

TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
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August 2022

Trinity Tidings



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Sunday, 10:30am Holy Communion

Together in Community

Living with Christ's Love

Caring for Neighbors

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SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	9 am Quilters 2	3	4	5	6
 7 10:30 am Worship PLAYBILL <small>GOD ON BROADWAY</small> <i>Sister Act</i> After worship: Community Relations committee meeting	8	9 am Quilters 9	10	11	12	13
14	15	9 am Quilters 16	17	18	19	20
10:30 am Worship PLAYBILL <small>GOD ON BROADWAY</small> <i>Fiddler on the Roof</i> Service Sunday 2 pm PFLAG meeting						
21	22	9 am Quilters 23	24	25	26	27
10:30 am Worship PLAYBILL <small>GOD ON BROADWAY</small> <i>The Sound of Music</i> After worship: Administration committee meeting		7 pm TLHA	September 2022 Trinity Tidings deadline			
28	29	9 am Quilters 30	31	<i>Every Sunday 10:30 am Worship & Holy Communion</i>		
10:30 am Worship PLAYBILL <small>GOD ON BROADWAY</small> <i>Mary Poppins</i>						

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Pastor's Letter

"See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland." – Isaiah 43:19

You might hear people say they don't attend because they think that the church is judgmental. That to be members of the church has something to do with calling out right or wrong, and delivering judgements on the problem. This idea is not without warrant. Starting with the Victorians, manners and morals were highly stressed in society. The manners of the wealthy were to guide the community into being more "civilized" people. Christians started to categorize things as sacred or secular. It became taboo for anything secular to make its way into church. We started to live in a world where we separated life into a box of what we did on Sunday and a box of the rest of our lives.

Yet, this way of thinking about faith does not reflect the ways that Christians think about the world around them. From the start of the church, missionaries would often use secular and even pagan symbols to preach the Gospel. Most famous of these was St. Patrick. According to legend, when St. Patrick was made a slave and sent to Ireland, he learned the Celtic people worshipped the sun as a god. When returning to Ireland later in life, he used that knowledge and created the now familiar Celtic Cross which the Irish made into stone displays of faith. It is the secular and sacred that came together to spread the Gospel to the people.

Martin Luther and Charles Wesley also faced a missionary issue in the church. In their different eras, both found that the church had lost touch with the common people. Luther and Wesley both spent some time at the pub to get to know the world in which

people outside of the church lived. They incorporated ideas that were considered secular into the sacred space of the church. Luther said Latin was not the only language that could be used in church. Wesley brought together common tunes with new religious lyrics to create hymns for which even the dirtiest coal miners would spiff up to sing on Sunday. We see the secular and sacred coming together in the work of these two church leaders.

You might ask why the pastor has taken you on this journey. I know this month's *God on Broadway* series might be very different in several ways. It's based on liturgy from the United Methodist church; can we trust it as Lutherans? It will focus on secular music, and can we have that in church on Sunday of all times?

These may be comments made before and during our worship series this month. And I ask those who question this series to think about St. Patrick, Luther, and Wesley. Think about how we separate secular and sacred.

Think about how we often use that to be that judgmental church. Then turn your attention to when we embrace the world with our faith and bring together our whole lives by realizing that the secular can be sacred when embraced by the Gospel. Be it a pagan sun, the German language, or worldly songs, God's missionaries have always been able to use the secular to preach the sacred. And we are having a try at doing this during August. Let's take the secular world of the theatre and see how it can relate to the Gospels in new thought-provoking ways. I encourage all of you to come along on this journey of worship with us in August and to open your minds to the possibilities of how the gospel can be preached.

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August Celebrations

Birthdays

- 2 Monica Spencer
- 4 Janeen Horton
- 6 Shelley Andrews
- 6 Jimmy King
- 11 Ella Bosch
- 12 Glenda Visocsky
- 15 Brian McGinnis
- 27 Loni Reece
- 29 Adrienne Hutchison
- 29 Heather Klamm

Baptisms

- 3 LaVell Winsor
- 10 Marilyn Hypse
- 13 Marilyn Heckman
- 21 Glenda Visocsky
- 26 Camdyn Ralph
- 26 Carsyn Ralph
- 29 Janeen Horton

Wedding Anniversaries

- 1 David & Cindy McGinnis
- 2 Bob & Pam Kobbeman
- 5 Rick & Janice Greenlee
- 10 Bob & Janeen Horton
- 15 Tom & Mary Heald

