

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Trumpet

NOVEMBER 2024

UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov. 17th– TLF Soup
Fundraiser

Nov. 28th– Thanksgiving

Stan Kenton Christmas Brass Concert

Trinity Lutheran Church

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8th Dec | **AT**
3:00 PM

THIS IS A FREE CONCERT FEATURING CHRISTMAS CAROLS IN THE BIG BAND STYLE OF THE LATE STAN KENTON. THE KENTON BRASS HAS BEEN PERFORMING THESE CONCERTS FOR OVER FIFTY YEARS IN THE WICHITA & HUTCHINSON AREAS. THIS IS THE FIRST TIME A PERFORMANCE IS COMING TO CENTRAL KANSAS. THE CONCERT IS SPONSORED BY GENEROUS PRIVATE DONATIONS. THIS IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR TRINITY TO FELLOWSHIP WITH OTHER AREA CHURCHES.

GOOGLE STAN KENTON CHRISTMAS "TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS" & "GOD REST YE MERRY GENTLEMEN FOR SOME MUSICAL SAMPLES.

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And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4:7)

A young man once stood on a street corner, opened his coat, and cried, “Look at my heart, look at my perfect, perfect heart.” A crowd soon gathered, impressed by his perfect heart. They stood in awe of a heart without blemish, perfect and complete in every way.

Soon an old man walked by and paused to see what the commotion was all about. When he heard the young man proudly crying “Look at my perfect heart” the old man pushed his way to the front to get a closer look. And when he saw the young man’s heart, he scolded him. “Son, that’s not a perfect heart. If you want to see a perfect heart you need to see mine.” With that the old man opened his coat to reveal an old, knotted and ugly heart. It was full of bumps and holes, and pieces of it had broken off here and there.

The crowd began to laugh, but the old man raised his hand and began to speak. “See this bump” he said, “That’s when I met my first love. Oh, how the sun shone that day, how bright the colors of the universe were, how sweet the singing of the birds in the trees. What a wonderful moment it was... Ah, but see this hole, that’s when my first love and I broke up. How it pained me, and pains me still. But the hole once ran much deeper. The years have managed to fill it in a lot... See this bump, that’s when I met the woman who became my life partner. Oh, what a wonderful life we had – year after year of shared companionship, of laughter, tears and joy. This scratch here is when we had a fight that threatened to end our marriage – but we made up and moved on... Over here, this place where a piece of my heart has been broken off, this is when she passed away. Oh the ache – yes it still aches even today, for she took a part of my heart to the grave with her, but I trust she will return it to me someday... Ah, but here’s another great bump. This was when we began our family. You’ll notice the hole beside it. That’s when we learned we could not bear our own children. How hard it was to accept; how painful to live with. But the bump is when we got our adopted daughter – our very own beautiful little girl to raise as our own. And yes, there are scratches and indentations surrounding the bump – the times we fought and yelled. But always we learned to forgive, and so this bump grows ever bigger.”

The old man went on to describe many other bumps and holes and scratches on his heart, and when he finished the crowd was silent. “You see son” he said, turning to the young man with the unblemished heart, “yours is not a perfect heart, for it has not lived, it has not been touched with joy and tears and laughter and love and pain and anguish and hardship and celebration. Only when you are an old man like me will you be able to look upon a gnarled and battered heart and be able to say, ‘yes, now that is a perfect heart.’”

Isn’t it amazing how a simple change in perspective can affect our lives in unexpected ways? Throughout our lives we can be battered and slapped around by wrong decisions made by ourselves or others or circumstances over which we have no control. Hurt by those closest to us and forgotten by others who said they would always be there when we needed them. And yet, how we weather those storms depends on what our lives are anchored to. We can either trust in this world to look out for our best interests and more than likely end up with more bumps and bruises than we could ever count, or we can trust in the God who has promised in Christ Jesus to always be with us no matter what.

Now that doesn’t mean that simply trusting in God will prevent those bumps and bruises from ever happening; but it does mean that we will never suffer them alone. And knowing that even in our deepest suffering, God continues to walk with us, can change how we see our lives in the midst of a world that all too often, seems to revel in pain and suffering.

In the end, our hearts may not be pretty to look at, but they will be made perfect as we live in and through the peace that passes all understanding.

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

- TLF soup fundraiser is November 17th
- The volunteer scheduler position is open, if anyone is interested
- Emergency Aide and the Food Bank are always in need of food, monetary donations, and volunteers.
- Still looking to fill 2 council positions, President & Worship.

