

TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
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TRINITY TIDINGS

JULY 2023

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WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, 10:30am Holy Communion



TOGETHER IN COMMUNITY

LIVING WITH CHRIST'S LOVE

CARING FOR NEIGHBORS

JULY 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		
<p>9:30 am Congregational Life committee meeting</p> <p> 10:15 am Hymn Sing-Along</p> <p>10:30 am Worship</p>	2	3	<p>9 am Quilters</p>	4	5	6	7	8	
<p>9:45 am Training for Sunday school leadership</p> <p>10:30 am Worship</p> <p>2 pm PFLAG meeting</p>	9	10	<p>9 am Quilters</p>	11	12	<p>Pr. Andrew vacation</p>			15
		<p>6 pm Council</p>			<p>6:30-8 pm Historic Old Town NIA meeting in person & via Zoom</p>				
<p>9:30 am Community Relations committee mtg</p> <p>10:30 am Worship</p>	16	17	<p>9 am Quilters</p>	18	19	20	21	22	
<p>Pr. Andrew at ELCA Rostered Leaders Gathering</p>									
			<p>7 pm TLHA</p>						
<p>9:45-10:15 Children's Sunday School</p> <p>10:30 am Worship</p>	23	24	<p>9 am Quilters</p>	25	26	27	28	29	
<p>10:30 am Worship</p> <p> 5th Sunday Special for National Night Out</p>	30	31							



Pastor's Letter

¹³People were bringing children to Jesus so that he would bless them. But the disciples scolded them. ¹⁴When Jesus saw this, he grew angry and said to them, "Allow the children to come to me. Don't forbid them, because God's kingdom belongs to people like these children. ¹⁵I assure you that whoever doesn't welcome God's kingdom like a child will never enter it." ¹⁶Then he hugged the children and blessed them. - Mark 10:13-16

Jesus hugged the children and blessed them and I am grateful for the role models who demonstrated the same for me. When I think about people whose legacy has impacted my life, I am extremely grateful that there are too many to name that have brought me to where I am today. To be able to scroll through name after name in my head is a precious gift. I am sure that if you took a moment of your own time, you could spend a good while thinking about the people in your life that have brought you to where you are today. Now, let's be honest for a second while we are strolling down memory lane. There are people that have formed who we are in both positive and negative ways. Those that like Jesus showed us love and those that showed us how not to be like Jesus. I can think of two in my own memories of growing up in a rather conservative church.

One was my Sunday School teacher Mr. Folk who was the love and light of Christ every Sunday morning. He would always open up the church early in the morning and be joyful to have us. He would care about what was happening in our lives and encourage us even when it would get him in trouble. One of those times was when I told him I wanted to learn how to dance and he secretly taught me some line dances over the next couple of weeks in Sunday School (even though dancing was the way of the devil). I still remember him telling me that as long as whatever I did, I did it for the Lord; that God would be ok with a little dancing (after all King David did it a lot). Mr. Folk was one of those figures that believed being the church meant that we loved and cared for our little ones no matter what path God might have for them.

As I have stated, there are also those in our childhood that taught us what it means to not love as Christ. Mrs. Teffteller and her family was the model of human and spiritual advancement in the church—according to her. She was proud to note how well behaved her children were, how well-dressed they would come to church, and that each family should live up to their Christian

standard. She was also not shy about letting the other children know that they needed to improve their ways of being. Mrs. Teffteller often walked around the other children like we were dirty tribal savages from a foreign land that was blessed by her family to educate these humble church hillbillies. Judging was the center of her faith; not the welcoming of Christ.

In our lives in faith, I am certain all of you reading this have ran into a version of Mrs. Teffteller. They might have even been a family member of yours. Yet, the reality is that sometimes we all turn into those people we said we never would. We become the judgmental ones picking teams of who is in or out. We look down on our fellow Christians. We think they are not bound to see the Kingdom of God in the fullness that we do. But being Christ-like is the opposite of this reality. It means to be more like Mr. Folk. To be joyful each Sunday in seeing each other. To embrace a vision of the Kingdom of God to be bigger than we can imagine. To welcome all in Christ's love as a child of God.

Peace of Christ,
Rev. Andrew C. Patty, Pastor



JULY READINGS

July 2 — Fifth Sunday of Pentecost

Jeremiah 28:5-9
 Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18
 Romans 6:12-23
 Matthew 10:40-42

July 9 — Sixth Sunday of Pentecost

Zechariah 9:9-12
 Psalm 145:8-14
 Romans 7:15-25a
 Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

July 16 — Seventh Sunday of Pentecost

Isaiah 55:10-13
 Psalm 65:1-13
 Romans 8:1-11
 Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

July 23 — Eighth Sunday of Pentecost

Isaiah 44:6-8
 Psalm 86:11-17
 Romans 8:12-25
 Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

July 30 — Ninth Sunday of Pentecost

1 Kings 3:5-12
 Psalm 119:129-136
 Romans 8:26-39
 Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

JULY CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

8 Andy Winsor
 14 Janelle Meredith
 15 Curt Lewis
 20 Rhonda Webb
 21 Barbara Apps
 22 Ted Quast
 25 Kade Welp
 26 Hudson Ralph
 28 Alex Nichols
 30 Brooke Ralph

BAPTISMS

3 Marsha Ridinger
 7 John Carlson
 13 Cindy McGinnis
 18 David McGinnis

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

20 David & Brooke Ralph
 26 Andy & LaVell Winsor

On July 30th, we will collect a 5th Sunday Special offering which will be used to buy food for the National Night Out on August 26th. We are hosting this event along with the Historic Old Town NIA as a fun event. The NIA will be providing several activities and we will serve food — hot dogs, chips, drinks, etc. Your special offering on July 30th will help with food expenses. We would like to collect \$150 to cover expenses; any remaining after food purchases will go into the general fund.





COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

JUNE 12, 2023

CONGREGATION COUNCIL

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- Signs on entrance doors with COVID precautions will be removed and replaced with signs stating use of mask and hand sanitizer is needed if having respiratory symptoms or recent exposure to COVID positive person.
- Continued discussion of Pr. Andrew's proposal to cut his hours back to Sundays only starting in September.

Committee reports:

- Congregational Life – Sunday School (adult and youth) – needs to involve others in leadership as plans for transitioning pastoral leadership is nearing. Discussed working with Community Relations committee to reach out and invite/inform others about Trinity.
- Community Relations – Working with Doorstep to set-up a Sunday afternoon volunteer time for us in early Fall. Community Garden has 17 new beds with 2 of those being handicap accessible and enriched dirt has been delivered and placed in each bed.
- Central States Synod Assembly held virtually June 3 – Diane Bottorff and Marcy Carlson were our voting members. Diane gave a summary of assembly highlights: Bishop Candea spoke on the assembly theme—Together

Traveling the Way of Jesus. We are united with Christ in baptism and in this relationship we ground our actions, our ministry, and our purpose as faith communities. A significant challenge over the past year has been the closure of six congregations in our synod and the disaffiliation of two congregations from the ELCA. In her message ELCA Bishop Eaton stated that ELCA has set a goal to reach one million new, young and diverse people. Younger and more diverse people are disproportionately missing from our pews and gatherings.

Proposed budget for 2024 was adopted. Contributions from congregations has declined making it necessary to adjust budget for current year (2023). Assembly offering designated for the four campus ministries in our synod and resolution passed to Create a Synod Campus Ministry Team.

Other resolutions included: Global Mission Awareness; Development of Mission Partnership support with support of the Gathering Table in Kansas City; Support of Chaplaincy Endowment of Bethany Village in Lindsborg with a special offering in November.





SUNDAY SCHOOL

In place of the Adult Sunday School on July 9th at 9:45am, we will have a learning session for those that might step forward to be leaders in ensuring our Children's Sunday School continues. Pastor Andrew will teach the basics behind how to plan for Messy Church and we will select the lesson for the following Children's Sunday School to do together on July 23rd.



DOORSTEP
Neighbors Helping Neighbors

JULY 2023

I believe it is true that the older we get, the faster time seems to go by! It is summertime in a new year already! Which means, Christmas will be here before we know it! We started Christmas in July many years ago to help alleviate some of the strain of providing gifts during the holiday season for more than 800 of our neighbors in need in the 260 households Doorstep will adopt this December from the Christmas Bureau.

In 2022, Doorstep assisted 259 households involving 820 individuals with Christmas

gifts, food, health kits, school supplies, blankets, clothing, and gift cards. Each year we adopt families and individuals who meet the income requirements to be able to apply with the Christmas Bureau. We have created our 'wish list' based on the items our families requested last Christmas. Our focus for Christmas in July is non-seasonal items that should be available this time of year.

Each school aged child we adopt receives school supplies and a backpack, and each household receives a blanket,

and a health kit filled with full-sized hygiene products, and wrapped with a new bath towel, hand towel and washcloth! Each child receives one bigger toy as their gift, and other smaller items are available along with games, books, stuffed animals, stocking stuffers etc.

Please help where you can to brighten the holidays for some of your neighbors in need this December! Please bring your Christmas donations to worship in July, or to Doorstep, Monday – Friday, 8am – 3pm.

Doorstep's Christmas in July

Donations Needed for this Christmas!



Help us collect items for our 2023 Christmas adoption of 260 households, with 800+ individuals! Items chosen based on requests from last year.

Craft and Art Sets

Canvases (3pk/6pk) + Brushes & Paints (Teens & Adults)
Adult Coloring Books with Markers or Colored Pencils
Jewelry & Craft Making Kits (Teens & Adults)



Toys

Footballs & Basketballs ~ Lego Sets ~ Dinosaurs ~ Avenger & Marvel Themed Items ~ Paw Patrol ~ Star Wars ~ Educational Toys (all ages) ~ Toys for Ages 5 - 12 ~ Family Board Games ~ Puzzles ~ Teen Girls ~ Make-Up & Nail Kits



Other Items

Towel Sets - (Bath, Hand & Washcloth) ~ Blankets - Full/Queen & King Sizes

Hygiene Items ~ Shampoo + Conditioner ~ Bar Soap ~ Combs ~ Hair Brushes ~ Deodorant ~ Toothpaste ~ Toothbrushes. (Full Size Items)

