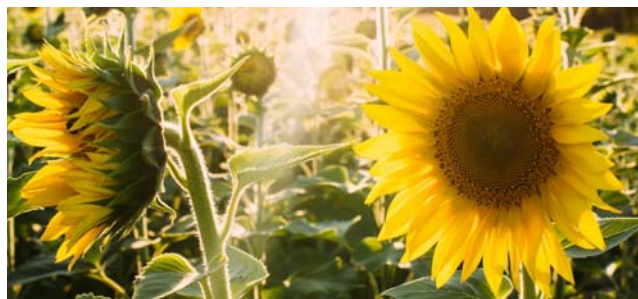


TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
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TRINITY TIDINGS

AUGUST 2023

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Sunday, 10:30am Holy Communion




TOGETHER IN COMMUNITY

LIVING WITH CHRIST'S LOVE

CARING FOR NEIGHBORS

AUGUST 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
EVERY SUNDAY 10:30 AM WORSHIP & HOLY COMMUNION		9:30 am Quilters 1	2	3	4	5
9:30 am Congregational Life committee meeting 6  10:15 am Hymn Sing-Along 10:30 am Worship 2:00 pm Doorstep HVAC Celebration	7	9:30 am Quilters 8	9	10	11	12
9:45 am Adult Sunday School 13 10:30 am Worship 2 pm PFLAG meeting	14	9:30 am Quilters 15	16	17	18	19
9:30 am Community Relations committee mtg 20 10:30 am Worship	21	9:30 am Quilters 22 7 pm TLHA	23	24 Sept. 2023 Trinity Tidings deadline	25	26 10:00 am-noon HOT NIA National Night Out
9:45-10:15 Children's Sunday School 27 10:30 am Worship	28	9:30 am Quilters 29	30	31		



Pastor's Letter

"Heaven and Earth were finished, down to the last detail. By the seventh day, God had finished the work. On the seventh day, God rested and it was good."
Genesis 2:1-2

August used to be viewed as a summer month with a few differences. We knew harvest began for some crops, and back-to-school sales came at the end of the month. After all, school used to start right after Labor Day. But nowadays, due to a constantly moving set of days off for students and in-service days, we see school creeping up almost to the first week of August. On a recent shopping trip to my local Walmart, the aisles are already lined with back-packs, notebooks, and supplies of all kinds preparing for the arrival of the school year. So is August still summer or the beginning of fall? I don't have an answer as to how the month should be classified to reflect the changing social scene. On the other hand, I do know that it's a time when we can recenter our focus as a church on our relationship with rest.

Just a couple of Sundays ago, I spoke of the importance of Sabbath (rest) for us in our lives of faith. Rest is something that God made for us all the way back in the beginning of time. It is something that God stated was "good" for all

creation. Yet, in our society we are often racing toward the next target. When we walk into the stores, we are bombarded with what should be next on the calendar. While I spoke of back-to-school already being up in the aisles; there was also Halloween peeking through the boxes yet unpacked by employees. Our culture constantly pushes us to the next holiday or season without taking a break. We are hardly present for the moment we are in when all of a sudden another must be planned.

At the Rostered Ministers Gathering, we had a wonderful sermon from Bishop Vashti McKenzie of the African Methodist Church. The main point of her sermon focused on just "pressing pause." That without proper rest in our spiritual lives; we often neglect to see the good that God has placed in our lives. We need to press pause when we sit down for a meal for example. To acknowledge the gifts of our farmers and the skills of our cooks. We need to press pause to see how God has provided a roof over our heads and comfort in the air conditioning. We need to press pause to just look at our loved ones around the table; our partners, our family, our friends. In pressing pause and giving ourselves a moment of rest, we

are allowing God into our lives and lifting up our thankfulness for all that is present. By taking rest, we allow ourselves to be rooted in our place and in our community in such a way for us to see the good in all of creation.

So, while we are in the month of August that seems to be caught in-between summer and fall, we face this liminal time where we have a choice in how we can approach our time together. We can take this time to be present in the moment or we can hurry our minds to the future. I would encourage us be sure to take a moment of rest for our souls. Just take a moment of rest to be present in all that God has given to us. To spend time with our loved ones away from the hustle of the world. In the words of Bishop McKenzie, I hope this coming month you get a chance to just "press pause" and give thanks for all the good that God has placed in our lives.

