

# The Trumpet

JUNE 2025

## UPCOMING EVENTS

June 14: Fellowship Meal

June 15: Donuts for Dad

June 25: Family Fun Night



Congratulations to Joe Linenberger and all of the graduates for the 2025 year. Thank you to all who celebrated with us at Trinity Lutheran Church.

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## Volunteer Opportunities

- Individuals who would like to volunteer for Children's Church please contact Rachel Kitch or Kristy Jerke, or see the sign-up sheet in the gathering area of the sanctuary
- We are looking to host VBS again this summer, the dates will be Aug. 5th-7th in the evening with a pool party on Aug. 8th. Please see the sign-up sheet in the gathering area of the sanctuary. For more information contact Kristy Jerke or Rachel Kitch.

*He causes grass to grow for the livestock and provides crops for man to cultivate, producing food from the earth, wine that makes human hearts glad—making his face shine with oil—and bread that sustains human hearts.* —Psalm 104:14-15

The month of June is a time of growing. And for many areas, that can be an almost explosive growth—as demonstrated by the grass I could have sworn I just got done mowing. But whether it's grass, flowers, the leaves on the trees, or a field of wheat it's an amazing sight to see and for many of us it brings a sense of joy. In many ways, these seemingly 'normal' things represent new life, new hope.

I remember when my mother was living with us back in Michigan, she was amazed at how many different shades of green could be found just around our backyard. Of course she had been living in northern Nevada, so I'm pretty sure it was quite a refreshing change from the various shades of brown she had gotten used to. But it's amazing how different everything can be whether that's the leaves on the trees and the grass in the ditches, the hay in the fields, the grass on the lawns all different shades of green, all signs of life and the creative love of God.

Of course, the plants in the fields and the gardens aren't the only life growing in June. I've seen some calves running and jumping in the pastures. And they also seem to be growing so fast that in a short amount of time they'll be almost indistinguishable from their mothers. And let's not forget how quickly the children and grandchildren around us seem to be growing as well. I have no doubt that when we gather for VBS this year, I'll be surprised at how much some of them have grown since we last gathered for KICKS.

But these are not the only things that experience growth in June. On June 8<sup>th</sup> we will be celebrating the Day of Pentecost, the birthday of the Church. And of course, after that begins the loooooong season of Pentecost. And while the color for the day of Pentecost is red, the color for the season of Pentecost is green. Why green? Growth, of course. The season of Pentecost is all about growth, the growth of the church, the growth of our faith and the growth of Christ's ministry within the world.

But as the psalmist tells us, all this growing doesn't happen by itself. It is the Lord who causes the plants to grow. It is the Lord who provides the sun and the rain. It is the Lord who provides the nutrients from the earth. And as we witness our children and grandchildren grow into young adults, it isn't done on their own. Yes, they need the support and encouragement of their friends and family to keep trying and to keep growing. But again, it isn't just the parents or the grandparents or friends, it is the Lord behind it all.

And as you probably figured out by now, God is also behind growth in the church, whether that is in our faith, in our ministries, or simply in those who come worship with us. But as we can see with all of these examples of growth, God is using many parts of his creation to aid and support that growth, and perhaps the one element of that growth that's often the most underutilized and misunderstood is each and every one of us.

And while it's true that so much of the growth around us would still continue whether we are involved or not, God has called us to be involved in order for that growth to be truly explosive. A flower will grow on its own with nothing more than what God naturally provides, but when a caring gardener is involved, that growth can be explosive. The same is true of a calf, a child, or a church. They will all grow with what God has provided, but for truly amazing and even explosive growth, God has called us to be involved with that growth through the gifts and talents he has blessed us with.

God loves to bless us in abundance with all we need. So as we witness the growth in the fields, the pastures, the growth in our children, grandchildren, and yes, the growth in God's faithful people, we are witnessing God's steadfast love and faithfulness. As Luther points out, the Lord blesses us with all that encompasses our Daily bread, whether we remember to ask for it or to give thanks for the Lord providing it. But the bread doesn't simply make itself, the best bread also needs a bit of God given talent, effort, and even a love of bread making.

