

TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
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February 2022



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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

February 2022

SUNDAY

MONDAY


TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

<p>February 13 is Doorstep's Souper Bowl Sunday. Please bring soup & crackers to church to help stock their food pantry.</p>	<p>9 am Quilters 1</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>	
<p>10:30 am Worship 6 After worship: Maintenance committee meeting</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>9 am Quilters 8</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p>
<p>10:30 am Worship 13 After worship: Congregational Life committee meeting 2 pm PFLAG meeting</p>	<p>14 Valentine's Day </p>	<p>9 am Quilters 15 March 2022 Trinity Tidings deadline 7 pm Council via Zoom</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>
<p>10:30 am Worship 20 After worship: Administration committee meeting</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>9 am Quilters 22 7 pm TLHA</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>
<p>10:30 am Worship 27 After worship: Community Relations committee meeting</p>	<p>28</p>	<p><i>Every Sunday: 10:30 am Worship & Holy Communion</i></p>				

Trinity
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Topeka, KS

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Trinity Tidings

Pastor's Letter

“Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the LORD your God. In it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore, the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.” -Exodus 20:8-11

With the start of a new year, we are bombarded with a flood of media telling us we should do something new or different with our lives. For some it might be the start of a resolution like reorganizing that closet or creating a schedule for the year ahead of major events; others it might be that weight loss goal or those promised daily walks that seem to drift away by February. While this time of year can often make us busy trying to start the year with our best foot forward, it is often rest that we need more than anything else. We just finished two major holidays that take a lot of time and preparation each year. The irony of our society is that we have the two busiest holidays of the year at the end and then we have this culture in America that says you need to do more for the new year than what you have already been doing for the past two months.

An alternative to this way of thinking would be for Christians to embrace Sabbath in this time of year. You might be saying, what is Pastor talking about embracing “Sunday” for... we already come for worship? That is not quite what I am talking about. When we talk theologically about Sabbath, we speak of it as a verb, not

a noun. In Hebrew, the word translates as “resting.” In this we are following God’s example set by the creation story and as presented in the Ten Commandments. Even God, with all the business of creating the universe, could take a break. By taking a break in our lives each week and honoring that time, we are allowed to enjoy the gifts that have been given to us by God. We are able to process our faith without being encumbered by planning the next move or taking the next step. Sabbath time allows us to recharge from a world that often demands so much of our time, energy, and thought. Instead, when we take our sabbath time, we can reconnect with God, with ourselves, and with our family for one special moment. And in the world in which we live, I encourage you to take sabbath time when it works for you and to think of it beyond Sunday. Therefore, sabbath time might be a Tuesday morning at the breakfast table looking out over the backyard. Sabbath time might be that walk in the park on a Thursday afternoon. In keeping sabbath time in our weekly faith life, we are both giving a gift to God in honoring this rest that is holy, but we are giving a gift to ourselves in following God’s will, we may seek refuge from the hustle and bustle of this world and be refreshed in our souls for the journey ahead.

*Peace of Christ,
Pr. Andrew Patty*

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February Celebrations

Birthdays

- 2 Collin Horton
- 6 Marcy Carlson
- 16 Jane Lewis
- 19 Howard Reece
- 23 Loretta Hoerman
- 24 Erin Lewis
- 26 Brayden Winsor

Baptisms

- 2 Mary Heald
- 2 Jeff Longren
- 10 Martha Nemeth
- 25 Susan Fitz

Wedding Anniversaries

- 17 Sam & Charlotte Blenden

February Readings

February 6 — 5th Sunday of Epiphany

- Isaiah 6:1-13
- Psalm 138
- 1st Corinthians 15:1-11
- Luke 5:1-11

February 13 — 6th Sunday of Epiphany

- Jeremiah 17:5-10
- Psalm 1
- 1st Corinthians 15:12-20
- Luke 6:17-16

February 20 — 7th Sunday of Epiphany

- Genesis 45:3-11, 15
- Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40
- 1st Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50
- Luke 6:27-38

February 27 — Transfiguration of Our Lord

- Exodus 34:29-35
- Psalm 99
- 2nd Corinthians 3:12—4:2
- Luke 9:28-43a

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Council Highlights — 1.10.2022

- ◆ Proposed budget for 2022 was received from treasurer Bob Kobbeman. Council recommended a few changes and with those changes being made the budget will be placed in the book of Annual Reports and presented at the Annual Meeting for approval.
- ◆ A draft of the book of Annual Reports was given to each council member for review prior to it being distributed to the membership. Discussed how the report book will be distributed to members who will attend in person and to those participating online.
- ◆ The cost for all recent roof repairs has been covered with Memorial funds, leaving approximately \$1,600 remaining in the Sodergren Memorial fund.
- ◆ Council has been meeting in fellowship hall but at least through March they will meet on Zoom.

