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October 2022 Trinity Tidings



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Living with Christ's Love

Caring for Neighbors

October 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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10:30 am Worship 2 International Description 2 International Description 2 2 pm Doorstep'sNeighbor	3 5 pm Faithful & Fit	9 am Quilters 4 BETHANY 5:30 pm	5	6	7	8
10:30 am Worship After worship: Community Relations	10	Bethany Evening @ 1st Lutheran RSVP-see page 2 9 am Quilters 11	12	13	14	15 2:30 pm Bell Choir
committee mtg 2 pm PFLAG meeting 3 pm KSU LCM Building Dedication - pg 11	Please note: council meeting moved back one week to Oct. 17					Festival Concert @ Prince of Peace see page 9
10:30 am Worship 16 After worship: Congregational Life committee meeting 3-6 pm CSS Border Conference meeting	17 5 pm Faithful & Fit 6 pm Council	9 am Quilters 18 November 2022 Trinity Tidings deadline	19	20	21 4:30 pm Bethany House Ribbon Cutting see page 10	22
10:30 am 23 Worship 23 10:30 am 30 Worship Reformation Sunday Messy Church & & Trunk or Treat	24 31 Halloween 5 pm Faithful & Fit	^{9 am} Quilters 25 7 pm TLHA	26	27	28 KU Lutheran Ca 100 Year Celebr see page 11	

Trinity Lutheran Church Topeka, KS

Trinity Tidings

Pastor's Letter

"They are like a tree replanted by streams of water, which bears fruit at just the right time and whose leaves don't fade." Psalm 1:3

This passage from Psalms is something we pass every time we walk down the hallway at Trinity. They cover the doors to Trinity Hall and the passage itself speaks of the ideal faith community in relation to how we often get it wrong. As humans, we are not perfect. As trees, we are sometimes unrooted from the soil, growing in rocky lands, not producing fruits when needed, and we lose our leaves sometimes. As humans, like nature itself, we go through cycles of birth, death, and regeneration. We will see that in the leaves as the colors turn soon and get lost by the winter



the world. Trinity is also in one of these times of change and finding our way anew in this season of God's mission for us as a congregation. People have returned to church, people are still online, people have left the church, and people have left us to be with our Lord. We have all changed and we are all in new places in our lives. We also as a church changed our committee structure to simplify it because we had more committees than members who could fulfill those positions. As we emerge from COVID, I would like us to be more intentional about our committees and ask more involvement from all of you in the work of the church. Over the next month. I will ask you to look at the committee structure chart on the left. Think about what you can do for Trinity in this season of your life and faith. Then tell me where your gifts are calling you. I want every person in the congregation to email or call me about which committee they will work with. If I do not hear from you, expect a phone call or home visit this month and we will talk about how your gifts could match a need in our church. As a church, we have been in a season of fall and winter during COVID and it is now our time as a community of faith to start preparing for our church to regenerate itself and spring forth new leaves and branches in our story of faith as a congregation. Yet, this will only happen if we all make and contribute our part of the mission in this living faith.

Pr. Andrew.

October Celebrations

Birthdays

- 14 Marlene Hassan
- 16 Rosemary O'Neil
- 17 Tresa Johnson
- 23 Marilyn Heckman
- 28 Charlotte O'Brien

Baptisms

- 3 Loni Reece
- 7 Ella Bosch
- 15 Kade Welp
- 17 Ellen Irwin
- 18 Barbara Apps
- 19 Ted Murphy
- 20 Brooke Ralph
- 21 Collin Horton
- 26 Bob Horton
- 26 Curt Lewis

Wedding Anniversaries

- 9 Bill & Marsha Ridinger
- 29 Don & Charlotte O'Brien

October Readings

October 2 — 17th Sunday of Pentecost Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4 Psalm 37:1-9 2 Timothy 1:1-14

Luke 17:5-10

October 9 — 18th Sunday of Pentecost 2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c Psalm 111 2 Timothy 2:8-15

Luke 17:11-19

October 16 — 19th Sunday of Pentecost Genesis 32:22-31 Psalm 121 2 Timothy 3:14—4:5 Luke 18:1-8

October 23 — 20th Sunday of Pentecost Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22 Psalm 84:1-7 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18 Luke 18:9-14

BETHANY

October 30 — Reformation Sunday Jeremiah 31:31-34 Psalm 46 Romans 3:19-28 John 8:31-36

We are invited to an evening of fellowship, education, and entertainment provided by Bethany College and the ELCA Foundation, hosted by First Lutheran Church. This evening is underwritten by a grant from the Sibberson Endowment Fund.