As we witness the growth all around us this June, and beyond, we are witnessing God's faithfulness and blessings in abundance—especially as we answer God's call to be a part of that growth.

*Pastor Jay*

# From the Council

The church council met Tuesday May 13th. Susan Holste reported that the carpet had been replaced in the TLCD classrooms. Discussion about a new fence around the TLC playground was had which would be more attractive as well as providing a safe environment for the children. New playground equipment has to meet specific safety provisions which makes it much more expensive.

Randy Wetzel reported the family bathroom access should be much easier as automatic doors have been installed. The cost is around \$3500-4000.

A report from endowment was given and approximately \$33,000 was distributed to outreach (Oxford House, Dakota Boys & Girls ranch, Oaks Indian Mission, BCAC, Social concerns and the Barton County food Bank). Funds also went to KICKS, The Dream Centers, Trintiy Ladies Fellowship, and Trintiy Youth. Educational Scholarships were given to 5 of our members. I would point out the funds are split with 1/2 going to outreach and Missions, and 1/2 going for student scholarships. We encourage students of our church family who want to attend a trade school, community college, 4 year college or some other educational opportunity should apply. The applications are due by April 15th each year and forms can be found at the back of the church or can be obtained by calling Rachel Kitch at the church office. Reminders are printed in the trumpet and the bulletin each year.

In regard to new business, I have agreed to be the Council President with the hope that we might encourage one of our members to serve as Vice-President,. I would encourage anyone who may have an interest to contact Pastor Jay. I would point out that the meetings are pretty straight forward usually lasting 60-90minutes and are informal. During my tenure on the Council I have felt that the Pastor keeps meeting moving along in a positive directions.

Finally, the district meeting will be held in Lincoln, Nebraska on the 25th & 26th of July. The national LCMC conference is scheduled for the October 5-8, Pastor will tentatively attend both. Members from the congregation are also encouraged to attend, please notify Pastor Jay if you are interested in either of the meetings.

## Council Highlights

**President – Len Fleske**

**Vice-President –**

**Secretary – Christi Penka**

**Worship –**

**Education – Kristy Jerke**

**Ministry – Ruth Lanterman**

**Operations – Randy Wetzel**

- The next Family Fun night will be at Steve and Jil Johnson's house (54 Karen Street) on May 28th. Please RSVP if you are planning to go!
- Len Fleske has officially taken the position of President of the Leadership Council. The position of Vice-President is now open. If you are interested in serving or have questions, please contact anyone on the Leadership Council. It's actually fun!
- Progress is being made on the new circle drive.

Trinity Lutheran Church  
Treasurer's Report  
April 30, 2025

	For the <u>Month</u>	Year-to-date <u>2025</u>	Year-to-date <u>2024</u>	
Unified Budget Receipts				
Regular Offerings	27,025.71	99,798.13	93,703.40	
Thrivent Choice Dollars	1,522.00	2,134.00	1,823.00	
Other Revenue	<u>190.21</u>	<u>822.71</u>	<u>745.71</u>	
Total Receipts	<u>28,737.92</u>	<u>102,754.84</u>	<u>96,272.11</u>	
Expenditures through 04/30/2025	<u>29,673.61</u>	<u>105,321.07</u>	<u>95,521.37</u>	
Over (Short) of Actual Expenses	<u>(935.69)</u>	<u>(2,566.23)</u>	<u>750.74</u>	
Budget Receipts:		Year-to-date <u>2025</u>	Year-to-date <u>2024</u>	Increase/ (Decrease) from 2024
Average per Sunday		<u>5,870.48</u>	<u>5,511.96</u>	<u>358.51</u>
(17 Sundays in 2025)				
(17 Sundays in 2024)				
Total Unified Budget Receipts		99,798.13	93,703.40	<u>6,094.73</u>
Budget Requirements		<u>113,068.33</u>	<u>115,331.67</u>	
Over (Short) of Budget Goal		<u>(13,270.20)</u>	<u>(21,628.27)</u>	

### Farewell to Trinity from John and Donna Krug

After many years in Great Bend we recently made the decision to move closer to our family. In reflecting on our time at Trinity we have come to realize that the church is not the building, it's the people. As this chapter of our lives winds down we look forward to our new adventure in Clay Center KS. We want to thank our Trinity family for the opportunity to worship our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ with you. Our wish for ourselves and this congregation is that we can keep our focus on our Lord and pray that He will guide us along each step of the way.

