

TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
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Trinity Tidings

2025

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Sunday, 10:30am Holy Communion




TOGETHER IN COMMUNITY

LIVING WITH CHRIST'S LOVE

CARING FOR NEIGHBORS

March 2025

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

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| EVERY SUNDAY 10:30 AM WORSHIP & HOLY COMMUNION PLEASE JOIN US FOR COFFEE AND REFRESHMENTS IN FELLOWSHIP HALL DOWNSTAIRS IMMEDIATELY AFTER WORSHIP. | | | | | | 1 | | | |
|  10:15 am Hymn Sing-Along  Bring food for Doorstep 10:30 am Worship Town Hall Meeting during coffee hour | 2 | 3 | 9:00 am Quilters | 4 |  7 pm @ Our Savior's "Faith & Repentance" | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| 9:30-10:15 Adult Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 2 pm PFLAG meeting | 9 | 10 | 9:00 am Quilters 5:30 pm Council | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 15 |
| 9:30 am Community Relations committee mtg 10:30 am Worship 6 pm Stroke Support Group | 16 | 17 | April 2025 Trinity Tidings deadline 9:00 am Quilters | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 22 |
| 9:45-10:15 Children's Sunday School 10:30 am Worship | 23 | 24 | 9:00 am Quilters | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 29 |
| 10:30 am Worship 12:00 Noon Congregational Life meeting  Camp Tomah Shinga | 30 | 31 | 7 pm TLHA | | | | | | |



Pastor's Letter

“Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.”

Philippians 1:2-6

Dear Partners in Ministry,

I am writing this letter today filled with mixed emotions – grief, joy, fear, and hope to name a few. Conflicting though they may be, I also feel enormous gratitude for the faithful mission partners of Trinity Lutheran Church who understand and live into the reality of what it means to be the church, the Body of Christ for the sake of the world. My time “partnering” with you, the people of TLC, in God’s mission, has come to an end. Serving as your pastor has been a privilege that I will treasure. Together we have worshiped and prayed, given and received, laughed and cried, talked and listened, celebrated and worried, – all while trusting that God is with us.

My heart is filled with so much that I have received from this place, from all of you – your stories, your support, the joy of being part of the Spirit in action at TLC, and, yes, the grief in leaving. I carry you and this place in my memories and in my soul. Trinity Lutheran and all of you are part of who I am as I move forward in God’s mission in the days ahead. Once again, song lyrics and scripture come to my mind, expressing my thoughts and feelings.

*I've heard it said that people come into our lives for a reason,
bringing something we must learn.*

*And we are led to those who help us most to grow if we let
them, and we help them in return.*

*But I don't know if I believe that's true, but I know I'm who I
am today because I knew you.*

*Because I knew you, I have been changed for good.
It will may be that we may never meet again in this lifetime,
So let us say before we part, so much of me is made of what
I've learned from you.*

*You'll be with me like a handprint on my heart; and now
whatever way our stories end,*

*I know you have rewritten mine by being my friend.
Because I knew you, I have been changed for good.*

Selected lyrics from “For Good” from WICKED

In the sadness and anxiety that change often brings, may we also give thanks to God for our time together and celebrate the ministries that are taking place, along with the opportunities to come, here at Trinity Lutheran Church – all that are making and will continue to make a positive difference in people’s lives because of you!

Stay safe. Stay well. I love and pray for you.
Peace be with you.

Together in Christ, Pr. Barb

As we move ahead in our worship, Deacon Dave Mareske will be leading worship on March 2nd & March 9th. Dave is the executive director of the Hollis Renewal Center and as such is responsible for overseeing the vision and direction of Hollis. He manages the day-to-day operations of the center and travels frequently to promote Hollis within the extended community. Dave also works to secure long-term financing, lead various volunteer groups, operations, resources and public relations. He and wife, Taren, live onsite. Please make Deacon Dave feel welcome as he worships with us. He also plans to attend our March 2nd Town Hall meeting.



