

TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
725 SW Buchanan Street  
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March 2022

# Trinity Tidings



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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

# March 2022

SUNDAY

MONDAY


TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

<p><i>Every Sunday: 10:30 am Worship &amp; Holy Communion</i></p>	<p>9 am Quilters 1</p>	<p>2  5:30 pm Ash Wednesday Worship</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>	
<p>10:30 am Worship 6</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>9 am Quilters 8</p>	<p>9  6:30-8 pm Historic Old Town NIA meeting</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  7 pm Council via Zoom</p>	<p>9 am Quilters 15</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>
<p>10:30 am Worship 20 After worship: Spiritual Care committee meeting</p>	<p>21  April 2022 Trinity Tidings deadline</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: Administration committee meeting</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>9 am Quilters 29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>		

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## Pastor's Letter

*"Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone to heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known."* -Marty Haugen, "All Are Welcome" (ELW 641)

The Lenten season is often when we take time to reflect upon our faith as a community. This journey of learning during Lent has been a tradition during which many of you have participated in a Bible study or adult forum series. While we often focus on the intellectual expansion, what if we share our collective wisdom as a faith community? What if we decide to share our memories in this journey of faith? What if that came from the very sanctuary in which we worship each Sunday?

During this Lenten season, we will be taking a journey of faith right in our pews. We will be using our sanctuary as a way to deepen our understanding of scripture and the collective wisdom that our space has brought us as a faith community. In starting this process of historical preservation and restoration for the next three years, we have to realize that our sanctuary is not just wood, plaster, and pews. All of the things that surround us on a Sunday morning speak to who we are as a worship community. In the song *All Are Welcome*, the fourth verse reminds us that this building is not just a place. This place is built by the memories of faith that

all of us have encountered here. This church is the place where we have been nourished in our faith, taught to live faithfully, and sent out to do God's work in the world. Despite our ideas that the physical items themselves (your seat in the pews, the windows, the baptismal font) are important, it is really the meaning and memory that we have attached to these things in our lives of faith that really touch our hearts and bring us closer to God.

Therefore, we will be focusing on a unique aspect of the church building to highlight each Sunday as a form of a Lenten devotional. We will also be asking each of you to provide your own memories around those sacred items in our sanctuary. In this, we will remember why we are doing this mission of historic preservation and restoration. We will remember that these items hold in them both biblical and theological meaning. We will revive all those precious memories of faith that have been formed by the people of God in and around this space we call the church building. We will understand that we are restoring not a place of just wood and stone, but a place of healing, service, teaching and loving in the past, the present, and for our future as a congregation.

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## March Celebrations

### Birthdays

- 10 Bob Kobbeman
- 16 Jake Kennedy
- 19 Carol Marker
- 25 Pam Kobbeman
- 28 Helen Laughlin
- 31 Larry McGinnis

### Baptisms

- 1 Ben Carlson
- 1 Adeline Klamm
- 10 Alex Nichols
- 18 Cathy Tunnell
- 20 Jane Lewis
- 21 Diane Bottorff
- 27 Chance Hutchison
- 30 Ed Emmons

### March Readings

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

*March 6 — 1st Sunday of Lent*  
Deuteronomy 26:1-11  
Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16  
Romans 10:8b-13  
Luke 4:1-13

*March 13 — 2nd Sunday of Lent*  
Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18  
Psalm 27  
Philippians 3:17—4:1  
Luke 13:31-35

*March 20 — 3rd Sunday of Lent*  
Isaiah 55:1-9  
Psalm 63:1-8  
1st Corinthians 10:1-13  
Luke 13:1-9

*March 27 — 4th Sunday of Lent*  
Joshua 5:9-12  
Psalm 32  
2nd Corinthians 5:16-21  
Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

