

TRINITY VISITOR

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Justice Matters Network Meeting Planned March 8

All Trinity members of the Justice Matters network are invited to gather at church on Sunday, March 8, starting at 11 a.m., for important updates on this year's key issues. You are a network member if you attended a "house meeting" last fall, or if you have been involved and interested in this citywide social justice ministry in other ways. (Those who cannot be present at 11 a.m. because of choir or Sunday school commitments will join the group at 11:30 a.m.)

At the meeting, members and team leaders will discuss highlights of the community-based research being conducted on three current priorities for Justice Matters advocacy: Homelessness, Restorative Justice in Schools, and Jail Alternatives. We will also choose the names of Trinity members we will personally invite to attend the Nehemiah Assembly on Monday, April 20, at 6:30 p.m. in the Lied Center.

Research work began on December 14 and is ongoing. Recommendations from three groups will be presented at the Solutions Briefing on Monday, March 23, at 6:30 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church.

All Trinity network members are encouraged to attend all three of these upcoming gatherings. If you are not already a member and would like to participate, please contact one of the Trinity team leaders: Steve Ozark, Chelsy Larson, Alita Cooper or Kevin Boatright

Kevin Boatright

A Little Something On The Call Committee

To support the confidentiality please put the form in an envelope and label for the Call Committee Chairperson and then put in the Call committee mail slot or mail to Beth Llewellyn at 2009 Crossgate Dr, Lawrence, KS 66047. The synod and the call committee will have exclusive contact with the referral for matters related to our congregational call. Thank you for your continued support of the call process.

Youth Pancake Feed

A youth pancake is in the works for March 15, to celebrate Trinity's birthday and throw in a little St. Patrick's Day vibe - green pancakes, perhaps?? There's no confirmed start time yet but plan on it starting at 8:30 a.m. To volunteer or for more information contact KC Atchinson
Thank you!

Communion Class

Michael Brecke will be hosting a communion class on March 29th. There will be pizza! Also, the class will be held in the social room. Please see Pr. Brecke if you are interested in having your child(ren) participate in a Communion Class. More details will be available soon. Email him

March 2020

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 A Reconciling in Christ Congregation

 A Stephen Ministry Congregation

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KC Atchinson

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For Questions on Contributions

Financial office, Ext. 208

K.U. Campus Ministry

Rev. Shawn Norris

Mission Statement

“A place of Grace, with a call for all to continue the work of Jesus.”

OFFICE HOURS

9 a.m.-12 noon
Monday-Friday.

For security, the NE door is locked except for services and events. Please press button by the key pad. Outside of office hours, please call before dropping by. Other staff are here throughout the day, but may not be in the church office.

Lent is a time of carnival and fasting. Lent is a time of celebration and dancing. Lent is a time of prayerful reflection.

It begins with carnival, Shove Tuesday, Mardi Gras! It begins with feasting and abundance and it ends with the trek from Good Friday to Easter morn. One writer, reflecting on the process of carnival wrote of Mari Gras, “Tonight I have danced with bagman. Tonight I have dance with a general. I have danced with clowns and cowboys. I have danced with the president and an elephant. I have danced with a cheerleader, with Apollo, with Dionysus. Tonight I have danced with God.” So let us take the time to both dance and walk with God.

Lent is a time when all of the paradoxes of God’s grace and relationship with humankind come together. There is the dance of life and the ashes of our own mortality, co-mingled. It is a time of joy and it is a time of prayer, it is a time when we can push the pause button on our busy lives and reflect on our blessings, on ways we can serve God and each other. These forty days give us an opportunity to say, to pray, to affirm that we are not too busy for God. It is a time when God interacts with us in all of the contradictions of our human condition.