Bathroom Sets ~ (Rugs, Trash Can, Shower Curtain, Toothbrush & Soap Holders)



Notebook Paper (College/Wide) ~ Spiral Notebooks (College/Wide) ~ Folders (2 Pocket) ~ Pens ~ Pencils ~ Glue ~ Erasers ~ Backpacks ~ Rulers ~ Markers ~ Scissors



Kitchen Items

Bakeware Sets ~ Skillet Sets
Dish Sets ~ Utensil Sets ~ Pots & Pans

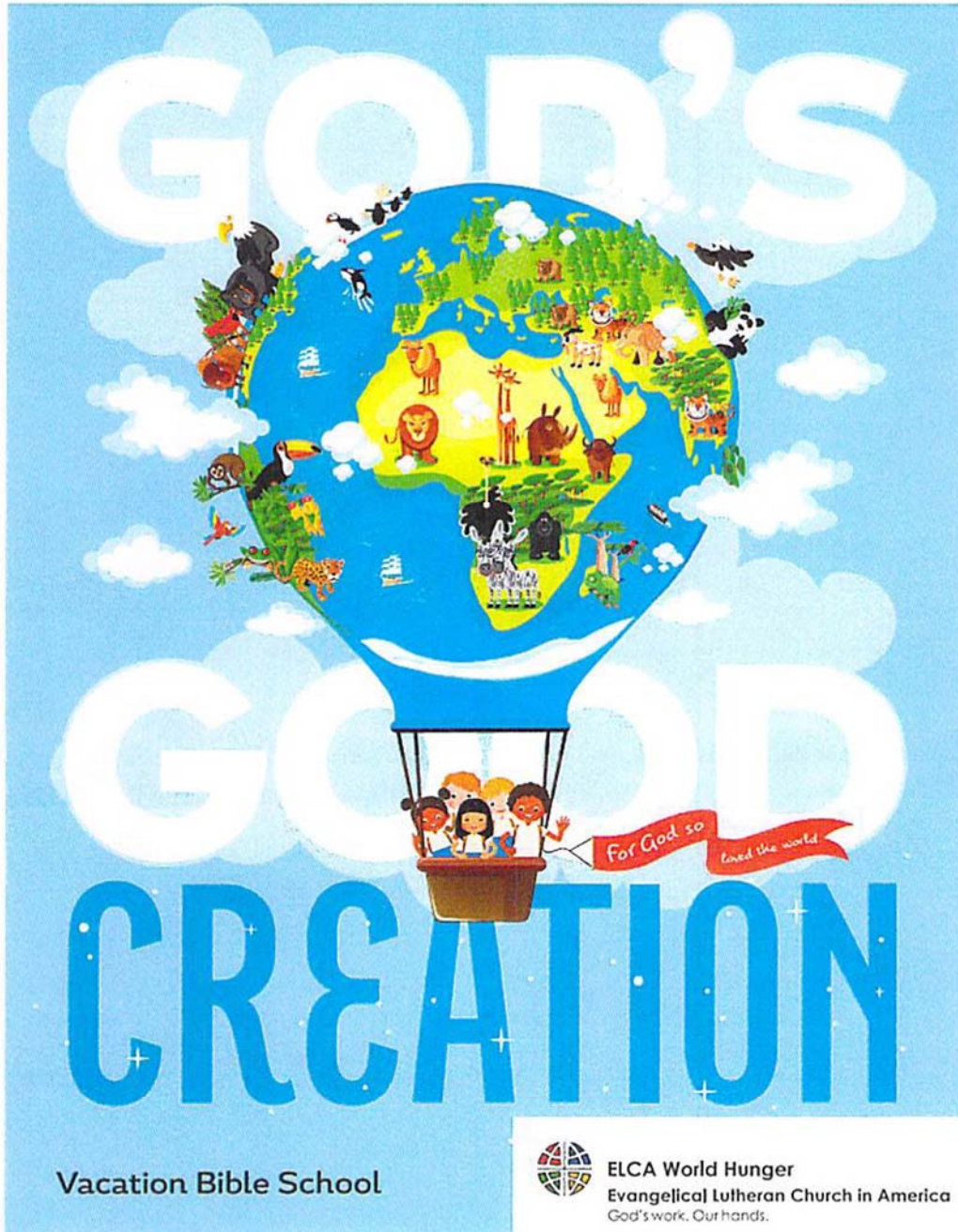
Men's & Women's Gifts

Women's Bath & Lotion Sets
Men's Body Wash Sets
Men's & Women's Cologne Sets
Tool Sets

School Supplies

Bring your donations to worship during the month of July, or deliver to Doorstep at 1119 SW 10th (10th & Buchanan). Thank you for making the holiday brighter for your neighbors in need!

Vacation Bible School



**First, Our Savior's, and Trinity Lutheran Church
invite you to join us!!!**

July 10th-13th, 2023 9:00am-11:30am

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At First Lutheran Church 1234 SW Fairlawn Road

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Register online at firstlutherantopeka.org or
<https://vbsmate.com/events/TopekaLutheranJointVBS/26975>