

TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
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Trinity Tidings

June 2025

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TOGETHER IN COMMUNITY

LIVING WITH CHRIST'S LOVE

CARING FOR NEIGHBORS



President's Letter

Updates from Your Council President

Property Behind Church: The property owner has been in contact with us. He would like to sell the property. Two things to consider before any decision is made about purchase: Do we have a plan for use of this property? and Do we have the resources to buy this piece of property?

Narthex Properties: This company works with congregations that are looking for other uses for their properties. Council and our task force are meeting with their representative May 28. We are looking for insight into possible strategies for use of our property.

Central States Synod Assembly is June 5-7: Marcy Carlson and I are our voting members. A major item at this year's assembly is election of a bishop. Bishop Susan Candea has chosen to not seek another term. The bishop-elect will begin serving September 1.

What Does it Mean to be a Disciple of Jesus?: What does this question mean for you? Plan to join a class on Wednesdays evenings in June facilitated by Pr. Bob Dealey. We'll meet in Fellowship Hall at 5:30pm for a light supper and class is from 6 – 7pm. Refer to page 4 in this *Tidings* for additional information.

As we continue on in this period of transition at Trinity, it takes all of us working together. Your participation is valued. It is not just about budgets or buildings. We are sent out in mission to reveal Christ to others. What is our mission here that draws others to Christ?

June & July Worship Leaders

June 1	Rich Akins
June 8.....	Pr. Gerald Liu
June 15.....	Rev. Barry Feaker
June 22.....	Bob Horton
June 29.....	Deacon Dave Mareske
July 6	Deacon Dave Mareske
July 13	Rich Akins
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Please make each one of our pulpit supply persons and lay leaders feel welcome.

A little help please...

- 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.



JUNE READINGS

June 1 — Seventh Sunday of Easter

- Acts 16:16-34
- Psalm 97
- Revelation 22:12-14, 20-21
- John 17:20-26

June 8 — Day of Pentecost

- Genesis 11:1-9
- Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
- Acts 2:1-21
- John 14:8-27

June 15 — The Holy Trinity

- Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31
- Psalm 8
- Romans 5:1-5
- John 16:12-15

June 22 — Second Sunday of Pentecost

- Isaiah 65:1-9
- Psalm 22:19-28
- Galatians 3:23-29
- Luke 8:26-39

June 29 — Third Sunday of Pentecost

- 1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21
- Psalm 16
- Galatians 5:1, 13-25
- Luke 9:51-62



Flag Day — June 14, 2025

JUNE CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

- 4 Charlotte Blenden
- 5 Duane Pomeroy
- 7 Camdyn Ralph
- 7 Carsyn Ralph
- 12 John Carlson
- 19 Mary McGinnis
- 26 LaVell Winsor
- 27 Asher Klamm

BAPTISMS

- 4 Liz Utech
- 7 Donna Allen

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- 25 Howard & Loni Reece
- 26 Curt & Jane Lewis
- 30 Josh & Heather Klamm

WU CAMPUS MINISTRY

The Bods Feeding Bods pantry is excited to receive donations from Trinity for their summer session. Oral hygiene items just fly off the shelves!

So please consider donating toothbrushes, toothpaste, mouthwash, dental floss. The WU box will be by the east entrance through June 8. Then we'll deliver to WU.

Thank you for your generosity!





COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

MAY 13, 2025

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- Diane contacted Darin Griffith of Narthex & set up a meeting with council members for Wednesday, May 28, 5:30pm.
- A new format of financial report to the congregation will be included in the bulletin on the Sunday after council meeting.
- Diane asked if line item 110.230 (\$30.50) can be closed and money sent to Camp Tomah Shinga to help sponsor camp counselor cost. This was approved.
- President Diane’s report showed that she & Marcy are registered for the CSS assembly; Freddy Sierks was received as a member through baptism on Easter; Diane attended HOT NIA Neighborhood Kick-Off meeting on May 1; dumpsters provided by the NIA will be on our vacant lot May 24 thru 26. Marcy has volunteered to pick up items from member’s homes.
- Administration report shared that Troy will review the RaiseRight program & report back in June; new offering counting procedure is in place & lock box will soon be installed; Debbie shared an audit committee update.
- We will host a new member recognition on June 1st.
- Pr. Bob Dealey will offer a class “What Does It Mean to Be a Disciple of Jesus” June 4, 11, 18, & 25. There will be a light supper at 5:30, followed by class at 6pm.
- CSS assembly offering will be collected June 1. The offering received at the assembly will be divided between Lutheran World Relief and Lutheran Disaster Response, North Carolina.