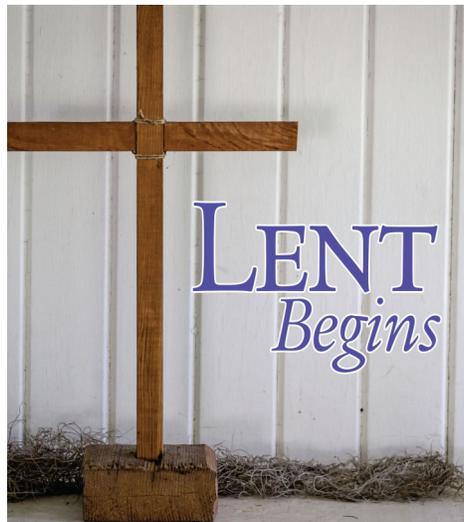
Ash Wednesday is on February 26. We will gather in the morning at 10:00 and at 7:00 p.m. for the imposition of ashes and Holy Communion, we will begin our journey into the depths of the human spirit with prayer and reflection.

Each week we will pause for our mid-week services, gathering to break bread and eat soup at 5:30 with a Holden evening prayer service at 6:30. Take this time to push the pause button. Prayerfully reflect on the Lenten Journey and our Lenten theme of Hope.

Bring your neighbors and friends, family and loved ones, to share a meal and think about what it means to be a “hopeful child of God” in 2020.

Blessings,

Michael



Lenten Midweek services are on Wednesdays beginning March 4. Each week (March 4, 11, 18, 25 & April 1) there will be a soup supper at 5:30 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall, followed by Holden Evening Prayer at 6:30 p.m., in the Chapel. The theme for the season will be “Hope.”

Please join us in these midweek services as we journey through Lent together.

A Season of HOPE



Just a reminder from the Financial Secretary: Lately we have had some difficulties getting offering checks deposited at the bank if they are made out to a specific ministry or ministry fund. All offering checks should be made out to Trinity Lutheran Church - then you can specify if you want the

amount to go to a specific fund in the memo line or on the outside of your envelope. If nothing is designated the assumption is that your offering will be credited towards the church's general operating expenses and/or your annual pledge.

Thank you, **Jane Warren**

Trinity's Mission Endowment Committee invites committees and ministry areas to submit project funding requests to be reviewed by the committee mid-March. The committee, in its bylaws, has a responsibility to support mission efforts of the congregation by distributing some income generated from the investment of the principal of the fund. The principal of the fund is NOT used.

Forms will be available in committee boxes, or please contact Harriet Shaffer.

Council Members

Officers: Tami McNemee, president; Ted Smith, vice president; TBA, secretary; Dan Warren, treasurer

Class of 2020: Matt McNemee, Tami McNemee, Molly Olson-Kelly

Class of 2021: Webb Hecker, Loren Maletsky, Ted Smith

Class of 2022: Brenda Albright, Ken Brancaccio, Bill McGraw

Staff: Pr. Michael, Pr. Michael Brecke, LaDonna Atchinson

Note: *Trinity Council meetings are usually the last Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m., in the Social Room, except for December when the Council often does not meet. Members of the congregation are welcome at meetings, and there is a period for "open communication" at each meeting for members to briefly share comments or concerns. Contact the Council President or any Council member if you have questions.*



Children's Sermons volunteers: A few more to provide children's sermons on Sundays. Pick which date works for you. Please see Cathy Box with questions or to volunteer.



Acolytes: All are welcome to join Trinity's group of acolytes. Training will be provided. You can choose the week you are available, and as often as you want to serve. Questions? See Pr. Brecke or Sue Reeder.



Coffee hour volunteers: set up coffee before 9:30 a.m. service. Clean up at 10:45 a.m. Cookies are in the freezer, or bring some of your own, if you wish. Sign-up at Welcome desk.

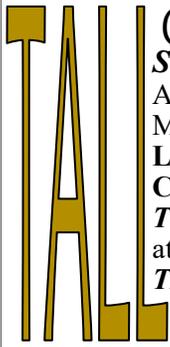


Pet Pantry volunteers: please see the back page for details on how you can help during the week or on Saturday mornings. This includes helping with delivery of donations to Trinity, bagging the food into smaller portions (generally Friday or Saturday mornings), and setting up the food on table Friday morning to prepare for clients on Saturday. See Susan Hadl.

