



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

October 4, 2026
THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

- Sunday, October 4, 8:30 am - Bible Study, Conference Room
- Sunday, October 4, 9:30 am - Traditional Sunday Worship Service, Sanctuary & Livestream
- Sunday, October 4, 10:40 - 10:50 am - ASL (American Sign Language) Class, Conference Room
- Sunday, October 4, 10:40 am - Faith & Civic Life Presentation (Kevin Boatright), Fellowship Hall
- Sunday, October 4, 10:50 am - Children’s Sunday School, Sanctuary (opening), Basement (classes)
- Sunday, October 4, 10:40 am - Confirmation & Highschool (attending presentation), Fellowship Hall
- Sunday, October 4, 11:40 am - Orchestra Rehearsal, Music Room
- Monday, October 5, 6:30 pm - Justice Matters House Meeting, Dean Home
- Tuesday, October 6 , 9:30 am - Staff Meeting, Conference Room
- Tuesday, October 6 - Tuesday Morning Bible Study, Social Room (9:30 social, 10:00 class)
- Tuesday, October 6, 11:30 am - Handbell Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- Tuesday, October 6, 2:00 pm - Tuesday Afternoon Prayer Group, Zoom
- Wednesday, October 7, 7:15 am - Wednesday Morning Prayer Group, Conference Room
- Wednesday,October 7, 5:30 pm - no Trinity Book Club this week, more plans/details to come
- Wednesday, October 7, 6:30 pm - Stephen Ministry Training, Conference Room
- Wednesday, October 7, 7:00 pm - Trinity Choir, Music Room
- Thursday, October 8, 1:00 pm - Social Concerns Meeting, Conference Room
- Thursday, October 8, 7:10 pm - Stephen Ministry Training - All, Conference Room
- Friday, October 9, 7:30 pm - 30th Anniversary Recital, Bales Organ Recital Hall (KU Lied Complex)
- Saturday,October 10, 9:30 am - Bluegrass Mass Rehearsal, Music Room/Sanctuary
- Saturday, October 10, 6:30 pm - Christian Singles Event, Westwood House, 1421 W. 19th St.



Online Breeze Directory Available for Trinity Members Now!

Recently, you should have received a letter with instructions on joining Breeze, an online repository for Trinity’s member directory. We invite you to review these materials and create your own online account to access your information, as well as contact information for other Trinity members. Although printed directories will remain available upon request, we are excited to explore new and fun ways to stay connected and share information through Breeze, and we hope you’ll join us!

If you did not receive this mailing, please contact the Office at tlcoffice@tlclawrence.org or (785) 843-4150. And if you need a little help setting up your account or have any questions after reviewing the mailed materials, please contact the Office or look for Jodie’s table at the Ministry Fair on Oct. 11!

FROM THE PASTOR

Encountering the Text

I need your help. Like many pastors, I approach weekly sermon preparation with rigor and a methodical analysis of the assigned lectionary texts. While the process has worked for me, my participation in Pittsburgh Theological Seminary's Preaching in a Post-Christian Age Initiative has challenged me to rethink how I prepare sermons. Faithful preaching involves more than methodology, preparation, and study; it also requires encountering the texts in ways that allow Scripture to speak to us on its own terms.

At its core, good preaching is grounded in conversation – conversation with the assigned lectionary texts, conversation with the congregation, and conversation with the world. And this, my dear ministry partners, is where I need your help. During October and November, I have been tasked with exploring three biblical texts that I will preach during Lent 2027 in fresh ways, bringing a few companions from my ministry context along with me.

If you would like to journey with me to discover new ways of encountering Scripture, including some that will definitely move you beyond your current comfort zone, please let me know ASAP. Some of the interpretive practices that we will explore together may include:

- Creating a visual, musical, or spoken word response to the text together or in parallel.
- Holding the “newspaper” in one hand and the biblical text in the other to see what connections or dissonances emerge.
- Enacting or scripting the text.
- Dislocating (i.e., leave the church grounds and go somewhere else in the neighborhood) to see if a change of location influences the way a text speaks to us.
- Reading the biblical text in relation to a piece of visual art.
- Praying the biblical text together using Lectio Divina.

If you long for a different approach to engaging the Bible, please let me know. I am excited to see where our conversations with Scripture and one another might lead us.

