

TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
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Trinity Tidings

2025

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WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, 10:30am Holy Communion



TOGETHER IN COMMUNITY

LIVING WITH CHRIST'S LOVE

CARING FOR NEIGHBORS

April 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>EVERY SUNDAY 10:30 AM WORSHIP</p> <p>PLEASE JOIN US FOR COFFEE AND REFRESHMENTS IN FELLOWSHIP HALL DOWNSTAIRS IMMEDIATELY AFTER WORSHIP.</p>		<p>9:00 am Quilters</p>	<p>5:30 pm Soup Supper 6:15 pm Worship @ Our Savior's "Faith and Imperfect Love: Peter"</p>			
 <p>10:15 am Hymn Sing-Along</p>  <p>Bring food for Doorstep</p> <p>10:30 am Worship</p>		<p>9:00 am Quilters</p>	<p>5:30 pm Soup Supper 6:15 pm Worship @ Our Savior's "Faithful Devotion: Mary Magdelene"</p>			
<p>Palm Sunday</p>  <p>9:30-10:15 Adult Sunday School</p> <p>10:30 am Worship</p> <p>2 pm PFLAG meeting</p>		<p>9:00 am Quilters</p>		<p>May 2025 Trinity Tidings deadline</p> <p>7 pm Maundy Thursday Worship @ Our Savior's "Acts of Love"</p>	<p>7 pm Good Friday Worship @ Our Savior's "Hope Deferred"</p>	<p>9 am Altar Guild church cleaning</p> <p>5 pm Easter Vigil Worship @ Our Savior's "Hope as Prophesied"</p>
<p>Easter Sunday</p> <p>9:30 am Coffee Hour</p>  <p>10:30 am Worship</p>		<p>9:00 am Quilters</p>	<p>7 pm TLHA</p>	<p>Cindy on vacation</p> <p>Deadline to RSVP for Banquet to Doorstep @ 785.357.5341</p>		
<p>9:45-10:15 Children's Sunday School</p> <p>10:30 am Worship</p>	<p>Cindy on vacation</p>	<p>9:00 am Quilters</p> <p>6:30 pm Doorstep Appreciation Banquet & Quilt Drawing @ St. John's</p>		<p>April Worship Leaders</p> <p>April 6 — Rick Friedstrom (no communion)</p> <p>April 13 — Bob Horton (no communion)</p> <p>April 20 — Deacon Dave Mareske (communion)</p> <p>April 27 — Pr. Dinah Dutta (communion)</p>		



President's Letter

In this time of transition at Trinity Lutheran Church there is joy and sorrow. But there is also the reality that God is present. God watches over us as we come and go. God will be there in the future, no matter what comes. Have we trusted God's love for us? Have we asked God what his mission for Trinity is?

We've had four Town Hall meetings (notes from the fourth Town Hall are included in this issue of the Tidings). At those meetings I've heard a good deal of concern about our survival as a congregation but not a lot about our mission. What does survival mean to you? Is it maintaining our building and being financial-

ly stable? What could our mission be? At this time I don't have an answer to this question. Do you? The answer will come when we direct our attention to God and listen to where he is leading us. My prayer, and I hope it will be yours too, is that we can move forward with a mission that shares God's love for all.

May you experience God's love as we celebrate His resurrection this Easter!

Diane Bottorff, Congregation Council President

April & May Worship Leaders

April 6 Rick Friedstrom

April 13 Bob Horton

April 20 Deacon Dave Mareske

April 27 Pr. Dinah Dutta

May 4 TBD

May 11 Jordan Valentine

May 18 Rev. Dr. Mandy Todd

May 25 TBD

Please make each one of our pulpit supply persons and lay leaders feel welcome.

Palm Sunday

The Cry of the Whole Congregation

As we have done for several years, our 2025 Palm Sunday worship will include a dramatic reading, *The Cry of the Whole Congregation*.

Please join us for this worship event!



