

TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
725 SW Buchanan Street  
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# TRINITY TIDINGS

MARCH 2026

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## OFFICE

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## WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, 10:30am



TOGETHER IN COMMUNITY

LIVING WITH CHRIST'S LOVE

CARING FOR NEIGHBORS

# MARCH 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
 <p>10:15 am Hymn Sing-Along Bring food for Doorstep FOOD DONATION</p> <p>10:30 am Worship</p>	2	9:00 am Quilters	3	6:15 PM Lenten Midweek Service @ OSLC <i>Sacrificial Love: Poured Out Without Measure</i> Mary of Bethany	5	6	7
9:30-10:15 Adult Sunday School	9	9:00 am Quilters	10	6:15 PM Lenten Midweek Service @ OSLC <i>Sacrificial Love: Crossing Boundaries</i> The Samaritan Woman	12	13	14
10:30 am Worship	5:30 pm Council			Soup Supper at 5:30 PM			
2 pm PFLAG meeting							
9:30 am Community Relations committee mtg	16	9:00 am Quilters	17	6:15 PM Lenten Midweek Service @ OSLC <i>Sacrificial Love: Surrender Born of Trust</i> Peter	19	20	21
10:30 am Worship	6 pm Stroke Support Group	11:00 am Widowed Women of FaiTh		Soup Supper at 5:30 PM	April 2026 Trinity Tidings deadline		
9:45-10:15 Children's Sunday School	23	9:00 am Quilters	24	6:15 PM Lenten Midweek Service @ OSLC <i>Sacrificial Love: A Faithful Presence</i> Mary Magdalene	26	27	28
10:30 am Worship		7 pm TLHA		Soup Supper at 5:30 PM			
29	30	9:00 am Quilters	31	<b>EVERY SUNDAY</b> <b>10:30 AM WORSHIP</b> PLEASE JOIN US FOR COFFEE AND REFRESHMENTS IN FELLOWSHIP HALL DOWNSTAIRS IMMEDIATELY AFTER WORSHIP.			
10:30 am Worship with Communion Pr. Bob Dealey							



## President's Update

As previously announced, new council officers for this year are:

President Duane Pomeroy  
 Vice President Steve Luoma  
 Secretary Diane Bottorff  
 Treasurer Bob Kobbeman

At the February council meeting, the following volunteered as committee chairs:

Administration: Troy Abbott and Steve Luoma  
 Community Relations: Marilyn Heckman  
 Congregational Life: Parker Jackson & Diane Bottorff  
 Maintenance: Curt Lewis and Howard Reece  
 Spiritual Care: Duane Pomeroy

Our church constitution designates that each committee will be led by members of the council. If you wish to serve on a committee that you are not already on, please contact the chair or Cindy in the church office.

The organ is in need of minor repair and Mitch is able to do the work "in-house". The council authorized him to proceed with the task.

Approval was given for the use of Trinity Hall on Feb. 14.

Pastor Bob Dealey led church one Sunday in February and will next serve as minister on Palm Sunday. Pastor Dealey has agreed to lead worship once a month for the rest of 2026. His leadership provides our congregation with continuity and insures that we have communion at least once per month. The decision of the Council is to have a rostered leader at least monthly and sometimes twice in a month.

### March Worship Leaders

March 1      Curt Lewis  
 March 8      Marcy Carlson  
 March 15  
 March 22      Duane Pomeroy  
 March 29      Pr. Bob Dealey

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

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.



### WU CAMPUS MINISTRY Bods Feeding Bods

Outreach to the Washburn pantry continues to be successful.



In February, 95 oral hygiene items were delivered for the spring semester. Thank you for donating to help our area college students!



