

TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
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November 2022

# Trinity Tidings



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Sunday, 10:30am Holy Communion

**Together in Community**

**Living with Christ's Love**

**Caring for Neighbors**

# November 2022

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

		1	2	3	4	5			
<p>10:30 am Worship All Saints Sunday</p>  <p>10:15 am Hymn Sing-Along</p> <p>4-5pm Julie Reeves 100th birthday celebration @ Brewster Place</p>	6	7	<p>9 am Quilters</p> <p>Election Day</p>	8	9	10	11	12	<p>9 am Grace Lutheran, Osage City Bazaar</p>
<p>10:30 am Worship</p> <p>Coffee Hour Penwell-Gabel funeral planning information</p> <p>2 pm PFLAG meeting</p>	13	14	<p>9 am Quilters</p>	15	16	17	18	19	<p>November 2022 Trinity Tidings deadline</p>
<p>10:30 am Worship Christ the King Sunday</p> <p>Coffee Hour Thrivent Rev. Jennifer Thomal retirement finance planning</p>	20	21	<p>9 am Quilters</p> <p>7 pm TLHA</p>	22	23	24	25	26	 <p>THANKSGIVING</p>
<p>10:30 am Worship 1st Sunday of Advent</p> <p>Pledge Cards are due.</p>	27	28	<p>9 am Quilters</p>	29	30	<p><i>Every Sunday 10:30 am Worship &amp; Holy Communion</i></p>			

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Topeka, KS

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## Pastor's Letter

*The earth is the Lord's and everything in it, the world and its inhabitants too.*  
– Psalm 24:1

When it comes to the idea of stewardship, Trinity loves to focus on time and talents when contributing to the church. We are awesome at volunteering for a special event or charity. We are great when it comes to using our talents for meaningful worship or managing our daily operations. But one area of stewardship has been off this year: our treasure. Perhaps we need to review this category and ground it in some scripture. Treasure is not limited to our cash on hand, our savings balance or our retirement accounts, but includes our possessions. What do you own? Treasure really includes everything that we can touch. In Psalm 24 David wrote, "The earth and everything in it, the world and its inhabitants, belong to the Lord" How do we view things that we own? Do we own them? Or do we manage them on God's behalf? Everything we have is a gift from God. Look at what Moses wrote, "*You may say to yourself, 'My power and my own ability have gained this wealth for me,' but remember that the Lord your God gives you the power to gain wealth, in order to confirm his covenant He swore to your fathers, as it is today.*" (Deuteronomy 8:17-18) All of our blessings are gifts from God. They're all treasures. But, they don't belong to us; they belong to God.

We enter the world with nothing, and we leave with nothing. Whether we're rich or poor, we all are en-

trusted with God's blessings that we share with others. Jesus' own anger at our greed is shown when he turned over the tables of the moneychangers at the temple. Yet not seeing our possessions as God's gift is a problem with which we still struggle. We pursue the American dream and look to build our worldly wealth. The love of money can blind us to the ministry of how we use the gifts that we have. "*For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and by craving it, some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.*" (1 Timothy 6:10). We need to be less focused on the dollars and cents, and more concerned with generosity, charity, and love. We should use our treasure in ministry rather than love it for the status that it gives.

So will your heart call you to share more generously with the church? Will you give so that we might have mission and ministry in our community now and in the future? While sharing our treasure for daily operations does not often inspire our heart, we must think about the ministry that our spaces and staff provide. There will not be a place to give your time and talent if we do not share our treasure. I am inviting all members of the congregation to join our special coffee hours in November for Stewardship Month to learn about tithing, retirement, and end of life planning so that we can use our treasure in more thoughtful ways to further our mission and ministry as a congregation.

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It will soon be time to order poinsettias for our Christmas Eve worship service. Watch for the order form in your bulletins in early November. The cut-off date for early order pricing is November 10th



## November Celebrations

### Birthdays

- 4 Walt Laughlin
- 8 Julie Reeves
- 9 Andrew Patty
- 10 Rosie Nichols
- 15 Liz Utech
- 20 Kendall Horton
- 20 Martha Nemeth
- 26 Debbie Pomeroy

### Baptisms

- 4 Laurie Jackson
- 14 Marlene Hassan
- 17 Dean McGinnis
- 24 Heather Klamm

Please note the deadline for the December issue of Trinity Tidings is a bit early this month—Nov. 17 — due to the Thanksgiving holiday.



