



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.

Pastor’s Contact Info:

Pr. Jon Brudvig
785-843-4150 (ext.203)
620-639-2280 (mobile)
pastorjon@tlclawrence.org

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.

(785) 843-4150
tlcoffice@tlclawrence.org

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

August 30, 2026
THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

- Sunday, August 30, 8:30 am - Bible Study, Conference Room
- Sunday, August 30, 9:30 am - Traditional Sunday Worship Service, Sanctuary & Livestream
- Sunday, August 30, 10:30 am - Coffee & Cookies, Gathering Space
- Sunday, August 30, 10:40 am - Adult Sunday School, Fellowship Hall
- Sunday, August 30, 3:00-6:00 pm - *CHURCH PICNIC at Broken Arrow Shelter*
- Tuesday, September 1, 9:30 am - Staff Meeting, Conference Room
- Tuesday, September 1 - Tuesday Morning Bible Study, Social Room (9:30 social, 10:00 class)
- Tuesday, September 1, 2:00 pm - Tuesday Afternoon Prayer Group, Zoom
- Wednesday, September 2, 7:15 am - Wednesday Morning Prayer Group, Conference Room
- Wednesday, September 2, 5:30 pm - Trinity Book Club, TLC Library (Note time & location change)
- Wednesday, September 2, 7:00 pm - *No Trinity Choir today*
- Saturday, September 5, 8:30 am - Men’s Breakfast, The Big Biscuit
- Monday, September 7 - *Church offices closed for Labor Day*

Church Picnic: TODAY!

Please join us for Trinity’s Church Picnic TODAY from 3-6 pm at Broken Arrow Park’s Indoor Shelter (2800 Louisiana St.)! We will provide hamburgers, macaroni and beverages. Please bring a potluck side to share: A—E: salad/cold side; F—J: hot side/vegetable; K—O: fruit/fresh item; P—T: appetizer/snack; U—Z: dessert. Come enjoy food, fellowship, games and time together as a church family!



Ministry Fair – Sunday, October 11

If you are actively involved in a committee, ministry, or Trinity Group, please join us in the Fellowship Hall immediately after church on Sunday, October 11, for our church-wide Ministry Fair. Each participating group will have a designated “booth” along the walls. Use this opportunity to spark interest, recruit new members, share information and sign-ups, play games or trivia, or simply explain the “what,” “why,” and “how” of your ministry—and how our church family can support it.

There will be a microphone available as an option for 3-5 minute “temple talks” summarizing your ministry, and we’ll also be visiting each group to collect short Ministry Moment videos to share (rehearsed or spontaneous – you choose!). Please prayerfully consider and discuss ideas with your group, and let me know if you’d like a space reserved. Let your creativity shine! Questions? Contact: kate@tlclawrence.org.

✝ FROM THE PASTOR ✝

Becoming a Sailboat Church

Jesus’ directive to Peter to “put out into the deep water and let down your nets” (Luke 5:4) seems like an odd request. “Really, Jesus?” the disciples must have wondered. “We have been fishing all night without anything to show for it. And now you want us to put out into deep water. Are you crazy?”

The call to discipleship always requires a response. Instead of playing it safe, Jesus invites us to move forward in faith, trusting that the One who calls us into ministry and mission also leads the way.

Joan Gray names this reality in her book, *The Sailboat Church*. When we focus on our own efforts and our own agendas, notes Gray, we miss the bigger picture of what God is up to and how God *IS* calling us to participate in God’s saving, healing, and reconciling mission for the world.

Rowboat churches play it safe, preferring to stay close to what is familiar and comfortable. Sailboat churches, on the other hand, harness the “wind, breath, and power of God” that propel the community of believers far beyond what we think is possible. And though venturing out in “the deep water” may be frightening, remember that Jesus, the captain of our ship, *IS* in the boat too.

While researching her book, Gray heard a familiar theme: the belief that given all of the challenges congregations are currently experiencing, “*We can’t do church now the way we have before ... [so] we won’t be doing church together much longer.*”

Until one day, a congregation in rural Nebraska experiencing many of the same challenges started asking God, “*What do you want us to be doing now?*”

Let’s shift the narrative. There is much to celebrate about our shared ministries. Imagine the new and exciting ministries that may take root if we have the courage and the faith to ask God: “*What do you want us to be doing now?*”

Instead of focusing on scarcity or mourning the demise of the way that we used to “do” church together, why not just drop the oars, raise the sails, and trust that as long as there *IS* a God interested in saving the world, there will always be work for God’s church. Our ministries might look different. Yes, there will be uncertainty, and perhaps a little fear, when set out for deeper waters. But imagine the possibilities if we let Jesus lead the way.