In Christ,



Pastor Jon



ANNOUNCEMENTS

— Opportunities to “Reach Out”—



Every year Justice Matters seeks to build and strengthen its community for justice in Lawrence and Douglas County beginning with a “listening process” – a series of listening sessions. Trinity’s team engaged this sacred process last month at Chelsy and Jacob Larson’s home, the first of two such opportunities. We had a wonderful time of fellowship and conversation focusing on “heart hurting” issues affecting us and our larger community.

Upon experiencing support and validation in finding common themes amongst individual struggles, ten individuals felt inspired and called to become justice ministry network members for this year. Amen!!

Trinity’s second listening session will be at Virgil and Jan Dean’s home, **TOMORROW** Monday October 5th at 6:30 p.m. Our goal for this year is to have 30 Trinity network members supporting one another in the biblical call to Do Justice!

New York School - Snack Drive: The teachers in our East Lawrence Elementary School have asked for some help with snacks for students. If you have anything to share (individually wrapped, nut-free, non-candy preferred), please simply drop it off at the school with Linda or Sheila, who will make sure they are fairly dispersed! Email lkucza@usd497.org with questions. Thank you!



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.



Nursery Attendants Needed!

Do you love toddlers and babies? Feeling the “tug” to serve in a new way at TLC? **We have an important role for you as a volunteer in our church Nursery!** Working alongside Trinity’s Lead Nursery Attendant Harlee Donovan, our volunteer attendants help foster a welcoming, inclusive, fun and safe environment for Trinity’s youngest.

A Livestream TV is installed in the room, so you can even listen to the sermon while rocking a baby. :)

Please email kate@tlclawrence.org for a background check, and sign up for your 1st shift here: <https://bit.ly/tlcnursery>

Trunk or Treat - Sunday, October 18

October has arrived, and it's time to lock in some fun-filled plans for this year's 5th annual Trunk or Treat! We'd love to have plenty of Trinity's individuals, ministry groups, committees, and community partners present as participants in this beautiful celebration and gift to families in our community.



If you can't decorate a vehicle trunk, we have many other potential roles with games, popcorn, serving cocoa, "runner" duties, taking event photos, overseeing a resource and allergy-free treat table, etc. Please reach out to kate@tlclawrence.org to learn more, and sign up your trunk or for other opportunities here: <https://tinyurl.com/trunk-or-treat-TLC>



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

October 4 - - There will not be an adult Bible study today. Please use this time to hear Kevin Boatright's presentation on the ELCA’s most recent Social Statement on Civic Life & Faith. Kevin's talk will be in the Fellowship Hall.

- Pr. Randy



Today’s **Radio Broadcast** is given in celebration of Annielaurie and Bill’s 15th wedding anniversary on October 2nd.

Today’s **Altar Flowers** are given in memory of what would have been Steve Julian’s birthday on October 3rd, given by Vicki, Chris, and Ryan Julian.



Regular and large-print **Christ In Our Home** quarterly (*October-November-December*) booklets are available in the Gathering Space. Get your copy today!

A **Christian singles** event will be held this Saturday on Oct. 10 from 6:30-8:30pm at Westwood House, 1421 W. 19th St. in Lawrence. This event is open for all single Christians of any age. Please contact Tashia Dare with questions.

Directory Updates Wanted!

Have you changed your contact information (address, phone number, e-mail address) recently? Want to update your family photo? Send updates for Trinity’s Directory to tlcoffice@tlclawrence.org

Mark Your Calendars:

10/10 (Sat., 6:30p) - Christian Singles Event, Westwood House
10/11 (Sun., 10:45a) - Ministry Fair, Fellowship Hall
10/18 (Sun., 5-7p) - Trunk or Treat, TLC Parking Lot
10/23 (Fri., 7:30p) - Levi Kelley's Organ Recital, Bales Organ Recital Hall
11/1 (Sun., 6:00p) - Bluegrass Mass, TLC Sanctuary

Ministry Fair – Sunday, October 11 - If you are actively involved in a Trinity committee/ministry (or would like to be!), please join us in the Fellowship Hall immediately after church on **Sunday, October 11**, for our church-wide Ministry Fair!

PRAYERS NEEDED

Those ill, injured, or in need of support

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

Relatives or friends of members: Ken Freeman (friend of Manley Brudvig), 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.

