

TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
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TRINITY TIDINGS

AUGUST 2024

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WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, 10:30am Holy Communion



TOGETHER IN COMMUNITY

LIVING WITH CHRIST'S LOVE

CARING FOR NEIGHBORS

AUGUST 2024

SUNDAY

MONDAY



TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

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

September 2024
 Trinity Tidings
 deadline

6 pm
 Stroke Support
 Group



Pastor's Letter

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

Philippians 4:6-7

Dear Partners in Ministry,

It's hard to believe that most of the summer break is behind us. August is here and new beginnings are approaching for many of us. First days of school, first days of college, first days of parenthood, first days of an empty nest, first days without a spouse or loved one, first days of being a survivor or first days of being a fighter. I could go on and on.

Martin Luther reminds us that it is not just the month of August and the waning days of summer that signal "firsts" and new beginnings, but each and every day. Living into our baptisms daily, Luther encourages us to awake every morning, centered on our journey as Christ's follower, rising daily to the promise of new life in Christ. Yes, amid the fears of the unknown set before us and the hesitancy of letting go of days gone by, we begin each new day as God's beloved child, washed clean from sin and empowered by the Spirit to live into our calling as a member of the Body of Christ, each in our own unique way.

Here at Trinity we are living into new beginnings, our eyes and hearts focused on the

future. Rich with and supported by years of service, mission-minded community building, Christ-centered worship and education and loving care for our neighbors near and far, we face the journey forward together with confidence in TLC's history and our God's guidance and promise to always walk with us.

All things new come with some trepidation and anxiety. How will it work? Will they be alright? How can I handle this new life? I am going to miss them so much! How can I go on? Will the treatments be successful? Do we know how to be the church in the 21st century? What about our traditions? What does 'stepping outside of the box' look and feel like? The Apostle Paul, writing to the Philippians – AND to us, reminds us to pray with thanksgiving, handing our trepidation and anxiety over to God, who carries our burdens in one arm and wraps the other one around us, enveloping us in God's peace beyond our understanding.

Friends, I pray for you all, enjoy these August days, the summer beauty and time spent with family and friends in God's creation, living into the promise of God's abiding presence in our lives.

In Christ's Peace,

Pastor Barb



AUGUST READINGS

August 4 — Eleventh Sunday of Pentecost

- Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15
- Psalm 78:23-29
- Ephesians 4:1-16
- John 6:24-35

August 11 — Twelfth Sunday of Pentecost

- 1st Kings 19:4-8
- Psalm 34:1-8
- Ephesians 4:24—5:2
- John 6:35, 41-51

August 18 — Thirteenth Sunday of Pentecost

- Proverbs 9:1-6
- Psalm 34:9-14
- Ephesians 5:15-20
- John 6:51-58

August 25 — Fourteenth Sunday of Pentecost

- Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18
- Psalm 34:15-22
- Ephesians 6:10-20
- John 6:56-69

AUGUST CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

- 4 Janeen Horton
- 6 Shelley Andrews
- 11 Ella Bosch
- 15 Brian McGinnis
- 27 Loni Reece
- 29 Adrienne Andrews
- 29 Heather Klamm

BAPTISMS

- 3 LaVell Winsor
- 13 Marilyn Heckman
- 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



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.



Our quilting group is asking for donations so they can purchase more batting. Each bolt of batting can cost around \$100.

If you would like to help, you can put a check or cash in the offering plate, with a note to designate it for the quilters.

The quilt currently on display in the entryway is available for purchase. A suggested donation is \$75.



COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

- Kurt Garner gave a presentation on behalf of “Scouting America” to explain the co-ed organization previously known as Boy Scouts of America. He offered how community outreach can be mutually beneficial.
- Pastor Barb Jones participated on Facetime and reported on the “sticky notes” tally from the group activity she led after church one Sunday in June. She urged the need for communication.
- Some memorial funds are still in need of updating with the bookkeeping company. Diane and Cindy are working to correct these.
- The property west of the church building is possibly available from the current owner, Roger Wark. Dean suggested there may be environmental concerns on the property which may need to be determined.