## MARCH READINGS

*March 1 — 2nd Sunday of Lent*

Genesis 12:1-4a  
 Psalm 121  
 Romans 4:1-5, 13-17  
 John 3:1-17

*March 8 — 3rd Sunday of Lent*

Exodus 17:1-7  
 Psalm 95  
 Romans 5:1-11  
 John 4:5-42

*March 15 — 4th Sunday of Lent*

1 Samuel 16:1-13  
 Psalm 23  
 Ephesians 5:8-14  
 John 9:1-41

*March 22 — 5th Sunday of Lent*

Ezekiel 37:1-14  
 Psalm 130  
 Romans 8:6-11  
 John 11:1-45

*March 29 — Palm Sunday*

Isaiah 50:4-9a  
 Psalm 31:9-16  
 Philippians 2:5-11  
 Matthew 26:14—27:66  
 or Matthew 27:11-54

## MARCH CELEBRATIONS

### BIRTHDAYS

10 Bob Kobbeman  
 16 Jake Kennedy  
 19 Carol Marker  
 25 Pam Kobbeman  
 31 Larry McGinnis

### BAPTISMS

1 Ben Carlson  
 1 Adeline Klamm  
 15 Dave Quarnstrom  
 20 Jane Lewis  
 21 Diane Bottorff  
 27 Chance Hutchison

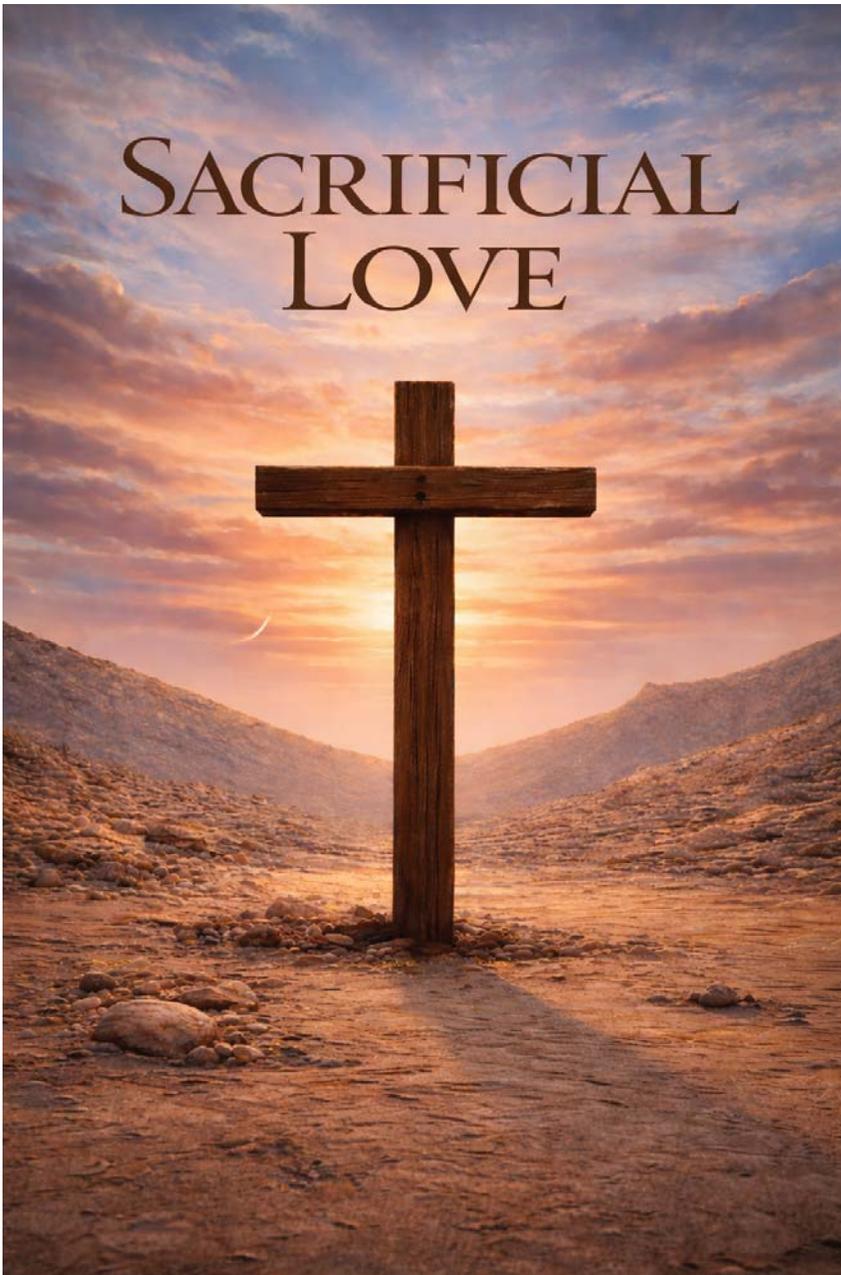
## Sunday School

Adult Sunday School meets March 8, the third Sunday in Lent. We will study the second lesson for that day, Romans 5:1-11. Join us at 9:30 am in Trinity Hall lounge.

Children's Sunday school will meet on Mar. 22nd, 9:45am.

## WIDOWED WOMEN of FAITH

Join other "Widowed Women of FaiTh" on St. Patrick's Day, Tuesday, March 17th 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday and will continue all through 2026. Come join us! Questions? [WidowedWomenofFaith@gmail.com](mailto:WidowedWomenofFaith@gmail.com) or call Julie at (913)558-0191.



**Sacrificial Love: Poured Out Without Measure**

Mary of Bethany  
Wednesday, March 4, 6:15 PM  
Soup Supper at 5:30 PM

**Sacrificial Love: Crossing Boundaries**

The Samaritan Woman  
Wednesday, March 11, 6:15 PM  
Soup Supper at 5:30 PM

**Sacrificial Love: Surrender Born of Trust**

Peter  
Wednesday, March 18, 6:15 PM  
Soup Supper at 5:30 PM

**Sacrificial Love: A Faithful Presence**

Mary Magdalene  
Wednesday, March 25, 6:15 PM  
Soup Supper at 5:30 PM

Lenten midweek services will be a joint effort between Our Savior's Lutheran Church and Trinity Lutheran Church. We are asked for one woman and one man volunteer for the monologues and for us to be responsible for two of the soup suppers. Please call Our Savior's, (785) 266-5313, to offer your support.



