

TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
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# TRINITY TIDINGS

JUNE 2024

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TOGETHER IN COMMUNITY

LIVING WITH CHRIST'S LOVE

CARING FOR NEIGHBORS

# JULY 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	9 am Quilters 2	3	4 	5	6
7  10:15 am Hymn Sing-Along  Bring food for Doorstep FOOD DONATION 10:30 am Worship 12:00 Noon Congregational Life committee meeting	8	9:30 am Quilters 9	10	11	12	13
9:30-10:15 Adult Sunday School 14 10:30 am Worship 2 pm PFLAG meeting	15	9:30 am Quilters 16	17	18 August 2024 Trinity Tidings deadline	19	20 6 pm Stroke Support Group
9:30 am Community Relations committee mtg 21 10:30 am Worship	22	9:30 am Quilters 23	24	25	26	27
9:45-10:15 Children's Sunday School 28 10:30 am Worship	29	9:30 am Quilters 30	31	<b>EVERY SUNDAY 10:30 AM WORSHIP &amp; HOLY COMMUNION</b> PLEASE JOIN US FOR COFFEE AND REFRESHMENTS IN FELLOWSHIP HALL DOWNSTAIRS IMMEDIATELY AFTER WORSHIP.		



## Pastor's Letter

### July 2024

Dear Partners in Ministry,

A wild goose chasing after us. Jesus' parables. The Kingdom of God. Crazy Christians. Get in the boat and ride out the storms, Jesus is taking us to the other side.

I hope you recognize some of the recent themes of our summer lectionary scriptures. The Holy Spirit, that wild goose, nudges us forward, living into the relationships and callings us crazy Christians, deviating from societal norms while nurturing the Kingdom of God in this 21st century. The call is urgent and clear . . . Jesus calls us to venture into unfamiliar places, navigating paths that are rocky, barren, fertile or filled with danger. "Scatter the seeds, keep scattering them. The seeds will grow where and when they are supposed to. You've got this because I've got you!"

Living into our Baptismal promises - to **live** among God's faithful people, to **hear** the word of God and **share** in the Lord's supper, to **proclaim** the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to **serve** all people, following the example of Jesus, and to **strive** for justice and peace in all the earth, we wake to each new day, called, claimed and chosen by God, gifted and supported by the Holy Spirit to live as the hands and feet of Jesus in our world. Oh, how we are blessed! Oh, how we

can be a blessing to others!

I leave you with one of my favorite prayers, the vulnerable and honest words of Thomas Merton.

### Prayer by Thomas Merton

*O Lord God, I have no idea where I am going,*

*I do not see the road ahead of me,*

*I cannot know for certain where it will end.*

*Nor do I really know myself,*

*And that fact that I think I am following Your will does not mean that I am actually doing so.*

*But I believe that the desire to please You does in fact please You.*

*And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing.*

*I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire to please You.*

*And I know that if I do this You will lead me by the right road, though I may know nothing about it.*

*Therefore I will trust You always though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death.*

*I will not fear, for You are ever with me, and You will never leave me to make my journey alone.*

In Christ's service,  
Pastor Barb



## JULY READINGS

*July 7 — 7th Sunday of Pentecost*

Ezekiel 2:1-5  
 Psalm 123  
 2nd Corinthians 12:2-10  
 Mark 6:1-13

*July 14 — 8th Sunday of Pentecost*

Amos 7:7-15  
 Psalm 85:8-13  
 Ephesians 1:3-14  
 Mark 6:14-29

*July 21 — 9th Sunday of Pentecost*

Jeremiah 23:1-6  
 Psalm 23  
 Ephesians 2:11-22  
 Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

*July 28 — 10th Sunday of Pentecost*

2nd Kings 4:42-44  
 Psalm 145:10-18  
 Ephesians 3:14-21  
 John 6:1-21

## 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



Trinity's Facebook page is **Trinity Lutheran Topeka.org**. Please like and follow our Facebook page. Whenever you watch, click on "like" and leave comment, even if you just say "hi".

Our services are on Facebook live every Sunday and can be watched 24/7 on our page anytime. When you like and follow our page, it helps our placement when people search Facebook for a church.

Please share this information with your contacts.





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**All Church Clean Up Day  
September 14  
9am to 1pm**

The Administration Committee is hosting an all-church clean up day. There will sign-up sheets for time slots and tasks. Please mark this day on your calendar. More information will be provided at a later date.

**Hymn Sing Along = Food for Our Soul  
Food Donation for Doorstep = Food for Our Neighbors**

Along with our Hymn Sing Along, the first Sunday of each month is also the day we ask you to bring food to church, which will then be taken to Doorstep to help keep their shelves stocked with food for our neighbors.

You can also bring food to the office during office hours; Bob & Janeen will take it to Doorstep at a later time.

**In June, we collected 244 food items (219.2 lbs!!!) for the Doorstep food pantry. What a continued wonderful group effort!**

Please keep Doorstep in mind as you do your grocery shopping and pick up a few items for the next collection on July 7th.





## COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

- President Diane provided info on transition process and Sowing Seeds of Collaboration. Council members were encouraged to participate in a Zoom presentation June 27.
- Diane and Curt shared info from the Synod Assembly.
- A Trinity Clean Up Day was discussed and the date was set for Saturday, September 14, 9am-1pm, with an alternate date of Sept. 21.
- The operation of the food pantry was clarified. Stroke Support Group meets on the 3rd Monday of each month, 5:30 pm, in the library. More info will be coming regarding “Sole Purpose”, a charity that collects tennis shoes. June 30 will be the final date for Doorstep to

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receive five-year plan surveys. An email will be sent to congregation about the survey & Bob Horton will announce at worship.

