

UPCOMING EVENTS

The Trumpet

JULY 2024



The children of Trinity enjoyed a day at the zoo. We explored, had snacks and met some little creatures.



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“The king will answer, “Whenever you did it for any of my people, no matter how unimportant they seemed, you did it for me.”” (Matthew 25:40 CEV)

How often have we heard that “bigger is better,” or that we should “go big or go home.” If we’re honest; probably more often than we would like to think about. But what happens when ideas like this take root in the church and in the hearts of God’s people? Now I’m not talking about building size or the number of people in worship; I’m talking about the way we go about our daily lives; how we live our faith.

Let me tell you about a song that came out a while ago. The title of the song didn’t make any sense; at least not in any way that we’ve come to know, especially when you think about those ideas that I asked about—the whole “bigger is better” idea and so many more that go along that same path. The song? It’s called ‘Dream Small’ and it’s sung by Josh Wilson. Really; that’s what the song is called. Now, I don’t know about you, but I was always told that we should dream big! This whole idea of dream small just doesn’t sound quite right does it?

But what does all this have to do with Matthew 25:40? We know that Jesus wants us to care for other people; especially those that we don’t think about all the time, or who might be different from us or have problems that we find difficult to understand. But it’s not easy to do is it? There seem to be so many people in so many places that need help that it gets a little overwhelming at times. We start feeling like we need bigger and bigger programs to make a difference and we get frustrated because we are just one person and can’t do it all. We are only one church in a very big world; we can never do what those really big churches do. And once we start down that path, very little ever gets done.

But let’s look a little closer at what comes before verse 40—³⁵ When I was hungry, you gave me something to eat, and when I was thirsty, you gave me something to drink. When I was a stranger, you welcomed me, ³⁶and when I was naked, you gave me clothes to wear. When I was sick, you took care of me, and when I was in jail, you visited me.” ³⁷Then the ones who pleased the Lord will ask, “When did we give you something to eat or drink? ³⁸When did we welcome you as a stranger or give you clothes to wear ³⁹or visit you while you were sick or in jail?”

When you get down to it, these aren’t huge, impersonal, corporate run programs designed to completely solve a problem in a short time, these are ongoing, ordinary, personal and very effective signs of God’s overflowing and often unexpected love that are done in simple ways by ordinary people just like each and every one of us.

And that’s where this song starts to make sense. The chorus tells us—

Dream small
Don't bother like you've gotta do it all
Just let Jesus use you where you are; One day at a time
Live well; Loving God and others as yourself; Find little ways where only you can help
With His great love, a tiny rock can make a giant fall
Dream small

Think about it for a moment; how did Jesus heal those in need? He didn’t wave his hands in a grand gesture and declare an entire village cured; he did it one person at a time. Yes he did cure 10 lepers at once in Luke 17, but how many really took notice of what was done for them—one. And while he did feed thousands, he started off with one loaf of bread and two fish.

Now that doesn’t mean that there’s no room anymore for the big programs and the big efforts and of course the big dreams; we just have to be careful about getting overwhelmed or feeling like there’s nothing we can do. We also have to remember that it’s often the small things that have the biggest impact on our hearts. So the next time you hear or see a need in this world and start feeling like you have to fix it all yourself, or start feeling like the problem is too big to handle, stop; take a breath and then go out and live a life overflowing with God’s love—and dream small!

Pastor Jay

Council Highlights

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

- Organ repair expected to begin at the end of July.
- No children's Sunday school in July
- Altar Guild needs some extra help, as they are short one person for the time being. Another communion volunteer is also needed.

Trinity Lutheran Church Treasurer's Report May 31, 2024

	For the Month	Year-to-date 2024	Year-to-date 2023	
Unified Budget Receipts				
Regular Offerings	26,336.64	120,040.04	122,920.88	
Thrivent Choice Dollars	-	1,823.00	1,251.00	
Other Revenue	93.53	839.24	3,744.53	
Total Receipts	26,430.17	122,702.28	127,916.41	
Expenditures through 05/31/2024	19,007.17	114,528.54	89,894.13	
Over (Short) of Actual Expenses	7,423.00	8,173.74	38,022.28	
Budget Receipts:		Year-to-date 2024	Year-to-date 2023	Increase/ (Decrease) from 2023
Average per Sunday (21 Sundays in 2024) (22 Sundays in 2023)		5,716.19	5,587.31	128.88
Total Unified Budget Receipts		120,040.04	122,920.88	(2,880.84)
Budget Requirements		144,164.58	135,548.33	
Over (Short) of Budget Goal		(24,124.54)	(12,627.45)	

Joint Circle

The Friendship and Rebecca Circle's hosted a joint gathering on Wednesday morning, June 12th to enjoy fun, fellowship and food! Sixteen women and guests attended. The guest speaker, a representative from Star of Hope, was Becky Gillette. She showed a video and explained that Star of Hope works in 13 countries with representatives in each country. Their goal is to share the gospel of Jesus Christ, provide health care and food as needed, as well as free education and community development. She shared with us ways we can support this mission.