Trinity Lutheran Church Treasurer's Report September 30, 2024

	For the <u>Month</u>	Year-to-date <u>2024</u>	Year-to-date <u>2023</u>	
Unified Budget Receipts				
Regular Offerings	37,764.99	226,983.09	211,652.39	
Thrivent Choice Dollars	-	1,823.00	1,251.00	
Other Revenue	126.95	1,505.33	9,439.24	
Total Receipts	<u>37,891.94</u>	<u>230,311.42</u>	<u>222,342.63</u>	
Expenditures through 09/30/2024	<u>25,147.64</u>	<u>212,526.90</u>	<u>187,824.09</u>	
Over (Short) of Actual Expenses	<u>12,744.30</u>	<u>17,784.52</u>	<u>34,518.54</u>	
Budget Receipts:		Year-to-date <u>2024</u>	Year-to-date <u>2023</u>	Increase/ (Decrease) from 2023
Average per Sunday (39 Sundays in 2024) (39 Sundays in 2023)		<u>5,820.08</u>	<u>5,426.98</u>	<u>393.09</u>
Total Unified Budget Receipts		226,983.09	211,652.39	<u>15,330.70</u>
Budget Requirements		259,496.25	246,408.75	
Over (Short) of Budget Goal		<u>(32,513.16)</u>	<u>(34,756.36)</u>	

Trinity Ladies Fellowship

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Rebecca Circle met Monday, October 21, 2024, at 7pm in the Parlor. We had 10 ladies present. Our Bible study was led by Cindy Smith. We are continuing to learn more about Jonah, as he was reluctant to be one of God's leaders. During the short meeting, we learned that Carolyn Nelson has retired from TLF Council, and we are looking for someone else willing to serve as our secretary. Our fall soup fundraiser will be held on November 17th. The proceeds will be donated to missions. It has been suggested that a portion of the money go to Water 4 Kids, a mission to provide filtration systems for use in schools in Uganda. We have three dozen baby and toddler hats that have been crocheted by Joyce Nagel and Dottie Anderson. We have contacted the Family Crisis Center and several other agencies, and they are very excited about receiving these donations. We also learned that Lola Michael is crocheting shawls to be donated to the cancer center. We are very thankful for the many ways we support local missions. We will be sending 73 quilts, 84 school bags, 30 Health kits and 7 fabric kits to LWR. We gave the Oaks Indian Mission 9 quilts to be used for the children living there. Following the meeting, we enjoyed peach cobbler served by Judy Messersmith & Ruth Lanterman.

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

Luke 1:45

Friendship Circle The Friendship Circle met October 16th with ten ladies present. Jana Reed was the

hostess & Jeannie Girton presented the Bible Study. These items from TLF council were discussed: the number of completed quilts, Fill the Soup Pot for Emergency Aide, open position for TLF council secretary, Fall Fundraiser from November 17th, and suggestions needed for missions or community projects. The November meeting will be on the 20th. Ruth Steitz will be the hostess and Judi Brack Johnson will present the lesson. All Trinity ladies and friends are welcome to attend the Friendship Circle meetings which are held in the church library at 9:30 a.m. on the third Wednesday of the month.

We are asking that you help us fill the shopping cart with groceries to stock the shelves at the Food Bank. They are in need of the normal canned goods, pasta and cereal; in addition, during this holiday season, they could also use flour, sugar, salt, pepper, cake mixes and frosting. In Thanksgiving for all the many blessings we have each received this year, help us be a blessing to others by donating food to help those in need. The food bank reports serving as many families in the first nine months of 2024 as they did during the entire year of 2023. The need in our community is great and will only increase with the wintry weather and higher utility bills in the coming months. **Thank You for being a Blessing!**

It was a great October, we learned a lot of things from several different missions that we have supported this past year. With colder weather and the holidays approaching there is so many who need help. We ask that you continually pray about ways that you can personally become mission minded, but also ways that we as a congregation can continue to grow our mission mind here. We continue to stress the importance of the Great Commission and reaching those here in our community and those across the seas. As a team we looked and saw a need for Hurricane relief right here in the United States and chose to give some of the mission funds to help them battle this disaster. The funds will go to a local NALC church who is allocating the funds to things like food, shelter, clothing and more. By donating to them the funds will hit local areas quicker. It is our job to love our neighbors and help them in this time of need. Please continue to pray for their recovery efforts and all who are affected by this natural disaster.

Want to learn more about the missions Trinity is currently supporting? Scan the QR code and see the missions with direct links to each of their websites. As we work to continue the growth of missions in our congregation we are always open to suggestions on missions that members would like to see supported. Please contact any of your mission team representatives,



Rachel Kitch, Jil Johnson, Shelia Felske, & Ruth Lanterman

Friendship meals are available in the kitchen freezer in the fellowship hall! Please feel free to deliver them to anyone you know that could use a meal, just sign the sheet so we can have a record. Two meals have been delivered so far this month which is a Chicken breast on a bed of rice with mixed vegetables and a sprinkling of cheese, rolls and brownies! Cooking directions are included. Please help spread the love of Christ through food!