## FEBRUARY 9, 2026

## COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

### CONGREGATION COUNCIL

#### President

Duane Pomeroy  
785.234.4385

#### Vice President

Steve Luoma  
517.974.9191

#### Secretary

Diane Bottorff  
785.231.0379

#### Treasurer

Bob Kobbeman  
785.478.0381

#### Members

Troy Abbott  
785.554.6765

Marilyn Heckman  
785.221.4905

Parker Jackson  
785.633.3353

Curt Lewis  
785.633.6661

Howard Reece  
785.221.8992

- Council gave the OK for Mitchell Bean to spend up to \$500 for parts to do some minor repair on the organ.
- The elevator passed inspection done by ESSI. The report will be sent to the state & certificate will be issued.
- Maintenance committee will proceed with improving signage regarding doors that will be accessible during worship & other events.
- Directory update will proceed with executive committee.
- Diane contacted Pr. Michael Jones to schedule a meeting regarding transition; no response to date. No recent updates from Doorstep about Topeka Literacy Council.
- Duane will ask Debbie to tabulate Time & Talent sheet responses.
- Approved use of Trinity Hall lounge Feb. 14 requested by Diane for reunion of former United Methodist Home.
- Committee assignments:  
Congregational Life: Parker and Diane  
Community Relations: Marilyn  
Maintenance: Curt and Howard  
Administration: Steve, Troy, Bob K  
Spiritual Care: Duane
- Pr. Deb (OSLC) is offering an Intentional Care Ministry, starting with a planning meeting on Feb. 20. Council likes the idea but also wants more information.
- Parker spoke to Council about his relationship with council & worship.
- Next meeting March 9, 5:30 pm.

*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

We delivered 276 food items, or 188 pounds of food, to Doorstep, collected during our February 1st food collection.

Additionally, we provided another 115 items, 100.8 pounds to support Doorstep's Souper Bowl event to stock their shelves.

We continue to be very generous! Our next collection date is March 1, 2026.