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



AUGUST READINGS

August 6 — Tenth Sunday of Pentecost

Isaiah 55:1-5
 Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21
 Romans 9:1-5
 Matthew 14:13-21

August 13 — Eleventh Sunday of Pentecost

1 Kings 19:9-18
 Psalm 85:8-13
 Romans 10:5-15
 Matthew 14:22-33

August 20 — Twelfth Sunday of Pentecost

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8
 Psalm 67
 Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32
 Matthew 15:10-28

August 27 — Thirteenth Sunday of Pentecost

Isaiah 51:1-6
 Psalm 138
 Romans 12:1-8
 Matthew 16:13-20

AUGUST CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

2 Monica Spencer
 4 Janeen Horton
 6 Shelley Andrews
 6 Jimmy King
 11 Ella Bosch
 12 Glenda Visocsky
 12 Bryah Wakes
 15 Brian McGinnis
 27 Loni Reece
 29 Adrienne Hutchison
 29 Heather Klamm

BAPTISMS

3 LaVell Winsor
 13 Marilyn Heckman
 21 Glenda Visocsky
 26 Camdyn Ralph
 26 Carsyn Ralph
 29 Janeen Horton

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

1 David & Cindy McGinnis
 2 Bob & Pam Kobbeman
 5 Rick & Janice Greenlee
 10 Bob & Janeen Horton
 15 Tom & Mary Heald



COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

JULY 10, 2023

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- Pr. Andrew reported that he offered an informational session July 9 about Messy Church with the goal of passing leadership of children’s Sunday School to others in the congregation. Only two persons attended. The question raised was how do we get parents and grandparents involved? Follow-up was referred to the Congregational Life subcommittee on Learning.
- Community Relations committee gave these updates: Neighborhood Night Out for Old Town has been moved to August 26. Trinity to provide food. Doorstep having wrap-up celebration of its 55th anniversary August 6 with recognition of donors (including Trinity) who gave to fund for new heating/air conditioning system. Community

Garden has 18 new beds with a fence and camera to be installed later this summer. Possible development of campus ministry at Washburn. Will participate in interest group meeting in August with First and Our Saviors.

- Maintenance committee reported annual fire inspection has been completed with replacement of one fire extinguisher and one emergency light. Some lights in sanctuary not working due to breaker not working. Lesser Electric will do the repairs.
- Administrative committee is exploring possible use of some of our spaces by outside groups/activities. This could be a source of income to support our congregation as well as an outreach to the community.



National Night Out

We are all invited to join our Historic Old Town NIA for National Night Out and participate in the fun on **August 26th, starting at 10:00am.**

There will food — hot dogs, chips, ice cream — games, and getting to know our neighbors here in the Historic Old Town neighborhood.

The NIA is looking for someone willing to organize some games for the event. Games such as horse shoes, corn hole, and others would be great. If you would be willing to help with this, please contact Cindy in the church office, 785.233.0767 or email office@topekatlc.org or anyone on the Community Relations Committee.

If you would like to know more about National Night Out, here are some links that provide some background:

- <https://natw.org/about/>
- https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/National_Night_Out
- <https://www.ojp.gov/pdffiles1/bja/180775.pdf>
- <https://www.spokanecops.org/10-reasons-to-host-a-national-night-out-party>

See the full page flyer on page 6.





Sunday School

Adults: First Session from “Romans” a study guide from Augsburg Fortress. The first session’s theme is “What must I do to be saved? (Romans 3:9-31)” Please read Romans 3:9-31 before our time together.

Children: We will be doing a series on “God in Nature”. Our first class will focus on the references in the Bible to God and the mountains.



DOORSTEP
Neighbors Helping Neighbors

AUGUST 2023

The money was raised...the new system has been installed...and, now it's time to celebrate, and give thanks! We had a successful 55th Anniversary ~ HVAC Fund collection! We exceeded our goal for the new system, and that gives us additional funds to assist with rent and utilities for our neighbors in need! Please join us on **Sunday, August 6, 2023 at 2pm** in the Doorstep Conference Room as we recognize the successful campaign and support of the community, along with the major donors, companies and individuals, who donated \$2,500 or more. We greatly appreciate everyone who donated to this special fund allowing us to make this major upgrade to our building! Many people are struggling right

now as the cost of nearly everything has increased! Our neighbors are struggling to keep food on the table, and the bills paid, if they can. For those who were barely making it before, they now feel like they are drowning. As staff and agency, we are trying to help people in the best ways we can, with services, and with information on community programs and services they may take part in to reduce their expenses, or increase their income.