FEBRUARY READINGS

March 2 — Transfiguration of Our Lord

- Exodus 34:29-35
- Psalm 99
- 2 Corinthians 3:12—4:2
- Luke 9:28-43a

March 9 — First Sunday of Lent

- Deuteronomy 26:1-11
- Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16
- Romans 10:8b-13
- Luke 4:1-13

March 16 — Second Sunday of Lent

- Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18
- Psalm 27
- Philippians 3:17—4:1
- Luke 13:31-35

March 23 — Third Sunday of Lent

- Isaiah 55:1-9
- Psalm 63:1-8
- 1 Corinthians 10:1-13
- Luke 13:1-9

March 30 — Fourth Sunday of Lent

- Joshua 5:9-12
- Psalm 32
- 2 Corinthians 5:16-21
- Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

FEBRUARY CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

- 10 Bob Kobbeman
- 16 Jake Kennedy
- 19 Carol Marker
- 25 Pam Kobbeman
- 31 Larry McGinnis

BAPTISMS

- 1 Ben Carlson
- 1 Adeline Klamm
- 15 David Quarnstrom
- 20 Jane Lewis
- 21 Diane Bottorff
- 27 Chance Hutchison

If you ordered poinsettias for our Christmas Eve worship service and have not yet paid for them, please do so soon. Thanks!



Town Hall Meeting



**Trinity Town Hall Meeting
March 2, 2025.**

What is the future of Trinity Lutheran Church?
 We will continue to address this question during a Town Hall meeting March 2nd during coffee hour. We need to move forward. Staying the way we are is not a path for the future.
 Your participation is needed as we discern our future direction. Plan to be present March 2nd!



COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

CONGREGATION COUNCIL

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- Due to inclement weather, a Zoom meeting was held. Reports were given by e-mail.
- Lent planning begins with a joint meeting at Our Savior’s Lutheran on Monday, February 24 at 6:30 pm.
- The next town hall meeting is scheduled for Sunday, March 2, after church service.
- Communion procedure changes were discussed.
- Procedure for collection of offering after service is being refined.
- The third elevator repair invoice was discussed.
- Dental hygiene products are being donated to WU “Bods Feeding Bods”.
- First Communion instruction culminates with 7 children receiving communion on Feb. 23.
- February 23 is Pr. Barb’s last Sunday as our Bridge Pastor. Supply pastors at Trinity will begin on March 2.

FEBRUARY 18, 2025

- A “Readiness to Serve” monthly charge will be assessed by the City of Topeka to provide water service for the 719 SW Buchanan water meter used for the community garden plot.
- The three member Task Force (Bob Kobbeman, Bob Horton, Carol Marker) is in place to review building use options.
- A 5th Sunday Special offering will be collected March 30 to sponsor summer staff at Camp Tomah Shinga.
- Officers and Committee Chairs were selected: President: Diane Bottorff; Vice-president: Curt Lewis; Secretary: TBD; Bob Kobbeman continues as treasurer.
- Committee Chairs: Congregational Life: Dean McGinnis; Community Relation: Marilyn Heckman & Janelle Meredith; Maintenance: Curt Lewis; Spiritual Care: Duane Pomeroy; Administration: Shelley Andrews & Steve Luoma.

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.





Looking ahead to Lent...

We will be joining with Our Savior's Lutheran Church for Ash Wednesday, midweek and Holy Week services. Pr. Deb Cantrell has written a beautiful series of stories based on 1st Corinthians: *Now These Three Remain: Faith, Hope, and Love*. The midweek services will begin with a soup supper at 5:30pm, followed by worship at 6:15.

And there is room for all of us to participate, by providing food, or volunteering to serve as an assistant minister, lector, or do a dramatic reading. Or simply attending the services; rides can be arranged.

A couple of our members have already agreed to serve in some way, but we truly want this to be a partnership with Our Saviors—and we need to act & serve as partners.

If you would like to help, please call 785.233.0767 or email office@topekatlch.org with your first and second choice of how and when you would prefer.



Food Donation for Doorstep = Food for Our Neighbors

Bob & Janeen delivered 477 items totaling 433.7 pounds of food to Doorstep on Feb. 6th. (44.3 lbs was categorized at Souper Sunday donation).

In addition, on Feb. 11th, they delivered 122.3 pounds (122 items) for Souper Bowl. Pretty awesome!

Sunday School

Adult Sunday School meets March 9 at 9:30am in Trinity Hall lounge. This is the first Sunday in Lent, and we will study the second lesson for that day, Romans 10:8b-13.

Children's Sunday school will meet on March 23.

A few questions...

If you have any church keys that you no longer need, please turn them in to the church office. Thanks.

Did you know we have an Instagram account?

<https://www.instagram.com/trinitylutheranelca/>

Please visit our website...

