

# January 19, 2025 THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

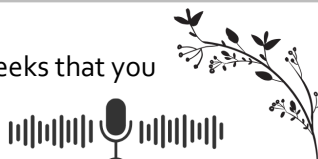
Sunday, January 19, 8:30 a.m. Bible Study, Conference Room  
Sunday, January 19, 9:30 a.m. Livestream Service, Sanctuary  
Sunday, January 19, 10:40 a.m. Adult Bible Study, Fellowship Hall  
Monday, January 20, Church Office Closed, MLK Day  
Monday, January 20, 6:30 p.m. Men's Night Out, Perkins  
Tuesday, January 21, 9:30 a.m. Bible Study, Social Room  
Tuesday, January 21, 11:30 a.m. Handbell Rehearsal, Sanctuary  
Wednesday, January 22, 7:15 a.m. Prayer Group, Conference Room  
Wednesday, January 22, 9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting, Conference Room  
Thursday, January 23, 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Training, Social Room

## Youth Lock-In:

The Trinity Lock-In for Confirmation and High School Youth will be on Feb. 22. Pizza, games, pancakes, a service project, movie and more all starts at 6 p.m. and ends with donuts the next morning. Kids can bring a friend, too! Watch for sign-up details soon. Are you an adult who wants to volunteer? Contact Anne Brockhoff at [abrockhoff913@gmail.com](mailto:abrockhoff913@gmail.com).

## Altar Flower and Radio Broadcast Sponsorships:

The 2025 Sponsorship Sign-Up Genius is live! Please sign up for any weeks that you would like to sponsor the Altar Flowers or Radio Broadcast!  
<https://tinyurl.com/4huvvedne>



## Update on Kate's maternity leave:

While Kate's leave doesn't fully end until February, she is gradually easing back into the framework here in the coming weeks. Please feel free to include her in email correspondence to Megan to help with her transition back!

## ✝ FROM THE PASTOR ✝

Christmas is always a busy season around a church, and so is Lent. But if you think that means the time in between is a slower, more relaxed down-time at the church, you would be very, very, mistaken — at least around Trinity. Ash Wednesday is on March 5th, and between now and then we have a number of special emphases in worship, as well as a couple of special events that follow worship.

January 26: Reconciling in Christ Sunday, when we lift up the unconditional welcome Trinity offers to all, regardless of their sexual orientation and gender identity.

February 2: Baptism of Goldie Hawkinson in worship, followed by Trinity's Annual Meeting at which we will review our ministry in 2024 and look ahead to 2025.

February 16: Scout Sunday, when we will recognize Troop 62 in worship, after which the Scouts will cook a pancake brunch for the congregation as a way of saying "Thank you" for our sponsorship of their troop. (A freewill offering for Troop 62 will be taken as folks go through the pancake line.)

February 23: Companion Synod Sunday—Kotte District of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Papua New Guinea: Trinity has been a long-time supporter of our Synod's Companion Synod program, with Jim Cooper currently serving on the Synod's Companion Synod Committee. In our worship, we will speak about what this relationship looks like, and how it is a powerful part of our synod's and congregation's understanding of what it means to be the church.

Beyond these emphases in worship and events that follow worship, there are also various other "big things" happening at the same time—though none with fixed dates attached.

Kate Larson-Stephenson will be returning from her maternity leave, gradually resuming her duties as our Director of Congregational Life. She has been enjoying time with her newborn child, and also looking forward to what awaits her again at Trinity.

Megan Duke has informed me and the council that after much thought and prayer, she and her family will be moving to Omaha. They have a contract on a new home there, and hope to close on the purchase on February 21. This is contingent on selling their house here in Lawrence, which has been listed for sale and had a number of showings, but no offers have yet been extended. We will take time at our Annual Meeting to thank Megan for her service at Trinity, and bless her as she enters a new chapter in her life in Omaha.

The Call Committee has informed me that we are a step closer — perhaps a big step closer — to having a candidate to present to the congregation to be Trinity's next pastor. A second interview went well, and both the call committee and the candidate are looking at next steps. Either might decide to pull the plug and step away, they might decide a third interview is needed to resolve some additional questions, or they might agree that the candidate is the person they both believe God is calling to be the new pastor here. Assuming the latter is that path that is chosen, the council would need to get with the candidate to schedule a meeting with the council, a "meet and greet" with the congregation, and a special congregational meeting to vote on the call and the compensation package that would accompany it.

