

April 28, 2024

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

- Sunday, April 28, 8:30 a.m. Bible Study, Conference Room
- Sunday, April 28, 9:00 a.m. American Sign Language (ASL) class, Library
- Sunday, April 28, 9:30 a.m. Livestream Service, Sanctuary
- Sunday, April 28, 10:30 a.m. Alvestad Farewell Reception, Chapel/Narthex
- Sunday, April 28, 10:30 a.m. *(No Adult/Youth/Children's Sunday School Classes)*
- Sunday, April 28, 11:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal, Music Room
- Sunday, April 28, 3:00 p.m. Justice Matters Action Assembly, Lied Center
- Sunday, April 28, 4:00 p.m. Trinity Orchestra, Music Room
- Tuesday, April 30, 9:30 a.m. Bible Study, Conference Room
- Tuesday, April 30, 11:30 a.m. Handbells Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- Wednesday, May 1, 7:15 a.m. Prayer Group, Chapel
- Wednesday, May 1, 9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting, Conference Room
- Wednesday, May 1, 2:00 p.m. Prayer Group, Zoom
- Saturday, May 4, 8:30 a.m. Trinity Men's Breakfast, The Big Biscuit
- Sunday, May 5, 2:00 p.m. Cantemos Spring Concert, Sanctuary



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.

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.

- FROM THE PASTOR -

Dear Friends,

Wally asked a good question.

Over the last six weeks Council has suffered through reading three versions of my way too long final report, and then ahead of the Council meeting I answered the Central States Synod standard exit interview, which served as the basis of the interview.

So at the Monday Council meeting, Wally kindly and thoughtfully asked, "why are you leaving?" I have answered and avoided answering that question in a variety of ways --- all of which are true at the time of the question, but I have never been completely satisfied with my answers. From a congregational perspective I think basically the answer has to do with leaving when there are no internal issues, during a season of growth, and when Trinity would be at its most attractive for new candidates.

What I hoped would happen at Trinity within 5-7 years occurred within 3-4 years. When Kate was hired her co-workers at the Lawrence Arts Center responded, "Oh yeah, isn't that were all that music is?" Providing space to the Lawrence Children's Choir, Crescendo, the Cantemos Youth Chorale and the Music Clubhouse brings literally hundreds of families into the most beautiful sanctuary in Lawrence. Making better use of our space, livestreaming, eliminating the need for a line of credit for operational expenses by right sizing the staff, adding lighting to the crucifixion window and the spaces of baptism, word and Eucharist, the comprehensive tuck-pointing, all occurred within 3 years. Now the interior improvements will be made to enhance future ministry and growth.

I certainly offered critiques and suggestions to our Council, but with our Synod's encouragement, this is how I described Trinity to clergy Facebook groups I am a part:

Terrific Reconciled in Christ congregation in Lawrence, KS (30 miles west of KC). Best singing congregation I have served. Great staff and parsonage across the street from the primary park in Lawrence. Within walking distance of great restaurants, coffee shops, Allen Fieldhouse and the campus. Numerically and financially growing. Over the last 3+ years completing \$1 million in facility improvements with little or no debt. Contact Pr. David Whetter @ Central States Synod.

This is a terrific opportunity!

On a personal level, the answers are varied and scattered. After some time off for rest and renewal, I may well serve 6-12 months interims. and then take several months off and repeat. Des Moines is home. My high school reunion last summer was magical and I reconnected with friends in Des Moines and across the country – we have an open invitation to stay for a month in a friends guest cabin in Durango, Co. I'd love to visit congregations I have served. A Monday morning church golfing group in Des Moines has kept me on their list even though I haven't responded in 20 years. A realtor (whom I confirmed) found a small home built in 1890 across the street from where former Vice President Henry Wallace lived exactly where we eventually wanted to reside. Candace would like to spend some time in Texas and wants me to come with her. I'd like to get on by bike. Maybe even ride across Kansas. And then the Katy Trail.

So I guess, Wally, that is why. Nevertheless, we will miss worshipping with you!

May the peace of Christ be with you always!

Jeffery Alvestad, Pastor

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!



Church Directory Photos:

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

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:

TODAY is the day of the Annual Action Assembly. Do you have your ticket?

Brad Finkeldi, Shannon Reid, and Patrick Kelly have all confirmed their attendance to the Action Assembly AND their support for the next steps on Elder Care Workforce and Ending Chronic Homelessness which will be asked of them there. What they need now is for us to rally together at the Lied Center **TODAY at 3pm** to support them making these commitments publicly.

