

TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
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Trinity Tidings

November 2025

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WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, 10:30am



TOGETHER IN COMMUNITY

LIVING WITH CHRIST'S LOVE

CARING FOR NEIGHBORS

November 2025

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

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EVERY SUNDAY 10:30 AM WORSHIP

PLEASE JOIN US FOR COFFEE AND REFRESHMENTS IN FELLOWSHIP HALL DOWNSTAIRS IMMEDIATELY AFTER WORSHIP.

 <p>10:15 am Hymn Sing-Along</p> <p>Bring food for Doorstep</p> <p>FOOD DONATION</p> <p>10:30 am Worship</p> <p>12:00 Noon Congregational Life meeting</p>	2	3	9:00 am Quilters 4	5	6	7 8
<p>10:30 am Worship with Communion Bishop Donna Simon</p> <p>Quilt Blessing</p> <p>2 pm PFLAG meeting</p>	9	10	9:00 am Quilters 11	12	13	14 15
<p>9:30 am Community Relations committee mtg</p> <p>10:30 am Worship</p>	16	17	9:00 am Quilters 18	19	20	21 22
<p>9:45-10:15 Children's Sunday School</p>	23	24	9:00 am Quilters 25	26	27	28 29
<p>10:30 am Worship</p>  <p>to benefit the Topeka Rescue Mission</p>	30	7 pm TLHA	7:00 pm Worship			



President's Update

Today was Reformation Sunday, Deacon Dave Mareske led worship, Marcy Carlson gave a children's sermon, and the kids that were present did a great job of answering her questions about the Reformation based on their Sunday School class with Dean McGinnis.

During coffee hour, Charlotte O'Brien brought three pumpkin shaped pinatas, two for the kids to break open and one for council members to open. There was candy and a dollar bill for each one. The council found a generous check inside their pinata.

As we move into November, the first Sunday is All Saints Sunday, and we will remember those who have entered the Church Triumphant since last year's All Saint's Day.

November 9 we will welcome Bishop Donna Simon, the recently elected bishop of the Central States Synod, to lead worship. We look forward to getting to know a bit about her and her priorities for our synod.

The quilts that our group has made will be on display on the pews on Nov. 9th. They will be donated to Doorstep for the Christmas adoption, and some will be going to Sleep in Heavenly Peace, a group that makes beds for children that do not have their own bed in the place they call home. The Bishop will bless the quilts during worship.

Speaking of the Christmas Adoption at Doorstep – in this Tidings you will find information about opportunities to donate items to be given to families adopted as well as opportunities to volunteer during the days in December when the adopted families come to receive their gifts. Please help if you can!

November 26, Thanksgiving Eve at 7pm, it is Trinity's turn to host the service that we share each year with First Lutheran and Our Saviors' Lutheran. Each congregation will have members taking a role in leading the worship service, and we will host a reception after the service.

In November there is a Fifth Sunday on the 30th. Our Fifth Sunday Special offering that day will go to support Topeka Rescue Mission. November 30th is also the first Sunday in Advent.

November Worship Leaders

Nov. 2 Bob Horton

Nov. 9 Bishop Donna Simon

Nov. 16 Marcy Carlson

Nov. 23 Rev. Bruce Emmert

Nov. 30 Parker Jackson

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

November is the time when we ask everyone to complete a pledge card for 2026. What is a pledge? It is an intent for giving during the coming year. Give prayerful consideration to how you will make your pledge when the cards become available.

Mid-week Advent worship will be shared with our Saviors'. Watch for more details about this and other plans for Advent in further bulletins or via email. Christmas Eve service is planned for 4pm.

Council has set January 18 after worship as the date for our Annual Meeting. The Nominating Committee will be activated later in November to develop the ballot for the Annual Meeting.

Please like and follow Trinity at **Trinity Lutheran Topeka.org**. 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.



NOVEMBER READINGS

November 2 — All Saints Sunday

Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18

Psalm 149

Ephesians 1:11-23

Luke 6:20-31

November 9 — 22nd Sunday of Pentecost

Job 19:23-27a

Psalm 17:1-9

2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

Luke 20:27-38

November 16 — 23rd Sunday of Pentecost

Malachi 4:1-2a

Psalm 98

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Luke 21:5-19

November 23 — Christ the King Sunday

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Psalm 46

Colossians 1:11-20

Luke 23:33-43

November 30 — 1st Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 2:1-5

Psalm 122

Romans 13:11-14

Matthew 24:36-44

Sunday School

November Adult Sunday School will meet on November 30, the first Sunday in Advent. We will study the second lesson for that day, Romans 13:11-14.

Join us in Trinity Hall lounge at 9:30 am.

Children's Sunday school will meet on Nov. 23rd.