## 2022 Retreats

### High School Retreat

March 11th-13th  
\$75

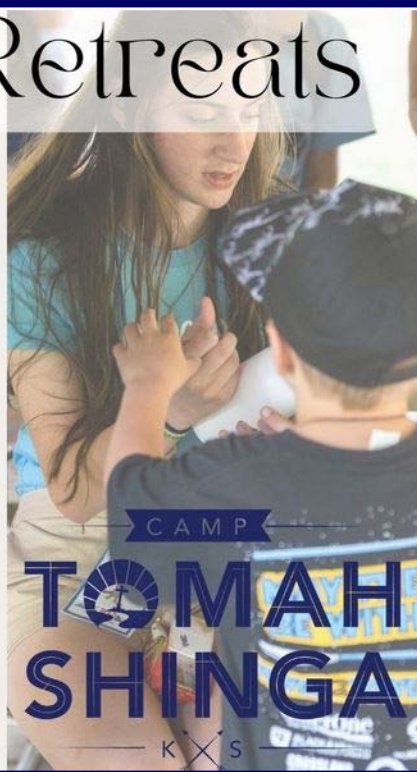
### Middle School Retreat

March 25th-27th  
\$75

### Elementary Retreat

April 2nd-3rd  
\$55

Partnering with the  
Central States Synod



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## CONGREGATION COUNCIL

### President

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### Vice President

Ted Murphy  
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### Secretary

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Bob Kobbeman  
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## Council Highlights

- ◆ There was no council meeting in February.

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 March 2022

Mar. 6 — No committee meeting

Mar. 13 — Congregational Life  
Holy Week worship planning

Mar. 20 — Spiritual Care  
homebound ministers follow-up

Mar. 27 — Administration  
review implementing annual meeting resolutions

Apr. 3 — Community Relations  
community partnership ideas



*Take and eat;  
this is my body,  
given for you.  
Do this for the  
remembrance of me.  
This cup is the  
new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you  
and for all people  
for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the  
remembrance of me.*



Did you know?? If you are worshipping from home, we would be happy to deliver communion sets to you. Just call, 785.233.0767, or email the church office, [office@topekatlc.org](mailto:office@topekatlc.org). Or if you worship in person on Sunday mornings, but will be gone for a Sunday, you may ask the usher for communion sets to take home.



# Trinity Tidings

## Doorstep

Thank you to everyone who donated soup and crackers during our **Souper Bowl Sunday** collection! We know that a can of soup can be a meal or two, and your generous donations helped stock our pantry, and provide meals for your neighbors in need!

We are now firmly in the second half of Doorstep's 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year, June 1, 2021 – May 31, 2022! If you haven't heard we are raising funds for our 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Fund, specifically to replace the 60+ year old HVAC system in our building! We received our original bid just after the beginning of COVID, and our estimate was \$150,000. Unfortunately, with all of the changes COVID has brought, we now need to raise at least \$180,000!

Beginning February 16<sup>th</sup> and running through April 15<sup>th</sup> Doorstep has a Matching Funds Challenge for you to take advantage of, and help Doorstep meet our goal! We have a generous couple who has pledged \$20,000 towards Doorstep's HVAC replacement fund. They understand this type of fundraising is not perhaps the 'tug at your heartstrings' type of need, but for a non-profit like Doorstep, who owns our building, it is very necessary!

Donate to Doorstep between February 16<sup>th</sup> ~ April 15<sup>th</sup> and for every \$2 you donate, our matching funders will add \$1 to that donation! Help us turn \$20,000 into \$60,000 towards our 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary HVAC Fund...

Be a part of this exciting one-time, project to keep our building in good shape so we can continue providing emergency and basic services to your neighbors in need.

Make sure to note your donation as part of the 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, HVAC Matching Fund! As of February 10, 2022, we have secured almost \$93,500 towards the updated goal of \$180,000. Anything we raise over what is needed to replace the HVAC system, will go towards rent and utility assistance for those families and individuals who are struggling, and need a little help, and a hand up!

If you have already donated towards our special project fund, Thank You, and keep in mind this is a new tax year, with another opportunity for you to help out, and have your donation matched!

Doorstep, Inc. is located at 1119 SW 10<sup>th</sup>, Topeka, Ks 66604. You can also visit our website: [www.DoorstepTopeka.org](http://www.DoorstepTopeka.org), and donate through PayPal. Make sure to note the HVAC fund on any donation you send for this Challenge.



**DOORSTEP**  
Neighbors Helping Neighbors



TOPEKA RESCUE MISSION MINISTRIES  
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Topeka, Ks 66608-0350

## FAITH WITH ITS SLEEVES ROLLED UP

February 2022  
RE: Leadership Transition



Dear TRM supporter,

As Barry Feaker, Executive Director of the Topeka Rescue Mission (TRM) approaches his 36<sup>th</sup> year of service to those experiencing homelessness and poverty in the greater Topeka Community, he has decided the time has come for the next generation of leadership to help TRM continue to grow and advance in its mission to address the ever-changing landscape of homelessness and poverty.

