

TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
725 SW Buchanan Street
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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED



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WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, 10:30am



Together in Community

Living with Christ's Love

Caring for Neighbors

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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 10:30 am Worship with Communion 12:00 Noon Congregational Life meeting	4	5	9:30 am Quilters	6	7	8	9	10
10:30 am Worship	11	12	9:30 am Quilters	13	14	15	16	17
2 pm PFLAG meeting	5:00 pm Council		11:00 am Widowed Women of FaiTh					
9:30 am Community Relations committee mtg	18	19	9:30 am Quilters	20	21	22	23	24
10:30 am Worship					November 2026 Trinity Tidings deadline			
Doorstep's Starlight Online Auction								
	6 pm Stroke Support Group							
9:30-10:15 Adult Sunday School	25	26	9:30 am Quilters	27	28	29	30	31
Reformation 10:30 am Worship			7 pm TLHA					



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President's Update

We soon will be able to return to having Sunday worship in our beautiful sanctuary. We will give thanks to God for this.

While we will be grateful to return to our regular place of worship, this experience reminds us of Matthew 18:20. Jesus states "For where two or three gather in my name, there I am with them."

Whether we are in the church basement, in Trinity Hall, the sanctuary, or any other location, we are a congregation. A congregation that worships together, loves and cares for each other, and serves our community.

That service to our community has not been interrupted by our worship location. In fact, we have increased our participation with the sixty cases for Doorstep, the backpacks/suitcases for foster children, a record amount of dental hygiene products for Washburn University students, and steady production of quilts.

October Worship Leaders

Oct. 4	Pr. Bob Dealey
Oct. 11	Duane Pomeroy
Oct. 18	Bob Horton
Oct. 25	Parker Jackson

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October Readings

October 4 – 19th Sunday of Pentecost

Isaiah 5:1-7
Psalm 80:7-15
Philippians 3:4b-14
Matthew 21:33-46

October 11 – 20th Sunday of Pentecost

Isaiah 25:1-9
Psalm 23
Philippians 4:1-9
Matthew 22:1-14

October 18 – 21st Sunday of Pentecost

Isaiah 45:1-7
Psalm 96:1-13
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
Matthew 22:15-22

October 25 – Reformation Sunday

Jeremiah 31:31-34
Psalm 46
Romans 3:19-28
John 8:31-36

October Celebrations

Birthdays

14 Marlene Hassan
15 Freddy Sierks Jr.
16 Rosemary O'Neil
17 Tresa Johnson
23 Marilyn Heckman
28 Charlotte O'Brien

Baptisms

3 Loni Reece
7 Ella Bosch
15 Kade Welp
17 Ellen Irwin
18 Barbara Apps
19 Ted Murphy
20 Brooke Ralph
21 Collin Horton
26 Bob Horton
26 Curt Lewis

Wedding Anniversaries

9 Bill & Marsha Ridinger

Sunday School

Adult Sunday School will meet Reformation Sunday, October 25 at 9:30 am in Trinity Hall lounge. (Please note the change to the fourth Sunday for this month.) We will study the second lesson for that day, Romans 3:19 -28. All are welcome to attend.

Plans for children's Sunday school are in the discussion phase.

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.



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Council Highlights

CONGREGATION COUNCIL

President

Duane Pomeroy
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Vice President

Steve Luoma
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785.221.8992

- Treasurer's report indicates that financial performance is not covering expenses.
- No reappearance of mold in church basement and no mold was found in other areas of property.
- Bob's Janitorial was approved for cleaning air ducts.
- Air conditioner part needed for repair will be installed when it arrives.
- Pledge drive materials will be available to the congregation on Reformation Sunday.
- NIA will use Trinity Hall for an event Sept. 24 during which neighbors can be assisted with applications for various services such as Medicaid, funding of rehab homes.
- We would like to have a rostered minister on Reformation Sunday. Pr. Dutta has said she is available on 4th Sundays so that we may be able to have communion two times per month.
- Children's Sunday school is under discussion.
- Time & talent sheet will be updated & available with the pledge drive.
- A committee will be formed to oversee the community garden.
- We will resume recognizing other congregations in Sunday prayers.
- We received a thank you note & \$200 from the Boy Scout troop that stayed here in June.

