

TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
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December 2022

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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

<p><i>Every Sunday 10:30 am Worship & Holy Communion</i></p>				1	2	3
<p>10:30 am Worship 4</p>  <p>10:15 am Hymn Sing-Along</p>	5	<p>9 am Quilters 6</p>	7	8	9	10
<p>10:30 am Worship 11</p> <p>2 pm PFLAG meeting</p>	12	<p>9 am Quilters 13</p> <p>6 pm Council</p>	14	15	 <p>6 pm Dinner followed by St. Lucia Day Candlelight Service</p>	17
<p>10:30 am Worship 18</p>	19	<p>9 am Quilters 20</p> <p>7 pm TLHA</p>	21	22	23	 <p>12 noon Christmas Eve Worship</p>
<p>No worship. Please enjoy Christmas Day at home with loved ones.</p>	26	<p>9 am Quilters 27</p>	28	29	30	31

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Pastor's Letter

"...You belong to God's household. As God's household, you are built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets with Christ Jesus as the cornerstone. The whole church is joined together in him and it grows up into a temple dedicated to the Lord." - Ephesians 2:19c-21

During November, we focused on stewardship in the congregation and getting back to basics. By now, we should have your pledge cards so we can begin work on our budget for next year. We should also start see Council liaisons taking over committee meetings and your funeral plans should start collecting in the office records.

In December, we will be centering our thoughts and energies on how we lead as a congregation by taking a deep dive into *Spiral Dynamics* that I have learned from Pastor Magrey deVega to see what we can discover about ourselves and how each of us functions and leads in the church. I will be asking everyone to take a simple test. Once the results show our leadership styles, we will talk about the different leadership types that are often found in churches and how we can better work together. This insight will help us look at conflict and how our different types of leadership causes us to fumble in our leadership in groups when types that are not compatible come together. Advent will allow us lots of introspection about how we can best use our different type of leadership to function better as a congregation.

I hope that you have seen these monthly series as a sign that we are taking steps to get back on our feet after COVID. Many congregations post-COVID finding that they are totally different churches than what they were. I hope that we can start our new year as a congregation on looking to the future and able to restart our mission as a church on better footing than when we started this pandemic. The simple fact is that as we start the new year, we will be a smaller church due to deaths over the past two years. Everyone in the congregation will have to step up and be a part of our revival. The next year will be not only critical for our congregation but many congregations across our synod are wondering if it is their time to close. My hope in all this work we have done for the past two months is that we will not be a congregation to ponder that question. But the catch is that Trinity needs you, to be more present, involved, and to volunteer when you can. Trinity is going to need you for committee meetings to provide insight and planning. The first word of our motto is "Together" and this next year will prove if we are together as a congregation and if we can find our path out of the pandemic away from just surviving into a place of thriving as a congregation and it will all be up to every one of you.

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December Celebrations

Birthdays

- 3 Junior Utech
- 14 Sara King
- 19 Don O'Brien
- 23 Jeff Longren
- 27 Cindy McGinnis
- 30 Brett Henry
- 30 Adeline Klamm

Baptisms

- 6 Julie Reeves
- 8 Peggy Buchholz
- 8 Walt Laughlin
- 9 Junior Utech
- 15 Ivan Carlson
- 21 Tresa Johnson
- 26 Debbie Pomeroy
- 29 Janice Greenlee

December Readings

January 1 — 1st Sunday of Christmas
Isaiah 63:7-9
Psalm 148
Hebrews 2:10-18
Matthew 2:13-23

January 8 — Baptism of Our Lord
Isaiah 42:1-9
Psalm 29
Acts 10:34-43
Matthew 3:13-17

January 15 — 2nd Sunday of Epiphany
Isaiah 49:1-7
Psalm 40:1-11
1st Corinthians 1:1-9
John 1:29-42

January 22 — 3rd Sunday of Epiphany
Isaiah 9:1-4
Psalm 27:1, 4-9
1st Corinthians 1:10-18
Matthew 4:12-23

January 29 — 4th Sunday of Epiphany
Micah 6:1-8
Psalm 15
1st Corinthians 1:18-31
Matthew 5:1-12

Laudate Ringers

Countryside United Methodist Church

Christmas Concert

Sunday, December 4, 2022 - 7:00 p.m.

3221 SW Burlingame Rd., Topeka, KS

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Council Highlights Nov. 14

- After further discussion a motion was passed allowing Pr. Andrew to discuss with Pr. Dave Whetter (Bishop's Assistant) our willingness to discuss the idea of joining with Grace Lutheran, Osage City in finding a full time pastor to serve both congregations.
- Saint Lucia celebration to be held Friday, Dec. 16, beginning with a potluck meal at 6pm followed by a special candle-light service.
- Discussion occurred about scheduling of Christmas eve (Sat., Dec. 24) and Christmas day (Sun., Dec. 25). It was decided to take a vote at worship on Nov. 20 if they would attend Christmas eve at noon, Christmas at 10:30 am, or both.
- Thanksgiving eve service will be hosted by Trinity this year. Offering will go to Doorstep and each person asked to bring a nonperishable food item to donate to Doorstep.
- Pr. Andrew distributed a list of committee choices selected by persons present at worship on Nov. 13. He is emailing members not present that day and those present who did not choose a committee asking them to select a committee.
- Discussion about Community Garden. It was suggested to have a meeting in early spring of those interested in gardening.
- Review of communion at the altar rail. Will continue to not close the rail and have persons approach the altar from the center aisle and leave after communing by the side aisles to avoid congestion in center aisle.
- Financial update: General fund – Expenses over income in October \$3,679.67; year-to-date expenses over income \$37,182.56.

