

The Trumpet

NOVEMBER 2025

UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov. 16: Fellowship Meal

Nov. 17: Rebecca Circle

Nov. 19: Friendship Circle

Nov. 19: Final Wednesday Event

Final Wednesday

Q: What is Final Wednesday?

A: Final Wednesday is an evening of fellowship and fun.

Q: When is Final Wednesday?

A: Most often on the final Wednesday of each month. Some months may be the week before depending on conflicts.

Q: Is Final Wednesday only for families of young children?

A: Absolutely NOT! We want all members of Trinity to attend whether you are 1, 50, or 95! If you have zero kids or 10 kids. If you have grandchildren or even want to bring a guest. All are welcome!

Q: Is it only for KICKS families.

A: Nope, some events will be during Kicks and some will not.

Q: Will Final Wednesday always be held at the church?

A: Not at all. We have held events at the Zoo, at a church member's house, and also at the fellowship hall.

Q: Will there always be a meal served?

A: Some events will be simple snacks and others will involve meals.

Q: How do I find out more about Final Wednesdays?

A: We post it in the Trumpet, in the bulletin, announce it at church, and post it on our Facebook page. You can also contact Rachel Kitch or Kristy Jerke.

Upcoming Final Wednesday

Nov. 19 @ Fellowship Hall~Friendsgiving Meal

November Final Wednesday will be held Wednesday, Nov.19 @ 5:30. We will have a "Friendsgiving" meal, followed by board games/cards. Please bring your favorite Thanksgiving dish to share.

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Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

—1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Way back, in the times of old...ok, maybe not so old, at least not for a lot of us, but back in 1972, Robert Coleman put out a book called 'Written In Blood.' In one section of the book, he tells the story of a little boy whose sister needed a blood transfusion. The doctor explained that she had the same disease the boy had recovered from two years earlier. Her only chance for recovery was a transfusion from someone who had previously conquered the disease. Since the two children had the same rare blood type, the boy was the ideal donor.

"Would you give your blood to Mary?" the doctor asked. Johnny hesitated. His lower lip started to tremble. Then he smiled and said, "Sure, for my sister." Soon the two children were wheeled into the hospital room—Mary, pale and thin; Johnny, robust and healthy. Neither spoke, but when their eyes met, Johnny grinned. As the nurse inserted the needle into his arm, Johnny's smile faded. He watched the blood flow through the tube. With the ordeal almost over, his voice, slightly shaky, broke the silence. "Doctor, when do I die?"

Only then did the doctor realize why Johnny had hesitated, why his lip had trembled when he'd agreed to donate his blood. He thought giving his blood to his sister meant giving up his life. In that brief moment, he'd made his great decision.

Now that's a great story about a brother's love for his sister, but what would that have to do with the that Bible verse at the beginning? After all, Paul seems to be talking about something we can relate to at this time of year; just mention the month of November, and the first thing most people think about is Thanksgiving. That fits, doesn't it? During our Thanksgiving holiday there seems to be a lot of rejoicing and giving thanks not only to God in prayer, but to family and friends who make this time of year that much more special. And if that is God's will, then by golly let's get on with it!

But there's still that story about the little boy. When you stop and think about it, I'm pretty sure that at the end of it all, he was not only rejoicing that his sister would recover and quite thankful that he would be there to see it happen. I also believe that the boy's parents were also rejoicing and thankful for both of their children; their daughter for the new life given to her and their son who was willing to give her that life even if it meant giving up his own.

When we look at our own lives, we can see the sacrifices that make life possible; the ones we do for others and the ones others do for us. And believe it or not, along with the sacrifice comes prayer, rejoicing and thanksgiving. But then, isn't that what people who love one another do? And I'm not talking about headline making sacrifices, but the little everyday ones that people make—donating to charity, giving blood, donating bone marrow, volunteering precious time. All of it involves prayer for direction, rejoicing in being able to serve, and thanksgiving for God's call to love our neighbors as ourselves.

Yes, we are thankful for all of God's blessings to us, but we are even more thankful when God gives us the opportunity to be a blessing to others—even when it calls for a little sacrifice on our parts.

