

The Trumpet

MAY 2024

UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY 4

SATURDAY EVENING
MEAL

MAY 12

GRADUATION
RECEPTION

MAY 19

THIRD FELLOWSHIP
MEAL

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Thank you to the wonderful group who came on April 16 and assembled meals for those in need in our community. Together we assembled 24 meals to be taken by all members of trinity to those in need.

Diana has been hard at work teaching preschool this year and looking to expand for next year. If you know anyone looking for Christ centered preschool in town send them her way!

For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known. (1 Cor 13:12)

Last month I talked about welcoming people and making them feel welcome in our congregations. But if we want to be honest, sometimes who we are and what we do can be a little confusing, especially to those who have never really been to church or are from a tradition other than ours. After all, those of us in the church tend to have our own language and way of doing things. And for someone who is new to all of this, these terms and images can get a bit overwhelming.

But it's not just new people who are trying to understand. There are a number of people who have been in the church for a long time who would be hard pressed to explain to someone what something means or why we do something in a particular way. They've just been doing and saying these things for so long, that they're simply used to it. So for the sake of visitors and our own edification, I offer a few examples (in no particular order):

IHS: You've probably seen this on the front of altars or on some processional crosses. This is a **Christogram**. It's a monogram or combination of letters that forms an abbreviation for the name of Jesus Christ. In this case, IHS are the first three letters of the Greek name of Jesus (IHCOYΣ).

Eucharist: Also called the Lord's Supper or Holy Communion. It is based on a word for "thanksgiving," and is the central Christian liturgical celebration. It was established by Jesus at the Last Supper.

Laity or Lay Person: All members of the Church, with the exception of those who are ordained.

Cantor: The one who leads the congregation in singing the music within the liturgy in a prayerful way. Here at Trinity, the cantor also leads the congregation in singing the hymns during the worship service.

Hallelujah: A variation of a Hebrew word, Allelujah, which means Praise the Lord.

Creed: The formal statement or profession of faith commonly recited as part of the worship service. The Lutheran Church recognizes three creeds—the Apostle's Creed, the Nicene Creed and the Athanasian Creed (that's the real long one).

Narthex: The church entrance and gathering space.

Nave: The main church, often called the sanctuary.

Alb: This is just a fancy name for that robe that the pastor wears during worship services. Others who serve during worship, such as acolytes and assisting ministers can also wear an alb.

Cincture: The rope belt worn with an alb.

Liturgy: From the Greek for "the people's work;" the prescribed worship service of the church.

Pews: The traditional long bench seats in churches. The term originated from the French word, PUIE, "a raised place," which was used to describe the boxed, balcony seats in a theater. In precolonial days, the term became identified with the enclosed boxed seats in a church sanctuary, and later to all church bench seats. Other tradition says that the term originated from pioneer days when bathing was sometimes infrequent, and the bench seats retained the odor from users.

As I said, these are just a few of the words that we may toss around as part of our "insider language" of the church. But by being able to help others with these strange words we help to make them feel more welcome and more a part of our community and our worship family. Perhaps we could all add a few more words to this list as we proclaim the love of God to those inside and outside the church and make it a little less confusing at the same time.

Pastor Jay

Council Highlights

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

- TLF Fundraiser April 21
- Last day for KICKS is April 24
- VBS tentative date is May 20-23. Need at least 12 volunteers

Trinity Lutheran Church Treasurer's Report March 31, 2024

	For the <u>Month</u>	Year-to-date <u>2024</u>	Year-to-date <u>2023</u>	
Unified Budget Receipts				
Regular Offerings	33,299.48	75,095.64	71,460.38	
Thrivent Choice Dollars	334.00	850.00	677.00	
Other Revenue	141.57	567.53	3,569.24	
Total Receipts	33,775.05	76,513.17	75,706.62	
Expenditures through 03/31/2024	24,129.15	72,736.61	56,030.20	
Over (Short) of Actual Expenses	9,645.90	3,776.56	19,676.42	
Budget Receipts:		Year-to-date 2024	Year-to-date 2023	Increase/ (Decrease) from 2023
Average per Sunday		5,776.59	5,496.95	279.64
(13 Sundays in 2024)				
(13 Sundays in 2023)				
Total Unified Budget Receipts		75,095.64	71,460.38	3,635.26
Budget Requirements		86,498.75	81,329.00	
Over (Short) of Budget Goal		(11,403.11)	(9,868.62)	

