

TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED



Trinity Tidings

September 2025

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WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, 10:30am



TOGETHER IN COMMUNITY

LIVING WITH CHRIST'S LOVE

CARING FOR NEIGHBORS

September 2025

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY | | | |
|---|--------|---------|---------------------------------|----------|--|----------|----|----|---------------------------------------|
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | | | |
|  10:15 am Hymn Sing-Along  Bring food for Doorstep 10:30 am Worship | 7 | 8 | 9:00 am Quilters | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 9:00 am Growing As Disciples workshop |
| 9:30-10:15 Adult Sunday School | 14 | 15 | 9:00 am Quilters | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | October 2025 Trinity Tidings deadline |
| 10:30 am Worship 1:00 pm God's Work, Our Hands work day @ Doorstep 2 pm PFLAG meeting | | | 11:00 am Widowed Women of FaiTh | | | | | | |
| 9:30 am Community Relations committee mtg | 21 | 22 | 9:00 am Quilters | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | |
| 10:30 am Worship | | | 7 pm TLHA | | | | | | |
| 9:45-10:15 Children's Sunday School 10:30 am Worship/ Communion 5:00 pm Bishop Donna Simon installation | 28 | 29 | 9:00 am Quilters | 30 | EVERY SUNDAY 10:30 AM WORSHIP PLEASE JOIN US FOR COFFEE AND REFRESHMENTS IN FELLOWSHIP HALL DOWNSTAIRS IMMEDIATELY AFTER WORSHIP. WE WILL HAVE LAY LEADERS DURING THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER EXCEPT FOR SEPTEMBER 28, WHEN WE LOOK FORWARD TO PR. BARB JONES RETURNING TO OUR PULPIT. | | | | |



President's Update

As August comes to a close, I think back over events of this month.

- Saturday, August 16th air conditioning stopped working at church and temperatures rose to over 80 degrees in the sanctuary. Sunday worship was moved to Trinity Hall lounge. On Monday the air conditioner was repaired with broken belts being replaced.
- Earlier in the month council members and a task force member met with Darren Griffith of Narthex and Michael and JP of Render's Hope Management Group to continue exploring the possibility of sharing space for a pre-elementary school.
- Darin Wade was baptized August 10 by Deacon Dave Mareske. Darin had been attending over the past several months and requested to be baptized. Please welcome him!
- August has 5 Sundays. On the 31st we'll have a Fifth Sunday Special to benefit Hollis Renewal Center, Bonner Springs, a retreat and conference center of the Central States Synod. Deacon Dave Mareske who has been our pulpit supply several times is Executive Director of Hollis.

Coming in September

- Sept. 13th congregations of the Border Conference of CSS of which we are a part is holding a workshop *Growing as Disciples* at First Lutheran 9am – 2:30pm. There is no cost but registration is required to assist with a head-count for lunch. If you receive email from Trinity, you would have gotten an email August 14 that included the link for registration.
- God's Work Our Hands, ELCA's annual day of service, will be observed by Trinity Sunday September 14 at Doorstep beginning at 1pm. Plan to volunteer that day.
- Sept. 28th service of installation for CSS Bishop-elect Donna Simon will be held at Atonement Lutheran Church, 9948 Metcalf, Overland Park, at 5pm. Everyone is invited to attend, and carpools could be arranged. Rev. Simon will be our worship leader November 9.

September Worship Leaders

Sept. 7

Sept. 14

Sept. 21

Sept. 28 Pr. Barb Jones

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

Rev Yehiel Curry was elected as Presiding Bishop of the ELCA July 30 at the Churchwide Assembly. Rev Curry takes office in October. He is currently Bishop of the Metropolitan Chicago Synod. Prior to entering the ministry he was a sixth grade teacher and social worker. He will be the first black Bishop of the ELCA. Go to YouTube to hear interviews with him or listen to one of his sermons.

In a final note, thanks to those who have served as worship lay leaders/assistants. This is an ongoing need so let the church office or myself know how and when you can help. We are able to manage operating expenses by using lay leaders except for once or twice a month when we compensate a rostered person.



SEPTEMBER READINGS

September 7 — 13th Sunday of Pentecost

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Psalm 1

Philemon 1-21

Luke 14:25-33

September 14 — 14th Sunday of Pentecost

Exodus 32:7-14

Psalm 51:1-10

1 Timothy 1:12-17

Luke 15:1-10

September 21 — 15th Sunday of Pentecost

Amos 8:4-7

Psalm 113

1 Timothy 2:1-7

Luke 16:1-13

September 28 — 16th Sunday of Pentecost

Amos 6:1a, 4-7

Psalm 146

1 Timothy 6:6-19

Luke 16:19-31

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.

