TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH at SouthPark

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 1320 AM and 101.7 FM

November 22, 2026

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

Sunday, November 22, 8:30 am - Bible Study, Conference Room
Sunday, November 22, 9:30 am - Traditional Sunday Worship Service, Sanctuary & Livestream
Sunday, November 22, 9:30 am - **Commitment Sunday,** Sanctuary
Sunday, November 22, 10:30 am - Coffee & Cookies Fellowship, Gathering Space
Sunday, November 22, 10:40 am - Adult Sunday School, Fellowship Hall
Sunday, November 22, 10:40 am - Children's Sunday School, Sanctuary (opening), Basement (class)
Sunday, November 22, 10:40 am - Confirmation Class, Youth Room (upstairs)
Sunday, November 22, 10:40 am - High School Class, TLC Library
Sunday, November 22, 11:30 am - Orchestra Rehearsal, Music Room (upstairs)
Monday, November 23, 9:30 am - Staff Meeting, TLC Library
Monday, November 23, 6:30 pm - **Council Meeting,** Conference Room
Tuesday, November 24 - Tuesday Morning Bible Study (Psalms), Social Room *(9:30 social, 10:00 class)*
Tuesday, November 24, 11:30 am - * *Handbells rehearsal cancelled for holiday**
Tuesday, November 24, 2:00 pm - Tuesday Afternoon Prayer Group, Zoom
Wednesday, November 25, 7:15 am - **No Wednesday Morning Prayer Group**
Wednesday, November 25, 7:00 pm - **Choir rehearsal cancelled for holiday**
Thursday-Friday, November 26-27 - ***Church Offices Closed for Thanksgiving***

Help Share the Word! We are seeking a full-time Office and Accounting Manager to oversee daily church operations, financial administration, and support our church community. We're looking for an energetic, dependable, detail-oriented, and welcoming team player. Please help spread the word to anyone who may be interested in this opportunity! See more details with the full ad in the weekly E-Blast, or contact Beth Llewellyn (402-630-7948) with any questions.

☩ MESSAGE FROM PASTOR JON ☩

A Joyful Return: Passing the Plates as an Act of Worship

Dear Ministry Partners,

Beginning this Sunday, we will resume passing the offering plates during our worship service. At its core, stewardship, caring for and sharing the abundance entrusted to our care, is an act of worship. As people of faith, we believe that everything we have is a gift from God. As Psalm 24:1 reminds us, *"The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it."*

We are not owners of what we possess — we are caretakers of the abundance God has so graciously entrusted to us. When we give of our treasure, we are doing far more than supporting a budget. We are participating in an act of worship, returning a portion of God's gifts in gratitude and trust, and declaring together that our security rests in God, not in our possessions. This is why passing the plates, at least before the COVID-19 pandemic postponed the practice, has always been a key component of our liturgy.

I know many of you, like my family, give electronically or through periodic scheduled contributions. When the plates are being passed, please take one of the "I Give Electronically" cards located in your pews and place it in the offering plate. It is our hope that everyone has an opportunity to fully participate in this shared moment of worship, regardless of how your gift is made.

The Stewardship Ministry Team is also excited to announce the launch of "Noisy Offering" Sundays, beginning November 29th. Whenever there is a fifth Sunday during a given month, Trinity's children and the ushers will use the colorful metal buckets to collect loose change *in addition* to the regular weekly offering envelopes and cash. The children will use an automatic coin sorter to count the loose coins and record the amount received. The coins that are collected will be allocated to a designated Children's Ministry Fund, and our kids will have a meaningful voice in deciding how those funds are used. We believe that involving our children in the collection and counting of loose coins is a beautiful way to teach them generosity from an early age while also empowering our youngest ministry partners to become active participants in supporting the ministries and mission of Trinity Lutheran Church.



Thank you for all that you do to support the ministries we sponsor, the neighbors we serve, and the mission we share. It is a joy to worship and serve alongside you.

In Christ,

Pastor Jon

ANNOUNCEMENTS

— Opportunities to "Reach Out"—

<u>Justice Matters</u>: Justice Matters has 3 seasons, LISTENING, RESEARCH-to-ACTION, and INVESTMENT

Our Listening season concluded with a large gathering Nov 5th with 112 old and new members across Lawrence coming together to vote on leadership, recommit to pursuing the identified solution for Youth Trauma - bringing Nurse Family Partnership to Lawrence, and select a new issue area: SAFE & AFFORDABLE HOUSING & RENTALS.

Justice Matters tackles large, often broad areas of concern in our community and must narrow them down to a specific issue cut. This narrowing happens during the RESEARCH phase by members who express interest in being part of an issue research committee. Some may recognize this new issue area as similar to a past issue area. This means that folks are still concerned & there is enough interest to pursue a new issue cut to make a little more difference in our community.

Issue committees will meet with relevant experts and leaders in the community to gather information about what is already being done and where the gaps are. They also look to other communities to learn what has and has not worked for others dealing with similar issues. This collaboration will determine viable solutions to resolve the problems long-term.