Trinity Ladies Fellowship

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Rebecca Circle

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

Luke 1:45

Friendship Circle

The Friendship Circle met April 17th with twelve ladies present. John Krug & Pastor Jay joined the group to discuss a conversation about the Lenten Luncheon which was brought up at the last Circle meeting and the letter that was written to the Church Council regarding the Lenten Luncheon. The items from TLF Council were also discussed. The ladies were reminded of the items needed for the collections for the next several months. Kathy Ahlvers was hostess and because of the luncheon discussion there was no Bible Study. The next Friendship Circle meeting will be May 15th at 9:30 in the church library. All Trinity ladies and their friends are welcome to attend the Friendship Circle meetings which are held in the church library at 9:30 AM on the third Wednesday of the month. Jeanne Girton will be hostess and Carla Maneth will do the Bible Study.

Trinity Quilters

Trinity quilters continue to meet at least 3 times a month. We could use more help with tying the quilts. These can be taken home and tied at your convenience. It only requires taking one stitch and tying a knot in the thread. We would be glad to show you how simple this is. Our quilting dates for May are .

If you are interested in getting involved with the women of Trinity, please contact Cindy Smith or Ruth Lanterman. There are many different areas to get involved in.

Missions

Friendship Meals are Available

This mission only works if EVERYONE is willing to be the HANDS of Christ and share meals with those in need. There is no way the office staff can know everyone who might benefit from a meal. Every member of Trinity knows different people and their needs. We want Trinity to be a mission, serving church to our community. Don't be afraid to venture to the basement freezer, get a meal, sign it out, and deliver to those you know in need. The meal provided this time is a Italian chicken casserole and is filled with chicken, potatoes, and green beans. Along with the main dish please take rolls and a mug cake for dessert. If you have any questions please contact Krista Smith 620.786.5959

Schedule of Events

KICKS has come to an end for this year. We had a great time finishing the semester off with a scavenger hunt and picnic. Thank you to all of those who gave of their time or provided treats for the children this year. We hope all the children have a fantastic summer.

In my time of working with the youth and the KICKS program we have seen the numbers drop clear down to 01 kids coming each week. It was nice to have 25-30 kids each week this year and be able to split off into age appropriate groups. We hope to continue to grow and ask you to pray for this program for the upcoming year and invite friends that you may know that need a place for their children on Wednesday evenings.

God Bless

Rachel Kitch

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

Little Blessings Preschool

We celebrated Earth Day on April 22, by making flower bombs using blue, green, and white construction paper, water, and Perennial flower seeds. We soaked the paper in the water for 30 minutes and blended it in a blender. Then added the seeds and formed it into the earth making ice caps with the white paper. They took the flower bombs home to be planted.

The last day of preschool will be May 7th and Graduation will be May 8th at 11:00 at the outdoor worship area, weather permitting; otherwise we will have it in the Chapel.

Blessings,

Diana Welshonse



Trinity Lutheran Church

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

Parker Dicks

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I will be a 2024 graduate of Great Bend High School, where I have been active in National Honors Society, Student Council, basketball, KAYS, and FFA. I am also an eleven year Barton County 4-H member, serving in multiple leadership positions for the Busy Buzzers 4-H Club, the Barton County 4-H Council, Barton County 4-H Ambassadors, and the Barton County Jr. Leaders. I have been active in the shooting sports, woodworking, and beef projects, and have enjoyed showing cattle at both state and national shows.



I was baptized at Trinity Lutheran Church in November of 2006, received my first communion in April of 2016, and was confirmed in November of 2020. I have enjoyed attending Sunday school, LOGOS, and youth group at Trinity over the years, and I have served as an acolyte, lector, usher, assisting minister, communion server and projectionist for youth and Sunday services. In the upcoming year, I plan to attend Kansas Wesleyan University to continue my academic and athletic pursuits. Their mission is to integrate academic excellence with spiritual development. It was important to me that I attend a university that would support me in balancing my faith and education, and one that would encourage me to grow professionally, while building character and a strong sense of values. I am looking forward to joining their men's basketball team and working towards a degree in Health Sciences, with a Pre-Physical Therapy/Athletic Training emphasis, and a minor in Sports Management and Business.

