

TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED



May 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

May 2022

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

10:30 am Worship	1	2	9 am Quilters	3	4	5	6	7
Andrew out of office							5:30-8:00pm 1st Friday Artwalk @ Prince of Peace	
10:30 am Worship <i>Mother's Day</i>	8	9	9 am Quilters	10	11	12	13	14
		6 pm Council			6:30-8 pm Historic Old Town NIA meeting			
10:30 am Worship After worship: Congregational Life committee meeting 2 pm PFLAG meeting	15	16	9 am Quilters	17	18	19	20	21
10:30 am Worship After worship: Spiritual Care committee meeting	22	23	9 am Quilters	24	25	26	27	28
		June 2022 Trinity Tidings deadline					Andrew out of office	
			7 pm TLHA					
10:30 am Worship	29	30	9 am Quilters	31	<i>Every Sunday 10:30 am Worship & Holy Communion</i>			
		Memorial Day						
Andrew out of office								

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Pastor's Letter

"Don't be conformed to the patterns of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds so that you can figure out what God's will is— what is good and pleasing and mature."-Romans 12:2

During these past two years for many in the church, we have been in a time of wilderness. We didn't know when we would worship together again, who would still be in the pews, or

even what it would look like for us all to be back together. Would the church be transformed forever? Is this just a blip in history and things will return to normal?

The answer for these questions as your historian pastor is that it is somewhere in the middle. Moving out of COVID, things have changed. People can choose to attend in-person or online, some of our loved ones are no longer with us, and we are still having communion in the pews. Moving out of COVID, things are returning to normal. We are getting our ground again by having worship

together, the new church committees are starting to get off the ground, and coffee hour has returned with a bit of fresh air from moving it to the front entrance. Yet, this time can seem confusing for many in the congregation. Are we back to normal or is this the new "normal"?

This is where the moment of honesty comes as your pastor, the church will never be what it was before COVID. No matter how hard we try, we as a congregation, we as the ELCA, and we as the Church overall have been changed by COVID in ways that we are just starting to understand. There are two common human instincts during moments like this in history. Groups either retrench to defend their old ways or they embrace the change and seek to find new ways to be. This will be our challenge over these next couple of months. We will have to ask ourselves serious questions: What will our church look like? What will our church do together? What will define us as a community of followers? Ultimately, we will have to ask ourselves what is the next chapter for us. What is our post-COVID existence and how will we make an impact in this world by our faith. As Paul states above, this is not a time to conform, but it is a time for us to be transformed. It is a time for us to open our hearts and minds for what the Lord is calling us to do this day.

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

Help Requested for Topeka LGBTQ Prom



Students representing the LGBTQ groups at Topeka area high schools presented at the PFLAG meeting that they are organizing a prom in partnership with the Community Resource Council. The purpose of this prom is to be more inclusive for LGBTQ students than the proms sponsored by the schools. It is planned for the night of May 13th. Pastor Andrew in partnership with other congregations hopes that we can be a small part in making this a special night for these children. Pastor Andrew is willing to match any donation to the Pastoral Discretionary Fund during these next couple of weeks up to \$200 to help the students decorate for the prom. Also, CRC has stated they will need chaperones for the event and they will send a sign-up form that Pastor Andrew will send to members that would be willing to be a watchful eye on the youths. This is just one small way that we as a congregation can make a change in our community.

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May Celebrations

Birthdays

- 2 Chance Hutchison
- 11 Donna Allen
- 14 Daniella King
- 16 Ted Murphy
- 22 David McGinnis

Baptisms

- 1 Helen Laughlin
- 10 Naomi Walker
- 11 Karen Arney
- 11 Marcy Carlson
- 12 Pam Kobbeman
- 12 Rosie Nichols
- 12 Emily Schwartz
- 13 Erin Lewis
- 20 Tom Arney
- 21 Breanna Lewis
- 26 Bronwyn King
- 26 Daniella King
- 26 Elania King
- 26 Sara King
- 27 Larry McGinnis
- 30 Brayden Winsor