The date is Tuesday, October 4th and will take place at First Lutheran, 1234 SW Fairlawn.

5:30 pm—Registration Meet & Greet

6:00 pm—Evening meal catered by Blue Moose

6:45 pm—Welcome & entertainment by Bethany College Ensemble

7:30 pm—Money Matter Education Sessions: choose one

Navigate the new Planned Giving Regulation Workshop presented by Stephen Phelps, ELCA Foundation

Financial Aid workshop: How to prepare for affording college presented by Bethany College Office of Admissions

8:15 pm—Refreshments and Reception

9:00 pm—Homeward Bound

Reservations are not yet full, so please RSVP to 785.227.3380, ext. 8270 or email alumni@bethanylb.edu

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Church Committee Meetings for October 2022

Oct. 9 Community Relations (November food drive)

Oct. 16 Congregational Life (Thanksgiving and Advent Planning)

Council Highlights Sept. 12

- <u>Communion will resume at the</u> <u>altar rail</u> October 2nd. Persons present on Sunday, Sept. 11 voted, 19 yes, 3 no to return to the rail.
- Update on persons missing from worship since May 2021: five members have not attended; three have chosen other churches; two moved out of Topeka. Total loss in average attendance, including deaths, during COVID is 16.
- Financial update: year to date: spending \$81,955; income to general fund \$56,728; expenses over income \$25,267. Pr. Andrew gave statistics on contributions comparing 2019 (prepandemic) to 2022 as of August 31. To break even with the current budget each giving unit (a couple is two giving units) would need to give \$59 per Sunday. Council will be making decisions about 2023 budget including ways to meet budget or cut budget.
- We are invited to participate in Faithful Innovations Coaching, a year-long program through the Central States Synod and the ELCA. The purpose of this program is to assist us to discern our future path. We would



form a 4-5 member team with one member of this team being a council member. Council agreed to pursue this opportunity.

- Pr. Andrew will be working ¼
 time for ELCA as an Accompaniment Manager for the 2024
 Youth Gathering, beginning
 January 2023. A ¼ time position with Central States Synod is pending. He plans to take
 some extended time off for personal and business related to
 ELCA/Synod needs. He will be away Oct. 23, Nov. 6 and 20.
- Central States Synod Border Conference, involving Kansas City and Topeka area churches, will meet here of October 16. Trinity members are invited to participate.
- Community Relations committee asked to have Doorstep donation receptacle moved to narthex.
- Maintenance committee reported that west window (back of church) is being repaired and repairs to south and east doors of church will be made along with painting. Elevator inspection completed at cost of \$860.

On Sunday, October 16th, Trinity will be hosting the Synod Border Conference meeting, 3 pm to 6 pm. The Hospitality Committee will be providing refreshments for the afternoon.

We are asking for volunteers to serve as greeters and guides for our guests that day. Please

call the office, 785.233.0767, or email *office@topekatlc.org* if you would be willing and able to help on Oct. 16th. It will be a great way to meet folks from other churches in our part of the synod.





Doorstep — October 2022

Happy Fall, Y'all!

The work has begun on our new HVAC system! Thank you to everyone who donated towards our 55th Anniversary Fund to make this upgrade possible, and completely paid for once complete!

The staff and volunteers have begun working on our annual Doorstep Christmas Adoption Project. We will adopt 260 households with 800+ individuals from the Christmas Bureau again this year.

What we really need right now are school supplies, especially as they go on clearance, and fullsized hygiene items to make the health kits. We need to have all of these items assembled and ready to hand out by Thanksgiving. This will allow us to focus on other aspects of the distribution process. We need to collect the following items in October:

<u>School Supplies</u> ~ Backpacks, spiral notebooks, folders, notebook paper (150-200 sheets), pens, pencils, crayons 24 ct., 12-inch rulers, scissors, erasers, highlighters, markers, pencil sharpeners, and glue sticks. Last year we provided school supplies for the second half of the year for 273 children.

Hygiene Items for the Health

<u>Kits</u> ~ We have lots of towels! We need the items that go inside. Full sized items only please. We will make 260 kits to provide for 800+ individuals. We need shampoo, conditioner (2+1 ok), bar soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, combs, brushes, and deodorant.

Bring donations to: Doorstep, Inc., 1119 SW 10th Ave, Topeka, Ks 66604. Office hours: Monday – Friday, 8am – 3pm, south door. Please let us know your donations are for Christmas!

