

TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED



Trinity Tidings

August 2025

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WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, 10:30am



TOGETHER IN COMMUNITY

LIVING WITH CHRIST'S LOVE

CARING FOR NEIGHBORS

August 2025

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

SUNDAY		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
<p>EVERY SUNDAY 10:30 AM WORSHIP PLEASE JOIN US FOR COFFEE AND REFRESHMENTS IN FELLOWSHIP HALL DOWNSTAIRS IMMEDIATELY AFTER WORSHIP. DEACON DAVE MARESKE WILL LEAD WORSHIP AUGUST 3, AUGUST 10, AND AUGUST 31. WE WILL HAVE A LAY LEADER ON AUGUST 17 AND PR. DINAH DUTTA WILL LEAD ON AUGUST 24.</p>						1	2	
 <p>10:15 am Hymn Sing-Along Bring food for Doorstep FOOD DONATION 10:30 am Worship/ Communion</p>	3	4	9:00 am Quilters	5	6	7	8	9
9:30-10:15 Adult Sunday School 10:30 am Worship/ Communion 2 pm PFLAG meeting	10	11	9:00 am Quilters	12	13	14	15	16
9:30 am Community Relations committee mtg 10:30 am Worship	17	18 September 2025 Trinity Tidings deadline 6 pm Stroke Support Group	9:00 am Quilters	19	20	21	22	23
9:45-10:15 Children's Sunday School 10:30 am Worship/ Communion	24	25	9:00 am Quilters	26	27	28	29	30
10:30 am Worship/ Communion  5th Sunday Special to benefit Hollis Renewal Center	31		7 pm TLHA					



President's Update

Starting in August we are reinstating use of name tags. There will be paper name tag stickers available in the narthex. Each person will be asked to put on a name tag each Sunday. With the increase in visitors and with various worship leaders, name tags will help us to more easily know each other.

There have been a variety of supply pastors since March. Council made the decision at its July meeting to have a supply pastor once a month (and as needed) who is authorized to administer communion with the remaining services each month lead by Trinity lay leaders who read a sermon provided by the Central States Synod. If Trinity lay leaders are not available then we will reach out to other area ministers.

The Audit Committee completed the 2024 audit and presented their report to Council. Thanks was expressed to committee members (Debbie Pomeroy, LaVell Winsor and Donna Allen) for their detailed report.

Community Relations committee is hoping to schedule a Sunday Service Day at Doorstep in September in conjunction with God's Work Our Hands.

We will take part in Seasons of Global Awareness to recognize Central States Synod Companion Synods – Oct. 5 Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Urals, Siberia and the Far East and Feb. 15 Kote District of the Evangelical Church in Papua New Guinea.

Rev. Donna Simon was elected Bishop of Central States Synod at the Assembly in June. She will take office in September with a Service of Installation September 28. Bishop-elect Simon will be here at Trinity to lead worship and to get to know us as a congregation November 9. She has selected Rev. Chad Langdon to be part of her staff. He is currently pastor of Christ Lutheran Wichita and was a candidate for Bishop at this year's Assembly. Bishop Susan Candea and Bishop's Associate Dave Whetter are retiring at the end of August.

Churchwide Assembly is being held in Phoenix July 28 – August 2. Central States will be represented by Rostered and Lay Persons who were elected at the Synod Assembly last year. A new Bishop will be elected to replace Rev. Elizabeth Eaton who is not seeking another term. Live video of plenary sessions will be available at www.elca.org/CWA

August Worship Leaders

- August 3Deacon Dave Mareske
- August 10Deacon Dave Mareske
- August 17 lay leader
- August 24 Pr. Dinah Dutta
- August 31Deacon Dave Mareske

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.



AUGUST READINGS

August 3 — Eighth Sunday of Pentecost

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

Psalm 49:1-12

Colossians 3:1-11

Luke 12:13-21

August 10 — Ninth Sunday of Pentecost

Genesis 15:1-6

Psalm 33:12-22

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Luke 12:32-40

August 17 — Tenth Sunday of Pentecost

Jeremiah 23:23-29

Psalm 82

Hebrews 11:29—12:2

Luke 12:49-56

August 24 — Eleventh Sunday of Pentecost

Isaiah 58:9b-14

Psalm 103:1-8

Hebrews 12:18-29

Luke 13:10-17

August 31 — Twelfth Sunday of Pentecost

Proverbs 25:6-7

Psalm 112

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Luke 14:1, 7-14

First Lutheran Church, 1234 Fairlawn, announces *Growing as Disciples*, a daylong workshop on Saturday, September 13th at the church. Rev. Roy Christel, who serves Trinity Lutheran Church, Town and Country, MO as Pastor Emeritus, will lead the event. The program will run from 9:00 to 2:30 and will focus on Discipleship as Fulfillment of Jesus' Great Commission. Lunch will be served and registration is required and will begin in early July. Please save the date and plan on joining us for this important event.