Information was given to the ladies about the upcoming Heartland District Women of the Word convention that will be held in Deschler, Nebraska in October. We will be getting more information soon and hope to have a carload of women willing to attend. We discussed hosting a Fall Come & Go event to work on various mission projects. The women agreed that we should move forward in planning this event.

A delicious brunch and lots of laughter and fellowship was enjoyed by all!

If anyone is interested in learning more about Trinity Ladies Fellowship, please call Cindy Smith - 620-617-9262 or Ruth Lanterman - 620-786-9701. We would love to have you join us.

School Kits

Trinity Ladies are once again collecting school supplies to fill backpacks for Lutheran World Relief. Education is one of the strongest tools a community has for breaking the cycle of poverty. School Kits contain essential supplies to help children, and in some cases, adults, as they continue learning in the face of serious obstacles. That learning leads to a better life for them, their families, and their communities.

Please pick up backpacks, fill them with school supplies as listed on the included sheet and return filled bags to the church. We would like to fill 84 bags this year. Thank you for being the hands and feet of Jesus as we work together to supply the needs of less fortunate people!

Trinity Quilters

The quilting ladies will continue to meet all summer. We have 40 quilts made; our goal for this year is 75-80. We will meet on: Tuesday, July 9th, Tuesday, July 23rd and Thursday, July 25th as our regular quilting days. We usually start at 9:00 and work until 11:30. Please stop in for a visit and see what we have accomplished so far.

What if you could empower a Vietnamese nurse, advance the Kingdom of God and encourage a fellow believer at the same time, ALL in an hour a week without leaving your home? It's possible! ALWM's E-Learning Friendship English Conversation ministry teaches conversational English to nurses and other medical professionals in partnership with the Vietnamese Nurses Association! How? Meet just one hour per week via Zoom, Messenger or some other platform, right from your own home. There is an urgent need for more "teachers" to help us serve the long waiting list.

Contact ALWM Director Bill Moberly to learn more (missionshelp@alwm.org). Learn more at <https://www.alwm.org/efec>

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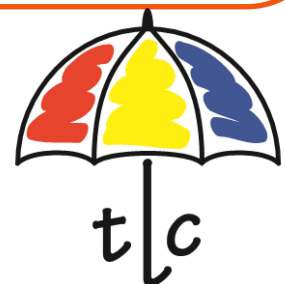
Schedule of Events

When the time is
right, I, the Lord,
will make it
happen
Isaiah 60:22

Tigers, Lions, Bears oh my. Our day at the zoo turned out so amazing. The children that were there enjoyed walking through Brit Spaugh zoo to see all the animals, the lions and bears were out and playing, the birds were singing and the lemurs were running. After walking the zoo we returned to the shed for a yummy green snack, we ate green grapes, apples and kiwi just like many animals eat green. Then we talked about creation and the days and how God gave us animals and they are here for us to care for. After our lesson we enjoyed a live animal show, we got to touch and see a few fun animals up close. We hope to enjoy more summer fun together.

Little Blessings Preschool

Little Blessings is a Christian based Preschool program located right here in Trinity Lutheran Church. Children come to learn and grow in the skills they need to move forward in education and are also gaining biblical knowledge along the way. With fun monthly themes, games and crafts children are free to explore and learn in many different. We would love to see your children in our program.



Trinity Lutheran Church

DISCOVERIES AFTER-SCHOOL/SUMMER PROGRAM
& LITTLE BLESSINGS PRE-SCHOOL

Little Blessings is still taking enrollments for the 2024-2025 school year. Please spread the word and direct questions to Diana Welshonse at 620-793-8816

If you, or a loved one is sick, in the hospital, homebound, and are in need of pastoral care, please don't hesitate to let us know and don't assume that someone else has already told us. Please call the church office, email us, or talk to Pastor Jay (or even better, give him a note.)

