

TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
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TRINITY TIDINGS

SEPTEMBER 2023

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WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, 10:30am Holy Communion



TOGETHER IN COMMUNITY

LIVING WITH CHRIST'S LOVE

CARING FOR NEIGHBORS

SEPTEMBER 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
<p>9:30 am Congregational Life committee meeting 3</p> <p> 10:15 am Hymn Sing-Along</p> <p>10:30 am Worship</p>	<p>Labor Day office closed 4</p>	<p>9 am Quilters 5</p>	6	7	8	9
<p>9:45 am Adult Sunday School 10</p> <p>10:30 am Worship</p> <p>2 pm PFLAG meeting</p>	11	<p>9 am Quilters 12</p>	13	14	15	<p>16 10 am Ducks for Doorstep @ Lake Shawnee</p>
<p>9:30 am Community Relations committee mtg 17</p> <p>10:30 am Worship</p>	<p>8 am Hollis Blessings Abound Golf Tournament 18</p>	<p>9 am Quilters 19</p>	20	21	22	23
<p>9:45-10:15 Children's Sunday School 24</p> <p>10:30 am Worship</p>	25	<p>9 am Quilters 26</p> <p>7 pm TLHA</p>	27	28	29	30



Pastor's Letter

“Therefore, siblings in Christ, you must be patient as you wait for the coming of the Lord. Consider the farmer who waits patiently for the coming of rain in the fall and spring, looking forward to the precious fruit of the earth.” -James 5:7

I have noticed that people in our congregation and community put a lot of work into their gardens. Planting, watering, weeding, pruning or harvesting. Some of us are even trying our hand at growing plants in buckets together with our neighbors so that even those without yards are participating in this ritual of the warm months. There's something about those green plants and colorful flowers that calls us to endure heat and bugs. It's pretty amazing what we do for such a short, growing season. All that work, and it will disappear with the browning of the leaves. In a short time, all the plants and flowers, all the colors and textures, will be gone. Why work so hard for something that is here today and gone tomorrow?

It is because it gives us connection with life. A connection with something that God created from the beginning of time, called it good, and called us to nurture its future for our wellbeing. There's a reason green is the color of the Church during the summer. Green is the color of life and growth. Green is

the color of the plants pushing up out of the earth, reaching for the sun. Green is the color of the leaf buds, sprouting out on branches. Like those plants and buds, we reach for life during this season. You will have noticed with the gospel messages in the lectionary that we focus on the life of Jesus during these months and orient our focus on how to follow in those footsteps of life that Christ has given us.

Maybe we work so hard on our gardens here in Kansas because the winter is long. In our current days, we live in the harsher realities of the environment. It seems as if our winters get colder and our summers are hotter. We live surrounded by increasing browning of the natural world around us. Yet, we need the green of life more these days than ever to remind us of our care for this precious Earth that God has entrusted to us. We need the reminder that we live on a planet that is becoming more fragile not only for us here on the plains but for the whole world. At the moment of writing this, we have seen the destruction from wildfire of many communities in Maui (and, if possible, I implore you to support our rescue efforts through Lutheran Disaster Relief at <https://community.elca.org/uswildfires>).

While we face these current environmental issues that can be daunting to overcome, I believe that God has placed in us that care for creation that will ensure life will win the day. God will give us a way forward to tackle these problems we have created even if it means we are doing it by planting one tree or garden at a time. When we stare into the shades of green in the garden or walk in the woods, we receive God's gift of life through our care of creation. When we dig and plant and even weed, we receive life. Yes, the green and the leaves will be gone before we know it as fall turns the land brown, but we will have seen and touched and smelled it this summer and will be working to revive it in the coming spring. It will have given us life and we will return its favor by caring for God's green Earth in due time.

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



SEPTEMBER READINGS

September 3 — Fourteenth Sunday of Pentecost

Jeremiah 15:15-21
 Psalm 26:1-8
 Romans 12:9-21
 Matthew 16:21-28

September 10 — Fifteenth Sunday of Pentecost

Ezekiel 33:7-11
 Psalm 119:33-40
 Romans 13:8-14
 Matthew 18:15-20

September 17 — Sixteenth Sunday of Pentecost

Genesis 50:15-21
 Psalm 103:1-13
 Romans 14:1-12
 Matthew 18:21-35

September 24 — Seventeenth Sunday of Pentecost

Jonah 3:10—4:11
 Psalm 145:1-8
 Philippians 1:21-30
 Matthew 20:1-16

AUGUST CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Ellen Irwin
- 3 David Ralph
- 6 Bob Horton
- 7 Laurie Jackson
- 14 Janice Greenlee
- 16 Elania King
- 18 Diane Bottorff
- 30 Dean McGinnis

BAPTISMS

- 1 Parker Jackson
- 3 Asher Klamm
- 4 Charlotte Blenden
- 7 Hudson Ralph
- 10 Ted Quast
- 15 Mary McGinnis
- 16 Jake Kennedy
- 16 Zane Kennedy
- 23 Janelle Meredith
- 28 Andy Winsor

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- 9 Larry & Mary McGinnis
- 24 Junior & Liz Utech



Sunday afternoon, October 22, please come volunteer at Doorstep. Here's another opportunity for Trinity members and friends to help support Doorstep. Details of this event will be in the October Tidings.

