

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Trumpet

DECEMBER 2024

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec. 4th-Advent Service
@7:00 p.m.

Dec. 8th– Youth Sunday

Dec. 11th–Advent Service
@7:00 p.m.

Dec. 18th-Advent Service
@7:00 p.m.

Dec. 21st-Longest Night
@ 5:00 p.m.

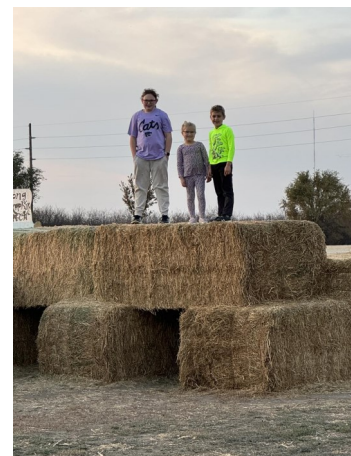
Dec. 24th –Christmas Eve
@7:00 & 10:00 p.m.

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Thank you to all the Ladies who helped serve soup for the Annual TLF Fundraiser.



Pumpkin Patch Fun– Members of all ages once again enjoyed TLC Annual Fall Fest at Long's Pumpkin Patch.

And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work. –2 Corinthians 9:8

Bob Perks is an inspirational writer and motivational speaker. He tells about a time in an airport when he overheard a father and daughter in their last moments together:

They had announced her departure and standing near the security gate, they hugged and he said, "I love you. I wish you enough." She in turn said, "Daddy, our life together has been more than enough. Your love is all I ever needed. I wish you enough, too, Daddy."

They kissed and she left. He walked over toward the window where I was seated. Standing there I could see he wanted and needed to cry. I tried not to intrude on his privacy, but he welcomed me in by asking, "Did you ever say goodbye to someone knowing it would be forever?"

"Yes, I have," I replied. Saying that brought back memories I had of expressing my love and appreciation for all my Dad had done for me. Recognizing that his days were limited, I took the time to tell him face to face how much he meant to me.

So I knew what this man was experiencing.

"Forgive me for asking, but why is this a forever goodbye?" I asked.

"I am old and she lives much too far away. I have challenges ahead and the reality is, the next trip back would be for my funeral," he said.

"When you were saying goodbye I heard you say, 'I wish you enough.' May I ask what that means?"

He began to smile. "That's a wish that has been handed down from other generations. My parents used to say it to everyone." He paused for a moment and looking up as if trying to remember it in detail, he smiled even more. "When we said 'I wish you enough,' we were wanting the other person to have a life filled with just enough good things to sustain them," he continued and then turning toward me he shared the following as if he were reciting it from memory.

"I wish you enough sun to keep your attitude bright.
I wish you enough rain to appreciate the sun more.
I wish you enough happiness to keep your spirit alive.
I wish you enough pain so that the smallest joys in life appear much bigger.
I wish you enough gain to satisfy your wanting.
I wish you enough loss to appreciate all that you possess.
I wish enough 'Hello's' to get you through the final 'Goodbye.'"

He then began to sob and walked away.

Thanksgiving is over, Christmas and the New Year will soon be here. But for us, the New Year has already begun as we enter into the season of Advent. It will be a busy time for all of us, but for far too many, it will be a very stressful time. And yet, we carry a promise that will see us through—the promise of the Christ child that came to us so long ago and comes to us again and again in a warm smile to one who is alone; a helping hand to one who can no longer do for themselves; a gentle touch to one who only knows a hard and cruel world and so many small but very significant things that for others may be enough to give them hope.

My friends, in the coming year and the years to come, Diana and I wish you enough as we continue to share the Good News of God in Christ Jesus with all of our neighbors near and far!

Pastor Jay

Council Highlights

President – John Krug
 Vice-President – Len Fleske
 Secretary – Christi Penka
 Worship – Rhonda Anshutz
 Education – Open
 Ministry – Ruth Lanterman
 Operations – Randy Wetzel

- The Longest Night service will be at 5:00 p.m. on Dec. 21st.
- The food bank is in GREAT need of food and monetary donations. They have served more this year than previous years.
- TLC office will be closed on Friday, November 29th.
- Still looking to fill 2 council positions, President & Worship. Please pray fully consider if this is a way you can serve TLC at this time.