**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

Schedule of Events

Nov. 6th KICKS

Nov. 13th KICKS

Nov. 20th KICKS

Nov. 27th No KICKS



Fall is in full swing and winter will be here before we know it. That means holidays and lots of family time, it also means we only have a month left of the first semester of KICKS. The kids have learned so much already and the memory board in the education wing is beginning to fill up, please take a look and congratulate the children on their hard work. As advent approaches we are excited to begin to learn all about Jesus arrival to earth and how that changed everything for believers. As the holiday season approaches and things to tend seem busier, my hope for you and your children is that you can slow down and even if for a few minutes each evening take the time to do a devotion and really discuss what this time means. Thanksgiving is the beginning and it a time to understand and know that we are truly blessed and have so many things to be thankful for, even if there are days it doesn't feel that way.

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

We are having fun learning bible stories, check out our Noah's Ark we built together with all kinds of animals, we even added dinosaurs of course. The Fall season has supplied us with opportunities to use pumpkins and colorful leaves we find on our adventures for various art and science projects.

Blessings —Diana Welshonse



JOIN US NOVEMBER 17TH 11:30 A.M.

TLF SOUP FUNDRAISER

**MENU INCLUDES:
CHICKEN NOODLE SOUP
POTATO SOUP
HOMEMADE PIE**

**THIS WILL BE A FREE WILL OFFERING.
ALL DONATIONS GO TO SUPPORT
MISSIONS**

CARRY-OUT IS AVAILABLE



Thank You

Thank you for the beautiful flowers and a huge thank you to the person who delivered them. We always enjoy receiving these. Les Stewart

I want to thank the members of Trinity for all the prayers, cards & visits. I so appreciated the meals that were delivered as well. You will never know how much it helped. God is good, All the Time. Carolyn Nelson, and family

Prayer Page for November 2024

WE PRAY TODAY FOR:

Resident of Azria of GB

Sam Spece

Allen Ukens

Les Stewart

Resident of Riverbend of GB

Ladine Hartman

Elsena Bender

Resident of Brookdale

Joyce Nagel Jim Juergensen

Resident of Medical Lodges

Deon Lupton

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

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

Live Like Jesus Today

MEMBERS CURRENTLY NEEDING HEALING:

Gene Smith

CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR HEALING:

Leann Wegele, Ron & Janice Ensle, Vicki Boxberger, Sheryl Corn, Carolyn Nelson

Delores Schneidewind, Lola Michael, Dottie Anderson, Robert Rowland , Kasey Kennedy

Marlene & Mak Brack, Patti Klima, Kathy Delimont, Gerald Postlethwaite & Lily Akins

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, Jasnmka 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)

Denise Wilson (Sister, 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 Aguilar (Friend Ruth Lanterman)

Marty Becker (Member Emmanuel Lutheran)

Daniel Klima (Son of Merle & Liz Klima)

Robert Roth (Friend, Judi Brack-Johnson)

Cindy Philips (Judi Brack Johnson)

Frank Ochs Family (Judi Brack Johnson)

Laurie Schaffer (Friend of Christi Penka)

Sandra Geschwenter (Friend of Christi Penka)

Kim Feulner (cousin of Christi Penka)

Cathy Bell (Friend of Penkas)

Linda Cannon (friend of Penka)

Micca Schneider (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 Kummers)

Wally Gregg (friend of Kummer)

Jamie Howard (Niece of Ruth Stietz)

Roger Suchy (Brother/Connie Belt)

LaDesha Clark, Todd Clark, Janie Mooneyham,

Arvella Kirkhart (all family of Tom Kirkhart)

Linda Essmiller (cousin of ArNell Briel)

Jim New (friend of Hofeling)

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

November 2024

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

						1	2 5:00 p.m. Worship Service
3 9:15 a.m. Education Hour 10:30 a.m. Worship Service	4 5:30 p.m. TLCD Board Meeting 7:00 p.m. Bldg. & Grnds Meeting	5 11-1 Dining w/ Diabetes 12:00 p.m. Bible Study	6 12:00 p.m. BCAC Meeting 5:15 p.m. KICKS	7	8	9 5:00 p.m. Worship Service	
10 9:15 a.m. Education Hour 10:30 a.m. Worship Service	11	12 9:00 a.m. Quilting 11-1 Dining w/ Diabetes 12:00 p.m. Bible Study 2:00 p.m. TLF Council 7:00 p.m. Council	13 2:00 p.m. Pastor@Riverbend 5:15 p.m. KICKS	14	15	16 5:00 p.m. Worship Service	
17 9:15 a.m. Education Hour 10:30 a.m. Worship Service TLF Soup Fundraiser	18 7:00 p.m. Rebecca Circle	19 11-1 Dining w/ Diabetes 12:00 p.m. Bible Study	20 9:30 a.m. Friendship Circle 5:15 p.m. KICKS	21	22	23 5:00 p.m. Worship Service	
24 9:15 a.m. Education Hour 10:30 a.m. Worship Service	25	26 11-1 Dining w/ Diabetes 12:00 p.m. Bible Study	27 2:00 p.m. Pastor@Riverbend NO KICKS	28 Thanksgiving Day	29 Office Closed	30 5:00 p.m. Worship Service	

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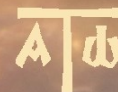
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I AM
MAKING ALL
THINGS NEW.



REVELATION 21:5