As we gather with friends and family, or even total strangers that we are called to serve; whether it's at Thanksgiving, Christmas or any other time of the year, remember Paul's advice and rejoice in what God has blessed you with, pray constantly for God to lead, uplift and sustain you in all things; and of course, give thanks for the sacrifice that made it possible for us to become children of God.

Diana and I wish you all a blessed Fall season and may all your days be filled with thanksgiving.

Pastor Jay

From the Council

The congregational meeting was held October 19th and the annual report was reviewed. Jeremy Kennedy Was elected Vice-President and the previous council members all agreed to stay on in their current positions. Pastor Jay gave an update with his treatments and his tumors have shrunk significantly, we continue to pray for his healing. He has been driving back and forth between Omaha and Great Bend when he is able. His sermons both in person and via video are very well received. He did tell the congregation that they are putting their house up for sale as he is considering early retirement. We will continue to support him and his family as we can.

Mrs. Buzz (CliffAnn) Birney was the guest speaker this weekend and we were given an update on their missions and goals of their organization, Live Like Jesus Today. They seem to have accomplished much and continue to have lofty goals. They are aiding college students and helping women and children in need while spreading the gospel.

The church's financial condition appears to remain stable through 2026 though Robert Lanterman noted that 2027 may have challenges with building insurance and utilities. Our agent noted that there is talk in insurance circles of some commercial/church/ other types of roofs becoming uninsurable. This is just speculation but I suspect that if we continue with large destructive hail storms in our area then that could become reality. Operation is well aware of that possibility and will plan accordingly.

Finally, Pastor felt that we should go ahead and form a call team in the event that he either retires or cannot continue his duties. Those types of committees require a lot of work but I am hopeful that we can find members who want to assist with the search.

A fellowship meal was served after the meeting and I would encourage members to attend. Even if you do not want to bring a dish or forgot to make one please attend anyway. It is a good way to get to know your fellow members. I have had a very nice experience for me and my wife.

Len Fleske

Council Highlights

President – Len Fleske

Vice-President – Jeremy Kennedy

Secretary – Christi Penka

Worship – Krista Smith

Education – Kristy Jerke

Ministry – Ruth Lanterman

Operations – Randy Wetzel

- Volunteers are always needed to help serve on various committees of the church, contact a council member for more information of where you can serve.
- New envelopes will be available the first of the year!

Be a Voice for Our Congregation

As I traveled to the LCMC Annual Convention, my main focus was on our youth how we can better disciple them, guide them, and help them grow in faith. But as I listened to keynotes and joined group discussions, I realized my takeaway was much broader. To truly impact our youth, we must also impact our entire congregation. We are one body, united in our mission for Christ.

Moving forward, each of us needs to take a close look at our church and ask: What needs to change for us to grow and thrive?

Change is never easy. It can be uncomfortable, and sometimes even painful. But if we want to see Trinity Lutheran Church continue to grow and live out its mission, we have to be willing to make those hard choices, not for convenience, but for what is best.

So I invite you to reflect and pray with me:

What things in our church are not helping us thrive?

Where might God be calling us to step out in faith, to change, and to grow?

Let's have the honest conversations, face the challenges together, and trust that God will lead us forward.

Trinity Lutheran Church Treasurer's Report September 30, 2025

	For the <u>Month</u>	Year-to-date <u>2025</u>	Year-to-date <u>2024</u>	
Unified Budget Receipts				
Regular Offerings	19,660.02	213,849.10	226,983.09	
Thrivent Choice Dollars	-	2,201.00	1,823.00	
Other Revenue	143.70	1,531.10	1,505.33	
Total Receipts	19,803.72	217,581.20	230,311.42	
Expenditures through 09/30/2025	28,542.78	226,164.54	212,526.90	
Over (Short) of Actual Expenses	(8,739.06)	(8,583.34)	17,784.52	
		Year-to-date 2025	Year-to-date 2024	Increase/ (Decrease) from 2024
Budget Receipts:				
Average per Sunday		5,483.31	5,820.08	(336.77)
(39 Sundays in 2025)				
(39 Sundays in 2024)				
Total Unified Budget Receipts		213,849.10	226,983.09	(13,133.99)
Budget Requirements		254,403.75	259,496.25	
Over (Short) of Budget Goal		(40,554.65)	(32,513.16)	