In Spring of 2021, to enhance TRM operations while addressing the increasing complex needs of those we serve, a new position was created, Senior Director of Ministry Operations. La Manda Broyles, at the time a principal for Topeka Public Schools and volunteer TRM board member, felt called to leave both positions and was hired for the new position. Her leadership experience, strong belief in the mission and Christ-centered focus of TRM, along with knowing she had been called to this ministry made her the perfect fit and she joined the team in June 2021, focused on advancing the work of TRM.

After significant examination regarding succession planning and discernment related to the future of the organization, the TRM board of directors unanimously voted at the December 2021 board meeting to initiate the leadership transition and promote La Manda into the position of Executive Director for TRM effective Spring of 2022. Barry Feaker said, "I am very excited about the future of TRM. After seeking God for my successor, I firmly believe La Manda has been assigned by God to lead TRM into the next phase of ministry in the greater Topeka community. La Manda is a visionary leader who will ensure the heart and core of the Mission remain focused on serving those in need while sharing the love of Jesus Christ to all."

TRM Board President, Hal Smith said, "The TRM board is grateful for all Barry has done in serving the homeless and the Topeka community for the past 36 years. We look forward to all he will continue to do in the future. We are excited to welcome La Manda into the role of executive director. Her leadership experience, passion for those we serve and our mission, coupled with her commitment to following Christ, ensure that she will be instrumental in leading TRM and the complex work of addressing homelessness in our community."

Regarding this opportunity, La Manda said, "I am honored to serve the TRM family and Topeka community as TRM's next Executive Director. Being a vessel for the Lord's work on Earth to bring hope to others is something that is deeply rooted in my heart." By transferring the responsibilities associated with the executive director position, Barry will continue to assist the ministry areas of strategic development and consultation. In this role he will serve as an advisor to the Executive Director and provide ministry wide spiritual support to TRM staff, volunteers, and donors. Feaker will also continue community networking on behalf of TRM and provide strategic consultation support to other ministries and communities.

There will be a community gathering, reflecting on Barry's 36 years at TRM and giving an opportunity to welcome La Manda. More information will be forthcoming. We invite you to join TRM as it spends time in prayer for this transition and the work God has called us to, helping assist those who are homeless and impoverished. If you have questions, please call (785)354-1744 ext. 315 or email [trm@trmonline.org](mailto:trm@trmonline.org).

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## LFACT MESSAGE

The Lutheran Fine Arts Council of Topeka is happy to be planning our first event in over two years.

We are planning the **FIRST FRIDAY ARTWALK EVENT** to be on **May 6**, in conjunction with the First Friday events throughout Topeka that evening.

Our event will be at **Prince of Peace Lutheran Church**, 3625 SW Wanamaker in Topeka, from **5:30-8:00pm**.

The mission of LFACT includes: proclaiming the Gospel,

giving expression to our faith through the fine arts, and to provide support to aspiring Lutheran artists.

We are looking for Lutherans who are fine artists who would like to show (and sell) their works at this event. A reminder that this is an art show, rather than a craft show.

You can contact Susan Thowe at 785-969-4342 or [srthowe@gmail.com](mailto:srthowe@gmail.com) if you would like to be a part of this, or you have more questions about this event.

saturday  
**APRIL 2**  
2022

Hollis Lodge  
Cocktails 6:30 pm  
Dinner 7:00 pm  
Casual Attire  
Live Music

Custom menu and  
4 course meal curated by  
Velouté French Market & Catering



VELOUTÉ

Proceeds benefit the mission & ministry of  
Hollis to provide Christian hospitality to all.



**Secure your reservation today!**

[HOLLISCENTER.ORG/FARM-TO-FORK-DINNER](https://holliscenter.org/farm-to-fork-dinner)

\$100 PER TICKET.  
SPACE IS LIMITED TO 54 GUESTS.

*Please indicate any dietary restrictions  
(gluten free, vegetarian, etc.)  
when placing your order.*



SCAN QR CODE WITH YOUR SMARTPHONE TO ORDER YOUR TICKETS

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