

TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
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Trinity Tidings

January 2026

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WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, 10:30am



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LIVING WITH CHRIST'S LOVE

CARING FOR NEIGHBORS

January 2026

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

EVERY SUNDAY 10:30 AM WORSHIP PLEASE JOIN US FOR COFFEE AND REFRESHMENTS IN FELLOWSHIP HALL DOWNSTAIRS IMMEDIATELY AFTER WORSHIP.		1	2	3				
 10:15 am Hymn Sing-Along  Bring food for Doorstep FOOD DONATION 10:30 am Worship 12:00 Noon Congregational Life meeting	4	5	9:00 am Quilters	6	7	8	9	10
								5:30 pm Council
9:30-10:15 Adult Sunday School	11	12	9:00 am Quilters	13	14	15	16	17
10:30 am Worship						February 2026 Trinity Tidings deadline		
2 pm PFLAG meeting			11:00 am Widowed Women of FaiTh					
9:30 am Community Relations committee mtg	18	19	9:00 am Quilters	20	21	22	23	24
10:30 am Worship w/ Communion Pr. Melissa Woepfel								
TLC Annual Meeting following worship		6 pm Stroke Support Group	7 pm TLHA					
9:45-10:15 Children's Sunday School	25	26	9:00 am Quilters	27	28	29	30	31
10:30 am Worship								



President's Update

Bishop's Associate Rev. Chad Langdon came to the December 9 council meeting to present an opportunity for Trinity to be a site for a seminary student to do her internship. Jennelle Hinck is studying at United Lutheran Seminary in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. She has completed course work and is ready to begin her internship. Internship is the final step prior to ordination. Jennelle lives in Overland Park with her husband and children.

Why Trinity? In our current situation and with a limited pool of available pastoral candidates, an intern could provide our congregation with a consistent worship leader who helps fill our needs for spiritual support and leads us on our faith journey as we move forward. Other specifics include, but not limited to, Bible studies, hospital calls/home visits, working with children and other groups within the congregation.

In return we'd support her in her educational journey. Part of our support would also include financial support. Seminary interns receive a stipend from the congregation where they do their internship. Our current budget has a line item for pastoral support. To support the internship additional support from members and other sources above and beyond the budgeted amount would be needed. This could come in the form of fund raisers, increased giving by members or working with your financial planner to set aside a donation.

An internship committee, composed of five or six of our members, is being formed. A supervising pastor, who is a local ELCA pastor, will mentor the intern and provide guidance to the committee.

At our Annual Meeting January 18 the congregation will be asked to approve moving forward with the internship. The proposed start date is the beginning of February. I'm excited about this opportunity for Trinity and hope you are too!

At the joint Thanksgiving Eve service, the offering was divided evenly among Trinity, First, and Our Saviors. By council action our share, \$156, has been donated to Doorstep.

January Worship Leaders

Jan. 4 Parker Jackson

Jan. 11 Curt Lewis

Jan. 18 Pr. Melissa Woeppel

Jan. 25 Marcy Carlson

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

Fifth Sunday Special November 30 resulted in \$340 being collected for Topeka Rescue Mission. Thanks to all who participated in the Town Hall meeting November December 7 after worship. Discussion centered around utilization of space with the possibility of renting to a non-profit group such as Topeka Literacy Council and development of a pre-elementary school in cooperation with Renders Hope. The three member Task Force (Bob Kobbeman, Bob Horton, Carol Marker) will be expanded to include several more members to investigate other possible options. Annual Meeting of the Congregation is set for after worship January 18. Agenda items to include: adoption of 2026 budget, election of positions such as council members, nominating committee for 2026, one member for audit committee, and representatives to organizations we partner with such as Topeka Lutheran Home Association. In addition, approving changes to our constitution to bring it into compliance with constitution adopted at last churchwide assembly and approval of moving forward with the internship.



JANUARY READINGS

January 4 — 2nd Sunday of Christmas

Jeremiah 31:7-14
 Psalm 147:12-20
 Ephesians 1:3-14
 John 1:[1-9] 10-18

January 11 — Baptism of Our Lord

Isaiah 42:1-9
 Psalm 29
 Acts 10:34-43
 Matthew 3:13-17

January 18 — 2nd Sunday of Epiphany

Isaiah 49:1-7
 Psalm 40:1-11
 1 Corinthians 1:1-9
 John 1:29-42

January 25 — 3rd Sunday of Epiphany

Isaiah 9:1-4
 Psalm 27:1, 4-9
 1 Corinthians 1:10-18
 Matthew 4:12-23

Sunday School

January Adult Sunday School will meet on January 11th, Baptism of Our Lord. We will study the second lesson for that day, Acts 10:34-43

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

Children's Sunday school will meet on Jan. 25th.

JANUARY CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

- 11 Everly Bosch
- 16 Ben Carlson
- 16 Linda Longren
- 23 Ivan Carlson
- 25 David Quarnstrom
- 27 Zane Kennedy

BAPTISMS

- 10 Kendall Horton



WU CAMPUS MINISTRY

The new year brings new needs for students on the campus of Washburn University. It is time once again for us at Trinity to shop for dental hygiene items for the Bods Feeding Bods pantry. Be

on the lookout for good buys and sales (individually packaged please) of toothbrushes, toothpaste, mouthwash, dental floss, and floss picks. The Ichabod box will be by the east entrance for all the Sundays in January. Debbie & Duane Pomeroy will deliver our donations to campus the first week or so of February. Thank you for your continued support of this ministry!