If you haven't already, please remember to turn in your

- Volunteer commitment form
- Funeral plan form
- Tithe pledge card

We need these documents on file to help with planning for the future. Thanks!



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St. Lucia Service December 16, 2022, 6:00 pm,

Please mark your calendars for our St. Lucia dinner Friday, December 16th at 6:00 pm. The potluck dinner will be followed by worship in the sanctuary. Please use the postcards you received to invite friends and family to this event. This is a potluck dinner so be sure to bring food to share and your table service.

For the worship service, we would like to have children participate as St. Lucia and Star Boys. Please contact Pr. Andrew if your children would like to be included.



Christmas Eve Worship

Our Christmas Eve worship service will be at noon on Saturday, December 24.

Please invite friends and family to join us for a candlelight service as we share the Christmas story and song.



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DOORSTEP
Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Doorstep — December 2022

At Doorstep, December is all about our Christmas Adoption Project, and the 800+ individuals whose holidays we hope to brighten with food, gifts & more! We will not have the ‘Store’ this year; the adopted households will come to Doorstep to pick up food, gifts and cards. Each household we adopt from the Christmas Bureau will receive a food order, health kit, blanket, a household item, gifts, games and toys (children), school supplies if appropriate, and a \$20 gift card per person in the household. We have a large collection of new clothing, so we will also offer clothing items this year. We have volunteer opportunities this year! (See Below)

Distribution week is Dec. 11th – 16th.

Volunteer opportunities below:

Sunday, December 11th ~ 2:00pm – 5:00pm ~ move clothing to First Nazarene Church, start set-up and unbox items. Pick-up Trucks also needed.

Monday, December 12th ~ 8:30a–2:30p (2 shifts), finish set-up, shop for families. (No lunch)

Tuesday, December 13th ~ 8:30a–12:30p / 12:30p–5:30p. (Lunch provided) Shop for families, cart runner, stock clothing items.

Wednesday, December 14th ~ 8:30a–1:30p / 1:30p–7:30p. (Lunch and dinner provided) Personal shopper, stocking, carts

Thursday, December 15th ~ 8:30a–12:30p / 12:30p–5:30p. (Lunch provided) Personal shopper, stocking, packing boxes, carts

Friday, December 16th ~ 8:30a–12:30p clean-up, pack clothing, move back to Doorstep. Volunteers & pick-up trucks needed.

Call the Doorstep office (785.357.5341) to sign up and help during distribution week!

Current Needs for Christmas: By December we hope school supplies & health kits have been made, that we have enough blankets, and we are nearly ready for distribution. But, we still need help monetarily for the gift cards, food, etc. which will total \$33,000 or more. You can mail a check, or go to our website (www.doorsteptopeka.org) to donate by credit card. Please note your member congregation with your donation. We appreciate the ongoing support we have received over the past 56 years, during the pandemic, and with our new HVAC system; which has been installed!! Doorstep truly is “Neighbors Helping Neighbors”. And, don’t forget your year-end donations as well! Doorstep would gratefully accept monetary donations to help us start the New Year in the black.

Please note the following dates in December:

No donations of used clothing or household items will be accepted from Dec. 5th – Dec. 16th.

Doorstep will be **CLOSED FOR ALL SERVICES AND DONATIONS** December 12th – 16th.

Doorstep Holiday Hours:

Closed from Noon on December 22nd through December 26th & January 2nd.

Open for **donations only** December 27th – 30th, January 3rd, 9am–2pm.

Closed for **ALL services** December 27th – January 3rd for year-end wrap-up.

Resume normal operation on Wednesday, January 4, 2023.

Merry Christmas & Happy Holidays from the Staff at Doorstep!

Doorstep Christmas Project ~ 2022

Doorstep is adopting 260 households with 800+ individuals from the Christmas Bureau again this year. We have been collecting items for a few months now to help spread out the requests.

We still need the following **NEW** items: (No later than 12/6/22)

- *Blankets - Full/Queen & King Only (NO THROWS)
- *Bakeware Sets *Pots (no more pans needed at this time)
- *Basketballs & Footballs (regular size)



Our biggest need is Money for the Gift Cards & Food each household will receive.

Mail your donation or bring it to Doorstep, 1119 SW 10th Avenue, M-F, 8am-3pm.

Please note your member congregation for credit.

You can also give online at www.DoorstepTopeka.org under Donate.



Each household we adopt will receive:

Blanket ~ Health Kit ~ School Supplies (if appropriate) ~ One household item ~ Christmas food order ~ gifts and toys for household members ~ clothing ~ \$20 gift cards per person in the household.

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Monday, December 12th ~ from 8:30am – 2:30pm (2 shifts), finish clothing set-up, and begin selecting items for families picking up on Tuesday. (No lunch provided)

Tuesday, December 13th ~ opportunities from 8:30am – 12:30pm and 12:30pm – 5:30pm. (Lunch provided)

Wednesday, December 14th ~ opportunities available from: 8:30am – 1:30pm and 1:30pm – 7:30pm. (Lunch and dinner provided)

Thursday, December 15th ~ opportunities available from 8:30am – 12:30pm and 12:30pm – 5:30pm. (Lunch provided)

Friday, December 16th we will be cleaning up, packing clothing back up to move back to Doorstep from 8:30am – 12:30pm.

Call Doorstep, (785) 357-5341, to sign up & help during distribution week!

Doorstep is located at 1119 SW 10th, 66604 (10th & Buchanan). Donation hours are Monday - Friday, 9am - 2pm. You can mail your monetary donations, or use our website:

DoorstepTopeka.org under the Donate Tab.