

Trinity Lutheran Church

TRUMPET

May 2026

Upcoming Events

Monday May 4th

5:30p.m. TLCD Board

7:00 p.m. BLDG & GRNDS

Wednesday May 6th

6:30 Worship Warriors

Sunday May 10th

9:45 a.m. Graduation Rec.

Tuesday May 12th

9:00 a.m. Quilting

2:00 p.m. TLF Council

Sunday May 17th

11:30 a.m. Fellowship Meal

7:00 p.m. Council

Monday May 18th

7:00 p.m. Rebecca Circle

Wednesday May 20th

9:30 a.m. Friendship Circle

6:30 p.m. Worship Warriors

Tuesday May 26th

9:00 a.m. Quilting

Wednesday May 27th

6:00 p.m. Generation Unite

East Lawn

Thursday May 28th

9:00 a.m. Quilting

Monthly Events

12:10 p.m. Tuesdays

Bible Study in the Library

Sunshine, Celebrations & Growing Faith



If April showers bring May flowers... then May must also bring busy calendars, full hearts, and maybe a little extra coffee. Seriously though, May is packed! The world around us is blooming, the grass is growing faster than we can mow it, and life just feels... full. And right in the middle of all that, God is quietly (and faithfully) growing something in us too.

This month we celebrate Mother's Day, a time to thank the women who have loved us, prayed for us, fed us (a lot), and somehow always knew where our missing shoes were.

Whether it's moms, grandmas, or other amazing women in our lives, we thank God for the ways they reflect His care and compassion.

Then comes graduation season, which means open houses, cake, and big life moments. It's exciting, a little emotional, and a reminder that God has been at work every step of the journey, and He's not done yet.

May Trivia: Did you know May is named after Maia, a figure associated with growth? Fitting, right? Everything is growing, and that includes us. Our faith isn't meant to stay the same; it's meant to grow, stretch, and deepen.

A Little Lutheran Fact: Martin Luther once described faith as something alive, "busy" and active. So if your faith feels like it's being stretched or put into action lately... you're probably doing it right. So as you juggle end-of-school schedules, celebrations, and everything in between, don't miss this: God is growing something good in you. Even in the chaos. Even in the busy. Even in May.

Join us!

JOIN THE KITCHEN KREW TUESDAY, MAY 19, 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, May 19 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 !

Council Highlights

- A new Bible Study, Mid-Week Worship Warriors, is starting up. They will meet on May 6th and May 20th from 6:30-7:30. Come join us!
- 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 .
- VBS is scheduled for August 4th - 6th . We need at least 15-20 volunteers, please contact Rachel Kitch or Kristy Jerke for more information.
- The Church Council is pleased to announce the appointment of Rachel Kitch as our Lay Minister, as well as her beginning the process of becoming an ordained pastor. Rachel has been a devoted and active member of our church community, consistently demonstrating a deep commitment to faith, service, and compassionate leadership. Her willingness to answer God's call in this new and meaningful way is a blessing to us all. Please join us in praying for and encouraging Rachel as she steps into this role and begins this important journey.

Treasure Report

March 31, 2026

Unified Budget Receipts

Regular Offerings	\$77,810.87
Thrivent Choice Dollars	576.00
Other Revenue	<u>\$ 538.25</u>
Total Receipts	\$78,925.12

Expenditures through

03/31/2026	<u>\$80,089.78</u>
------------	--------------------

Over(Short) of Actual Expenses \$(1,164.66)

Graduation Reception – May 10

Join us on May 10th at 9:45 AM as we come together to celebrate our 2026 high school graduates. This is a special time to honor their hard work, reflect on how far they've come, and lift them up in prayer as they step into the next chapter God has prepared for them. We would love for you to be part of this meaningful morning of recognition and encouragement.

Graduate Spotlight



My name is Kylee Miessler. I am a member of Trinity Lutheran Church, and my parents are Ron and Heather Miessler. I was baptized on August 24, 2008, and was confirmed on April 24, 2022.

During my time at Trinity Lutheran, I have been actively involved in the KICKS program, first as a participant and later assisting with activity time and lessons for younger children.

Throughout high school at GBHS, I have been involved in both athletics and academics. I played varsity golf all 4 years, qualifying for state and earning WAC recognition. I also participated in marching band and I am a member of the National Honor Society, Kayettes, FFA (currently serving as President), and 4-H. Through 4-H, I had the opportunity to represent the state of Kansas in Horse Panorama, compete in numerous horse judging and riding events. I've also competed in equestrian shows across the state for 10+ years.

I plan to continue my academic and equestrian career at Colby Community College, majoring in Animal Science while competing on the equestrian team.

I continue to hold my confirmation verse close: Deuteronomy 31:8 — “The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged.”

Thank you for your support. I kindly ask that you keep me in your prayers as I begin this next chapter.

Tavon Stroup is a proud graduate of Great Bend High School and the son of JC and Ashley Stroup. During his four years of high school, he has made the most of every opportunity both in and out of the classroom. A dedicated three-sport athlete, Tavon has competed in cross country, basketball, and track, earning varsity letters in each and qualifying for state competition. His strong work ethic, determination, and team-first mindset set him apart and make him a respected leader among his peers.

Beyond athletics, Tavon stays actively involved in school life through organizations such as Pep Club, Random Acts of Kindness, DECA, KAYs, FDA, and the spirited “Striped Mafia.” His positive energy and school pride were recognized when he was selected as a winter homecoming candidate—an honor that reflects both his character and the impact he has on those around him.

Tavon continues his academic and athletic journey at Missouri Western State University on a cross country and track scholarship. He plans to major in secondary education, with the goal of returning to his hometown one day to teach and coach, giving back to the same community that has helped shape him.

Tavon’s favorite Bible verse, 1 Corinthians 15:57, reads: “But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.” This verse resonates deeply with him because it reflects his mindset in both sports and life—that success is not just about personal achievement, but about gratitude, faith, and recognizing a greater purpose behind every victory and challenge.

Tavon’s journey is just beginning, and he continues to inspire others through his hard work, humility, and heart for serving those around him.



What's Happening At Trinity

- ◆ We're excited to announce that we will be creating a new pictorial directory for our church family! This will be a wonderful way to help us put names with faces and stay connected as a community. Photos will be taken at Shane Portrait Studio, and we will be sharing available dates and times soon. Please be on the lookout for sign-up opportunities so you can reserve a time that works best for you and your family. We encourage everyone to participate—whether you're new or have been part of our congregation for years, you are an important part of our church family! Stay tuned for more details coming soon!
- ◆ 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, May 17th for our monthly fellowship meal! What to bring: A–K: Side or dessert, L–Z: Main dish or side. Our fellowship meal takes place every third Sunday of the month, and everyone is invited! 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.
- ◆ Looking to Connect? 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 and take a closer look at how they are translated across various Bible versions. 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!

Generations Unite May Event

Join us on May 27th for an evening of grilling, yard games, and great fellowship! This is a wonderful opportunity for all ages to come together, connect, and simply enjoy time with one another. We'll gather on the east side of the church. Please bring a side dish to share, and if you have a favorite outdoor yard game, feel free to bring it along—we'll have some available as well! We hope you'll come be part of the fun!

"Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves."
Romans 12:10

Church Update

We are excited to share some news from our church history project!

This summer, **Michele Brack** will be working on bringing our church records back into digital form, helping us preserve and organize our history for years to come.

We are also **looking for a computer wiz** to assist with this project. If you enjoy technology and want to help keep our church history alive and accessible, we would love your help!

If you're interested or want to learn more, please reach out to Michele.