

The Holy Trinity



Trinity Lutheran Church

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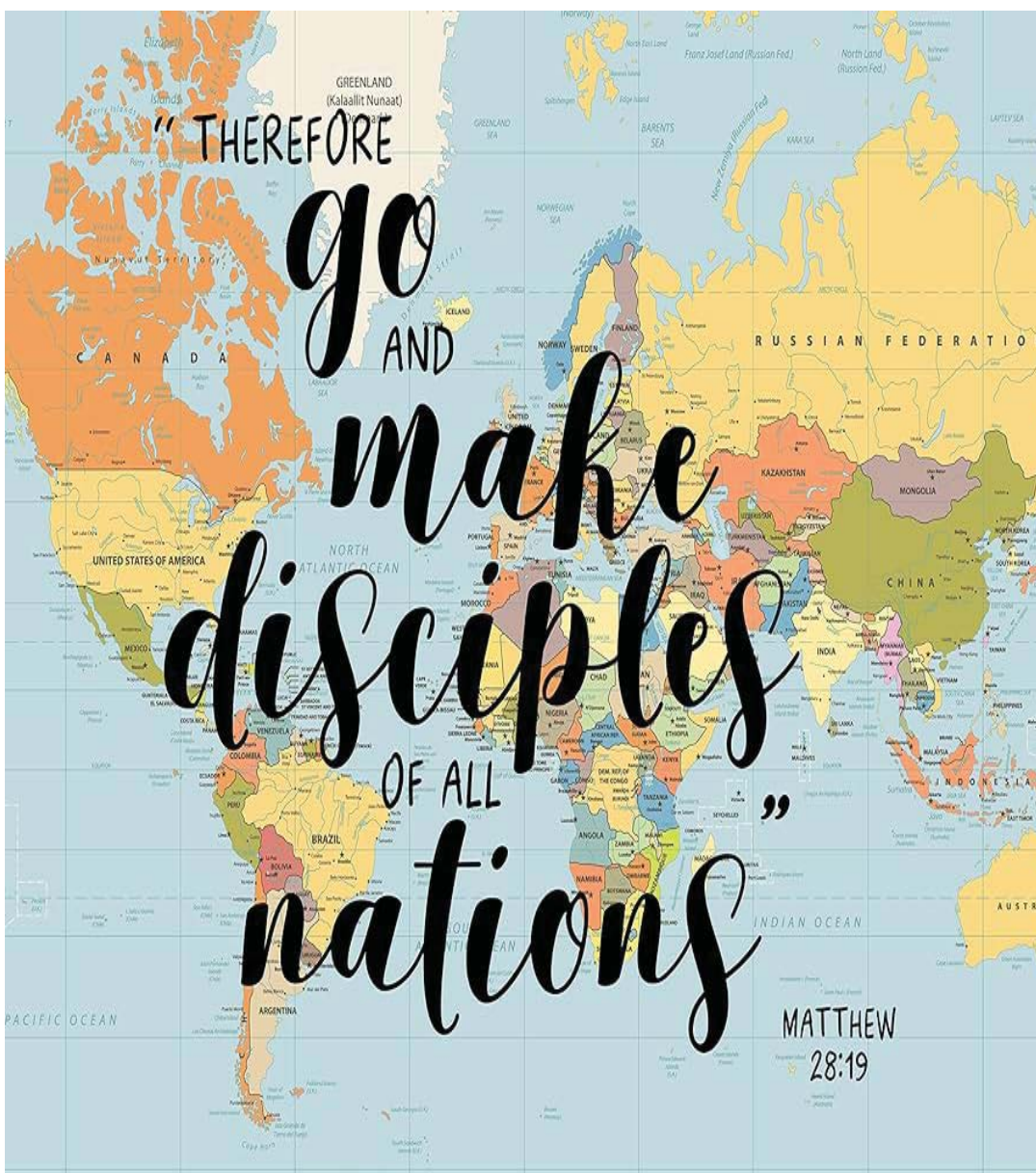
2026

The Holy Trinity

Together
in Community
Living
with Christ
Caring
for Neighbors

Remember, I
am with you
always, to the
end of the age.

Matthew 28:20



MATTHEW
28:19

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We are glad you are here!
It is always good to be together, hearing the Word.
Thank you for choosing to worship at Trinity Lutheran Topeka.
Thank you, Curt Lewis, for leading worship today.

