

# October 13, 2024 THIS WEEK AT TRINITY



- Sunday, October 13, 8:30 a.m. Bible Study, Conference Room
- Sunday, October 13, 9:00 a.m. American Sign Language (ASL) class, TLC Library
- Sunday, October 13, 9:30 a.m. Livestream Service, Sanctuary
- Sunday, October 13, 10:40 a.m. Education Hour, Social Room, Basement Room #4, Youth Rooms
- Sunday, October 13, 11:45 a.m. TLC Orchestra Rehearsal, Music Room
- Monday, October 14, 6:00 p.m. Women's Night Out, Perkins
- Tuesday, October 15, 9:30 a.m. Tuesday Morning Bible Study, Social Room
- Tuesday, October 15, 11:30 a.m. Handbell Practice, Music Room
- Tuesday, October 15, 1:30 p.m. WELCA Council Meeting, Social Room
- Wednesday, October 16, 7:15 a.m. Prayer Group, TLC Library
- Wednesday, October 16, 9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting, TLC Library
- Wednesday, October 16, 2:00 p.m. Prayer Group, Zoom
- Wednesday, October 16, 7:00 p.m. Trinity Choir Rehearsal, Music Room
- Thursday, October 17, 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Training, Social Room
- Sunday, October 20, 12:45 p.m. Music & Worship Fall Planning Meeting, Location TBD
- Sunday, October 20, 5:00 - 7 p.m. TLC Trunk or Treat & "Haunted House", Parking Lot

\* **Calendar Change:** Please note that the WELCA General Meeting has been moved from October 16th to Wednesday, October 23, 1:30 p.m. in the Social Room.

\* **SAVE THE DATE:** Sunday, November 3, 6:00 p.m. Hymn Festival - "A Place at the Table: Singing Reconciliation and Peace", TLC Sanctuary, \* *Refreshments to follow* \*



**TLC Trunk or Treat & "Haunted House":** Please save the date for **NEXT Sunday, October 20, 5-7 p.m.** to attend a fun family-friendly community event hosted by Trinity (*located in Parking Lot and Basement*). You're also invited to volunteer using the QR code here (*or paper sign-up at the bottom of organ loft stairs*) to help serve our East Lawrence and Trinity families. Thank you!



**\*\*\* Please keep an eye out for updates regarding the installation of flooring, due to begin October 14 (tomorrow!). We may require some route changes and brief building/office closures. Thank you for your patience and cooperation! \*\*\***

## ✝ FROM THE PASTOR ✝

In the world of disaster recovery efforts, there are a host of organizations who act in a host of different ways. Some are focused on the immediate aftermath, like the Federal Emergency Management Agency as well as private organizations like the Red Cross to address medical needs, and World Central Kitchen and Operation BBQ Rescue that provide meals to those who were displaced as well as first responders who need to be fed also. On their heels come those who step in as folks are beginning to recover, helping people navigate returning to their homes and rebuilding things. Some of these groups focus on the short-term, while others arrive and work with long-term service in mind.

In that last category of folks, Lutheran Disaster Response is one of the best of the bunch. They have a great reputation in the first responder community, because of their focus on partnership with local service providers and listening to the community affected, and because they are in it for the long haul (not just drop off some stuff as a PR stunt). In the world of non-profit organizations, they are held in awe because all their overhead costs are covered by the ELCA's general budget, meaning that **every dollar donated to a disaster gets spent on meeting the needs of the people affected by the disaster**. Nothing is taken off the top for salaries, running the office, or anything else.

After a major disaster hits, LDR puts out information about it, soliciting donations. I've taken what they wrote this week about Hurricane Helene, and added to it with my own update about Milton:

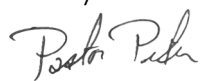
In late September, Hurricane Helene hit the coast of Florida as a Category 4 hurricane, ravaging communities in the southeast, moving south to north from Florida to Virginia. As the floodwaters have started to recede, the extreme devastation — especially in North Carolina and Tennessee — has become clearer. Entire towns, roads, and bridges have been washed away, and millions are still without power and cell service. This past week, another Category 4 hurricane hit the Florida coast, just south of where Helene made landfall. Hurricane Milton came ashore moving in a west to east direction, wreaking destruction as it moved across the entire state and out into the Atlantic.

Whatever unfolds because of these storms, Lutheran Disaster Response will be there. LDR has strong relationships in the region and is already at work on the ground. Working alongside synods and other partners, LDR is prepared to provide support throughout the impacted region. We anticipate that our greatest impact will be reaching those in underserved and rural areas.

**Gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response equip us to respond to those affected by hurricanes and related disasters, such as mudslides, severe storms, and flooding. These gifts also empower us to respond to disasters whenever and wherever they strike. Gifts to "Hurricane Response" will be used in full (100%) to assist those affected by hurricanes, until the response is complete.**

If you are looking for a way to help folks hit by hurricanes, I strongly encourage you to look at LDR.

Peace,  
Pastor Peter



Use the QR code to give online, or make your check out to "Lutheran Disaster Response" with "Hurricane Relief" in the memo line and send to: **Evangelical Lutheran Church in America  
ELCA Gift Processing Center  
P.O. Box 1809  
Merrifield, VA 22116-8009**

**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 Kate if a new tag or replacement 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.

