

TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
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TRINITY TIDINGS

NOVEMBER 2023

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Sunday, 10:30am Holy Communion




TOGETHER IN COMMUNITY

LIVING WITH CHRIST'S LOVE

CARING FOR NEIGHBORS

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SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

EVERY SUNDAY 10:30 AM WORSHIP & HOLY COMMUNION 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.		1	2	3	4			
 10:15 am Hymn Sing-Along 10:30 am Worship 12:00 Noon Congregational Life committee meeting	5	6	9 am Quilters	7	8	9	10	11
9:45-10:15 Adult Sunday School 10:30 am Worship Special collection for Bethany Village	12	13	9 am Quilters	14	15	16 December 2023 Trinity Tidings deadline	17	18
6 pm Council								
9:30 am Community Relations committee mtg 10:30 am Worship Blessing of the Quilts	19	20	9 am Quilters	21	22	23 Thanksgiving Day (office will be closed)	24	25
9:45-10:15 Children's Sunday School Christ the King Sunday 10:30 am Worship	26	27	9 am Quilters	28	29	30		
			7 pm TLHA					



Pastor's Letter

"Don't remember the prior things; don't ponder ancient history. Look! I'm doing a new thing; now it sprouts up; don't you recognize it? I'm making a way in the desert, paths in the wilderness." -Isaiah 43:18-19

The leaving of a pastor can often result in many feelings and emotions about the experience that a congregation has had during that call. Some in the congregation will share feelings of loss and mourning during these next couple of months remembering the good times. Some in the congregation will be renewed and joyful over thinking about what the future may hold. And some will have a mixture of all of these feelings. In my leaving this call, I would ask that you not remember me as a perfect or as a horrible pastor, but just remember me as an honest pastor that tried my best to ensure that Trinity has a tomorrow in ministry. That was the challenge of coming to Trinity at the beginning. There were several people that stated the church wouldn't have another six months or asked me when I planned to start work on closing the congregation down. My response to them then and my response to you today is that I was not called to Trinity to find an ending, but I was called because you all have a future in ministry as a people of faith.

While I cannot comment on what direction Trinity might take, I might have some pastoral recommendations for things to remember during this time of change. The first is to not fight one another in this time of transition. There will be moments when you will feel different about future directions. In Paul's words (2 Timothy 2:24), don't argue, but be kind to one another, share your views, and have patience with each other. By Luther, let us always remember to view those we disagree with in the most positive light. The second point is to not forget those who are not in the pews. Keep up with our homebound members as they dearly love Trinity and there is now a system in place to preserve those connections. Remember that we now have a whole group of people that watch Trinity online every week. Build on that and reach out to them so that they feel included in all that Trinity is doing. The third point is to remember the children. Jesus in his ministry uses children three times (Matthew 18:1-10, Matthew 19:13-15, Luke 18:15-17) to demonstrate what heaven should look like. Therefore, if Sunday morning is our taste of heaven on earth, then the children have to be a part of that vision. When I first came, I remember people telling me that we didn't have any

children. In some regards, that was true because there was nothing for them, but there were children in our community. Together, we created a space for them, a Sunday for them to play with the rest of us, and even had 19 of them this past Easter. Therefore, from the deepest well of my heart, I hope that Trinity can continue to provide a space for them to grow in their faith and most important to provide a place where they know God (and you) love them.

So while God has now called us to different paths, let's not forget to look for the new paths in our lives on the journey ahead. We know that God will provide even if we feel like we have been thrown in the wilderness. Trinity has been here before and I have faith that this will not be the last. Farewell my friends in Christ for this part of the journey and I hope to see all the great work that God will bless for Trinity in the future.

Peace of Christ.

