, you might say "Pastor, you have avoided talking about who or how we should vote?" While some faith traditions believe that the pastor or church leaders should tell their members from the top down how to approach the political world, our tradition values the fact that we have diverse views and that together we can work through them as a community of faith. That as the church, it is our duty to speak to those that disagree with us, to truly listen to different perspectives, and to work toward a future together as a community.

A constant complaint during the conference was about the fact that many of our congregations and members just don't talk about political issues at all in the church. That anything in the news is taboo for fear of making someone upset. And that is the problem with our political landscape today; where people are no longer brought together across divisions and we are taught to see each other as the enemy. This is where each and everyone of us as members of the church can work to change the dynamics of

our society. In our church, we have people of all stripes, from all political backgrounds. We have conservatives and liberals, we have people that use to be one party and are now another, we have people that don't want to be attached to any of those labels. Yet, as the church, we come together each week to learn from one another and to love one another. And that is what our society is deeply missing right now. The simple fact that we can disagree yet respect and love one another. That is how the church can best show the world how to engage in the politics of our society...to embrace and show the world a community where despite our differences we show love instead of hate. We listen and value each and every one of our people even when we don't think they have the best solutions to the world problems. And we vote, not for our individual needs, but that we vote for the good of our society and policies that will help all those in need in our communities. This is how the church can engage in the politics and shape a positive future for all.

*Peace of Christ,*  
*Pr. Andrew Patty*

## November Celebrations

### Birthdays

- 4 Walt Laughlin
- 8 Julie Reeves
- 9 Andrew Patty
- 10 Rosie Nichols
- 13 Betty Quarnstrom
- 15 Liz Utech
- 18 Susan Fitz
- 20 Kendall Horton
- 20 Martha Nemeth
- 24 Betty Patton
- 26 Debbie Pomeroy

### Baptisms

- 4 Laurie Jackson
- 9 Russ Johnson
- 14 Marlene Hassan
- 17 Dean McGinnis
- 24 Heather Klamm
- 24 Dorothy Strom

## November Readings

### November 7 — All Saints Sunday

- Isaiah 25:6-9
- Psalm 24
- Revelation 21:1-6a
- John 11:32-44

### November 14 — Twenty-fifth Sunday of Pentecost

- Daniel 12:1-3
- Psalm 16
- Hebrews 10:11-25
- mark 13:1-8

### November 21 — Christ the King Sunday

- Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14
- Psalm 93
- Revelation 1:4b-8
- John 18:33-37

### November 29 — 1st Sunday of Advent

- Isaiah 64:1-9
- Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19
- 1st Corinthians 1:3-9
- Mark 13:24-37

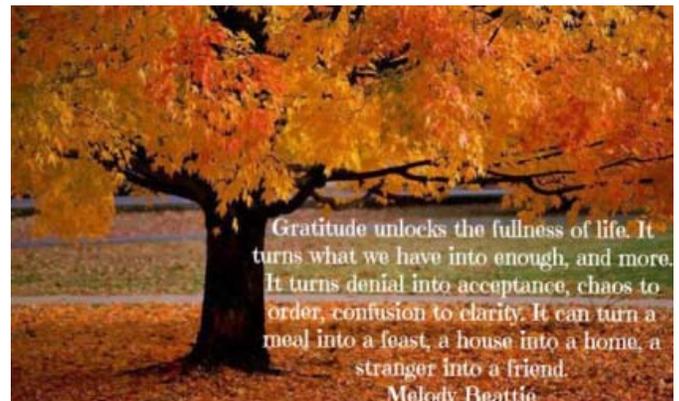
God is good - celebrate with thanksgiving and praise!

## Thanksgiving Eve Worship

Wednesday, November 24 at 7pm  
Our Savior's Lutheran Church  
2021 SW 29<sup>th</sup> St

Come early if you'd like to sing in the joint choir directed by Laurie Jackson. Choir practice will begin promptly at 6:15pm in the sanctuary.

*Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song. – Psalm 95:2*



## Doorstep News & Needs — November 2021



Our focus the rest of this year is Doorstep's Christmas Project. Earlier in the year we thought we may be able to have the actual Christmas Store... until the Delta variant arrived! So, for the safety of everyone, and the fact that we might not have enough volunteers to pull off the full Christmas Store, we are doing something similar to last year.

We have started early in organizing, arranging, and promoting needed items. Our dedicated volunteers have been going through the basement and pulling out all of the previously donated items that we can use for 2021. But, we will still need more blankets, household items, and games/puzzles. Doorstep will adopt the 260 households and 800+ individuals from the Christmas Bureau. However, this year we are adding to what the families will receive. We will provide our regular Christmas food package, a \$20 gift card for each family member, a health kit, blanket or quilt, a household item such as coffee pot, crockpot,

sheet set, school supplies, and a family pack of games, puzzles and toys.

### What we need for Christmas at this time is:

Full/Queen and King Blankets (new)  
Coffee pots, Crockpots, Toasters, Skillet Sets and Electric Skillets (new)  
Board games and puzzles (new)  
Monetary Donations

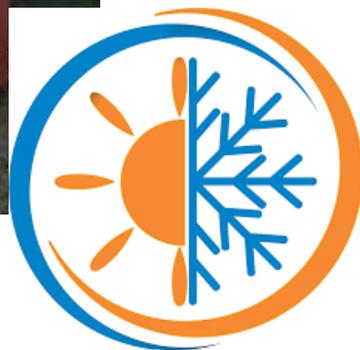
Proceeding with the Christmas Project this way does increase our costs overall with the gift cards (\$16,000) and the regular food order (\$12,000), but it is the safest way to proceed for 2021.

