

August 31, 2025
THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

Sunday, August 31, 8:30 am - Bible Study, Conference Room
Sunday, August 31, 9:30 am - Traditional Worship Service & Livestream, Sanctuary
Sunday, August 31, 10:40 am - Adult Sunday School, Fellowship Hall
Sunday, August 31, 10:40 am - ASL Silent Social Planning Meeting, Conference Room
Monday, September 1 - *** Church Offices closed for Labor Day ***
Tuesday, September 2, 10:00 am - Staff Meeting, Conference Room
Tuesday, September 2, 2:00 pm - Tuesday Afternoon Prayer Group, Zoom
Wednesday, September 3, 7:15 am - Morning Prayer Group, Conference Room
Wednesday, September 3, 6:00 pm - TLC Readers Book Club, Gathering Space
Wednesday, September 3, 7:00 pm - Choir Rehearsal Resumes, Music Room
Saturday, September 6, 8:30 am - Trinity Men's Breakfast, The Big Biscuit
Sunday, September 7, 10:30 am - TLC Ministry Fair (light brunch provided), Fellowship Hall

Fall 2025 Special Events, Classes, & Rehearsals - Mark Your Calendars Now!

Sun., September 7 - Trinity Ministry Fair (see details on back)
Tues., September 9 - Tuesday Morning Bible Study Resumes (will be studying Ephesians this Fall)
Sun., September 14 - Rally Day
Tues., September 16 - Handbell Rehearsals Resume
Sun., September 21 - Pre-K - 5th, Confirmation, & High School Sunday School Resumes
Sun., September 21 - Trinity Orchestra Rehearsals Resume
Sat., October 4 - ASL Silent Social, Fellowship Hall
Sun., October 5 - New Members Sunday & Welcoming Potluck
Sun., October 26 - TLC Trunk or Treat



✝ FAREWELL FROM BISHOP CANDEA ✝

Dear Partners in Ministry,

In this, my final message to you as your bishop, I want to express my deep gratitude for the opportunity to serve alongside you as your bishop, as your pastor, over the past six years. While there have certainly been many challenges in this call, I have felt blessed and honored to walk alongside you, to be entrusted with listening to and supporting you, and to work with you through all the ministries of the synod. For all the frustrations – wishing at times that I had a magic wand to just “fix” things – I have experienced tremendous support. You have been gracious and forgiving toward me, allowing me to grow in my call and leadership as bishop. This call has allowed me to use my gifts in such diverse ways and to bring my whole self into this office of bishop. It has truly been the culmination of my many years of ministry. Thank you.

Throughout the past six years, I have felt deeply called into this office. Now I am being called into retirement. I have requested and been granted retirement status. I will remain on the roster, a member of an ELCA congregation, following the guidelines for rostered ministers, including submitting an annual report to my bishop. (If you think this is one more opportunity to “nag” you to send in those reports each year, you are correct!) But for now, I am stepping away from professional ministry to explore work and opportunities outside the “institutional” church, knowing that we are all called, ordained and lay, to participate in God’s reign of justice and radical love for the world. After years of being “Pastor Susan” and then “Bishop Candea,” I am looking forward to exploring what “Susan” might be called into. When I return at the end of September to celebrate with you the installation of our new bishop, Rev. Donna Simon, I will be asking people to address me as “Susan”!

But while I am still your bishop, let me express my deep appreciation for all of you and the ministry you are doing. It is not easy to be the church these days. We thought navigating a worldwide pandemic was tough! It feels like nothing compared to navigating the culture and “politics” in our country these days, proclaiming the gospel amid fear, intolerance, greed, violence, and the seeking of power that disenfranchises the most vulnerable instead of working for the common good. As I was cleaning out my desk, I came across a quote from Dietrich Bonhoeffer that I had written on an index card:

As much as a Christian would like to remain distant from political struggles, nonetheless, even here, the commandment to love urges the Christian to stand up for their neighbor.

And so, my partners in ministries, fellow followers of Jesus, let us continue to stand up for our neighbors, for the truth of the gospel, for mercy and humility, for love and justice for all of creation. Let us, as we heard in the reading from Hebrews this past Sunday, run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus . . .

Always following the way of Jesus, always living the way of Jesus.

Susan Candea

Rev. Susan Candea



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 celebrate our human family’s diversity of race, ethnicity, age, faith history, economic status, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, 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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If you would like to sponsor Altar Flowers or the Radio Broadcast in



honor or memory of someone special please follow the QR code or contact the office for a list of available dates. Thank you for your help!

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
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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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

— Opportunities to “Reach Out”—


Call for Ministry Leaders (or co-leaders!):

We're prayerfully looking for people to step into some key leadership roles within our ministry teams. These roles are important to the heartbeat and growth of our church family—and they're also a beautiful opportunity to serve, lead, and grow in faith alongside others.

