



Welcome!



Trinity Lutheran Church is “a place of grace with a call for all to continue the work of Jesus!” We are committed to seeing Christ in everyone.

As a Reconciling in Christ congregation, we are committed to racial equity and celebrate our human family’s diversity of race, ethnicity, background, age, political affiliation, faith history, economic and social status, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, education, physical and mental abilities.

We are united in Christ and our growth is nurtured by embracing our differences.

We invite all people to grow with us toward greater love, understanding, and mutual respect.

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To sponsor **Altar Flowers** or the **Radio Broadcast** in honor or in memory of someone you love, please follow the QR code or contact the office.



Safety Notice:
If ever needed, our **AED** (Defibrillator) is located on the north wall across from the courtyard. **First Aid kits** are in left drawers of the office copier room, both kitchens, in the sanctuary entrance usher closet, and in the Nursery.

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9:30 a.m. Livestream
www.tlclawrence.org
and 11:00 a.m. Radio Broadcast on KLWN

September 13, 2026
THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

- Sunday, September 13, 8:30 am - Bible Study, Conference Room
- Sunday, September 13, 9:30 am - Traditional Sunday Worship Service, Sanctuary & Livestream
- Sunday, September 13, 10:40 am - Adult Sunday School, Social Room
- Sunday, September 13, 10:40 am - Stephen Ministry Meeting, Conference Room
- Sunday, September 13, 10:45 am - *Rally Day Pancake Feed,* Fellowship Hall
- Sunday, September 13, 3:00 pm - Justice Matters House Meeting, Larson Home
- Monday, September 14, 6:00 pm - Women’s Night Out, Perkins
- Tuesday, September 15, 9:30 am - Staff Meeting, Conference Room
- Tuesday, September 15 - Tuesday Morning Bible Study, Social Room (9:30 social, 10:00 class)
- Tuesday, September 15, 11:30 am - Handbell Rehearsals Resume, Sanctuary
- Tuesday, September 15, 2:00 pm - Tuesday Afternoon Prayer Group, Zoom
- Tuesday, September 15, 5:30 pm - Social Concerns, Conference Room
- Wednesday, September 16, 7:15 am - Wednesday Morning Prayer Group, Conference Room
- Wednesday, September 16, 1:30 pm - WELCA Naomi/Deborah Bible Study, Conference Room
- Wednesday, September 16, 5:30 pm - Trinity Book Club, TLC Library (Note time & location change)
- Wednesday, September 16, 7:00 pm - Trinity Choir, Music Room
- Saturday, September 19, 1 pm - “Growing As Disciples” Program/Hymn Fest, 1st Lutheran, Topeka
- Sunday, September 20, 11:40 am - Orchestra Rehearsals Resume, Music Room

LINK: A big thank you to all who helped with Trinity’s LINK meal last Tuesday. This month we served up 114 meals, which included some much appreciated left-overs from the picnic. Our next regular LINK opportunity will be on Tuesday, **November 10**, so mark your calendars.

An Evening with ELCUSFE

Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Urals, Siberia, and Far East

Rev. Alexander Scheiermann

Rev. Braden Buerkle

Pastor Waldemar Rausch

You’re Invited: An Evening with ELCUSFE
Join us for an evening of fellowship and learning on **September 29** with a delegation from the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Urals, Siberia, and Far East (ELCUSFE). Meal begins at 6 p.m., followed by a program, all in the Fellowship Hall.

Event is free, but registration requested. Register —> or call the Office at (785) 843-4150 to register!



✚ FROM THE PASTOR ✚

For God So Loved the World

John 3:16, one of the most frequently cited verses of Scripture, proclaims, “For God so loved the world...”



While many of us may acknowledge this reality in theory, many Christians still associate the Church with a building where we gather to pray on Sunday. As a result, we may fail to realize that we are but one part of the holy, catholic (universal), and apostolic Church, the living, Spirit-empowered body of Christ in the world.