Trinity's Justice Matters network members have been working all year to prepare for this event and ask for the congregation to show up as One Body to support the Church's mission to Do Justice in our community. All network members have been given tickets to distribute, so touch base with any of us today to secure your ticket!

"What does the Lord require of you but to Do Justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God."

- Micah 6:8

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.



LINK: We will be serving LINK on Tuesday, May 14. Please see the sign-up sheets at the Welcome Table or on the Sign-Up Genius below. Food items can be left at Trinity by 11 a.m. on Tuesday in the church kitchen. www.signupgenius.com/go/10CoC48AEA92DA5F5C52-link2/140447424#/

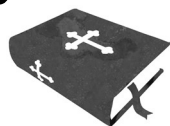


Family Promise:

Family Promise is the nation's leading organization working to prevent and end family homelessness. Family Promise of Lawrence has been working in Douglas Co. for 16 years, and in 2023 we served 280 families. In those 280 families, 560 were children. Our solutions include homelessness prevention, diversion, shelter, and stabilization. Our organization is dependent on volunteers and donors, and this community has shown up. In 2023, we had over 88,000 hours of volunteer work. Our volunteers bring meals to the families in shelter, teach life skills classes, help clean and prepare places for families to move into. Our goal is to help keep families together and to help them develop a housing plan. We are opening a new safe, family shelter at 200 Mt Hope Court this fall that will increase our capacity and help us continue to meet the needs of our community.



Contact Deb Boatright or Virgil Dean if you have questions.



Adult Bible Study:

April 28 -- (no class) - Farewell Reception for Alvestads in Chapel/Narthex

May 5 -- FORUM. Rev. David Whetter, Bishop's Associate, "Next Steps", Fellowship Hall.

May 12 -- BIBLE STUDY. God bestowed the Holy Spirit upon his faithful people on Pentecost years ago (Acts 2:1-21). Are you and I today Spirit-filled or Spirit-emptied? Just what does it mean to live a Spirit-filled life? - Pr. Randy

Message from Edward: Edward would like to thank those of you who came to his doctoral organ recital at KU or watched it online last week. It was a beautiful evening!



It's time for Summer Camp Registration!

Check out the various 1-3rd, 4-6th, 7-8th, and 9-12th grade and Family Camp options at the Tomah Shinga website below. Dates range from early June until the end of July. We have financial assistance available upon request.

<https://camptomahshinga.com/schedule>

Fall Teachers Needed: Have you ever felt called to help support our Children's Ministry here at TLC?



We'll be looking for lead and assistant Sunday School teachers this fall for our K - 5th Grade students. If interested, please contact kate@tlclawrence.org.

Save the Date for VBS:

"Kin-dom Crafters"

June 10-13 (Mon-Thurs),
6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
at First Baptist Church
Ages 4 to leaving 5th Grade



Can you volunteer? The invitation is open! We have many roles to fill, behind-the-scenes and/or working directly with kids. Please contact kate@tlclawrence.org or Jacob Larson (jacobdlarson@gmail.com) to learn more about this very important, fun, and fulfilling way to serve our TLC kids, Plymouth and First Baptist families, and greater community.

Today's Altar Flowers and Radio Broadcast

are sponsored by the staff here at Trinity Lutheran Church (Megan, Kevin, Kate, Susan, and Edward), in thanks and gratitude for the dedication, joy, leadership, humor, and warm hospitality given to us by Jeff and Candace Alvestad. They'll be very missed by our team, and we wish them all the best!



Neighborhood Event Opportunities at South Park:

- Saturday, June 1 - Downtown Lawrence Pride Parade hospitality table with water, sunscreen, etc. for attendees.
 - Saturday, June 15 - Juneteenth Celebration - to provide narthex "cooling station" for community elders.
- ⇒ Contact kate@tlclawrence.org if interested in helping!

PRAYERS NEEDED

We pray for strength and comfort for the friends and family of Dr. Paul Kincaid Jr., who passed away on April 23 and was a friend of many here at Trinity. May he rest in peace in the loving arms of his Savior.

Those ill, injured, or in need of support

Members: Julie Schmidt, Julie Crowe, Joan & Terry Wells, Jere McElhaney, Kelly Cooper, Webb & Anna Hecker, Martha Rowe

Relatives or friends of members: Jacob Hecker (son of Webb & 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), 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.

