

TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
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TRINITY TIDINGS

MARCH 2023

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WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, 10:30am Holy Communion



TOGETHER IN COMMUNITY

LIVING WITH CHRIST'S LOVE

CARING FOR NEIGHBORS

MARCH 2023

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

<p>EVERY SUNDAY 10:30 AM WORSHIP & HOLY COMMUNION</p> <p>Sunday School for adults will start at 9:45 am on the second Sunday of each month and meets in the Trinity Hall lounge. Watch your bulletins for upcoming dates and reading assignments. Children's Sunday school will meet in the Youth Room in Trinity Hall on the last Sunday of the month at 9:45 am. Parents are welcome to join in and participate with the kids.</p>	1	2	3	4		
 <p>5</p> <p>10:15 am Hymn Sing-Along</p> <p>10:30 am Worship with Installation of Council Members</p>	6	<p>9 am Quilters</p> <p>7</p>	8	9	10	11
<p>9:45-10:15 12 Adult Sunday School</p> <p>10:30 am Worship</p> <p>2 pm PFLAG meeting</p>	<p>13</p> <p>6 pm Council</p>	<p>9 am Quilters</p> <p>14</p>	15	<p>7 pm 16 Concordia College Choir Concert @ Grace Cathedral</p>	17	18
<p>10:30 am 19 Worship</p> <p>After worship: Community Relations committee mtg</p>	20	<p>9 am Quilters</p> <p>21</p> <p>April 2023 Trinity Tidings deadline</p>	22	23	24	25
<p>9:45-10:15 26 Children's Sunday School with preparation for 1st Communion</p> <p>10:30 am Worship</p>	27	<p>9 am Quilters</p> <p>28</p> <p>7 pm TLHA</p>	29	30	31	<p>NOTICE: April 2nd Special Congregational Meeting for Constitution Amendments</p>



Pastor's Letter

"The desert and the dry land will be glad; the wilderness will rejoice and blossom like the crocus. They will burst into bloom, and rejoice with joy and singing."
Isaiah 35:1-2

In the season of Lent, we allow ourselves to travel with Jesus through the desert. Our theme for the sermons this Lent will be focused on "The Blessings of the Desert." How we can find hope through this season. Yet, while we often focus on the brokenness, the sadness, the starkness of being in the desert, we need to remind ourselves that Jesus was not alone (and I am not speaking of his encounter with Satan). God was with Jesus along the journey in the desert just like Jesus is with us in the times in our lives when we feel like we are in the desert.

Being in the desert with Jesus is not a fun experience though. While we settle into the sand, our days are complicated by feelings that don't seem altogether very spiritual. Deep annoyance.

Rehearsals of old fights. Anger at friends who are, in our defense, pretty frustrating sometimes. Our bodies ache. We are consumed by somebody else's problems and we are fairly certain their lives are rushing toward despair.

So we wait. We wait for God to come to us as the crocus in the desert. As that blessing hidden in the sands of our lives. We find that God never leaves. That God's presence is with us even on the darkest days. When life is headed downhill, I tend to wait for God to meet me there or show me a blessing I had never seen before.

When Lent rolls around every year, we are offered a chance to stop waiting. We get to walk with Jesus and see that God is with us in all the brokenness and darkness of our lives. We are in the part of the story when Jesus is an arrow pointed straight at his own end. He will die. But first, he will suffer and be

betrayed; religious and political structures will conspire and conform to great evil; nothing will be peace on earth or goodwill to all humankind. No wisemen and starry nights. Lent is about the journey through the desert to the Cross. The fact that God never leaves Jesus is the testament that Jesus will never leave us. We are the crocus; we are the blessing in the desert for all to see. All we are called to do is walk through the desert with Jesus and see the blessings that we are. That is what it means to be the blessing in the desert this season.