Trinity Lutheran Church Treasurer's Report October 31, 2024

	For the <u>Month</u>	Year-to-date <u>2024</u>	Year-to-date <u>2023</u>	
Unified Budget Receipts				
Regular Offerings	17,883.28	244,866.37	239,849.40	
Thrivent Choice Dollars	-	1,823.00	1,251.00	
Other Revenue	191.89	1,697.22	9,681.97	
Total Receipts	<u>18,075.17</u>	<u>248,386.59</u>	<u>250,782.37</u>	
Expenditures through 10/31/2024	<u>38,430.71</u>	<u>250,957.61</u>	<u>223,747.66</u>	
Over (Short) of Actual Expenses	<u>(20,355.54)</u>	<u>(2,571.02)</u>	<u>27,034.71</u>	
Budget Receipts:		Year-to-date <u>2024</u>	Year-to-date <u>2023</u>	Increase/ (Decrease) from 2023
Average per Sunday (43 Sundays in 2024) (44 Sundays in 2023)		<u>5,694.57</u>	<u>5,451.12</u>	<u>243.44</u>
Total Unified Budget Receipts		244,866.37	239,849.40	<u>5,016.97</u>
Budget Requirements		<u>288,329.17</u>	<u>273,787.50</u>	
Over (Short) of Budget Goal		<u>(43,462.80)</u>	<u>(33,938.10)</u>	

Trinity Ladies Fellowship

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Rebecca Circle

Rebecca Circle met Monday, November 18 at 7pm in the Parlor. We had 5 ladies present on a very windy evening. Our Bible study was led by Tina Hiss. We finished our lessons about Jonah. Try as we may, there is nothing we can do to keep God from being the God that Jonah knew all along. During our short meeting, it was reported that we received \$600.00 in donations from our fall soup fundraiser held on November 17th. We collected \$371.00 for BCAC Emergency Aid. TLF also purchased 20 Artic Weight blankets for the Dream Center to give to the homeless and those in need. The food donations for the Food Bank have been amazing!

Following the meeting, we enjoyed cherry, and blueberry braided breads served by Vicki Anderson and Audrey Jenisch.

"Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfill his promises to her!"

Luke 1:45

Friendship Circle

The Friendship Circle met November 20th with nine ladies present. Ruth Steitz was hostess and Judi Brack Johnson presented the study on "What is Grace". The items from the TLF Council were discussed: the Treasurer's report of both the Council and the Circle. Suggestions were made for how to use the money for missions. The December meeting will be the annual Christmas party and the suggestion was made for the group to go out for lunch rather than a potluck lunch. Kathy Ahlvers will check out a local restaurant and report to Judi so she can let everyone know the particulars. The date will most likely be the third Wednesday of December which is the normal date of the Circle meeting (December 18th). It will be a time of fellowship and holiday cheer. All Trinity ladies and their friends are welcome to attend the Friendship Circle meetings which are held in the church library at 9:30 AM on the third Wednesday of the month.

Thank you to all who made our Trinity Ladies Fall Soup Fundraiser such a success! Our proceeds were **\$600.00**. This will all be used for various missions. The best part of the event was the fun, fellowship, laughter and good food had by all.

God's Blessings, Trinity Ladies Fellowship

TLF Council Meeting December 10 2:00 p.m.

Rebecca Circle Christmas Party

Friendship Circle Christmas Party

Quilting Date: December 10 9:00 a.m.

Quilters will resume meeting on January 14, 2025, after a short break.

Missions team met and has worked to disperse the remaining funds left for the year. With the recent hurricanes impacting people in our country we allocated some of the fund for the year to help those impacted by the storms. These funds will help with shelter, food, clothing and other items they may need to help get them stable until they are able to return to their houses or rebuild what they lost. Along with hurricane funds we gave donations to the sleeping bag project in Great Bend, Live Like Jesus Today Ministries, Oaks Indian Mission, Bags & Blankets for St. Francis Ministries, Awakening Lives to World Missions. As we head into the holidays and the new year I encourage all of you to look at ways to continue to grow our church into a mission minded church and remember what the Great Commission and Matthew 28:19 calls us to do, called to make disciples and help those of all nations.

Want to learn more about the missions Trinity is currently supporting? Scan the QR code and see the missions with direct links to each of their websites. As we work to continue the growth of missions in our congregation we are always open to suggestions on missions that members would like to see supported. Please contact any of your mission team representatives,



Rachel Kitch, Jil Johnson, Shelia Fleske, & Ruth Lanterman

Friendship meals are available in the kitchen freezer in the fellowship hall! Please feel free to deliver them to anyone you know that could use a meal, just sign the sheet so we can have a record. Two meals have been delivered so far this month which is a Chicken breast on a bed of rice with mixed vegetables and a sprinkling of cheese, rolls and brownies! Cooking directions are included. Please help spread the love of Christ through food!