Wedding Anniversaries

- 3 Tom & Karen Arney
- 31 Jay & Cathy Tunnell

May Readings

May 1 — 3rd Sunday of Easter
Acts 9:1-20
Psalm 30
Revelation 5:11-14
John 21:1-19

May 8 — 4th Sunday of Easter
Acts 9:36-43
Psalm 23
Revelation 7:9-17
John 10:22-30

May 15 — 5th Sunday of Easter
Acts 11:1-18
Psalm 148
Revelation 21:1-6
John 13:31-35

May 22 — 6th Sunday of Easter
Acts 16:9-15
Psalm 67
Revelation 21:10, 22—22:5
John 14:23-29

May 29 — 7th Sunday of Easter
Acts 16:16-34
Psalm 97
Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21
John 17:20-26

Volunteers Needed!

If you would be interested in serving at worship as an assisting minister, please call the office, 785.233.0767, or email office@topekalc.org.

As we begin again to enjoy coffee hour after worship, we are asking folks to volunteer to serve as coffee hosts. Diane Bottorff has offered to schedule coffee hosts for May, so if you would like to host, please contact Diane, 785.231.0379



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CONGREGATION COUNCIL

President

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Vice President

Howard Reece
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Diane Bottorff
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Bob Kobbeman
785.478.0381

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Carol Marker
785.338.1734

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Church Committee Meetings for May 2022

May 1
No meeting

May 8
No meeting

May 15
Congregational Life

May 22
Spiritual Care

May 29
No meeting

Council Highlights April 11

- ◆ To open the meeting Council had a moment of silence to remember Vickie Jacobs
- ◆ Howard Reece was chosen as vice-president. There is still one vacant council position.
- ◆ Financials were reviewed by Pr. Andrew. To meet monthly budgeted expenses \$8,844 is needed in general fund. In March \$7,195 was received. This is an improvement over January. May 29 is a fifth Sunday, which Council has designated a 5th Sunday Special for Camp Tomah Shinga. July's 5th Sunday will be a "Budget Booster" with special offering going to the general fund.
- ◆ Pr. Andrew spoke about the pledging for the Capital Campaign. To date 10 pledges have been received. This is not adequate to raise \$90,000 over a three year period to qualify for matching funds if Trinity is approved for placement on the historical register. It was decided to move forward with the approval process for placement on the historical register.
- ◆ Synod Assembly is June 9 – 11 in Olathe. Diane Bottorff is willing to attend but still need at least one more person. We are allowed two voting members and anyone may go as a non-voting member.
- ◆ Pr. Andrew presented three resolutions that will be presented at the Assembly. Two of the resolutions are related to LGBTQ issues, and he asked council if they would agree to have Trinity sign-on as one of the co-sponsors of these two resolutions. Council approved. The third resolution has an environmental focus and supports reduction of greenhouse gas by 2035.
- ◆ Community relations: Service Sunday is being planned for June. Date to be determined. Time will be Sunday afternoon after worship to volunteer at Doorstep. Partnering with NIA to sponsor outdoor events during summer such as movie night and yard games.
- ◆ Maintenance: Howard reported that a tree limb fell on the roof of Trinity Hall causing holes in the roof. Repair has been done by JB Turner Co. Community Garden: Howard reported that gardeners lead by NIA members Kathryn and Gavin are asking for repairs to the water hydrant. Cair Paravel students are using two of the raised beds.
- ◆ There was a request to hold a flute/piano recital in our sanctuary Sunday afternoon, May 1. The teacher is known by Loretta Hoerman. Council approved this request.

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Doorstep

I'm sure we all thought more than two years into this pandemic that we would be 'normal' again. If we didn't think it, we surely hoped! And, yet, here we are. As much as we would like to return to pre-COVID ways of providing services at Doorstep, we aren't there yet. But we continue providing food, clothing, household items, rent, utilities, prescriptions, pet food, hygiene kits, diapers, dental and gas vouchers, and local bus tickets by appointment or via phone intake.

It would be wonderful to have an Annual Banquet and Quilt Drawing again, perhaps sometime this year we will feel comfortable having these events and celebrating our dedicated volunteers and Doorstep!