- Use of the connect/attendance cards will be referred to Welcome committee. A baptism will be rescheduled.
- A new kitchen refrigerator was selected at a cost of \$1,398. There may be memorial funds that can cover the cost.
- A paid Zoom account is needed to make meetings less restricted by time allotment available in the free account. Dean will explore options & pricing.
- A request from the local Scout office will be referred to Community Relations.

*A full copy of the Council minutes is available in the church office and if desired, you may request a copy be mailed or emailed to you.*

## Sunday School

Adult Sunday School will meet July 14, the eighth Sunday after Pentecost. We will study the second lesson that the lector will be reading during worship that day, Ephesians 1:3-14. Plan to come to the Trinity Hall lounge at 9:30.

The theme of children’s Sunday school on July 28 will be **SUMMER CAMP: WALKING YOUR PATH IN LIFE!** The lesson will be based on Psalm 121. Activities will include an obstacle course and making a bookmark.







Trinity Family,  
Thank you for the special day celebrating Brayden's Confirmation. Thank you to Pastor Barb and Cindy for coordinating all of the details and making it a special service. Thank you to Dean, Brian, Steve, Diane and everyone who made the wonderful feast. Thanks to Marcy for videoing the service and Mitch and Laurie for the beautiful music. I'm sure there were

other worker bees behind the scenes that we have missed. It was a very nice service that is a wonderful memory. We also want to express our appreciation to First Lutheran and Pastor Jenny for instructing Brayden over the past two years. I love Pastor Jenny's engaging teaching style and that Brayden was in class with other kids his age. He learned so much. Peace,  
Andy, LaVell, and Brayden





## Doorstep — July 2024



This is a busy time of year for almost everybody! Kids are out of school, people are taking vacations, and the need for our services increases.

Doorstep has three events during the month of July.

First, we are collecting items for **Christmas in July** 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. See our flyer for items you can donate that are available year-round and help us get a jumpstart on Christmas 2024! Please bring your Christmas donations to worship in July, or to Doorstep, Monday – Friday, 8am – 3pm.

Our 4th Summer Cash Bash is happening thanks to our generous, anonymous donor who is offering up to \$10,000 in match money if we receive donations of \$25,000 or more, during the month of July! All donations made during the month of July

will go towards our tally, and hopefully we will exceed \$25,000 to earn us the extra \$10,000!

Please note your congregation on your donations for proper credit! Donations typically drop during the summer months, and this will help Doorstep continue to operate, pay our bills, and help our neighbors in need pay theirs.

Our third event is a ***Re-Imagined Jewelry Benefit for Doorstep in July!***

Drop by [Café Quetzal at 2111 SW Belle Ave](#) and check out this jewelry made mostly from up-cycled popcorn tins! Doorstep, Inc. will receive 95% of the proceeds on all purchases of **Re-Imagined Jewelry in July!**

Watch Doorstep's Facebook page for photos of the earrings you could find at the Café in July. Most earrings range from \$10-\$15!! Support Doorstep and treat yourself!!

Café hours:

Monday – Thursday 6:45am - 4:00pm

Friday 6:45am - 9:00pm

Saturday 8:00am - 4:00pm

Sunday 10:00am - 12:00pm

### 2024 Doorstep Events

- July**      **Christmas in July** - collection of items for the 260 households we will adopt for Christmas.  
**Summer Cash Bash** – requesting donations from our congregations, individuals, and the community to help us earn at least \$10,000 in matching funds from an anonymous donor.  
**Re-Imagined Jewelry** – repurposed decorated tin turned into earrings can be purchased from Café Quetzal with the funds going to Doorstep.
- September 14** **Sertoma Duck Race @ Lake Shawnee.** Doorstep is a participating charity again this year. You can purchase ducks & designate your donations to “Team Ducks for Doorstep”!
- October 12**    **Neighbor Helping Neighbor Walk/5K Fun Run**



# ***Doorstep's Christmas in July***

## ***Donations Needed for this Christmas!***



Help us collect items for our 2024 Christmas adoption of 260 households, with 800+ individuals! Items selected based on previous requests.

### **Creativity Sets**

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



### **Toys**

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



### **Other Items**

Towel Sets - (Bath, Hand & Washcloth) ~ Blankets - 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 season brighter for your neighbors in need!**

**Doorstep's 4th**

# Summer Cash Bash



**Donate to Doorstep during the month of July, and help us earn 'match money' from an anonymous donor!**

**If we receive \$10,000 - We earn \$5,000!**

**If we receive \$17,500 - We earn \$7,500!**

**If we receive \$25,000 - We earn \$10,000!**



## Ways to Donate:

- ◆ **Mail it to Doorstep**
- ◆ **Bring it to our office**
- ◆ **Online [DoorstepTopeka.org](http://DoorstepTopeka.org)**

Please note on your donation if you belong to one of our member congregations...

And that you are donating towards our Cash Bash Match!

This is Doorstep's 4th Summer Cash Bash Event! We started this event in 2019 as a way to help us during the summer months when donations often decrease, and the need for our services typically increase!

Please consider making a donation to help your neighbors in need this July, and help us earn matching funds for Doorstep!

**Doorstep, Inc. 1119 SW 10th Ave  
Topeka, Ks 66604**

**Online: [www.DoorstepTopeka.org](http://www.DoorstepTopeka.org)**

**Office Hours: Monday - Friday 8am - 3pm**



**DOORSTEP**

Neighbors Helping Neighbors