

Trinity Lutheran Church

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July 2026

Upcoming Events

Wednesday July 1st

6:30p.m. Worship Warriors

Friday July 3rd

Office Closed

Monday June 6th

5:30 p.m. TLCD Board

7:00 p.m. BLDG & GRNDS

Sunday July 12th

7:00 p.m. Leadership

Council

Tuesday July 14th

9:00 a.m. Quilting

Wednesday July 15th

6:30 p.m. Worship Warriors

Sunday July 19th

11:30 a.m. Fellowship Meal

Thursday July 23rd

9:00 a.m. Quilting

Tuesday July 28th

9:00 a.m. Quilting

Monthly Events

12:10 p.m. Tuesdays

Bible Study in the Library

Freedom That Changes Us



July is a month when we celebrate freedom. Flags wave, fireworks light the sky, and communities gather to remember the blessings we enjoy as a nation. But as followers of Christ, July also offers an opportunity to reflect on another kind of freedom, the freedom that comes from God's grace.

In a world that often measures freedom as the ability to do whatever we want, Scripture points us toward something deeper. Through Jesus, we are freed from the burden of trying to earn God's love. We are freed from the chains of guilt and fear. We are freed to live as God's beloved children.

This freedom is not something we keep to ourselves. It transforms the way we live, love, and serve. Because Christ has given Himself for us, we can give ourselves to others. Because we have received mercy, we can extend mercy. Because we are secure in God's promises, we can step out in faith, even when the future feels uncertain.

Summer often brings a different pace to life. Vacations, family gatherings, and longer days create space to slow down and notice God's presence in new ways. It is a season that invites us to look around and ask where God might be calling us to serve, encourage, or simply be present for someone in need.

As we gather for worship this month, may we remember that true freedom is not found in independence from God, but in a life rooted in Him. May we continue to grow as disciples, seeking His will and sharing His love with the world around us.

Food for Thought:

If Christ has truly set us free, what is one fear, burden, habit, or distraction that you need to surrender to Him—and what might God be calling you to do with the freedom He has given you?

Mission Updates

"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people..."

— Galatians 6:9-10

The Mission Development Team has selected three recipients for the 2nd quarter's mission giving, supporting local and regional ministries that are making a difference in our communities.

Salem Lutheran Church (LCMC), St. Francis, KS – \$1,000 to assist with rebuilding after their historic church was destroyed by lightning and fire. Funds will help replace essential worship items as the congregation continues to worship while rebuilding.

Cornerstone Armory – \$500 to support this Barton County outreach ministry, which provides food and clothing assistance, homeless care bags, youth programming, mentorship, and employment support for individuals and families in the area.

Trinity Vacation Bible School – \$500 to help offset the costs of this year's VBS, taking place August 4–6, 5:30–7:30 p.m., with a family pool party celebration on August 7.

Thank you for your continued support of these mission efforts. Please keep these ministries in your prayers as they continue sharing God's love and serving others.

VBS

Get ready for an unforgettable adventure at **Emerald Crossing: Where Faith Meets Fun!**

Children are invited to join us as we discover how God always keeps His promises and faithfully leads us through every season of life. Through exciting Bible stories, energetic music, creative crafts, fun games, and engaging activities, kids will learn that they can always trust God's answers, even when life brings questions. **Vacation Bible School will be held August 4–6**, and the fun continues with a **Family Pool Party on August 7** to celebrate an incredible week together! **Registration is now open**, so be sure to sign up and invite your friends, neighbors, and grandchildren to experience this exciting journey of faith. We can't wait to see you at Emerald Crossing!

Council Highlights

- Trinity is working on a new church directory, partnering with Portraits by Shane. Trinity will cover the cost of the directories for the Congregation. Picture appointments are July 14th and 15th .
- Worship Warriors continues to meet the first and third Wednesdays of the month. Come join us!

Treasure Report

May 31, 2026

Unified Budget Receipts	
Regular Offerings	\$127,070.95
Thrivent Choice Dollars	1,795.00
Other Revenue	<u>\$ 1,049.40</u>
Total Receipts	\$129,915.35
Expenditures through	
04/30/2026	<u>\$121,620.98</u>
Over(Short) of Actual Expenses	<u>\$8,294.37</u>

What's Happening At Trinity

- ♦ Looking for more information? Please stop by the welcome table in the gathering area to find Trinity calendars, Council Minutes, upcoming events, and other helpful resources related to Trinity Lutheran Church.
- ♦ Join us on Sunday, July 19th for our monthly fellowship meal! Please bring a main dish, side or dessert to share. And don't worry... if you forget to bring a dish, that's okay too. We'd still love for you to join us at the table. The most important thing is being together.
- ♦ We're offering a couple of small group Bible study options, and we'd love for you to join us! Join us every Tuesday at 12:10 PM as we explore different books of the Bible. Or come be part of our Midweek Worship Warriors, meeting on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday. Using the Alpha series, we'll grow deeper in our understanding of faith—who Jesus is, what we believe, and why it matters. There's a place for you here. Come grow with us!

LCMC National Gathering

Would you like to learn more about LCMC?
Join us at the 26th Annual Gathering!

October 4–7, 2026 | Des Moines, IA

Join Lutherans from across the association for the 26th Annual LCMC Gathering & Convention as we explore this year's theme, "Unleashed: Freedom in Christ." Together we'll discover what it means to live in the freedom Christ has given us and how that freedom empowers us to serve others in faith.

This year's keynote speakers are David Zahl, Tara Beth Leach, and Mike Housholder. The gathering also includes inspiring worship, educational breakout sessions, networking opportunities, fellowship, and resources for pastors, church leaders, and members. New this year are specialized breakout tracks, additional meet-ups, a service project, and a special dinner connecting North American and international congregations.

**Interested in serving as a voting delegate?
Please contact Rachel Kitch in the church
office by July 15.**

Heartland District Annual Gathering

Join Us for the LCMC Heartland District
Gathering!

July 17–18, 2026

Peace Lutheran Church – Fremont, NE

All clergy and church members are invited to this year's LCMC Heartland District Gathering for a time of worship, learning, fellowship, and encouragement.

Highlights include:

- Friday: Dinner and Vespers Worship
- Saturday: Worship & Communion, keynote speaker Rev. Julie Smith presenting "*Back to Basics: The Small Catechism and Our Core Values*," breakout sessions, fellowship, and the Heartland District business meeting.

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**Registration deadline: July 8, contact
Rachel Kitch**

Come connect with others across the Heartland District as we grow together in faith and ministry!

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Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

				1 6:30 p.m. Worship Warriors	2	3	4 5:00 p.m. Worship Service Independence Day
5 9:15 a.m. Education Hour 10:30 a.m. Worship Service	6 5:30 TLCD Board Meeting 7:00 p.m. Bldg. & Grnds Meeting	7 12:00 p.m. Bible Study	8	9	10	11 5:00 p.m. Worship Service	
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