

February 16, 2025 THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

Sunday, February 16, 8:30 am Bible Study, Conference Room
Sunday, February 16, 9:00 am "Making Coffee 101" Training, Gathering Space
Sunday, February 16, 9:30 am Livestream Worship Service, Sanctuary
Sunday, February 16, 10:30 am Coffee/Cookies Fellowship Time, Gathering Space
Sunday, February 16, 10:40 am Sunday School PreK-5th, Room #4 (basement)
Sunday, February 16, 10:40 am Confirmation Class, Youth Room (upstairs)
Sunday, February 16, 10:40 am High School Class, TLC Library
Sunday, February 16, 10:40 am Adult Sunday School, Fellowship Hall
Sunday, February 16, 11:30 am Trinity Orchestra, Music Room
Monday, February 17, 6:30 pm Men's Night Out, Perkins
Tuesday, February 18, 9:30 am Bible Study, Social Room (upstairs)
Tuesday, February 18, 11:30 am Handbell Rehearsal, Sanctuary
Tuesday, February 18, 5:00 pm Fellowship Team Meeting, Conference Room
Wednesday, February 19, 7:15 am Prayer Group, Conference Room
Wednesday, February 19, 9:00 am Staff Meeting, Conference Room
Wednesday, February 19, 1:30 pm Naomi/Deborah Bible Study, Conference Room
Wednesday, February 19, 7:00 pm Trinity Choir, Music Room
Thursday, February 20, 6:30 pm Stephen Ministry Training, Social Room
Saturday-Sunday, February 22-23, 6:00 pm - 7:00 am Youth Lock-In, Fellowship Hall



TLC Youth Lock-In: The Trinity Lock-In for Confirmation and High School Youth will be on **February 22**. Pizza, games, pancakes, a service project (*pack some paint clothes!*), movie and more all starts at 6 p.m. and ends with donuts the next morning. Kids can bring a friend, too! Teens - please RSVP today to kate@tlclawrence.org.

✝ FROM THE PASTOR ✝

When I came to Trinity about 8 months ago, things were definitely changing. Pastor Jeff had left, and I was arriving. On my first day, as I was bringing boxes from my car to the office, construction workers were bringing demolished drywall out to the dumpster. Megan was working to move our financial records from one software system to another. Kate was preparing to go on maternity leave. Susan and Edward were making preparations for the fall's music, a call committee had just been named, and almost everyone was wondering what this new interim pastor would be like. ("He preaches with a stick?")

Now, my time here is coming to an end. Trinity has called Pastor Jon Brudvig to be your next pastor, and he has accepted that call. But a lot of other things are changing now as well. Rick Ehret completed his term as Treasurer, and Gary Benton has been named to be the new Treasurer. Gary and his wife Lori (who plays the flute) moved to Lawrence in 2020 and joined Trinity in 2023. Before coming here, Gary was a member at Advent Lutheran in Olathe for 28 years. He has a degree in Business Administration, and is retired after a long career in medical insurance claims administration. Thank you, Gary, for offering your time and talents to support our ministry here!

But the changes don't end there. Megan's last day as our office administrator was last Friday, and we are searching for a new office person. We are shifting some of the financial tasks Megan had done to an outside person, to make it easier to find a good office person. Kate has returned from her maternity leave, and we are revising both Kate's job description and the office administrator position, making Kate full-time and the office manager 3/4ths time (instead of the other way around when Megan was the office person). And we are nearing the end of the renovation project, as we expect the damaged carpet to be replaced in early March. Folks, every congregation deals with changes, but the amount of changes going on at Trinity is something else. Looking back on my time with you, it is clear to me that however Trinity handled changes in the past, we've gotten pretty good at it over the last year. Among other things, we learned that communication matters, that flexibility is important, and that forgiveness is essential.

My final Sunday will be March 29th, and Pastor Jon will begin on Tuesday, April 1st. There will be some kind of farewell to me, and some kind of welcome to him. But welcoming him will not be a one-time thing, like special treats after worship on his first Sunday. No, it will be an unfolding thing, as you introduce yourselves to him and help him better understand Trinity and its members. He'll arrive in the middle of Lent, and Susan, Edward, Annielaurie, and others will introduce him to how Holy Week happens at Trinity. As he connects with the council, committees, groups, and the staff, I have no doubt that you all will embrace him in a holy welcome — because that's how you welcomed me.

Trinity is not the same as when I arrived, and I am not the same either. Just as you blessed me, I am confident that Pastor Jon is in for a truly wonderful blessing as well. I'm not leaving for another 6 weeks, but I wanted to start saying my thank-you's now, because I've got a lot of them to say before I leave.

Your partner in continuing the work of Jesus,
Pastor Peter



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.

As a Reconciling in Christ congregation, 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.

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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.