JULY 9, 2024

- The sign-up sheet for the Sept. 14 clean up day will be available sometime in August for members to offer time and talents to assist with Trinity Hall (and outdoor) clean up.
- Policy and procedures manual is to be revised by the annual meeting in January 2025, with committees updating their sections after receiving the appropriate pages for review.
- The welcome center is being developed.
- Elevator repairs are being determined. Suggestion to have the stairlift as a backup.
- Fans may need to be purchased for the kitchen and near pulpit.
- Concrete repairs, mud jacking, landscaping and/or drainage may need consideration by the NW Trinity Hall entrance.

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 Sunday, August 11, the twelfth Sunday of Pentecost. We will study the second lesson that the lector will be reading during worship that day, Ephesians 4:25 - 5:2. Plan to come to Trinity Hall lounge at 9:30.

Plans for children’s Sunday school on August 25th will be announced soon.



Doorstep — August 2024



DOORSTEP
Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Thank you to everyone who donated to our Summer Cash Bash!!

You have heard us talking about the increased need for food assistance in our community for a year now. We would like to tell you that things have improved, and those numbers are decreasing, but that is not the case. Our neighbors continue to struggle to pay their rent, their high utility bills left from winter or new ones this summer, gasoline to get to work, even car payments or repairs. Our numbers for food assistance remain at an increased level, and hygiene kits will hit a new high this year as well. Our neighbors are truly struggling with the most basic needs of life.

In the first 6 months of 2024 (compared to 2023):
Doorstep has spent \$190,352 on Direct Assistance to

Clients (- \$79,721), we have provided 1,423 food orders (- 495), feeding 3,591 individuals (- 1,286) with 79,919 pounds of food (- 21,540), spending \$35,680 on food purchases to keep our shelves stocked to help our neighbors in need (- \$21,145). We have also provided 671 hygiene kits (- 200) spending \$4,941 purchasing those products.

Doorstep was built on neighbor helping neighbor and we are a part of a caring and generous community. Thank you for all the ways you support Doorstep and your neighbors in need; whether you have donated food, clothing and household items, money, gifts for Christmas, participated in one of our events, or shared our information with someone who needed help, you are all very much a part of our Doorstep family and we appreciate your support.

2024 Doorstep Events

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

Join us on a Saturday morning for our 7th Annual event at Lake Shawnee, Shelter Houses 1 & 2, 9am. Register in advance on our website: www.DoorstepTopeka.org/Events, paper forms in our office or the day of the event! \$30 per person, children 10 & under free with paid adult.



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.

Thanks to Adi’s pep talk our July collection did, in fact, beat our June collection by A LOT!

There were 339 items delivered to Doorstep, totaling 319.6 pounds!

Please keep Doorstep in mind as you do your grocery shopping and pick up a few items for the next collection on August 4th.





God's work. Our hands.

Join us for a day of service!

Save the date!
 Monday, September 16, 2024

SEPTEMBER 16, 2024

Same great tournament. New Location!
 TOMAHAWK HILLS GOLF COURSE - SHAWNEE, KANSAS

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



SCAN QR CODE
 TO REGISTER TODAY!

Register your team today!
 www.holliscenter.org/golf-benefit

Mark your calendar for Sunday, **September 8. It's God's Work, Our Hands Sunday**, ELCA's annual day of service. Service activities are often an opportunity to explore one of our most basic convictions as Lutherans: that all of life in Jesus Christ - every act of service, in every daily calling, in every corner of life flows from confidence in God's grace.

Our service opportunity this day will be at Doorstep, beginning at 1pm. If you've volunteered before at Doorstep or haven't been able due to your weekday schedule, plan to join us on September 8. More details will be available in the September Tidings. Again this year we will ask members of Asbury Mount Olive United Methodist Church to join us.

*Spirit Breathed;
 Spirit Blown*

For a recap of the 2024 Central States Synod Assembly, visit <https://www.css-elca.org/assembly>. On that page, you will find a detailed report of the synod activities and several videos.