Your friends in Christ, John and Donna Krug



The Rebecca Circle met May 19th in the church parlor. Eight ladies were present. RoAnn Button and Ruth Lanterman were hostesses. During our Bible study we learned how God instructed Moses on ways to lead the Israelites out of Egypt. We encouraged members to donate items for our LWR Health Care kits and discussed hosting the congregational meal that will be held on July 20th. It was reported that ten bags of men's hygiene items were delivered to the food bank. We were reminded that the circles will not hold regular meetings again until September.

## Rebecca Circle

## Friendship Circle

The Friendship Circle met May 21st with eight ladies present. Judi Brack Johnson was hostess. The items from TLF Council were discussed and Judi Brack Johnson gave the lesson Seeing with Jesus' Eyes (which was based on What Would Jesus Do in that moment or situation. The next Friendship Circle meeting will be September 17th in the church library. Jeanne Girton will be hostess and Ruth Steitz will present the lesson. There are no Circle meetings in July and August; however there is a joint Circle meeting on June 18th at 9:30 in the library. 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*

**Trinity Ladies Fellowship Council** met on May 15<sup>th</sup>. Members present were Judi Brack Johnson, Cindy Smith, Carolyn Rosenberg and Ruth Lanterman. We have decided to host a joint circle meeting on Wednesday, June 18<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. in the church Library. We will make 4<sup>th</sup> of July flower baskets for our shut ins and enjoy a light brunch. All Trinity women are invited to attend.

We will continue to collect items for the Lutheran World Relief Health Kits through the month of June. We would like to be able to put together 36 kits. In July we will put the school bags out to be filled. The newsletters we receive from LWR continue to report a great need for these kits to be distributed to the tornado and natural disaster victims in the US as well as those in need in other countries.

### Quilting Dates:

Tuesday June 10 9:00 a.m.

Thursday June 24 9:00 a.m.

Tuesday June 26 9:00 a.m.

### TLF Event Dates:

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

Joint Circle June 18 9:30 a.m. in the Library

## Missions

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missions

**JOIN THE KITCHEN KREW TUESDAY,  
JUNE 24, 9:00 AM IN KITCHEN AND HELP  
PREPARE FRIENDSHIP MEALS!**

This fun work morning involves making freezer meals so that whenever anyone needs a meal, it's ready and easy to deliver by anyone! We are having a workday **Tuesday, June 24 in the kitchen**. Donuts and coffee will be provided and we will be done before noon. Everyone is welcome, the fellowship is fantastic, and the meals are simple to make! If this date doesn't work, please watch for other upcoming meal preparation opportunities! Questions, please contact Krista Smith 620.786.5959.

PLEASE PLAN ON JOINING US AS WE EXPAND THE MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH. All are welcome to assist with this project and the more the merrier !

## Backpack for the Community

Once again we will be working with area churches to collect supplies and fill backpacks for those in our community in need. Last year we gave away 250 backpacks full of the essential supplies that children needed to return to school. As we meet with the other churches and begin the planning phases we have discussed whether we should up this number. We are planning on distributing these items at Party in the Park. More information will be coming in the next month so keep your eyes and ears open to see how you can be apart of this mission to the Barton County Area.

**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

We are in the early stages of planning for VBS keep your calendars open on August 5-7 for 3 days of fun and learning and on August 8th join us for a pool party at Club West. If you are interested in volunteering to fill one of the many roles we will need help with to make this years VBS a success please sign-up on the sheet in the gathering area of the sanctuary.