(785) 843-4150
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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:

A Community Engagement Work Group has been created to monitor the progress of the implementation of the "A Place for Everyone," (APFE) a strategic plan to end chronic homelessness by 2028. The work group is available to present information on APFE to congregations or other community spaces.

If you are interested in having a representative(s) from the APFE work group be a speaker at an upcoming community event at a community space you are part of, feel free to reach out to Emily Fetsch at emily@justicemattersinkansas.org and she can get you connected! This is a great opportunity to share how APFE is making a difference in our community and answer any questions the public might have about the plan.

General questions about Justice Matters?
Contact Virgil Dean (785-424-5115)
or Chelsy Larson (785-760-3707)



Needed: L.I.N.K Coordinators (2)

When? Six times per year
(2nd Tuesday, odd numbered months)

What? Oversee tasks to ensure people in need are fed. There will be volunteers to do the work.

- Create and share a Signup Genius to recruit volunteers
- Send announcements to office staff in a timely manner
- Create a paper sign up sheet for the church
- Make a list of necessary groceries for shoppers
- Order and maintain needed paper products
- On the day of LINK, oversee transportation of food, food in ovens, set up, serving, and clean up.

If you would like to help others and are able to do some of these tasks, please contact the church office, Deb Boatright, or Carole Rehder.



Message from New York Elementary: "Our PTA is having a snack drive for the teachers and students in our building, and we need help providing bulk and individual snacks such as granola bars, trail mix packets, pretzels, string cheese, beef sticks, goldfish, etc. This program feeds up to 230 hungry kids every day. Any donations will be gratefully accepted!"

Contact NYE Parent Involvement Facilitator Linda Kucza with questions at lkucza@usd497.org.



ADULT BIBLE STUDY: regularly 10:45 - 11:45a Sundays in the Fellowship Hall

FEBRUARY 16 -- Jesus tells his followers, "Love your enemies." Really? What does it mean to love your enemies?

FEBRUARY 23 -- When Jesus was transfigured, a voice from heaven spoke to Peter, James, and John: "This is my Son. Listen to him." Where do we hear God's voice speaking today?

- Pastor Peter

Congratulations to Gary Crowe upon his recent retirement on Feb 28 after 37 years with the City of Lawrence. Your family is proud of you and your hard work and dedication to the people of Lawrence is appreciated.



Church Directory Photos: We'll have a "photo wall" station in the Narthex or Gathering Space this morning for use before and after the worship service.

Weather permitting, the Courtyard makes a lovely backdrop!

If you haven't already, please take and email yours (or a recent family snapshot of your own choosing) to kate@tlclawrence.com (or text them to 785-393-7895)! If you need assistance taking or sending the photo, please ask Kate, Edward, or Susan for help.

We're hiring! Do you have a candidate in mind with excellent administrative, bookkeeping, office management skills? Please have them send a resume and letter of interest asap to hiring@tlclawrence.org. More details can be found by searching for "Trinity Lutheran" on Indeed.com.



Offering Envelopes: If you requested offering envelopes, they are available in the Gathering Space/Chapel. If you would like offering envelopes and do not see any assigned to you, please call the office or email Dave Elson at d1b11@msn.com.



Today's **Altar Flowers** and **Radio Broadcast** are sponsored by Jennifer Alderdice in honor of Emily's 16th birthday.



PRAYERS NEEDED

We give thanks and pray for guidance and strength for the upcoming transitions among staff here at TLC.

Those ill, injured, or in need of support

Members: Julie Schmidt, Kristin Johnson, Jerry Meuschke, Carolyn Wise, Gary Crowe, Barbara Kurtz, Kelly Cooper, Joe Box, Ed Lehman, Julie Crowe, Jere McElhaney, Webb & Anna Hecker, Martha Rowe

Relatives or friends of members: Linda Flebbe-Rehwaldt (wife of Peter Rehwaldt), Lavella Longmire (friend of Betsy Hoke), Janet Fike (friend of Janet Ross), Hezekiah and Sedeqe (grandchildren of Karen Hickey), Colette Rieck (friend of Susan Hires), Jena Hoffman (cousin of Kevin Boatright), Mary McNemee (mother of Matt McNemee), Tylee (granddaughter of Charles Baars), Carolyn Taylor (daughter-in-law of Cheryl Taylor), David Hickey (Former husband of Karen Hickey), Lena (friend of Lynn and Jennifer Krusemark), Beverly Kiesling (sister-in-law of Kathy Buffington), Jake Hecker (son of Anna & Webb Hecker), Janet Fike (friend of Janet Ross), Susan (a visitor of Trinity), Anna Wilder (mother of Derek Wilder), Ron Arsenalt (friend of Julie Crowe), Dennis Bean (brother-in-law of Annielaurie Seifert), Karen McCarley Wallace (friend of Julie Crowe), 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, request a visit or call, or to report births, hospitalizations, or deaths, contact the Church Office at 785-843-4150 or tlcoffice@tlclawrence.org.

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