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.



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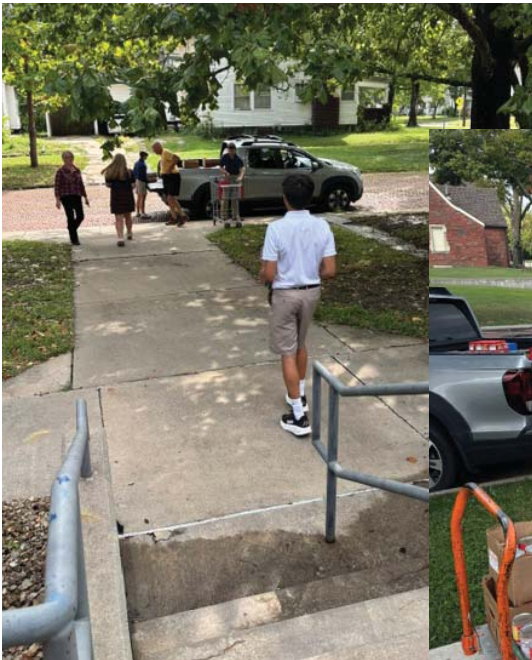
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Food Donation to Doorstep = Food for Our Neighbors



WE DID IT! We delivered the 54 cases from church and six more with collected cash. Total weight was 752.4 lbs. Additionally, there had been 87.5 lbs of food delivered directly to Doorstep, so the grand total is 839.9 lbs. It was very helpful to have Brayden and others from Cair Paravel to load and unload.



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Doorstep

We have had a busy year with special events to help mark our 60th anniversary, along with some regular and new fundraisers. We appreciate everyone's support in whatever events in which you have chosen to participate in so far.

We decided to eliminate the Golf Tournament and instead are moving the online auction to October going forward. This will allow us to spread out our Spring events. We are planning to do Soup Line 2.0 again in 2027 with some additional soups!

The 2nd [Starlight Online Auction](#) will be live for bids October 18th @ 10am until October 24th @ 10pm. We are getting auction items ready, and you will be able to preview them before the auction starts. We have some other changes planned with the auction site to make bidding a little easier. We will have holiday items, experiences, gift items with the holidays around the corner, and it all goes for a good cause!

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Our 60th Anniversary [Building a Better Doorstep Capital Campaign](#) is underway, and we need your donations to help renovate our building to improve accessibility and dignity; create a safer and more efficient facility; and increase our capacity to serve. Currently we are focused on raising the first 40% (\$400k); this threshold will make us eligible to apply for a grant through the Mabee Foundation in the hope of receiving \$200k for our project. Please consider donating to this valuable project in 2026 and/or 2027 to make these upgrades a reality that benefits our clients, volunteers and donors! Visit: www.DoorstepTopeka.org to donate, mail your donation to Doorstep, Inc., 1119 SW 10th Ave, Topeka, KS 66604. Please note 'remodel' on your check.



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WU Campus Ministry - Bods Feeding Bods

Congratulations, you all provided 120 dental hygiene items! This is our third year for the campus ministry. And this was the most donations in one semester so far. Thank you! The Ichabod tote will be available now all year round, so you can add items whenever you've found those good deals.



Thanks to all who donated suitcases & backpacks for donation to KVC for children in their care. We may never know the impact of our generosity.



Pr. Bob saying blessing over the suitcases & backpacks.



Our oldest (Julie Reeves) and youngest (Maisie Tello) members.