Our Ministry Team Leaders

Acolytes: Sue Reeder
Adult Faith Formation: Marianne Wilkinson
Altar Care: Cheryl Taylor
Arts & Environment: Graham Barnes, Linda Carter
Assisting Ministers: Brenda Albright
Baptismal Coordinator: Julie Holmberg
Cantors: Sandy Cooper
Children's Sermons: Cathy Box
Endowment Fund: Harriet Shaffer
Evangelism Chair:
Fellowship/Hospitality: Marilyn Clark
Finance Chair: Jim Cooper
Financial Secretary: Jane Warren
Global Concerns Chair:
Habitat for Humanity:
Learning: Terelle Mock

Lectors: Kelly & Olivia Rice
LINK: Carole Rehder
Memorial Chair: Andrea Parson
Personnel Chair: Kelly Rice
Property Chair: John Martello
Social Concerns Chair: Deb Boatright (interim)
Children's Sunday School:
Sacristan: Ruth Anne Polk
Stephen Ministry: Deb Black, Charles Baars, Ruth Sarna, Karen Hunt
Stewardship:
Ushers: Tami McNemee
WELCA Officers: Karen Sanders, Carol Ann Salber, Cheryl Taylor
Worship & Music Chair: Annielaurie Seifert



(Trinity Adult Lifelong Learning) in Winter

SUNDAY MORNING – Conference Room – Meeting at 8:30 a.m., in the Conference Room, begins the Augsburg Adult Bible Study unit on “Justice and the Prophets (Esther, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Hosea, Amos, Micah, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Zechariah, Malachi, 1 Corinthians).”

Library – The Life Enrichment class meets at 8:30 a.m.

Conference Room – The Adult forum class meets at 10:30 a.m.

TUESDAY – Tuesday Morning Bible group meets at 9:30 a.m. for refreshments, with study beginning at 10 a.m. For information, contact Julie Holmberg.

THURSDAY – Bible Study at 10 a.m., in the chapel. They are using a Great Course video series entitled “Skeptics and Believers...” All are welcome to join the discussion. Questions? See Bert Rehder.

Save the Date!
June 8-11



“Knights of North Castle” Vacation Bible School

Questions? See Jennifer Alderdice,
More details soon!

Views from the annual meeting -- Trinity had its annual congregational meeting last month. And while the adults tended to matters of constitution/bylaws proposals; choosing Council, Nominating Committee, and voting members to Synod Assembly, the youth and parents cleaned up after the potluck, and elementary ages enjoyed games and crafts in the youth room. Bill McGraw, Brenda Albright, and Ken Brancaccio were elected to three-year Council terms. Sue Reeder and Carole Rehder will join the Nominating Committee. Matt and Tami McNemee will be voting members to Synod Assembly, which is in June in St. Louis. And as always there was lots of delicious food for the potluck which preceded the meeting.

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MEN'S FELLOWSHIP



MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

Sat. March 7, 8:30
a.m. HyVee, 3504
Clinton Parkway,
Lawrence, KS.

MEN'S NIGHT OUT: March 16, 6 p.m.
MorningStars NY Pizza 4931 W 6th St..
Lawrence, KS 66049



April Newsletter



Info to LaDonna
or Jacob by

March 15



Women of the ELCA

MEETINGS THIS MONTH — We are called! Called to Serve

Coordinating Council: Tuesday, March 3, at 11:30 a.m., in the Conference Room.

Sewing/Work Day: Meets Wednesday, March 11, from 9 a.m.-12 p.m., in the Social Room.

Bible Study Groups meet Wednesday, March 18, both in Conference Room.

Naomi Group at 1:30 p.m.

Lesson Leader: Karen Sanders

Hostess: Cheryl Taylor

Deborah Group at 7 p.m.

Lesson Leader: Carol Salber

Hostess: Sue Reeder



GOD'S PROMISES NEVER FAIL

Behold, this day I am going the way of all the earth. And you know in all your hearts and in all your souls that not one thing has failed of all the good things which the LORD your God spoke concerning you. All have come to pass for you” not one word of them has failed. Joshua 23:14

As Joshua led the children of Israel into the promised land it seemed that God had given them an impossible assignment—to conquer a foreign and hostile land with fortified cities and armies greater than their own. They had to go forth only on the basis of God’s promise. They had to walk by faith and not by sight! How did Joshua lead them to walk by faith? He reminded them that God has never failed them and he encouraged them to focus on the promises of God!

