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 15, 2026

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

Sunday, November 15, 8:30 am - Bible Study, Conference Room
Sunday, November 15, 9:30 am - Traditional Sunday Worship Service, Sanctuary & Livestream
Sunday, November 15, 9:30 am - **Westwood House KU Campus Ministry Sunday,** Sanctuary
Sunday, November 15, 10:30 am - Coffee & Cookies Fellowship, Gathering Space
Sunday, November 15, 10:40 am - Adult Sunday School, Fellowship Hall
Sunday, November 15, 10:40 am - Children's Sunday School, Sanctuary (opening), Basement (class)
Sunday, November 15, 10:50 am - **All Youth (grades 6-12) Meet with Westwood,** Youth Room
Sunday, November 15, 11:30 am - Orchestra Rehearsal, Music Room (upstairs)
Monday, November 16, 6:30 pm - **Men's Night Out,** Perkins
Tuesday, November 17, 9:30 am - Staff Meeting, Conference Room
Tuesday, November 17 - Tuesday Morning Bible Study (Psalms), Social Room *(9:30 social, 10:00 class)*
Tuesday, November 17, 11:30 am - Handbell Rehearsal, Sanctuary
Tuesday, November 17, 1:00 pm - **Finance Meeting**, Conference Room/Zoom
Tuesday, November 17, 2:00 pm - Tuesday Afternoon Prayer Group, Zoom
Tuesday, November 17, 5:30 pm - **Social Concerns Meeting**, TLC Library
Tuesday, November 17, 7:00 pm - **Property Team Meeting,** Conference Room
Wednesday, November 18, 7:15 am - Wednesday Morning Prayer Group, Conference Room
Wednesday, November 18, 7:00 pm - Trinity Choir, Music Room

Pastoral Coverage this week: During the dates of November 16-19th, please contact Rev. Barb Jones (620-639-2256) for emergency pastoral care in Pastor Jon's absence.

Westwood House Information: 1421 W 19th St. Hours open: Mon (2-6p), Tues (10-2p), Wed (12-6p), Thurs (12-6p). Worship on Wednesdays at 7pm, Community Building - Thursdays at 7pm. Free Dinners: Wed & Thurs, 6pm (vegan/veg/gf options). Free Student Food Pantry: available during regular hours and other events when building is open.

"*God Loves You. No Exceptions.*". Find us at www.instagram.com/westwoodhouseku !

WESTWOODHOUSEKU

✝ A FAREWELL MESSAGE FROM JODIE ✝

Office Manager Jodie Garcia recently announced her departure from Trinity due to health reasons. Her final day was Friday.

Those who read my Annual Report last year will recognize this story. I love it so much, however, so I'm going to repeat it. When I started in this position in March of 2025, I was told that the congregation had been told "not to bother me" for a few weeks until I could settle in. Some people may have heeded the suggestion, but many did not. With smiles — some sheepish and others beaming — you knocked on my door with some variation of, "We were told not to bother you, but…" It was though you were bursting at the seams with welcome and kindness and couldn't wait to share it.

In the weeks and months to follow, I learned that this is simply how Trinity is. You open your arms authentically. You ask, "How can we help?"

I see expressions of welcome and kindness everywhere I look. Driving into the parking lot, new visitors are first met with our RIC banner. Need rental or utility assistance? Thanks to regular, generous donations from Trinity's members, Pastor Jon has been able to fulfill more assistance requests than ever before. The Social Concerns team dedicates its time and talents to reaching out to those with food, housing and other needs. From Fellowship to Worship & Music to Property committees, time and time again, I witnessed conversations and problem solving around, "How can we be more welcoming?" "How can we be more inclusive?" "How can we do this better?"

Who can remember Trinity's mission statement? (Hint: It's on the left column of this page.) "*A place of grace with a call for all to continue the work of Jesus.*"



Continue the work of Jesus.