Please see the flyer on page 7 to learn about Doorstep's entry into the Great Topeka Duck Race and how you can help. Then turn to page 8 for information about Doorstep's annual walk/run fundraiser event on October 1st. If you would like to participate in the walk, please contact the church office, 785.233.0767 or email office@topekatlc.org, to get the registration form and sponsor sign-up sheet. I can either email to you or print, if you'd like to stop by and pick up the forms.



DOORSTEP
 Neighbors Helping Neighbors



COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

AUGUST 14, 2023

CONGREGATION
COUNCIL

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- A major part of the August meeting involved meeting with Central States Synod Bishop Associate Pr. David Whetter. His guidance is necessary as we plan for transition. Questions Pr. Whetter asked the council included: Where is Trinity headed? What is our sustainability? He is providing council with a Sustainability Survey to complete and return to him. Results of this survey can help guide us moving forward. A Transition Team will be formed prior to forming a Call Committee.
- Committee reports included:
 - Spiritual Life-new kits for home communion have arrived. They were purchased using Vickie Jacobs memorial funds.
 - Maintenance is getting an estimate to repair issues we are having with the

elevator; PCI cleaned the air conditioning unit for the hallway between Trinity Hall and the sanctuary. Community Relations- Pr. Andrew and three members attended Doorstep's 55th anniversary wrap-up celebration where donors, including Trinity, were recognized for significant donations toward replacement of the HVAC system.

- Treasurer Bob Kobbeman was present for a portion of the meeting to answer questions about use of some of the restricted funds.



Pr. Andrew and Diane Bottorff receiving the honorary check that represents our contribution to Doorstep's HVAC system upgrade. The presentation was done at Doorstep's wrap-up celebration on August 6th, 2023. Other Trinity members in attendance at the celebration were Andy & LaVell Winsor.

If you will remember, at our 151st anniversary celebration in August 2020, we asked for donations of \$55, in honor of Doorstep's 55 years of service to our neighbors in need.



Together: Traveling the Way of Jesus



Your mission support

August 2023, Second Quarter

Candidacy is the process of preparation and formation for those seeking to be rostered ministers in the ELCA (pastors and deacons). In the Lutheran tradition, a person's call to public ministry is internal (an individual discerns they have the gifts and desire to serve) and external (the church body provides the education, training and issues the call.) In addition to the committee funds provided in the synod budget, the synod's mission endowment gives seminary scholarships to candidates.



Ministry Story –

Candidacy Committee

The work of the synod candidacy committee, which accompanies individuals in their journey to become pastors and deacons, is supported by the synod budget. There are currently seven individuals in candidacy in our synod. Two of whom will soon be ordained. Brenda Rodger has received a call to serve two congregations in western Kansas, and Joanne Hickey received a call as a hospice chaplain. Here are a few of our other candidates. . .



Like many others called to ministry, my journey of discernment has not been linear. It has wound through graduate school, mission in Argentina, and cross-country moves for outdoor ministry work, seminary, and now internship. The Central States Synod's Mission Support helped support these and other opportunities that have helped me discern God's call and shaped my ministerial identity in our rapidly changing world. - **Eric Jensen**



I am so thankful for the multi-faceted support I have received as a part of the Synod: formation in various congregations, discernment conversations with friends and synod staff, candidacy events, and personal conversations with the candidacy coordinator and relator. I have just completed my 2nd year at Luther Seminary and am entering an internship. I am excited and grateful for the support as I grow in this process. - **Lisa Simmelink**



My candidacy journey has been long and full of ups and downs. The committee has accompanied and supported me along the way. Discerning God's will in our lives is a difficult and rewarding task. I am grateful to have the guidance of the candidacy committee in addition to the Holy Spirit throughout this discernment process. - **Elizabeth Carr**

Mission Support Update

We continue to experience a decline in giving from congregations. As of the end of the 2nd quarter (May – July), we received \$629,308.11 from congregations. Along with churchwide grants, reimbursements and other giving we received a total \$684,851.94; our expenses were \$723,806.00, leaving a deficit of \$38,954.06.

