

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Trumpet

DECEMBER 2025

UPCOMING EVENTS

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Ten ladies met on Monday, November 19 for Bible Study, a short meeting, refreshments and fellowship. Tina Hiss led our Bible Study on Faith and Sight in Daily Living. We are to pray and discern what God is calling us to do as our vocation in life. Vicki Anderson and Audrey Jenisch were our hostesses and served a delicious cake amid a beautifully fall decorated table. During the short meeting, we reminded the ladies that our Christmas party will be held on December 7th at 5:00 at the home of Tina and Rick Hiss. We are to bring a snack to be enjoyed by all. We will be assembling Christmas gifts to be delivered to our shut-ins.

We will not meet in January. Our next meeting will be on February 16th.

Friendship Circle

The Friendship Circle met November 19th with twelve ladies present. Judi Brack Johnson opened the meeting with a prayer. The items from TLF Council were discussed and those present were reminded to have some mission names to which monies can be donated by the end of the year. Carla Maneth gave the lesson and Marty Schloemer was the hostess for the meeting. The next meeting will be December 17th with a potluck lunch at 11:30. All Trinity ladies and their friends are welcome to attend the Circle meetings which are held in the church library at 9:30 AM on the third Wednesday of the month.

"Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfill his promises to her!"
Luke 1:45

Quilting Dates:

Tuesday Dec. 9 9:00 a.m.

Upcoming Dates:

Rebecca Circle: Christmas Party December 7th @ 5:00 p.m.

Friendship Circle: Potluck Christmas lunch December 17th @ 11:30 a.m.

Thank You

- We want to thank Kay and Ernie Melton for visiting us and bringing food from the church kitchen. This is highly appreciated. Ted is slowly getting better but has a way to go. Will keep you updated. Again thank you much for thinking about us. We miss you all. Ingrid and Ted Bird
- Thank you from all of us ALWM for your continued support of our ministries. Without congregations like you we could not spread the love of Jesus to all nations of the world. Sincerely in Christ, Rev. Bill Moberly and the ALWM teams.



Scan Me to see
more about
missions

As we move in to advent and the Christmas season lets reflect on what mission truly means. Christmas is a season that celebrates God's mission to the world. The birth of Christ is the moment when God stepped into human history—not to be served, but to serve, and to bring salvation to all. As followers of Jesus, Christmas reminds us that mission is not optional; it is the natural response to God's gift of love.

Christ was sent to earth on a Mission. "For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost." Luke 19:10 Jesus' birth was purposeful. He entered the world on a rescue mission, a mission to serve others and to ultimately save us from our sins. When we engage in mission work: feeding the hungry, visiting the lonely, giving generously, sharing the gospel, we are participating in the very heartbeat of Christmas.

God's love should compel us to give. "For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son..." John 3:16 Christmas is about giving. God gave His Son so we could have life. In return, we give ourselves in service to others. Mission work at Christmas reflects God's generosity: Giving food or gifts to families in need; Supporting missionaries or local ministries; Being present for the elderly or the marginalized

Every act of giving is a direct reflection of the Father's love not only for us but for those receiving the gifts. The light of Christ shines through us during this season of giving. "In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." Matthew 5:16 The world needs the light of Christ—especially during the holidays, when loneliness, stress, and grief can feel overwhelming. Through service and Mission, we become the hope for others to lean on.

"The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us." John 1:14

God did not love from a distance; He came near. He sent Jesus to us on Christmas so that he could be closer to us all, to serve us and share his gifts with us all. This is a model for missions: presence, relationship, care, and service. Mission work at Christmas might mean simple, acts: Sitting and listening; Inviting someone who is alone to your table; Offering encouragement and prayer; Bringing the gospel not only in words but through deeds

He send us to do these acts just as he sent Jesus to do the same. "As the Father has sent Me, I am sending you." — John 20:21 Christmas is not just a celebration of Christ's coming—it is a call to go. Jesus was the first Christmas missionary, and now He sends us to carry His love into the world and do his Mission work.

As we enter the Christmas season a time filled with hope, promise, and the joy of Christ's coming we are reminded that God often works through the unexpected and the young. Jesus Himself came into the world as a child, showing us that God places tremendous value and purpose in the next generation. "Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, and in purity." 1 Timothy 4:12

In our church, we see that same promise reflected in our youth. They are not simply "the church of tomorrow." They are an essential part of the church today—learning, serving, leading worship, volunteering, asking deep questions, and growing in their walk with Christ. Their energy, curiosity, and passion breathe life into our congregation.

I want to say a sincere thank you to all of you who volunteer and mentor our youth. Whether you realize it or not, each and every one of you plays a part in shaping who these children are and how their faith is growing. Your support may be as simple as a hello or a hug as they walk into church, but those small acts matter deeply to them.

Even just being present in church sets an example. They are watching how we interact with one another, the kindness, patience, and love we show to those around us. All of this is an important part of how we nurture and support these children in their faith journey.

So thank you for showing up for them each and every week. Your presence, your encouragement, and your love make a lasting difference.

No Final Wednesday in December see you back in January.

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

Sunday School classes for children ages 3 through High School

Sunday School News

Adult Parlor Class is studying "Stuff They Didn't Teach Me in Sunday School". This is a video series produced by The Lutheran Hour – Men's Network. There is a different lesson every week followed with discussion.

Library Class is studying lessons following the Readings and Gospel lessons for each weekend.

At 10:00, you are invited to enjoy coffee, treats and lots of fun and fellowship in the Gathering Space.

We would love to have everyone join us whenever you can!

Prayer Page for December 2025

WE PRAY TODAY FOR:

Resident of Azria of GB

Sam Spece

Resident of Riverbend of GB

Elsena Bender

Resident of Brookdale

Joyce Nagel Jim Juergensen

Resident of Medical Lodges

Ladine Hartman

Residents Out-of-Town:

Marie Schepmann,
Hoisington

Donna Oliver, Wichita

Clara Mae Brown, Larned

August Sandy, Larned

Alene Clarke, Manhattan

Glen Snyder, Larned

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

PRAYERS FOR HEALING:

Leann Wegele, Vicki Boxberger, Sheryl Corn, Carolyn Nelson, Ted Bird

Delores Schneidewind, Dottie Anderson, Robert Rowland, Kasey Kennedy

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

Dottie Anderson, Ruth Steitz, Debbie Marshall, Geneva Steinert, Gary Klima,

Ron & Janice Ensle, Eleanor Postlethwaite, Kim Kummer & Pastor Jay

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*)

Roberta Holden (*Judy Messersmith*)

Cirus Feil, Ashley Corn, Jessie & Creed

Rodriguez; Rachel Corn & Family (*family/
Steve & Sheryl Corn*)

Janet Meyers, Misty Claussen Train (*friends/
Steve & Sheryl Corn*)

Dennis Peter (*Cousin Sheryl Corn*)

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

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

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*)

Evette Aguilera (*Friend Ruth Lanterman*)

Daniel Klima & Christine Klima (*Son &
Daughter of Merle & Liz Klima*)

Sandra Geschwenter (*Friend of Christi
Penka*)

Kim Feulner (*cousin of Christi Penka*)

Cathy Bell (*Friend of Penkas*)

Linda Cannon (*friend of Penka*)

Donita Keil (*Aunt/ Christi Penka*)

Pam (*friend of Penka's*)

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*)

Jorja Campbell (*Niece of Ruth Steitz*)

Jamie Howard (*Niece of Ruth Steitz*)

Roger Suchy (*Brother/Connie Belt*)

LaDesha Clark, Todd Clark, Cody Clark, Janie

Mooneyham (*Family of Tom Kirkhart*)

Jim New (*friend of Hofeling*)

Sharon Campbell (*friend Lorrie Ruble*)

Sandra Bauer (*Lucy Snyder*)

Vera Reed (*friend Judy Dunn*)

Enrique Lira (*Friend of Katy Jerke*)

Vickie Gardner (*Maynard & Shari Miller*)

Kimi Peters (*Maynard & Shari Miller*)

Meri Desmond (*cousin Rachel Kitch*)

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Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

	1 5:30 TLCD Board Meeting 7:00 p.m. Bldg. & Grnds Meeting	2	3 5:15 p.m. KICKS	4	5	6 5:00 p.m. Worship Service
7 9:15 a.m. Education Hour 10:30 a.m. Worship Service 1:00 p.m. Stan Kenton 5:00 p.m. Rebecca Circle	8	9 9:00 a.m. Quilting 2:00 p.m. TLF Council	10 5:15 p.m. KICKS	11	12	13 5:00 p.m. Worship Service
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Advent Service ● ● ●

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Brian Breese, Dianna Allison (*Friend of
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Mooneyham (*Family of Tom Kirkhart*)

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Sharon Campbell (*friend Lorrie Ruble*)

Sandra Bauer (*Lucy Snyder*)

Vera Reed (*friend Judy Dunn*)

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	1 5:30 TLCD Board Meeting 7:00 p.m. Bldg. & Grnds Meeting	2	3 5:15 p.m. KICKS	4	5	6 5:00 p.m. Worship Service
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec. 7: Stan Kenton Concert

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A Kenton Christmas

The Stan Kenton Brass will present a **free Christmas concert** at 1 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7, in the sanctuary of Trinity Lutheran Church, 2701 24th St.

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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 second 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.)

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O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
 And ransom captive Israel,
 That mourns in lonely exile here
 Until the Son of God appear.
 Rejoice! Rejoice!
 Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel - ELW #257 verse 1

There is something unique about the Season of Advent. Often, it's seen as a season of waiting; a season of expectation; a season of preparation. And although it seems that we're always waiting for something, imagine for a moment what it may have been like for a faithful Jew a little over 2,000 years ago. For thousands of years your people prayed to God for deliverance. God told you that a Messiah, the anointed One of God, the Christ, would come to save you. And because of your faith, you believe God's promise and you wait, and you wait, and you wait for that day to come. You pray, and you pray, and you pray for that day to come. There were probably a number of times you would've thought that God forgot about you, or that for some reason, God changed His mind. But then, strange things begin to happen—an angel appears to a young woman with news that will not only change her life, but the world. An army of angels suddenly appear, not to kings, but to lowly shepherds, bringing news so amazing that they had to go see this thing for themselves. And there among the quiet noises of some curious livestock, a baby is born. In those strange events and in that child, rests everyone's prayers they prayed for thousands of years. In that child, rests all the promises God made to His people for thousands of years.

The season of Advent is unique. It is a season of longing. Advent is a time when our prayers focus upon that First coming of Jesus as well as the Second coming of Jesus. Like the Jews of thousands of years ago, we can also pray for the Christ to come, but this time—to come again. Of course, just like those people who waited for the first arrival of the Messiah, there are those times that we may feel like saying to God, and maybe even do say to God, “How long do I have to wait? Where is my deliverance?” Maybe we really aren't too different from the faithful who waited for the First coming of Jesus. But there is one difference, a very large difference.

In many ways, we are more blessed than the Jews of all those years ago. Yes, we are probably more comfortable, better fed, and safer than they were, but none of those can even compare to the most important blessing. We are more blessed because we have much more than a promise; we have the promise's fulfillment in Jesus. Of course, we're still waiting. And yes, we continue to struggle through the challenges of life and cry out to God as the tears fall. And we understand that will not change in this life. But what has changed is this—we actually get to hold our Deliverer in our hands every time we come to the Lord's table where we can truly taste and see that our deliverance has come. We get to hear Him sing hymns to us through the voices of others and to hear him speak Words to comfort us, through Scripture and through our time in worship that our comforter has come. What do we have that they didn't? We have Jesus.