<https://trinitylutherantopeka.org/>... and tell us what you think. We need your ideas to update.



February 23, 2025



First Communion



Collin Dean Horton is seven years old and he was baptized Oct. 21, 2018.
Kendall Anne Horton is five years old and she was baptized Jan. 10, 2021.
Their parents are Casey & Keri Horton.



Asher Curtis Klamm is seven years old and he was baptized Sept. 3, 2017. His parents are Josh & Heather Klamm.



Isis Lyndsey Pomeroy is 10 years old and she was baptized April 12, 2015.
Marek Morrison Pomeroy is seven years old and he was baptized Feb. 18, 2018.
Their parents are Troy & Lauren Pomeroy.



Camdyn Monroe Ralph is six years old and she was baptized Aug. 26, 2018.
Carsyn Grace Ralph is six years old and she was baptized Aug. 26, 2018.
Their parents are David & Brooke Ralph.



DOORSTEP

MARCH 2025

Thank you to everyone who donated soup and crackers during our **Souper Bowl Sunday** weekend collection! Unfortunately, our Kansas City Chiefs did not win this year. But Doorstep did!!! We had a goal of 10,000 pounds, and at this writing after only a few days of donations coming in we have already received **6,350 pounds** of soup and crackers!! And we know more is coming!! A can of soup can be a meal or two, and your generous donations have helped stock our pantry to continue providing meals to our neighbors in need!

Upcoming Events in 2025 for Doorstep include:

The **Doorstep Appreciation Banquet and Quilt Drawing** will be held on Tuesday, April 29th at 6:30pm. Our host this year is St. John’s Lutheran Church. We will have taco bake, chips, salad and dessert, and entertainment by the St. John’s Lutheran Brass Quartet. Reservations needed by April 25th. A *Love Offering* will be taken for Doorstep. The quilt drawing will be a little different this year. You can purchase tickets specifically for the KC Chiefs, KU, K-State and KC Royals quilts at \$2 each. You can also purchase tickets for our other quilts at \$1 each. You do not have to be present to win! We will also sell tickets online.

Our **8th Annual Neighbor Helping Neighbor Walk/5K Fun Run** will be on Saturday, June 7th at Lake Shawnee with a 9am start time this year! June is Doorstep’s anniversary month, and this will kick off a year-long celebration towards our 60th anniversary of Neighbors Helping Neighbors!

Mark your calendars for Saturday, June 7th to walk or run for Doorstep!

The month of July brings Doorstep’s annual **Christmas in July** collection to get a jumpstart on items we will need for 800+ individuals we will adopt in December; proceeds from the sales of **Re-Imagined Jewelry** at Café Quetzal will go to Doorstep in July; and we will have **Summer Cash Bash** tentatively if we can find a family, an individual, a business or foundation who is willing to provide at least \$10,000 matching funds.

Friday, October 3rd (tentatively) is the date set for our **2nd Annual Putt Out Hunger Golf Tournament for Doorstep!** **Save the date!**

Current Doorstep Needs

Clothing Room Needs: (gently used, not new)

- Men’s Sweatpants (all sizes)
- Men’s & Women’s Pajamas (all sizes)

Men’s Underwear, Socks, Shoes & Belts (all sizes)

Kids & Teens (Boys & Girls) – Jeans (all sizes)

Laundry Soap

Hygiene Kit Items: Toothpaste (full size)

2-in-1 Shampoo/Conditioner (full size)

Razors

Deodorant (men/women/neutral scents)

Shampoo & Conditioner-Separate (full size)

Food Room Needs:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Spaghetti Sauce | <input type="checkbox"/> Canned Beans | <input type="checkbox"/> Tuna | <input type="checkbox"/> Progresso & Chunky Soups |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chicken Noodle Soup | <input type="checkbox"/> Ramen | <input type="checkbox"/> Cream of Mushroom Soup | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vegetable Soup | <input type="checkbox"/> Saltines | <input type="checkbox"/> Tomato Soup | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Canned Milk | <input type="checkbox"/> Egg Noodles | <input type="checkbox"/> Pork/Baked Beans | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Canned Tomatoes | <input type="checkbox"/> Boxed Potatoes (scalloped & mashed) | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Canned Fruit (variety) | <input type="checkbox"/> Canned Beans (pinto, black, chili) | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Canned Vegetables ~ All Types (green beans, corn, peas, carrots) | | | |