Thanks and Invitation

Thank you for continuing to support the work we do together as we travel the way of Jesus, lifting up individuals who shepherd, support, challenge, and proclaim this way of Jesus. In addition to mission support, consider supporting and building up the synod's endowment fund which provides scholarships. The synod also encourages you to take notice, affirm and encourage the gifts you see in those in your community, yourself included, who might just be called to public ministry either as an ordained minister or a synod authorized minister.



Sunday School

Adults: Romans 3:9-31 (same as last month). We will cover the Lutheran and Devotional contexts of the scripture this month.

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



First Lutheran Church of Topeka, 1234 SW Fairlawn Road, announces a *Growing in Prayer Workshop* that will be held September 16th at 1st Lutheran. Rev. Ernie Hinojosa, pastor of Rejoice Lutheran Church in Coppell, Texas and Rev. Louise Johnson, Executive Director for Administration ELCA will lead the event. This will be a daylong experiential event focusing on prayer.

Registration starts at 8:30 with the first session beginning at 9:00. Lunch will be 12:00 to 1:00, and the afternoon session will be 1:00 to 3:00.

We would like to invite members of your church to join us for this exciting event. A freewill offering will be divided between Doorstep and Lutheran World Relief. Please use this link to register.

<https://forms.gle/fbLksZNCnkEF5YCy8>

If you have any questions, please contact Joyce Koenig (501-781-5692) at koenig1942@hotmail.com



DOORSTEP SEPTEMBER 2023
Neighbors Helping Neighbors



There are more of our neighbors in need of food assistance in 2023! We all know when we go to the store these days that we come out with less food for the same money as a year ago! For our neighbors who are already struggling to make ends meet, keeping their rent and utilities paid, having kids out of school and home this summer, and dealing with the crisis that life can throw at us... keeping food on the table has become a bigger challenge than before. With all the extras the pandemic provided gone, and the prices of everything increased, people are seeking assistance for food more and more! Doorstep's numbers have doubled since this time last year, and we are struggling to keep enough food in stock to provide a full food order. We have already spent an additional \$15,000 purchasing food in 2023 just trying to meet the need, and keep our neighbors fed. In the first seven months of 2023, we have assisted almost as many households with food as we did for all of 2022.

Food Assistance:
 (Doorstep)

Jan – July 2023

Households: 1,182
 Individuals: 2,938
 Pounds Given: 71,234

Jan – Dec 2022

Households: 1,225
 Individuals: 3,006
 Pounds Given: 81,013

Clearly, the need is greater for food than it has been in years. If you can, please give, and help stock our shelves. If you are in need, or know someone who is, please tell them about Doorstep.



Join us for our **6th Annual Neighbor Helping Neighbor Walk/5K Fun Run** set for **Sunday, October 1st, at 2pm**, at Lake Shawnee.

Get your family and friends together for some exercise, snacks, and fellowship at the lake while raising funds for Doorstep! We have everything available online on our website under the Events Tab: www.DoorstepTopeka.org. You can download the flyer and registration form to mail in, drop off at our office, or register online. To guarantee an event t-shirt you need to register by **September 13th**. However, we will continue to take late and event day registrations. One child age 10 & under can walk for free (t-shirt extra) with one paid adult. Registration is \$30 per person or get sponsors to cover your fee and donate to Doorstep (sponsor form is also on our website). Our pal, **Chris Fisher** with WIBW-TV will be our Celebrity Starter again this year!

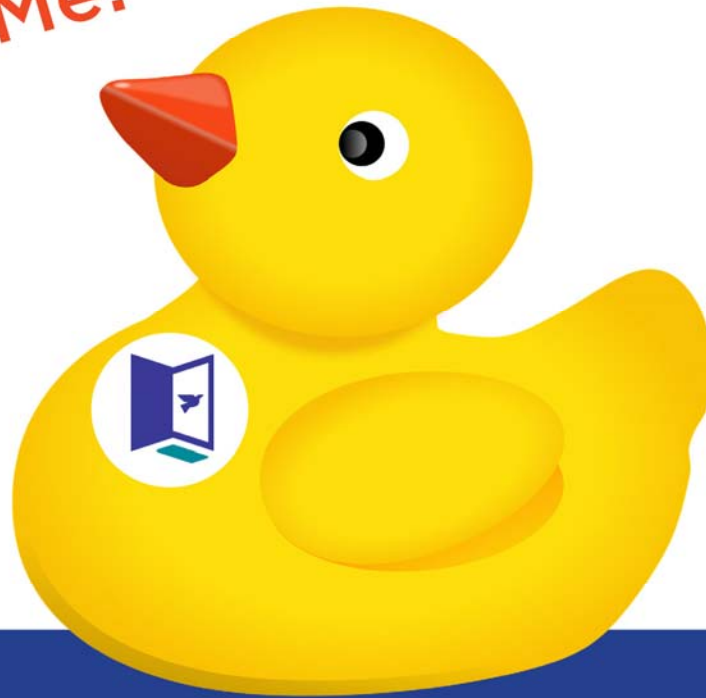


New this year... **Ducks for Doorstep!** Doorstep has registered with the Great Topeka Duck Race, and you can buy your ducks through our link on their website to support Doorstep and try to win prizes!