**GO THEREFORE AND MAKE
DISCIPLES OF ALL THE NATIONS,
BAPTIZING THEM IN THE NAME
OF THE FATHER AND OF THE SON
AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.**

MATTHEW 28:19

Schedule of Events



How is it almost the new year. KICKS is on break until January but there are still many things happening with the children of the church. We discussed the holiday season and how many children are left feeling lonely during this time. The kids are wanting to help these children and so it was decided donate to St. Francis for foster children. KICKS along with the Mission team will be getting duffle bags, blankets and stuffed animals to donate for all the children to have a little something extra when moving from homes. If you would like to donate we ask that you bring a small stuffed animal no later than Dec. 8th. On this day the children will sing and play bells at the 10:30 worship, come and support them and hear some beautiful music.

Thank you to everyone who made this semester of KICKS run smoothly. It takes a team for all for each week to happen for the children. I greatly appreciate each and

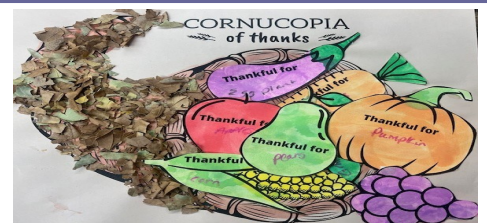
Train up a child in the way they should go, and when they are old they will not depart from it. Proverbs 22.6

Little Blessings Preschool

Luke 7:1-10 The Centurion was very RESPECTFUL of Jesus. This is such a big word for Preschoolers to learn you would think. It doesn't have to be though, as they are learning manners, kindness and how to take care of themselves and others as well as the planet.

Thankfulness teaches these 3 and 4 year olds to take time out each day, not just once a year and appreciate all they have been blessed with from life, adoption, a family to love them, and even a baby sibling.

Blessings —Diana Welshonse





A Kenton Christmas

The Stan Kenton Brass presents
a **free Christmas concert** at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec.
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The concert will feature Christmas carols in the big band style of the late Stan Kenton. A popular band leader, pianist and composer, Kenton produced many musical hits from 1940 into the 1960s.

The church is providing the place for this free concert, which is open to the whole community. Funding for the concert has been provided by the generous donations of many individuals and organizations.

The Kenton Brass has been performing these Christmas concerts for more than 50 years in the Hutchinson and Wichita area. This is the first time for their performance in central Kansas.

The concert will include carols such as "Twelve Days of Christmas," "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen," "O Holy Night," and many more.

(Google Stan Kenton Christmas 'Twelve Days of Christmas' for a musical sample.)

Thank You

Thank you for the opportunity to come and share more about Dakota Ranch with all of you. We appreciate your continued support. Paul Krueger, Dakota Boys & Girls Ranch

We give thanks for all your generosity of items and funds to help support all our ministries. God's blessings to all of you for your continued support throughout the years. With all you support we are able to offer a safe place for kids and families.

Yours in Christ, Dan Cooper Oaks Indian Mission

Prayer Page for November 2025

WE PRAY TODAY FOR:

Resident of Azria of GB

Sam Spece

Allen Ukens

Les Stewart

Resident of Riverbend of GB

Ladine Hartman

Elsena Bender

Resident of Brookdale

Joyce Nagel Jim Juergensen

Resident of Medical Lodges

Deon Lupton

Residents Out-of-Town:

Nancy Soeken, Hutchinson

Wilma Steadman, La Crosse

Marie Schepmann,
Hoisington

Donna Oliver, Wichita

Clara Mae Brown, Larned

August Sandy, Larned

Betty Barnard, Larned

Alene Clarke, Manhattan

Glen Snyder, Larned

Homer Kruckenburg, Prairie
Village

Marty Kruckenburg-Meade

MISSION PARTNERS

Barton Co. Association of Churches

Core Community-Journey to Resolve
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Oaks Indian Mission, Oaks, OK

Barton Co. Emergency Aid

Awakening Lives to World Missions

Dakota Boys & Girls Ranch

Star of Hope

Live Like Jesus Today

MEMBERS CURRENTLY NEEDING HEALING:

Gene Smith

CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR HEALING:

Leann Wegele, Ron & Janice Ensle, Vicki Boxberger, Sheryl Corn, Carolyn Nelson

Delores Schneidewind, Lola Michael, Dottie Anderson, Robert Rowland, Kasey Kennedy

Marlene & Mak Brack, Patti Klima, Kathy Delimont, Gerald Postlethwaite & Lily Akins

WE PRAY FOR THOSE CURRENTLY IN OUR MILITARY:

Kelly Vogel, Army (grandson of Deloris Schneidewind)

Lane Wilson, Marine (grandson/Judy Messersmith)

Austin Anschutz, Army Aviation (grandson/Merle & Liz Klima)

Adam Watkins, Joshua Helm, Army, (grandson/great grandson/Wilma Steadman)

RELATIVES AND FRIENDS NEEDING HEALING:

Pat Dirks (mother/Darla Clarke)

Danine Smith (sister/Darla Clarke)

Vickie Owston (daughter/Joyce Nagel)

Nick Okeson (friend/Anne Linenberger)