We will have **Christmas in July** focusing on specific donations, and our **3rd Summer Cash Bash** with matching funds already secured!

Speaking of matching funds... our wonderful supporters and donors met the **HVAC Match Challenge**

in less than 3 weeks' time! And, while that didn't get us all the way to the goal line, we have received additional funds, and pledges, that will get us to the \$180,000 budget for the new HVAC system!! YAY! We have signed the contract to lock in prices, the equipment has been ordered, and we expect to start the project in mid-September. We cannot thank all of those who donated to this special project. We have been blown away by the generosity of so many who believe in the mission of Doorstep!

Also, Mark your calendars and save the date for **Doorstep's 5th Annual Neighbor Helping Neighbor Walk/5K Run is Sunday, October 2nd at 2pm** at Lake Shawnee. Plan to join us in getting some exercise around the lake, and raise funds for Doorstep this October.



DOORSTEP
Neighbors Helping Neighbors



A little bit of history...

On Monday, April 25th, this vase was delivered to us by John Hedeem. He explained what this item is and its relevance. He is going to send more details which will be shared in a future issue of *Trinity Tidings*.

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Vickie Sue Bowers Jacobs died in Topeka on March 27, 2022, after a brief illness. She was born June 14, 1947, in Fremont, Nebraska to Ray O. and Opal Williams Bowers. She lived in Fremont until 1969, attending Fremont High School and Midland Lutheran College. In 1969, she married Russell Jacobs, and they moved to Austin, Texas for graduate school at the University of Texas. Vickie is survived by her husband of 53 years Russell, of Tecumseh, Kansas; her brother Bill Bowers and wife Midge of Omaha, Nebraska; and two nieces

(Courtney Bowers and Anna Nuckels) and a nephew (Jordan Bowers.) Vickie was a talented artist and an accomplished vocal and instrumental musician, active in those arts in high school and college. She was also a ballet dancer, including a brief stint on the professional stage. With a bachelor's degree in Art Education, she spent most of her professional career in Special Education in Austin and Topeka, KS, where she moved in 1975 when Russell took a teaching job at Washburn University.

She was a passionate and successful hobby breeder of Basenji dogs, and she showed and groomed dogs professionally under the name Cynosure Kennels. She was particularly proud that most of her dogs had not only a conformation championship, but working titles as well. Indeed, a Basenji that she bred was recently inducted into the ASFA Lure Coursing Hall of Fame. She was a contributing member of numerous local, state and regional dog clubs, including the Lawrence Jayhawk Kennel Club, Heartland Coursing Association, the American Sighthound Field Association, and the Basenji Club of America.

In her later years, she learned the Chinese martial art Taiji Quan with Chang's Tai Chi Club, and taught the art at Washburn University for 20 years. She was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Topeka, and served as Vice-President of the Church Council there.

Vickie was a good friend to many people in the Topeka and Lawrence area, and she will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

A Memorial Service was held on Friday, April 22nd at Trinity Lutheran Church, followed by a reception in the Lobby of the White Concert Hall at Washburn University.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Wild Animal Sanctuary in Keenesburg, Colorado or to the Vickie Jacobs Memorial Fund at Trinity Lutheran Church and sent in care of Brennan-Mathena Funeral Home, 800 SW 6th Ave., Topeka, Kansas 66603.

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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.

Topeka's monthly **FIRST FRIDAY ART WALK** will include an event featuring area Lutheran artists at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 3625 SW Wanamaker. It will be on May 6 from 5:30pm to 8:00pm.

We invite you to come and enjoy the art, some refreshments as you walk among the displays and talk with the artists about their work.

The art includes handmade jewelry, wheel-thrown and hand built pottery, handwoven shawls, wildlife and travel photography, wood sculpture, silk painting, oil, acrylic and watercolor paintings, and fabric and fiber artwork.

You can visit our website: lutheranfineartstopeka.org for an updated list of the artists, and other information related to this event. Also on each day leading up to May 6, the artists will be individually featured on our Facebook page, Lutheran Fine Arts Council of Topeka.

You can contact Susan Thowe, srthowe@gmail.com if you have further questions.