Volunteer Literacy Tutor Training Workshop

Volunteers needed to Help Adults with Reading

The Topeka Literacy Council will conduct a two-day tutor training workshop for individuals and organizations wanting to tutor adults in reading and writing. Volunteer tutors at the workshop will learn proven techniques for teaching adults basic literacy and English as a second language. Teaching experience is not necessary. The cost is \$25.00 for the workbook and handout materials. Please pay by cash, check or money order; credit cards are not accepted. This fee may be waived for some individuals and organizations. Please inquire. The workshop will be held on Saturday, October 17 and Saturday, October 24, 2026, from 9:00am to 4:45pm each day. New tutors need to attend both sessions.

Materials used and taught in the workshop include **Laubach Way to Reading** for basic reading skills, **Challenger** for review of basic skills and skill building, **Focus on Phonics** for improving recognition of speech sounds, and **Laubach Way to English** for English language learners.

LOCATION

Kansas National Education Association Building
715 SW 10th Avenue
(Across the street from Topeka High School;
enter building on south side adjacent to parking lot.)

DAYS AND TIMES

Saturday, October 17, 2026; 9:00am to 4:45pm and

Saturday, October 24, 2026; 9:00am to 4:45pm

(Doors open by 8:30am for check-in/registration. Workshop begins promptly at 9:00am.)

For more information, please call the office of the Topeka Literacy Council at **785-234-2806** or email us at **topekaliteracy@yahoo.com**. Please **pre-register by Monday, October 12** by calling or emailing our office. Or you may mail us a check or money order made payable to the **Topeka Literacy Council** for \$25.00 to cover the expense of workshop materials. If you don't **attend and receive these materials, your payment will be returned to you.** **Lunch break will be 45 minutes, and lunch is the participant's responsibility.** We invite you to bring a sack lunch. A refrigerator and microwave will be available. Snacks will be provided during break times. We look forward to seeing you!

COMPANION SYNOD VISITATION



Bishop Alexander Scheiermann

Scheiermann has been Bishop of the ELCUSFE since 2017. He was born in Omsk Russia, but moved back to Germany with his family as a teenager following the relaxation of emigration restrictions brought about by Perestroika. While his primary residence is in Germany, because he grew up in Russia, he is still able to travel back and forth between Germany and Russia to visit congregations and discharge his ministry as Bishop.



Rev. Bradn Buerkle

Buerkle spent two decades as a teacher and pastor in Russia and has been living in Germany since 2022. He is an ELCA pastor working for ELM (Hermannsburg) as Secretary of Theological Education in International Church Partnerships; this ministry keeps him connected with Russianspeaking Lutherans as well as others worldwide, especially those involved in the topic of lay minister training.



Pastor Waldemar Rausch

Rausch serves as the secretary for global sustainability and ecumenical relations with the Russian Federation at the Lower Saxony Mission Agency. Between 1998 and 2010, he worked in Russia on several occasions, including a threeyear stint as a missionary and pastor in Tomsk. He currently offers a holistic congregational program and is dedicated to the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the Urals, Siberia, and the Russian Far East.

LAWRENCE & TOPEKA KANSAS

28
SEPTEMBER
7:00 PM

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

1234 SW Fairlawn Rd. Topeka, KS

Community discussion and reception

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SEPTEMBER
6:00 PM

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

1245 New Hampshire St. Lawrence, KS

Meal and presentation



RSVP

03
OCTOBER
3:00 PM

WESTWOOD HOUSE (KU CAMPUS MINISTRY)

1421 West 19th St. Lawrence, KS

Tour and conversation

For more information on any of these activities, please contact the individual church offices.

Thank you to all of our host congregation for making this visitation a success.

Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Urals, Siberia and the Far East (ELCUSFE)

The Christians in Russia are emerging from nearly sixty years of persecution and violent suppression of religious activities. Even though the Russian government ended its official suppression of religion in the late 80s, churches still face obstacles and challenges from all parts of the Russian state and society. Our engagement with our "CoSyn Christians" there in Russia expresses our concern for them and gives them support and encouragement. These relationships enrich our lives, our faith, and our ministries by exposing us to the witness and perspectives of Christians in other parts of the world as we seek to work with one another to build up the body of Christ and share the Gospel with the world.

Learn More at www.css-elca.org/companion-synods.