



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

August 23, 2026
THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

- Sunday, August 23, 8:30 am - Bible Study, Conference Room
- Sunday, August 23, 9:30 am - Traditional Sunday Worship Service, Sanctuary & Livestream
- Sunday, August 23, 10:30 am - Coffee & Cookies, Gathering Space
- Sunday, August 23, 10:40 am - Adult Sunday School, Fellowship Hall
- Monday, August 24, 6:30 pm - Council Meeting, Conference Room
- Tuesday, August 25, 9:30 am - Staff Meeting, Conference Room
- Tuesday, August 25 - *No Tuesday Morning Bible Study today; group will resume in September*
- Tuesday, August 25, 2:00 pm - Tuesday Afternoon Prayer Group, Zoom
- Wednesday, August 26, 7:15 am - Wednesday Morning Prayer Group, Conference Room
- Wednesday, August 26, 6:00 pm - Trinity Book Club, Gathering Space
- Wednesday, August 26, 7:00 pm - Choir, Music Room
- Sunday, August 30, 3:00-6:00 pm - *CHURCH PICNIC at Broken Arrow Shelter*

Church Picnic: Sunday, August 30: Please join us for Trinity’s Church Picnic on Sunday, August 30, from 3-6 pm at Broken Arrow Park 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.



You can also sign up to help or volunteer at https://tinyurl.com/TLC-picnic. 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 ✝

Rediscovering the Power of Prayer

People often ask me, “Pastor, how can I experience God’s presence in my life?” While I could offer several suggestions, my first response is always, “prayer.” Not the rote recitation of prayers that we mastered as children. Rather, I am encouraging prayer practices that include a variety of options: worship, devotional reading, “writing” an icon, silent prayer, journaling, group prayer, meditation, singing, or simply communing with God as we go about the activities of everyday life.



The key to a thriving prayer life is experimentation because we all connect with God differently. Some of us long for an intellectual connection. Others seek an experience that is deeply moving. Many people who live alone or are separated from friends and family desire meaningful connection. The list, as you might imagine, is endless.

If you are struggling to experience God’s presence in your life, or if your prayer life has become stale and unfulfilling, a change is needed. Prayer might not be working for you because the way you pray does not align with how you are “wired” to connect with God.

Educators create lesson plans to meet a variety of different learning styles. Why should prayer be any different?

Over the years, I have tried many different spiritual practices. Some of them help me connect with God in a meaningful way. Others, like prolonged meditation, do not.

If you are longing for something more, God is already at work in your life. Lean into the relationship and allow the work of transformation to take hold. Begin by identifying the kinds of prayers that connect with your personality type. Soul Types: Matching Your Personality and Spiritual Path by Sandra Krebs Hirsh and Jane A.G. Kise is a wonderful place to start. Another great resource is Adele Ahlberg Calhoun’s practical guidebook Spiritual Disciplines Handbook, which introduces readers to seventy-five spiritual practices.

We all need prayer in our lives. Our minds and bodies are not enough to help us navigate life’s challenges. Prayer grounds us and helps us experience meaning, purpose, and wholeness in life, reaching beyond whatever we are experiencing to the God who promises to be with us and for us throughout all of life.

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):



- August 30
- 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 23 - - The whole concept of “giving one’s life away” is a foreign concept in our fast-paced consumer world. Too often, we chase after stuff, believing it will help us to feel better and make us whole. Instead of giving, we invest our time accumulating things. Jesus reverses the trend of consumerism by encouraging his followers to give their life away.

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

Endowment Committee Update: The Endowment Committee is charged with making awards from the interest of the Endowment Pool Trust I account. We are blessed with good earnings over the last several years and want to be sure that the congregation thinks of this resource as we go about the broad mission of the church. Requests can be made by committees and ministries of the church that meet 3 categories of purpose as outlined in the By-laws:

- Community Outreach with partner social service agencies and organizations, and Synod including ELCA educational institutions, and special programs in our parish area designed for persons in spiritual and/economic need.
- Mission of the ELCA in this continent and worldwide for congregational development, professional development, educational ministries, evangelism, social ministries.
- Trinity Capital improvements, debt reduction, education, or building program

We want to ensure that members of committees and ministries are thinking about these funds as a tool to meet your goals. Examples over the several years include Justice Matters, building capital needs, Stephen Ministry, ELCA matching appeal, and support for international missionaries. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to a member of the Endowment Committee or request a copy of the simple form from the Church office or one of us.

— Wally Brockhoff, Beth Llewellyn, Tim Mock, Chelsy Larson, Tanner Hawkinson

FROM THE MUSIC DIRECTOR



Trinity’s music ensembles are about to begin!

Trinity Choir began last week and meets at 7 p.m. Wednesdays in the music room. While music reading skill is helpful, it’s not necessary. You do need to be willing to have a good time. Tenors and basses are especially welcome.

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

The Orchestra will begin meeting on Sunday, Sept. 20 at 11:40 to 12:30. If you have an instrument in your closet which is dusty and makes you feel a little guilty for the lessons your parents paid for in junior and senior high, this is your group! 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 coming soon!
— Susan Hires, Music Director



Today’s **Altar Flowers** are sponsored by John and Janet Ross in honor of their August 17 wedding anniversary.

Westwood Request: Please help fulfill Westwood House’s “wish list” on Amazon! Westwood House is a KU campus ministry dedicated to connecting with people, empowering student leaders, and combating food insecurity. They provide weekly worship, evening meals and more!

View Westwood’s list and purchase items here! —>



PRAYERS NEEDED



Those ill, injured, or in need of support

Members: 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: Melissa Reddick (partner of Steve Shaffer), Ken Reeder, Art Ozark (father of Steve Ozark), Rich Moloney (father of Kirsten Elson), Katie Kranig (friend of Manley Brudvig), 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.