

This Week at Trinity – Feb. 21, 2021

Sunday, Feb. 21 – Lent 1

9:30 a.m. Livestream service on YouTube; see TLC website www.tlclawrence.org for link

11 a.m. Recorded service on **KLWN 101.7FM or 1320AM**, gather in parking lot to listen together; communion in individual sealed cups.

Livestream KLWN at www.klwn.com or KLWN app on TLC website. Click on button at the top right "Listen Live." A link is on TLC website.

Monday, Feb. 22 – 6:30 p.m. Council via Zoom

Tuesday, Feb. 23 – 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall

Saturday, Feb. 27 - 10 a.m. Pet Pantry, Fellowship Hall

Sunday, Feb. 28 – Lent 2

9:30 a.m. Livestream service on YouTube

11 a.m. Recorded service on **KLWN**, gather in parking lot to listen together

1 p.m. Girl Scouts, Fellowship Hall

Entering the building - Sign in (at NE narthex or SE Fellowship Hall kitchen); **wear a mask**, use hand sanitizer, and wash your hands. Wipe all surfaces touched with the provided sanitation wipes. If not a TLC member, please list phone number in case of need for contact tracing.

February 16, 2021 - Dear Friends in Christ,

Grace and peace to you!

The season of Lent begins Ash Wednesday with brief spoken "parking lot" services at 10:00 AM and 7:00 PM. Ashes will be distributed in small baggies and handed to you with bulletins and the wine and bread. Those raised in the Lutheran church remember Lent as a somber time to "give something up" but Lent reminds us God, is gracious, merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

Changing direction is a homecoming to one who longs to save us in the midst of our trials and fears. In the gospel readings we hear a word of grace in the midst of the fears we face: God longs to hear us as a father wants to listen to his children (Ash Wednesday); angels accompany Jesus during his temptation in the wilderness (Lent 1); Jesus calls Peter to move from confession to discipleship (Lent 2); the corrupt temple cannot throw Jesus off his mission (Lent 3); even the cross becomes a

sign of healing (Lent 4); and death is a precursor to new life (Lent 5). As always you are encouraged to prepare for worship for reading the appointed texts for the day.

For the 1st Sunday in Lent they are:

Genesis 9:8-17: *The rainbow, sign of God's covenant*

Psalms 25:1-10: *Your paths, O Lord, are steadfast love and faithfulness.*

1 Peter 3:18-22: *Saved through water*

Mark 1:9-15: *The temptation of Jesus in the wilderness for forty days*

This Sunday will mark our first livestreaming worship at 9:30 AM, which can then be viewed on your computer through our website. An audio recording will be played again at 11:00 AM, so you are still welcome to listen in the parking lot. We will also be happy to give you extra communion elements to take home with you if you choose to stay home to watch on line at 9:30 AM, or listen to the radio broadcast at 11:00 AM. Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services will likely be "livestreamed" as well.

We have received a special use permit from Lawrence Parks and Recreation for an April 4, 7:00 AM, ecumenical ***"Easter Sunrise @ South Park"*** that will precede our Easter livestream service at 9:30 AM and radio broadcast at 11:00 AM. All of these services, especially Easter Sunrise are excellent occasions to invite – even bring someone to worship. Also, a reminder: The Annual Meeting is Sunday, February 21 at noon in person or via ZOOM. Please register in advance and sign-up instructions are included in the bulletin.

LaDonna's tenure as Parish Administrator is ending on February 26. Due to COVID concerns, we will not be able to gather to thank her for her service to Trinity, but members are encouraged to send cards, gifts, and words of thanks to LaDonna in care of the church office prior to her last day. With LaDonna's departure it is important to have office volunteers Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9AM-12 noon to answer the phone and other tasks. Reconfiguring office support staffing and your volunteering will make hiring a full-time Director of Youth and Family Ministry later this year more feasible within the proposed amount budgeted for staff!

It is good to be with you! Peace!

Jeffery Alvestad, Pastor

Remember Trinity's annual meeting is Sunday, Feb. 21 at 12 noon (unless inclement weather; then it will be next Sunday, Feb. 28). See full sheet and PLEASE register for either in-person (limit 45 people) or video feed through Zoom. The business meeting includes voting on new members to Council (Beth Llewellyn, Jarvis Stirn, Susanne Shaw); approval of 2021 budget, members of Nominating (Molly Olson-Kelly) and Endowment (Wally Brockhoff, Susanne Shaw) committees, and voting members of virtual Synod Assembly (Matt and Tami McNemee). If you want to nominate

someone from the “floor,” please be sure you have the person’s permission. Paper copies of the annual report and 2021 budget are at the church; online links to them are in the weekly eblast.

With COVID safety measures still in place, it’s likely Trinity’s next turn to serve at LINK (Lawrence Interfaith Nutrition Kitchen) will again be by covering the cost of meals prepared by Maceli’s. Any amount is welcome to help defray these costs (generally around \$400 to provide 80 meals). Make checks payable to Trinity with “LINK” on the memo line. Trinity will next provide the meal March 9. For more details, see Carole Rehder, rehderc2@gmail.com.