## THANKSGIVING

## November Readings

*November 6 — All Saints Sunday*  
 Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18  
 Psalm 149  
 Ephesians 1:11-23  
 Luke 6:20-31

*November 13 — 23rd Sunday of Pentecost*  
 Malachi 4:1-2a  
 Psalm 98  
 2nd Thessalonians 3:6-13  
 Luke 21:5-19

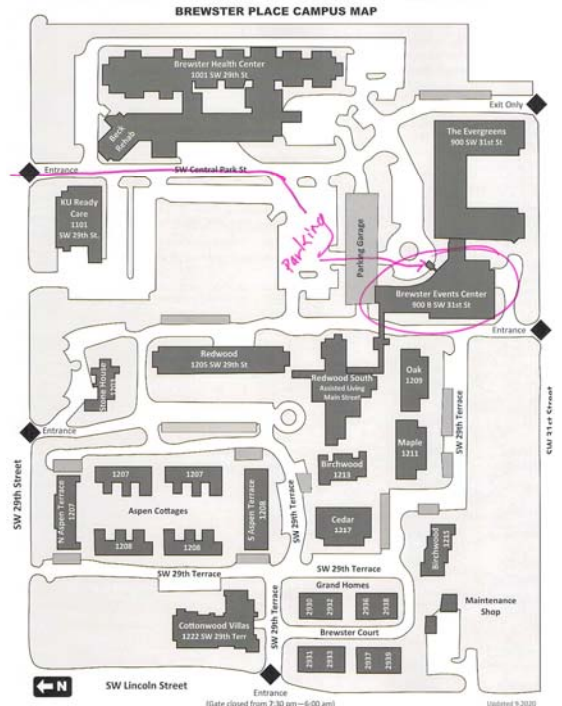
*November 20 — Christ the King Sunday*  
 Jeremiah 23:1-6  
 Psalm 46  
 Colossians 1:11-20  
 Luke 23:33-42

*November 27 — 1st Sunday of Advent*  
 Isaiah 2:1-5  
 Psalm 122  
 Romans 13:11-14  
 Matthew 24:36-44

**You are invited to help July Reeves to celebrate her 100th birthday Sunday, November 6th 4pm to 5pm.**

The celebration will take place at the Cultural Center in the Brewster Events Center, 900B SW 31st St., on the Brewster Place Campus.

Julie is delighted to be celebrating her birthday and hopes to see her church family on Nov. 6th!



# Trinity Tidings

## CONGREGATION COUNCIL

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## Council Highlights Oct. 17

- Pastor Andrew reported on themes for the next three months: October-Discipleship; November-Stewardship; December-Understanding church leadership styles.
- Pledge cards will be distributed on Reformation Sunday. Cards can be put in the offering plate during November. This will assist council and Administrative Committee in planning 2023 budget.
- Pastor hopes to have two guest speakers during coffee hours in November, one on estate planning and giving during retirement and the other on funeral planning so that the church office can have a file on the desires of members for their funeral service.
- In mid-December there will be a St. Lucia service; date and time to be determined.
- Pastor has been leading the committee meetings but leadership of the meetings will be transitioning to council liaisons for each committee.
- There was discussion about leaving the altar rail open during communion. Will continue to leave it open. This helps to encourage social distancing.
- Council reviews financial reports each month, discussing ways to decrease expenses and increase giving to the General Fund. January through September total weekly income \$74,143.63; expenses \$111,041.56; expenses over income \$36,897.93.

## Some November coffee hour events to attend.

On November 13th, we will have a guest speaker from Penwell-Gabel Funeral Home to share information about planning a funeral.

On November 20th, we will hear from Rev. Jennifer Thomas from Thrivent about financial planning for retirement.

Then, November 27th, is the day pledge cards are due. Pledge cards were distributed on October 30th



*Coffee Hour*

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**DOORSTEP**  
Neighbors Helping Neighbors

## Doorstep — November 2022

We would like to thank each and every person who has donated to, or volunteered time towards Doorstep in some way so far this year. Our new HVAC system is being installed now!! For the rest of the year we will focus on Doorstep's Christmas Project. We are using the same process and gifts/food as last year, but we are adding clothing to what the adopted households will receive. We currently have three years' worth of new clothing that has been collected, and stored. This year we will add clothing for as many adoptees as we can, but we are not purchasing any additional clothing items as each person will also receive a \$20 gift card.

Doorstep will adopt 260 households and 800+ individuals from the Christmas Bureau. Every household will receive our regular Christmas food package, a \$20 gift card for each family member, a health kit, blanket or quilt, a household item such as coffee pot, crockpot, sheet set, school supplies, gifts and toys for household members, and clothing.

### Items we currently need donated for Christmas are:

#### Full/Queen and King Blankets (new) Please **NO THROWS**.

We do not have many blankets at this point, and we need 260!

Crockpots, Skillets and Cookware, Baking Sets, Small Laundry Baskets and cleaning supplies (all-purpose cleaner, laundry soap & softener, dish soap, rags, scrubbing pads, window cleaner)

#### Basketballs, Footballs & Soccer Balls – Regular Size

#### Monetary Donations

We need your monetary donations to purchase gift cards, food, and any items not donated. You can mail your tax deductible donations to: Doorstep, Inc., 1119 SW 10<sup>th</sup>, Topeka, Ks 66604 or go to our website

([www.doorsteptopeka.org](http://www.doorsteptopeka.org)) to donate by credit card.

