

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Trumpet

JANUARY 2025

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 15th: KICKS Begins

January 19th: Fellowship Meal

January 26th: Dream Center
Meal



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HAPPY NEW YEAR'S!

MAY YOUR LIFE BE BLESSED
AS YOU SEE GOD BRING FORTH
NEW THINGS IN THE COMING YEAR.

Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.—Matthew 6:34

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

—Psalm 118:24

There I was, sitting at the computer and wondering what I should write about for the newsletter when my phone dinged. I looked at it and it happened to be an update about the weather. Now we don't have any snow yet (at least not when I wrote this) but it's definitely on the chillier side of the thermometer in the mornings. And then I remembered something a friend of mine had posted on her Facebook page—I miss my flip-flops, winter go away. And while there are probably a number of people who have the very same thoughts, they will undoubtedly be wishing for cooler weather once summer does arrive.

It seems that we can become fixated about what's coming next in our lives. We don't tend to look around us and see what's happening in the here and now, but instead start planning for the next event once the current one has happened. I'm pretty sure there are a number of us who have already moved on from Christmas and are looking at what is coming up next on the calendar. Now there's nothing wrong with planning for the future or looking ahead to what's coming down the road; but we really do need to stop and look around once in a while and take a look at what's happening right now.

One of my favorite movie characters is Yoda from Star Wars. It seems that he is always coming up with some tidbit of wisdom that was perfect for the situation. At one point he has to decide whether or not he will become a trainer and mentor for a young man and makes this observation, "All his life has he looked away... to the future, to the horizon. Never his mind on where he was. Hmm? What he was doing. Hmph."

Again, there is nothing wrong with looking ahead, to dreaming and planning and wondering what might be. But what happens when that's all we do? What happens when we don't look at where we are now, or how we happened to get there? And you know something? It happens in the church too.

Sometimes we get so busy with what's happening next; the next meeting, the next worship service, the next event and so on that we sometimes forget to stop and look around and see where we are now. And more importantly, to see what God is doing in our lives and the life of the church—right now.

During our recent seasons of Advent and Christmas we like to use the name Emmanuel, or if you prefer Immanuel, as a reminder about how great an event it was that God loved his creation so much that he became one of us and lived among us. And that, as you may remember, is what that name means; God is with us. Not was with us or will be with us, although each is certainly true, but IS with us—right now.

In this space of time between the joys of Christmas, the celebration of a new year and the next big thing on your calendar, I want you to spend a little time in the now. Whether it's during a church service, your own personal devotion or prayer time, or when you can take a quiet moment; set aside the planning and thinking about tomorrow and have some now time with God. As the old saying goes, "Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery, today is a gift of God, which is why we call it the present." So, let's all take some time to come and be with God in the here and now; the very God who is always with us; here and now.

Pastor Jay

Council Highlights

President –

Vice-President – Len Fleske

Secretary – Christi Penka

Worship –

Education – Kristy Jerke

Ministry – Ruth Lanterman

Operations – Randy Wetzel

As the new Council terms are upon us we would like to let everyone know that we are still looking for someone to be President and Worship. If you have questions about either of these positions please contact Krista Smith, Jil Johnson, or Pastor Jay.

Happy New Year to All!

Trinity Lutheran Church Treasurer's Report November 30, 2024

	For the <u>Month</u>	Year-to-date <u>2024</u>	Year-to-date <u>2023</u>	
Unified Budget Receipts				
Regular Offerings	22,365.28	267,231.65	259,144.40	
Thrivent Choice Dollars	25.00	1,848.00	1,357.00	
Other Revenue	129.51	1,826.73	9,885.87	
Total Receipts	<u>22,519.79</u>	<u>270,906.38</u>	<u>270,387.27</u>	
Expenditures through 11/30/2024	<u>26,601.19</u>	<u>277,558.80</u>	<u>247,484.60</u>	
Over (Short) of Actual Expenses	<u>(4,081.40)</u>	<u>(6,652.42)</u>	<u>22,902.67</u>	
Budget Receipts:		Year-to-date 2024	Year-to-date 2023	Increase/ (Decrease) from 2023
Average per Sunday (47 Sundays in 2024) (48 Sundays in 2023)		<u>5,685.78</u>	<u>5,398.84</u>	<u>286.94</u>
Total Unified Budget Receipts		267,231.65	259,144.40	<u>8,087.25</u>
Budget Requirements		317,162.08	301,166.25	
Over (Short) of Budget Goal		<u>(49,930.43)</u>	<u>(42,021.85)</u>	

Rebecca Circle met on December 8th. Ten ladies enjoyed a Christmas party at the beautifully decorated home of Tina Hiss. We introduced ourselves and shared a special childhood memory. Most of the memories included participation in a program at church on Christmas Eve. We opened with a reading from "The Women of Christmas: Let Every Heart Prepare Him Room". What would you do if Jesus knocked on your door this Christmas Eve and found you with a messy house and no clean beds to sleep in? Following prayer, we gathered in the dining room to share food, fun and laughter. We topped off the evening with making gifts for each of our shut-

ins. We look forward to a new year of Bible Study, quilting, serving funeral lunches and supporting our missions. We would love to share our meetings with any of the ladies of Trinity. Please come and join us!