Office Staff Changes - As we continue to plan for the future ministry of Trinity, as well as budget priorities, we are implementing changes to our staffing structure. Council has been reviewing staffing needs over the last few months. In order to better serve the future growth and needs of Trinity, the primary changes will be to Office Staff. Jacob's last day as Office Secretary was January 15. Pastor Jeff continues to seek volunteers to help manage the office and answer the phone on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings from 9 a.m.-12 noon. LaDonna Atchinson's tenure at Trinity as Parish Administrator will end on Friday, February 26. LaDonna has spent the last 20 years dedicated to the successful ministry of Trinity Lutheran Church. We are greatly appreciative of LaDonna's service, and wish her well with her future endeavors. LaDonna will continue in her role through the end of the month to ensure a smooth transition. Please reach out via phone, email, or mail to wish LaDonna well and to thank her for her hard work at Trinity! Please stay tuned for additional information, which will include a new part-time Office/Communications Manager role. We will also be working to increase staffing for youth and family ministries later this year.

Stephen Ministry News - February 2021: Thank you to Karen Hunt for over 20 years of service as a Stephen Ministry Leader. Karen recently retired from service in Stephen Ministry, and we are so thankful for her commitment to the program. She was one of the first leaders in the Stephen Ministry program when it was started at Trinity in 1998, joined by Pastor Charles Gilmore, Karen Frankenfield, and Ruth Sarna as leaders. These leaders trained the first class of 14 Stephen Ministers! Since then, the Stephen leaders have trained 52 Stephen Ministers and three pastors by providing numerous 50-hour training sessions. Ten members have gone through a week-long training program in St. Louis to become Stephen Leaders. We are so blessed to have had Karen Hunt’s leadership and commitment to this ministry, which has reached hundreds of people during the past 20+ years. With God’s help and the help of our congregation, the Stephen Ministers will continue to walk beside hurting people for many years to come.

Respectfully,

Your Stephen Ministry Leaders - Ruth Sarna, Charles Baars, and Debra Black

Radio Broadcast

Radio broadcast is given to the glory of God in loving memory of Arthur and Frieda Heck, and Roger Heck, by their family.

Prayers

We mourn with Patti Roseberry and the family and friends of Trinity member Muriel Hayes who died Feb. 14; Charles and Vivian Baars and family on the death of Vivian’s mother Corrine McCowan.

Prayers for the ill, injured, recovering; or for support: Jan and John Taft (parents of K. Nicholas), Mary Zender Paden; Marley Hecker (granddaughter of W. and A. Hecker), Karen Hickey, Jackie McQuinn (friend of K. Hickey), Shirley Hodges, Gretchen Kehde (friend of M. Clark), Tylee (granddaughter of Charles and Vivian Baars), Teri Riemenshneider (T. McNemee’s cousin), Emil Wiley, Adrienne (C. & V. Baars’ daughter), Vonna Arnold (sister of V. Baars), Dwight Brinkley, Patti (S. Lehman Pickardt’s friend), Bob Nyquist, Nancy Reiling, Amy Spain (K. Lyche’s cousin), Donna (B. Kurtz’s daughter), Jacob Hecker family (W. & A. Hecker’s son), Bob Adams (A. Hecker’s brother-in-law), Tori Scott (M. King’s daughter), Corinne Anderson (friend of M. Clark).

Contact Harriet Shaffer, shafferharriet@gmail.com or 841-2158, to add **prayer listing** requests; Ruth Sarna, 842-0230, rsarna@sunflower.com for **prayer chain requests**.

Update - General Fund		
Income includes funds from federal government COVID-19 CARES Act for salaries and utilities.		
	February 2021	YTD
Income	\$3,931.47	\$36,456.34
Expense	\$11,120.80	\$45,045.03

No checkbook? Scan the box to give online!



Or visit <http://bit.ly/NRKUZv>, or use the Give+ app on your phone.

Presiding Minister Pr. Jeffery Alvestad + **Organist** Stuart Taylor **Choir Director** Megan McCoy
Assisting Minister Cathy Box **Lector** Kelly Rice

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, February 21st @ Noon

DUE TO COVID RESTRICTIONS, WE WILL OFFER TWO WAYS TO ATTEND THE MEETING

- IN-PERSON IN FELLOWSHIP HALL (masks and social distancing required)
- VIA VIDEO FEED THROUGH ZOOM **

Registration:

Please register in advance using one of the options listed below.

Please note that the In-Person session is limited to 45 people due to social distancing requirements and masks are required.

Due to pandemic concerns, no refreshments will be provided.

Please only sign up for one option.

Registration Options:

Sign Up Genius Online

Click this link to select your preferred time and sign up online: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E044BAFAC29A0FF2-annual>

OR

Call

BRENDA ALBRIGHT (785) 393-9235 or

TAMI MCNEMEE (816) 225-0109

Please provide the following information when you call:

- 1) Name, Email Address, Phone Number
- 2) Meeting Preference- In-Person or ZOOM
- 3) Names of People Attending with You

** ZOOM attendee instructions will be emailed separately after registration