Do you have opinions about what should be done about the problem obtaining SAFE & AFFORDABLE HOUSING or feel deeply moved by this issue and inspired to find solutions? Please join us at the Research Kick-Off Thursday <u>Dec 3rd</u> 6:30-8pm at West UMC (867 US-40).

Chelsy Larson

<u>WELCA Mitten Tree:</u>



The Christmas Mitten Tree sponsored by the Women of the ELCA will be out <u>Sunday, November 29</u> in the Narthex. We're supporting a low-income preschool in Lawrence. The paper mittens have the child's initials, sex, and either a clothing item and size, or a toy.

Please return the mittens and gift in a Christmas bag (not wrapped) by <u>Sunday, December 13</u>.

If you have any questions,
contact Karen Sanders at 785-615-9595.

The **<u>Young Adult Social Group</u>** has had a brief hiatus the past year and is getting back into the swing of things! For anyone not familiar, this is a group of adults ranging from 20's - 40's that get together about quarterly for fun social gatherings.

Previous event examples have been bowling, dinners on the town, family backyard hangout/bbqs, escape rooms, and much more! This is a great opportunity to get to know each other more with fellowship and fun!

If you are interested in being included in the group emails, please send an email to Leah Larson at larsonleah@ymail.com or send a text to 678-953-2873.

Come join the fun!



<u>ADULT BIBLE STUDY:</u> *<u>Sundays 10:45 - 11:30 am regularly in the main-level Fellowship Hall</u>*

November 22 - - It's something we hate to do. It's something most of us don't do well but which we all end up doing more than we care to admit. That "something" is "waiting."

As we move closer to Christmas, many of us are waiting to begin the special celebrations.

Others of us, though, are waiting for something entirely different. We wait and hope for release from fear and heartache, from loneliness and grief, from sin and brokenness, from whatever imprisons us and captures our hopes, kills our dreams, and limits our imagination.

What are you waiting for? - Pr. Randy

<u>Thank You:</u> In gratitude, a heartfelt thank you to each of you who donated cooking utensils, food or money to the WELCA fall baking essentials project. Together we donated a value of $841.00 to the community's food bank Just Food Inc.
Blessings, Crystal Miles

<u>Holiday Sing-Along</u>: Trinity is inviting the community to its 4th annual Christmas Sing-Along on <u>Sunday, December 6th at 4pm.</u> Accompanied by bells, orchestra, and piano, we'll be singing lots of your favorites, from hymns to silly songs to welcome in the Christmas season. Help spread the word - to come as you are and to sing loud and proud!

<u>Poinsettia Sponsorship Forms</u>: Please notice the sponsorship forms in the bulletin for poinsettias and the Pastor's Discretionary Fund contributions. This is a special opportunity to honor loved ones and remember our saints who have passed.



<u>Mark Your Calendars:</u>

12/3-12/16 (Weds.) - <u>Midweek Advent Soup Suppers and Services,</u> TLC
12/6 (Sun) - <u>Holiday Favorites Sing-Along</u>, TLC
12/13 - <u>Children's Christmas Pageant</u>, TLC
12/21 - <u>The Longest Night (Blue Christmas) Service</u>, TLC
12/24 - <u>Christmas Eve Services, 4pm and 7pm</u>, TLC

<u>LINK</u>: Once again this holiday season, we have an opportunity to contribute to LINK's **Thanksgiving Community Meal**. If you want to help us fill TLC's commitment to provide pies & stuffing, please see the sign-up sheet in the Gathering Space, or talk to Virgil or Jan Dean.

PRAYERS NEEDED

<u>Those ill, injured, or in need of support</u>

<u>Members</u>: Andi Parson, David Bieber, Ruth Pine, Butch Pontow, Julie Schmidt, Joe Box, Carol Ann Salber, Alita Cooper, Gary & Julie Crowe, Webb & Anna Hecker.

<u>Relatives or friends of members:</u> Sarah (daughter of Karen Hickey), Stacia Watkins (niece of Geri & Jerry Meuschke), Dennis Bean (brother-in-law to Annielaurie Seifert), Samantha Haneke (daughter of Joe & Cathy Box), Jeff Alvestad, Rose Foster, Dwight Christiansen (father of Bethany Christiansen), Janie Krull (mother of Mandy Sponholtz), Cameron (niece of Sponholtzes), Nicholas Wallace (son of Ashley Vital), Tylee Baars (granddaughter of Charles Baars), Jennifer (daughter of Julie & Gary Crowe), Rich Moloney (father of Kirsten Elson), Katie Kranig (friend of Manley Brudvig), Alice (friend of Sarah Jane Russell), Linda Klinker (friend of Lynn Krusemark), Marsha (sister of Vicki Julian), Isaac (son of Emily & Andrew Hanson), 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).

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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 kate@tlclawrence.org or the office at (785) 843-4150.

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

