

TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
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April 2022

Trinity Tidings



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WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, 10:30am Holy Communion

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ADULTS

Cancelled until further notice.

Together in Community

Living with Christ

Caring for Neighbors

April 2022

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

<p><i>Every Sunday at 10:30 am Worship & Holy Communion</i></p>					1	2
<p>10:30 am Worship 3</p> <p>After worship: Coffee hour (weather permitting) Community Relations committee meeting</p>	4	<p>9 am Quilters 5</p>	6	7	8	9
<p>10:30 am Worship 10</p> <p><i>Palm Sunday</i></p> <p>After worship: Coffee hour (weather permitting)</p> <p>2 pm PFLAG meeting</p>	11	<p>9 am Quilters 12</p>	13	<p style="text-align: center;"></p> <p>6 pm Maundy Thursday</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"></p> <p>6 pm Good Friday</p>	16
<p>10:30 am Worship 17</p> <p>Before worship: Coffee hour (weather permitting)</p> <p><i>Easter Sunday</i></p>	18	<p>9 am Quilters 19</p> <p>May 2022 Trinity Tidings deadline</p>	20	21	22	23
<p>10:30 am Worship 24</p> <p>After worship: Coffee hour (weather permitting) Maintenance committee meeting</p>	25	<p>9 am Quilters 26</p> <p>7 pm TLHA</p>	27	28	29	30

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Pastor's Letter

"You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. So, if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them." - John 13:13-17

These are the words of Jesus after he washed the feet of the disciples on Maundy Thursday. In the early church when Christians worshiped in homes due to persecution, this would be the first of three days in which followers would stay in the church until the Easter Vigil. This act of washing each other's feet was the path to being a follower of Christ. While we are mentally occupied in the hygiene issues today, the purpose of the passage and act is not for the physical, but for our hearts and minds. Jesus is saying that all of us are called to be servants just like Christ.

In 2019, the Lilly Foundation which funds many programs and studies for congregations in our country looked at the budget and volunteer hours of members of over 12,000 churches. They found that we barely hit 11% of our collective money and time in serving our communities. For mainline Protestants, most of that was given in money instead of volunteer hours. On the opposite side of this discussion, African American Protestants gave more time than they money annually. While I do not want to get into this very old debate between money and

work in the church that has been debated by Paul, Augustine, and even Luther, I would like for us to think about how we can be more mindful of our resources and how we use them to be servants as Christ calls us to be. The post-COVID church will be smaller with more limited resources both in finances and hands. So what do we do with the gifts that God has given us? How can we be more equitable in our giving by making sure that we not only continue as an institution, but that we are supporting the mission of being servants? As a pastor, this will be my focus in our moving forward. In partnership with committees, I will encourage us to engage with the gifts we can give through service as a congregation. I will ask of each one of you over the next couple of months, what is it that we can do to serve this community. I will ask what would it look like to build relationships with strangers and welcome them into our community. I will ask that we recommit ourselves to being servants, even in this time of great struggles for the church. There were only 12 disciples that night on Maundy Thursday that would come to change the world through the Gospel and service to the world. Let us remember that as we move forward to be a church of servants in the example of Jesus Christ.

Peace of Christ,

Pr. Andrew C. Patty

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April Celebrations

Birthdays

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

Baptisms

- 6 Howard Reece
- 6 Rhonda Webb
- 11 Everly Bosch
- 12 Isis Pomeroy
- 14 Loretta Hoerman
- 14 Carol Marker
- 17 Linda Longren

Wedding Anniversaries

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

April Readings

April 3 — 5th Sunday of Lent

Isaiah 43:16-21

Psalm 126

Philippians 3:4b-14

John 12:1-8

April 10 — Palm Sunday

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Psalm 31:9-16

Philippians 2:5-11

Luke 22:14—23:56

April 14 — Maundy Thursday

Exodus 12:1-14

Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19

1st Corinthians 11:23-26

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

April 15 — Good Friday

Isaiah 52:13—53:12

Psalm 22

Hebrews 10:16-25

April 17 — Easter

Isaiah 65:17-26

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

Acts 10:34-43

John 20:1-18

Would you like to be more involved in our worship services? Would you like to help our worship services be inspiring to our congregation? If so, then perhaps you would be interested in serving at worship as an assisting minister.

The main qualification to serving is a willingness to do so. If you would like to serve in this way, but feel intimidated by the singing, please do not hesitate to step up — Pastor Andrew is willing to do the sung portions of the liturgy.

If you are ready to get started or simply interested in learning more about this way of serving at worship, please call the office, 785.233.0767, or email office@topekatlc.org.