Dear Tomah Shinga Family,

Today is the day I didn't imagine happening for a long time. This certainly isn't goodbye, as I will still be as connected to Tomah Shinga as I can. However, I have been offered the opportunity to be the VP of Advancement and Alumni at my alma mater, Bethany College. With that being said, I will be stepping down as executive director of Camp Tomah Shinga at the end of September.

Over the past 7 years, we have made some incredible memories together. Countless hikes, meals, morning worships, work projects, and the list could go on. These memories will be held close to my heart as my journey continues. It takes a village to run Camp Tomah Shinga, and there is a very good one surrounding it.

Camp Tomah Shinga is in a great place as its journey continues. Jordan Valentine is going to continue to offer impactful faith formation opportunities through summer camps and year-round retreats. The surface has only been scratched by how incredible Tomah Shinga can be for all people. I look forward to watching it continue to grow. Thank you for your endless support, it wouldn't be the same without you.

Happy Camping, Jacob Spilker



Faithful and Fit

Faithful and Fit will continue through October. Meetings start at 5pm on Oct. 3rd, Oct. 17th, and Oct. 31st. The first half hour or so will be a

book discussion. That will be followed by quick walk through the neighborhood up and down our new sidewalks on 8th Street.

We are reading *Accidental Saints: Finding God in All the Wrong People* by Nadia Bolz-Weber. It is an easy read, so please consider joining us, even if you haven't attended yet.

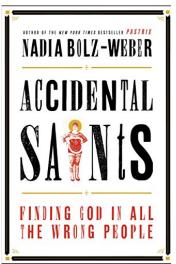
About the Book

In *Accidental Saints*, New York Times best-selling author Nadia Bolz-Weber invites readers into a surprising encounter with

what she calls "a religious but not-sospiritual life." Tattooed, angry and pro-

fane, this former standup comic turned pastor stubbornly, sometimes hilariously, resists the God she feels called to serve. But God keeps showing up in the least likely of people - a church-loving agnostic, a drag queen, a felonious Bishop and a gun-toting member of the NRA.

As she lives and worships alongside these "accidental saints," Nadia is swept into firsthand encounters with grace - a gift that feels to her less like being wrapped in a warm blanket and more like being hit with a blunt in-



strument. But by this grace, people are trans-formed in ways they couldn't have been on their own.

About the Author

Nadia Bolz-Weber is the founding pastor of *House for All Sinners and Saints* in Denver, Colorado. She is currently the first pastor in the ELCA to serve as a "Public Theologian" reaching people on all the major media platforms such as CNN, BBC, NPR, and Washington Post. She is the author of the New York Times best-seller memoir *Pastrix*.

Topeka High's Duane Pomeroy was partially paralyzed in 2020: "I wasn't sure I was going to make it"

Todd Fertig



Topeka High tennis coach Duane Pomeroy swats practice shots to his players while sporting a tie tucked under his tennis shirt collar. Anything to keep the mood light. Each time Duane Pomeroy steps on the court, it's a blessing he wasn't sure he would enjoy a couple of years ago. In the fall of 2020, the longtime coach of the Trojans' boys and girls teams suddenly began to experience some strange physical symptoms, including loss of feeling in his extremities and declining strength and mobility. "I was losing more and more feeling on my right side and in my feet," Pomeroy said. "Eventually, it spread over my whole body. I made three trips to the emergency before they diagnosed that I had Guillain -Barre syndrome, which can cause paralysis. They're not sure what caused it, but it can sometimes be caused by a flu shot." Pomeroy was admitted to the hospital, where things continued to worsen. "By the time they diagnosed it, I could not move either arm or either leg. I wasn't sure I was going to make it," Pomeroy said. "But once they diagnosed it and I started getting better, then I began to become more optimistic."

After receiving IV treatments for several days, Pomeroy's condition stabilized. But he had a long road to recovery ahead. He was eventually transferred to the Kansas Special to The Capital-Journal

Rehabilitation Hospital, where he spent a back to full strength, so I wasn't sure I month relearning the most basic of movements. back to full strength, so I wasn't sure I would be able to coach. But I wasn't ready to quit." A motivation for Pomero

"I had a speech therapist to learn to swallow again. I had to learn to roll over again. It took a while to be able to sit up, and then to stand," Pomeroy said. "When they sent me home, I had to walk with a walker. Throughout that time, I wondered if I would ever play tennis again."

