

TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
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TRINITY TIDINGS

JULY 2026

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WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, 10:30am



TOGETHER IN COMMUNITY

LIVING WITH CHRIST'S LOVE

CARING FOR NEIGHBORS

JULY 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.



9:30-10:15
Adult Sunday
School

10:30 am
Worship

10:30 am
Worship with
Communion

10:30 am
Worship

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9:30 am
Quilters

9:30 am
Quilters

5:30 pm
Council

9:30 am
Quilters

9:30 am
Quilters

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August 2026
Trinity Tidings
deadline

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PRESIDENT'S UPDATE



The last of May, Debbie and I traveled to Hawaii with the Washburn Alumni Association. While there, we visited the oldest Christian Church on the islands. The Mokuaikaia Church congregation was formed in 1820, and first worshiped in a simple thatched building. The current structure was built in 1837 out of crushed coral and lava rock.

While we sat there in that historic church, their organist began to play and sing "This Is My Father's World." We had missed two Sundays at Trinity while on the trip returning for our first service in June where the final song in our hymn sing was "This Is My Father's World." I had sung the words to myself as our cruise ship visited the islands and we beheld "... of rocks and trees, of skies and seas — His hand the wonders wrought." And now I continue to sing it to myself as we drive around eastern Kansas. Yes, no matter where we are, this is our Father's world.

Actually, my return to Trinity was earlier that Saturday, June 6, when I spent the night on a futon in our library. We hosted 25 adults and scouts in Trinity Hall overnight. They were from Troop 630 in Aurora, Colorado, chartered by ELCA Christ the Saviour Church. The group was on their way to a week-long camp in the Ozarks. Thanks to Marcy and Ben for cleaning up the basement, and thanks to some of our generous members for providing snacks. The scouts and leaders were very appreciative of our hospitality.

I had to miss another worship service on June 14 playing tennis in Overland Park (our seniors team won the Missouri Valley championship, and we'll head to nationals after the first of the year).

It feels so good when we return from travel and get to worship with our congregation. I'll be at Trinity on Father's Day in the same church where my Dad and Grandfather attended, to once again worship the Father of us all.

July Worship Leaders

July 5	Duane Pomeroy
July 12	Bob Horton
July 19	Pr. Bob Dealey
July 26	Parker Jackson

Please like and follow Trinity at <https://www.facebook.com/topekatlc>.

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.





JULY READINGS

July 5 – 6th Sunday of Pentecost

Zechariah 9:9-12

Psalm 145:8-14

Romans 7:15-25a

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

July 12 – 7th Sunday of Pentecost

Isaiah 55:10-13

Psalm 65:1-13

Romans 8:1-11

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

July 19 – 8th Sunday of Pentecost

Isaiah 44:6-8

Psalm 86:11-17

Romans 8:12-25

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

July 26 – 9th Sunday of Pentecost

1 Kings 3:5-12

Psalm 119:129-136

Romans 8:26-39

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

JULY CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

- 8 Andy Winsor
- 14 Janelle Meredith
- 15 Curt Lewis
- 20 Rhonda Webb
- 21 Barbara Apps
- 22 Ted Quast
- 25 Kade Welp
- 26 Hudson Ralph
- 28 Alex Nichols
- 29 Parker Jackson
- 30 Brooke Ralph

BAPTISMS

- 3 Marsha Ridinger
- 7 John Carlson
- 13 Cindy McGinnis
- 18 David McGinnis

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- 20 David & Brooke Ralph
- 26 Andy & LaVell Winsor

Sunday School

Adult Sunday School will meet Sunday, July 12, at 9:30 am in Trinity Hall lounge. We will study the second lesson for that day, Romans 8:1-11. All are welcome! Children's Sunday school will be taking a summer break in May, June, and July.

WU Campus Ministry — Bods Feeding Bods

106 items were delivered to the pantry in June to brighten the smiles of Washburn students. Thank you to all who donated oral hygiene products.

Please continue look for sales of toothpaste, mouthwash, dental floss, floss picks, and individual toothbrushes. September is just around the corner.





COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

JUNE 9, 2026

CONGREGATION COUNCIL

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- Financial reports have not been received; they will be shared via email when they arrive. Zeffy online giving discussion postponed to July meeting.
- Duane shared the overnight experience with the scouts from Colorado and thanked Marcy, Ben, & John for preparing for their visit.
- The community garden is overgrown & neglected. We may be at risk for a citation due to its condition.
- Members will be asked to bring duffle bags during late summer & early fall. The bags will be given to an agency that works with foster children.
- Mitch Bean is working on the organ to get it into better condition.
- On July 5th, we will use a special liturgy to honor the US semiquincentennial.
- Interfaith Pride Palooza is June 20th. And interfaith service is being planned.

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 to Doorstep = Food for Our Neighbors



Bob & Janeen delivered 242 food items (314.6 lbs) collected during our June food collection to Doorstep. Items that were delivered to Doorstep directly are not included in these figures.

We continue to be very generous! Our next collection date is July 5th.



Doorstep's Christmas in July ***Donations Needed for this Christmas!***



Help us collect items for our 2026 Christmas adoption of 285 households, with nearly 900 individuals!