In the past four months of 2023 (March-June) Doorstep has experienced a 43% increase in the number households receiving food assistance compared to the same timeframe in 2022. We have provided food for 47% more individuals being fed with those food orders,

and have given out 42,093 pounds of food in the past four months.

Doorstep has exhausted our 2023 Project Topeka funds of \$11,000 used to purchase staple food items, and we have spent another \$17,156 purchasing food to help keep our shelves stocked to fill the requests.

During the pandemic we went from providing food every 60 days to every 30 days, and have kept it at that timeframe since. But, it is becoming a challenge to give out full food orders containing all of the items we normally provide for our neighbors to put meals together.

We know times are tough for everyone, but we would ask that you give where you can, so that we can all continue to help our neighbors in need in our community.



You are invited to chill out with us and celebrate
Doorstep's 55th anniversary!

It's hot outside, but it's cool inside Doorstep, thanks to you and others
who helped provide our new HVAC system!

Please stop by Doorstep on **Sunday, August 6, at 2 p.m.**
Cool refreshments will be served and many thanks offered!

Please let us know if you will be able to join us
by calling **785-357-5341** or emailing lisa@doorstepinc.com.



Thank you!



First Lutheran Church of Topeka announces a *Growing in Prayer Workshop* that will be held September 16th at the church. Rev. Ernie Hinojosa will lead the event. Pastor Ernie is pastor of Rejoice Lutheran Church in Coppell, Texas. This will be a daylong experiential event focusing on prayer. We would like to invite members of your church to join us for this exciting day. There will be no charge, but registration is required since lunch will be provided.



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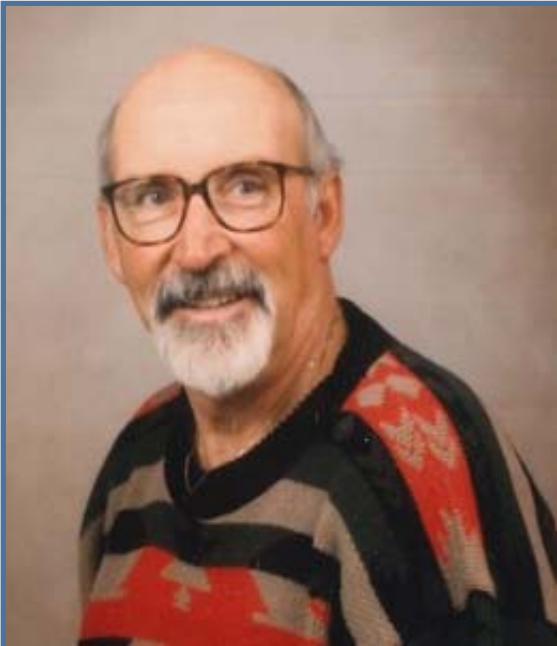
You are invited to a Neighborhood block party for Historic Old Town NIA!

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m
Date: Saturday, Aug. 26th, 2023

Location:
Trinity Lutheran Church
725 SW Buchanan

The Sweet and Salty Social
Come enjoy ice cream and
snacks and get to know
your neighbors. National
Night Out is an alcohol and
drug free event.





Donald Ray "Donnie" O'Brien, 84, of Topeka, passed away Wednesday, May 31, 2023. He was born December 19, 1938, in Overbrook, Kansas, the son of Andrew and Thelma (Snethen) O'Brien.

He graduated from Overbrook High School in 1956. He continued his education at VoTech, studying Mechanics.

Donnie worked for Wildcat Concrete Services where he was the Bridge Superintendent until his retirement.

He was a hands on type of guy. If there was something that needed fixed, he'd fix it, especially when it came to classic cars. You would find him restoring all sorts of cars; from his El Camino to other vehicles he would come across. His 1958 Chevy Impala, which he bought brand new, was one of his prized possessions. His baby though, was his 1984 Chevy Corvette. He also enjoyed drag racing in his spare time where he won several first place trophies.

Donnie was a faithful member of the Lutheran Church since the 1970s.

He was completely devoted to his family. His family meant the world to him. He was known in the neighborhood as Grandpa Don. He enjoyed his dogs and liked to walk them whenever he could. He loved working with kids when he could and even coached baseball from T-Ball on up.

Donald married the love of his life Charlotte Ann Gainer on October 29, 1960 in Overbrook at the Overbrook Methodist Church; she survives of the home. Other survivors include his children, Patsy Frison and Shawn (Kristin) O'Brien; grandchildren, Robert (Steph) Frison, Conner (Megan) O'Brien, Riley O'Brien, and one great grandson, Sage O'Brien. He was preceded in death by his parents and brothers, Jerry O'Brien and Wayne O'Brien and his sister Wilma Kramer.