Connie Petersen (cousin/ Bev Juergensen)

Roberta Holden (Judy Messersmith)

Cirus Feil, Ashley Corn, Jessie & Creed
Rodriguez; Rachel Corn & Family (family/Steve &
Sheryl Corn)

Janet Meyers, Jasmnka Jevtic Fiso & Otto
(friends/ Steve & Sheryl Corn)

John M. Maneth (Brother-in-law/Carla Maneth)

Howard King (Brother-in-law/Carla Maneth)

Garret Reed, son of Stan & Kelly Reed (friend/
Dorothy & Doug Quade)

Rob Smith, Lynn Smith (BiL/sister/Kathy
Delimont)

Darwin Folkerts, Donita & Don O'Hearn (Deanna
Swank)

Denise Wilson (Sister, Deanna Swank)

Erika Kohart (friend/Vicki Boxberger)

Mary Ann Leroy (friend/Vicki Boxberger)

Pam Merten (friend/Vicki Boxberger)

Jimmy Ernest (cousin/Vicki Boxberger)

Mary McGee (sister/Cindy Smith)

Evette Aguilara (Friend Ruth Lanterman)

Marty Becker (Member Emmanuel Lutheran)

Daniel Klima (Son of Merle & Liz Klima)

Robert Roth (Friend, Judi Brack-Johnson)

Cindy Philips (Judi Brack Johnson)

Frank Ochs Family (Judi Brack Johnson)

Laurie Schaffer (Friend of Christi Penka)

Sandra Geschwenter (Friend of Christi Penka)

Kim Feulner (cousin of Christi Penka)

Cathy Bell (Friend of Penkas)

Linda Cannon (friend of Penka)

Micca Schneider (friend of Penka)

Donita Keil (Aunt/ Christi Penka)

Brian Breese, Dianna Allison (Friend of Penka's)

Annabella Davis (friend/Deloris Schneidewind)

Laurie White; Rhonda Feldman (friends Marty
Schloemer)

Gunner Jackson (family friend/Kim Kummer)

Chelsea VanVeleet (friend of Kim Kummer)

Tracy Cox (friend of Kim Kummer)

Lee Kuhn (friend of Kim Kummer)

John Winter (friend of Kummings)

Wally Gregg (friend of Kummer)

Jamie Howard (Niece of Ruth Stietz)

Roger Suchy (Brother/Connie Belt)

LaDesha Clark, Todd Clark, Janie Mooneyham,

Arvella Kirkhart (all family of Tom Kirkhart)

Linda Essmiller (cousin of ArNell Briel)

Jim New (friend of Hofeling)

Caryl Francis Niedens(daughter-in-law/Clara
Niedens)

Amy Dalton (friend of Kitch's)

December 2024

Sunday **Monday** **Tuesday** **Wednesday** **Thursday** **Friday** **Saturday**

1 9:15 a.m. Education Hour 10:30 a.m. Worship Service	2 5:30 p.m. TLCD Board Meeting 7:00 p.m. Bldg. & Grnds Meeting	3 12:00 p.m. Bible Study	4 5:15 p.m. KICKS Christmas Party 7:00 p.m. Advent Service	5	6	7 5:00 p.m. Worship Service
8 9:15 a.m. Education Hour 10:30 a.m. Worship Service 3:00 p.m. Kenton Brass Concert 5:00 p.m. Rebecca Circle Christmas Party	9	10 9:00 a.m. Quilting 12:00 p.m. Bible Study 2:00 p.m. TLF Council 6:00 p.m. Council Christmas @ Perkins	11 2:00 p.m. Pastor@Riverbend 7:00 p.m. Advent Service	12	13	14 5:00 p.m. Worship Service
15 9:15 a.m. Education Hour 10:30 a.m. Worship Service 3rd Sunday Fellowship Meal	16	17 12:00 p.m. Bible Study	18 11:30 Friendship Circle Christmas Party 7:00 p.m. Advent Service	19	20	21 5:00 p.m. Longest Night
22 9:15 a.m. Education Hour 10:30 a.m. Worship Service	23	24 7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve 10:00 p.m. Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day	26	27 Office Closed Pastor Gone	28 5:00 p.m. Worship Service
29 9:15 a.m. Education Hour 10:30 a.m. Worship Service	30 Pastor Gone	31				

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ADVENT SERVICE SCHEDULE

4th MID-WEEK SERVICE @ 7:00 PM

8th CHILDREN'S SUNDAY @ 10:30 AM
KENTON BRASS @ 3:00 PM

11th MID-WEEK SERVICE @ 7:00 PM

18th MID-WEEK SERVICE @ 7:00 PM

21st LONGEST NIGHT @ 5:00 PM

24th CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE
@ 7:00 PM & 10:00 PM