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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”—



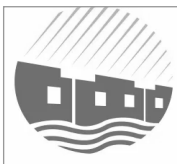
## \*\* Nursery Volunteers Still Needed \*\*:

To comply with best practices for safety, we are needing a **2nd nursery attendant** to help on an **occasional and rotational** basis for the end of Sunday worship (*only 30 minutes from 10:00-10:30*).

If you can serve our little ones in this way, please claim a spot on the sign-up schedule TODAY (*bulletin board near usher's table or on Kate's office door*). No strings attached - just give it a try, and together we can fill in the gaps (*Kate's parental leave begins any day now!*). I can assure you that this is a simple but crucial form of ministry that feeds **YOU** just as much as it feeds our children (*if not more!*).

## Justice Matters:

Thank you to everyone who participated in this year's House Discussion Listening Process. The relationships deepened, and experiences and values shared are invaluable to carrying forward in God's mission for us to seek Justice for each other and our neighbors in this community.



For those of you called to be a part of the Justice ministry at Trinity who committed to being "network members", as well as those unable to attend a house discussion but interested to learn more, please mark your calendar for the first Network-wide event **October 24th 6:30-8pm** at St John's school! Participants will have a say in the new direction of the organization's efforts and leadership.

For those of you not called to be directly involved with this ministry, please put **May 5th, 2025 6:30pm** on your calendar to support the culmination of our efforts at the Nehemiah Action Assembly as a whole congregation.

Questions? Contact *Virgil Dean* or *Chelsy Larson*.

## Family Promise:

Brenda Wahl, who has worked with Family Promise of Lawrence for more than nine years, is stepping into the executive director position.



The change comes "as the organization completes the renovation of 200 Mt. Hope Ct., which will provide shelter for up to six families at a time," according to a news release from the organization. "This is in addition to three other programs FPL offers for families facing a housing crisis in Douglas County."

Trinity Lutheran will be a host church, 4x per year, providing one week of dinners, dinner hosts, and hospitality. Our first week of service will be November 10 through 17, 2024.

There are lots of ways volunteers can help, but here are our biggest needs.

- We need people to help provide 3-4 dinners per week. This could be for one family or for several. I'd like to have a group of people sharing this job, so no one is cooking a complete meal for a potentially large group.
- We need 2 people for each meal to serve as dinner hosts. Sharing a meal, having conversation around the table, listening thoughtfully, playing with the children. Our hospitality supports these families on their journey to be housed and independent. Cooking a meal can be a chore. Sharing that meal is a joy.

Let's support the work of Brenda and others by stepping up and assisting families in need of housing.

Questions? Contact *Deb Boatright*.



**ADULT BIBLE STUDY:** regularly 10:45 - 11:45am Sundays in the Social Room upstairs

**OCTOBER 13** - - A rich, young man asks of Jesus a fundamental and sincere question, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" The young man, loved by Jesus, hears from our Lord the divine message that those with riches will have a difficult time with the sacrificial nature of faith.

**OCTOBER 20** - - On Reformation Sunday, Lutheran congregations gather in worship and sing Martin Luther's hymn, "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God." The first stanza describes God's breaking the power of the oppressor's rod and winning salvation. Because God sent the champion of Jesus to fight, we are set free. However, just what do Jesus' words mean, "So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed" (John 8:36 NRSV)?

-- Pr. Randy



Today's **Altar Flowers** are sponsored by the Sturm Family in honor of Belinda's birthday.

## RRR Renovation News:

Progress continues, and we're getting much closer to the finish line! Please keep an eye out for updates regarding the installation of flooring, due to begin around October 14th. We may require some route changes and brief building/office closures during that week. More details coming soon! Thank you for your cooperation, patience, and mindfulness.

Our **main level restrooms continue to be out of service** at this time. Please ask an usher if you need help finding the upstairs or downstairs restrooms, stairs, or elevators.

There are still **several remaining pews** available for purchase, as well as **folding chairs for \$1.00/chair**.

Questions? Call the Church Office at (785) 843-4150.



## PRAYERS NEEDED

We pray for peace and comfort for the family and friends of *John & Janet Ross* at the death of *John's mother Carol Ross*.

We pray for peace and comfort for the family and friends of *Gary & Julie Crowe* at the loss of *Gary's brother Donald Crowe*.

May they rest in the eternal arms of our Savior.

We pray for *Emily Fetsch's family in Lebanon*, and for peace.

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

**Members:** Ruth Sarna, Joe Box, Barbara Kurtz, Julie Crowe, Jere McElhaney, Kelly Cooper, Webb & Anna Hecker, Martha Rowe

**Relatives or friends of members:** Beverly Kiesling (sister-in-law of Kathy Buffington), Zoe & Jake Hecker (granddaughter and son of Anna & Webb Hecker), Janet Fike (friend of Janet Ross), Susan (a visitor of Trinity), Anna Wilder (mother of Derek Wilder), Jacob Smith (friend of Dain Dillingham and Sarah Jane Russell), Steve Jackson (family friend of Melanie King), Ron Arsenalt (friend of Julie Crowe), Larry Hanson (brother of Lola Ford), 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)

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).

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