In Christ,
Pastor Jon



ANNOUNCEMENTS

— Opportunities to “Reach Out”—

New York Elementary School would like some help providing birthday cakes for the children this school year. Please consider contributing any of the following:



New York Elementary School

Cake Mix Boxes & Frosting - 10 of each flavor: chocolate, strawberry, confetti, red velvet, lemon

You can either drop the cake mixes/frostings off at the school (936 New York St.), or we can collect them here in the Donation Station area under the nametags at church.



Thank you for your help in supporting and blessing our neighborhood school and families!

“Ministry Moments”: A huge THANK YOU to Alita Cooper for providing a Ministry Moment about the importance of broadcasting Trinity’s Sunday services on KLWN (101.7/1320). Check out Alita’s video in this week’s eBlast, and consider submitting your own short (1-2 min.) Ministry Moment video!

E-mail tlcoffice@tlclawrence.org for help recording or to snag a date for your \$95 radio sponsorship (available dates below):



- September 13, 20, & 27
- October 11 & 25
- November 8, 15, 22 & 29
- December 6, 13 & 27



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

August 30 - - 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, our times of saying, “yes” and then not doing anything, or our times of saying “no” when we should have said, “yes.”

- Pr. Randy

Today’s **Altar Flowers** are sponsored by Alexander and Cassidy Philips, in celebration of the birth of their daughter, Sylvia Faye.



LINK : Trinity’s next opportunity to provide a LINK meal is **Tuesday, Sept. 8**. We need food donations as well as volunteers to help serve the meal and clean up. To volunteer, look for the sign-up sheets on the wooden shelf in the gathering space on Sunday or go to: <https://tinyurl.com/LINKtlc>.

Thank you for your service and/or prayers for this important ministry. If you are unable to cook or serve, monetary donations are also much appreciated. A check to Trinity with LINK on the memo line will work.

Music at Trinity

Trinity Choir has begun and meets at 7 p.m. Wednesdays in the music room. Tenors and basses are especially welcome.

Handbell Choir meets on Tuesday mornings at 11:30 to 12:30. Rehearsals resume Sept 15 in the Sanctuary. We could use 1 more ringer. Let Susan know if you’re interested!

Orchestra will begin meeting on Sunday, Sept. 20, from 11:40 to 12:30 (please note time change). We really need low instruments- low brass or reeds, cellos and basses are very welcomed!

On November 1, we will hold a pre-election day concert of music by American composers, featuring Carol Barnett’s “The World Beloved: a Bluegrass Mass”. If you are a singer who can’t make a long-term commitment to the choir, consider joining in this celebration of music. Rehearsals will be Saturday mornings in October. More info to come! — Susan Hires, Music Director

LINK UPDATE



LINK in July:
1,691 meals served
17 serving days
99 meals per serving day

Across the Homeless Resource Center (HRC) in July:

1,408 guest visits
368 unique guests
256 showers
44 loads of laundry
145 pieces of mail received for guests

Why LINK Matters

When you volunteer at LINK, you are absolutely helping feed people — **1,691 meals in one month is something worth celebrating.** But you are also helping create something much bigger than a meal. LINK gives people a consistent place to come inside, sit down, have a cup of coffee, charge a phone, use a restroom, talk with HRC staff, connect with community partners, and simply spend a little time somewhere they are welcomed. A meal may be what brings someone through the door. The relationships and connections built there can help them take their next step. Every meal you prepare, every plate you serve, every dish you wash, and every conversation you have contributes to that.



Thank you for all your support! —HRC

PRAYERS NEEDED

We give thanks and praise for the safe and healthy birth of Sylvia Faye, daughter of Alex and Cassidy Philips of Topeka (and friends of many at Trinity), born on Friday, August 21.

Those ill, injured, or in need of support

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

Relatives or friends of members: Janet Nuse (sister of Harriet Shaffer), 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 Steidle (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.

