

The Trumpet

OCTOBER 2024

UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct. 5th & 6th:

Oaks Indian Mission

Blessing of Quilts

Oct. 12th & 13th:

Dakota Boys & Girls Ranch

Congregational Meeting

Oct. 19th & 20th:

Live Like Jesus Today

Ministries

Oct. 27th: Pumpkin Patch

Congregational Assembly Meeting

Please save the date and join us on October 13th following the 10:30 worship service for the Annual Congregational meeting. Once again we will vote on budget and delegates and discuss any other church business that may need tended too. If there is something that you feel needs to be discussed please contact Rachel in the office so she can get it put on the agenda and approved for the meeting.

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Reminder

Please check the church calendar, the events column and the bulletin board in the gathering area for all the upcoming events. Trinity has a busy month and we don't want anyone to miss anything.

Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. (Isaiah 43:19)

A little girl noticed that every time her mother cooked a roast she chopped a piece off the end of the roast before putting it in the oven. Intrigued, she asked her mother why she did this.

“Well to be honest, I do it because that’s the way my mother always does it” came the reply. “I’m sure she must have some good reason for it.”

At the next family gathering, the child decided to satisfy her curiosity. “Grandma, why do you always chop the end off the roast before cooking it?”

“Well to be honest, I do it because that’s the way my mother always does it” came the reply. “I’m sure she must have some good reason for it.”

A week or so later the little girl was visiting her 90 year old great grandmother. She explained that mummy and grandma always chop the end off the roast before cooking it, but couldn’t remember why. Did she know?

“Of course I do!” said Great-grandma. “Imagine the two of them doing that! Why, I only cut the piece off because my pan was too small!”

If you’ve been in the church for even a little while, you may have come across the phrase, “we’ve always done it that way.” And while on its surface, there’s nothing wrong with saying that, it’s when you try to go a little deeper or try to look behind the what is done to get to the why it’s done.

507 years ago, Martin Luther dared to start digging a little deeper into the why’s of a number of things that were going on in the church at the time. It wasn’t done maliciously. It wasn’t done because Luther thought he was right and everyone else was wrong. It certainly wasn’t done to start a new church. Luther’s 95 Theses, the document that for many of us marks the beginning of the Reformation, was simply a request to start a conversation, to debate the state of the church and what direction it seemed to be heading.

Of course, it wasn’t received that way by some of the people in authority at the time. Sort of like when all of those strange things that Jesus was saying about God’s kingdom and how we were supposed to treat one another wasn’t received all that well by the religious authorities of his time. But in both instances, the Gospel would not be held in check by anyone holding earthly authority.

So is it wrong to question why we do things the way we do? Should we question those in authority when we feel that we may be headed in the wrong direction? I believe the lives of both Martin Luther and Jesus would give you an answer to both of those questions. Asking good questions in a respectful manner has always been a good way to learn; even when we don’t agree with the answer.

But there seems to be a growing phenomenon in our culture, both inside and outside the church. Well-meaning people, who simply want to have a discussion; who want to ask challenging questions and explore deeper answers are in danger of being labeled as divisive or hateful. And yet, we seem to keep asking questions, especially if we don’t like the answers. But again, isn’t that what makes for a good debate and a good opportunity for learning?

It is my prayer that the church will continue to learn, and grow in faith and service to our loving God. But that will only be if the church (all of us) is willing to take the time and ask some hard questions of itself when they are needed. And while there will be times when it feels like we’re wandering in the wilderness, we only need to ask God to open our eyes, and look to see where He has set our path as we continue in the life giving and reforming newness of God’s grace, mercy and love.

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

- Trinity Lutheran Church is working with Trinity United Methodist Church collecting coats thru the end of September
- Blessing of the Quilts October 5 & 6.
- Fall Congregation Meeting is October 13 after the 10:30AM service.
- Upcoming visitors- Dan Cooper with Oaks will be here October 5 & 6. Paul Kreuger from Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch will be here October 12 & 13.