Advent is a time to long for Jesus to return again and to redeem all of heaven and earth. This is God's promise to us. He fulfilled this promise in Christ and one day, we will see it with our own two eyes when He returns again. Until that day comes, may our hearts always pray' not just with longing, but with the hope that comes through faith, “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel and ransom captive Israel.”

May your Advent, your Christmas, and all the time to come, bring you hope, love, joy, peace and most of all, Emmanuel—God with us!

Pastor Jay

I have a lot of information to convey to our members from 2 council meetings in November. Trinity was able to purchase the house from the Ensles this month. The money for the purchase came from the parsonage fund. Historically, this fund was started in the late 1980s when the Ensle's purchased the house from the Church. Over the years this fund has grown significantly and this money has been used to cover Church upgrades such as the handicap bathroom, new carpet in the educational wing and recently purchase of the house. Plans are to demolish the house(estimated cost of 8500). This will enable us to enlarge and upgrade the playground area for the Church. I think those changes will make for an attractive playground area.

Randy Wetzel reported that a new custodian was hired and his name is Al Ledesma. Previously, he was a custodian in the local school system and was well liked. He should be a nice addition and we welcome him.

Pastor gave us his health update as he continues to receive his treatment in Omaha. He told us that he is trying to continue to serve us but he realizes that at some point he may not be able to and may have to retire. He has put his house up for sale and he gave us his blessing to start a call process. Because of his treatment schedule he felt he would not be able conduct the Advent services. Thus the worship committee recommended canceling them this year.

A meeting with an LCMC representative was held last week and she gave us her thoughts and recommendations on how to proceed . She feels that initially we should focus on an interim Pastor. This individual may be either full time or part time. If part time , then there are video services(sermons) which are available to fill in when needed. She did touch on a couple of controversial subjects in that candidates for our pastoral position may not want to do both a Saturday and Sunday service. There was discussion on this topic and there are those who strongly want to continue this tradition but she pointed out this could limit our pool of candidates. Personally, I know people want to continue these traditions but we will get a better sense of how this plays out going forward. Obviously, it is a controversial subject with no easy solution but I am putting it out there so at least our congregation is aware of the potential for change. Another difficult topic is whether the radio broadcast of our service will continue in the future. There are no plans to change that yet ,but if future financial concerns arise related to increasing insurance , utility and maintenance costs then I suspect the cost of that service will be evaluated. With the tech advances of Facebook and YouTube individuals could still access the church services at Trinity. Hopefully, that is a long way off.

Currently, these are our concerns going forward and if further clarification is needed just contact me . Len Fleske

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- We have a new custodian, Alan Ledesma.
- We are closer to completing the sale of the Ensle house.

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Thrivent Choice Dollars	25.00	2,226.00	1,823.00	
Other Revenue	236.94	1,768.04	1,697.22	
Total Receipts	<u>22,178.80</u>	<u>239,760.00</u>	<u>248,386.59</u>	
Expenditures through 10/31/2025	<u>45,975.21</u>	<u>272,139.75</u>	<u>250,957.61</u>	
Over (Short) of Actual Expenses	<u>(23,796.41)</u>	<u>(32,379.75)</u>	<u>(2,571.02)</u>	
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A meeting with an LCMC representative was held last week and she gave us her thoughts and recommendations on how to proceed . She feels that initially we should focus on an interim Pastor. This individual may be either full time or part time. If part time , then there are video services(sermons) which are available to fill in when needed. She did touch on a couple of controversial subjects in that candidates for our pastoral position may not want to do both a Saturday and Sunday service. There was discussion on this topic and there are those who strongly want to continue this tradition but she pointed out this could limit our pool of candidates. Personally, I know people want to continue these traditions but we will get a better sense of how this plays out going forward. Obviously, it is a controversial subject with no easy solution but I am putting it out there so at least our congregation is aware of the potential for change. Another difficult topic is whether the radio broadcast of our service will continue in the future. There are no plans to change that yet ,but if future financial concerns arise related to increasing insurance , utility and maintenance costs then I suspect the cost of that service will be evaluated. With the tech advances of Facebook and YouTube individuals could still access the church services at Trinity. Hopefully, that is a long way off.

Currently, these are our concerns going forward and if further clarification is needed just contact me . Len Fleske

Council Highlights

President – Len Fleske

Vice-President – Jeremy Kennedy

Secretary – Christi Penka

Worship – Krista Smith

Education – Kristy Jerke

Ministry – Ruth Lanterman

Operations – Randy Wetzel

- There will be no in person Advent services this year due to conflict of Pr. Jay's treatment schedule, and a shortage of volunteers needed to put the service together.
- We have a new custodian, Alan Ledesma.
- We are closer to completing the sale of the Ensle house.

Trinity Lutheran Church Treasurer's Report October 31, 2025

	For the <u>Month</u>	Year-to-date <u>2025</u>	Year-to-date <u>2024</u>	
Unified Budget Receipts				
Regular Offerings	21,916.86	235,765.96	244,866.37	
Thrivent Choice Dollars	25.00	2,226.00	1,823.00	
Other Revenue	236.94	1,768.04	1,697.22	
Total Receipts	<u>22,178.80</u>	<u>239,760.00</u>	<u>248,386.59</u>	
Expenditures through 10/31/2025	<u>45,975.21</u>	<u>272,139.75</u>	<u>250,957.61</u>	
Over (Short) of Actual Expenses	<u>(23,796.41)</u>	<u>(32,379.75)</u>	<u>(2,571.02)</u>	
		Year-to-date 2025	Year-to-date 2024	Increase/ (Decrease) from 2024
Budget Receipts:				
Average per Sunday		<u>5,482.93</u>	<u>5,694.57</u>	<u>(211.64)</u>
(43 Sundays in 2025)				
(43 Sundays in 2024)				
Total Unified Budget Receipts		235,765.96	244,866.37	<u>(9,100.41)</u>
Budget Requirements		282,670.83	288,329.17	
Over (Short) of Budget Goal		<u>(46,904.87)</u>	<u>(43,462.80)</u>	

Rebecca Cirlce

Ten ladies met on Monday, November 19 for Bible Study, a short meeting, refreshments and fellowship. Tina Hiss led our Bible Study on Faith and Sight in Daily Living. We are to pray and discern what God is calling us to do as our vocation in life. Vicki Anderson and Audrey Jenisch were our hostesses and served a delicious cake amid a beautifully fall decorated table. During the short meeting, we reminded the ladies that our Christmas party will be held on December 7th at 5:00 at the home of Tina and Rick Hiss. We are to bring a snack to be enjoyed by all. We will be assembling Christmas gifts to be delivered to our shut-ins.

We will not meet in January. Our next meeting will be on February 16th.

Friendship Circle

The Friendship Circle met November 19th with twelve ladies present. Judi Brack Johnson opened the meeting with a prayer. The items from TLF Council were discussed and those present were reminded to have some mission names to which monies can be donated by the end of the year. Carla Maneth gave the lesson and Marty Schloemer was the hostess for the meeting. The next meeting will be December 17th with a potluck lunch at 11:30. All Trinity ladies and their friends are welcome to attend the Circle meetings which are held in the church library at 9:30 AM on the third Wednesday of the month.

"Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfill his promises to her!"
Luke 1:45

Quilting Dates:

Tuesday Dec. 9 9:00 a.m.

Upcoming Dates:

Rebecca Circle: Christmas Party December 7th @ 5:00 p.m.

Friendship Circle: Potluck Christmas lunch December 17th @ 11:30 a.m.

Thank You

- We want to thank Kay and Ernie Melton for visiting us and bringing food from the church kitchen. This is highly appreciated. Ted is slowly getting better but has a way to go. Will keep you updated. Again thank you much for thinking about us. We miss you all. Ingrid and Ted Bird
- Thank you from all of us ALWM for your continued support of our ministries. Without congregations like you we could not spread the love of Jesus to all nations of the world. Sincerely in Christ, Rev. Bill Moberly and the ALWM teams.



Scan Me to see
more about
missions

As we move in to advent and the Christmas season lets reflect on what mission truly means. Christmas is a season that celebrates God's mission to the world. The birth of Christ is the moment when God stepped into human history—not to be served, but to serve, and to bring salvation to all. As followers of Jesus, Christmas reminds us that mission is not optional; it is the natural response to God's gift of love.

Christ was sent to earth on a Mission. "For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost." Luke 19:10 Jesus' birth was purposeful. He entered the world on a rescue mission, a mission to serve others and to ultimately save us from our sins. When we engage in mission work: feeding the hungry, visiting the lonely, giving generously, sharing the gospel, we are participating in the very heartbeat of Christmas.

God's love should compel us to give. "For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son..." John 3:16 Christmas is about giving. God gave His Son so we could have life. In return, we give ourselves in service to others. Mission work at Christmas reflects God's generosity: Giving food or gifts to families in need; Supporting missionaries or local ministries; Being present for the elderly or the marginalized

Every act of giving is a direct reflection of the Father's love not only for us but for those receiving the gifts. The light of Christ shines through us during this season of giving. "In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." Matthew 5:16 The world needs the light of Christ—especially during the holidays, when loneliness, stress, and grief can feel overwhelming. Through service and Mission, we become the hope for others to lean on.

"The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us." John 1:14

God did not love from a distance; He came near. He sent Jesus to us on Christmas so that he could be closer to us all, to serve us and share his gifts with us all. This is a model for missions: presence, relationship, care, and service. Mission work at Christmas might mean simple, acts: Sitting and listening; Inviting someone who is alone to your table; Offering encouragement and prayer; Bringing the gospel not only in words but through deeds

He send us to do these acts just as he sent Jesus to do the same. "As the Father has sent Me, I am sending you." — John 20:21 Christmas is not just a celebration of Christ's coming—it is a call to go. Jesus was the first Christmas missionary, and now He sends us to carry His love into the world and do his Mission work.

As we enter the Christmas season a time filled with hope, promise, and the joy of Christ's coming we are reminded that God often works through the unexpected and the young. Jesus Himself came into the world as a child, showing us that God places tremendous value and purpose in the next generation. "Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, and in purity." 1 Timothy 4:12

In our church, we see that same promise reflected in our youth. They are not simply "the church of tomorrow." They are an essential part of the church today—learning, serving, leading worship, volunteering, asking deep questions, and growing in their walk with Christ. Their energy, curiosity, and passion breathe life into our congregation.

I want to say a sincere thank you to all of you who volunteer and mentor our youth. Whether you realize it or not, each and every one of you plays a part in shaping who these children are and how their faith is growing. Your support may be as simple as a hello or a hug as they walk into church, but those small acts matter deeply to them.

Even just being present in church sets an example. They are watching how we interact with one another, the kindness, patience, and love we show to those around us. All of this is an important part of how we nurture and support these children in their faith journey.

So thank you for showing up for them each and every week. Your presence, your encouragement, and your love make a lasting difference.

No Final Wednesday in December see you back in January.

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

Sunday School classes for children ages 3 through High School

Sunday School News

Adult Parlor Class is studying "Stuff They Didn't Teach Me in Sunday School". This is a video series produced by The Lutheran Hour – Men's Network. There is a different lesson every week followed with discussion.