Easter Sunday



On Easter Sunday, coffee hour will be before worship at 9:30 am





APRIL READINGS

April 6 — Fifth Sunday of Lent

Isaiah 43:16-21
 Psalm 126
 Philippians 3:4b-14
 John 12:1-8

April 13 — Palm Sunday

Isaiah 50:4-9a
 Psalm 31:9-16
 Philippians 2:5-11
 Luke 22:14—23:56 *or* Luke 23:1-49

April 17 — Maundy Thursday

Exodus 12:1-14
 Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19
 1st Corinthians 11:23-26
 John 13:1-17, 31b-35

April 18 — Good Friday

Isaiah 52:13—53:12
 Psalm 22
 Hebrews 10:16-25 *or* Hebrews 4:14-16, 5:7-9
 John 18:1—19:42

April 20 — Easter Day

Acts 10:34-42 *or* Isaiah 65:17-25
 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
 1st Corinthians 15:19-26 *or* Acts 10:34-43
 Luke 24:1-12 *or* John 20:10-18

April 27 — Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 5:27-32
 Psalm 118:14-29 *or* Psalm 150
 Revelation 1:4-8
 John 20:19-31

APRIL CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

6 Mike Andrews
 10 Breanna Lewis
 11 Isis Pomeroy
 18 Pr. Barb Jones
 30 Marsha Ridinger

BAPTISMS

6 Howard Reece
 6 Rhonda Webb
 9 Ashley Watson
 10 Roxann Quarnstrom
 11 Everly Bosch
 12 Isis Pomeroy
 14 Loretta Hoerman
 14 Carol Marker
 17 Linda Longren

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

14 Duane & Debbie Pomeroy

A note to Altar Guild — we will do the annual church cleaning on Saturday, April 19. We will be dusting and polishing so the sanctuary looks its best for Easter Sunday.





A FEW NOTES

CONGREGATION COUNCIL

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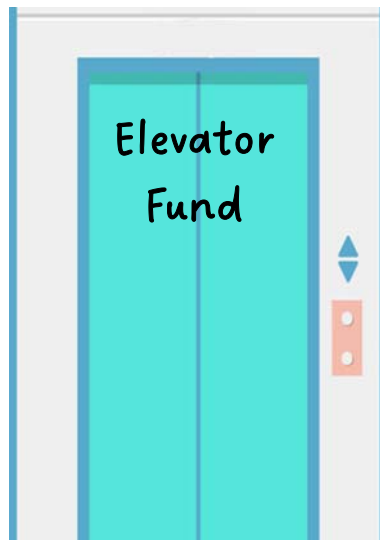
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Please like and follow Trinity at **Trinity Lutheran Topeka.org**. Whenever you watch, click on “like” and leave a comment, even if you just say “hi”.

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.



We have great news about the elevator! It is working — and negotiations have reduced the final invoice from \$4500 to \$1500. We have received almost all needed to cover the adjusted amount. Thank you to Curt for discussing this with MEI and to our members for supporting this expense.

Please remember that, as with many things, the elevator is an on-going expense for maintenance and inspections. Elevator fund envelopes are available from the usher. Also, you may mark your check “Elevator Fund” and place it in the offering plate or mail to the church office. Thank you!



Easter Lilies

A few extra lilies have been ordered for Easter so if you missed the deadline to order yours, just let the office know if you would like to have one.



Notes from Town Hall Meeting March 2, 2025

Deacon Dave Mareske opened the meeting at 11:55 am with prayer and a story about “finding the right fit”.

Diane Bottorff gave an update, referencing the notes from February Town Hall meeting. The notes from February were sent out by email. If you didn't receive them, request a copy from church office. She noted a recurring theme that we are a family and we know our fellow worshippers. Another theme was the need for leadership. She gave a summary of Task Force (Bob Kobbeman, Bob Horton, Carol Marker) activity to date. Task Force has been set up to make contact with potential non-profit groups or congregations that may have an interest in sharing space in our building. There was a meeting in January with the pastor of Remnant Church. Bob Kobbeman, Curt Lewis, and Diane participated in that meeting. Remnant has requested another meeting to be set up toward the end of March.

Bob K has been in contact with Kansas Commercial Real Estate, but no contact has been initiated with Narthex Properties. Curt Lewis urged the Task Force to make contact with Narthex.

During Lent we are partnering with Our Saviors Lutheran for Ash Wednesday, Lenten midweek soup suppers and worship and also Maundy Thursday and Good Friday worship.

There are opportunities for us to be involved in providing food items for the soup suppers and taking parts during the worship services. Contact Diane or the church office if you'd like to volunteer.