### Volunteer Opportunities

The addition of clothing has created several volunteers slots to help organize and shop for the households. We have other opportunities as well. **Our Christmas Adoption Project will take place December 11<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>.**

#### On Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>

2:00pm — 5:00pm

We will move all of the clothing from Doorstep to First Nazarene Church across the street, and start setting up and unboxing the items. This is a perfect opportunity for young people needing community service hours and youth groups to help out! We also need a few people with pick-up trucks!

#### Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup>

8:30am – 2:30pm (2 shifts)

We will finish clothing set-up, and begin selecting items for distribution on Tuesday. (No Lunch)

#### Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>

8:30am – 12:30pm

12:30 – 5:30pm

(Lunch provided)

#### Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>

8:30am – 1:30pm

1:30pm – 7:30pm.

(Lunch & dinner provided)

#### Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup>

8:30am – 12:30pm

12:30pm – 5:30pm.

(Lunch provided)

#### Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup>

8:30am – 12:30pm.

We will be cleaning & packing clothing to move back to Doorstep.

Please consider donating any of the following: gifts, blankets, money, and/or time, and Thank You in advance for helping your neighbors in need this holiday season!



Keith Allen Springer was born in Waterville, Kansas, January 28, 1932, to Gerald M. and Ruth M. Anderson Springer. Keith graduated from Waterville high school in 1950. He became a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church after accepting Christ and baptism in 1950, Waterville.

Keith worked at the Blue Rapids Gypsum Plant until he was drafted into the Army, November 20, 1952, served in Korea, and returned home November 4, 1954.

He worked as a mechanic at Walt Steenson's Garage and later at Barleen's Chevrolet, Waterville, until September, 1956. He enrolled in Kansas State College (later KSU) and graduated June 3, 1962, with a degree in Landscape Architecture. He listened to K-State football on radio or watched games on TV.

He then worked with the Kansas Highway Commission and designed road side parks throughout Kansas. He transferred to Kansas Park Authorities, April, 1965, and drew site plans for roads, buildings, water/sewer at the last seven new Kansas parks. When Keith, his sister, Marianne and a friend were leaving Perry State Park after a July 4 fireworks display, when asked what road to take to leave, Keith directed us to the correct road. When asked how he knew, he responded, "I drew the plans for the roads in this park!" Keith retired from newly named Wildlife and Parks in February, 1995.

Keith became a member of Trinity Lutheran Church, September, 1962. He was active in various committees, in particular, the building committee. He loved his church.

Keith did not marry nor have children. He was preceded in death by his parents, and siblings, Gail (Norma), Elaine (Grady), Neil (Marge), Max, Larry and Lola (Ray). He is survived by younger brother, Lee and his wife, Barbara, Wilmington, IL and sisters-in-law Norma Springer and Marge Springer and youngest sister, Marianne Spano, Topeka.

Keith remembered a Christmas gift he shared with Lee, who is two years younger. Our parents drove to Marysville to shop. Keith saw three children's wagons stacked on top of one another in the display window. Mom took Keith and Lee away and

Dad went into the store and bought one wagon. When Mom and the boys returned to the car, Keith noticed one of the wagons was missing. He was assured that it wasn't. He insisted it was! What he didn't know was his feet rested on it on the way home! On Christmas Eve, older brother Neil came out of our parent's bedroom, pulling a wagon! The twins, Larry and Lola and Marianne were hauled around in that wagon.

Keith and Lee walked the 2¾ miles to school and helped the twins, Larry and Lola. Lola remembered that one of the roads had two hills. Keith and Lee pulled them up the hills. Keith drove Dad's car to high school. He would drop off Larry, Lola and Marianne, who walked the last mile to Star country school. When the weather was bad Keith drove us to school, very compassionate for his younger siblings.

Keith is survived by nieces and nephews: Jeannie Springer (Steve), Bonnie Randle, Clarice Hall (Noel), Susan Zimmerman (Greg), Peggy Lee Randle (deceased 1950), Debbie Devereaux (Harry), Craig Springer (Jeannine), Deanne Vay, Carol Springer (Dennis), Barry Springer (Karen), Brian Springer (Shari), Claire Springer, Gary Springer (Annie Slafter), Judy Springer (Jason) John Zabokrtsky (Lisa), Lori Reinke (Burdon), Scott Zabokrtsky (Dawn), Jennifer Zabokrtsky and numerous great nieces and nephews.

Keith made sure our mother was taken care of, although all nine of us supported her. When he didn't drive to Maysville on a weekend Keith called Mom at 5:00 Saturday afternoon.