SEPTEMBER CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Ellen Irwin
- 3 David Ralph
- 6 Bob Horton
- 7 Laurie Jackson
- 14 Janice Greenlee
- 18 Diane Bottorff
- 30 Dean McGinnis

BAPTISMS

- 1 Parker Jackson
- 3 Asher Klamm
- 4 Charlotte Blenden
- 7 Hudson Ralph
- 10 Ted Quast
- 15 Mary McGinnis
- 16 Jake Kennedy
- 16 Zane Kennedy
- 23 Janelle Meredith
- 28 Andy Winsor

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- 9 Larry & Mary McGinnis
- 24 Junior & Liz Utech

WIDOWED WOMEN of FAITH

Join other **Widowed Women of FaiTh** on Tuesday, September 16th 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

SEPTEMBER 12, 2025

CONGREGATION COUNCIL

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- MIF (Mission Investment Fund) closed & money moved to general fund.
- Supply worship leaders (non-lay leaders) are paid as per CSS guidelines plus mileage.
- Following an encounter with a homeless person on our property & police involvement, the possible need for a church ID was discussed. No action taken.
- Aug. 7 meeting with Narthex & Pastor Mike will be followed up with written options.
- Darin E. Wade was baptized here on Aug. 10 by Deacon Dave Mareske.
- *Growing as Disciples* Sept. 13 is a no-cost event at 1st Lutheran.
- Rev. Yehiel Curry was elected as the next ELCA Bishop.
- Community Relations will again collect dental hygiene items for WU.
- The community garden has been maintained by folks at The Bridge.
- National Night Out Against Crime was held with Tennessee Town NIA due to funding changes.
- Order of serving communion was changed to congregation served first, then leaders. This will begin once congregation has been informed.
- Sharing communion with online community was discussed. No action taken.
- Flow of communion options were presented for discussion.
- RaiseRight fundraiser is still under review pending questions regarding bank account needs.
- Marcy will fill the section next to north-west door of Trinity Hall with soil and gravel/rock. Dean will look at wireless doorbell for the quilts.
- Lay leader needed for Aug. 31 as Deacon Dave is no longer available that day.
- 5th Sunday Special Aug. 31 for the benefit of Hollis Renewal Center.

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.

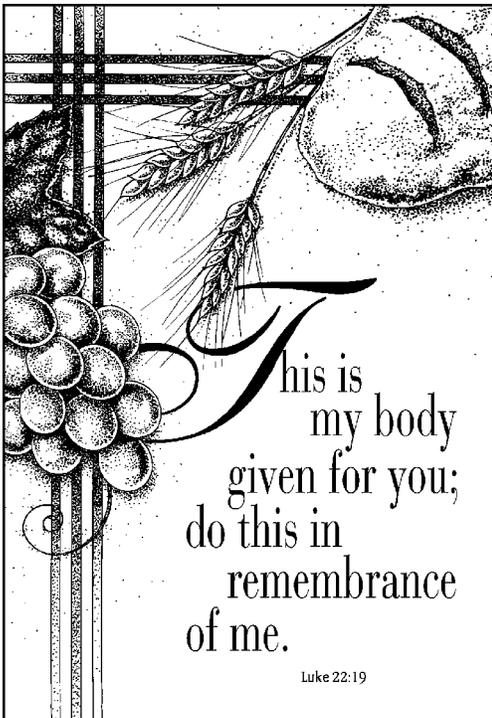


Food Donation for Doorstep = Food for Our Neighbors

Bob & Janeen delivered 312 items, approximately 290.3 pounds, collected during our August food collection. Plus almost 100 items for Christmas in July!



We are observing God's Work Our Hands, ELCA's annual day of service, on September 14. Our service opportunity will be at Doorstep, beginning at 1pm. If you've volunteered there before or haven't been able due to your weekday schedule, plan to join in September 14. A light lunch will be available during coffee hour before we head there.



Beginning on the first communion Sunday in September (as of this printing, that will be Sept. 28), we will change the order of serving communion. Presiding minister will serve congregation first (including those who remain seated). Once the assembly has been served, then communion assistant(s) and presider will be served. This change is based on a "Servant Leader" theology where the leader is always served last. Currently there is no ELCA/CSS recommended flow for communion.



SEPTEMBER 2025

DOORSTEP



At the risk of sounding like a broken record, the need for food assistance is still high this year with totals nearly equal to last year’s amounts through July. With all of the changes happening in our country right now with programs and funding being cut that many of our neighbors need to survive, the need for our services is going to be greater and more important to help families and individuals stay afloat. For our neighbors who are already struggling to make ends meet, keeping their rent and utilities paid, having kids out of school and home this summer, and dealing with the crisis that life can throw at us... keeping food on the table has and will continue to be a challenge. We have already spent \$38,500 purchasing food to meet the need, and keep our neighbors fed. In the first seven months of 2025, we spent \$150,252 on rent, utilities, dental & prescription vouchers, Topeka Metro passes, gas vouchers, hygiene products, auto services, and more.

| <u>Food Assistance</u> | <u>Jan – July 2024</u> | <u>Jan – July 2025</u> |
|------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| | Households: 1,718 | Households: 1,715 |
| | Individuals: 4,369 | Individuals: 4,290 |
| | Pounds Given: 96,869 | Pounds Given: 95,835 |
| | \$ Spent on Food: \$38,210 | \$ Spent on Food: \$38,500 |

Sunday School

Adult Sunday School meets on Sunday, Sept. 14 at 9:30am in Trinity Hall lounge. We will study the second lesson for that Sunday, 1st Corinthians 1:18-24. All are welcome!