The **Great Topeka Duck Race is Saturday, September 16th** at 10am, at Lake Shawnee. Visit www.duckrace.com/topeka/teams, select Doorstep, Inc. and adopt one Duck, a Family, Flock or an Oodle with a credit card payment. It's as easy as that!

SUPPORT DOORSTEP! WIN PRIZES!

Adopt Me!



Ducks for Doorstep · Great Topeka Duck Race

Adopt a duck for **only \$5**, and compete in the 28th Annual Sertoma Great Topeka Duck Race!
You don't have to be present to win!

When: 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 16, 2023

Where: Lake Shawnee, south of the Adventure Cove
(parking at Tinman Circle)

Why: It's fun! And you will be supporting your community through Doorstep. Everyone has an equal chance to win a prize!

How: Visit www.duckrace.com/topeka/teams, select Doorstep, Inc. and adopt one or more ducks with a credit card payment. It's as easy as that!



Adopt a duck!

Learn about Doorstep!





Walkers & Runners are invited to participate in our 6th Annual

Neighbor Helping Neighbor Walk/5K Fun Run

A Fundraiser for Doorstep, Inc.

Location: Lake Shawnee Shelter Houses 1 & 2, West Edge Road

Date: Sunday, October 1, 2023

Check-In & Late Registration: 1:00PM to 1:45PM

Time: One Mile Walk & 5K Fun Run to begin at 2:00PM

Celebrity Starter for the Walk/Run is:

Chris Fisher ~ WIBW-TV

Plan to join us at Lake Shawnee for fun & fellowship, raising funds for Doorstep!

Snacks & drinks will be provided at the finish of the Walk/5K Fun Run in Shelter House #1

Enjoy ~ Cookies, granola bars, fresh fruit, juice, and water

One Mile Walk/5K Fun Run Registration is Due by September 13, 2023 to Guarantee an event t-shirt!

Late & Event Day Registrations Accepted. (T-shirt not guaranteed)

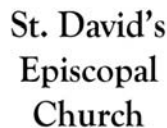
Registration is \$30 for individuals or pledges (\$30 minimum).

One registered child age 10 & under may walk for FREE with a paid adult. (T-shirt extra)

T-shirt included with \$30 registration fee or on total pledges of \$100+. Registrations received after September 13th cannot be guaranteed a t-shirt.

Go to www.DoorstepTopeka.org (under the Events Tab) to register online or for registration/sponsor forms.

Thank you to our sponsors:





Historic Old Town NIA & NNO40

Hosted by Trinity Lutheran Church in partnership with Historic Old Town NIA, Saturday morning, August 26th, and enjoyed by about 60 adults and children. We appreciate and thank the

partnerships with Trinity, Historic Old Town NIA, Family Forever Services, Topeka Police Department, Shawnee County Sheriff Office and our neighborhood Topeka Fire Department Station 4 making this event a

huge success. The damp start to the morning did help keep the temperature down but did not dampen the spirits of those in attendance. Everyone in attendance enjoyed hotdogs, chips, ice cream surrounded by a sense of community visiting with each other. Historic Old Town NIA provided information on several community programs and Richard Martinez of Family Forever Services assisted eligible people through the ACP program providing Android phones and tablets if they met guidelines. A BIG THANK YOU to all the volunteers who came to help make this event a HUGE SUCCESS



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REGISTER YOUR TEAM TODAY!



SEPTEMBER 18, 2023

BLESSINGS ABOUT GOLF BENEFIT 2023

Monday, September 18, 2023
The Golf Club at Falcon Lakes
8 AM Shotgun Start

We are back! Join us for our annual *Blessings About Golf Benefit* at Falcon Lakes in Basehor, Kansas. This is always a good time for all involved; support the ministry of Christian hospitality in KC and have a fine day with friends on one of the best courses in the metro.

[Find our more, learn about becoming a sponsor and register your team today on our website.](#)

**4 PERSON SCRAMBLE
8 AM SHOTGUN START
LUNCH & AWARDS CEREMONY
ON COURSE GAMES & PRIZES
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