Library Class is studying lessons following the Readings and Gospel lessons for each weekend.

At 10:00, you are invited to enjoy coffee, treats and lots of fun and fellowship in the Gathering Space.

We would love to have everyone join us whenever you can!

Prayer Page for December 2025

WE PRAY TODAY FOR:

Resident of Azria of GB

Sam Spece

Resident of Riverbend of GB

Elsena Bender

Resident of Brookdale

Joyce Nagel Jim Juergensen

Resident of Medical Lodges

Ladine Hartman

Residents Out-of-Town:

Marie Schepmann,
Hoisington

Donna Oliver, Wichita

Clara Mae Brown, Larned

August Sandy, Larned

Alene Clarke, Manhattan

Glen Snyder, Larned

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

PRAYERS FOR HEALING:

Leann Wegele, Vicki Boxberger, Sheryl Corn, Carolyn Nelson, Ted Bird

Delores Schneidewind, Dottie Anderson, Robert Rowland, Kasey Kennedy

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

Dottie Anderson, Ruth Steitz, Debbie Marshall, Geneva Steinert, Gary Klima,

Ron & Janice Ensle, Eleanor Postlethwaite, Kim Kummer & Pastor Jay

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*)

Roberta Holden (*Judy Messersmith*)

Cirus Feil, Ashley Corn, Jessie & Creed

Rodriguez; Rachel Corn & Family (*family/
Steve & Sheryl Corn*)

Janet Meyers, Misty Claussen Train (*friends/
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Dennis Peter (*Cousin Sheryl Corn*)

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

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

Rob Smith, Lynn Smith (*BiL/sister/Kathy
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Even just being present in church sets an example. They are watching how we interact with one another, the kindness, patience, and love we show to those around us. All of this is an important part of how we nurture and support these children in their faith journey.

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Sunday School classes for children ages 3 through High School

Sunday School News

Adult Parlor Class is studying "Stuff They Didn't Teach Me in Sunday School". This is a video series produced by The Lutheran Hour – Men's Network. There is a different lesson every week followed with discussion.

Library Class is studying lessons following the Readings and Gospel lessons for each weekend.

At 10:00, you are invited to enjoy coffee, treats and lots of fun and fellowship in the Gathering Space.

We would love to have everyone join us whenever you can!

Prayer Page for December 2025

WE PRAY TODAY FOR:

Resident of Azria of GB

Sam Spece

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Elsena Bender

Resident of Brookdale

Joyce Nagel Jim Juergensen

Resident of Medical Lodges

Ladine Hartman

Residents Out-of-Town:

Marie Schepmann,
Hoisington

Donna Oliver, Wichita

Clara Mae Brown, Larned

August Sandy, Larned

Alene Clarke, Manhattan

Glen Snyder, Larned

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Barton Co. Emergency Aid

Awakening Lives to World Missions

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PRAYERS FOR HEALING:

Leann Wegele, Vicki Boxberger, Sheryl Corn, Carolyn Nelson, Ted Bird

Delores Schneidewind, Dottie Anderson, Robert Rowland, Kasey Kennedy

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

Dottie Anderson, Ruth Steitz, Debbie Marshall, Geneva Steinert, Gary Klima,

Ron & Janice Ensle, Eleanor Postlethwaite, Kim Kummer & Pastor Jay

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*)

Roberta Holden (*Judy Messersmith*)

Cirus Feil, Ashley Corn, Jessie & Creed

Rodriguez; Rachel Corn & Family (*family/
Steve & Sheryl Corn*)

Janet Meyers, Misty Claussen Train (*friends/
Steve & Sheryl Corn*)

Dennis Peter (*Cousin Sheryl Corn*)

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

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

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*)

Evette Aguilera (*Friend Ruth Lanterman*)

Daniel Klima & Christine Klima (*Son &
Daughter of Merle & Liz Klima*)

Sandra Geschwenter (*Friend of Christi
Penka*)

Kim Feulner (*cousin of Christi Penka*)

Cathy Bell (*Friend of Penkas*)

Linda Cannon (*friend of Penka*)

Donita Keil (*Aunt/ Christi Penka*)

Pam (*friend of Penka's*)

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*)

Jorja Campbell (*Niece of Ruth Steitz*)

Jamie Howard (*Niece of Ruth Steitz*)

Roger Suchy (*Brother/Connie Belt*)

LaDesha Clark, Todd Clark, Cody Clark, Janie

Mooneyham (*Family of Tom Kirkhart*)

Jim New (*friend of Hofeling*)

Sharon Campbell (*friend Lorrie Ruble*)

Sandra Bauer (*Lucy Snyder*)

Vera Reed (*friend Judy Dunn*)

Enrique Lira (*Friend of Katy Jerke*)

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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A Kenton Christmas

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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.)

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O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
 And ransom captive Israel,
 That mourns in lonely exile here
 Until the Son of God appear.
 Rejoice! Rejoice!
 Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel - ELW #257 verse 1

There is something unique about the Season of Advent. Often, it's seen as a season of waiting; a season of expectation; a season of preparation. And although it seems that we're always waiting for something, imagine for a moment what it may have been like for a faithful Jew a little over 2,000 years ago. For thousands of years your people prayed to God for deliverance. God told you that a Messiah, the anointed One of God, the Christ, would come to save you. And because of your faith, you believe God's promise and you wait, and you wait, and you wait for that day to come. You pray, and you pray, and you pray for that day to come. There were probably a number of times you would've thought that God forgot about you, or that for some reason, God changed His mind. But then, strange things begin to happen—an angel appears to a young woman with news that will not only change her life, but the world. An army of angels suddenly appear, not to kings, but to lowly shepherds, bringing news so amazing that they had to go see this thing for themselves. And there among the quiet noises of some curious livestock, a baby is born. In those strange events and in that child, rests everyone's prayers they prayed for thousands of years. In that child, rests all the promises God made to His people for thousands of years.

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Advent is a time to long for Jesus to return again and to redeem all of heaven and earth. This is God's promise to us. He fulfilled this promise in Christ and one day, we will see it with our own two eyes when He returns again. Until that day comes, may our hearts always pray' not just with longing, but with the hope that comes through faith, “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel and ransom captive Israel.”

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The Kenton Brass has been performing these Christmas concerts for more than 50 years in the Hutchinson and Wichita area. This is the second 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.)

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O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
 And ransom captive Israel,
 That mourns in lonely exile here
 Until the Son of God appear.
 Rejoice! Rejoice!
 Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel - ELW #257 verse 1

There is something unique about the Season of Advent. Often, it's seen as a season of waiting; a season of expectation; a season of preparation. And although it seems that we're always waiting for something, imagine for a moment what it may have been like for a faithful Jew a little over 2,000 years ago. For thousands of years your people prayed to God for deliverance. God told you that a Messiah, the anointed One of God, the Christ, would come to save you. And because of your faith, you believe God's promise and you wait, and you wait, and you wait for that day to come. You pray, and you pray, and you pray for that day to come. There were probably a number of times you would've thought that God forgot about you, or that for some reason, God changed His mind. But then, strange things begin to happen—an angel appears to a young woman with news that will not only change her life, but the world. An army of angels suddenly appear, not to kings, but to lowly shepherds, bringing news so amazing that they had to go see this thing for themselves. And there among the quiet noises of some curious livestock, a baby is born. In those strange events and in that child, rests everyone's prayers they prayed for thousands of years. In that child, rests all the promises God made to His people for thousands of years.

The season of Advent is unique. It is a season of longing. Advent is a time when our prayers focus upon that First coming of Jesus as well as the Second coming of Jesus. Like the Jews of thousands of years ago, we can also pray for the Christ to come, but this time—to come again. Of course, just like those people who waited for the first arrival of the Messiah, there are those times that we may feel like saying to God, and maybe even do say to God, “How long do I have to wait? Where is my deliverance?” Maybe we really aren't too different from the faithful who waited for the First coming of Jesus. But there is one difference, a very large difference.

In many ways, we are more blessed than the Jews of all those years ago. Yes, we are probably more comfortable, better fed, and safer than they were, but none of those can even compare to the most important blessing. We are more blessed because we have much more than a promise; we have the promise's fulfillment in Jesus. Of course, we're still waiting. And yes, we continue to struggle through the challenges of life and cry out to God as the tears fall. And we understand that will not change in this life. But what has changed is this—we actually get to hold our Deliverer in our hands every time we come to the Lord's table where we can truly taste and see that our deliverance has come. We get to hear Him sing hymns to us through the voices of others and to hear him speak Words to comfort us, through Scripture and through our time in worship that our comforter has come. What do we have that they didn't? We have Jesus.

Advent is a time to long for Jesus to return again and to redeem all of heaven and earth. This is God's promise to us. He fulfilled this promise in Christ and one day, we will see it with our own two eyes when He returns again. Until that day comes, may our hearts always pray' not just with longing, but with the hope that comes through faith, “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel and ransom captive Israel.”

May your Advent, your Christmas, and all the time to come, bring you hope, love, joy, peace and most of all, Emmanuel—God with us!

Pastor Jay

I have a lot of information to convey to our members from 2 council meetings in November. Trinity was able to purchase the house from the Ensles this month. The money for the purchase came from the parsonage fund. Historically, this fund was started in the late 1980s when the Ensle's purchased the house from the Church. Over the years this fund has grown significantly and this money has been used to cover Church upgrades such as the handicap bathroom, new carpet in the educational wing and recently purchase of the house. Plans are to demolish the house(estimated cost of 8500). This will enable us to enlarge and upgrade the playground area for the Church. I think those changes will make for an attractive playground area.

Randy Wetzel reported that a new custodian was hired and his name is Al Ledesma. Previously, he was a custodian in the local school system and was well liked. He should be a nice addition and we welcome him.

Pastor gave us his health update as he continues to receive his treatment in Omaha. He told us that he is trying to continue to serve us but he realizes that at some point he may not be able to and may have to retire. He has put his house up for sale and he gave us his blessing to start a call process. Because of his treatment schedule he felt he would not be able conduct the Advent services. Thus the worship committee recommended canceling them this year.

A meeting with an LCMC representative was held last week and she gave us her thoughts and recommendations on how to proceed . She feels that initially we should focus on an interim Pastor. This individual may be either full time or part time. If part time , then there are video services(sermons) which are available to fill in when needed. She did touch on a couple of controversial subjects in that candidates for our pastoral position may not want to do both a Saturday and Sunday service. There was discussion on this topic and there are those who strongly want to continue this tradition but she pointed out this could limit our pool of candidates. Personally, I know people want to continue these traditions but we will get a better sense of how this plays out going forward. Obviously, it is a controversial subject with no easy solution but I am putting it out there so at least our congregation is aware of the potential for change. Another difficult topic is whether the radio broadcast of our service will continue in the future. There are no plans to change that yet ,but if future financial concerns arise related to increasing insurance , utility and maintenance costs then I suspect the cost of that service will be evaluated. With the tech advances of Facebook and YouTube individuals could still access the church services at Trinity. Hopefully, that is a long way off.

Currently, these are our concerns going forward and if further clarification is needed just contact me . Len Fleske

Council Highlights

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- There will be no in person Advent services this year due to conflict of Pr. Jay's treatment schedule, and a shortage of volunteers needed to put the service together.
- We have a new custodian, Alan Ledesma.
- We are closer to completing the sale of the Ensle house.

