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 29, 2026

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

Sunday, November 29, 8:30 am - Bible Study, Conference Room
Sunday, November 29, 9:30 am - Traditional Sunday Worship Service, Sanctuary & Livestream
Sunday, November 29, 10:30 am - Coffee & Cookies Fellowship, Gathering Space
Sunday, November 29, 10:40 am - Adult Sunday School, Fellowship Hall
Sunday, November 29, 10:40 am - **No Children/Confirmation/High School Sunday School today**
Sunday, November 29, 10:45 am *(note time change)* - Orchestra Rehearsal, Music Room
Tuesday, December 1 - Tuesday Morning Bible Study (Psalms), Social Room *(9:30 social, 10:00 class)*
Tuesday, December 1, 9:30 am - Staff Meeting, Conference Room
Tuesday, December 1, 11:30 am - Handbells rehearsal, Sanctuary
Tuesday, December 1, 2:00 pm - Tuesday Afternoon Prayer Group, Zoom
Wednesday, December 2, 7:15 am - Wednesday Morning Prayer Group, Conference Room
Wednesday, December 2, 5:30-6:20 pm - **Midweek Advent Soup Supper**, Fellowship Hall
Wednesday, December 2, 6:30 pm - **Midweek Advent Evening Service**, Sanctuary
Wednesday, December 2, 7:00 pm *(following Advent service)* - Choir rehearsal, Music Room
Saturday, December 5, 8:30 am - **Trinity Men's Breakfast**, The Big Biscuit
Saturday, December 5, 10:00 am - 6:00 pm - **Hollis Winter Art Fair**, 11414 Kan. Ave., Bonner Springs, KS
Saturday, December 5, 2:00 pm - **Cantemos Concert**, Sanctuary
Sunday, December 6, 4:00 pm - **Holiday Favorites Community Sing-Along**, Sanctuary



Noisy Offering Begins today!

As introduced during the Children's Sermon last Sunday, we are going to begin a new Stewardship practice on any 5th Sunday during the calendar year *(beginning today!)*. During the Sharing of the Peace, any children interested in helping to pass around the "noisy offering" buckets can head to the back of the sanctuary to team up with our ushers. General Fund offering contributions can be placed in the regular plates as they are passed, and anything for the kids to help determine can be dropped in the buckets! Thank you for your support.



Advent Soup Supper Sign-Up Sheet: Please take a moment before or after the service to look at our upcoming mid-week Advent Soup Supper needs, and sign up for any slots you'd like! The sheet is on the sign-up shelf in the Gathering Space - with openings for a variety of soups, simple sandwiches (think pimiento cheese or PB&J!), cheese, bread, dessert, or kitchen clean-up help (for those who are more hands-on!). We plan for 30-40 attendees each week, and please bring items to the main kitchen by 5:15 pm - prior to the meal (5:30-6:20 pm).



Questions? Reach out to Brenda Kappelman (785) 218-7607) to learn more.

☩ MESSAGE FROM PASTOR JON ☩

A Weary World Rejoices: An Invitation to Advent

Although many of us look forward to the holidays, Advent and Christmas can seem more like a burden than a blessing if we are not careful. Many of us are tired, worn out by our over-scheduled routines and never-ending holiday-to-do lists. Others worry about the health of family members, struggle with unresolved heartaches, and grieve strained family relationships. Amid the upheaval in our lives and our world, we long for healing, peace, and new beginnings.

This Advent, you don't have to pretend everything is tidy to draw near to God. Join us on Wednesday evenings (Dec. 2, 9, and 16) for our Midweek Advent worship series, *"A Weary World Rejoices."* Together, we will take a break from the chaos of our world as we journey to the manger together by naming the weariness we carry, giving voice to the holy longing we feel, and greeting the joy that breaks through in Christ's coming.

The first Midweek Advent gathering will begin on Wednesday, December 2nd, with a "Soup Supper" beginning at 5:30 p.m., followed by a sung Holden Evening Prayer at 6:30 p.m., a familiar and comforting service that speaks to the weariness and longing of Advent.

Whether you are a lifelong Lutheran, an occasional visitor, or walking through our doors for the first time, there is a place at the table and a seat in the sanctuary waiting for you. Take a break from the hectic pace of the holidays and let your weary spirit experience the power and presence of God with us!



In Christ,

Pastor Jon

ANNOUNCEMENTS

— Opportunities to "Reach Out"—

Justice Matters: 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 Dec 3rd 6:30-8pm at West UMC (867 US-40).

Chelsy Larson

WELCA Mitten Tree:



The Christmas Mitten Tree sponsored by the Women of the ELCA will be out Sunday, November 29 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 Sunday, December 13.

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





The **Young Adult Social Group** 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!



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

November 29 - - Have you ever expected a very important person to come into your home? Perhaps it was an important politician, or the boss or supervisor where you worked, or maybe a religious leader, or an important member of the family. What do you do to prepare for their arrival? What did John the baptizer call to the people to do to prepare for Jesus' arrival? (Mark 1:1-8) - Pr. Randy



Staff Christmas Gifts: The Advent Season is upon us. Please prayerfully consider giving to our Staff Christmas Gift fund to show our staff how much we appreciate them. You may donate in a variety of ways -- using the special envelopes in the pews, designating it in the memo line of your check, or there is an option through Vanco for online givers.

Thank you! In Christ, your Church Council

Holiday Sing-Along: Trinity is inviting the community to its 4th annual Christmas Sing-Along on Sunday, December 6th at 4pm. 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!



Poinsettia Sponsorship Forms: 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.



Holiday Calendar of Events:

12/2, 12/10, 12/16 (Weds., 5:30 p)- Midweek Advent Soup Suppers, FH
- (Weds., 6:30 p) Holden Evening Prayer Services, Sanctuary
12/6 (Sun., 4p) - Holiday Favorites Sing-Along, Sanctuary
12/13 (Sun., 9:30 a) - Children's Christmas Pageant, Sanctuary
12/21 (Mon) - The Longest Night (Blue Christmas) Service, Sanctuary
12/24 (Thurs., 4p & 7p) - Christmas Eve Services, Sanctuary

Correction from last week's Announcements:



Last Sunday's Altar Flowers were given in honor of Ashley Sponholtz's birthday on November 21th.

PRAYERS NEEDED

Those ill, injured, or in need of support

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

Relatives or friends of members: Nina van Wert (sister to Anna Hecker), 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).

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.

