

January 26, 2025 THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

Sunday, January 26, 8:30 am Bible Study, Conference Room
Sunday, January 26, 9:30 am Livestream Worship Service, Sanctuary
Sunday, January 26, 10:40 am Adult Bible Study, Fellowship Hall
Sunday, January 26, 10:40 am Children's Sunday School (Pre-K-5th), Basement Room #4
Sunday, January 26, 10:40 am Confirmation Class (6-8th), Upstairs Youth Room
Sunday, January 26, 10:40 am High School Sunday School (9-12th), Library
Sunday, January 26, 11:45 am Trinity Orchestra, Music Room
Monday, January 27, 12:00 pm Finance Meeting, Zoom
Tuesday, January 28, 9:30 am Bible Study, Social Room
Tuesday, January 28, 11:30 am Handbell Rehearsal, Sanctuary
Wednesday, January 27, 7:15 am Prayer Group, Conference Room
Wednesday, January 27, 9:00 am Staff Meeting, Conference Room
Wednesday, January 27, 7:00 pm Trinity Choir, Music Room
Thursday, January 28, 6:30 pm Stephen Ministry Training, Social Room
Saturday, February 1, 8:30 am Trinity Men's Breakfast, The Big Biscuit
Saturday, February 1, 10:00 am - 12 pm Meet & Greet w/ Pastoral Candidate, Fellowship Hall
Sunday, February 2, 10:45 am Annual Meeting, Fellowship Hall

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.

✝ FROM THE PASTOR ✝

Last week, the Call Committee told us that they have unanimously recommended to the council a candidate to be our next pastor. On Monday, the council received their recommendation, and heard from them about who the candidate is and why they are so excited about this pastor. After their own discussion, the council voted unanimously to call as Special Congregational Meeting after worship on Sunday, February 9th to consider three resolutions: (1) to issue a call to this pastor, (2) to approve a compensation package, and (3) to thank the members of the call committee for all their hard work. After speaking with the candidate, the council also set a "Meet and Greet" event with the candidate for Saturday, February 1st, from 10am to noon.

A letter to every Trinity household went out via the US Postal Service on Thursday with the formal announcement of this meeting as required by our constitution, and it also identifies the pastor by name, giving the pastor's background, and explaining why the call committee made their recommendation.

The Rite of Installation of a Pastor opens with a member of the congregation (usually either the chair of the call committee or the council president) saying to the bishop or bishop's representative "After prayerful deliberation, we, of Trinity Lutheran Church in Lawrence, Kansas, have called _____ as Pastor of this congregation. I present *her/him* and this letter certifying the call." The call committee now has a name they are recommending to put in that blank, and the council concurs with them.

You will notice that I have not put the pastor's name or current parish in this note. That is deliberate. While we are free to talk about this pastor, the pastor's background, and the call committee's recommendation among ourselves, we should not put this information out beyond Trinity, to keep it from inappropriately getting back to his current congregation. Because these announcements are posted on the Trinity website, I'm not going to mention the candidate's name here. When we speak about the candidate during the announcements, I will ask our livestream attendant to cut the audio feed, and thus keep the candidate's identity from going out online.

In my role as the interim pastor, my role is to help you through this leadership transition, to assist you as you shape the MSP and as you consider the candidate being brought forward by the call committee. But let me be clear in saying that my role is NOT to push you toward or away from any particular pastor. I will tell you two things: (1) Yes, I know this pastor; and (2) No, I won't tell you what I know about this pastor. You can ask the call committee what they have learned about the pastor, you can ask folks who know this pastor from other settings (like Jim Cooper) what they think of the pastor, and you can probably learn things about the pastor by googling the pastor's name and congregation and checking out that congregation's website. Just don't ask me.

Last July, we began singing the David Bjorlin hymn "Ask the Complicated Questions" as a way of framing the work of discernment that marked the beginning of this pastoral transition. Now, we sit at perhaps the end of this transition, as we consider asking a seemingly simple question: Is this the person God is calling to lead us into the future?

The call committee's answer to that question is Yes. The council's answer to that question is Yes. On February 1st, you will have a chance to meet the candidate in person yourself, and after praying on it for a week and a day, you will be asked to add your voice to the discussion and ultimately to give your own answer.

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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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:

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.



**ACOLYTES
& CRUCIFERS**

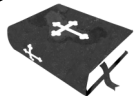
If you can do any one of these things, you qualify!

Questions? Contact Annelaurie 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.*



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

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)

FEBRUARY 2 -- ***No adult Bible Study, due to Congregational Meeting***

— Pr. Randy

Group Prayer Opportunities:

The **Wednesday morning prayer group** meets at 7:15 AM every Wednesday in the Conference Room. *Contact Ruth Sarna at 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 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 to join the 52 folks that are now members of that prayer chain.



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.*

Today's **Altar Flowers** are sponsored by Cathy Schwabauer in honor of David's birthday.



This week's **Radio Broadcast** is sponsored by Vicki Julian in honor of her anniversary.



Congregational Life Update: While Kate's maternity leave doesn't fully end until the first of February, she is gradually easing back into the framework between now and then. Please feel free to include her in your email correspondences to Megan to help with her transition back!

PRAYERS NEEDED

We pray for peace, comfort, and healing for friends and family at the deaths of the following loved ones. May they rest in the eternal arms of our Savior:

Debbie Baars Littlefield, sister of Charles Baars

Donald Walker, uncle of Wilma Walker

Maria Kerby, friend of Annelaurie Seifert and Bill Modrzyński.

We pray for our call committee and for our next pastor.

Those ill, injured, or in need of support

Members: Jerry Meuschke, 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), Dennis Bean (brother-in-law of Annelaurie 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)

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.

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