Also plan to Join us on the final Wednesday of every month for a family fun night, if you are interested in hosting a family night or have an idea please contact Kristy Jerke or Rachel Kitch.

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

Our alphabet soup is completed with the lower and upper case letters and it was fun for these little ones to put together, learn and even act out.

Little Blessings has 6 children going into the 25/26 school year. We are still taking applications for 25/26 and school year. With the preschool being on

Summer break I can be reached by email at [tlc.littleblessings@gmail.com](mailto:tlc.littleblessings@gmail.com)

Blessings—Diana Welshonse



**Outside Play**  
**Ready for school to End**  
**Prayers**  
**Good Things**  
**Excited to Start Summer Fun**

TLC Discoveries

# Prayer Page for June 2025

## WE PRAY TODAY FOR:

### **Resident of Azria of GB**

Sam Spece

Les Stewart

### **Resident of Riverbend of GB**

Elsena Bender

### **Resident of Brookdale**

Joyce Nagel Jim Juergensen

### **Resident of Medical Lodges**

Deon Lupton

Ladine Hartman

### **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

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 & Lily Akings

## 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*)

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*)

Mary McGee (*sister/Cindy Smith*)

Evette Aguilera (*Friend Ruth Lanterman*)

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

Barbara Wolter (*friend Judi Brack Johnson*)

Cindy Philips (*Judi Brack Johnson*)

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 (*Family of Tom Kirkhart*)

Jim New (*friend of Hofeling*)

Sharon Campbell (*friend Lorrie Ruble*)

Charlene Miller (*Carolyn Humburg*)

Sandra Bauer (*Lucy Snyder*)

Vera Reed (*Judy Dunn*)



# June 2025

Sunday      Monday      Tuesday      Wednesday      Thursday      Friday      Saturday

<b>1</b> 9:15 a.m. Education Hour 10:30 a.m. Worship Service	<b>2</b> 5:30 p.m. TLCD Board Meeting 7:00 p.m. Bldg. & Grnds Meeting	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 5:00 p.m. Worship Service
<b>8</b> 9:15 a.m. Education Hour 10:30 a.m. Worship Service	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 9:00 a.m. Quilting 2:00 p.m. TLF Council 7:00 p.m. Council	<b>11</b> 2:00 p.m. Pastor Riverbend	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 5:00 p.m. Worship Service Fellowship Meal
<b>15</b> 9:15 a.m. Education Hour Donuts with Dad 10:30 a.m. Worship Service	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 9:30 a.m. Joint Circle	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 5:00 p.m. Worship Service
<b>22</b> 9:15 a.m. Education Hour 10:30 a.m. Worship Service	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 9:00 a.m. Quilting	<b>25</b> 2:00 p.m. Pastor Riverbend 6:00 p.m. Family Fun Night	<b>26</b> 9:00 a.m. Quilting	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 5:00 p.m. Worship Service
<b>29</b> 9:15 a.m. Education Hour 10:30 a.m. Worship Service	<b>30</b>					

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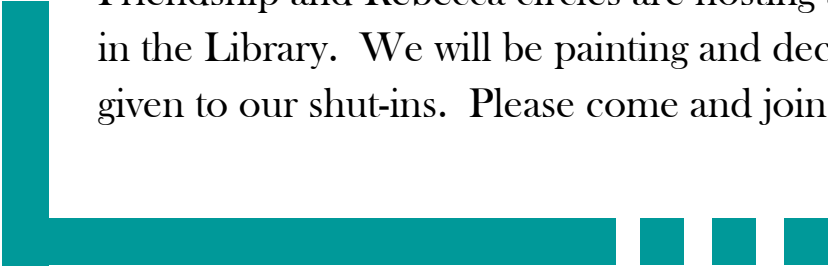
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## **Invitation to Brunch!**



All ladies of Trinity are invited to share in a time of food and fellowship. Friendship and Rebecca circles are hosting a brunch June 18<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. in the Library. We will be painting and decorating flower boxes to be given to our shut-ins. Please come and join us!