

April 14, 2024

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

- Sunday, April 14, 8:30 a.m. Bible Study, Conference Room
- Sunday, April 14, 9:00 a.m. American Sign Language (ASL) class, Library
- Sunday, April 14, 9:30 a.m. Temple Talk, Family Promise
- Sunday, April 14, 9:30 a.m. Livestream Service, Sanctuary
- Sunday, April 14, 10:30 a.m. Education Hour, Chapel, Youth Room, Fellowship Hall
- Sunday, April 14, 11:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal, Music Room (*note new rehearsal time*)
(*Handbells Rehearsals will be moving to Tuesdays 11:30-12:30 beginning NEXT week, April 23rd)
- Sunday, April 14, 4:00 p.m. Carpools meet to drive to Topeka for Tulips, TLC Parking Lot
- Sunday, April 14, 4:00 p.m. Trinity Orchestra, Music Room
- Monday, April 15, 6:30 p.m. Men's Night Out, Perkins
- Tuesday, April 16, 9:30 a.m. Bible Study, Conference Room
- Wednesday, April 17, 7:15 a.m. Prayer Group, Chapel
- Wednesday, April 17, 9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting, Conference Room
- Wednesday, April 17, 2:00 p.m. Prayer Group, Zoom

Upcoming Speakers:

- April 14 - Katherine Dinsdale (Family Promise)
- April 21 - Stephen Ministry (info session)
- April 28 - Dr. Andrew Isenberg (KU professor)
- May 5 - Rev. David Whetter (Bishop's Assoc.)
- May 19 - Dr. V. Mendoza (Brown vs. Board)

Upcoming Music Events:

- April 21, 1:00 p.m. Lawrence Children's Choir - Spring Concert, Sanctuary
- April 23, 7:30 p.m. Edward Poston - final KU organ doctoral recital, Bales Organ Recital Hall (KU Lied Center), *Mexican pastries (pan dulce) afterwards!*
- May 5, 1:00 p.m. Cantemos - Spring Concert, Sanctuary



- FROM THE COUNCIL -

Dear Congregation,

Your Council wanted to provide you with an update regarding what we are doing in anticipation of the departure of Pastor Jeff and Candace at the end of April.

First Things First: Celebrate 3.5 years with Pastor Jeff and Candace on April 28th after the service. We have much to be grateful for during Pastor Jeff's tenure, with a clear Mission of who we are, a vision that keeps us forward facing through Renew, Rejoice, Reach Out, and infectious energy for all of Trinity's member, new and old alike.

Sunday Service Coverage: Pastor Jeff has already lined up pastors for the month of May. On the first Sunday, Pastor Dave Whetter will preside. Pastor Whetter was a vicar at Trinity many years ago and is very familiar with Trinity. He now serves as Assistant to the Bishop of our Central States Synod and will be working with us during our call process to call a new pastor. Council will work to fill in the month of June as Pastor Dave works to identify our "Bridge Pastor" who will serve Trinity until a permanent Pastor is called. We hope to identify a bridge pastor as soon as possible.

Our Call Process: Beth Llewellyn and I met recently for an uplifting, productive working session with Pastor Whetter. The great news is that, because of the wonderful situation that Trinity is in as well as the recent discernment processes we have engaged in as part of the prior call process and the Kairos-led preparation for the Renew, Rejoice and Reach Out campaign, Pastor Whetter and Bishop Candea are fully-supportive of Council's strong desire to move directly to a call process without a mandated formal transition. What this means practically is that Dave has endorsed our approach to have an internal convener for the Call Committee process and work. Beth Llewellyn will serve in that role, which she is well-suited for with her professional background as well as knowledge of Trinity. The net time impact of all this is that we save a year of congregational discernment and can move straight to standing up a Call Committee in early May after Pastor Jeff's departure. It is the role of Council to select the Call Committee and to ensure it reflects a diversity of engaged members. If you feel your own call to serve on the Call Committee or would like to suggest other candidates, please reach out to Beth or me in person or via email to let us know. Also feel free to ask either of us questions and set up a time to talk.

Beth Llewellyn: Bethllewellyn55@gmail.com Wally Brockhoff: brockhwe@yahoo.com

Communication: We will be faithful to congregational updates and in the end, for our members who are new to Lutheranism, it is the congregation who is the final decider of the call. There will be a congregational meeting to meet and question the recommended candidate from the Call Committee to the Council and then to the Congregation.

We fully appreciate all that Pastor Jeff has done. We could not be more excited about the legacy of Trinity, the energy we have now and the bright outlook about where we can go in pursuit of our Mission.




In Christ.

Wally Brockhoff



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.