Service Sunday

On August 14th, we will gather for our quarterly Service Sunday. This upcoming Service Sunday will focus on the KU Campus Ministry and we will create dorm care packs for new students. We will have Chaplain Dan Baldwin for his first visit to Trinity since being hired as the minister at Westwood House. Dan started his ministry during COVID and is now just starting to visit all the

August Readings

August 7 — 9th Sunday of Pentecost
Genesis 15:1-6
Psalm 33:12-22
Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16
Luke 12:32-40

August 14 — 10th Sunday of Pentecost
Jeremiah 23:23-29
Psalm 82
Hebrews 11:29-12:2
Luke 12:49-56

August 21 — 11th Sunday of Pentecost
Isaiah 58:9b-14
Psalm 103:1-8
Hebrews 12:18-29
Luke 13:10-17

August 28 — 12th Sunday of Pentecost
Proverbs 25:6-7
Psalm 112
Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16
Luke 14:1, 7-14



communities that contribute to the Campus Ministry at KU. We hope to have a time before packing our dorm care packs for Dan to update the congregation on what is happening at KU and ways that we could be more involved in helping minister to the next generation of Lutherans.

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CONGREGATION COUNCIL

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Church Committee Meetings for August 2022

August 7
Community Relations
(preparing for KU student packs)

August 14
No meeting
Service Sunday

August 21
Administration
(church position descriptions)

August 28
No meeting

Council Highlights July 18

- ◆ Reflection on Mission Statement: “Living with Christ’s Love”. Council was asked to think about how we are living as a community that welcomes all people to join us in prayer, service, study and worship and how we can live this out going forward.
- ◆ Howard reported annual boiler inspection has been done and passed, as well as annual inspection of fire extinguishers and safety lights. Two lights will need to be replaced.
- ◆ Council resumed work on a balanced budget. There will be a congregational emphasis on Stewardship during September. Financial report at end of June shows General Fund behind \$22,000. Budgeted for 2022 to have a negative balance of \$15,000. This adds \$7,000 to our debt on top of the negative balance. Fifth Sunday Special “Budget Booster” on July 31.
- ◆ Quilters requested to display a large quilt on a wall in the area near the Buchanan street entrance. Council approved this request.
- ◆ As part of the “God on Broadway” theme during worship in August there will be a special appearance of Mary Poppins (Rev. Christian Watkins of Manhattan) on August 28.

Offering envelopes begin to look different starting with 2023 mailings. The logo has been updated and lines have been added for the Restoration Fund and for the Food Pantry.



TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH Topeka, KS

My financial gift to support our mission

General Fund\$ _____

Restoration Fund\$ _____

Food Pantry\$ _____

Other Gifts: (please specify)\$ _____

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AUGSBURG FORTRESS

As a reminder, the Restoration Funds will be kept until they are used for future restoration work in the sanctuary. Please remember that we did not meet our goal for the state restoration grant, but we will proceed with registering the church as a historical property with the state.

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Doorstep

We would like to thank everyone who donated items for Christmas in July, and money for our 3rd Summer Cash Bash this past July! With the cost of everything going up, our services are busy, and we continue to help our neighbors in need the best way we can!

Sign Up for Doorstep's 5th Annual

Neighbor Helping Neighbor Walk/5K Fun Run!

Sunday, October 2nd is the date for this year's fundraiser! We are planning to have an in-person event this year! And, we hope the beautiful fall weather we've had the past two COVID years, continues in 2022!!

You can sign up to participate for \$30 including a t-shirt (deadline September 14th to guarantee a shirt) or sponsor a walker/runner! Those getting sponsors will get a free t-shirt with pledges of \$100 or more. All proceeds will benefit Doorstep, Inc.

This is our only fundraiser this year!!! So, get your family, friends, youth & community groups together, and join us this October!

We are excited about this event! It will start/end from shelter houses 1 & 2 at Lake Shawnee. The Walk/Run will start at 2:00pm with our friend & celebrity starter, Chris Fisher from WIBW-TV 13 joining us again this year! We will have some entertainment prior to the start, and afterwards return to shelter house#1 for snacks & drinks!

You can sign up on our website: www.DoorstepTopeka.org after August 8th.

Sign-up and sponsor forms are also available from the website or congregations.



