

August 10, 2025
THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

Sunday, August 10, 8:30 am - Bible Study, Conference Room
Sunday, August 10, 9:30 am - Traditional Worship Service & Livestream, Sanctuary
Sunday, August 10, 10:30am - Organist Edward's Farewell Reception, Fellowship Hall
Sunday, August 10, 10:40 am - Adult Sunday School, Social Room (*note location change*)
Monday, August 11, 6:00 pm - Women's Night Out, Perkins
Tuesday, August 12, 10:00 am - Staff Meeting, Conference Room
Tuesday, August 12, 2:00 pm - Tuesday Afternoon Prayer Group, Zoom
Wednesday, August 13, 7:15 am - Morning Prayer Group, Conference Room
Wednesday, August 13, 6:00 pm - TLC Readers Book Club, Gathering Space
Thursday, August 14, 6:30 pm - Stephen Minister Potluck Picnic, Joe & Cathy Box home

End-of-Summer and Fall 2025 Events - Mark Your Calendars Now!

September 7 - Trinity Ministry Fair (see details below)
September 14 - Rally Day
October 5 - New Members Sunday & Welcoming Potluck
October 26 - Trunk or Treat

Call for Ministry Fair Group Participants:

On September 7, our various committees, groups, classes, and ministries here at Trinity will have the opportunity to showcase their work, connect with our TLC family and encourage new members to get involved. We welcome all groups to set up a table (think school science fair!) to share how you serve. Let your creativity shine! Please inform kate@tlclawrence.org if you intend to participate, and how much table space you'll be needing.

✝ FROM THE PASTOR ✝

"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

Have you heard the saying, "Wherever you go, there you are?" It is a cautionary reminder for busy and preoccupied people seeking to escape the hustle and bustle of everyday life by carving out time each summer for a much-needed break. Time set aside to recharge, renew our weary souls, and to enjoy the company of friends and family. However, the adage also warns that if we're not careful, we will bring the baggage of everyday life with us -- the "scarcity mentality" that tricks us into always seeing the glass as half-empty.

The same is true regarding our perspective on our life together in community. That is why the story of Jesus' Feeding the 5,000 is so powerful. Exhausted from yet another day of teaching and healing, Jesus seeks out solace and rest. He needs a break. The crowds, desperate for healing and enlightenment, have other plans. They follow Jesus across the Sea of Galilee. When Jesus looks up and notices the approaching crowd, he turns to Philip and asks, "Hey Philip, how are we going to feed these people?" But Philip, having not yet fully learned to trust in God's abundance, believes that there is no way to feed so many people. Even Andrew, the disciple who spotted a boy willing to share five barley loaves and two fish, chimes in that the boy's meager offering cannot feed the hungry crowd. In the text from John 6 that follows, we discover once again what Jesus can do with the generous gift of a child's offering.

The Feeding of the 5,000 held great significance for early Christians. So, it should not surprise us that it is the only miracle story recounted in all four gospels. In the face of perceived scarcity, Jesus vividly demonstrates God's abundance. Not only did everyone eat until they were full, but even the twelve baskets of leftovers exceeded the child's initial offering.

Instead of focusing on what we do not have or on the deficiencies in our ministry together, perhaps the Holy Spirit is calling us to reassess and to give thanks to God for the gifts we do have and for the ministries we support; ministries that are making a positive difference in people's lives here in Lawrence and beyond. As we begin to notice God's abundance in our lives, may we also celebrate the many and varied ways that God is calling, empowering, and sending us out to be the church together.

Trusting in God's abundance is not easy, especially when we are bombarded by worldly messages of scarcity everywhere we turn. The story of the Feeding of the 5,000 and the importance it held for early Christian communities indicates that even Jesus' closest disciples struggled to trust in God's abundance. And that is where God can help us. Showing up every time we gather for worship, nudging at our hearts, gifting us with grace upon grace, and sending us out to live into the abundance that God desires as we grow in generosity together. "For where your treasure is," proclaims Jesus, "there your heart will be also" (Luke 12:34).

In Christ's Peace,

Pastor Jon



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



Acolytes and Crucifers Needed!

There is no age requirement, and if you can carry the cross and/or carry the candles, you qualify!

Questions? Contact Annielaurie Seifert at (785) 865-6512.

Sign up using the Google Sheet QR code above, or the paper sign-up sheet on the Gathering Space shelf.



Coffee and Cookies:


The sign-up sheet for August/September Sunday morning fellowship time has openings! It is located on the wooden sign-up shelf in the Gathering Space.

Questions? Contact Kathy Bryan at ksumner20@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 10 - - We love the image of Jesus as a warm and loving Savior. What are we to do, though, with Jesus' statement, "Do you think I came to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but division" (Luke 12:49-56).



Justice Matters is Hiring!

Justice Matters is currently accepting applications for a part-time (15-20 hrs) Office Assistant position. Please direct interested candidates to the website with the QR code here:




TLC Income and Expenses - January through June 2025			
Income	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	Over/Under Budget
General Offerings	197,491.37	198,500.04	-1,008.67
Other Income	45,429.84	45,525.00	-95.16
Total Income	242,921.21	244,025.04	-1,103.83
Expenses	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	Over/Under Budget
Administration	14,231.09	17,429.28	-3,198.19
Payroll	151,621.63	149,233.98	2,387.65
Programs and Ministries	9,319.43	10,279.98	-960.55
Property Mgmt./Insurance	35,986.86	32,749.98	3,236.88
Utilities	28,275.82	23,749.98	4,525.84
Benevolence	12,249.20	10,824.96	1,424.24
Total Expense	251,684.03	244,268.16	7,415.87
Net Surplus/Deficit	-\$8,762.82	\$243.12	-\$8,519.70



This week's **Altar Flowers** are sponsored by the Sponholtz family in honor of Charlotte Sponholtz's birthday on August 8th.



"Foundations of Faith" - Exhibition at the Watkins Museum, (July 11 - September 20): Featuring history and artifacts from a variety of area churches including a couple of our own special relics from Trinity Lutheran Church. **1047 Mass St., 2nd floor, Tues-Sat (10a-4p)**



MEMBERSHIP REVIEW

New (or pending) Membership: We are planning to have our next New Members Service & Reception on **Sunday, October 5**. Please email pastorjon@tlclawrence.org regarding your **new or previously pending** membership today. Thank you!

PRAYERS NEEDED

We pray for the family and friends of Lyn Walther upon the death of her son Mitch Walther on July 31. May he rest in the eternal loving arms of our Savior.

Those ill, injured, or in need of support

Members: Claven Elliott-Snow, 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), Monica (friend of Annielaurie Seifert and Bill Modzynski), 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), Jim Griffee, Nancy Larsen (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), Tylee (granddaughter of Charles Baars), Lena (friend of Lynn and Jennifer Krusemark), Jake Hecker (son of Anna & Webb Hecker), Anna Wilder (mother of Derek Wilder), 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.