Trinity Ladies Fellowship

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Rebecca Circle

Rebecca Circle met on Monday, October 20th with six ladies present. Ruth led our Bible Study. We started a new 9-week series, Walking by faith, Not by Sight. It focuses on the nature of the Christian life here in the world. We learned about faith and sight in the midst of struggle. During the business meeting we discussed spending some of our mission money to support the girls' home being prepared by Live Like Jesus Today Ministries. We agreed this would be a good way to support women and children in our community. Following our meeting we enjoyed cake and coffee provided by our hostesses, Lydia Kaufman and Kay Melton.

"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 15th with ten ladies present. Judi Brack Johnson opened the meeting with a prayer. The items from TLF Council were discussed and those present were reminded to have some mission names to which monies can be donated by the end of the year. Krista Smith gave the lesson and Jana Reed was the hostess for the meeting. The next meeting will be November 19th in the church library. Marty Schloemer will be hostess and Carla Maneth will present the lesson. 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.

Quilting Dates:

Tuesday Nov. 11 9:00 a.m. Thursday Nov. 20 9:00 a.m. Tuesday Dec. 9 9:00 a.m.

Upcoming Dates:

TLF Council: Tuesday November 11, 2:00 p.m. – Library

Rebecca Circle: Monday, November 17, 7:00 p.m. – Library

Friendship Circle: Wednesday, November 19, 9:30 a.m.

Thank You

- A sincere thank you from LLJTM for giving us the opportunity to come and share what God is doing in the ministry. Thank you for your continues support in all we do. Buzz & CliffAnn Birney
- Thank you for your support over so many years. We are blessed to have all of you supporting the mission here at Oaks. Your support impacts the lives of all of our families. God's Blessing, Dan Cooper & Staff

Missions



Scan Me to see
more about
missions

We are so blessed to have CliffAnn Birney with Live Like Jesus Today Ministries join us and share both her story and the incredible work this ministry is doing in our communities.

As they prepare to embark on a new journey by opening a home for women and children in need of a safe place. This home will be a place of refuge and restoration—where women can learn valuable life skills, hear the message of the Gospel, and be equipped with a healthy mindset to return to the world as confident believers in Christ. As they prepare to open their doors, there are still several items needed to help furnish and support this space. We are excited to partner with them in Christ and we invite you to be a part of this meaningful effort by donating needed items.

A list of needed items is included below and will also be available on the tree in the Gathering Area. Please bring all donated items back to the church by December 1st.

Supplies Needed:

Sheet rock	Pot set	Blender
Can opener	Kitchen utensils	Teapot
Full-size sheet sets	Pillows	\$25 & \$50 Walmart Gift Card
Diapers and wipes	Cribs	

This home is just one part of the broad impact Live Like Jesus Today is having. Their ministry also includes:

- Weekly Bible studies for people of all ages
- The Kingdom Closet, where those in need can find clothing and other essentials
- Prison ministry
- Outreach to the homeless, offering shelter during extreme conditions and housing when possible
- Monthly service trips to Wichita to support the homeless and needy
- Annual mission trips outside the U.S.

If you're interested in getting involved with any of these efforts, please don't hesitate to reach out to Buzz or CliffAnn.

The biggest impact we can have in our own community, is to be united in the mission of Christ. So, let's come together and be the hands and feet of Jesus in our community!

As the leaves begin to change and the air turns crisp, our youth are embracing a season of growth, gratitude, and connection. Fall is a wonderful time to pause, reflect, and rediscover how God is moving in our lives, and we are working to show our children just that!

This month at KICKS, we're transitioning into a season of reflection and gratitude as we explore what Thanksgiving and Advent mean to us. Each age group will be engaging with lessons designed to help them understand these seasons more deeply and see how they connect to their everyday lives. Our Confirmation students are continuing their journey of faith through the Alpha Teen Project, where they're learning what it means to build a strong foundation in Christ—even when life gets busy or uncertain. Each lesson connects real-world experiences with scripture and faith, helping students see how God's truth speaks into the world around them today.