When I started here, I expected to find a job. I did not expect my faith to grow as I witnessed the people in this place continuing the work of Jesus, day in and day out. It was an honor to work and learn alongside each of you, and I wish you the very best. Thank you for sharing your gifts with each other, with our community and with me. It won't be forgotten.

Jodie Garcia
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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

Immediate Need: Nursery Volunteers:

Feeling the "tug" to serve in a new way at TLC? Love babies and toddlers? **We have an important role for you as an assistant in our church Nursery!**

A Livestream TV is installed in the room, so you can even listen to the sermon while rocking a baby, drawing rainbows, or making a triumphant playdough creation… :)

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

Fall Holiday Kitchen Essentials Drive: Trinity's Women of the ELCA are sponsoring a fall Holiday Kitchen Essentials drive for baking and cooking ingredients/supplies. All items will be donated to **JUST FOOD INC.** in mid-November.

We request assistance with the following donations:

1. Baking Supplies: flour, sugar, oatmeal, vegetable oils, chocolate chips, peanut butter and spices. Any canned goods such as fruits, pie fillings, pumpkin, tuna fish, beans, all vegetables and/or other staples such as pasta and cereal.

2. New or near-new Small Kitchen Equipment: Manual can openers, measuring cups, non-breakable mixing bowls, wooden spoons, spatulas, potholders, disposable or regular baking pans, etc.

A donation box will be provided in the hallway November 1 - 15, 2026.

Many thanks and blessings, Crystal Miles

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

November 15 - - In this week's Bible study, the age-old questions about the second coming of Christ--"When? and "What sign?" are clearly answered. - Pr. Randy

Thank you to all the people that attended the Bluegrass Mass concert on November 1. It was a true labor of love for me and all the folks that participated. Our 32-member choir included 16 singers from the community, and we gathered a sizable donation for the Trinity Interfaith Food Pantry! Creating beautiful music and helping our Douglas county neighbors at the same time. What could be better? With sincere gratitude, Susan Hires

LINK: A big thank you to all who helped with Trinity's LINK meal last Tuesday. We especially appreciated the delicious Mac & Cheese and sweets provided by our Youth and Sunday School kids. This month we shared a great meal with nearly one hundred of our friends and neighbors. Our next regular LINK opportunity will be on Tuesday, **January 12,** so mark your calendars.

In the meantime, we have an opportunity to contribute to LINK's **Thanksgiving Community Meal**. If you want to help us fill TLC's commitment to provide pies and stuffing, please see the sign-up sheet in the Gathering Space, or talk to Virgil or Jan Dean.

Attention Gathering Space Coffee Drinkers: :) We're loving our after service gathering time! *Please consider supporting this ministry as able with consistent small monetary contributions to the clear plastic donation box next to the tea/coffee (and/or reach out to Kathy Bryan or Kirsten Elson if you'd like to learn how to help run the machine and keep them filled!)*. Thank you, and as always we look forward to seeing you after the service!

Mark Your Calendars:

11/26-11/27 (Th-Fri.) - Offices Closed for Thanksgiving, TLC
12/3-12/16 (Weds.) - Midweek Advent Soup Suppers and Services, TLC
12/6 (Sun) - Holiday Favorites Sing-Along, TLC
12/13 - Children's Christmas Pageant, TLC
12/21 - The Longest Night (Blue Christmas) Service, TLC
12/24 - Christmas Eve Services, 4pm and 7pm, TLC

PRAYERS NEEDED

We offer prayers of peace and comfort for the friends & family of Ken Reeder (beloved husband of Sue Reeder), who died Oct. 29.

We offer prayers of peace and comfort for the friends & family of Janet Nuse (sister of Harriet Shaffer), who died October 31.

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

Those ill, injured, or in need of support

Members: David Bieber, Ruth Pine, Butch Pontow, Louis Box, Julie Schmidt, Joe Box, Jerry Meuschke, Carol Ann Salber, Alita Cooper, Gary & Julie Crowe, Jere McElhaney, Webb & Anna Hecker.

Relatives or friends of members: 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), Stacia Watkins (niece of Geri & Jerry Meuschke), 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).

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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.