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

Luke 1:45



Friendship Circle

The Friendship Circle met at the Amore Restaurant for their December meeting. Eight ladies visited and enjoyed the customer service of the staff.

TLF Council Meeting January 14 2:00 p.m.

Rebecca Circle No Meeting in January

Friendship Circle January 15 9:30 a.m.

Quilting Dates:

Tuesday January 14 9:00 a.m.

Tuesday January 28 9:00 a.m.

Thursday January 23 9:00 a.m.

As the new year begins we want to encourage all members of Trinity to look into ideas of where we would like to give funds this year. As Matthew 28:19 calls us to make disciples we need to remember that this means in all nations. When looking into this verse and how Missions should work we want to remind everyone that there are 4 folds to this, local, regional, nationally and world. We would like to hear ways that we can impact all of these things. Locally it is much easier to use our hands and feet in our community doing the work of God which means we need to plan ways that we can be out serving our community instead of just writing a check to an organization. Regionally, nationally, and worldly is harder to use our hand and feet although planning a trip to Oaks or another organization to help them on site is great for building a strong community within our church and learning how they truly run their organization by seeing it first hand. These other 3 branches is where we need to look to send funds to help the organizations we chose to support. Local is always important but God did not just command us to make disciples of our local community he specifically says of all nations for a reason. We need to truly look at this and what it means each time we decide how and where we want to give our mission funds.



We are in Need of Volunteers to help with the Dream Center Community Meal. Contact Rachel for more information.

Friendship meals are available in the kitchen freezer in the fellowship hall! Please feel free to deliver them to anyone you know that could use a meal, just sign the sheet so we can have a record. We will look at a date soon to assemble some more meals. We want this mission of Trinity to continue to grow so please continue to share the word with all of our members. Please help spread the love of Christ through food!

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

MATTHEW 28:19

January 15: KICKS

January 22: KICKS

January 29: KICKS



The children enjoyed a Christmas Party on Dec. 4th with lots of fun and laughter. We watched a movie, sang songs, and decorated cookies, we each ate one cookie and then donated the rest to first responders of the community. The kids also sang and played bells in church on December 8th it is always nice to see so many children and families in worship service.

Thank you to all the parents and volunteers who helped make my job a little easier on Wednesday nights. Without the added help we could not continue to grow and bring new children into the program. Please remember Wednesday is open to any children of the community and we would love for you children to bring friends along with them. If you are interested in helping with KICKS in anyway please contact Rachel. She could always use an extra cook, someone to read a story or sing a song with the kids. This can be weekly or once a quarter.

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

Little Blessings Preschool

In December we learned how Mary was gentle with baby Jesus. We had the opportunity to practice being gentle with our own baby dolls. One little guy found that his baby cried quit a bit because his baby was very hungry. Although he was anxious about making sure he had a bottle to feed his baby he never dropped his baby and was able to remain calm and feed his baby.



Christmas gifts for our parent were snow globes that range from Snowman Angels, a Dinosaur, Sea Turtle and a Water Tornado. The children had fun doing their part to bring these snow globes to life.

Our Alphabet rug has been busy coming to life. We are using our bean bag letters, magnetic letters and even sea creatures to match and trace letters.

Have a Blessed New Year —Diana Welshonse



Volunteer Opportunitites

Once again we are asking members to pray over how they can serve at Trinity Lutheran Church. We are needing more people to volunteer for Ushers, Lectors, Camera Operator, Projector, & Assisting Minister. There is also a need for added help on Wednesday evenings, this can be one Wednesday a month or ever week. Please contact the office if you are interested in volunteering.

Volunteers to help with the Dream Center Meal on January 26th. We will be making something to take to the DC Kitchen and then serve those who attend the meal that evening.

Thank You

On behalf of Christ the King Church and the Hurricane victims we want to thank you for you contribution to our disaster relief. This time is hard on everyone involve but knowing that so many people care and are willing to help is comforting. We are truly grateful for your commitment to do God's work and help those in our community who were in great need. Blessing and Jesus Love, Suzi Keaton.

Thank you to Judi Brack Johnson for all your service as an Assisting Minister and as out BCAC representative. We appreciate your dedication to Trinity over the years.