Joyce Koenig, a PMA at First Lutheran, has been leading a book study for over four years, and would like to invite our members to join the discussion. Their new study will begin in February, and they will be reading *The Jesus I Never Knew* by Philip Yancy. They have extra books that the Adult Learning Committee would like to share with us. They have two discussion groups that meet at separate times. One meets in person on Mondays at 1:00 in the 1st Lutheran church library, and the second meets on Fridays at 7:00 on Zoom. The Monday group will meet on February 2nd, 16th, March 2nd, and 16th. The Friday group will meet on February 6th, 20th, March 6th, and 20th. If you have any questions, you may email Joyce at koenig1942@hotmail.com or call her at 501-781-5692.



DECEMBER 9, 2025

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

CONGREGATION COUNCIL

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- Thanks to some increased giving in November, budget has moved out of the red & into the black.
- Diane activated the nominating committee.
- Thanksgiving Eve offering totaled \$468. This was divided evenly between the 3 churches; our share (\$156) will be given to Doorstep.
- A sign-up sheet for coffee hour hosts will be circulated.
- Diane asked that committees prepare reports & send to the office for inclusion in the annual report.
- Dean made a motion to re-activate and expand the Task Force (Carol Marker, Bob Horton, Bob Kobbeman) to include a few more interested members to investigate potential tenant/landlord opportunities. Motion carried.
- Duane moved to present ELCA constitutional updates be presented for a vote at the Jan. 18 annual meeting; motion carried.
- Duane made a motion to pursue an internship proposal as presented by Rev. Chad Langdon. Motion carried. The congregation will need to approve the internship at the annual meeting.
- Marcy asked to provide a bus tour of Christmas lights as was done last year. This was approved.
- Next council meeting will be January 8, 2026.

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 200 food items to Doorstep, collected during our December food collection.

We continue to be very generous! Our next collection date is January 4th, 2026.

January -- February -- March 2026

Date	Acolyte(s)	Assisting Minister	Lector	Worship Leader	Ushers
Jan. 4	Braxdon Penry	Ted Murphy	Shelley Andrews	Parker Jackson	Marcy Carlson, Curt Lewis
Jan. 11	Brayden Winsor	Marcy Carlson	Steve Luoma	Curt Lewis	Dean McGinnis, Duane Pomeroy
Jan. 18	Janeen Horton	Bob Horton	Curt Lewis	Pr. Melissa Woepffel	Diane Bottorff, Howard Reece
Jan. 25	Curt Lewis, Ella Bosch	Parker Jackson	Debbie Pomeroy	Marcy Carlson	Troy Abbott, Jeffrey Schafersman
Feb. 1	Braxdon Penry	Ted Murphy	Duane Pomeroy	Freddie Sierks	Bob Horton, Curt Lewis
Feb. 8	Janeen Horton	Bob Horton	Diane Bottorff	Duane Pomeroy	Marcy Carlson, Dean McGinnis
Feb. 15	Curt Lewis, Ella Bosch	Marcy Carlson	Loni Reece	Pr. Bob Dealey	Diane Bottorff, Duane Pomeroy
Feb. 18 Ash Wednesday	Janeen Horton	Parker Jackson	Laurie Jackson	Bob Horton	Troy Abbott, Howard Reece
Feb. 22	Brayden Winsor	Ted Murphy	Bob Horton	Parker Jackson	Jeffrey Schafersman, Curt Lewis
Mar. 1	Janeen Horton	Bob Horton	Shelley Andrews	Curt Lewis	Marcy Carlson, Dean McGinnis
Mar. 8	Curt Lewis, Ella Bosch	Parker Jackson	Steve Luoma	Marcy Carlson	Diane Bottorff, Duane Pomeroy
Mar. 15	Braxdon Penry	Marcy Carlson	Curt Lewis	Freddie Sierks	Howard Reece, Troy Abbott
Mar. 22	Brayden Winsor	Ted Murphy	Marcy Carlson	Duane Pomeroy	Jeffrey Schafersman, Bob Horton
Mar. 29 Palm Sunday	Janeen Horton	Bob Horton	Debbie Pomeroy	Pr. Bob Dealey	Marcy Carlson, Curt Lewis

If you find a schedule conflict, and you cannot find someone to take your place, please notify Cindy McGinnis at 233-0767 or office@topekatlc.org

ASSISTING MINISTERS should always use the pocket microphone or the lectern microphone during the service.

LECTORS, please talk directly into the microphone on the lectern, rather than having the microphone to the side. I will email the lesson to you on Monday or Tuesday before the Sunday on which you are scheduled to read. If I do not have an email address for you or if I don't hear back that you have received it, then I will mail a paper copy via US mail later in the week. Lectors and assisting ministers are shown on the Worship Assistants chart in the bulletin each Sunday.

Thanks!