Trinity Lutheran Church Treasurer's Report October 31, 2025

	For the <u>Month</u>	Year-to-date <u>2025</u>	Year-to-date <u>2024</u>	
Unified Budget Receipts				
Regular Offerings	21,916.86	235,765.96	244,866.37	
Thrivent Choice Dollars	25.00	2,226.00	1,823.00	
Other Revenue	236.94	1,768.04	1,697.22	
Total Receipts	<u>22,178.80</u>	<u>239,760.00</u>	<u>248,386.59</u>	
Expenditures through 10/31/2025	<u>45,975.21</u>	<u>272,139.75</u>	<u>250,957.61</u>	
Over (Short) of Actual Expenses	<u>(23,796.41)</u>	<u>(32,379.75)</u>	<u>(2,571.02)</u>	
Budget Receipts:		Year-to-date 2025	Year-to-date 2024	Increase/ (Decrease) from 2024
Average per Sunday (43 Sundays in 2025) (43 Sundays in 2024)		<u>5,482.93</u>	<u>5,694.57</u>	<u>(211.64)</u>
Total Unified Budget Receipts		235,765.96	244,866.37	<u>(9,100.41)</u>
Budget Requirements		282,670.83	288,329.17	
Over (Short) of Budget Goal		<u>(46,904.87)</u>	<u>(43,462.80)</u>	

Rebecca Cirlce

Ten ladies met on Monday, November 19 for Bible Study, a short meeting, refreshments and fellowship. Tina Hiss led our Bible Study on Faith and Sight in Daily Living. We are to pray and discern what God is calling us to do as our vocation in life. Vicki Anderson and Audrey Jenisch were our hostesses and served a delicious cake amid a beautifully fall decorated table. During the short meeting, we reminded the ladies that our Christmas party will be held on December 7th at 5:00 at the home of Tina and Rick Hiss. We are to bring a snack to be enjoyed by all. We will be assembling Christmas gifts to be delivered to our shut-ins.

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Friendship Circle

The Friendship Circle met November 19th with twelve ladies present. Judi Brack Johnson opened the meeting with a prayer. The items from TLF Council were discussed and those present were reminded to have some mission names to which monies can be donated by the end of the year. Carla Maneth gave the lesson and Marty Schloemer was the hostess for the meeting. The next meeting will be December 17th with a potluck lunch at 11:30. All Trinity ladies and their friends are welcome to attend the Circle meetings which are held in the church library at 9:30 AM on the third Wednesday of the month.

"Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfill his promises to her!"
Luke 1:45

Quilting Dates:

Tuesday Dec. 9 9:00 a.m.

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Thank You

- We want to thank Kay and Ernie Melton for visiting us and bringing food from the church kitchen. This is highly appreciated. Ted is slowly getting better but has a way to go. Will keep you updated. Again thank you much for thinking about us. We miss you all. Ingrid and Ted Bird
- Thank you from all of us ALWM for your continued support of our ministries. Without congregations like you we could not spread the love of Jesus to all nations of the world. Sincerely in Christ, Rev. Bill Moberly and the ALWM teams.



Scan Me to see
more about
missions

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God's love should compel us to give. "For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son..." John 3:16 Christmas is about giving. God gave His Son so we could have life. In return, we give ourselves in service to others. Mission work at Christmas reflects God's generosity: Giving food or gifts to families in need; Supporting missionaries or local ministries; Being present for the elderly or the marginalized

Every act of giving is a direct reflection of the Father's love not only for us but for those receiving the gifts. The light of Christ shines through us during this season of giving. "In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." Matthew 5:16 The world needs the light of Christ—especially during the holidays, when loneliness, stress, and grief can feel overwhelming. Through service and Mission, we become the hope for others to lean on.

"The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us." John 1:14

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We will not meet in January. Our next meeting will be on February 16th.

Friendship Circle

The Friendship Circle met November 19th with twelve ladies present. Judi Brack Johnson opened the meeting with a prayer. The items from TLF Council were discussed and those present were reminded to have some mission names to which monies can be donated by the end of the year. Carla Maneth gave the lesson and Marty Schloemer was the hostess for the meeting. The next meeting will be December 17th with a potluck lunch at 11:30. All Trinity ladies and their friends are welcome to attend the Circle meetings which are held in the church library at 9:30 AM on the third Wednesday of the month.

"Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfill his promises to her!"
Luke 1:45

Quilting Dates:

Tuesday Dec. 9 9:00 a.m.

Upcoming Dates:

Rebecca Circle: Christmas Party December 7th @ 5:00 p.m.

Friendship Circle: Potluck Christmas lunch December 17th @ 11:30 a.m.

Thank You

- We want to thank Kay and Ernie Melton for visiting us and bringing food from the church kitchen. This is highly appreciated. Ted is slowly getting better but has a way to go. Will keep you updated. Again thank you much for thinking about us. We miss you all. Ingrid and Ted Bird
- Thank you from all of us ALWM for your continued support of our ministries. Without congregations like you we could not spread the love of Jesus to all nations of the world. Sincerely in Christ, Rev. Bill Moberly and the ALWM teams.



Scan Me to see
more about
missions

As we move in to advent and the Christmas season lets reflect on what mission truly means. Christmas is a season that celebrates God's mission to the world. The birth of Christ is the moment when God stepped into human history—not to be served, but to serve, and to bring salvation to all. As followers of Jesus, Christmas reminds us that mission is not optional; it is the natural response to God's gift of love.

Christ was sent to earth on a Mission. "For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost." Luke 19:10 Jesus' birth was purposeful. He entered the world on a rescue mission, a mission to serve others and to ultimately save us from our sins. When we engage in mission work: feeding the hungry, visiting the lonely, giving generously, sharing the gospel, we are participating in the very heartbeat of Christmas.

God's love should compel us to give. "For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son..." John 3:16 Christmas is about giving. God gave His Son so we could have life. In return, we give ourselves in service to others. Mission work at Christmas reflects God's generosity: Giving food or gifts to families in need; Supporting missionaries or local ministries; Being present for the elderly or the marginalized

Every act of giving is a direct reflection of the Father's love not only for us but for those receiving the gifts. The light of Christ shines through us during this season of giving. "In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." Matthew 5:16 The world needs the light of Christ—especially during the holidays, when loneliness, stress, and grief can feel overwhelming. Through service and Mission, we become the hope for others to lean on.

"The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us." John 1:14

God did not love from a distance; He came near. He sent Jesus to us on Christmas so that he could be closer to us all, to serve us and share his gifts with us all. This is a model for missions: presence, relationship, care, and service. Mission work at Christmas might mean simple, acts: Sitting and listening; Inviting someone who is alone to your table; Offering encouragement and prayer; Bringing the gospel not only in words but through deeds

He send us to do these acts just as he sent Jesus to do the same. "As the Father has sent Me, I am sending you." — John 20:21 Christmas is not just a celebration of Christ's coming—it is a call to go. Jesus was the first Christmas missionary, and now He sends us to carry His love into the world and do his Mission work.

As we enter the Christmas season a time filled with hope, promise, and the joy of Christ's coming we are reminded that God often works through the unexpected and the young. Jesus Himself came into the world as a child, showing us that God places tremendous value and purpose in the next generation. "Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, and in purity." 1 Timothy 4:12

In our church, we see that same promise reflected in our youth. They are not simply "the church of tomorrow." They are an essential part of the church today—learning, serving, leading worship, volunteering, asking deep questions, and growing in their walk with Christ. Their energy, curiosity, and passion breathe life into our congregation.

I want to say a sincere thank you to all of you who volunteer and mentor our youth. Whether you realize it or not, each and every one of you plays a part in shaping who these children are and how their faith is growing. Your support may be as simple as a hello or a hug as they walk into church, but those small acts matter deeply to them.

Even just being present in church sets an example. They are watching how we interact with one another, the kindness, patience, and love we show to those around us. All of this is an important part of how we nurture and support these children in their faith journey.

So thank you for showing up for them each and every week. Your presence, your encouragement, and your love make a lasting difference.

No Final Wednesday in December see you back in January.

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

Sunday School classes for children ages 3 through High School

Sunday School News

Adult Parlor Class is studying "Stuff They Didn't Teach Me in Sunday School". This is a video series produced by The Lutheran Hour – Men's Network. There is a different lesson every week followed with discussion.

Library Class is studying lessons following the Readings and Gospel lessons for each weekend.

At 10:00, you are invited to enjoy coffee, treats and lots of fun and fellowship in the Gathering Space.

We would love to have everyone join us whenever you can!

Prayer Page for December 2025

WE PRAY TODAY FOR:

Resident of Azria of GB

Sam Spece

Resident of Riverbend of GB

Elsena Bender

Resident of Brookdale

Joyce Nagel Jim Juergensen

Resident of Medical Lodges

Ladine Hartman

Residents Out-of-Town:

Marie Schepmann,
Hoisington

Donna Oliver, Wichita

Clara Mae Brown, Larned

August Sandy, Larned

Alene Clarke, Manhattan

Glen Snyder, Larned

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

PRAYERS FOR HEALING:

Leann Wegele, Vicki Boxberger, Sheryl Corn, Carolyn Nelson, Ted Bird

Delores Schneidewind, Dottie Anderson, Robert Rowland, Kasey Kennedy

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

Dottie Anderson, Ruth Steitz, Debbie Marshall, Geneva Steinert, Gary Klima,

Ron & Janice Ensle, Eleanor Postlethwaite, Kim Kummer & Pastor Jay

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*)

Roberta Holden (*Judy Messersmith*)

Cirus Feil, Ashley Corn, Jessie & Creed

Rodriguez; Rachel Corn & Family (*family/
Steve & Sheryl Corn*)

Janet Meyers, Misty Claussen Train (*friends/
Steve & Sheryl Corn*)

Dennis Peter (*Cousin Sheryl Corn*)

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

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

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*)

Evette Aguilera (*Friend Ruth Lanterman*)

Daniel Klima & Christine Klima (*Son &
Daughter of Merle & Liz Klima*)

Sandra Geschwenter (*Friend of Christi
Penka*)

Kim Feulner (*cousin of Christi Penka*)

Cathy Bell (*Friend of Penkas*)

Linda Cannon (*friend of Penka*)

Donita Keil (*Aunt/ Christi Penka*)

Pam (*friend of Penka's*)

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*)

Jorja Campbell (*Niece of Ruth Steitz*)

Jamie Howard (*Niece of Ruth Steitz*)

Roger Suchy (*Brother/Connie Belt*)

LaDesha Clark, Todd Clark, Cody Clark, Janie
Mooneyham (*Family of Tom Kirkhart*)

Jim New (*friend of Hofeling*)

Sharon Campbell (*friend Lorrie Ruble*)

Sandra Bauer (*Lucy Snyder*)

Vera Reed (*friend Judy Dunn*)

Enrique Lira (*Friend of Katy Jerke*)

Vickie Gardner (*Maynard & Shari Miller*)

Kimi Peters (*Maynard & Shari Miller*)

Meri Desmond (*cousin Rachel Kitch*)

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	1 5:30 TLCD Board Meeting 7:00 p.m. Bldg. & Grnds Meeting	2	3 5:15 p.m. KICKS	4	5	6 5:00 p.m. Worship Service
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Mooneyham (*Family of Tom Kirkhart*)

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Sharon Campbell (*friend Lorrie Ruble*)

Sandra Bauer (*Lucy Snyder*)

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	1 5:30 TLCD Board Meeting 7:00 p.m. Bldg. & Grnds Meeting	2	3 5:15 p.m. KICKS	4	5	6 5:00 p.m. Worship Service
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec. 7: Stan Kenton Concert

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A Kenton Christmas

The Stan Kenton Brass will present a **free Christmas concert** at 1 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7, in the sanctuary of Trinity Lutheran Church, 2701 24th St.