We've also been having some fun! With fall activities and our upcoming Final Wednesday, there have been plenty of opportunities for fellowship and laughter. It's been a joy watching friendships strengthen and faith come alive.

As we look ahead, please keep our youth in your prayers, that they would continue to seek God's presence, support one another, and live out their faith boldly in their schools and communities.

Thank you, church family, for your continued encouragement, snacks, and prayers. This season reminds us that growth takes time, and we're grateful to see how God is at work in the hearts of our children!

Train up a child in the way they should go, and when they are old they will not depart from it. Proverbs 22.6

Sunday School classes for children ages 3 through High School

Sunday School News

Adult Parlor Class is studying "Stuff They Didn't Teach Me in Sunday School". This is a video series produced by The Lutheran Hour – Men's Network. There is a different lesson every week followed with discussion.

Library Class is studying lessons following the Readings and Gospel lessons for each weekend.

At 10:00, you are invited to enjoy coffee, treats and lots of fun and fellowship in the Gathering Space.

We would love to have everyone join us whenever you can!

TLC Discoveries

Outside Play
Good Things
Prayers

Halloween Crafts
Halloween Party
Puzzle time

Prayer Page for November 2025

WE PRAY TODAY FOR:

Resident of Azria of GB

Sam Spece

Resident of Riverbend of GB

Elsena Bender

Resident of Brookdale

Joyce Nagel Jim Juergensen

Resident of Medical Lodges

Ladine Hartman

Residents Out-of-Town:

Marie Schepmann,
Hoisington

Donna Oliver, Wichita

Clara Mae Brown, Larned

August Sandy, 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, Ruth Steitz, Debbie Marshall, Geneva Steinert, Gary Klima,

Judy Dunn, Vicki Anderson & Pastor Jay

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*)

Roberta Holden (*Judy Messersmith*)

Cirus Feil, Ashley Corn, Jessie & Creed
Rodriguez; Rachel Corn & Family (*family/
Steve & Sheryl Corn*)

Janet Meyers, Misty Claussen Train
(*friends/ Steve & Sheryl Corn*)

Dennis Peter (*Cousin 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*)

Evette Aguilera (*Friend Ruth Lanterman*)

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

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*)

Pam (*friend of Penka's*)

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*)

Jorja Campbell (*Niece of Ruth Steitz*)

Jamie Howard (*Niece of Ruth Steitz*)

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*)

Sandra Bauer (*Lucy Snyder*)

Vera Reed (*friend Judy Dunn*)

Enrique Lira (*Friend of Katy Jerke*)

November 2025

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

							1 5:00 p.m. Worship Service
2 9:15 a.m. Education Hour 10:30 a.m. Worship Service	3 5:30 TLCD Board Meeting 7:00 p.m. Bldg. & Grnds Meeting	4	5 5:15 p.m. KICKS	6	7	8 5:00 p.m. Worship Service	
9 9:15 a.m. Education Hour 10:30 a.m. Worship Service 7:00 p.m. Council	10	11 9:00 a.m. Quilting 2:00 p.m. TLF Council	12 5:15 p.m. KICKS	13	14	15 5:00 p.m. Worship Service	
16 9:15 a.m. Education Hour 10:30 a.m. Worship Service Fellowship Meal	17 7:00 p.m. Rebecca Circle	18	19 9:30 a.m. Friendship Circle 5:30 p.m. Final Wednesday Friends Giving	20 9:00 a.m. Quilting	21	22 5:00 p.m. Worship Service	
23 9:15 a.m. Education Hour 10:30 a.m. Worship Service	24	25	26	27 Office Closed	28	29 5:00 p.m. Worship Service	
30 9:15 a.m. Education Hour 10:30 a.m. Worship Service							

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Coffee Fellowship ● ● ●

Every Sunday at 10:00 AM we gather in the Gathering Area for coffee, treats, and fellowship. We'd love for you to join us each week—it's a wonderful way to connect with one another before worship!

If you would like to provide treats on a Sunday, please contact Harlen Jerke. Donations are also welcome to help support this time of fellowship.

Come for the coffee, stay for the fellowship!