Dean McGinnis shared the purpose of today's meeting. It included more discussion, more reflection and to learn about volunteer opportunities both at Trinity and beyond Trinity. An agenda for the meeting was distributed as well as an updated Time and Talent form and a handout showing the committee structure (Administration, Congregational Life, Community Relations, Maintenance, Spiritual Care). Dean asked each person to complete a Time and Talent form to indicate their ability and availability to serve/support Trinity during this time of transition as we move forward Page 2 of the agenda was a series of four reflection questions. Each table was asked to take time to reflect on the questions and share their thoughts with those at their table. Following this each table was given an opportunity to share with the group.

One of the questions asked participants their preference for primary worship times(s) and day(s) they would be willing to attend. Answers were: earlier times may be difficult for some, Saturday evening, Sunday afternoon, If sharing space we may need to be flexible, Sunday is church, 1st, 3rd, 5th Sunday Trinity and 2nd, 4th other churches; traditional worship but flexible time.

Another question was about the leadership role and what we expect the role of leaders to be, Duane Pomeroy responded to this by saying a council member chairing or co-chairing a committee solidifies leadership. Curt Lewis asked about the difference between leader, liaison and chair of committees. Dean commented that the sub-committees of Congregational Life committee are made up of the persons most suited to the task with talents and skills. Dean commented that without a pastor the leader of the congregation is the council. Diane said she heard the word com-

placency used in the sermon today. She cautioned members to avoid being complacent about our situation at Trinity.

On-going discussion continued. Curt shared that treasurer Bob Kobbeman is concerned about the decision making holdup-“no decision is a decision”. If we are going to share our space with another entity, details need to be worked out.

Marcy Carlson stated that we have to do something. Money is an issue. If we do nothing, Trinity is likely to close in two years or less. How do we do what needs to be done? What are ramifications of each decision? Renting to another entity will increase need for security.

How do we walk in the way of Christ?

Debbie Pomeroy said that we must look at reality. Town Hall meetings have made us realize we cannot sustain. Alternative partnerships follow through, “finding the right fit”. Task Force begin discussions and make recommendations to council. Might Town Hall meeting make a recommendation to council that the Task Force be authorized to move forward investigating possible partnership(s)?

Parker Jackson sees the goal as seeking multiple offers from potential partners. Any member or friend of Trinity might seek out offers. If we know of a possible partnership opportunity, pass that information to a member of the Task Force or to the church office.

Parker made a motion to direct the Task Force to move forward with investigating opportunities for sharing our building with other entities, i.e. congregations or non-profit organizations. Any negotiations made by the Task Force will be forwarded to the congregation council. If approved by council, it will be recommended to the congregation at a congregational meeting. Debbie seconded the motion. Motion was approved by those present.

Two members expressed concern about the beliefs of a congregation we might share our building with. Marcy mentioned we should consider what they believe compared to what we believe. Shelley Andrews said that we need to be careful about what a certain partnership may signal to others. Curt remarked that it would be a business partnership only.

Marcy asked what we can do to attract new members and how we can put effort into revitalizing the congregation in addition to seeking partnerships. Debbie urged that we continue bringing in new members and perhaps do some fund raising.

As the meeting was coming to a close, Dave Mareske spoke about Hollis. They are beginning a fundraising campaign. He shared brochures about their plans for expansion, and suggested we might consider coming to Hollis for a retreat. He urged us to look for someone outside of Trinity to lead the retreat and to focus on our mission versus survival.

There will be no Town Hall in April but updates will be given during announcements at worship the first Sunday in April and in the Tidings.

Thanks to Cindy McGinnis and Steve Luoma for taking notes. Notes collated by Diane Bottorff



Looking ahead to Lent...

We will be joining with Our Savior's Lutheran Church for mid-week 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@topekatlc.org with your first and second choice of how and when you would prefer to be involved.



Food Donation for Doorstep = Food for Our Neighbors

Bob & Janeen delivered 374 items totaling 312.4 pounds of food to Doorstep as a result of our March 2nd collection.

Sunday School

Adult Sunday School meets April 13 at 9:30am in Trinity Hall lounge. This is Palm Sunday, and we will study the second lesson for that day, Philippians 2:5-11.

Children's Sunday school will meet on April 27th.

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.