But within just a few short months, Pomeroy had a racket in his hand. It turned out that years playing tennis had conditioned his body for a rapid recovery. "It helped keep (the symptoms) from being as bad as they are for some people. It helped with my recovery," Pomeroy said. "For example, in physical therapy, when I was learning to stand, I really struggled with my balance. They wanted me to try to squat. I felt like I was about to fall over. But then when I got to about here (with knees flexed about 15 degrees), I said 'Hey, this feels good.' I had my knees bent at what would be in tennis the ready position. They said: 'That's the muscle memory kicking in. We can work with that.' And my recovery went from there."

Pomeroy has had a long career of teaching and public service in Topeka. He was a member of the Topeka City Council from 1993 to 2005. He even stepped in as acting mayor for 81 days in 2003. He happened to be teaching government classes at Topeka High at the time, so his students were treated to a field trip to the mayor's office to see him on the job. Today, Pomeroy relishes those memories, and the fact that he's making new ones. After returning home from the hospital in mid-December 2020, Pomeroy was thankful just to be alive. "For a day or two there, I wasn't sure I was even going to survive. So I feel good to have a chance to enjoy all the things in my life," Pomeroy said. "My wife and I have our 50th wedding anniversary coming up next spring. Every day, every little thing just seems to be a blessing."

But Pomeroy felt he had to get back to coaching for his recovery to be complete. "It was important to me to be out here with these kids," Pomeroy said. "I was 68. I wasn't expecting to be able to get Published Sept. 15, 2022

would be able to coach. But I wasn't ready to quit." A motivation for Pomeroy to get back on the court: He was on the verge of becoming the longest-tenured coach in Topeka High School history. Though he didn't start coaching until he was 42, Pomeroy's 28 years now put him atop the list. "One thing I guess I did right — I timed it between the seasons," Pomeroy said, as girls play in the fall and boys in the spring. "That spring, I was back to coach the boys. I could stand and hit, but I couldn't run or move around. I couldn't serve because I couldn't raise my arm. "By the time of the girls season a year ago, I still had residual weakness and limits to my movement. I couldn't move fast or play hard. But the girls didn't see much of the effect the illness had on me."

His players say they are glad their coach didn't miss any time with them. "We were kind of scared," recalled senior Adisyn Carvl. "He's been my only tennis coach. We were like, 'What are we going to do without him?' He's been an important part of a lot of our tennis journeys. I'd never played tennis before. He really helped me become a player. Not just my skills, but showing me that I can play tennis. He's really laid back. He really calms us down so that we can play." Pomeroy is now doing more than just teaching the game. The man who less than two years ago could barely sit up or roll over in bed is now playing competitive tournaments at age 70.

But the best part is that he can continue working with young people. Pomeroy said he is particularly proud of teaching students whose families can't afford private lessons to become competitive players. "Nothing is neater than seeing the kids come in as freshmen and watching their development," Pomeroy said.

The players appreciate him just as much. "I was very relieved that he was able to come back, because I don't know what I would have done with someone else," Caryl said. "We're really glad that he's there for us."



Walkers and runners are invited to participate in our 5th Annual

Neighbor Helping Neighbor Walk/5K Fun Run

A Fundraiser for Doorstep, Inc.

Location: Lake Shawnee Shelter Houses 1 & 2, West Edge Road Date: Sunday, October 2, 2022

Check-In & Late Registration: 1:00PM to 1:45PM (Shelter #2) Time: One Mile Walk & 5K Fun Run to begin at 2:00PM

Celebrity Starter for the Walk/Run is:

Chris Fisher ~ WIBW-TV

We are planning to have an "in-person" event this year! Plan to join us at the Lake! Snacks & drinks will be provided at the finish of the Walk/5K Fun Run in Shelter House #1

Enjoy ~ Cookies, granola bars, fresh fruit, juice, and water

One Mile Walk/5K Fun Run Registration is Due by September 13, 2022

to Guarantee an event t-shirt!

Late & Event Day Registrations Accepted. (T-shirt not guaranteed)

The registration cost is \$30 for individuals or pledges (\$30 minimum).

One registered child age 10 & under can walk for FREE with a paid adult. (T-shirt extra)

T-shirt included with \$30 registration fee or on total pledges of \$100+. Registrations received <u>after September 13th</u> cannot be guaranteed a t-shirt.

Go to <u>www.DoorstepTopeka.org</u> (under the Events Tab) to register online or for registration/sponsor forms.