If you feel the Holy Spirit nudging you, or even if you're just curious, we'd love for you to connect with the ministry liaisons listed below. Your “yes” could be the beginning of something powerful—for you and for our church.


Thank you for prayerfully considering this meaningful step in ministry here at Trinity Lutheran Church!

- Co-Lead Sunday School Teachers:** Anne Brockhoff
- Ushers & Greeter Coordinator:** Annielaurie Seifert
- Acolytes & Crucifer Scheduler:** Annielaurie Seifert



How You Can Serve


"Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received." 1 Ptr 4:10




LINK: Trinity provides a meal for LINK on Tuesday, September 9. We need food donations as well as volunteers to help serve the meal on that day. To volunteer, look for the sign up sheet on the wooden shelf in the gathering space on Sunday, or go to: <https://tinyurl.com/LINKtlc>

Thank you for your service to this important ministry.

Coffee and Cookies:




The sign-up sheet for Fall Sunday Morning Fellowship Time has openings! It is located on the wooden sign-up shelf in the Gathering Space. *Questions? Contact Kathy Sumner Bryan at klsumner20@gmail.com.*



Family Promise “Gift Baskets” Needed for September 14 Auction Party (Fundraising Event):

Are you a crafty/creative type who enjoys coming up with uniquely themed gift basket ideas? A business owner with services to donate? Season ticket-holders with extra seats? Family Promise could use your help! Please reach out to kate@tlclawrence.org or boatrightdeb78@gmail.com if you can donate your time, talent, or resources in any way.



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

August 31 -- We seem to love the version of Jesus where he makes no demands of his followers. However, once a follower commits to Jesus, her or his life, relationships, time, and possessions must be viewed through the lens of Jesus. Life does not remain unchanged (Luke 14:25-33).

September 7--We all know the feeling of losing something. Depending on its value, we may search for the lost item until we find it, or we might just forget about it and move on with life. The Parable of the Lost Sheep and the Parable of the Lost Coin show us God’s incredible joy when the lost are found and sinners repent.

- Pr. Randy

***Special Note*:** For emergency pastoral care between August 25 - September 10, please contact the church office at 785-843-4150 or Pr. Lou Flessner at 512-216-3772.

Call for Ministry Fair Group Participants:



Following the Sunday morning service in the Fellowship Hall on September 7th, Trinity's various committees, groups, classes, ministries, and community partners are invited to showcase their work, connect with others, and welcome new members. Set up a table (picture a community job fair or school science fair layout) and let your creativity shine!

We are also looking for some help with providing and serving some simple “finger-food-style” brunch items, and would appreciate any donations of mini bagels, assorted spreads, cups/toothpicks with small cubes of cheese, fresh fruit, etc. We want people to be able to continue to walk around to see the booths and mingle while they snack, so nothing messy! :)

Email kate@tlclawrence.org to participate and request table space, or to donate/volunteer with the refreshments.



New Member’s Sunday - October 5th:

Please email pastorjon@tlclawrence.org regarding your **new or previously pending** membership today, and if you’d like to be received during the October 5th service.

Organist Update:

We’re delighted to announce that Levi Kelley has accepted the offer to serve as our new organist at Trinity! Levi comes to us with a deep love for sacred music and a wealth of talent that we are excited to welcome into our worship life.

His first Sunday with us will be next week, and we look forward to the beauty and inspiration his music will bring. Please help us give Levi a warm and gracious TLC welcome as he begins this new chapter with us.

PRAYERS NEEDED

We pray for strength and comfort for the family of TLC member Derek Wilder, at the passing of his mother Anna Wilder.

May she rest in the eternal loving arms of our Savior.

Those ill, injured, or in need of support

Members: Ryan Devlin, Pat Smith, Julie & Gary Crowe, Julie Schmidt, Kelly Cooper, Joe Box, Ed Lehman, Webb & Anna Hecker, Martha Rowe

Relatives or friends of members: Jane McGuirk (aunt of Jacob, Kate, & Leah Larson), Dennis Bean (brother-in-law of Annielaurie Seifert), Timothy Beltramo (family member of Pr. Jon Brudvig), Sam Llewellyn (nephew of Beth Llewellyn), Nate Gonser (son-in-law of Deb Black), Matt Hutchinson (father-in-law to Laura, daughter of Barb Jones), Bob Pittman, Karen McCarley Wallace, Ron Arsenalt (friends of Julie Crowe), Stan Husted (cousin of Shirley Anderson), Nancy Larsen, Dolores Fisher (friends of Shirley Anderson), Dale Heston (father-in-law to Lawrence Trowbridge, son of Shirley Anderson), Rev. Earl Schultz (friend of Pastors Jon & Barb), Monica Moloney (cousin of Kirsten Elson), Colette Rieck (friend of Susan Hires), 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.