All of our people are precious gifts of God and we do not want anyone to be unintentionally missed.

The phone number for the office is (620) 793-7894 and the email is trinitychrch@hotmail.com.

Pastor Jay is normally in the office Monday-Thursday from 9:00-12:00. In the event of an emergency, he can be reached at (620) 797-7818 (call or text).

Thank You!

Thank you so much for the delicious meal during my husbands surgery & illness. It's appreciated more than you know. God Bless Scott & Deb Chubb

Thank you for your generous donation to the Central Kansas Dream Center. It's caring people like you that makes our mission of helping others possible.

Thank you for the beautiful flowers. I appreciated being remembered. Les Stewart

Dear Members of Trinity– My family and I thank you for the messages of sympathy we received upon the death of Rev. Leonard Dale. While his loss leaves a huge hole in our lives we go forward with hope. We have many happy memories with you during the years 1988-1997. We wish you Peace. Anne Dale, Emily Durr, Aaron Dale, Ryan Dale families.

Prayer Page for July 2024

WE PRAY TODAY FOR:

Resident of Azria of GB

Sam Spece

Allen Ukens

Les Stewart

Dorothy Miller

Resident of Riverbend of GB

Ladine Hartman

Resident of Brookdale

Helen Wetzel

Joyce Nagel

Resident of Medical Lodges

Janet Flint

Residents Out-of-Town:

Nancy Soeken, Hutchinson

Wilma Steadman, La Crosse

Marie Schepmann,
Hoisington

Donna Oliver, Wichita

Clara Mae Brown, Larned

August Sandy, Larned

Deon Lupton, Larned

Betty Barnard, Larned

Alene Clarke, Manhattan

Glen Snyder, Larned

Homer Kruckenburg, Prairie
Village

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

MEMBERS CURRENTLY NEEDING HEALING:

Lily Akings, Kasey Kennedy, Carolyn Nelson

CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR HEALING:

Leann Wegele, Ron & Janice Ensle, Vicki Boxberger, Alene Clarke, Sheryl Corn

Delores Schneidewind, Lola Michael, Dottie Anderson, Les Stewart,

Robert Rowland, Marlene & Mak Brack, Patti Klima, & Kathy Delimont

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)

Erika Kohart (friend/Vicki Boxberger)

Mary Ann Leroy (friend/Vicki Boxberger)

Pam Merten (friend/Vicki Boxberger)

Linda Stone (Sister/Vicki Anderson)

Mary McGee (sister/Cindy Smith)

Sharon Hutchison (cousin/Vicki Anderson)

Evette Aguilera (Friend Ruth Lanterman)

Marty Becker (Member Emmanuel Lutheran)

Daniel Klima (Son of Merle & Liz Klima)

Robert Roth (Friend, Judi Brack-Johnson)

Laurie Schaffer (Friend of Christi Penka)

Sandra Geschwenter (Friend of Christi Penka)

Kim Feulner (cousin of Chrisit Penka)

Cathy Bell (Friend of Penkas)

Philip Donecker, Travis Milsap, Ryder Schmidt,

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)

John Winter (friend of Kummer's)

Tammy Gregg (friend of Kummer)

Jamie Howard (Niece of Ruth Stietz)

Roger Suchy (Brother/Connie Belt)

James Michael (son/Lola Michael)

LaDesha Clark, Todd Clark, Janie Mooneyham,

Arvella Kirkhart (all family of Tom Kirkhart)

Linda Essmiller (friend of ArNell Briel)

Jim New (friend of Hofeling)

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

Keenan Rosenburg (grandson/Neil & Carolyn Rosenburg)

July 2024

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

	1 5:30 p.m. TLCD Board Meeting 7:00 p.m. Bldg. & Grnds Meeting	2	3	4	5 Office Closed Independence Day	6 5:00 p.m. Worship Service
7 9:15 a.m. Education Hour 10:30 a.m. Worship Service	8	9 9:00 a.m. Quilting 7:00 p.m. Council	10 2:00 p.m. Pastor@Riverbend	11	12	13 5:00 p.m. Worship Service
14 9:15 a.m. Education Hour 10:30 a.m. Worship Service	15	16	17	18	19	20 5:00 p.m. Worship Service
21 9:15 a.m. Education Hour 10:30 a.m. Worship Service	22	23 9:00 a.m. Quilting	24 2:00 p.m. Pastor@Riverbend	25 9:00 a.m. Quilting	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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