The Central States Synod Assembly is scheduled for June 9 thru 11, 2022. It will be an in-person event at the Embassy Suites in Olathe, KS.

Please consider attending as a Trinity delegate. The keynote speaker will be Cynthia Moe-Lobeda, Ph.D., Professor of Theological and Social Ethics, at Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary.

Registration materials and information will be available on the CSS website in February.

Church Committee Meetings for February 2022

**Feb. 6 — Maintenance
annual maintenance planning**

**Feb. 13 — Congregational Life
campus visitor walk-thru**

**Feb. 20 — Administration
staff position descriptions**

Feb. 27 — Community Relations



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Doorstep

As we finish year-end paperwork, thank yous, grant reports, and so forth here at Doorstep, life has not stopped, and the calls for assistance keep coming!

In many ways 2021 felt like a repeat of 2020, in good ways though too. Our member congregations, and the Topeka community, continued to step up and support Doorstep, and the services we offer. We received more CARES funds to assist with rent assistance. And for many other people who still had 'life happen' to them like non-COVID times, we did our best to help with all of those in need.

In 2021, Doorstep spent \$342,434 on emergency services; this is over \$91,000 more compared to 2020. It was a challenging year, and our small staff is incredibly grateful to our volunteers who kept coming in week after week to help us provide services, sort donations, and help clothing room clients. We also feel very blessed by the support we have received from the Topeka community during this time!

SouperBowl Sunday is February 13th and we are again asking our member congregations to collect soup and crackers to help stock our food pantry! Watch for sales and gather your donations! We can use all varieties of soup, and crackers. A successful SouperBowl Sunday can stock our pantry with these items into the Spring months!

In June we had our 55th Anniversary Kick-off to raise funds for a new HVAC system at Doorstep. The current system, original to the building, is over 60 years old. At year end, we had donations of \$50,000! That is 1/3 of the amount needed...we have another \$100,000 to go! We are working on a match donation opportunity in February, and more information will be coming...

Unfortunately, with COVID still an issue, we will not have Operation Soup Line in 2022.

Finally, **Thank You** to everyone who donated money, blankets, games, puzzles and hygiene items for **Doorstep's Christmas Project** this past December! We assisted a total of **259 households with 822 individuals!** Hopefully, next year we can be back to normal with the actual Christmas Store.



DOORSTEP
Neighbors Helping Neighbors



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December 31, 2021

DOORSTEP MEMBERS

Asbury Mt. Olive United Methodist
Calvary Baptist
Capital City Community Church of God
Central Congregational
Central Park Christian
Central Presbyterian
Christ The King
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
Community of Christ
Countryside United Methodist
Crestview United Methodist
Fairlawn Nazarene
Faith Lutheran
First Baptist
First Christian
First Church of the Nazarene
First Congregational
First Lutheran
First Presbyterian
First United Methodist
Grace Episcopal
Grace United Methodist
Highland Heights Christian
Islamic Center of Topeka
Lowman United Methodist
Mater Dei
Metropolitan Community
Most Pure Heart of Mary
New Life Baptist
New Mt. Zion Baptist
Oakland Methodist
Oakland Presbyterian
Our Savior's Lutheran
Potwin Presbyterian
Prince of Peace Lutheran
Sacred Heart
Shiloh Baptist
St. Andrew's Presbyterian
St. David's Episcopal
St. John African Methodist Episcopal
St. John's Lutheran
Susanna Wesley United Methodist
Temple Beth Shalom
Topeka Friends Meeting
Trinity Lutheran
Trinity Presbyterian
Unity Church of Christianity
University United Methodist
Wanamaker Seventh-Day Adventist
Wanamaker Woods Nazarene
Westminster Presbyterian
West Side Baptist
West Side Christian

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Dear Friends,

On behalf of the Doorstep staff, board of directors, and volunteers, I would like to thank you for your special donation of \$1641.00 in October, 2021 towards our 55th Anniversary Fund.

Doorstep paid off the mortgage on our building 25 years ago. We have made improvements to the windows, lighting, flooring, the roof, and painting inside and out. These were all smaller, but needed improvements for better energy efficiency, and to keep our building an inviting place for clients to come during a difficult time to receive services.

The most expensive upgrade we need to make is updating our HVAC system. It is now 60+ years old, and some parts can no longer be found for the system, and had to be made in order to fix it in the past. As we are celebrating 55 years of providing services and helping our neighbors in need, it seemed like the right time to ask our supporters to help Doorstep.

In 55 years, Doorstep has provided some kind of service to over 407,000 households involving over 970,000 individuals in and around the Topeka community. We thank you for being a part of the work we have done, and continue to do.

Doorstep, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) organization. No goods or services were received in exchange for this gift/donation. Tax ID# 48-0734624

Blessings,

Lisa Cain
Executive Director

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**DOORSTEP'S
"SOUPERBOWL
SUNDAY" IS
FEBRUARY 13TH**



**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!**