NOTICE: SPECIAL MEETING FOR CONSTITUTION AMENDMENTS

On April 2 after worship, the Congregation Council calls all voting members to meet to discuss two types of amendments to our Constitution. The first set of amendments is to bring sections into conformity with the Model Constitution for Congregations of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America as most recently amended by the Churchwide

Assembly. The second type of amendment is to bring current the section on our church's committee structure. A printed copy of proposed amendments is available upon request to the TLC office. The proposed revisions to the committee structure section is shared below with the changes highlighted.

Chapter 13.

CONGREGATION COMMITTEES

- C13.01.** The officers of this congregation and the pastor shall constitute the *Executive Committee*.
- C13.02.** A *Nominating Committee* of six voting members of this congregation, two of whom, if possible, shall be outgoing members of the Congregation Council, shall be elected at the annual meeting for a term of one year. Members of the Nominating Committee are not eligible for consecutive re-election.
- C13.03.** An *Audit Committee* of three voting members shall be elected by the Congregation. Term of office shall be three years, with one member elected each year. Members shall be eligible for re-election.
- C13.04.** When a pastoral vacancy occurs, a *Call Committee* of six voting members shall be elected by the Congregation Council. Term of office will terminate upon installation of the newly called pastor.
- C13.05.** Other committees of this congregation may be formed, as the need arises, by decision of the Congregation Council. Duties of such committees shall be specified in the continuing resolutions.
- C13.05.01** Congregational committees shall be those committees which enable this congregation and the Congregation Council to fulfill the statement of purpose as specified in Chapter 4 of this constitution. Such committees shall include but are not limited to ~~Worship and Music, Witness, Learning, Service, Finance and Stewardship, and Property.~~ Administration, Community Relations, Congregational Life, Maintenance, and Spiritual Care. ~~One or more members~~ A member of the Congregation Council shall ~~be appointed to~~ serve as chair of ~~to~~ each congregational committee. All congregational committees shall be responsible to the Congregation Council.
- C13.06.** The pastor of this congregation shall be an *ex officio* member of all committees and boards of the congregation.



MARCH READINGS

March 5 — 2nd Sunday of Lent

- Genesis 12:1-4a
- Psalm 121
- Romans 4:1-5, 13-17
- John 3:1-17

March 12 — 3rd Sunday of Lent

- Exodus 17:1-7
- Psalm 95
- Romans 5:1-11
- John 4:5-42

March 19 — 4th Sunday of Lent

- 1 Samuel 16:1-13
- Psalm 23
- Ephesians 5:8-14
- John 9:1-41

March 26 — 5th Sunday of Lent

- Ezekiel 37:1-14
- Psalm 130
- Romans 8:6-11
- John 11:1-45

MARCH CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

- 10 Bob Kobbeman
- 16 Jake Kennedy
- 19 Carol Marker
- 25 Pam Kobbeman
- 31 Larry McGinnis

BAPTISMS

- 1 Ben Carlson
- 1 Adeline Klamm
- 10 Alex Nichols
- 20 Jane Lewies
- 21 Diane Bottorff
- 27 Chance Hutchison
- 30 Ed Emmons

Bishop’s Bible Study

Instead of providing a traditional midweek worship service template, we invite congregations to join Bishop Candeia for a midweek study and discussion of the ELCA Social Statement on Creation Care.



Zoom Meeting ID:
814 4336 6517
Passcode: 953189

Thursdays, 7-8 pm

- ◇ Feb. 23
- ◇ Mar 2
- ◇ Mar 9
- ◇ Mar 16
- ◇ Mar 23
- ◇ Mar 30



**SAVE THE DATE –
THE POMEROYS CELEBRATE**

Please join Duane & Debbie for an indoor picnic the afternoon of April 8 to celebrate 50 years of marriage (actual anniversary is April 14). The party will be in the Bradbury Thompson Alumni Center at 17th & Jewell on the Washburn University campus. Come by any time from 12:30-3:30 PM.



COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

FEB. 13, 2023

CONGREGATION COUNCIL

President

Duane Pomeroy
785.234.4385

Vice President

Curt Lewis
785.633.6661

Secretary

Diane Bottorff
785.231.0379

Treasurer

Bob Kobbeman
785.478.0381

Members

Shelley Andrews
785.554.1454

Pam Kobbeman
785.633.5984

Carol Marker
785.338.1734

Dean McGinnis
785.221.7141

- Election of officers:
President-Duane Pomeroy
Vice-President-Curt Lewis
Secretary-Diane Bottorff.
- Appointment of Committee Chairs:
Administration-Pam Kobbeman & Shelley Andrews
Maintenance- Curt Lewis
Spiritual Life-Carol Marker
Congregational Life-Dean McGinnis
Community Relations-Diane Bottorff.
- First Messy Church for this year has been rescheduled from February 26 to March 26. Children's Sunday School on last Sunday of February and of March will focus on preparation for First Communion with First Communion for those children old enough to occur on Easter Sunday.
- Trinity has been given an opportunity to partner with First and Our Saviors to develop a campus ministry at Washburn. Council had previously approved transitioning funds designated for Baker University School of Nursing outreach to use for campus ministry at Washburn. Council approved moving forward with this opportunity.
- Approved purchase of a camera and stand for recording Sunday worship at cost of no more than \$600. Camera currently used belongs to Pt. Andrew.
- Constitution Committee reminded council that distribution of proposed amendments to constitution need to be made available to membership prior to April 2 Congregational Meeting whose only agenda item is approval of the amendments.

YOU'RE HIRED!

As we have now ended our advertising (newspaper, online, and yellow pages), it will be up to all of us to promote Trinity as a church with which people would like to be connected. We have been and will continue doing this through our support of Doorstep, the Walt & Helen Laughlin Community Garden, hosting National Night Out, and other events and organizations.

But we need to continue as we always have — inviting and welcoming guests and visitors to our worship services and other events—and making them feel truly welcome.

If you or someone you know cannot be with us in person for worship, be sure they know how to join us online through our Facebook livestream; go to Facebook, then search for [@topekatlcc](#). There our services can be viewed live as they happen or they can be watched later. Or both! While watching the livestream, you can greet others who are watching too.



DOORSTEP
Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Thanks to all of you, Bob & Janeen delivered 90 cans/packages of soup and 13 boxes of crackers to Doorstep for their food pantry. Souper Bowl win!



MARCH 2023

Thank you to everyone who donated soup and crackers during our **Souper Bowl Sunday** collection! And, how great was it that the Kansas City Chiefs won another Super Bowl!! We know that a can of soup can be a meal or two, and your generous donations helped stock our pantry, and provide meals for your neighbors in need!

Doorstep is trying to find our new normal since the pandemic began three years ago! We are working on a plan for returning to all in-person services instead of phone intakes and appointments.

We are planning to have our first **Annual Banquet and Quilt Drawing** in four (4) years, and we are excited! Our

Annual Banquet celebrates Doorstep, our volunteers and member congregations, and we have a lot to be grateful for and celebrate! We have several quilts for the drawing this year, so you don't want to miss out on the chance to win one!! We don't have a date set yet, but it will be in April 2023!

With the HVAC system installed, we will also be having a **55th Anniversary Fund Wrap-Up** reception thanking the businesses, individuals, member congregations, and foundations who donated the funds making this project possible. Once the date is set, likely in June, we will get the word out!

Each member congregation should have volunteers from their congrega-

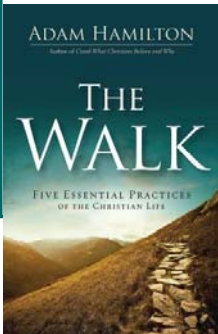
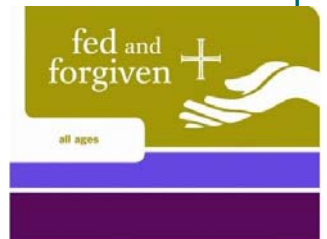
tion serving as their Doorstep board member and coordinator. Some of our congregations have openings in those positions right now, and our Congregation & Volunteer Development Committee has started making contact with those members. If you are interested in filling one of these positions for your congregation, contact Doorstep (785-357-5341), and ask for Jim or Lisa.