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.



Congratulations to Chance Hutchison as he graduates from Topeka High School. Chance is the son of Adrienne Floyd and grandson of Mike & Shelley Andrews.

We also congratulate Isis Pomeroy as she moves up from Woodlawn Elementary to Central Middle School, Lawrence. Isis is the daughter of Troy & Lauren Pomeroy, and granddaughter of Duane & Debbie Pomeroy.





GOD IS CALLING YOU!

EVERY Christian has been called to follow Jesus.

WHAT does it mean for you to be a disciple of Jesus?

A 4-session class called “What Does It Mean to be a Disciple of Jesus?” will be offered for those who are interested in discovering more about their identity as disciples of Jesus. Each class session will last approx. 60 minutes.

The class will help you to do 4 things:

- Explore what it means to be a “disciple” of Jesus;
- Perceive how God might be calling you and how you might respond;
- Understand new ministry opportunities; and
- Support and encourage others to participate in God’s mission.

NOTE: This is NOT a step-by-step HOW To class. It is a process. As you read Bible passages and gain new insights, it is up to you how you will incorporate what you learn into your daily life as a disciple of Jesus. No one can tell you what you have to do as you follow Jesus. Hopefully, what you will receive from the class will be new ways of looking at ways of serving God—not because you have to, but in response to the blessings God has given you. You will also learn new opportunities that God places before you to share God’s blessings with others, so that they too might be inspired to participate in God’s mission. You will learn how to touch people’s lives with God’s love and by seeing God’s love in action through you, they will want to become involved in ministry, so that they too might have a positive impact on the lives of others. This class has the potential to change people’s lives and it can have a “snowballing effect” as others become involved in what you are doing.

Classes will be June 4, June 11, June 18, and June 25. A light supper will be shared at 5:30pm, followed by class at 6:00pm. Supper and class will take place in Fellowship Hall.

When God
Calls



DOORSTEP

JUNE 2025

This month is the beginning of our 59th year of neighbors helping neighbors!

Thank you to everyone who bought quilt tickets and attended our Appreciation Banquet! The quilt drawing with the special theme quilts helped us make over \$2,000; this is a first, I think! Congratulations to our Volunteer of the Year Award Winners: Laura, Diana, Linda & Annie! We truly could not function without the assistance of all our volunteers!

Our Neighbor Helping Neighbor Walk/5K Fun Run is Saturday, June 7th, at 9am at Lake Shawnee.

Didn't pre-register? That's OK, come out to shelter houses 1 & 2 and sign up by 8:45am. This year's event is our "Countdown to 60" as Doorstep will celebrate 60 years of service in 2026! We have a special logo for our 60th anniversary which will be on the shirts this year.

The need for food assistance has remained level compared to this time last year. Our food expenditures in 2024 were \$84,500 just to keep food on our shelves to help feed our neighbors. In the first 4 months of 2025, we provided 52,188 pounds of food in 905 food orders feeding 2,293 individuals; and we have provided \$56,710 worth of clothing and household items thanks to our donors! Please remember Doorstep when you go to the grocery store and pick up a few items to share with us and your neighbors in need.

Sunday School

Adult Sunday School meets June 29 at 9:30 am in Trinity Hall lounge. We will study the second lesson for that day, Galatians 5:1, 13-25.

Children's Sunday school will meet on June 22.

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.



Food Donation for Doorstep = Food for Our Neighbors

Our May collection garnered 413 items weighing 400.1 pounds. Thanks to Bob & Janeen Horton for their efforts to pick up and deliver to Doorstep.



We want to welcome our new members.

Troy Abbott & Jeffrey Schafersman joined Trinity by affirmation of faith on December 22, 2024. Troy & Jeffrey have been active members of Trinity by hosting coffee hour and volunteering to help organize the June 22nd worship service, part of Topeka Pride's 2025 Pride Palooza. Jeffery works at Dillons, 29th & California, Troy at Dillons, 29th & Urish.

Freddy Sierks joined Trinity through baptism on Easter Sunday. Freddy plans to use his carpentry skills to help the *Sleep in Heavenly Peace* organization build bunk beds for kids who need one.

We also welcome our pulpit supply folks for the month of June.

