



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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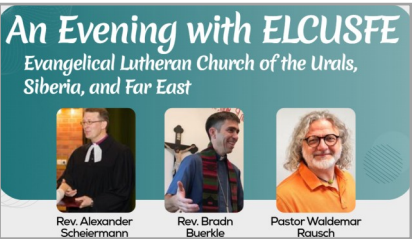
9:30 a.m. Livestream
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and 11:00 a.m. Radio Broadcast on KLWN

September 27, 2026
THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

- Sunday, September 27, 8:30 am - Bible Study, Conference Room
- Sunday, September 27, 9:30 am - Traditional Sunday Worship Service, Sanctuary & Livestream
- Sunday, September 27, 10:40 am - Adult Sunday School, *Social Room*
- Sunday, September 27, 10:40 am - Children’s Sunday School, Sanctuary (opening), Basement (classes)
- Sunday, September 27, 10:40 am - High School & Confirmation (combined), Youth Room (upstairs)
- Sunday, September 27, 11:40 am - Orchestra Rehearsal, Music Room
- Monday, September 28, 6:30 pm - Council Meeting, Conference Room
- Tuesday, September 29, 9:30 am - Staff Meeting, Conference Room
- Tuesday, September 29 - Tuesday Morning Bible Study, Social Room (9:30 social, 10:00 class)
- Tuesday, September 29, 11:30 am - Handbell Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- Tuesday, September 29, 2:00 pm - Tuesday Afternoon Prayer Group, Zoom
- Tuesday, September 29, 6:00 pm - Evening with ELCUSFE, Fellowship Hall
- Wednesday, September 30, 7:15 am - Wednesday Morning Prayer Group, Conference Room
- Wednesday, September 30, 5:30 pm - Trinity Book Club, Sunflower Café & Pub (804 Mass.)
- Wednesday, September 30, 7:00 pm - Trinity Choir, Music Room
- Saturday, October 3, 8:30 am - Men’s Breakfast, The Big Biscuit

Faith and Civic Life: Join us Oct. 4 at 10:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall as Kevin Boatright provides an introduction and summary of key points of “Faith and Civic Life: Seeking the Well-being of All,” a social statement adopted by the 2025 ELCA Churchwide Assembly. Six years in the making, it offers theologically grounded personal and policy guidance to the church during a time of political confusion and division in the U.S.

This Week: An Evening with ELCUSFE



Join us for an evening of fellowship and learning on Sept. 29 with a delegation from the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Urals, Siberia, and Far East (ELCUSFE). Meal begins at 6 p.m., followed by a program, all in the Fellowship Hall.

Event is free, but registration requested. Register —> or call the Office at (785) 843-4150 to register!



✝ FROM THE PASTOR ✝

Where’s God?

This Sunday’s Old Testament text, Exodus 17:1-7, is one many of us can relate to. As God’s chosen people travel from place to place during their wilderness wanderings, impatience, forgetfulness, and quarreling begin to take hold. The people, frustrated by the lack of available drinking water in the desert, confront Moses, asking, “Is the Lord among us or not?”



The question is both sad and ironic. Have the people forgotten that God has delivered them from slavery in Egypt, fed them with manna from heaven, protected them from Pharaoh’s army, and journeyed with them through the wilderness? How can the people so quickly question whether the One who liberated them, protected them, and provided for them also accompanies the people during their wilderness journey?

Life can do that to us. We can be so focused on everything that we do not have or obsess about all of the challenges before us that we lose sight of God’s abiding presence in our lives. And when that happens, I, and perhaps some of you, want to know, “Is the Lord among us or not?”

When the people confront Moses, struggling to trust in God’s promise to be with God’s people forever, Moses asks God, “What am I to do with these people?”

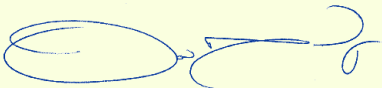
In response to Moses’ exasperated plea, God instructs Moses to take the staff that he struck the Nile with and strike the rock at Horeb, promising, “I will stand there beside you...and water will come out of it [the rock] for the people to drink.”

To remember what had transpired there, Moses named the location Massah (testing) and Meribah (quarreling).

Like the Israelites before us, we too grumble, quarrel among ourselves, and question God’s abiding presence in our lives. It is easy to do, especially given the challenges, daily trials, and legitimate fears that regularly bombard and distract us, and worldly pressures that cause us to lose sight of the many ways that God always shows up.

If God can bring water out of a rock in the desert, imagine what God can accomplish when we tap into the power of God’s abiding presence in our lives. I cannot wait to find out!

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 earlier this 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, **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!

Trinity to host Family Promise Oct. 11-17

Trinity Lutheran and Good Shepherd Lutheran Churches will host dinners at Family Promise the week of **Oct. 11-17**. We are looking for volunteers to provide food and to serve as hosts on Sunday, October 11 and Friday, October 16.

Sign up here: <https://tinyurl.com/2m5y7d8b>

There will also be a sign-up sheet in the Gathering Space.

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 to conduct a quick background check, and sign up for your 1st shift here: <https://bit.ly/tlcnursery>

Trinity Stephen Ministry



Trinity Stephen Ministry is looking for those in our congregation to provide high quality, one-to-one, Christ-centered care to people in the congregation and the community experiencing life difficulties.

Since its inception in 1975, Stephen Ministry has trained over 600,000 Stephen Ministers in more than 14,000 congregations. *If you feel this ministry is for you please reach out to one of Trinity’s Stephen Leaders:*

Charles Baars: (785) 772-1872
Cathy Box: (785) 979-4280
Brenda Brecke: (785) 393-9235
Pastor Jon: (785) 843-4150 (ext. 203)



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

September 27 [*In Social Room] - - God lovingly, graciously calls us into the vineyard. God plants and equips the vineyard--the church--and then entrusts it to our stewardship. God’s intention is a full, rich harvest of the fruits. The harvest time will come. The question--and the challenge--for us is: “Will we have the courage to be faithful stewards, bearing fruit?” (Matthew 21:33-46)

- Pr. Randy

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

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



Today’s Altar Flowers are sponsored by David & Cathy Schwabauer in honor of their wedding anniversary on Sept. 29.



Altar Flowers & Radio Broadcast Sponsorships Still Available for 2026!

Scan the QR code here —>
or contact the TLC Office to sign up!
Flowers: \$70; Radio: \$95



Mark Your Calendars:

9/29 (Tues., 6p) – Meal & Program w/Russian Synod Delegation, FSH
10/4 (Sun., 10:45a) – Civic Life & Faith by K. Boatright, Fellowship Hall
10/11 (Sun., 10:45a) – Ministry Fair, Fellowship Hall
10/18 (Sun., 5-7p) - Trunk or Treat, TLC Parking Lot



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

Relatives or friends of members: 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.