Doorstep, Inc. is looking for a new Marketing Committee Chairperson. If you have an interest and some experience in this area, please contact Doorstep! This position is a member of the Executive Board, so you would need to be available for a Noon meeting once a month.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

During Lent, we will use our Children's Sunday School time in March to prepare children that are of age to take their First Communion. We will be using the Augsburg Fortress series "Fed and Forgiven" for our education program for First Communion.

On March 26th, we will cover two of the four sections with homework for the children to take home with them each month during Sunday School. Then Easter Day (April 9th) will be their day to have First Communion and be recognized by the church for their accomplishments.



Adult Sunday School, will next meet on March 12th in the Trinity Hall lounge. We are reading and discussing the book **"The Walk: Five Essential Practices of the Christian Life" by Adam Hamilton.** For this Sunday, please read **Chapter 3 — Serve.** You can order the book on Amazon, the public library has it (physical copy and ebook), or contact Pastor Andrew if you are having trouble getting a copy.



“... you MUST see this choir – it’s an unforgettable experience.”
– Eric Whitacre

THE CONCORDIA CHOIR

Michael Culloton, Conductor

CONCERT

Thursday, March 16
7 p.m.

Grace Episcopal Cathedral
701 SW 8th Ave.
Topeka, Kan.



Tickets:
[ConcordiaTickets.com](https://www.concordiatickets.com)
or at the door



OUR FARM TO FORK DINNER HAS RETURNED! WE ARE EXCITED TO BRING THIS UNIQUE EVENT BACK TO HOLLIS.

GUESTS WILL ENJOY OUR CUSTOM SPRING & FRENCH-INSPIRED MENU, PREPARED BY OUR CATERING PARTNER ROSS’S AND CHEF RYAN SNEED. THE MEAL WILL BE SERVED BY VOLUNTEERS AND WILL FEATURE SEASONAL PRODUCE AND MEATS.

APRIL 1, 2023

HOLLIS CENTER LODGE
11414 KANSAS AVENUE KANSAS CITY,
KANSAS 66111



FARM TO FORK

A HOLLIS DINNER PARTY WITH FRIENDS

SATURDAY APRIL 1, 2023 | 6:30-9:00 PM

COCKTAILS AT 6:30 PM ♦♦ DINNER AT 7:00 PM ♦♦ CASUAL ATTIRE ♦♦ \$100 PER TICKET
SPACE IS LIMITED TO 54 GUESTS.

WHEN PLACING ORDER PLEASE INDICATE ANY DIETARY RESTRICTIONS (GLUTEN FREE, VEGETARIAN, ETC.) AND SEATING REQUESTS.
ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE MISSION AND MINISTRY OF HOLLIS TO EXTEND CHRISTIAN HOSPITALITY TO ALL.



2023 GARDENING SEASON IS UPON US!

Gardeners have two ways to participate.

1. Reserve a plot or two in our garden area at Trinity. Plots are 6 feet by 6 feet. We are asking for a \$20.00 dollar donation to help cover the water bill. This is not required, however any amount is appreciated.
2. We have a new addition for gardening this year. How about bringing the garden to you in a five gallon bucket? There will be one Jet Star Tomato plant per five gallon bucket or one pepper plant per bucket. Each address may have two buckets. The pepper plants will be your choice of hot peppers or the regular kind good for salads, stuffing, etc. The buckets will be delivered when it's time and picked up at the end of the season. The "bucket gardeners" only need to water & enjoy their produce. All it takes is a deck or small area outside & bingo...you're gardening!

Donations not required however greatly appreciated.

Questions? Contact Marcy by phone or at church.

Orders need to be in early as possible. The garden is being completely rebuilt this early Spring.





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The
Good Shepherd



“He shall feed His flock like a Shepherd; and He shall gather the lambs with His arm.”

— *The Messiah - Part I, Number 20A (Isaiah 40:11)*

March 27 - April 9

The schedule is posted on the bulletin board outside the church office. You can also see the schedule and order tickets at www.messiahfestival.org.