DOORSTEP

APRIL 2025

Make plans to attend Doorstep's **Appreciation Banquet and Quilt Drawing** on **Tuesday, April 29th** at 6:30pm. St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church will be our hosts this year, and their brass quartet will provide musical entertainment.

Sleep in Heavenly Peace Topeka will share information on their program after a wonderful dinner of taco bake, chips, salad and dessert.

We will also honor our volunteers and celebrate the work we did in 2024!

RSVP to Doorstep at 785-357-5341 (M-F, 8am-3pm) by April 24th.

There are some exciting changes to our Quilt Drawing this year! We have queen-size, themed quilts for KU, K-State, Kansas City Royals & the Kansas City Chiefs, that were made and donated just for this event! Do you want chances for a specific quilt? You can buy tickets for one of these themed quilts for \$2 each, and your chances will only go in the collection container for that quilt. Winners will be drawn at the banquet, but you do not have to be present to win.

We have several other amazing quilts available for \$1 chances, and we will draw those winning tickets at the banquet as well. You do not have to be present to win.

The **8th Annual Neighbor Helping Neighbor Walk/5K Fun Run** is scheduled for Saturday, June 7th at Lake Shawnee, start time is 9am! This will also be the kick-off to Doorstep's 60th Anniversary!

Doorstep is **looking for one or a few donors** who would be willing to donate the **matching funds** for this year's **Summer Cash Bash**. Our previous anonymous donor is no longer able to provide this donation, but we know people love to give when their money can be matched to benefit Doorstep. We are seeking matching funds of \$10,000 or more... With this year being the year of our 60th, wouldn't it be great to have \$60,000 in matching funds?! If you are interested, please contact Lisa Cain, Executive Director at lisa@doorstepinc.com or 785-357-5341.



A total of 159 items — 114 oral hygiene items plus 45 personal care items — were collected in February and delivered to campus the first week of March. It was great timing! The pantry was completely out of those products! Our next effort at TLC to collect **oral hygiene products** for WU will be next fall.

THANK YOU to all who donated to help the young adults at Washburn.

WU Campus Ministry
Bods Feeding Bods

2025 Doorstep Events

- April 29th** **Appreciation Banquet & Quilt Drawing** ~
Host: St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church
Program: Sleep in Heavenly Peace Topeka
Entertainment: St. John's Ev Lutheran Brass Quartet
- Quilt Drawing** ~ \$2 individual chances for theme quilts
(KU, K-State, KC Chiefs, KC Royals)
\$1 chances to win our other amazing quilts.
- June 7th** **8th Annual Neighbor Helping Neighbor Walk/5K Fun Run**
(Saturday) Lake Shawnee Shelter Houses 1 & 2 ~ Start time 9 A.M.
A Kick-off to our 60th Anniversary in June 2026!!
- July** **Christmas in July** collection of items for adopted families.
(Tentative) **Summer Cash Bash** donations with matching funds.
Re-Imagined Jewelry purchased from Café Quetzal with
the funds going to Doorstep.
- Sept 13th** **Sertoma Duck Race** ~ Our Goal = 60 donors buying ducks!
- Friday Oct 3rd** **2nd Annual Putt Out Hunger Golf Tournament**
Tentative date until a course is reserved.
- Nov & Dec** **Collection of items** for Christmas Adoption Project.
Doorstep adopts 260 households from the Christmas Bu-
reau each year. We need help providing gifts, food, health
kits, blankets, toys, school supplies, and gift cards for
800+ individuals. Gifts needed by Wed, December 10th.
- Dec 16th – 18th** **Christmas Adoption Project distribution days.**
Volunteers will be needed!



Come to the 60th Annual
Temple Beth Sholom



BLINTZE BRUNCH

APRIL 6, 2025

9:00 am to 1:30 pm

Delicious Jewish Foods, Jewish Entertainment
Challahs, Jewish desserts, cookies at the Bake Sale

Ticket Cost—\$20

All you can eat

*50/50 raffle. Sporting event tickets, services from local businesses
Chance to win a gift certificates from local jewelry stores.*

**Purchase Your Blintze Brunch Food orders at
www.TBSGiving.com**

Advance purchase of tickets are available at the Temple office
9:00 am to 12:00 pm Monday – Friday or
Einstein's Outfitters Store(785-357-4104),
or purchase tickets the day of the Brunch.