We need your monetary donations to purchase the gift cards, the food, and any of the above items not donated. You can mail your tax deductible donations to: Doorstep, Inc., 1119 SW 10<sup>th</sup>, Topeka, KS 66604 or go to our website ([www.doorsteptopeka.org](http://www.doorsteptopeka.org)) to donate by credit card.

Thank you in advance for helping your neighbors in need this holiday season!



At our 151st Anniversary celebration there was an opportunity to make a donation to Doorstep's 55th Anniversary Fund. We collected \$1,641.00. Donations to this fund continue through June 2022.



So far a little over \$31,000 has been received by Doorstep. At least \$129,000 more is needed to replace the 60+ year old HVAC system in the Doorstep building. If you have not had an opportunity to donate or would like to make an additional donation, make your check out to Doorstep and write in the memo line *Anniversary Fund*.

## Donations Needed for Our Christmas Project

Doorstep is adopting 260 households with 821 individuals from the Christmas Bureau again this year. We are receiving calls about what items are needed for our annual Christmas Adoption.

### We need the following **NEW** items:

- \*Blankets - Full/Queen & King Only
- \*Coffee Pots
- \*Electric Skillets
- \*Board Games
- \*Money for Gift Cards
- \*Crock Pots
- \*Skillet Sets
- \*Toasters
- \*Puzzles

We no longer need school supplies or health kit items (hygiene items and towels).

These have been assembled, and are ready for December.

**We would like donations of gift items by December 1st, if possible, so we know what we have, and what we still need for distribution week.**

**However, we will still take donations after that date.**

**We are not doing the full Christmas Store this year due to the ongoing pandemic & safety issues.**

### Each household we adopt will receive:

**Blanket ~ Health Kit ~ School Supplies (if appropriate)**

**One household item such as coffee pot or crockpot**

**Christmas food order**

**Family Fun packs with board games, puzzles and toys**

**\$20 gift cards per person in the household.**

**Doorstep is located at 1119 SW 10th, 66604 (10th & Buchanan). Hours for donations are 9am - 2pm, Monday - Friday. You can mail monetary donations or use our website: [DoorstepTopeka.org](http://DoorstepTopeka.org)**

**A container will be available in the narthex during November for deposit of donations. Diane Bottorff will deliver donated items to Doorstep on December 1.**

## CONGREGATION COUNCIL

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## Council Meeting Minutes, Oct. 18, 2021

- ◆ Spiritual Care committee is working on plans for communion to be brought to homebound members.
- ◆ 16 responses were received to congregational survey about our mission statement. Pastor will draft a mission statement based on this and take back to Administrative Committee.
- ◆ Congregational Life: Worship planning: November continues current liturgy omitting 95 Theses section. Decorating for Advent after worship on November 21. St. Lucia service will be part of worship service on Sunday, December 12. Tentative plan to have Christmas Eve service at noon but will seek feedback from others and make final decision in November. Joint Thanksgiving Eve service at Our Saviors.
- ◆ Property committee reported three non-functioning toilets have been replaced. Repairs on church roof have been done by JB Turner Company. Work on guttering on south side of church is on hold until parts arrive. Boiler was inspected by PCI and has been started for fall/winter season.
- ◆ Approved getting a free estimate from Cromwell Solar of our buildings to see if solar power might be something to consider in the future as a cost savings measure.
- ◆ Approved Marcy Carlson's proposal to develop a 151<sup>st</sup> anniversary booklet.

## Church Committee Meetings for November 2021

**November 7 -- Spiritual Care  
Homebound Communion Training**

**November 14 -- Administration  
Review Mission Statement Draft**

**November 21 -- Congregational Life  
Final Drafts of Logo & Advent Decorating**

**November 28 -- Community Relations  
Food Delivery after Church**



## November Service Sunday, Nov. 28

For the last Sunday in November, we will be trying a new format for worship and service. On that morning, we will have a Morning Prayer Service followed by packing holiday food packs for those families in our neighborhood that we have been delivering to this past year to show our care for them during this upcoming holiday season. Please think about bringing the following items with you each Sunday this month to support this ministry:

### **November 14<sup>th</sup>- Green Bean Casserole Items**

- 2 15 oz cans of green beans
- 1 Cream of Mushroom Can
- 1 Crispy Fried Onion

### **November 21<sup>st</sup>- Dry Goods Day**

- 8 oz or larger family size Instant Potatoes
- 2 6 oz Stuffing Mix

### **November 28<sup>th</sup>- Butter and Bread Day**

- 10 count frozen dinner rolls
- Pack of butter

A small 1 lb. turkey or ham and corn will be provided for each box from the Food Ministry Funds. If you would like to contribute to either of these, please contact Pastor Andrew or donate to the Food Ministry Fund.



## Christmas Dinner

### Grace Lutheran Bazaar

The bazaar is back!! Grace Lutheran Church in Osage City is hosting their bazaar again this year. The date is November 13. It starts with brunch at 9:00 am, then lunch will be served at 11:30. Food will include brisket with sides, dessert, and drink. The price for adults is \$10 and children under 10 may eat for \$4. Meals to go

will be available on request.

There will be crafts and baked goods for sale. Grace is at 210 Holliday Street in Osage City.

### Cemetery Plots for Sale

Walt & Helen Laughlin are offering their Memorial Park cemetery plots for sale. The plots are in the Lutheran section of the cemetery. The section is #163, plots 5 & 6 on the hill near Gage Blvd.

They are asking \$2,370 for each plot. You may contact them at 1.918.299.2661 if you would like to discuss further or make an offer.