PRELUDE

Evangelical Lutheran Worship — Setting 4

GATHERING

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Please stand as you are able.

P In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Most merciful God,

C we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

Rise, Shine, You People!

ELW 665

1 Rise, shine, you people! Christ the Lord has entered our human story; God in him is centered. He comes to us, by death and sin surrounded, with grace unbounded.

2 See how he sends the pow'rs of evil reeling; he brings us freedom, light and life and healing. All men and women, who by guilt are driven, now are forgiven.

3 Come, celebrate; your banners high unfurling, your songs and prayers against the darkness hurling. To all the world go out and tell the story of Jesus' glory.

4 Tell how the Father sent the Son to save us. Tell of the Son, who life and freedom gave us. Tell how the Spirit calls from ev'ry nation God's new creation.

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GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Assisting minister

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

All

Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.

Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us; you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.

For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord, you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A Let us pray.

God of heaven and earth, before the foundation of the universe and the beginning of time you are the triune God: Author of creation, eternal Word of salvation, life-giving Spirit of wisdom. Guide us to all truth by your Spirit, that we may proclaim all that Christ has revealed and rejoice in the glory he shares with us. Glory and praise to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C Amen.

Please be seated.

WORD

FIRST READING: GENESIS 1:1–2:4A

¹When God began to create the heavens and the earth, ²the earth was complete chaos, and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³Then God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good, and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

⁶And God said, “Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.” ⁷So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. ⁸God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

⁹And God said, “Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so. ¹⁰God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. ¹¹Then God said, “Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.” And it was so.

¹²The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. ¹³And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

¹⁴And God said, “Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, ¹⁵and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. ¹⁶God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. ¹⁷God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, ¹⁸to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

²⁰And God said, “Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.” ²¹So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

²²God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” ²³And there was evening and there was

morning, the fifth day.

²⁴And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.” And it was so. ²⁵God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind and the cattle of every kind and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

²⁶Then God said, “Let us make humans in our image, according to our likeness, and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over the cattle and over all the wild animals of the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.”

²⁷So God created humans in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

²⁸God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.” ²⁹God said, “See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. ³⁰And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the air and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. ³¹God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

^{2:1}Thus the heavens and the earth were finished and all their multitude. ²On the sixth day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. ³So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

^{4a}These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 8

Spoken responsively

¹O LORD our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!—

²you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of infants and children; you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe and avenger.

³When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,

⁴what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them, human beings that you should care for them?

⁵Yet you have made them little less than divine; with glory and honor you crown them.

⁶You have made them rule over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet:

⁷all flocks and cattle, even the wild beasts of the field,

⁸the birds of the air, the fish of the sea, and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.

⁹O LORD our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

SECOND READING: 2 CORINTHIANS 13:11-13

Paul writes: ¹¹Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Be restored; listen to my appeal; agree with one another; live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. ¹²Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you. ¹³The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



P The Holy Gospel, according to Matthew, the twenty-eighth chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 28:16-20

¹⁶Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷When they saw him, they worshiped him, but they doubted. ¹⁸And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

L The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

SERMON

CURT LEWIS

HYMN OF THE DAY

Come, Join the Dance of Trinity

ELW 412

Please stand for the final verse of the hymn.

1 Come, join the dance of Trinity, before all worlds begun—the interweaving of the Three, the Father, Spirit, Son. The universe of space and time did not arise by chance, but as the Three, in love and hope, made room within their dance.

2 Come, see the face of Trinity, newborn in Bethlehem; then bloodied by a crown of thorns outside Jerusalem. The dance of Trinity is meant for human flesh and bone; when fear confines the dance in death, God rolls away the stone.

3 Come, speak aloud of Trinity, as wind and tongues of flame set people free at Pentecost to tell the Savior's name. We know the yoke of sin and death, our necks have worn it smooth; go tell the world of weight and woe that we are free to move!

4 Within the dance of Trinity, before all worlds begun, we sing the praises of the Three, the Father, Spirit, Son. Let voices rise and interweave, by love and hope set free, to shape in song this joy, this life: the dance of Trinity.

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APOSTLES CREED

P Together with the whole church, let us confess our faith.

C **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.**

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

A Gathered together by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the church and the needs of the world.

A brief silence.