AUGUST CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

- 4 Janeen Horton
- 6 Shelley Andrews
- 11 Ella Bosch
- 27 Loni Reece
- 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
- 17 Dave & Roxann Quarnstrom

WIDOWED WOMEN of FAITH

Join other "Widowed Women of FaiTh" on Tuesday, August 19th for lunch and companionship from 11am to 1pm in the back room at Perkins Restaurant, 1720 SW Wanamaker Road, Topeka. No RSVP needed, just come. Please, invite other Widowed Women of FaiTh. We meet every month on the 3rd Tuesday and will continue all through 2025. Come join us!

Questions? WidowedWomenofFaith@gmail.com or call Julie at (913)558-0191.



COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

JULY 8, 2025

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- Bob K. reported positive P&L balance at end of June. Copier contract is under review with possible replacement. Two funds (flower & scholarship) will be moved to general fund.
- Audit committee submitted their report with observations and some recommendations. Bob recommended that audit committee work with treasurer & financial secretary to review findings & answer questions promptly. Many thanks to the audit committee (Donna Allen, Debbie Pomeroy, and LaVell Winsor) for their time on this project.
- There will be a meeting July 24 with Darin Griffith (Narthex) & Pr. Mike to discuss possibility of a preschool. Roger Wark, owner of property west of church, is asking \$40,000 for the property; Curt recommends no action at this time. Diane invited Bishop-elect Donna Simon to lead worship at Trinity; she will be here on Nov. 9th. There will be a temple talk in the near future to update congregation.
- Steve reported on the RaiseRight fundraiser. A separate checking account should be used. Marcy volunteered to manage it; Dean recommended at least two people to manage it & to re-evaluate after one year, if we proceed
- Tentative plans to receive new members (Braxdon Penry & Monte Carson) in August or September. Blessing of home communion kits needs to be done when authorized clergy is present. Communion will be scheduled once a month with authorized leader & lay leadership on the remaining Sundays. We are currently using SignUpGenius to schedule Sunday leaders. We will continue communion with pastor, assisting minister & acolyte being served communion 1st, then assembly; referred to Worship Experience team for review. Worship leaders will be designated in bulletin as L (worship leader) and A for assisting minister, removing the P designation as we do not always have a pastor. We will participate in two global awareness Sundays (Oct. 15 & Feb. 15, 2026). We will encourage everyone to wear name tag stickers to help our visitors and new members.
- Curt will address the fall hazard at the northwest door of Trinity Hall, where a bush was removed.

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.



Food Donation for Doorstep = Food for Our Neighbors

Bob & Janeen delivered 281 items, approximately 257 pounds, collected during our July 6th food collection.



DOORSTEP

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

Many of our neighbors continue to struggle to make ends meet, and that includes the ability to feed themselves and their families. Our food order numbers so far this year are only slightly under this same time last year. When you go to the store, please consider picking up a few extra items to donate to Doorstep and help stock our pantry.

We will continue to collect school supplies, backpacks, towel sets and full-size hygiene items for the families we will adopt this Christmas. Items for Christmas need to be new. We provide each school-aged child we adopt with school supplies to start the new year with and a backpack, if possible. We provide each household (260) with a health kit consisting of bath towel, hand towel, washcloth, shampoo, conditioner, bar soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, combs, and brushes. Remember Doorstep when you find deals on these items and bring them to Doorstep, 1119 SW 10th Ave, Monday – Friday, 9am – 2pm, South door. Doorstep is participating in the Great Topeka Duck Race again this year! Purchase some ducks to support Ducks for Doorstep and help us reach our goal! And,

Sunday School

Adult Sunday School meets August 10 at 9:30 am in Trinity Hall lounge. We will study the second lesson for that day, Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Children’s Sunday school will meet on August 24.

AUGUST 2025

to our golfers out there... our 2nd annual Putt Out Hunger golf tournament will be Friday, October 3rd! Sign up today and plan to come out to the Topeka Country Club in October to have some fun and support Doorstep at the same time.

In the first 6 months of 2025: Doorstep has spent nearly \$130,000 on Direct Assistance to Clients, provided 1,394 food orders, feeding 3,470 individuals with 78,939 pounds of food, and spent \$27,034 purchasing food to keep our shelves stocked to help our neighbors in need. We have also provided 688 hygiene kits; assisted 83 households who have never received services before, and provided 529 services for linens (blanket, sheets, towels, pillows).

Doorstep was built on neighbors helping neighbors 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, monetarily, 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.

Lisa Cain, Executive Director

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