Children’s Sunday school will meet on Sept 28.

Doorstep can provide this assistance because of our donors and funders who believe in neighbors helping neighbors and give where they can. We are grateful for every donation, large or small, and we appreciate our donors who join us in this 59-year mission! If you are in need, or know someone who is, please tell them about Doorstep.

Doorstep is participating in the **Great Topeka Duck Race** again this year! As we waddle towards our 60th anniversary, we have a goal this year of **600 ducks!** You can buy your ducks through our link on their website to support Doorstep and try to win prizes! Look for **Ducks for Doorstep!**

The “Virtual Race” is **Saturday, September 13th** at 10am.

[Visit www.duckrace.com/topeka/teams](http://www.duckrace.com/topeka/teams), select Doorstep, Inc. and adopt a Duck, a Family, Flock or an Oodle with a credit card payment. It’s as easy as that! We will also have paper forms this year, email lisa@doorstepinc.com.

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”.

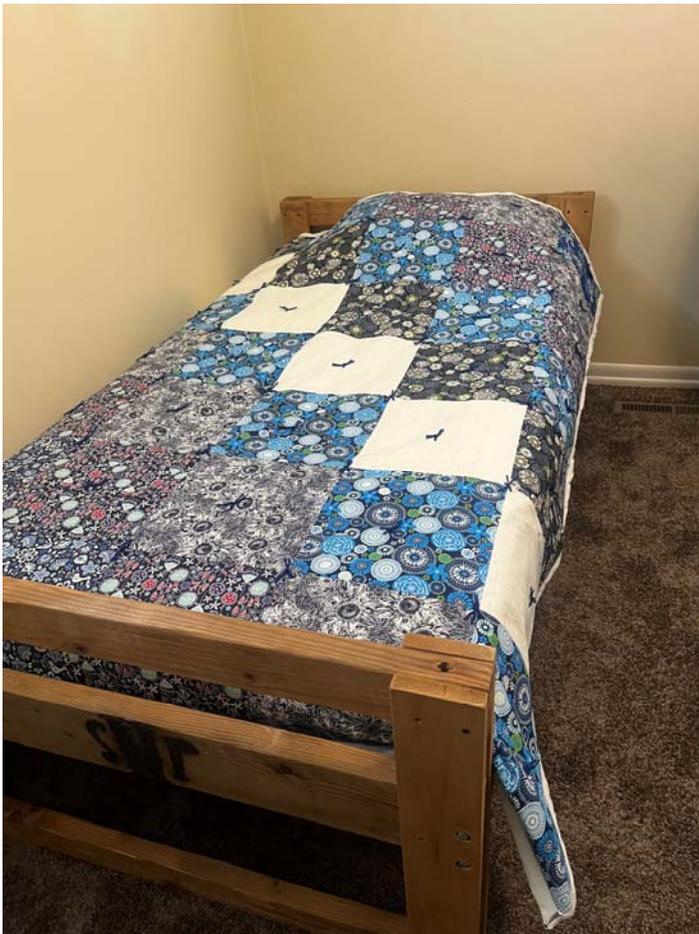
Our services are on Facebook live every Sunday and can be watched 24/7 on our page any-time. When you like and follow our page, it helps our placement when people search Facebook for a church. Please share this information with your contacts.





Trinity quilters have a new project. *Sleep in Heavenly Peace* is a national organization that builds beds for children that have to sleep on the floor. The quilters have partnered with the local Topeka chapter by providing quilts for the bunk and twin beds made for the children. The latest was for two sisters who were so excited to have a bed of their own. The beds were set up in their home and made up with our quilts.

This project is in addition to the many quilts we make for Doorstep.



DUCKS FOR DOORSTEP

GOAL: 600 DUCKS



Adopt a Duck Today!

Saturday, Sept. 13th 10am - ONLINE

<https://www.duckrace.com/topeka/teams/13004>



DOORSTEP

Neighbors Helping Neighbors



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2nd Annual

PUTT OUT HUNGER

Golf Fundraiser and Food Drive



Shawnee Country Club

4-Person Scramble

Friday, Oct. 3rd 2025

Shotgun Start @ 9 AM

\$320/Team

Light Breakfast & Lunch

Sponsorship Packages Available

Raffle Prizes

Team that donates the most food gets a prize!

**DON'T WAIT!
SCAN THE
CODE TO SIGN
UP TODAY!**



**DONATION GOAL:
1000 LBS**

**SPONSORSHIP
DEADLINE
9/5/2025**

**REGISTRATION
DEADLINE
9/19/2025**

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