A Holy God, we are in awe of your work. Continue that work in your church, making us a new creation that proclaims your presence and love. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Creator God, nature reveals your power and glory. Protect water sources, vegetation, and wildlife as reminders of who you are. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Redeemer God, you call us to pray for those in authority. Guide our leaders to pursue the work of fostering peace and community. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Sustaining God, you are mindful of your people in every circumstance. Heal those who are sick. Provide for all who hunger. Protect those in harm's way. Comfort any experiencing hardship, especially Charlotte O'Brien, Shelley Andrews, Junior & Liz Utech, Martha Nemeth, and David McGinnis. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Gracious God, we pray for the children of our church. Provide for their needs. Support their caregivers. Nurture their faith. We pray for our church family at all stages of life. Bless Charlotte Blenden and Duane Pomeroy as they celebrate their birthday and Liz Utech as she remembers her baptism. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

P Loving God, we give thanks for those who have died and claimed their baptismal promises especially. Strengthen us to live as they did in communion with you. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

P Trusting you receive all our prayers, we commend our spoken and unspoken prayers to you, O God, through Jesus our Savior.

C Amen.

THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

Let us greet one another with God's peace.

Please be seated.

THANKSGIVING

OFFERING AND OFFERING SONG

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your
pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -

store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,
and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever.

C Amen

THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

A O God of justice and love, we give thanks to you that you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others, and at the end bring all the world to your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.

C Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

C **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

SENDING

BLESSING

P Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, † one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always.

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty

ELW 413s

- 1 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!
- 2 Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
which wert and art, and evermore shalt be.
- 3 Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinfulness thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in pow'r, in love and purity.
- 4 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Text: Reginald Heber, 1783-1826, alt.

DISMISSAL

A Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

UPCOMING EVENTS AT TRINITY

Today, May 31	5th Sunday Special for Quilters.....		
	Worship	10:30 AM	
Tues., June 2	Quilters		9:30 AM
Sat., June 6.....	Doorstep NeighborFest.....		
	CSS Synod Assembly		
	Troop 630 overnight		
Sun., June 7.....	Doorstep Food Collecction		
	Hymn Sing Along	10:15 AM	
	Worship	10:30 AM	



Look for the 5th Sunday Special envelope in your bulletin. The money collected from these envelopes will be given to the quilters to purchase supplies for the beautiful quilts they create. We are so thankful for this on-going ministry.

Worship Leaders & Assistants								
Date	Acolyte(s)	Ushers	Musician	Lector	Altar Guild	Assisting Minister	Worship Leader	Coffee Host
May 31	Braxdon Penry	Bob Horton	Mitchell Bean	Diane Bottorff	Diane Bottorff & Team 1	Marcy Carlson	Curt Lewis	Howard/ Loni Reece
June 7	Janeen Horton	Curt Lewis, Ted Murphy		Curt Lewis	Jane Lewis & Team 2	Bob Horton	Marcy Carlson	Troy Abbott/ Jeffrey Schafersman
June 14	Curt Lewis	Diane Bottorff, Howard Reece		Steve Luoma	Jane Lewis & Team 2			

NEXT SATURDAY, JUNE 6TH!


Diane Bottorff and Marcy Carlson are our registered delegates. Everyone is welcome to attend; please register so the host site may plan accordingly.

LIFE TOGETHER: IN-PERSON



The 2026 Synod Assembly will be online. This is a great opportunity to save time, travel, and money. But we know that meeting through a computer screen isn't everyone's favorite way to be together. That is why we are pleased that these congregations are opening their doors and giving us a place to gather in community for assembly. If you would like to fellowship with other voting members and lighten the burden of technology, consider spending June 6 with them.

Plans vary by location and will require registration in addition to your assembly registration. Click on the links below for more information, or reach out directly to learn more about their plans for June 6.



Bethel Lutheran Church
7001 Forsyth Boulevard
St. Louis, MO 63102

Register




Holy Cross Lutheran Church
7851 W 119th St
Overland Park, KS 66213

Register



OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
Our Savior's Lutheran Church
2021 SW 29th St.
Topeka, KS 66611

Register



REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH
Redeemer Lutheran Church
743 E. Magnolia Rd.
Salina, KS 67401

Register

WU CAMPUS MINISTRY



It's time to collect dental hygiene items for the Bods Feeding Bods pantry for the summer session. Individually packaged toothbrushes, toothpaste, mouthwash, dental floss, and floss picks are most appreciated.