On behalf of the Barton County Food Bank, we appreciate your generous donation. Thank You Board Members.

Prayer Page for November 2025

WE PRAY TODAY FOR:

Resident of Azria of GB

Sam Spece

Allen Ukens

Les Stewart

Resident of Riverbend of GB

Ladine Hartman

Elsena Bender

Resident of Brookdale

Joyce Nagel Jim Juergensen

Resident of Medical Lodges

Deon Lupton

Residents Out-of-Town:

Nancy Soeken, Hutchinson

Wilma Steadman, La Crosse

Marie Schepmann,
Hoisington

Donna Oliver, Wichita

Clara Mae Brown, Larned

August Sandy, Larned

Betty Barnard, Larned

Alene Clarke, Manhattan

Glen Snyder, Larned

Homer Kruckenburg, Prairie
Village

Marty Kruckenburg-Meade

MISSION PARTNERS

Barton Co. Association of Churches

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

Barton Co. Emergency Aid

Awakening Lives to World Missions

Dakota Boys & Girls Ranch

Star of Hope

Live Like Jesus Today

MEMBERS CURRENTLY NEEDING HEALING:

Gene Smith

CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR HEALING:

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

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

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

WE PRAY FOR THOSE CURRENTLY IN OUR MILITARY:

Kelly Vogel, Army (grandson of Deloris Schneidewind)

Lane Wilson, Marine (grandson/Judy Messersmith)

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

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

RELATIVES AND FRIENDS NEEDING HEALING:

Pat Dirks (mother/Darla Clarke)

Danine Smith (sister/Darla Clarke)

Vickie Owston (daughter/Joyce Nagel)

Nick Okeson (friend/Anne Linenberger)

Connie Petersen (cousin/ Bev Juergensen)

Roberta Holden (Judy Messersmith)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Denise Wilson (Sister, Deanna Swank)

Erika Kohart (friend/Vicki Boxberger)

Mary Ann Leroy (friend/Vicki Boxberger)

Pam Merten (friend/Vicki Boxberger)

Jimmy Ernest (cousin/Vicki Boxberger)

Mary McGee (sister/Cindy Smith)

Evette Aguilara (Friend Ruth Lanterman)

Marty Becker (Member Emmanuel Lutheran)

Daniel Klima (Son of Merle & Liz Klima)

Robert Roth (Friend, Judi Brack-Johnson)

Cindy Philips (Judi Brack Johnson)

Barbara Wolter (Judi Brack Johnson)

Laurie Schaffer (Friend of Christi Penka)

Sandra Geschwenter (Friend of Christi Penka)

Kim Feulner (cousin of Christi Penka)

Cathy Bell (Friend of Penkas)

Linda Cannon (friend of Penka)

Donita Keil (Aunt/ Christi Penka)

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

Annabella Davis (friend/Deloris Schneidewind)

Laurie White; Rhonda Feldman (friends Marty
Schloemer)

Gunner Jackson (family friend/Kim Kummer)

Chelsea VanVeleet (friend of Kim Kummer)

Tracy Cox (friend of Kim Kummer)

Lee Kuhn (friend of Kim Kummer)

John Winter (friend of Kummings)

Wally Gregg (friend of Kummer)

Jamie Howard (Niece of Ruth Stietz)

Roger Suchy (Brother/Connie Belt)

LaDesha Clark, Todd Clark, Janie Mooneyham,

Arvella Kirkhart (all family of Tom Kirkhart)

Linda Essmiller (cousin of ArNell Briel)

Jim New (friend of Hofeling)

Amy Dalton (friend of Kitch's)

January 2025

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

			1 Office Closed	2	3 Meal for BCCC Athletes Pastor Gone	4 5:00 p.m. Worship Service
5 9:15 a.m. Education Hour 10:30 a.m. Worship Service	6 5:30 p.m. TLCD Board Meeting 7:00 p.m. Bldg. & Grnds Meeting	7 Pastor Gone	8 LCMC 3 Day of Prayer	9	10	11 5:00 p.m. Worship Service
12 9:15 a.m. Education Hour 10:30 a.m. Worship Service	13	14 9:00 a.m. Quilting 2:00 p.m. TLF Council 7:00 p.m. Council	15 9:30 a.m. Friendship Circle 5:30 p.m. KICKS	16	17	18 5:00 p.m. Worship Service
19 9:15 a.m. Education Hour 10:30 a.m. Worship Service	20	21	22 2:00 p.m. Pastor Riverbend	23 9:00 a.m. Quilting	24	25 5:00 p.m. Worship Service
26 9:15 a.m. Education Hour 10:30 a.m. Worship Service Dream Center Community Meal	27	28 9:00 a.m. Quilting	29	30	31	

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