On June 1st, our sermon will be delivered by **Rich Akins**, a friend of Trinity for many years. Some of you may remember Rich as a member of the softball team in the mid to late '70s, coached by David McGinnis. Rich's sister is married to Steve Reeves, son of Julie Reeves. Rich is an ordained deacon in the Catholic Church and has been active in ministry with the sick and dying, people with disabilities, and community outreach projects, including a ministry focused on education of young people in El Salvador. Rich is excited to share worship with Trinity Lutheran and practice what he firmly believes - we are all members of the same body of Christ and children of God.

On June 8th, our worship will be presided by **Pr. Gerald C. Liu, PhD**. Gerald is a neighbor of Duane & Debbie Pomeroy. Born in Jackson, Mississippi to culturally Buddhist immigrants from Taiwan, the Rev. Gerald C. Liu, PhD is an ordained United Methodist minister and moved to Topeka, KS to help renew and start United Methodist ministries across Kansas and Nebraska for The Great Plains Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, an ecology of just under 700 United Methodist congregations. He earned a PhD in Homiletics and Liturgics [Greek for 'preaching and worship'] from Vanderbilt's Graduate Department of Religion [GDR]. He has served on the Vanderbilt University GDR Alumni Council [2017-18], the Vanderbilt Divinity School Board of Visitors [2020 - 2022], and the Vanderbilt University Asian American Pacific Islander and Desi-American Board [AAPIDA] as Co-Engagement Chair [2022-23]. He currently chairs the Alignment and Culture Committee and is overall chair-elect of the Emory University Woodruff Alumni Advisory Board. Before becoming a church bureaucrat, he served in the national office of higher education for the United Methodist General Board of Higher Education and Ministries as Director of Collegiate Ministries, Initiatives, and Belonging. He was also the first tenure-track American-born Asian to teach worship and preaching at Princeton Theological Seminary [2016 - 2021]. He has authored numerous articles and book chapters, and regularly preaches and leads worship across the country. His books include *Music and the Generosity of God* (Palgrave, 2017) and co-authored with Khalia Williams, *A Worship Workbook: A Practical Guide for Extraordinary Liturgy* (Abingdon, 2021). His last full-time work as a pastor was in Nottingham, England and greater Atlanta, Georgia.



June 15 will bring another familiar face to our pulpit — **Rev. Barry Feaker**. Barry has served in our pulpit when he was the director of the Topeka Rescue Mission. He has retired from that position, and now is the founder and CEO of Compassion Strategies and CCT Strategies LLC, organizations dedicated to equipping leaders and communities to create strategic, sustainable impact for vulnerable populations. Barry is a graduate of Topeka West High School and attended Coffeyville Community College and Kansas State University. He is a graduate of Washburn University. Barry is an ordained Southern Baptist minister, a university fellow, and holds an honorary doctorate from Washburn University.

Deacon Dave Mareske will be with us again on June 29th. Dave is a deacon in the ELCA and serves as the Executive Director of Hollis Renewal Center for the past 25 years. Hollis is a unique ministry providing retreat space for all and operates on a donation for use system which invites each guest to help care-take the space for the next guest. Dave is married to Taren and they have two grown boys, one granddaughter and two house cats. Some, but not all, live at Hollis.

July 6 Deacon Dave Mareske

July 13 Rich Akins

July 20 Rick Friedstrom

July 27 Pr. Dinah Dutta



Diverse in culture, nation, race, we come together by your grace.

God, let us be a meeting ground where hope and healing love are found.

God, let us be a bridge of care connecting people everywhere.

Help us confront all fear and hate and lust for power that separates.

When chasms widen, storms arise, O Holy Spirit, make us wise.

Let our resolve, like steel, be strong to stand with those who suffer wrong.

God, let us be a table spread with gifts of love and broken bread,
where all find welcome, grace attends, and enemies arise as friends.

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2025 Doorstep Events

June 7th

(Saturday)

8th Annual Neighbor Helping Neighbor Walk/5K Fun Run

Lake Shawnee Shelter Houses 1 & 2 ~ Start time 9 A.M.

A Kick-off to our 60th Anniversary in June 2026!!

July

(Tentative)

Christmas in July collection of items for adopted families.

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
Shawnee Country Club

Nov & Dec

Collection of items for Christmas Adoption Project.

Doorstep adopts 260 households from the Christmas Bureau 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!