Like I said, there is a lot happening in the next few weeks. Stay tuned, as all the details fall into place!

Peace, 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. 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.

**Name Tags:** Please reach out to Church Office if a new tag is needed.

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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](http://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:

With the new year comes brand new calendars just waiting to be filled with important dates in need of protection from double-booking!



This year's Nehemiah Action Assembly will be held on May 5th from 6:30-8pm at the Douglas County Fairgrounds (NOT the Lied Center). This event is the once-a-year opportunity for Justice Matters affiliate congregations to bring their entire congregations to unite with one another for a strong showing to DO Justice and show Lawrence that its people of faith practice what they preach.

If you've never attended before, I invite you to spend some time in prayer considering what the scriptural call to Do Justice means to you and your faith, what barriers have prevented you from attending in the past and what solutions the Lord might provide to address those barriers this year.

Attending the Action Assembly IS doing JUSTICE, and it's easy. So seize this opportunity to do as the Lord requires (Micah 6:8) and join your TLC brothers and sisters on May 5.

### Acolytes and Crucifers Needed!

There is no age requirement, but you need to be able to:

- 1) carry the candles
- 2) carry the cross
- 3) reach the candles on the altar.

If you can do any one of these things, you qualify!



**ACOLYTES  
& CRUCIFERS**

**Questions? Contact Annielaurie Seifert at: (785) 865-6512**

We are seeking 1 or more individuals to coordinate LINK beginning in March of 2025. A team of 2 would be ideal. If you have a heart for this important ministry, please talk with Carol Rehder or Deb Boatright.

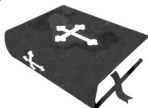


Are you someone who likes numbers and is looking for a great opportunity to serve the church? Our Treasurer position is now open as Rick Ehret has retired. The 3 main responsibilities are reviewing monthly financial statements, providing oversight to Megan's financial accountabilities, and budget management. For questions about this role, please ask Rick Ehret, Dave Elson, or Beth Llewellyn.



### 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 at (785) 843-4150 or email Dave Elson at d1b11@msn.com.



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

**JANUARY 19** — Luke 4:14-21 describes a mesmerizing scene as Jesus reads from the prophet Isaiah, sits down, and announces the prophecy has been fulfilled. Jesus is the long-awaited Messiah, God's anointed one. The eyes of all in that room are fixed on Jesus. The listeners try to focus and grasp the meaning of that day. In life, what distractions pull us away from God, so that we are no longer fixed on looking at Jesus.

**JANUARY 26** — For centuries in the Old Testament, God sent prophets to speak God's word to the people of Israel, only to have the prophets rejected. Sometimes that word of God comforted and consoled, but at other times it was a hard word to hear as the prophet called people to repent and turn back to God. How do we respond to God's word? (Luke 4:21-30)

— Pr. Randy

### Group Prayer Opportunities:

The **Wednesday morning prayer group** meets 7:15 AM every Wednesday in the Conference Room. Contact Ruth Sarna at [rsarna@sunflower.com](mailto:rsarna@sunflower.com) or 785-842-0230 if interested in joining the group.



Another opportunity is available for those that would prefer to be at home via **Zoom on Wednesday afternoons** at 2 PM. Connect with Harriet Shaffer at [shafferharriet@gmail.com](mailto:shafferharriet@gmail.com) or 785-393-1063, and she will send you the Zoom meeting information to connect.



The **Prayer Chain** is open to all! Anyone that wants to be included to pray for fellow members and families/friends of members give Ruth Sarna a call at 842-0230 or [rsarna@sunflower.com](mailto:rsarna@sunflower.com) to join the 52 folks that are now members of that prayer chain.

## PRAYERS NEEDED

We pray for comfort and healing for the Walker family after the death of Wilma Walker's uncle, Donald Walker.

We pray for comfort and healing for the Kerby family after the death of Maria Kerby, a friend of Annielaurie Seifert and Bill Modrzyński.

We pray for our call committee and for our next pastor, whoever that may be.

### Those ill, injured, or in need of support

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

**Relatives or friends of members:** 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), Debbie Baars Littlefield (sister of Charles Baars), Dennis Bean (brother-in-law of Annielaurie Seifert), Sedeqe (granddaughter of Karen Hickey), Karen McCarley Wallace (friend of Julie Crowe), Glynda Behrens (friend of Kathy Buffington), Joyce Lancaster (niece of Barb Bishop)

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**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](mailto:tlcoffice@tlclawrence.org).

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