That is precisely why the ELCA Companion Synod Program connects 65 synods with 120 companion synods worldwide to foster mutual support, shared ministries, and global fellowship. Global connections help us see the world’s challenges differently while also examining our own problems through new eyes.

These international connections also strengthen God’s mission in the world. Through this ELCA-sponsored ministry, companion synods, walking alongside one another via a ministry of accompaniment, strengthen one another for life and mission within the body of Christ through prayer, study, ongoing communication, exchange of visitors, and sharing of resources. Ultimately, companion relationships foster listening and call participants to deepen our commitment to be true disciples of Christ both individually and as part of the global Lutheran communion of faith.

Trinity Lutheran Church has a longstanding relationship with the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Urals, Siberia, and Far East (ELCUSFE). Jim Cooper, the Reverend Gary Teske, and I have each experienced firsthand the transforming power of Companion Synod relationships. During our time as members of the Synod Companion Team, we have helped plan visitations, host visitors from abroad, travel to Russia, learn from our companion synod partners, and collectively celebrate the unity that we share in Christ.

If you would like to know more about our ongoing relationship with the ELCUSFE and to hear directly from three individuals about the history, evolution, and ongoing challenges of being Lutheran in Russia, please join us at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 29th, for meal fellowship, followed by a presentation from our guests. If you plan to attend, please complete the online registration above or reach out directly to me for assistance. Thank you!

In Christ,
Pr. Jon



ANNOUNCEMENTS

— Opportunities to “Reach Out”—



How does Justice Matters choose issues to address? LISTENING

Every year, Justice ministry leaders from each member faith group host small group discussions inviting fellow congregants to share about problems that affect their lives or offend their sense of justice. These House Meetings serve to strengthen relationships and surface common areas of concern.

Anyone who decides to become involved in their church's Justice Ministry then gathers together at an assembly to vote on what issues to focus on and to elect new leadership. This year the fall assembly will be hosted at First Presbyterian on November 5th from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

House Meeting Discussion dates:
Chelsy Larson - TODAY 9/13 at 3 p.m.
Virgil Dean - Monday 10/5 at 6:30 p.m.

*We value gaining as many perspectives and experiences of our community as we can, so if you would like to attend, please connect with one of us to get location details.



Name Tags Available: New members, regular attenders and those who need a replacement or repair, please reach out to Kate (kate@tlclawrence.org) with your preference on style (magnet, pin, clip) and how you'd like your name printed.

Trinity Stephen Ministry



Trinity Stephen Ministry is looking for those in our congregation to provide high quality, one-to-one, Christ-centered care to people in the congregation and the community experiencing life difficulties.

Since its inception in 1975, Stephen Ministry has trained over 600,000 Stephen Ministers in more than 14,000 congregations. *If you feel this ministry is for you please reach out to one of Trinity's Stephen Leaders:*

Charles Baars: (785) 772-1872
Cathy Box: (785) 979-4280
Brenda Brecke: (785) 393-9235
Pastor Jon: (785) 843-4150 (ext. 203)

Faith and Civic Life Program on Oct. 4

"Faith and Civic Life: Seeking the Well-being of All" is a social statement that was adopted by the 2025 ELCA Churchwide Assembly. Six years in the making, it offers theologically grounded personal and policy guidance to the church during a time of political confusion and division in the U.S. With a month to go before the mid-term elections, it's timely to look at the document and consider what it has to say to us as Lutherans. On Sunday, **Oct. 4, at 10:45 a.m.** in the Fellowship Hall, Kevin Boatright will provide an introduction to the statement and offer a summary of its key points. The text is available online at <https://resources.elca.org/faith-and-society/civic-life-and-faith/>. Paper copies are also available in the Gathering Space.