Funeral Services were held at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, June 6, 2023 at Trinity Lutheran Church 725 SW Buchanan St, Topeka, KS 66606. The family greeted friends an hour prior to the service. Burial took place at Memorial Park Cemetery in Topeka, KS.

Memorial contributions may be made to Trinity Lutheran Church 725 SW Buchanan St, Topeka, KS 66606 or to Helping Hands Humane Society 5720 SW 21st, Topeka, KS 66604-3720.



Michael Morse Jackson (74), of Topeka, passed away on May 23, 2023, after a courageous battle with cancer, surrounded by his loving family. Mike was born to Dr. Robert Doster and Margaret Anne Jackson in Madison, Wisconsin, April 1, 1949. Mike was the second oldest of seven children. He graduated from Topeka High, attended University of Wisconsin – Platteville and graduated from the University of Kansas. He earned his law degree from Washburn University, and practiced law in Topeka for over forty years. He also served as a pro tem judge at times during his long career.

Before that life as a scholar and professional took hold, Mike began assembling the skills and temperament that would serve him so well as an adult. At the age of 14, he paddled and portaged a canoe with half a dozen teenagers from Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada to Hudson Bay, Saskatchewan, Canada. Traversing nearly 1000 miles gave him the initial endurance, both physical and mental, that he relied on through the many challenges that life handed him.

With an aptitude for fixing things, it was no surprise that he ended up in law. Friends say he came out of the womb a carpenter, and it became an enduring passion and gift throughout his entire life. He spent 10 years working as a carpenter, in Colorado, with his first wife Janet and their daughter Gretchan, and later in Madison, Wisconsin. He built his parent's cabin on Lake Mendota in Wisconsin and spent years and late hours restoring his downtown law offices to their original 1886 design. Endless puzzles stretched out in front of him, one angle, one stair tread, one board at a time. Where the rest of us might sigh and google "dry rot," he'd soon be heard outside, whistling, pencil behind his ear. He loved mechanics and engines, flying airplanes, riding motorcycles, sailing, and restoring every part of a roaring, wine red 1976 Datsun 280Z.

Music was another puzzle for Mike who loved classic rock and roll, singing, and noodling around on his turquoise electric guitar. He could pick up and hold a tune on any given song, even when he obviously didn't have the lyrics right. His love of his music was superseded only by his family. In fact, when a girl backed over a stack of his vinyls on their first date, he still found it in his heart to marry her.

Despite the crushed records, Mike cherished his wife, Laurie, and his children. Together, Mike and Laurie lived a life of joy, creating a welcoming home for their family and friends. There is a reason that all of us disparate souls felt at home the second we walked in the door. Few went more than five minutes before being told by Mike, "Hey, you need to try this cheese." They found joy in nature, and spent many happy days together gardening, and reclaiming wild land. Mike knew and appreciated every plant, even, grudgingly, the honeysuckle which was clearly outwitting him. He was an avid fisherman and especially enjoyed fishing with his brothers on expeditions to Canada and shared that love for adventure with his children.

The compassion that made Mike an excellent lawyer and advocate for those who are too easily overlooked came from a deep well. Mike's kind and thoughtful nature made him a beloved father. His way of imparting assurance, and an ease and humor with a knowing wry smile and gentle voice will always be with his children. He never asked a question without expecting a thoughtful answer back, and he found a way to bring that out in all of us.

Mike is survived by his wife Laurie and his children Gretchan (Kurt and Rory), Parker, Rosie, and Alex (Jordin and Jacob). He is also survived by his six siblings (Bob, Liz, Julie, Jon, Peter, Margaret); his first wife and friend Janet Fritts Jackson; special friends Brandy and Bailey whom he helped raise; and Georgia "Jo" Taylor who worked alongside Mike for over 30 years. Thank you to the people who lovingly cared for Mike at Midland Care. Mike will be remembered in his community as a professional and friend who cared enough to generously serve those who needed him. We don't always see when something in our lives is broken, but Mike was there ready to fix it, and we reached for the hand he offered.

Services were held Saturday May 27, 2023, 10:00 AM at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, 8th & Buchanan, Topeka, KS. Visitation began at 9:00 AM. Memorial contributions may be sent to Habitat for Humanity in Topeka or Midland Care or Trinity Lutheran Church.