**DOORSTEP**

Neighbors Helping Neighbors

**Doorstep is hosting an online silent auction in  
March & we need your help!**

**Could you donate an art piece, experience, or  
theme basket? Do you own a business & would  
donate a service or product?**

## ***Doorstep's Starlight Auction***

***Runs from March 15<sup>th</sup> thru March 21<sup>st</sup>***

**Your auction donations are needed by February 25<sup>th</sup>.**

**If you can help Doorstep raise funds through our**

**auction please call Lisa at 785-357-5341 or**

**email: [lisa@doorstepinc.com](mailto:lisa@doorstepinc.com)**



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# *Starlight Auction*

**Bid Under the Stars....from wherever you are!**

*Begins: March 15, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.*

*Ends: March 21, 2026 at 10:00 p.m.*

**Step into the glow and be a part of a week filled with wonder, whimsy, and community impact.**

**The Starlight Auction brings together supporters, dreamers, and faithful givers for an online event that sparkles with possibility. Discover unique items, bid boldly, and help fuel the outreach work that lights up lives across our community.**

## **How it Works:**

**Register Here:**

**<https://givebutter.com/StarlightAuction26>**

**Browse items.**

**Bid and Bid Often**

**Shine Bright for Doorstep**





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# Starlight Auction

## Auction Item Ideas

### **Showstopper Items**

- Weekend Getaway
- Private Chef Dinner for 6-8
- VIP Concert or Theatre Tickets
- Hotair Balloon Ride
- "Year of Date Nights" (12 Gift Cards\_
- Behind the Scenes Tours
- Private Class with local artist, baker, or musician
- Spa Day Package
- Sports Game Tickets & Merchandise

### **Theme Baskets**

- "Stargazer Basket" (telescope, blanket, cocoa, constellation book)
- "Night in Wonderland" (gourmet snacks, cosy socks, candles, puzzles)
- Wish Upon a Star (Jewelry Set)
- "Glow & Flow" (yoga class pack, candles, essential oils)
- "Moonlight Picnic" (picnic basket, charcuteria board, outdoor lanterns)
- "Starlight Storytime" (children's books, plush, bedtime basket, blanket)
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### **Experiences**

- Cooking Class
- Pottery or Art Workshop
- Wine or Coffee Tasting
- Photography Session
- Garden Design Consultation
- Personal Trainer or Wellness Coach
- Kid's Birthday Party Package

### **Community Oriented**

- "Around Town" bundle - local experiences and treats
- Handmade quilts or crafts
- Woodworking Piece
- Gift Card Tree or Galaxy
- Car Detailing Package
- Landscaping or Lawncare package
- Pet Care Bundle

### **Creative, Fun, Playful**

- Mystery Box
- "Year of Desserts" Monthly Treats
- Board Game Bonanza
- Kid's Art Explosion Kit
- "Movie Magie" Popcorn, Snacks, Movie Tickets
- Adventure Kit - backpack, water bottle, local trail guide



Dear Community Members,

Our community shines brightest when we come together - and this year, we're inviting you to help light the way.

We are hosting our Starlight Auction, an online fundraising event designed to support vital outreach programs that provide food, clothing, emergency assistance, and compassionate care to neighbors in need. This event brings together supporters from across the region for a night filled with generosity, joy, and a touch of whimsy.

We would be honored to feature your business as part of this special event.

We are seeking donated items, gift cards, services, or experiences that can be included in our auction lineup. Your contribution will not only help raise essential funds, but it will also highlight your business to a wide audience of community-minded participants.

Whether it is a gift card, a themed basket, a service package, merchandise, or a unique experience, your generosity will help create an unforgettable event and make a meaningful impact.

If you're able to contribute, please contact us at (785)357-5341 or return the attached form by February 27<sup>th</sup>. We are happy to arrange pickup of donated items at your convenience. Any contribution to Doorstep, Inc is Tax Deductible. Our Federal Tax ID is: 48-0734624

Thank you for considering this opportunity to partner with us. Together, we can make sure the Starlight Auction truly lives up to its name - an evening where generosity shines brightest.

With gratitude,

Bonnie Goodwin  
Special Events Chair  
Doorstep, Inc.

Lisa Cain  
Executive Director  
Doorstep, Inc.