Pr. Andrew Patty



NOVEMBER READINGS

November 5 — All Saints Sunday

Revelation 7:9-17
 Psalm 34:1-10, 22
 1 John 3:1-3
 Matthew 5:1-12

November 12 — 24th Sunday of Pentecost

Amos 5:18-24
 Psalm 70
 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
 Matthew 25:1-13

November 19 — 25th Sunday of Pentecost

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
 Psalm 90 1-12
 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
 Matthew 25:14-30

November 26 — Christ the King Sunday

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24
 Psalm 95:1-7a
 Ephesians 1:15-23
 Matthew 25:31-46

Christ in Our Home

Each quarter, we receive 15 regular size copies of *Christ in Our Home* and 13 large print copies. At the end of September, when it was time to put out the October through December issue, I recycled nine regular size copies & 11 large print copies.

Do you know this devotional book is available each quarter of the year? If so, please feel free to take one home with you.

NOVEMBER CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

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



This is the group that participated in our workday at Doorstep on October 22nd. Trinity was well represented with 12 people helping that day, plus ShaMecha Simms (president of HOT NIA) and four people from the Asbury-Mt. Olive congregation.



COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS OCTOBER 9, 2023

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- Planning for Transition: Pr. Andrew’s last Sunday will be October 22. Bishop’s Associate, Rev. David Whetter will participate in the service. Bishop Susan Candeia will lead worship on October 29. The following Sundays through December 3 various supply pastors will lead worship. After that time we hope to have a regular supply pastor for Sunday worship. Council completed the Congregational Sustainability Survey for submission to the Synod office. Discussed about formation of a 4 or 5 member Transition Team. Pr. Merle Brockhoff, who is currently interim pastor at Our Savior’s, will be asked to work with the team. Council will meet again with Rev. Whetter the week of October 16.
- Approved a proposal to participate with representatives from First and Our Savior’s to develop preliminary plans for development of a campus ministry at Washburn University. Trinity’s representatives in this process are Debbie Pomeroy and Steve Luoma.
- Approved designation of second Sunday in November as Bethany Village Sunday, with a special offering to support the Chaplaincy Endowment funds of Bethany Village in Lindsborg to ensure spiritual care of the residents.

Sunday School

Adult Sunday school class will meet November 12, 9:45 - 10:15 in Trinity Hall lounge. We will continue studying the book of Romans, using a study guide from Augsburg Fortress. We will focus this month on Romans 6:1-23. Paul invites us to consider death and resurrection, baptism and funerals and slavery to sin. You may want to read this passage from Romans before you come to class.

Children’s Sunday School will meet on November 26th at 9:45 am.





NOVEMBER 2023

Hello Neighbor!

We hope this finds you well. Below you will read about updates and current needs of Doorstep.

If you need emergency assistance, please feel free to call or come in Monday-Friday 9:00 AM to 1:30 PM. We have more information about specific service times on our [website](#).

Doorstep will be closed Friday, November 10th in observance of Veteran's Day

Doorstep will close at 12:00 pm on Wednesday, November 22nd and remain closed through Friday, November 24th in observance of Thanksgiving

Christmas Family Adoption

This year, Doorstep is adopting 260 Shawnee County families from the Christmas Bureau. We need your help in providing Christmas to these families in need.

Please ensure all donations are new!

Current needs for families are:

•Queen & King Size

Blankets One for each household, please NO THROWS!

•Full Size Hygiene Items

Shampoo, conditioner, bar soap, body wash, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, razors, brushes, combs

•Household Items

Griddles, silverware sets, dish sets, saucepans, sheet sets (King & Queen), small laundry baskets with cleaning supplies (all-purpose cleaner, laundry soap & softener, dish soap, rags, scrubbing pads, window cleaner)

•Gifts

Tool sets, cologne & perfume sets, body care sets (men/women)

•Toys & Games

Nerf guns, Lego sets, action figures, dinosaur toys, family board games, puzzles, "Barbie" movie toys

•Hoodies

Men/Women/Teens - varying sizes (Medium - 4x), colors, designs, sports teams, or plain

•Monetary Donations

For purchase of food, gift cards for families, and items we're lacking

Any and all donations are greatly appreciated! We accept physical donations Monday-Friday 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Monetary donations can be brought in during the same hours, mailed to Doorstep at 1119 SW 10th Ave, Topeka, KS 66604, or given online through our ["Donate" page](#).

Please do not leave donations outside our building when we are closed.