My name is Kasey Kennedy, my parents are Ami and Jeremy Kennedy and my grandparents are Sherri and Dale Kennedy. I have attended church here my entire life, attended Sunday School, Logos and VBS, I

Kasey Kennedy

have had my First Communion here, served as an acolyte and am a confirmed member. I help out with running the camera and have helped with the projector at times. I currently attend Great Bend High School and have been active in football, baseball and swim, earning 2 state medals and breaking a school record. I love to work with my hands and get dirty working on cars/engines. During High School I have worked at O'Reilly's and am currently working at Lang Diesel. My plans after college are to become a Lineman and I would like to attend Northwest Lineman Center in Denton, TX. I would love to travel and see the country after my schooling is complete. I would like to thank all the members of TLC who have supported me and help me to make it to where I am now.



Mersadie Spray

Mersadie is committed to Washburn University to play basketball and is leaning towards science in her degree.



Maddox Spray

Maddox is still undecided but plans to attend college and play basketball and will major in Business.



Dalton Dicks

I will be a 2024 graduate of Wichita State University, where I have been active in Christian Challenge, Student Ambassador Society, and in WSU Student Government, where I served as a senator and as Director of Public Relations. I will be receiving a Bachelor's degree in Communications, with an emphasis in digital media. I will also graduate with a minor in Political Science, and an Honors degree in Law and Public Policy. I have spent this spring semester as a legislative intern in Topeka, where I have learned the ins and outs of Kansas politics and have been able to help serve the constituents of my home county with Representative Tory Arnberger-Blew. I am currently exploring employment options in multiple areas of communication, digital media/video production, and public relations. I have appreciated the continued support of Trinity during my educational journey, both through prayer and through the generosity of the endowment fund scholarship. As I approach the end of my college journey, I know my faith journey is only just beginning.



Stefan Spray

Stefan will continue playing basketball is undecided where at this time. He will major in business.



Job Opening: Trinity is currently looking for a part time custodial person. If you are interested or know someone who is please contact the office for more details.

Thank You! ● ● ●

Thank you for the meal, following my broken nose. It was very thoughtful of Susan to bring it by.

Tina Hiss

Thank you to Rob Button for his many years of service at Trinity Lutheran Church. We all appreciate your hard work. You will be truly missed.

A huge thank you to all of those who came on April 16 to help assemble the next round of friendship meals. This mission is not possible without your help.

Prayer Page for April 2024

WE PRAY TODAY FOR:

Resident of Azria of GB

Sam Spece

Allen Ukens

Homer Kruckenburg

Les Stewart

Resident of Riverbend of GB

Ladine Hartman

Resident of Brookdale

Helen Wetzel

Joyce Nagel

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, Goddard

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:

Mike Girton, Gerald Postlethwaite, & Carolyn Humburg

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)

Carl Zollman (father/Carla Maneth)

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 Aguilara (Friend Ruth Lanterman)

Daniel Klima (Son of Merle & Liz Klima)

Robert Roth (Friend, Judi Brack-Johnson)

Kathy Henry (friend/Judi Brack-Johnson)

Laurie Schaffer (Friend of Christi Penka)

Sandra Geschwenter (Friend of Christi Penka)

John Maneth(Friend of Penkas)

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)

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 Niednes(daughter-in-law/Clara
Niedens)*

May 2024

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

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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 12:00 p.m. Bible Study	8 11:00 a.m. Preschool Graduation 2:00 p.m. Pastor@Riverbend				5:00 p.m. Worship Service Dinner Following Worship
12 9:15 a.m. Education Hour Graduation Reception 10:30 a.m. Worship Service	13 1:30 p.m. TLF Council	14 9:00 a.m. Quilting 12:00 p.m. Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Council	15 9:30 a.m. Friendship Circle	16	17	18	5:00 p.m. Worship Service
19 9:15 a.m. Education Hour 10:30 a.m. Worship Service 3rd Sunday Meal	20 7:00 p.m. Rebecca Circle	21 12:00 p.m. Bible Study	22 2:00 p.m. Pastor@Riverbend 6:00 p.m. Piano Recital	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	27	28 9:00 a.m. Quilting 12:00 p.m. Bible Study	29	30	31		

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