NOVEMBER CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

- 4 Ashley Watson
- 8 Julie Reeves
- 9 Andrew Patty
- 10 Rosie Nichols
- 12 Troy Abbott
- 13 Darin Wade
- 15 Liz Utech
- 20 Kendall Horton
- 20 Martha Nemeth
- 26 Debbie Pomeroy

BAPTISMS

- 4 Laurie Jackson
- 14 Marlene Hassan
- 17 Dean McGinnis
- 24 Heather Klamm
- 24 Anthony Lesser

WIDOWED WOMEN of FAITH

Join other **Widowed Women of FaiTh** on Tuesday, November 18 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? Email

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



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COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

CONGREGATION COUNCIL

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- Our monthly giving shortfall is increasing from \$2900 in September to \$7967 in October.
- Debbie Pomeroy is attending a Zoom meeting this evening regarding constitution updates recommended by synod.
- Bethany College Sunday was Oct. 19; we will celebrate Bethany on Jan. 18, with Pr. Melissa Woepfel leading worship.
- Trinity will host Old Town NIA Candidate Forum Oct. 23.
- A pastoral care team is in final planning stages.
- 2026 pledge drive will begin soon, similar to past couple of years.
- The dental hygiene items collected for WU have increased in quantity; collection dates may increase to 3 times per year.
- Several of our members volunteered at Doorstep Sept. 14. A committee is looking towards Doorstep's 50th year.
- Congregational Life meets Nov. 2nd. Advent/Christmas worship is planned. Thanksgiving Eve will be hosted by Trinity with 1st & Our Saviors.
- Directory update is in process.
- Interest in a Trinity pre-school still under review; Pr. Barb shared info about a local pre-school that may be a possibility.
- Annual meeting is set for Jan. 18; Jan. 25 alternate date.
- November council meeting will be on Monday, Nov. 10 instead of Tuesday.

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 402 items, approximately 326.8 pounds, collected during our October food collection.

We continue to be very generous!



November 26, 7:00pm

Trinity will be hosting the Thanksgiving Eve worship this year. Our Savior’s Lutheran and First Lutheran will be joining us for this worship. There will be reception after the service.

We are asking for volunteers to serve as ushers and a lector. Please call the church office to say you’ll help.



Worship Leaders Needed!

We are very fortunate to have willing leaders in our midst— Marcy, Duane, Bob — but we need more. Please give prayerful consideration to serving at worship in this manner, then call the church office, 785.233.0767, or email office@topekatlc.org to volunteer or get more information. Thanks.

P.S. No singing required.

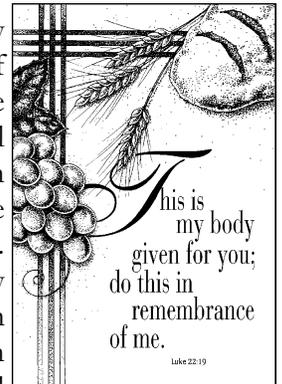
WU Campus Ministry — Bods Feeding Bods

THANK YOU to all who gave dental hygiene products for the students at Washburn. A total of 91 items were collected and delivered. We were at the pantry on Monday Sep 29, then returned one week later with

more donations-- to discover all initial items were already gone! Your donations are so, so appreciated! So until next semester, God bless!



We now use a slightly altered order of communion. The 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.





Poinsettias 2025

We are taking orders for poinsettias to decorate our sanctuary for our Christmas Eve worship service. To purchase a poinsettia, please put this completed form in the offering plate or mail to the church office. You may take your plants home with you after worship on Christmas Eve to enjoy during the holidays.

Your name: _____

Phone number: _____

The cost per plant delivered to the church will be \$9.00.

Please include payment with order if possible. **Make check payable to Trinity Lutheran Church**, with the memo line reading "poinsettias".

The deadline for orders is Monday, November 10th.

In the worship folder, I would like the gift to be noted as (please check one and fill in the blank):

____ **in honor of** (*event, organization or living person*):

____ **in memory of** (*someone who has died*):

____ **to the Glory of God** (*a general thanksgiving*)

____ Please do not list me in the worship folder.



DOORSTEP

It is that time of year when we start focusing on our Christmas Adoption Project. The Christmas Bureau is taking applications from families & individuals who need help providing Christmas this year. We will receive our assigned households before Thanksgiving, and we'll be preparing their letters, schedules and compiling wish list items for the 822 individuals!

We provide each household Christmas gifts, food, blankets, hygiene items, household items, school supplies & toys for the children, a puzzle and game, and gift cards. This is a big project, and we cannot do all of this without the help of our Faith Community Mission Members, individuals, and community groups.

Hopefully you know by now, through our newsletter articles, how much need there is in our community. The increased need for food has remained a constant for a year and half now, and our neighbors are struggling to make ends meet, often needing a hand up with bills, or the very least with food to feed their families. In the first three quarters of 2025, Doorstep provided 2,297 food orders to make meals for 5,753 individuals with 126,686 pounds of food!