Beginning August 7th, we will resume our monthly sing-alongs before worship. You can call or email the office to let us know your favorites, up until August 4th.

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GOD ON BROADWAY

During the month of August, we will be worshipping using a concept from the United Methodist Church called *God on Broadway*. Songs from musicals and scripture will work together to make us think anew about how even the Gospel applies to the theater. We will feature four different musicals, one each Sunday: *Sister Act*, *Fiddler on the Roof*, *The Sound of Music*, and *Mary Poppins*.

Special Guest for August 28th

Our last *God on Broadway* worship on August 28th will feature a special guest that will be none other than Mary Poppins herself! Be sure to bring the kids and all that are young at heart. Rev. Christian Watkins will be joining us for worship from Manhattan, KS. She is a Disciples of Christ/Christian Church minister that serves as college chaplain for Ecumenical Campus Ministry at K-State. In addition, Rev. Watkins played the leading role of Mary Poppins in this seasons run at the Colombian Theatre in Wamego, KS. So be sure to come with the whole family on August 28th!

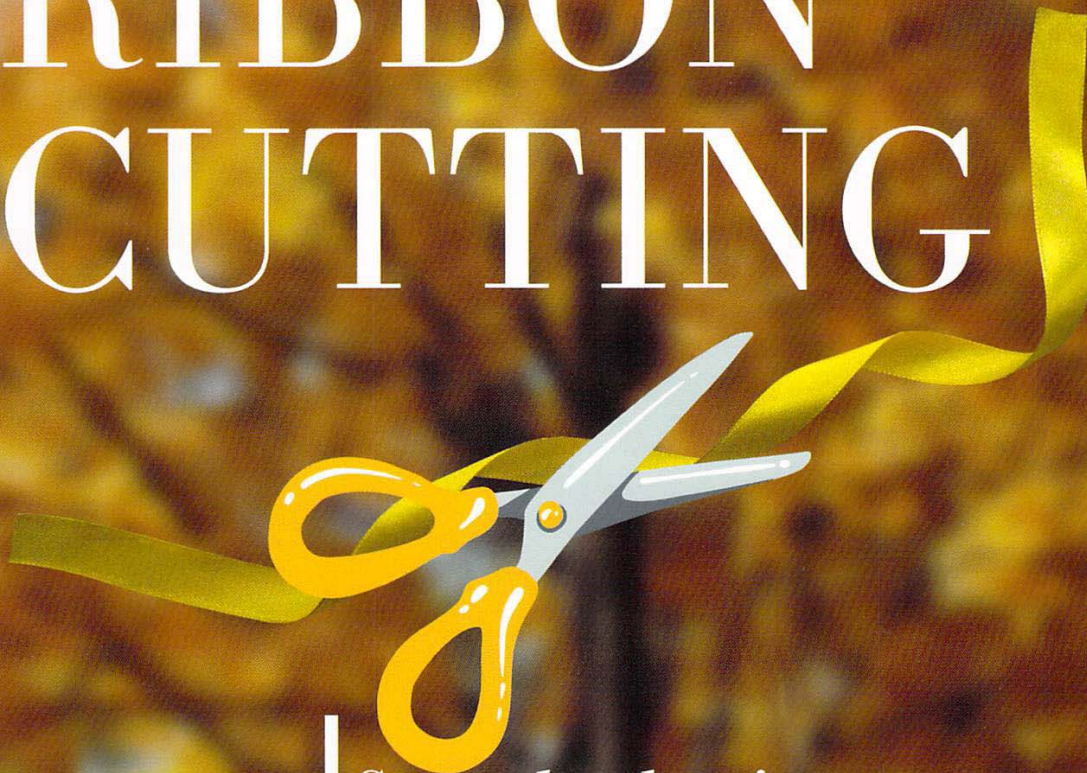


HOLLIS BRICKWORKS
2022 August 3 @ Hollis
Lodge 10 am-12 pm Help us
help The Giving Brick provide
Lego sets for kids served by
CASA of Jackson County.

Reserve your spot today here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/brickworks-a-kid-friendly-family-focused-service-program-by-hollis-registration-142000191395>

BETHANY HOUSE AND GARDEN

RIBBON CUTTING



Save the date!

Official Opening of the Gardens
Friday October 21, 2022, at 4:30 pm
Following Convention Business on Friday
All are Welcome!

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