 GOD	 LOVES	 ME.
 God	 loves	 me
 JESUS	 MY	 FRIEND.
 Jesus	 my	 friend
 CHURCH	 GREAT	 PLACE.
 church	 great	 place
Children's message ASL prayer		 AMEN!
		 amen

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
and 11:00 a.m. Radio
Broadcast on KLWN
1320 AM and 101.7 FM

ANNOUNCEMENTS

— Opportunities to "Reach Out"—

Justice Matters:

"Justice is one of the most profound longings of the human race. If there is no justice, then deep within ourselves we know that something is out of joint. Justice is hard to define and harder still to put into practice; but that has never stopped human beings and societies seeking it, praying for it, and working to find ways of doing it better. And 'justice' doesn't simply mean 'punishing wickedness', though that is regularly involved. It means bringing the world back into balance." - N.T. Wright



When Nehemiah saw that the people had had to sell their land and their children into slavery to pay their famine debts to the money lenders, he called everyone to a Great Assembly. The purpose of the assembly was not to punish the money lenders. The purpose of coming together in great numbers to ask that the peoples' livelihoods be restored was to bring the community "back to balance".

With Nehemiah as our example, let us all gather together at this year's Action Assembly April 28th 3-4:30 at the Lied Center to bring Lawrence to balance and answer the Lord's command to "Do Justice".

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:

As Family Promise moves toward a new, permanent site for hosting our guests, we will need volunteers to serve and support in many ways. To learn more about these opportunities and to understand the mission of Family Promise, please consider taking their online training class. It's short, informative, and easy to complete.



<https://family-promise.coassemble.com/#/>

Please attend the adult forum with guest speaker Katherine Dinsdale from FPL on April 14 (10:45 **TODAY** in the Fellowship Hall) to learn more!

Contact Deb Boatright or Virgil Dean if you have questions.

Reminder: We support various local schools and non-profits to help supply various needs in our community. Please check the collection bins in the hallway outside the office to donate clothing, personal care items, school supplies, and non-perishable food. Thank you!



Ushers Needed: Please email Tami McNemee if you are interested in serving regularly (once per month) as part of our usher teams. We now have openings for the 3rd and 4th Sundays to fill. Thank you!



Adult Bible Study: Today's Forum will be held in the FELLOWSHIP HALL, from 10:45 - 11:30 A.M.

April 14 -- FORUM -- Family Promise of Lawrence (FPL). Katherine Dinsdale, a long-time Family Promise board member and volunteer, will speak and answer questions about some exciting new volunteer opportunities and developments at FPL. After fifteen years of providing hope to families in Douglas County, FPL is purchasing a building that will be ready to provide a safe temporary family shelter later this year. Come learn how you can support and be a part of this important ministry.

April 21 -- BIBLE STUDY. In John 15:5 NRSVUE, Jesus said, "I am the vine, you are the branches." What does it mean to be connected to Christ? And, using the metaphor of the vineyard, what is the purpose of God's pruning actions in our lives?

April 28 -- FORUM -- TLC member Dr. Andrew C. Isenberg, Hall Distinguished Professor of American History at the University of Kansas, will present "Vaccinations, Missionaries, and the Limits of Manifest Destiny in Nineteenth-Century America," a talk drawn from his forthcoming book, *The Age of the Borderlands: Indians, Slaves, and the Limits of American Manifest Destiny, 1790-1850*. In the book and the talk, Drew argues that "manifest destiny" was just one of many competing visions for the West.



Stephen Ministers Care: When was the last time someone *really* listened to you? We're talking about that undistracted, full-attention kind of listening. That's

one of the ways Stephen Ministers care for others.

We are planning a training class for new Stephen Ministers to care for those who are making that long journey through the valley of a life crisis. Will you pray and consider serving in this way? Come to the information meeting Sunday, April 21 after the service to learn more!

Contact one of the Stephen Leaders for more information:

Deb Black (785) 766-6544 Charles Baars (785) 772-1872
Ruth Sarna (785) 842-0230

Church Directory Photos: Please send your *recent* family snapshot or individual photo to tlcoffice@tlclawrence.org.

Calling all (soon-to-be) Graduates!

If you or your child intends to graduate from high school or college (including associate's, master's, doctoral, and technical/trade degrees) this year, please let the church office know at tlcoffice@tlclawrence.org. Include details such as family, school name, emphasis (if applicable) and future intentions, so we can recognize them in the bulletin.

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!



PRAYERS NEEDED

Those ill, injured, or in need of support

Members: Julie Crowe, 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: Marley (6-yo daughter of Jacob Hecker, granddaughter of Webb and Anna), Dean (infant grandson of Shelly Lehman Pickhardt's friend Craig Musick), 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)

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 or (785) 393-1063.

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

