

March 24, 2024

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

- Sunday, March 24, 8:30 a.m. Bible Study, Conference Room
- Sunday, March 24, 9:00 a.m. American Sign Language (ASL) class, Library
- Sunday, March 24, 9:15 a.m. Children meet to process with palms, Chapel
- Sunday, March 24, 9:30 a.m. Livestream Service, Sanctuary
- Sunday, March 24, 10:30 a.m. Education Hour, Chapel/Youth Room/Library/Social Room
- Sunday, March 24 ( \* No Handbell Rehearsal \* )
- Sunday, March 24, 4:00 p.m. Orchestra Rehearsal, Music Room
- Monday, March 25, 6:30 p.m. Council Meeting, Conference Room
- Tuesday, March 26, 9:30 a.m. Bible Study, Conference Room
- Wednesday, March 27, 7:15 a.m. Prayer Group, Chapel
- Wednesday, March 27, 9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting, Conference Room
- Wednesday, March 27, 2:00 p.m. Prayer Group, Zoom
- Wednesday, March 27, 7:00 p.m. TLC Choir Rehearsal (plus Brass), Choir Loft
- Thursday, March 28, 6:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service, Sanctuary
- Friday, March 29, 6:30 p.m. Good Friday Service, Sanctuary

- EASTER SUNDAY SCHEDULE-----
- Sunday, March 31 ( \* All Sunday School classes, ASL, Handbells, and Orchestra Cancelled \* )
- Sunday, March 31, 7:00 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service, Inner Courtyard
- Sunday, March 31, 8:00 - 9:15 a.m. Easter Breakfast, Fellowship Hall
- Sunday, March 31, 9:30 a.m. Traditional Livestream Service, Sanctuary
- Sunday, March 31, 10:30 a.m. Children’s Easter Egg Hunt, Chapel

- Upcoming Speakers:**
- April 14 - Katherine Dinsdale (*Family Promise*)    · May 5 - Rev. David Whetter, *Bishop’s Assoc.*
- April 28 - Dr. Andrew Eisenberg    · May 19 - Dr. V. Mendoza (*Brown vs. Board*)

**Easter Lilies:** Please notice the insert in your bulletin, and simply place the order form with payment in the offering plate if you are interested (include a note if you’d prefer to pay online). The deadline for ordering will be Monday (tomorrow), March 25.

**Easter Breakfast:** This year, we are pleased to provide catered breakfast casseroles for the congregation between services from 8:00-9:15 a.m. If you would like to contribute fresh fruit, coffee cakes, or help with the kitchen, please sign up in the Narthex or email [kate@tlclawrence.org](mailto:kate@tlclawrence.org). Thank you!



- FROM PASTOR -

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

The author of our worship planning resource describes the overarching theme of Holy Week and Easter season as one of belonging. From Thomas still finding his place despite, or perhaps because of, his doubts, to our place in the sheepfold and on the vine, to the embrace of the Spirit, we are reminded repeatedly about our place in God’s family. The security that knowledge brings can be a springboard for action in the world: sharing the good news, spreading the love of Jesus, and working for justice. Preaching in this season should inspire those hearing the message to act with the knowledge that, no matter the outcome, possible missteps, questions, or doubts, there is always a place for them in the fold or on the vine. Jesus does not ask us to be perfect but to abide in him and to bear fruit.

When we find our place and sense of belonging within the abiding, triune God, we are also reminded that there are others who belong to God with whom we are encouraged to build community despite our differences. Easter is a good time to invite a neighbor, co-worker or friends to worship and experience community with you.

Our Holy Week and Easter schedule is below. The changes in 2024 are earlier times for Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services, and the location of the 4th Annual Easter Sunrise Service. Easter is at it’s earliest on March 31 --- and will likely be colder than in mid-April --- so we are moving it from South Park into the enclosed Courtyard at Trinity. If it is too cold or crowded in the Courtyard we will move inside into the gathering/chapel space.

- Our Holy Week/Easter Sunday schedule:
- 6:30 PM            Maundy Thursday Holy Communion
- 6:30 PM            Good Friday Worship
- 7:00 AM           Easter Sunrise in the Trinity Courtyard (Seating provided. Dress warmly!)
- 8:00 - 9:15 AM   Easter Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall
- 9:00 AM           TLC Youth Arrive in the Chapel to hide eggs
- 9:30 AM           Easter Worship in the Sanctuary (nursery provided)
- 10:35 AM          Children meet in the Chapel for Sunday School Easter Egg Hunt

Renewing, Rejoicing and Reaching Out!

Pastor Jeff



**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. 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. As a place of grace with a call for all, we invite all people to grow with us toward greater love, understanding, and mutual respect.

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 basement Nursery.

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**9:30 a.m. Livestream**  
**[www.tlclawrence.org](http://www.tlclawrence.org)**  
**and 11:00 a.m. Radio Broadcast on KLWN 1320 AM and 101.7 FM**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

— Opportunities to “Reach Out”—


**Justice Matters:**

A couple of weeks ago, 21 Trinity Justice ministry members gathered together to hear progress toward solutions to homelessness and increasing the elder care workforce. The justice team at Trinity works year round toward the goal of living out God's call to "Do Justice" by addressing systems of injustice in our community. Once a year, this team calls for the support of the entire congregation to show up as ONE BODY at the Lied Center as they present and ask for well-researched steps toward solutions. All of the Justice Matters congregations set a goal to bring their average worship attendance to this Action Assembly - "52:1" - if our congregation can come together 52 times a year for worship we can come together 1 time for Justice.