ADULT BIBLE STUDY: Sundays 10:45 - 11:30 am regularly in the main-level Fellowship Hall

September 13 [*In Social Room*] - - Our whole working lives are based on an agreement that offers fair wage--we do something in order to get something. In the world of work there is no such thing as a free lunch. It's no wonder we then struggle with God's grace. Without counting the cost, God continues to give us unmerited love. There seems to be something inherently unfair in the whole idea of grace. (Matthew 21:1-16)

September 20 - - Grace leads to a change of heart – to repentance, which is an awesome and sometimes terrifying gift. Repentance forces us to look at ourselves honestly and acknowledge our failings. But repentance is also a grace-filled gift because it leads us back to the grace of God, where we are reminded that we are not ultimately bound by our past actions and by what we have done, but by what God in Christ has done for us. (Matthew 21:23-32)

- Pr. Randy

Thrivent Update

Thanks to Thrivent Choice members at Trinity, we are donating \$1,000 to Lutheran World Relief toward the efforts in Nepal following the recent quake and flooding. We are thankful that we can make a donation toward world disaster relief, as this is a cause to which we have not made donations recently.

Thank you, Thrivent members.



Mark Your Calendars:

9/13 (Sun., 10:45a) – Rally Day Pancake Feed, Fellowship Hall
9/15 (Tues., 11:30a) – Handbell Choir Rehearsals Resume, Sanctuary
9/19 (Sat., 1-5p) – Presentation & Hymn Sing, Topeka 1st Lutheran
9/19-9/20 (Sat.-Sun., 10a-5p) – Art in the Park, South Park, Lawrence
9/20 (Sun.) Children/Youth Classes Resume
9/20 (Sun., 11:40a) – Orchestra Rehearsals Resume, Music Room
9/25 (Fri., 12-3p) – Haskell LIGHT Taco Sale, Haskell University
9/26 (Sat., 5-9p) – East Lawrence Block Party, Hobbs Park
9/29 (Tues., 6p) – Meal/ Program w/Russian Synod Delegation, FSH
10/4 (Sun., 10:45a) – Civic Life & Faith by K. Boatright, Fellowship Hall
10/11 (Sun., 10:45a) – Ministry Fair, Fellowship Hall
TBD (late October) - Trunk or Treat, TLC Parking Lot



Today's **Altar Flowers** are sponsored by the Sponholtz Family in honor of Mandy Sponholtz's birthday on Sept. 13.



PRAYERS NEEDED

Those ill, injured, or in need of support

Members: Joe Box, Jerry Meuschke, Carol Ann Salber, Mary Muelhaupt, Luther Hanson, Alita Cooper, Gary & Julie Crowe, Carolyn Wise, Julie Schmidt, Jere McElhaney, Steve Ozark, Webb & Anna Hecker.

Relatives or friends of members: Tylee Baars (granddaughter of Charles Baars), Jennifer (daughter of Julie & Gary Crowe), Art Ozark (father of Steve Ozark), Rich Moloney (father of Kirsten Elson), Katie Kranig (friend of Manley Brudvig), Ken Reeder, Alice (friend of Sarah Jane Russell), Linda Klinker (friend of Lynn Krusemark), Stacia Watkins (niece of Geri & Jerry Meuschke), Marsha (sister of Vicki Julian), Isaac (son of Emily & Andrew Hanson), Dee Steinle (daughter of Linda Gerdes), Naomi Jacobsen (step-mother of Emily Hanson), Michel El Haddad (family member of Emily Fetsch), Matt Hutchinson (father-in-law to Laura, daughter of Barb Jones), Karen McCarley Wallace (friends of Julie Crowe), Stan Husted, Nancy Larsen, Dolores Fisher, Rick Sawyer and Mahlon Steffy (cousin & friends of Shirley Anderson), Lena (friend of Lynn and Jennifer Krusemark), Jake Hecker (son of Anna & Webb Hecker), Joyce Lancaster (niece of Barb Bishop).

After 3 months, names will be removed from the prayer list unless you ask us to keep your name on the list.

To add prayer listing requests, request a visit or call, or to report births, hospitalizations, or deaths, contact the Church Office at 785-843-4150 or kate@tlclawrence.org.

For prayer chain requests, contact Ruth Sarna at: rsarna@sunflower.com or (785) 842-0230.