New items we needed for Christmas are:

Queen & King Size Blankets (New): Please **NO THROWS.**

We need a total of 260 to provide at least one to each household!

*** Full-Size Hygiene Items:** Shampoo, Conditioner, 2-in-1 Shampoo + Conditioner, Bar Soap, Body Wash, Toothbrushes, Toothpaste, Deodorant, Brushes and Combs

*** Towel Sets:** Bath, hand and washcloth to wrap around the hygiene products.

Household Items: Crockpots, Silverware Sets, Dish Sets, Cookware – Saucepans, Sheet Sets (Queen & King), Small Laundry Baskets with New cleaning sup-

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plies (All-purpose cleaner, laundry soap & softener, dish soap, rags, scrubbing pads, window cleaner), Food Storage Sets

Gifts: Tool Sets, Wallets, Cologne & Perfume Sets, Body Care Sets (men/women), Ear Buds, Headphones, Candles, Nail Polish Sets

Toys & Games: Nerf Guns, Lego Sets, Action Figures, Dinosaur Toys, Family Board Games, Puzzles, Basketballs, Footballs, Learning Toys (ex: Vtech), Paw Patrol

Hoodies: Men/Women/Teens – Varying sizes

(Medium – 4X), colors, designs, sports teams, or plain

Monetary Donations to purchase food, gift cards and items we're lacking.

*** Please bring hygiene products and towel sets to Doorstep by mid-November, if possible.**

Christmas Distribution Volunteer Opportunities

(We will start scheduling volunteers in mid-November)

Tuesday, December 16th there will be several opportunities from 8:30am – 12:30pm and 12:30pm – 5:30pm. (Lunch provided)

Wednesday, December 17th opportunities are available from 8:30am – 1:30pm and 1:30pm – 7:30pm. (Lunch and dinner provided)

Thursday, December 18th opportunities are available from 8:30am – 12:30pm and 12:30pm – 5:30pm. (Lunch provided)

We need your monetary donations to purchase the gift cards, food, and any of the gift items that were not donated.

You can mail your tax-deductible donations to:

Doorstep, Inc., 1119 SW 10th, Topeka, Ks 66604 or go to our website (www.doorsteptopeka.org) to donate by credit card.

Please let us know if you attend one of Doorstep's Faith Community Mission Members (formerly member congregations) for credit.



Doorstep Christmas Project ~ 2025



Doorstep is adopting 260 households with 800+ individuals from the Christmas Bureau again this year. We need your help to make Christmas bright for these families and individuals.

We need the following NEW items:

(Needed by 12/9/25)

Household Items:

- ◆ Sauce Pans, Dutch Ovens & Crockpots
- ◆ Kitchen Utensil Sets
- ◆ Kitchen Food Storage Sets
- ◆ Laundry Baskets & Cleaning Supplies
(glass, all-purpose, toilet, micro-towels, dish soap)
- ◆ Queen & King Sheet Sets (darker colors)



Toys, Teens & Gifts:

- ◆ Learning Toys ex: Vtech
- ◆ Basketballs & Footballs
- ◆ Teen Books ~ Fantasies
- ◆ Family Board Games
- ◆ Dominoes & Card Games
- ◆ Canvases (Value Packs)
- ◆ Paints & Brushes
- ◆ Ear Buds & Headphones

Women's Gifts:

- ◆ Candles
- ◆ Nail Sets
- ◆ Body Care Sets
(Body Wash, Lotion, Spray)

Men's Gifts:

- ◆ Wallets
- ◆ Tool Sets
- ◆ Body Care Sets
(Axe, Adidas, Old Spice)

Money for Gift Cards & Food

Visit Doorstep's Walmart Christmas Registry:

<https://bit.ly/doorstepchristmas2024>

Purchase gifts directly from our registry!

Visit Doorstep's Amazon Wish List:

<https://a.co/ff4EokG>

Purchase gifts directly from our list!

Volunteer Opportunities:

Tuesday, December 16th ~ Opportunities from 8:30am – 12:30pm and 12:30pm – 5:30pm.
(Lunch provided)

Wednesday, December 17th ~ Opportunities available from: 8:30am – 1:30pm,
1:30pm – 4:30pm and 4:30pm - 7:30pm. (Lunch & Dinner provided)

Thursday, December 18th ~ Opportunities available from 8:30am – 12:30pm and
12:30pm – 5:30pm. (Lunch provided)

Call Doorstep (785) 357-5341 to sign up & help during distribution week!



Doorstep is located at 1119 SW 10th, 66604 (10th & Buchanan).
Christmas Donation hours are Monday - Friday, 9am - 2pm through Dec. 12th.

You can mail your monetary donations, or use our website:
DoorstepTopeka.org under the Donate Tab.



REFORMATION SUNDAY FUN!