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One Mile Walk/5K Fun Run Registration Form (Submit by 9/13/22)

Name:					
Address:					
City:	State:	Zip:			
Phone:	Email:		Circle one:	Male	Female
T-shirt size: Youth S, M, L		Adult S, M, L, XL, 2X, 3X			

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I hereby certify the following: (1) I am physically fit and have received medical clearance to participate in the Neighbor Helping Neighbor Walk/5K Run, (2) In consideration of my participation in the Walk/Run, I, on behalf of myself, my heirs, and assigns, and my estate, hereby waive and forever discharge the sponsors, organizers, affiliates as well as their agents and employees from any and all claims that may accrue as the result of my participation, and (3) I hereby grant Doorstep, Inc. specific permission to reproduce, publish, circulate, copyright or otherwise use any and all photographs of me and/or my family taken at the Walk/Run for the use of Doorstep, Inc.

Oktoberfest is an annual community event sponsored by Prince of Peace Lutheran Church located at 37th and Wanamaker Road.

At this year's Oktoberfest we have 100+ vendors and crafters exhibiting. Please visit our website: <u>www.princeofpeacetopeka.org</u>



You will find a link on the front page that takes you to the Oktoberfest pages. There you will see all the things that our vendors and crafters will be selling. In addition Prince of Peace will have a food booth serving homemade Bierocks, German Potato Salad, Coleslaw, Grilled Brats and Hotdogs (sauerkraut if you wish.)

Put this special event on your calendar today!



PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

3625 SW Wanamaker & 37th Street, Topeka

The Lutheran Fine Arts Council of Topeka will be hosting a BELL CHOIR FESTIVAL on October 15 at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 3625 SW Wanamaker at SW 37th Street.

Ringers from area Lutheran churches will be gathering that morning to learn several new songs and techniques. The festival clinician is Terri Good from Prince of Peace.

They will be sharing their new knowledge in a concert at 2:30 that afternoon. The concert is free, and open to the public. We invite all church members to come to hear a large group ringing their praises to God!

For more information, contact Terri Good - btjagood@cox.net.

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!

BETHANYHOUSEANDGARDEN.COM

LCM-KU (Lutheran Campus Min- with games and activities for famistry at the University of Kansas, housed in Westwood House) is holding their 100 year celebration courage you to get creative. on Reformation Sunday weekend,

October 28-29 in Lawrence, KS. All are welcome to join.

We will be holding a silent auction as a part of this event to raise funds for the ministry. We are challenging congregations to donate to the auction in the form

> of a themed basket. Examples might include: "movie night" theme with popcorn, movie candy, movie tickets/dvds/netflix gift card, "family game night" theme

ilies, "Kansas" theme (or your town) with local products We en-

The baskets would need to be ready by October 23.

We would love to hear your intent to donate a basket by October 1. Should anyone have other products or items to donate for the auction, we would welcome other contributions. Any questions may be directed to Ministry Team Member. Jen Baldwin.

jennifer.esbenshade@gmail.com, (717 - 371 - 7106).

Thank you for your support of the LCM-KU ministry. LCM-KU Ministry Team



For questions or to RSVP, please contact Pastor Kevin at therevkev@att net

LUTHERAN CAMPUS MINISTRY BUILDING DEDICATION

ALL ARE INVITED TO CELEBRATE!

JOIN US ON OCTOBER 9TH! 3:00-4:15 OPEN HOUSE AND TOUR

4:30-5:55 DINNER BEGINS

5:45 PRESENTATION FROM BOARD PRESIDENT AND PASTOR KEVIN

6:00-7:00 WORSHIP WITH BISHOP CANDEA AND K-STATE STUDENTS!



Discover Your Swedish Roots Virtual Genealogy Workshop with ArkivDigital

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Understanding the Naturalization Process in the United States

Overcoming Obstacles when there are few Records available & Short presentation on DISBYT

Register:

www.oldmillmuseum.org/events Registration Fee: \$50 Registration Deadline: October 21 Questions: 785-227-3595; info@oldmillmuseum.org Saturday, October 22, 2022 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. (Central Time) Featured Speakers Kathy Meade

ArkivDigital, Chicago

Seema Kenney Software Instructor & Professional Genealogist

Eva Dahlberg DIS Computer Genealogy Society of Sweden



Lindsborg Old Mill & Swedish Heritage Museum

Messy Church & Trunk or Treat on Reformation Sunday October 30th

For our second year, we will be celebrating a special Reformation Day with Messy Church and a Trunk or Treat after worship. Children are welcome to wear their Halloween costumes to church and there will be a fun worship service created for them.

Janice Greenlee has volunteered to be the coordinator for the Truck or Treat and you can contact her with any questions about how you can participate in all the fun!