You may drop your donations in the WU box by the east entrance May 10-31. Then the first week of June, Debbie & Duane Pomeroy will deliver our items to campus. Thank you for your continued support of this ministry!



DOORSTEP
Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Doorstep's June 6th NeighborFest event is fast approaching...

Remember to sign up for the 9th Annual Neighbor Helping Neighbor Walk/5K Fun Run. The Walk/5K Fun Run will go through the neighborhood around Christ the King at 25th & Wanamaker.

Registration is from 8am - 8:45am for the walk/run.

See pages 14 & 15 of this bulletin for more information and a registration form.

Doorstep is asking for a lot of help the day of the event! If you are participating in the walk/run, please consider staying around afterwards to help out! Here's the SignUp Genius link promised last week:

<https://bit.ly/DoorstepNeighborFestVolunteers>



You are invited to attend a

Discernment Event

Take some time to explore how God may be calling you to serve.

This weekend is designed for anyone who may be feeling a gentle nudge from the Holy Spirit to explore ministry in any capacity (lay, ordained or somewhere in between). There will be a chance to learn about lots of different options, ask questions, and spend time in prayer thinking about God's call on your own life.

Pick one:

- June 12-13 St. Louis, MO
- June 19-20 Camdenton, MO
- June 26-27 Hays, KS
- July 17-18 Salina, KS
- July 24-25 Kansas City

Deadline to register is Sunday before event.

Friday 7pm—Saturday 4pm

Breakfast & lunch provided.
Hotel included (if needed).
No cost to you!

For questions, contact:
Rev. Chad Langdon
636-699-8747
clangdon@css-elca.org



Doorstep's NeighborFest



A Calm in the Storm

9 AM - 2 PM

1966



2026

Food Trucks

For 60 Years

JUNE 6TH, 2026

**CHRIST THE KING CATHOLIC CHURCH
5973 SW 25TH TOPEKA, KS 66614**

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- CAR SHOW, RAFFLES, & MORE!
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THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS!





June is Doorstep Month at Trinity Lutheran

How you can help your Neighbors:

Volunteer in the Clothing Room on any Friday during the month of June. You will sort, organize and help clients with clothing needs. Shifts are 8:45am - 1:45pm

Help us stay organized! Volunteer in the Clothing Room on Monday June 22nd. Shifts are 8:45am - 1:45pm

Donate food items for the pantry! Our Faith Community is one of six Mission Members responsible for stocking the food pantry during the month of June.

Mac & Cheese	Pinto Beans	Powdered Milk
Spaghetti Sauce	Canned Fruit - Variety	Evaporated Milk
Oatmeal/ Dry Cereal	Peanut Butter/ Jelly	Tuna
Egg Noodles	Canned Soups	Pancake Mix/Syrup

Our Doorstep Contacts are:

Coordinator: Janeen Horton 785-640-5344
Board Member: Bob Horton 785-640-5345

Doorstep's NeighborFest

The time has finally arrived! This month marks the 60th anniversary of Doorstep helping their neighbors after the 1966 tornado! On **Saturday, June 6th we will celebrate our 60 years of Neighbor Helping Neighbor!**

Join the celebration at **Christ the King Catholic Church located at 5973 SW 25th St** by signing up for the 9th Annual Walk/5K Fun Run, enter your classic car, truck or motorcycle in our car show! There will be a Free Family Fun Zone with face painting, 4 inflatables and a balloon artist; Food trucks, a DJ and a special announcement about Doorstep's future. The Walk/Run starts at 9am with the other festivities from 10am-2pm. Visit our website for more information.

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OFFICE HOURS

10:00AM-3:30PM, Monday through Thursday

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Caring for Our Neighbors

Jesus commands us that when we care for the least of these; that we are in the presence of Christ (Matthew 25:44-45). As a congregation, we deeply care about serving those in need in our community. We hope to be a place of refuge and support for our neighborhood and to be a place to uplift those people that struggle around us. We also support ministries both local, national, and global as a church in the ELCA. As a congregation, we focus our efforts to partner with community organizations like Doorstep, while expanding opportunities to help our neighborhood through activities like our food ministry and community garden. We continue to be open to the ways that God calls us to be a presence in our community and to create a world where all are cared for in our society (Philippians 2:4).

Congregation Council

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