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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 second 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.)

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O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
 And ransom captive Israel,
 That mourns in lonely exile here
 Until the Son of God appear.
 Rejoice! Rejoice!
 Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel - ELW #257 verse 1

There is something unique about the Season of Advent. Often, it's seen as a season of waiting; a season of expectation; a season of preparation. And although it seems that we're always waiting for something, imagine for a moment what it may have been like for a faithful Jew a little over 2,000 years ago. For thousands of years your people prayed to God for deliverance. God told you that a Messiah, the anointed One of God, the Christ, would come to save you. And because of your faith, you believe God's promise and you wait, and you wait, and you wait for that day to come. You pray, and you pray, and you pray for that day to come. There were probably a number of times you would've thought that God forgot about you, or that for some reason, God changed His mind. But then, strange things begin to happen—an angel appears to a young woman with news that will not only change her life, but the world. An army of angels suddenly appear, not to kings, but to lowly shepherds, bringing news so amazing that they had to go see this thing for themselves. And there among the quiet noises of some curious livestock, a baby is born. In those strange events and in that child, rests everyone's prayers they prayed for thousands of years. In that child, rests all the promises God made to His people for thousands of years.

The season of Advent is unique. It is a season of longing. Advent is a time when our prayers focus upon that First coming of Jesus as well as the Second coming of Jesus. Like the Jews of thousands of years ago, we can also pray for the Christ to come, but this time—to come again. Of course, just like those people who waited for the first arrival of the Messiah, there are those times that we may feel like saying to God, and maybe even do say to God, “How long do I have to wait? Where is my deliverance?” Maybe we really aren't too different from the faithful who waited for the First coming of Jesus. But there is one difference, a very large difference.

In many ways, we are more blessed than the Jews of all those years ago. Yes, we are probably more comfortable, better fed, and safer than they were, but none of those can even compare to the most important blessing. We are more blessed because we have much more than a promise; we have the promise's fulfillment in Jesus. Of course, we're still waiting. And yes, we continue to struggle through the challenges of life and cry out to God as the tears fall. And we understand that will not change in this life. But what has changed is this—we actually get to hold our Deliverer in our hands every time we come to the Lord's table where we can truly taste and see that our deliverance has come. We get to hear Him sing hymns to us through the voices of others and to hear him speak Words to comfort us, through Scripture and through our time in worship that our comforter has come. What do we have that they didn't? We have Jesus.

Advent is a time to long for Jesus to return again and to redeem all of heaven and earth. This is God's promise to us. He fulfilled this promise in Christ and one day, we will see it with our own two eyes when He returns again. Until that day comes, may our hearts always pray' not just with longing, but with the hope that comes through faith, “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel and ransom captive Israel.”

May your Advent, your Christmas, and all the time to come, bring you hope, love, joy, peace and most of all, Emmanuel—God with us!

Pastor Jay

I have a lot of information to convey to our members from 2 council meetings in November. Trinity was able to purchase the house from the Ensles this month. The money for the purchase came from the parsonage fund. Historically, this fund was started in the late 1980s when the Ensle's purchased the house from the Church. Over the years this fund has grown significantly and this money has been used to cover Church upgrades such as the handicap bathroom, new carpet in the educational wing and recently purchase of the house. Plans are to demolish the house(estimated cost of 8500). This will enable us to enlarge and upgrade the playground area for the Church. I think those changes will make for an attractive playground area.

Randy Wetzel reported that a new custodian was hired and his name is Al Ledesma. Previously, he was a custodian in the local school system and was well liked. He should be a nice addition and we welcome him.

Pastor gave us his health update as he continues to receive his treatment in Omaha. He told us that he is trying to continue to serve us but he realizes that at some point he may not be able to and may have to retire. He has put his house up for sale and he gave us his blessing to start a call process. Because of his treatment schedule he felt he would not be able conduct the Advent services. Thus the worship committee recommended canceling them this year.

A meeting with an LCMC representative was held last week and she gave us her thoughts and recommendations on how to proceed . She feels that initially we should focus on an interim Pastor. This individual may be either full time or part time. If part time , then there are video services(sermons) which are available to fill in when needed. She did touch on a couple of controversial subjects in that candidates for our pastoral position may not want to do both a Saturday and Sunday service. There was discussion on this topic and there are those who strongly want to continue this tradition but she pointed out this could limit our pool of candidates. Personally, I know people want to continue these traditions but we will get a better sense of how this plays out going forward. Obviously, it is a controversial subject with no easy solution but I am putting it out there so at least our congregation is aware of the potential for change. Another difficult topic is whether the radio broadcast of our service will continue in the future. There are no plans to change that yet ,but if future financial concerns arise related to increasing insurance , utility and maintenance costs then I suspect the cost of that service will be evaluated. With the tech advances of Facebook and YouTube individuals could still access the church services at Trinity. Hopefully, that is a long way off.

Currently, these are our concerns going forward and if further clarification is needed just contact me . Len Fleske

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- We have a new custodian, Alan Ledesma.
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Thrivent Choice Dollars	25.00	2,226.00	1,823.00	
Other Revenue	236.94	1,768.04	1,697.22	
Total Receipts	<u>22,178.80</u>	<u>239,760.00</u>	<u>248,386.59</u>	
Expenditures through 10/31/2025	<u>45,975.21</u>	<u>272,139.75</u>	<u>250,957.61</u>	
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A meeting with an LCMC representative was held last week and she gave us her thoughts and recommendations on how to proceed . She feels that initially we should focus on an interim Pastor. This individual may be either full time or part time. If part time , then there are video services(sermons) which are available to fill in when needed. She did touch on a couple of controversial subjects in that candidates for our pastoral position may not want to do both a Saturday and Sunday service. There was discussion on this topic and there are those who strongly want to continue this tradition but she pointed out this could limit our pool of candidates. Personally, I know people want to continue these traditions but we will get a better sense of how this plays out going forward. Obviously, it is a controversial subject with no easy solution but I am putting it out there so at least our congregation is aware of the potential for change. Another difficult topic is whether the radio broadcast of our service will continue in the future. There are no plans to change that yet ,but if future financial concerns arise related to increasing insurance , utility and maintenance costs then I suspect the cost of that service will be evaluated. With the tech advances of Facebook and YouTube individuals could still access the church services at Trinity. Hopefully, that is a long way off.

Currently, these are our concerns going forward and if further clarification is needed just contact me . Len Fleske

Council Highlights

President – Len Fleske

Vice-President – Jeremy Kennedy

Secretary – Christi Penka

Worship – Krista Smith

Education – Kristy Jerke

Ministry – Ruth Lanterman

Operations – Randy Wetzel

- There will be no in person Advent services this year due to conflict of Pr. Jay's treatment schedule, and a shortage of volunteers needed to put the service together.
- We have a new custodian, Alan Ledesma.
- We are closer to completing the sale of the Ensle house.

Trinity Lutheran Church Treasurer's Report October 31, 2025

	For the <u>Month</u>	Year-to-date <u>2025</u>	Year-to-date <u>2024</u>	
Unified Budget Receipts				
Regular Offerings	21,916.86	235,765.96	244,866.37	
Thrivent Choice Dollars	25.00	2,226.00	1,823.00	
Other Revenue	236.94	1,768.04	1,697.22	
Total Receipts	<u>22,178.80</u>	<u>239,760.00</u>	<u>248,386.59</u>	
Expenditures through 10/31/2025	<u>45,975.21</u>	<u>272,139.75</u>	<u>250,957.61</u>	
Over (Short) of Actual Expenses	<u>(23,796.41)</u>	<u>(32,379.75)</u>	<u>(2,571.02)</u>	
		Year-to-date 2025	Year-to-date 2024	Increase/ (Decrease) from 2024
Budget Receipts:				
Average per Sunday		<u>5,482.93</u>	<u>5,694.57</u>	<u>(211.64)</u>
(43 Sundays in 2025)				
(43 Sundays in 2024)				
Total Unified Budget Receipts		235,765.96	244,866.37	<u>(9,100.41)</u>
Budget Requirements		282,670.83	288,329.17	
Over (Short) of Budget Goal		<u>(46,904.87)</u>	<u>(43,462.80)</u>	

Rebecca Cirlce

Ten ladies met on Monday, November 19 for Bible Study, a short meeting, refreshments and fellowship. Tina Hiss led our Bible Study on Faith and Sight in Daily Living. We are to pray and discern what God is calling us to do as our vocation in life. Vicki Anderson and Audrey Jenisch were our hostesses and served a delicious cake amid a beautifully fall decorated table. During the short meeting, we reminded the ladies that our Christmas party will be held on December 7th at 5:00 at the home of Tina and Rick Hiss. We are to bring a snack to be enjoyed by all. We will be assembling Christmas gifts to be delivered to our shut-ins.

We will not meet in January. Our next meeting will be on February 16th.

Friendship Circle

The Friendship Circle met November 19th with twelve ladies present. Judi Brack Johnson opened the meeting with a prayer. The items from TLF Council were discussed and those present were reminded to have some mission names to which monies can be donated by the end of the year. Carla Maneth gave the lesson and Marty Schloemer was the hostess for the meeting. The next meeting will be December 17th with a potluck lunch at 11:30. All Trinity ladies and their friends are welcome to attend the Circle meetings which are held in the church library at 9:30 AM on the third Wednesday of the month.

"Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfill his promises to her!"
Luke 1:45

Quilting Dates:

Tuesday Dec. 9 9:00 a.m.

Upcoming Dates:

Rebecca Circle: Christmas Party December 7th @ 5:00 p.m.

Friendship Circle: Potluck Christmas lunch December 17th @ 11:30 a.m.

Thank You

- We want to thank Kay and Ernie Melton for visiting us and bringing food from the church kitchen. This is highly appreciated. Ted is slowly getting better but has a way to go. Will keep you updated. Again thank you much for thinking about us. We miss you all. Ingrid and Ted Bird
- Thank you from all of us ALWM for your continued support of our ministries. Without congregations like you we could not spread the love of Jesus to all nations of the world. Sincerely in Christ, Rev. Bill Moberly and the ALWM teams.



Scan Me to see
more about
missions

As we move in to advent and the Christmas season lets reflect on what mission truly means. Christmas is a season that celebrates God's mission to the world. The birth of Christ is the moment when God stepped into human history—not to be served, but to serve, and to bring salvation to all. As followers of Jesus, Christmas reminds us that mission is not optional; it is the natural response to God's gift of love.

Christ was sent to earth on a Mission. "For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost." Luke 19:10 Jesus' birth was purposeful. He entered the world on a rescue mission, a mission to serve others and to ultimately save us from our sins. When we engage in mission work: feeding the hungry, visiting the lonely, giving generously, sharing the gospel, we are participating in the very heartbeat of Christmas.

God's love should compel us to give. "For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son..." John 3:16 Christmas is about giving. God gave His Son so we could have life. In return, we give ourselves in service to others. Mission work at Christmas reflects God's generosity: Giving food or gifts to families in need; Supporting missionaries or local ministries; Being present for the elderly or the marginalized

Every act of giving is a direct reflection of the Father's love not only for us but for those receiving the gifts. The light of Christ shines through us during this season of giving. "In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." Matthew 5:16 The world needs the light of Christ—especially during the holidays, when loneliness, stress, and grief can feel overwhelming. Through service and Mission, we become the hope for others to lean on.