Let's show the Lawrence community that Trinity Lutheran is a vibrant congregation that lives out our faith outside the church walls.

As you receive invitations for this event on April 28th 3pm, please ask any questions you may have and vocalize any needs you may have to address barriers to attend (rides, childcare, etc).

*Want to learn more about how to be a part of the Justice Team here at Trinity? Contact Virgil Dean 785-424-5115 or Chelsy Larson 785-760-3707.*



**Family Promise:**

Trinity will host three dinners at the Hybrid location the weeks of **May 12-18** and **August 11-17**. We will need volunteers to provide food and serve as dinner hosts. What does a dinner host do? Basically, come and eat with our guests, stay until early evening. It's an opportunity to provide hospitality to the families, visit with the adults, hang out and play with the kids. It's a fun evening. You can help provide the meal, or other volunteers will do that.

An easy online training will help prepare you for volunteering. Sign up for it here: <https://family-promise.coassemble.com/unlock/bpWxjMl#/>

Contact Deb Boatright or Virgil Dean if you have questions.

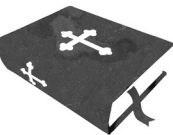




*Lonely? Sad? Discouraged? Going through a tough time - emotionally or spiritually? Struggling with a crisis in life? Or simply feeling down? Consider letting a Stephen Minister help!*

A **Stephen Minister** is a member of our congregation who is trained to listen, care, encourage, pray, and walk alongside you during difficult times. It's confidential, free and very helpful. To learn more, contact one of our Stephen Leaders:

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| Debra Black 785-766-6544 | Charles Baars 785-772-1872 |
| Pastor Jeff 785-843-4150 | Ruth Sarna 785-842-0230    |




**Adult Bible Study:** *Due to the fixing of the elevator (YAY!), the Sunday morning bible studies have returned to the Social Room from 10:45 - 11:30 A.M.*

**March 24** -- The account of the day of Jesus' resurrection in Mark's Gospel (Mark 16:1-8) at first reading seems incomplete and leaves the reader unsatisfied, wanting more. There is no resurrection appearance, no earthquake to explain the movement of the stone at the tomb's entrance, no conversation between Mary and the risen Christ, no disciples running to see the empty tomb. Perhaps most troubling, there is no telling of the good news of the resurrection to anyone. The Gospel ends (originally) with the women leaving the tomb saying nothing to anyone, "for they were afraid" (Mark 16:8 NRSV). What is going on?

**March 31** -- *No Adult Bible Study, due to Easter breakfast.*


**April 7** -- TBD



Our Fellowship Team is excited to provide an all-ages trip for the TLC congregation to visit one of the **tulip garden sites** in Topeka this spring (April 10-26). We can coordinate rides for those unable to drive. If this is something you are interested in, please let Kate know so we can consider the best calendar options, transportation needs, and location based on those participating.

**Church Directory Photos:**

Please send your recent family snapshot or individual photo to [tlcoffice@tlclawrence.org](mailto:tlcoffice@tlclawrence.org). Landscape/horizontal orientation is preferred, with close views of faces and minimal backgrounds. faces If you do *not* have a recent photo of your own to submit, or a convenient way to obtain one, you may ask Kevin Boatright for assistance. New members since 2021 do not need to send theirs, since we already have them!



**PRAYERS NEEDED**

*We pray for strength and comfort for the family of Melanie King on the death of her daughter-in-law Beverly King.*

*We pray for strength and comfort for the family of Eric and Keri Lyche on the death of their uncle Harold Thorgersen.*

*We pray for strength and comfort for the family of Tami McNemee on the death of her cousin Teri Riemenschneider.*

*May they rest in the loving arms of their Savior.*

With the news of Pastor Jeff and Candace's last Sunday with us being April 28, we give thanks for their ministry with us these last 3 1/2 years. We pray for our congregation and our leaders as we take the next steps into the future, continuing Trinity's ministry of God's love in the Lawrence community.

**Those ill, injured, or in need of support**

**Members:** Joan Wells, Alexandra (daughter of Joy and Shawn Gross, granddaughter of Karen Grisafe), Terry Wells, Jere McElhaney, Jacob Hecker, Kelly Cooper, Webb and Anna Hecker, Martha Rowe

**Relatives or friends of members:** Joanne McKeon (mother of Heather Moore's partner), Jacob Hecker (son of Webb and Anna Hecker), Sarah Hickey (daughter of Karen Hickey), Sheryl Mason (friend of Kathy Buffington), Debbie Baars Littlefield (sister of Charles Baars), Jenny (daughter of Melanie King), Sedeqe (granddaughter of Karen Hickey), Tucker, Karen McCarley Wallace (friend of Julie Crowe), Donna Engwall (daughter of Barbara Kurtz), Glynda Behrens (friend of Kathy Buffington), Ron Tilghman (brother-in-law of Joe Box), 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,** contact Harriet Shaffer at: [shafferharriet@gmail.com](mailto:shafferharriet@gmail.com) or (785) 393-1063.

**For prayer chain requests,** contact Ruth Sarna at: [rsarna@sunflower.com](mailto:rsarna@sunflower.com) or (785) 842-0230.