Keith was a Christian son and brother. He was a perfectionist. He had self-assurance at a young age. He worked to achieve his college degree and was generous. He set goals and achieved them. He had a wonderful sense of humor.

Our annual family reunion is Memorial Day week end. On Sunday afternoon, Keith would gather family to drive to cemeteries, saying, "Okay people, let's go!" Nephews John and Scott remember that. We will return to God and join Keith, surrounded by God's love, where loved ones were waiting for him to come home. We will soon be with God and you, Keith.

Keith asked memorial donations be made to Trinity Lutheran Church for the building fund.

Memorial donations also may be made to Heartland Hospice. Their staff was exceptional in their care of Keith, as was the staff at Presbyterian Manor.



Dorothy Strom, 100 passed away Sunday October 16, 2022 in Topeka Kansas

She was born September 27, 1922, in Clay Center, Kansas, the daughter of Andrew and Hulda (Dewall) Wiberg.

Dorothy was a lifelong member of the Trinity Lutheran Church of Topeka, Women's Club of Topeka, and Kiwanianne Club.

Dorothy married Wendell Strom on January 25, 1944 in Fort Carson, Colorado.

She is preceded in death by her parents, husband; Wendell September 9, 2008, grandson Todd

Fitzherbert and all of her siblings. Survivors include children: Marilyn Petr, Karen (William)

Fitzherbert, Gregory (Donna) Strom, grandchildren; Scott (Stephanie) Fitzherbert, Brian (Maureen) Fitzherbert, Kimberly (Mark) Sandberg, Michael (Amber) Petr, Jennifer Brooke Eisenmann, Lisa (Darren) Bruns and 11 great-grandchildren.

Dorothy enjoyed Bridge, other card games, KU football and basketball, and loved to travel.

Visitation was held Friday October 21, 2022 from 2:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. with family present from 5:00 P.M. until 6:30 P.M. The funeral was held at 1:00 pm, Saturday, October 22, 2022 at the Trinity Lutheran Church, 725 SW Buchanan, Topeka.

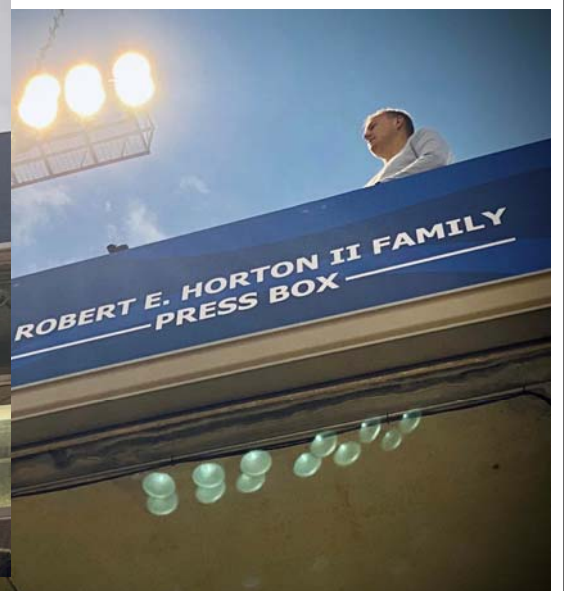
Dorothy is interred at Mount Hope Cemetery in Topeka.

Memorial contributions may be made to Trinity Lutheran Church.

## Congratulations to Bob Horton for this honor!

On October 14 (the last home football game) Mr. Horton and family attended the official unveiling of the new press box Robert E. Horton II Family Press Box sign. Before the game, BOE members and Mr. Horton and Family were on top of the press box while the announcer said a few words

and directed the audience's attention to the press box. The board voted in March of 2020 to name the SHS press box after Mr. Horton to recognize his 32 years of service to the Seaman School District, which includes 30 years of announcing Viking football games.





## Donations Needed for Our Christmas Project

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 need the following **NEW** items:

- \*Blankets - Full/Queen & King Only (Please NO THROWS)
- \*Skillets Sets
- \*Money for Gift Cards
- \*Basketballs, Footballs & Soccer Balls (regular size)
- \*Pots & Pans
- \*Crock Pots (variety of sizes)
- \*Bakeware Sets
- \*Small Laundry Baskets & Cleaning Supplies



**We need donations of gift items by December 1st. This will give us time to get what we need for distribution week. However, we will still take donations after that date.**

### 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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**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](http://DoorstepTopeka.org) under the Donate Tab.**



# Go Bazaar

Where ????



## Grace Lutheran Church

210 Holliday St.  
Osage City, KS

# November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Come for brunch  
9:00- 10:30

Stay for lunch  
11:30 - 1:00

### Brisket

### & all the fixins'

### Baked Goods

### Crafts



Includes  
Dessert & Drink

Adults \$10.00

Children (under 10)  
\$4.00



"Meals to Go" Available Upon Request