"The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us." John 1:14

God did not love from a distance; He came near. He sent Jesus to us on Christmas so that he could be closer to us all, to serve us and share his gifts with us all. This is a model for missions: presence, relationship, care, and service. Mission work at Christmas might mean simple, acts: Sitting and listening; Inviting someone who is alone to your table; Offering encouragement and prayer; Bringing the gospel not only in words but through deeds

He send us to do these acts just as he sent Jesus to do the same. "As the Father has sent Me, I am sending you." — John 20:21 Christmas is not just a celebration of Christ's coming—it is a call to go. Jesus was the first Christmas missionary, and now He sends us to carry His love into the world and do his Mission work.

As we enter the Christmas season a time filled with hope, promise, and the joy of Christ's coming we are reminded that God often works through the unexpected and the young. Jesus Himself came into the world as a child, showing us that God places tremendous value and purpose in the next generation. "Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, and in purity." 1 Timothy 4:12

In our church, we see that same promise reflected in our youth. They are not simply "the church of tomorrow." They are an essential part of the church today—learning, serving, leading worship, volunteering, asking deep questions, and growing in their walk with Christ. Their energy, curiosity, and passion breathe life into our congregation.

I want to say a sincere thank you to all of you who volunteer and mentor our youth. Whether you realize it or not, each and every one of you plays a part in shaping who these children are and how their faith is growing. Your support may be as simple as a hello or a hug as they walk into church, but those small acts matter deeply to them.

Even just being present in church sets an example. They are watching how we interact with one another, the kindness, patience, and love we show to those around us. All of this is an important part of how we nurture and support these children in their faith journey.

So thank you for showing up for them each and every week. Your presence, your encouragement, and your love make a lasting difference.

No Final Wednesday in December see you back in January.

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

Sunday School classes for children ages 3 through High School

Sunday School News

Adult Parlor Class is studying "Stuff They Didn't Teach Me in Sunday School". This is a video series produced by The Lutheran Hour – Men's Network. There is a different lesson every week followed with discussion.

Library Class is studying lessons following the Readings and Gospel lessons for each weekend.

At 10:00, you are invited to enjoy coffee, treats and lots of fun and fellowship in the Gathering Space.

We would love to have everyone join us whenever you can!

Prayer Page for December 2025

WE PRAY TODAY FOR:

Resident of Azria of GB

Sam Spece

Resident of Riverbend of GB

Elsena Bender

Resident of Brookdale

Joyce Nagel Jim Juergensen

Resident of Medical Lodges

Ladine Hartman

Residents Out-of-Town:

Marie Schepmann,
Hoisington

Donna Oliver, Wichita

Clara Mae Brown, Larned

August Sandy, Larned

Alene Clarke, Manhattan

Glen Snyder, Larned

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

PRAYERS FOR HEALING:

Leann Wegele, Vicki Boxberger, Sheryl Corn, Carolyn Nelson, Ted Bird

Delores Schneidewind, Dottie Anderson, Robert Rowland, Kasey Kennedy

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

Dottie Anderson, Ruth Steitz, Debbie Marshall, Geneva Steinert, Gary Klima,

Ron & Janice Ensle, Eleanor Postlethwaite, Kim Kummer & Pastor Jay

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*)

Roberta Holden (*Judy Messersmith*)

Cirus Feil, Ashley Corn, Jessie & Creed

Rodriguez; Rachel Corn & Family (*family/
Steve & Sheryl Corn*)

Janet Meyers, Misty Claussen Train (*friends/
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Dennis Peter (*Cousin Sheryl Corn*)

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

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

Rob Smith, Lynn Smith (*BiL/sister/Kathy
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Even just being present in church sets an example. They are watching how we interact with one another, the kindness, patience, and love we show to those around us. All of this is an important part of how we nurture and support these children in their faith journey.

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Sunday School classes for children ages 3 through High School

Sunday School News

Adult Parlor Class is studying "Stuff They Didn't Teach Me in Sunday School". This is a video series produced by The Lutheran Hour – Men's Network. There is a different lesson every week followed with discussion.

Library Class is studying lessons following the Readings and Gospel lessons for each weekend.

At 10:00, you are invited to enjoy coffee, treats and lots of fun and fellowship in the Gathering Space.

We would love to have everyone join us whenever you can!

Prayer Page for December 2025

WE PRAY TODAY FOR:

Resident of Azria of GB

Sam Spece

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Elsena Bender

Resident of Brookdale

Joyce Nagel Jim Juergensen

Resident of Medical Lodges

Ladine Hartman

Residents Out-of-Town:

Marie Schepmann,
Hoisington

Donna Oliver, Wichita

Clara Mae Brown, Larned

August Sandy, Larned

Alene Clarke, Manhattan

Glen Snyder, Larned

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Barton Co. Emergency Aid

Awakening Lives to World Missions

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PRAYERS FOR HEALING:

Leann Wegele, Vicki Boxberger, Sheryl Corn, Carolyn Nelson, Ted Bird

Delores Schneidewind, Dottie Anderson, Robert Rowland, Kasey Kennedy

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

Dottie Anderson, Ruth Steitz, Debbie Marshall, Geneva Steinert, Gary Klima,

Ron & Janice Ensle, Eleanor Postlethwaite, Kim Kummer & Pastor Jay

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*)

Roberta Holden (*Judy Messersmith*)

Cirus Feil, Ashley Corn, Jessie & Creed

Rodriguez; Rachel Corn & Family (*family/
Steve & Sheryl Corn*)

Janet Meyers, Misty Claussen Train (*friends/
Steve & Sheryl Corn*)

Dennis Peter (*Cousin Sheryl Corn*)

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

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

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*)

Evette Aguilera (*Friend Ruth Lanterman*)

Daniel Klima & Christine Klima (*Son &
Daughter of Merle & Liz Klima*)

Sandra Geschwenter (*Friend of Christi
Penka*)

Kim Feulner (*cousin of Christi Penka*)

Cathy Bell (*Friend of Penkas*)

Linda Cannon (*friend of Penka*)

Donita Keil (*Aunt/ Christi Penka*)

Pam (*friend of Penka's*)

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*)

Jorja Campbell (*Niece of Ruth Steitz*)

Jamie Howard (*Niece of Ruth Steitz*)

Roger Suchy (*Brother/Connie Belt*)

LaDesha Clark, Todd Clark, Cody Clark, Janie
Mooneyham (*Family of Tom Kirkhart*)

Jim New (*friend of Hofeling*)

Sharon Campbell (*friend Lorrie Ruble*)

Sandra Bauer (*Lucy Snyder*)

Vera Reed (*friend Judy Dunn*)

Enrique Lira (*Friend of Katy Jerke*)

Vickie Gardner (*Maynard & Shari Miller*)

Kimi Peters (*Maynard & Shari Miller*)

Meri Desmond (*cousin Rachel Kitch*)

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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A Kenton Christmas

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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.)

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O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
 And ransom captive Israel,
 That mourns in lonely exile here
 Until the Son of God appear.
 Rejoice! Rejoice!
 Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel - ELW #257 verse 1

There is something unique about the Season of Advent. Often, it's seen as a season of waiting; a season of expectation; a season of preparation. And although it seems that we're always waiting for something, imagine for a moment what it may have been like for a faithful Jew a little over 2,000 years ago. For thousands of years your people prayed to God for deliverance. God told you that a Messiah, the anointed One of God, the Christ, would come to save you. And because of your faith, you believe God's promise and you wait, and you wait, and you wait for that day to come. You pray, and you pray, and you pray for that day to come. There were probably a number of times you would've thought that God forgot about you, or that for some reason, God changed His mind. But then, strange things begin to happen—an angel appears to a young woman with news that will not only change her life, but the world. An army of angels suddenly appear, not to kings, but to lowly shepherds, bringing news so amazing that they had to go see this thing for themselves. And there among the quiet noises of some curious livestock, a baby is born. In those strange events and in that child, rests everyone's prayers they prayed for thousands of years. In that child, rests all the promises God made to His people for thousands of years.

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Advent is a time to long for Jesus to return again and to redeem all of heaven and earth. This is God's promise to us. He fulfilled this promise in Christ and one day, we will see it with our own two eyes when He returns again. Until that day comes, may our hearts always pray' not just with longing, but with the hope that comes through faith, “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel and ransom captive Israel.”

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The Kenton Brass has been performing these Christmas concerts for more than 50 years in the Hutchinson and Wichita area. This is the second 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.)

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O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
 And ransom captive Israel,
 That mourns in lonely exile here
 Until the Son of God appear.
 Rejoice! Rejoice!
 Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel - ELW #257 verse 1

There is something unique about the Season of Advent. Often, it's seen as a season of waiting; a season of expectation; a season of preparation. And although it seems that we're always waiting for something, imagine for a moment what it may have been like for a faithful Jew a little over 2,000 years ago. For thousands of years your people prayed to God for deliverance. God told you that a Messiah, the anointed One of God, the Christ, would come to save you. And because of your faith, you believe God's promise and you wait, and you wait, and you wait for that day to come. You pray, and you pray, and you pray for that day to come. There were probably a number of times you would've thought that God forgot about you, or that for some reason, God changed His mind. But then, strange things begin to happen—an angel appears to a young woman with news that will not only change her life, but the world. An army of angels suddenly appear, not to kings, but to lowly shepherds, bringing news so amazing that they had to go see this thing for themselves. And there among the quiet noises of some curious livestock, a baby is born. In those strange events and in that child, rests everyone's prayers they prayed for thousands of years. In that child, rests all the promises God made to His people for thousands of years.

The season of Advent is unique. It is a season of longing. Advent is a time when our prayers focus upon that First coming of Jesus as well as the Second coming of Jesus. Like the Jews of thousands of years ago, we can also pray for the Christ to come, but this time—to come again. Of course, just like those people who waited for the first arrival of the Messiah, there are those times that we may feel like saying to God, and maybe even do say to God, “How long do I have to wait? Where is my deliverance?” Maybe we really aren't too different from the faithful who waited for the First coming of Jesus. But there is one difference, a very large difference.

In many ways, we are more blessed than the Jews of all those years ago. Yes, we are probably more comfortable, better fed, and safer than they were, but none of those can even compare to the most important blessing. We are more blessed because we have much more than a promise; we have the promise's fulfillment in Jesus. Of course, we're still waiting. And yes, we continue to struggle through the challenges of life and cry out to God as the tears fall. And we understand that will not change in this life. But what has changed is this—we actually get to hold our Deliverer in our hands every time we come to the Lord's table where we can truly taste and see that our deliverance has come. We get to hear Him sing hymns to us through the voices of others and to hear him speak Words to comfort us, through Scripture and through our time in worship that our comforter has come. What do we have that they didn't? We have Jesus.

Advent is a time to long for Jesus to return again and to redeem all of heaven and earth. This is God's promise to us. He fulfilled this promise in Christ and one day, we will see it with our own two eyes when He returns again. Until that day comes, may our hearts always pray' not just with longing, but with the hope that comes through faith, “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel and ransom captive Israel.”

May your Advent, your Christmas, and all the time to come, bring you hope, love, joy, peace and most of all, Emmanuel—God with us!