You can rely on God’s faithfulness today! Are you in the midst of a crisis? Are high mountains facing you today? If so, we want to remind you all the miraculous ways God has worked in your life in the past. Though we often forget our promises to Him, He will never forget his promises to us. Worthy Devotions

If you are facing a difficult situation in your life and need a caring heart and listening ears, Stephen Ministry is here for you! Contact one of the Stephen Leaders and we will work to help you thru these times! We trust in God’s working thru His people to bring care and healing to others!

CHRIST CARING FOR PEOPLE THROUGH PEOPLE

The Stephen Leaders

Debra Black

Charles Baars

Karen Hunt

Ruth Sarna





Trinity Lutheran will support First Southern Baptist to host Family Promise Rotation guests, **March 15 through March 22**. There will be sign up sheets at the welcome desk as well as a Sign-Up Genius page. Contact Deb Boatright for more information.

Family Promise provides assistance to families beyond the Rotation Program. Another entry point to FPL is **Program 515**.

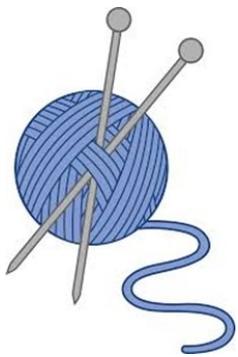
The first year Family Promise began recording the number of calls received, five hundred and fifteen families inquired about assistance. This is where the program gets its name. The only difference between

P515 and the Rotation Program is that the families remain sheltered where ever they are, such as motels, other shelters, with friends & family, camping, or couch surfing.

P515 families and Rotation families have access to all the same programs and facility resources during the day. These include financial literacy, budgeting, job search assistance, benevolence, C2C partnerships, Temporary Housing, Graduate Supports, Life Skills classes, and connections and referrals to other local agencies for wrap around case management.

Families have use of all the facilities at the Day Center, including showers, laundry, computers, a kitchen, case managers, and quiet space, They may use the Day Center for their mailing address.

P515 annually serves about the same number of families served through the Rotation Program. Since its launch in 2016, more than 70 families have been helped by this additional program option. It is another reason our church supports Family Promise of Lawrence.



Knitting/Crochet Fellowship Group

If you enjoy or are interested in learning knitting, crocheting or other handwork, please join us on Tuesday, March 24 at 7:00 pm. We are starting a small group that will gather for fellowship, prayer, and handwork. Experienced or beginner, all ages, men and women. Everyone is welcome. We will do charitable items as well as working on personal projects. It's an opportunity to spend time with others, share your skills, or learn new ones. Contact Deb Boatright for more information.

Trinity's Pet Pantry

**SATURDAYS:
10 a.m.-12 noon**

Enter by south door to Fellowship Hall, off of 13th St.



For: anyone needing pet supplies to take care of beloved pets instead of giving them up for adoption in hard times.

The pantry frequently feeds 500+ pets a week. If you'd like to volunteer with the pantry, contact Susan Hadl.

During the week: Sort and organize stock

Friday, 9 a.m.: Set up for Saturday distribution

Saturday mornings: Bag pet food, serve clients when the pan-

try is open.

We serve from the south door facing 13th St., from 10 a.m.-12 noon.

Cat food (dry & canned) & litter needed most.

Can't shop? Monetary donations are welcome to buy what's most needed.

Know someone grieving a pet's death? Perhaps a contribution to our pet pantry in the pet's name will bring some comfort. Find a special card from the Welcome desk to the pet's owner, noting your donation honoring the pet.



Thanks From The Shaffers

The family of Richard (Dick) Shaffer thanks all our TLC family for the love and support shown to us recently. We appreciate so much the food, cards, hugs, and memorial gifts. Memorial funds donated to Trinity will be divided between Stephen Ministry (in honor of the 2 Stephen ministers who visited Dick) and Youth for funds for Camp Tomah Shinga. The TLC church family is a blessing. Harriet Shaffer, the Fagans, the Shaffers, and the Birnbaums.

LINK

Is back in action on Tuesday, March 10. Be there for a great ol'time!

Communion Coffee on March 9 at 10:00 AM.