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Church Committee Meetings for April 2022

April 3
Community Relations

April 10
No meeting

April 17
No meeting

April 24
Maintenance

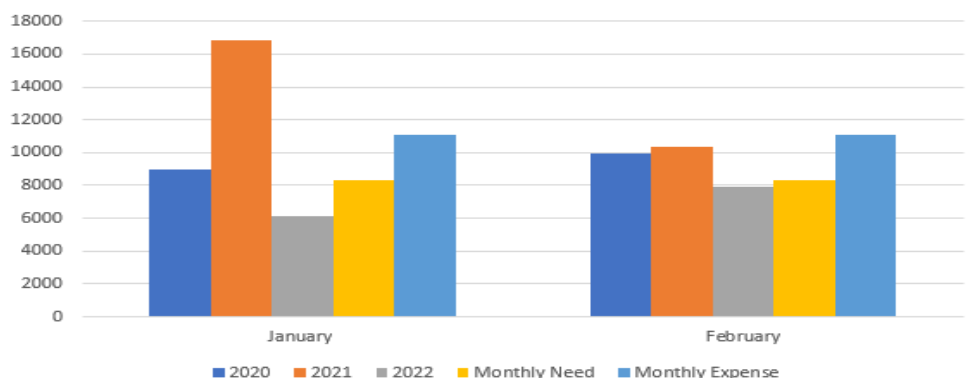
Council Highlights

- ◆ Pr. Andrew reported on worship statistics.
- ◆ Council officers elected: President Duane Pomeroy, Vice-president Vickie Jacobs, Secretary Diane Bottorff.
- ◆ Committee appointments: Congregational Life, Diane Bottorff; Administration, Carol Marker; Community Relations, Ted Murphy; Maintenance, Howard Reece; Spiritual Care, Vickie Jacobs.
- ◆ Council members will begin doing announcements at the start of worship.
- ◆ Current COVID policy will remain in effect, but masks will be optional.
- ◆ Coffee hour will be held outdoors, as weather allows, starting in April.
- ◆ Financial issues are a concern. Information will be shared in next Trinity Tidings.
- ◆ Howard reported that garage windows will be replaced with Plexiglas. Elevator issue could cost \$5,000.
- ◆ April council meetings will be via Zoom, but will begin at 6:00 pm.

Dear Trinity Family and Friends, The future of our beloved congregation is in our hands. To keep moving forward, it takes the involvement of each of us. Involvement is demonstrated in several ways: by our presence at worship (in-person or virtually), participating in the activities of the congregation that occur outside of worship, and financially supporting all that we do. The bar graph illustrates that our financial support has fallen off at the start of this year. This trend has serious implications for the future of Trinity. In January, we had a major drop in tithing followed by Febru-

ary that was slightly under our operating budget. This has contributed to about \$5k in additional debt and will double our debt if tithing does not return to our 2021 levels that were used to make our current budget. A major expense each month is staff salaries and is one of the only areas we have to reconcile the budget. If giving to the General Fund continues to drop off, cutting staff hours may be necessary. It's time to rethink your commitment to Trinity in this time. How will you share your time, gifts, talents, and treasure to keep us moving forward?

Congregational Tithing Over the Past Three Years



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HOLY WEEK

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, Kansas.

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.

The deadline for early registration is April 15th so please let the office know as soon as possible if you would like to serve as a delegate. Lodging at Embassy Suites in Olathe will be paid for by Trinity.

Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday on April 10th. On this day, the whole congregation will participate in the service as we read and hear the Easter story as written in Walt Wangerin's "The Cry of the Whole Congregation".

Maundy Thursday will be celebrated April 14th at 6:00 pm. After communion, we will hear Psalm 22 as the altar is stripped. Then all leave in silence.

Good Friday worship on April 15th also starts at 6:00 pm, when we will hear a reading of the stations of the cross.

Holy Week ends with Easter Sunday, April 17th. Worship will be at 10:30 am, but we will gather before worship at 9:30 for coffee hour. Music and liturgy from Easter Vigil will take place in the sanctuary starting at 10:00 am.



Coffee Hour

Beginning this month, we will come together for coffee hour. We will gather outdoors, after worship, weather permitting, except for Easter. On Easter only, we will gather before worship at 9:30 am.

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Doorstep

Thank you again to everyone who donated towards Doorstep's **SouperBowl Sunday** collection of soup and crackers. A total of **5,342 pounds** of food was donated from our member congregations!!!!

Match Challenge Met, But Our Goal... Not Yet!

We feel very blessed that in roughly two weeks, with several larger donations, our Match Challenge of \$20,000 for raising \$40,000 was met! What an honor that businesses, individuals, and organizations stepped up so quickly to help us meet that challenge!

While it is exciting that the Match Challenge has been met... we have not met our goal yet! We still need donors to help get us to the finish line by May 31st! We still need \$25,000 to meet the projected cost to have our 60+ year old HVAC system updated.

Please consider donating to our HVAC upgrade project. As we have said before, any funds we raise over what is needed for the purchase and installation of the new HVAC system, will be used towards additional rent and utility assistance for our neighbors in need. Rest assured, your donation will be used for the benefit of Doorstep, and the people we serve.

Once the new system is installed, we can expect to see a 10% increase in efficiency on the electric, and a 20% increase in efficiency on the gas. With prices going up, this is a great savings, and we will have updated equipment which will be under warranty!