Pastor Jay

I have a lot of information to convey to our members from 2 council meetings in November. Trinity was able to purchase the house from the Ensles this month. The money for the purchase came from the parsonage fund. Historically, this fund was started in the late 1980s when the Ensle's purchased the house from the Church. Over the years this fund has grown significantly and this money has been used to cover Church upgrades such as the handicap bathroom, new carpet in the educational wing and recently purchase of the house. Plans are to demolish the house(estimated cost of 8500). This will enable us to enlarge and upgrade the playground area for the Church. I think those changes will make for an attractive playground area.

Randy Wetzel reported that a new custodian was hired and his name is Al Ledesma. Previously, he was a custodian in the local school system and was well liked. He should be a nice addition and we welcome him.

Pastor gave us his health update as he continues to receive his treatment in Omaha. He told us that he is trying to continue to serve us but he realizes that at some point he may not be able to and may have to retire. He has put his house up for sale and he gave us his blessing to start a call process. Because of his treatment schedule he felt he would not be able conduct the Advent services. Thus the worship committee recommended canceling them this year.

A meeting with an LCMC representative was held last week and she gave us her thoughts and recommendations on how to proceed . She feels that initially we should focus on an interim Pastor. This individual may be either full time or part time. If part time , then there are video services(sermons) which are available to fill in when needed. She did touch on a couple of controversial subjects in that candidates for our pastoral position may not want to do both a Saturday and Sunday service. There was discussion on this topic and there are those who strongly want to continue this tradition but she pointed out this could limit our pool of candidates. Personally, I know people want to continue these traditions but we will get a better sense of how this plays out going forward. Obviously, it is a controversial subject with no easy solution but I am putting it out there so at least our congregation is aware of the potential for change. Another difficult topic is whether the radio broadcast of our service will continue in the future. There are no plans to change that yet ,but if future financial concerns arise related to increasing insurance , utility and maintenance costs then I suspect the cost of that service will be evaluated. With the tech advances of Facebook and YouTube individuals could still access the church services at Trinity. Hopefully, that is a long way off.

Currently, these are our concerns going forward and if further clarification is needed just contact me . Len Fleske

Council Highlights

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- There will be no in person Advent services this year due to conflict of Pr. Jay's treatment schedule, and a shortage of volunteers needed to put the service together.
- We have a new custodian, Alan Ledesma.
- We are closer to completing the sale of the Ensle house.

Trinity Lutheran Church Treasurer's Report October 31, 2025

	For the <u>Month</u>	Year-to-date <u>2025</u>	Year-to-date <u>2024</u>	
Unified Budget Receipts				
Regular Offerings	21,916.86	235,765.96	244,866.37	
Thrivent Choice Dollars	25.00	2,226.00	1,823.00	
Other Revenue	236.94	1,768.04	1,697.22	
Total Receipts	<u>22,178.80</u>	<u>239,760.00</u>	<u>248,386.59</u>	
Expenditures through 10/31/2025	<u>45,975.21</u>	<u>272,139.75</u>	<u>250,957.61</u>	
Over (Short) of Actual Expenses	<u>(23,796.41)</u>	<u>(32,379.75)</u>	<u>(2,571.02)</u>	
Budget Receipts:		Year-to-date 2025	Year-to-date 2024	Increase/ (Decrease) from 2024
Average per Sunday (43 Sundays in 2025) (43 Sundays in 2024)		<u>5,482.93</u>	<u>5,694.57</u>	<u>(211.64)</u>
Total Unified Budget Receipts		235,765.96	244,866.37	<u>(9,100.41)</u>
Budget Requirements		282,670.83	288,329.17	
Over (Short) of Budget Goal		<u>(46,904.87)</u>	<u>(43,462.80)</u>	

Rebecca Cirlce

Ten ladies met on Monday, November 19 for Bible Study, a short meeting, refreshments and fellowship. Tina Hiss led our Bible Study on Faith and Sight in Daily Living. We are to pray and discern what God is calling us to do as our vocation in life. Vicki Anderson and Audrey Jenisch were our hostesses and served a delicious cake amid a beautifully fall decorated table. During the short meeting, we reminded the ladies that our Christmas party will be held on December 7th at 5:00 at the home of Tina and Rick Hiss. We are to bring a snack to be enjoyed by all. We will be assembling Christmas gifts to be delivered to our shut-ins.

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Friendship Circle

The Friendship Circle met November 19th with twelve ladies present. Judi Brack Johnson opened the meeting with a prayer. The items from TLF Council were discussed and those present were reminded to have some mission names to which monies can be donated by the end of the year. Carla Maneth gave the lesson and Marty Schloemer was the hostess for the meeting. The next meeting will be December 17th with a potluck lunch at 11:30. All Trinity ladies and their friends are welcome to attend the Circle meetings which are held in the church library at 9:30 AM on the third Wednesday of the month.

"Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfill his promises to her!"
Luke 1:45

Quilting Dates:

Tuesday Dec. 9 9:00 a.m.

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Thank You

- We want to thank Kay and Ernie Melton for visiting us and bringing food from the church kitchen. This is highly appreciated. Ted is slowly getting better but has a way to go. Will keep you updated. Again thank you much for thinking about us. We miss you all. Ingrid and Ted Bird
- Thank you from all of us ALWM for your continued support of our ministries. Without congregations like you we could not spread the love of Jesus to all nations of the world. Sincerely in Christ, Rev. Bill Moberly and the ALWM teams.



Scan Me to see
more about
missions

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God's love should compel us to give. "For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son..." John 3:16 Christmas is about giving. God gave His Son so we could have life. In return, we give ourselves in service to others. Mission work at Christmas reflects God's generosity: Giving food or gifts to families in need; Supporting missionaries or local ministries; Being present for the elderly or the marginalized

Every act of giving is a direct reflection of the Father's love not only for us but for those receiving the gifts. The light of Christ shines through us during this season of giving. "In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." Matthew 5:16 The world needs the light of Christ—especially during the holidays, when loneliness, stress, and grief can feel overwhelming. Through service and Mission, we become the hope for others to lean on.

"The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us." John 1:14

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We will not meet in January. Our next meeting will be on February 16th.

Friendship Circle

The Friendship Circle met November 19th with twelve ladies present. Judi Brack Johnson opened the meeting with a prayer. The items from TLF Council were discussed and those present were reminded to have some mission names to which monies can be donated by the end of the year. Carla Maneth gave the lesson and Marty Schloemer was the hostess for the meeting. The next meeting will be December 17th with a potluck lunch at 11:30. All Trinity ladies and their friends are welcome to attend the Circle meetings which are held in the church library at 9:30 AM on the third Wednesday of the month.

"Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfill his promises to her!"
Luke 1:45

Quilting Dates:

Tuesday Dec. 9 9:00 a.m.

Upcoming Dates:

Rebecca Circle: Christmas Party December 7th @ 5:00 p.m.

Friendship Circle: Potluck Christmas lunch December 17th @ 11:30 a.m.

Thank You

- We want to thank Kay and Ernie Melton for visiting us and bringing food from the church kitchen. This is highly appreciated. Ted is slowly getting better but has a way to go. Will keep you updated. Again thank you much for thinking about us. We miss you all. Ingrid and Ted Bird
- Thank you from all of us ALWM for your continued support of our ministries. Without congregations like you we could not spread the love of Jesus to all nations of the world. Sincerely in Christ, Rev. Bill Moberly and the ALWM teams.



Scan Me to see
more about
missions

As we move in to advent and the Christmas season lets reflect on what mission truly means. Christmas is a season that celebrates God's mission to the world. The birth of Christ is the moment when God stepped into human history—not to be served, but to serve, and to bring salvation to all. As followers of Jesus, Christmas reminds us that mission is not optional; it is the natural response to God's gift of love.

Christ was sent to earth on a Mission. "For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost." Luke 19:10 Jesus' birth was purposeful. He entered the world on a rescue mission, a mission to serve others and to ultimately save us from our sins. When we engage in mission work: feeding the hungry, visiting the lonely, giving generously, sharing the gospel, we are participating in the very heartbeat of Christmas.

God's love should compel us to give. "For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son..." John 3:16 Christmas is about giving. God gave His Son so we could have life. In return, we give ourselves in service to others. Mission work at Christmas reflects God's generosity: Giving food or gifts to families in need; Supporting missionaries or local ministries; Being present for the elderly or the marginalized

Every act of giving is a direct reflection of the Father's love not only for us but for those receiving the gifts. The light of Christ shines through us during this season of giving. "In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." Matthew 5:16 The world needs the light of Christ—especially during the holidays, when loneliness, stress, and grief can feel overwhelming. Through service and Mission, we become the hope for others to lean on.

"The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us." John 1:14

God did not love from a distance; He came near. He sent Jesus to us on Christmas so that he could be closer to us all, to serve us and share his gifts with us all. This is a model for missions: presence, relationship, care, and service. Mission work at Christmas might mean simple, acts: Sitting and listening; Inviting someone who is alone to your table; Offering encouragement and prayer; Bringing the gospel not only in words but through deeds

He send us to do these acts just as he sent Jesus to do the same. "As the Father has sent Me, I am sending you." — John 20:21 Christmas is not just a celebration of Christ's coming—it is a call to go. Jesus was the first Christmas missionary, and now He sends us to carry His love into the world and do his Mission work.

As we enter the Christmas season a time filled with hope, promise, and the joy of Christ's coming we are reminded that God often works through the unexpected and the young. Jesus Himself came into the world as a child, showing us that God places tremendous value and purpose in the next generation. "Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, and in purity." 1 Timothy 4:12

In our church, we see that same promise reflected in our youth. They are not simply "the church of tomorrow." They are an essential part of the church today—learning, serving, leading worship, volunteering, asking deep questions, and growing in their walk with Christ. Their energy, curiosity, and passion breathe life into our congregation.

I want to say a sincere thank you to all of you who volunteer and mentor our youth. Whether you realize it or not, each and every one of you plays a part in shaping who these children are and how their faith is growing. Your support may be as simple as a hello or a hug as they walk into church, but those small acts matter deeply to them.

Even just being present in church sets an example. They are watching how we interact with one another, the kindness, patience, and love we show to those around us. All of this is an important part of how we nurture and support these children in their faith journey.

So thank you for showing up for them each and every week. Your presence, your encouragement, and your love make a lasting difference.

No Final Wednesday in December see you back in January.

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

Sunday School classes for children ages 3 through High School

Sunday School News

Adult Parlor Class is studying "Stuff They Didn't Teach Me in Sunday School". This is a video series produced by The Lutheran Hour – Men's Network. There is a different lesson every week followed with discussion.

Library Class is studying lessons following the Readings and Gospel lessons for each weekend.

At 10:00, you are invited to enjoy coffee, treats and lots of fun and fellowship in the Gathering Space.

We would love to have everyone join us whenever you can!