Sign-up for Flowers, Radio Sponsorships

The new year is here so be sure to reserve your 2020 dates for flowers and radio by emailing Jacob and donating \$55 for altar flowers and/or sponsoring the radio broadcast of the Sunday service on KLWN for \$85 in 2020.

Call the church office for available dates to sponsor in memory or honor of loved ones or a special occasion.

You can set up your date to sponsor annually or as a one-time occasion. Altar flowers are \$55 per week; a radio broadcast is \$85. Or you can split the cost by sharing a date with someone.

Please note there are no altar flowers in Lent or Advent, but radio broadcasts are available for all Sundays.

Receive TLC Weekly E-News, Monthly Visitor by Email

Sign up for our weekly e-news and monthly newsletter to stay up-to-date on what's going on

at Trinity even if you miss a Sunday. Send your email address to LaDonna and she will add you to the distribution list. You can also receive your monthly *Trinity Visitor* via email instead of receiving a paper copy through the US postal mail service at any time.

Monthly Update From Interfaith Food Pantry

Trinity Interfaith Food Pantry (TIFP) was open eight days in January, and served 240 families (including 139 children, 366 adults, 20 senior adults) with 22 new households enrolled.

Suring January TIFP ordered 2,184 pounds of food from Harvesters, and also received 388 pounds of produce along with approximately 300 loaves of bread a tno charge.

The total expense in January for food purchased locally and through Harvesters was \$1,467.70, and the total retail equivalent of all food provided (food that was donated and purchased for the 240 families) was \$4,842.45.

Volunteers from Trinity Episcopal, the community and others churches helped serve 230 people in 115 cars who came the Mobile Food Distribution at the First Baptist Church Saturday, Jan. 25.

The food pantry now provides patrons with an option to choose one bag of food plus other cold food monthly or the option to choose six food items of all foods weekly to better meet the needs of

some patrons to acquire food on a regular basis. The response of the patrons who request food each week has been positive and the strategy for making this option available has been easily implemented.

The food pantry was grateful and thanks all at Trinity Lutheran Church and the Trinity Lutheran Women of the ELCA for the donations on money in December 2019, helping to fill our shelves to provide food for people who are in need in Lawrence and Douglas County.

At TLC, put food donations under the large table in the narthex. Make monetary donations to Trinity Lutheran with "Food Pantry" on the memo line.

FOOD PANTRY NEED IN MARCH: CEREAL, CANNED TUNA & CHICKEN, PAPER TOWELS, DISH SOAP		
Attendance Statistics		
Week	2019	2020
4th Sunday	Jan. 27: 106	Jan. 26: 125
5th Sunday	Feb. 3: 128	Feb. 2: 125
6th Sunday	Feb. 10: 147	Feb. 9: 109
7th Sunday	Feb. 17: 99	Feb. 16: 150

Finance Committee Update (to 01/31/20)

	Actual Jan. 2020	Actual Jan. 2019	Actual YTD 2020	Budget YTD 2020
Income	\$31,171.35	\$31,882.79	\$31,171.35	\$34,608.34
Expenses	\$28,188.98	\$32,881.70	\$28,188.98	\$34,894.63
Surplus / (Deficit)	\$2,982.37	<\$998.28>	\$2,982.37	<\$286.29>
Line of Credit Balance	\$36,571			



Flowers & Pastor's Discretionary Fund

I wish to give _____ Easter Flower (s) at \$ 13.00 a piece. Total \$ _____

I wish to contribute \$ _____ to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund (assist those in need).

Your name (as you would like it printed in the bulletin) _____

Please check below if your donation is in memory of or in honor of a special person (s).

_____ In Memory of (as it will appear in the bulletin) _____

_____ In Honor of (as it will appear in the bulletin) _____

Please let us know what you would like done with your flower:

_____ I will pick up my flower after the 11 a.m. Easter service on April 12 **

_____ My flower is a gift to Trinity.

* The Easter Flowers are a selection of flowers, mainly comprised of Easter Lilies but including other spring bulbs.

** Flowers that are picked up may not be considered a contribution, according to the I.R.S.

Deadline is April 1, in order to be printed in the Easter Bulletin



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