From the staff, Executive Board, (who have been very involved in this process), board members and

coordinators, I would like to convey how grateful we are for the continued support of our donors, and the Topeka community in general. The work we do can be challenging, but the neighbors who come to our doorstep seeking help are also leading challenging lives. Our ability to help them in a time of crisis with food, rent, prescriptions, clothing or household items, utilities, gas vouchers, dental vouchers and bus tickets comes from the support of our community. Even if we are only able to provide them information on community services and programs which may help them be more self-sufficient; it is that time spent listening to them, letting them know someone cares about what they are going through, and wants to help that can make the difference.

Please send your donations to: Doorstep, Inc., 1119 SW 10th, Topeka, Ks 66604. You can also visit our website:

www.DoorstepTopeka.org, and donate through PayPal. Make sure to note the HVAC fund on any donation for this project.



DOORSTEP
Neighbors Helping Neighbors

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Betty E. Quarnstrom Obituary

Betty Elvira (Hedlund) Quarnstrom, 94, of Topeka, Kansas, passed away Friday, March 4, 2022 at Midland Hospice. She was born near McPherson, Kansas, November 13, 1927, daughter of Inez Elvira (Johnson) and Victor Waldemar Hedlund.

After attending a one room school house as a girl, (New Gottland Country School), rural McPherson, she graduated from McPherson High School in 1945 and attended Bethany College,

Lindsborg, KS graduating in 1951 with a Bachelor of Arts, Music Degree.

Beginning at an early age, singing and music were a great part of her life. She served as a soloist for many events and occasions.

While attending Bethany College, she met Carl W. Quarnstrom and they were married on December 29, 1951 in the New Gottland Lutheran Church, rural McPherson. They were married nearly 69 years when he died, November 26, 2020.

Mrs. Quarnstrom was a legal secretary in Ithaca, New York for four years while Carl served in the United States Air Force near there. She was a secretary for Howard, Needles, Tammen and Bergendoff, an engineering firm in Topeka, during the construction of the Kansas Turnpike. She was an administrative assistant with the Kansas Senate for 23 years during each legislative session.

She was Past President of the Topeka Bar Auxiliary, Minerva Club, and Music Study Club. She was D.F. of the Topeka P.E.O. Chapter and a member of the Topeka Symphony League as well as Sigma Alpha Iota, an International Music Fraternity. Mrs. Quarnstrom served on the organizational boards of the Topeka Festival Singers and the Topeka Community Concerts. She was a soloist with the Topeka Symphony Chorus and Orchestra. She was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church where she was a choir member and soloist since 1957.

Mrs. Quarnstrom enjoyed cooking, baking and entertaining family, neighbors and friends in her home.

Survivors include her sons David (Roxann) Quarnstrom of Shawnee, KS and Douglas (Helen) Quarnstrom of Prairie Village, KS; four grandchildren, Eric (Katherine), Chase, Mary and Joel Quarnstrom; and great-grandson, Anderson.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Carl; brothers, V. Arnold, Leonard, Carl and Virgil Hedlund; and three sisters Vivian Osborn, Virginia Mitchell and Alice Burkholder. She felt it was a joy and privilege to grow up in a large family, one of eight siblings.

Inurnment will be at Fairlawn Cemetery, Hutchinson, KS. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Trinity Lutheran Church, 725 SW Buchanan St, Topeka, KS 66606 or Topeka Symphony Society, PO Box 2206, Topeka, KS 66601. To leave a message for Betty's family, please visit www.PenwellGabelTopeka.com.



SUMMER 2022 DATES

SESSION #1: JUNE 6-9

SESSION #2 JULY 11-14

MONDAY -THURSDAY 9 AM-3 PM

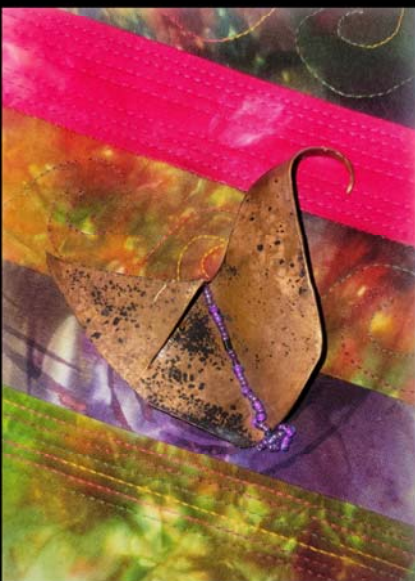
HOLLIS LODGE & GROUNDS

Registration is now open. Stay tuned to our social media pages (Facebook & Instagram) for announcements.

What is Hollis Crossings?

Hollis Crossings Summer Day Camp is a fun, active and faith-filled week during the summer for children grades K-5.

During the week, kids run, play, jump, explore the outdoors and make new friends ... while experiencing God's love for all. Hollis receives both staff and day camp program from Camp Tomah Shingga and is part of the Lutheran Outdoor Ministry Network.



Lutheran Fine Arts
Council of Topeka

First Friday Artwalk

May 6, 2022

5:30-8:00 pm

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church
SW 37th & SW Wanamaker, Topeka

Showcasing Lutheran
artists from the
Topeka area.

More Information on our website:
www.lutheranfineartstopeka.org.