Prayer Page for December 2025

WE PRAY TODAY FOR:

Resident of Azria of GB

Sam Spece

Resident of Riverbend of GB

Elsena Bender

Resident of Brookdale

Joyce Nagel Jim Juergensen

Resident of Medical Lodges

Ladine Hartman

Residents Out-of-Town:

Marie Schepmann,
Hoisington

Donna Oliver, Wichita

Clara Mae Brown, Larned

August Sandy, Larned

Alene Clarke, Manhattan

Glen Snyder, Larned

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

PRAYERS FOR HEALING:

Leann Wegele, Vicki Boxberger, Sheryl Corn, Carolyn Nelson, Ted Bird

Delores Schneidewind, Dottie Anderson, Robert Rowland, Kasey Kennedy

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

Dottie Anderson, Ruth Steitz, Debbie Marshall, Geneva Steinert, Gary Klima,

Ron & Janice Ensle, Eleanor Postlethwaite, Kim Kummer & Pastor Jay

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*)

Roberta Holden (*Judy Messersmith*)

Cirus Feil, Ashley Corn, Jessie & Creed

Rodriguez; Rachel Corn & Family (*family/
Steve & Sheryl Corn*)

Janet Meyers, Misty Claussen Train (*friends/
Steve & Sheryl Corn*)

Dennis Peter (*Cousin Sheryl Corn*)

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

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

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*)

Evette Aguilera (*Friend Ruth Lanterman*)

Daniel Klima & Christine Klima (*Son &
Daughter of Merle & Liz Klima*)

Sandra Geschwenter (*Friend of Christi
Penka*)

Kim Feulner (*cousin of Christi Penka*)

Cathy Bell (*Friend of Penkas*)

Linda Cannon (*friend of Penka*)

Donita Keil (*Aunt/ Christi Penka*)

Pam (*friend of Penka's*)

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*)

Jorja Campbell (*Niece of Ruth Steitz*)

Jamie Howard (*Niece of Ruth Steitz*)

Roger Suchy (*Brother/Connie Belt*)

LaDesha Clark, Todd Clark, Cody Clark, Janie
Mooneyham (*Family of Tom Kirkhart*)

Jim New (*friend of Hofeling*)

Sharon Campbell (*friend Lorrie Ruble*)

Sandra Bauer (*Lucy Snyder*)

Vera Reed (*friend Judy Dunn*)

Enrique Lira (*Friend of Katy Jerke*)

Vickie Gardner (*Maynard & Shari Miller*)

Kimi Peters (*Maynard & Shari Miller*)

Meri Desmond (*cousin Rachel Kitch*)

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	1 5:30 TLCD Board Meeting 7:00 p.m. Bldg. & Grnds Meeting	2	3 5:15 p.m. KICKS	4	5	6 5:00 p.m. Worship Service
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Ten ladies met on Monday, November 19 for Bible Study, a short meeting, refreshments and fellowship. Tina Hiss led our Bible Study on Faith and Sight in Daily Living. We are to pray and discern what God is calling us to do as our vocation in life. Vicki Anderson and Audrey Jenisch were our hostesses and served a delicious cake amid a beautifully fall decorated table. During the short meeting, we reminded the ladies that our Christmas party will be held on December 7th at 5:00 at the home of Tina and Rick Hiss. We are to bring a snack to be enjoyed by all. We will be assembling Christmas gifts to be delivered to our shut-ins.

We will not meet in January. Our next meeting will be on February 16th.

Friendship Circle

The Friendship Circle met November 19th with twelve ladies present. Judi Brack Johnson opened the meeting with a prayer. The items from TLF Council were discussed and those present were reminded to have some mission names to which monies can be donated by the end of the year. Carla Maneth gave the lesson and Marty Schloemer was the hostess for the meeting. The next meeting will be December 17th with a potluck lunch at 11:30. All Trinity ladies and their friends are welcome to attend the Circle meetings which are held in the church library at 9:30 AM on the third Wednesday of the month.

"Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfill his promises to her!"
Luke 1:45

Quilting Dates:

Tuesday Dec. 9 9:00 a.m.

Upcoming Dates:

Rebecca Circle: Christmas Party December 7th @ 5:00 p.m.

Friendship Circle: Potluck Christmas lunch December 17th @ 11:30 a.m.

Thank You

- We want to thank Kay and Ernie Melton for visiting us and bringing food from the church kitchen. This is highly appreciated. Ted is slowly getting better but has a way to go. Will keep you updated. Again thank you much for thinking about us. We miss you all. Ingrid and Ted Bird
- Thank you from all of us ALWM for your continued support of our ministries. Without congregations like you we could not spread the love of Jesus to all nations of the world. Sincerely in Christ, Rev. Bill Moberly and the ALWM teams.



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As we move in to advent and the Christmas season lets reflect on what mission truly means. Christmas is a season that celebrates God's mission to the world. The birth of Christ is the moment when God stepped into human history—not to be served, but to serve, and to bring salvation to all. As followers of Jesus, Christmas reminds us that mission is not optional; it is the natural response to God's gift of love.

Christ was sent to earth on a Mission. "For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost." Luke 19:10 Jesus' birth was purposeful. He entered the world on a rescue mission, a mission to serve others and to ultimately save us from our sins. When we engage in mission work: feeding the hungry, visiting the lonely, giving generously, sharing the gospel, we are participating in the very heartbeat of Christmas.

God's love should compel us to give. "For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son..." John 3:16 Christmas is about giving. God gave His Son so we could have life. In return, we give ourselves in service to others. Mission work at Christmas reflects God's generosity: Giving food or gifts to families in need; Supporting missionaries or local ministries; Being present for the elderly or the marginalized

Every act of giving is a direct reflection of the Father's love not only for us but for those receiving the gifts. The light of Christ shines through us during this season of giving. "In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." Matthew 5:16 The world needs the light of Christ—especially during the holidays, when loneliness, stress, and grief can feel overwhelming. Through service and Mission, we become the hope for others to lean on.

"The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us." John 1:14

God did not love from a distance; He came near. He sent Jesus to us on Christmas so that he could be closer to us all, to serve us and share his gifts with us all. This is a model for missions: presence, relationship, care, and service. Mission work at Christmas might mean simple, acts: Sitting and listening; Inviting someone who is alone to your table; Offering encouragement and prayer; Bringing the gospel not only in words but through deeds

He send us to do these acts just as he sent Jesus to do the same. "As the Father has sent Me, I am sending you." — John 20:21 Christmas is not just a celebration of Christ's coming—it is a call to go. Jesus was the first Christmas missionary, and now He sends us to carry His love into the world and do his Mission work.

As we enter the Christmas season a time filled with hope, promise, and the joy of Christ's coming we are reminded that God often works through the unexpected and the young. Jesus Himself came into the world as a child, showing us that God places tremendous value and purpose in the next generation. "Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, and in purity." 1 Timothy 4:12

In our church, we see that same promise reflected in our youth. They are not simply "the church of tomorrow." They are an essential part of the church today—learning, serving, leading worship, volunteering, asking deep questions, and growing in their walk with Christ. Their energy, curiosity, and passion breathe life into our congregation.

I want to say a sincere thank you to all of you who volunteer and mentor our youth. Whether you realize it or not, each and every one of you plays a part in shaping who these children are and how their faith is growing. Your support may be as simple as a hello or a hug as they walk into church, but those small acts matter deeply to them.

Even just being present in church sets an example. They are watching how we interact with one another, the kindness, patience, and love we show to those around us. All of this is an important part of how we nurture and support these children in their faith journey.

So thank you for showing up for them each and every week. Your presence, your encouragement, and your love make a lasting difference.

No Final Wednesday in December see you back in January.

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

Sunday School classes for children ages 3 through High School

Sunday School News

Adult Parlor Class is studying "Stuff They Didn't Teach Me in Sunday School". This is a video series produced by The Lutheran Hour – Men's Network. There is a different lesson every week followed with discussion.

Library Class is studying lessons following the Readings and Gospel lessons for each weekend.

At 10:00, you are invited to enjoy coffee, treats and lots of fun and fellowship in the Gathering Space.

We would love to have everyone join us whenever you can!

Prayer Page for December 2025

WE PRAY TODAY FOR:

Resident of Azria of GB

Sam Spece

Resident of Riverbend of GB

Elsena Bender

Resident of Brookdale

Joyce Nagel Jim Juergensen

Resident of Medical Lodges

Ladine Hartman

Residents Out-of-Town:

Marie Schepmann,
Hoisington

Donna Oliver, Wichita

Clara Mae Brown, Larned

August Sandy, Larned

Alene Clarke, Manhattan

Glen Snyder, Larned

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

PRAYERS FOR HEALING:

Leann Wegele, Vicki Boxberger, Sheryl Corn, Carolyn Nelson, Ted Bird

Delores Schneidewind, Dottie Anderson, Robert Rowland, Kasey Kennedy

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

Dottie Anderson, Ruth Steitz, Debbie Marshall, Geneva Steinert, Gary Klima,

Ron & Janice Ensle, Eleanor Postlethwaite, Kim Kummer & Pastor Jay

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*)

Roberta Holden (*Judy Messersmith*)

Cirus Feil, Ashley Corn, Jessie & Creed

Rodriguez; Rachel Corn & Family (*family/
Steve & Sheryl Corn*)

Janet Meyers, Misty Claussen Train (*friends/
Steve & Sheryl Corn*)

Dennis Peter (*Cousin Sheryl Corn*)

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

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

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*)

Evette Aguilera (*Friend Ruth Lanterman*)

Daniel Klima & Christine Klima (*Son &
Daughter of Merle & Liz Klima*)

Sandra Geschwenter (*Friend of Christi
Penka*)

Kim Feulner (*cousin of Christi Penka*)

Cathy Bell (*Friend of Penkas*)

Linda Cannon (*friend of Penka*)

Donita Keil (*Aunt/ Christi Penka*)

Pam (*friend of Penka's*)

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*)

Jorja Campbell (*Niece of Ruth Steitz*)

Jamie Howard (*Niece of Ruth Steitz*)

Roger Suchy (*Brother/Connie Belt*)

LaDesha Clark, Todd Clark, Cody Clark, Janie

Mooneyham (*Family of Tom Kirkhart*)

Jim New (*friend of Hofeling*)

Sharon Campbell (*friend Lorrie Ruble*)

Sandra Bauer (*Lucy Snyder*)

Vera Reed (*friend Judy Dunn*)

Enrique Lira (*Friend of Katy Jerke*)

Vickie Gardner (*Maynard & Shari Miller*)

Kimi Peters (*Maynard & Shari Miller*)

Meri Desmond (*cousin Rachel Kitch*)

December 2025

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

	1 5:30 TLCD Board Meeting 7:00 p.m. Bldg. & Grnds Meeting	2	3 5:15 p.m. KICKS	4	5	6 5:00 p.m. Worship Service
7 9:15 a.m. Education Hour 10:30 a.m. Worship Service 1:00 p.m. Stan Kenton 5:00 p.m. Rebecca Circle	8	9 9:00 a.m. Quilting 2:00 p.m. TLF Council	10 5:15 p.m. KICKS	11	12	13 5:00 p.m. Worship Service
14 9:15 a.m. Education Hour 10:30 a.m. Worship Service 7:00 p.m. Council Meeting	15	16	17 11:30 a.m. Friendship Circle	18	19	20 5:00 p.m. Worship Service
21 9:15 a.m. Education Hour 10:30 a.m. Worship Service Fellowship Meal	22	23	24 7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve 10:00 p.m. Christmas Eve	25	26	27 5:00 p.m. Worship Service
28 9:15 a.m. Education Hour 10:30 a.m. Worship Service	29	30	31			

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Advent Service ● ● ●

There will be no in person Wednesday Advent Services, please watch for you tube video options and also pick up an advent devotion in the gathering area of the sanctuary.

Join us on Christmas Eve At 7:00 or 10:00 p.m.