Toys

Footballs & Basketballs ~ Pokemon
Hello Kitty ~ Toys for Ages 5 - 12
Educational Toys (all ages)
Spiderman ~ K-Pop ~ Lelo & Stitch
Sonic Hedge Hog ~ Jewelry
Make-Up & Nail Kits



Men's & Women's Gifts

Tool Sets ~ Flashlights
Fishing Items (Poles/Tacklebox/Etc)
Car Cleaning Items ~ Boots & Sneakers
Men & Women's Cologne Sets
Sweats (All Sizes, All Ages)
Pajamas ~ Teen/Men/Women(All Sizes)

Toys

Roblox Gift Cards (\$10-\$20)
Paw Patrol ~ Bluey ~
Minecraft ~ Puzzles ~ Legos
Sensory / Fidget ~
Board & Brain Teaser Games ~
Color Books for All Ages
Teen Board Games



Kitchen Items

Silverware ~ Glasses ~ Crockpots
Dish Sets ~ Pots & Pans ~ Air Fryers

Other Items

Towel Sets - (Bath, Hand & Washcloth)
Blankets - Queen & King Sizes
Full Size Hygiene Items: Deodorant
Shampoo + Conditioner ~ Bar Soap
Combs ~ Brushes ~ Toothpaste ~
Toothbrushes ~ **Cleaning Supplies**



School Supplies

Notebook Paper (College/Wide)
Spiral Notebooks (College/Wide)
Pens ~ Pencils ~ Glue ~ Erasers
Folders (2 Pocket) ~ Backpacks
Rulers ~ Markers ~ Scissors

Bring donations to your Faith Community during the month of July!
Thank you for making the holiday season brighter for your neighbors!
Doorstep, 1119 SW 10th Ave - Donation Hours: M-F, 9am-2pm, South Door

Doorstep's Christmas Cash Bash



Donate to Doorstep during the month of July, and help us earn 'match money' from anonymous donors!



If we receive \$10,000 - We earn \$5,000!

If we receive \$15,000 - We earn \$7,500!

If we receive \$20,000 - We earn \$10,000!



Ways to Donate:

- Mail it to Doorstep
- Bring it to our office
- Online DoorstepTopeka.org

Let us know if you belong to one of our Mission Member Faith Communities



Help us reach our goal of \$20,000+ for **Christmas Cash Bash**, and we will receive \$10,000 more to help your neighbors this holiday season!



DOORSTEP

Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Doorstep, Inc.

1119 SW 10th Ave Topeka, Ks 66604

Online: www.DoorstepTopeka.org

Office Hours: Mon - Fri 8am - 3pm



Highlights from Central States Synod Assembly, June 6, 2026

Marcy Carlson & Diane Bottorff were your voting members at the virtual Assembly held at Our Saviors Lutheran, where we shared fellowship with three members and Pr. Deb Cantrell of Our Saviors and two persons from Westwood House (campus ministry at KU). The Assembly theme was Life Together, drawn from Dietrich Bonhoeffer's book by the same name.

Bishop Simon's report focused on three areas:

- 1.) The Priesthood of Believers – each of us were called to ministry when we were baptized. God is working through our synod to create a Lay Formation Academy. The Academy will connect lay folks with opportunities to prepare for service as Parish Ministry Associates, Synod Authorized Ministers (lay ministers serving in pastoral ministry in our congregations), and create opportunities to live into our baptismal vocations. Our five year goal is to have 100 lay leaders in the CSS and increase the number of rostered ministers.
- 2.) The majority of Americans believe in God. 37% belong to a church with 30% attending at least monthly. Understanding how vital Christian community is for faith, we have a story to tell.
- 3.) We continue to explore new ways & places to worship. What are creative ways to involve people in worship? Worship is when the whole church gathers and should be the most excellent part of our ministry.

Presiding ELCA Bishop Yehiel Curry spoke to us via video. He spoke of a connected church and told three stories to illustrate. A feeding program of a church in South Carolina that received an ELCA Hunger grant. They partnered with another ELCA congregation and community organizations. Global connections as Bishop Curry attended the installation of Rev. Imad Haddah, Bishop of Jordan and the Holy Land. Developing and sustaining leaders through the TEEM program (Theological Education for Emerging Ministries). A congregation in Washington supported a member who took part in TEEM, became a rostered minister, then served that congregation.

Churchwide representative was Adam DeHoek, Senior Director, Research and Education. He spoke about using data effectively. Data is a reflection of

reality. Research doesn't tell the church what to do. Research enables faithful discernment. Most congregations are smaller than they used to be, but smaller congregations matter. Attendees of these congregations have deep community roots. Some congregations are using their property in non-traditional ways. Adam referred us to the ELCA website's Church Property Resource Hub.

Financial Report: The fiscal year ended Jan. 31, 2026 with a surplus of \$75,355. Congregational support was up in 2025 and expenses were budgeted lower. In this fiscal year congregational support for February, March, and April has decreased. A budget for 2027 of \$1,354,128.00 was adopted. Synod's contribution to churchwide was cut to 48%. The goal is to bring it back up to 50%. Four resolutions were presented and adopted.

- 1.) Celebrate Global & Companion Synod Ministry – Time after Epiphany designated as a Season of Global Awareness. Sunday, Oct. 4 to remember and celebrate our companion church relationship with the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Urals, Siberia, and the Far East. Sunday, Feb. 7 to remember and celebrate our companion church relationship with the Kote District of the Evangelical Church in Papua New Guinea.
- 2.) Climate Justice – Congregations in our synod be guided over the next decade to discern actions toward the climate crisis challenges.
- 3.) Affirming People of God of All Gender Identities – To publicly affirm the divinely created goodness and beauty in all people of the LGBTQIA2S+ community. To request congregations and congregation members of the CSS to speak out against policies and language harmful to people of the LGBTQIA2S+ community wherever encountered.
- 4.) Give Thanks for Concluded Stages of Ministry – Recognizes rostered ministers & PMAs who have died since last year's Assembly; Recognizes rostered ministers who have retired since the last Assembly; Give thanks for the ministry of congregations who have chosen to withdraw from the ELCA since the last Assembly.

We also viewed videos of several ministries of the CSS: Bethany College, WELCA, Lutherans Restoring Creation, Hearts across the Heartland.