

TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
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Trinity Tidings

2025

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TOGETHER IN COMMUNITY

LIVING WITH CHRIST'S LOVE

CARING FOR NEIGHBORS

January 2025

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

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



Pastor's Letter

*And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; ⁴he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." ⁵And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true."
Rev. 21:3-5*

Dear Partners in Ministry,

"New" is good and wonderful! "New" is change and frightening!

2025, a NEW year, is here. 2024 is now a certainty, as we say, "Hindsight is 20/20", we know what has happened, although the mystery may still remain as to 'why' or 'how' the year unfolded as it did. The past serves us not as a directive of how the future must and will move forward, but as a tool, a guide, a review to support us with wisdom gained from experience as we enter into the unknown NEW. Living into all the NEW that is before each and everyone of us is an exciting, wonderful and ominous adventure. None of us know what tomorrow, this NEW month, this NEW year will bring. The joy of the NEW, new babies, new jobs, new homes, new opportunities, will touch many of us, as will the fear and anxiety of the NEW, new responsibilities, new financial or health problems, new loneliness. NEW is exciting. NEW is unknown.

What we DO know, is WHO holds all our NEW to-days and tomorrows. We are promised NEW beginnings (exciting, joyful, ominous or frightful) that are NEVER alone!

Every step forward we journey with the certainty of the Promise we just met at the manger – Emmanuel, God With Us. "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them;

they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them he will wipe every tear from their eyes."

The NEW ahead of us is ripe with opportunities to serve together in God's mission! It's also filled with a lot of questions and uncertainty — what steps do we take to move forward as TLC?

"Be strong and courageous. Do not fear or be in dread ..., for it is the Lord your God who goes with you. He will not leave you or forsake you." Deuteronomy 31:6

What, where and how is God calling TLC to serve in Topeka, KS in 2025?

"Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." Isaiah 41:10

Together as the Body of Christ, we move into this NEW year supporting, empowering and equipping each other to serve with gladness into and beyond our "usual, regular and normal"; greeting all the NEW and CHANGE ahead of us with the security of God's covenant, sent to us in Jesus Christ, Emmanuel – God With Us Is!

Happy New Year, Partners in Ministry!

In Christ's service,
Pastor Barb



JANUARY READINGS

January 5 — Second Sunday of Christmas

Jeremiah 31:7-14
 Psalm 147:12-20
 Ephesians 1:3-14
 John 1:[1-9] 10-18

January 6 — Epiphany of Our Lord

Isaiah 60:1-6
 Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14
 Ephesians 3:1-12
 Matthew 2:1-12

January 12 — Baptism of Our Lord

Isaiah 43:1-7
 Psalm 29
 Acts 8:14-17
 Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

January 19 — Second Sunday of Epiphany

Isaiah 62:1-5
 Psalm 36:5-10
 1st Corinthians 12:1-11
 John 2:1-11

January 26 — Third Sunday of Epiphany

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10
 Psalm 19
 1st Corinthians 12:12-31a
 Luke 4:14-21

JANUARY CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

11 Everly Lewis
 16 Ben Carlson
 16 Linda Longren
 23 Ivan Carlson
 25 David Quarnstrom
 27 Zane Kennedy

BAPTISMS

10 Kendall Horton
 23 Betty Patton

Town Hall Meetings

We have held Town Hall meetings October 13 and November 17 after worship during coffee hour. The next Town Hall is scheduled for January 26 during coffee hour.

Your input is sought as we discern what Trinity's future direction is. The question all of us need to prayerfully consider is, "What is God calling us to do and how do we do it?"

Notes from the previous Town Halls have been mailed to all members on our email list. If you did not receive those notes, contact the church office to request a copy.

Annual Meeting of the Congregation

The Annual Meeting is set for Sunday, January 19 immediately after worship.

Agenda items will include adoption of budget for 2025; election of positions such as council members, nominating committee for 2025, audit committee, and

representatives to organizations we partner with such as Topeka Lutheran Home Association; committee reports; updating of options to be considered at the Town Hall January 26. All voting members are urged to be present!



COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

CONGREGATION COUNCIL

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- Council met December 9 to work with treasurer Bob Kobbeman to develop 2025 budget. Council will meet again January 6 to finish budget in preparation for presenting budget at Annual Meeting January 19. Council’s regular January meeting will be January 14.
- As of December 7, pledges for 2025 of \$58,440 have been received. Pledges will be accepted through December 29.
- Nominating Committee presented ballot for 2025 for council approval. Ballot will be voted on at Annual Meeting.

DECEMBER 10, 2024

- Inclement weather plan: Council president will consult with pastor regarding cancelling Sunday worship due to weather conditions. Administrative assistant will notify local TV stations of cancellation. Congregational Life Worship Planning team will develop alternative worship experience if worship is cancelled.
- Elevator repair: Still waiting on parts. Movement of some Memorial Funds will help cover the cost of needed repairs.
- Administrative committee was directed to activate the Audit Committee.

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.

Please like and follow Trinity at **Trinity Lutheran Topeka.org**. Whenever you watch, click on “like” and leave a 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.





**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.



Our December donation included 334 items totaling 312 pounds!

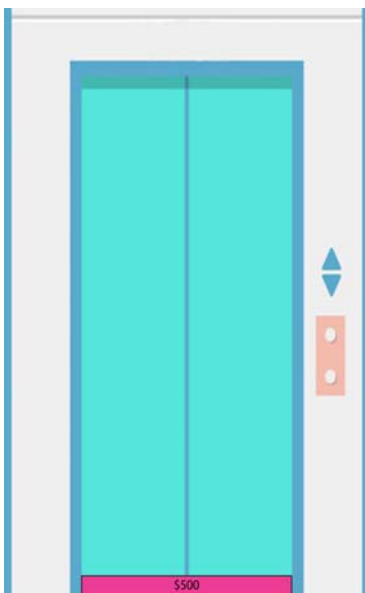
Bob and Janeen also took a number of gifts and toys donated by congregants for the Christmas distribution. AND we delivered an additional 425.9 lbs of food collected by the Seaman School district's can drive.

Please keep Doorstep in mind as you do your grocery shopping and pick up items for the next collection on January 5th.

Sunday School

Adult Sunday School will meet Sunday, January 12, the 1st Sunday after Epiphany. We will study the second lesson for that day that the lector will read during worship, Acts 8:14-17. Join us at 9:30 in Trinity Hall lounge.

Children's Sunday school will meet on January 26.



Fundraiser for Elevator Repair

We did it! We reached our \$12,500 goal for the elevator repair. The repairs that this bid covered have been done, but that, unfortunately, did not get the elevator into working condition. We now have another estimate which has been approved and now we are waiting on parts to arrive.

We need your continued support of the elevator fund for this new bid expense and for upkeep and maintenance in the future.

Mark your gift "Elevator Fund" and place it in the offering or mail to the office. Special envelopes are still available; just ask the usher for one.