Trinity Lutheran Church Treasurer's Report August 31, 2024

	For the <u>Month</u>	Year-to-date <u>2024</u>	Year-to-date <u>2023</u>	
Unified Budget Receipts				
Regular Offerings	24,211.28	189,218.10	191,257.39	
Thrivent Choice Dollars	-	1,823.00	1,251.00	
Other Revenue	200.45	1,378.38	9,114.15	
Total Receipts	24,411.73	192,419.48	201,622.54	
Expenditures through 08/31/2024	23,531.16	187,379.26	164,793.24	
Over (Short) of Actual Expenses	880.57	5,040.22	36,829.30	
Budget Receipts:		Year-to-date <u>2024</u>	Year-to-date <u>2023</u>	Increase/ (Decrease) from 2023
Average per Sunday		5,565.24	5,464.50	100.74
(34 Sundays in 2024)				
(35 Sundays in 2023)				
Total Unified Budget Receipts		189,218.10	191,257.39	(2,039.29)
Budget Requirements		230,663.33	219,030.00	
Over (Short) of Budget Goal		(41,445.23)	(27,772.61)	

Rebecca Circle

Rebecca Circle met on Monday, September 16th. We had 10 ladies in attendance. Ruth Lanterman gave the Bible study from "God's Reluctant Leaders". One of those leaders was Jonah. He tried to run away from God and was swallowed by the whale. God had other plans for him. This lesson was taken from the book of Jonah 2:1-10. In our business meeting we discussed the Soup Lunch fundraiser that will be held on November 17th to raise money for missions. It was noted that the blessing of the quilts and kits will be on Oct. 5th & 6th. The quilting ladies will be making diapers and receiving blankets on October 8th. These items will be given to Orphan Grain Train in Larned to be shipped to where they are most needed.

RoAnn Button was our hostess and served a delicious French vanilla éclair with fall themed table decorations. The next meeting will be held on October 21 at 7:00 p.m. with Judy Messersmith as hostess.

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

Luke 1:45

Friendship Circle

The Friendship Circle met September 18th with ten ladies present. The items from

TLF Council were discussed: the number of completed quilts, health kits and school bags, soup pot which each church will decide the date(s) for this and coat collection sponsored by one of the local Methodist churches. The quilts, health kits & school bags will be taken to Hays Oct. 23rd. Another project in which church members are invited to participate in is the making of diapers & receiving blankets for Orphan Grain Train. This will take place October 8th at the church. Susan Holste was hostess and Darla Clarke continued the lesson on Bathsheba. The October meeting will be on the 18th. Jana Reed will be the hostess and Jeannie Girton will present the lesson. 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.

Quilting

During each worship service on October 5 & 6, we will bless the quilts our women have made, and the health kits, school bags and fabric kits they have assembled for Lutheran World Relief. The quilts and kits will be taken to Hays to meet the LWR truck on Wednesday, October 23rd. These quilts and kits will be distributed where most needed to provide help and comfort to people in need in our country and throughout the world. A HUGE Thank you to all who helped by donating items and assembling the quilts and kits.

October is Missions at Trinity Month

Wow, do we have a jammed pack schedule of Mission weekends for the members of Trinity. First up we will have Dan Cooper with Oaks Indian Mission on October 5th & 6th. Trinity has been a long time supporter of Oaks and their missions and even though they have evolved and have made some changes to their Mission, they are still impacting the lives of children and families in the Oklahoma area. We are asking congregation members to donate supplies from their amazon wish list, you can check out their needs at www.oaksindianmission.org, or pick up a post card in the gathering area with a list of items. Dan will speak at both services and there will be a lunch provided following the 10:30 service.

Next up we will hear from Paul Krueger with Dakota Boys & Girls Ranch. Paul will be here on October 12th & 13th. He will speak at both services and we will also have a joint education hour on Sunday in the fellowship hall, a light breakfast will be provided. To help the ranch we are hosting a Honey Sunday. By hosting this event, we help provide funds for the amazing children that the ranch helps to support through education and residential treatment. If you would like to purchase a bottle of honey, you can see the display table in the gathering area, or scan the qr code.



Last but certainly not least we have invited a local mission to come and tell us all about their ministry in our community. Buzz & CliffAnn Birney work through out the community with their team to help provide shelter when temperatures are extreme, help set-up apartments for those trying to get back on their feet and give away food donations to those in-need. They also hold various Bible studies throughout the community from young adult studies to Barton CC studies to those for adults. They also provide the Kingdom Campus which takes in donations to benefit those needing anything from clothing items to furniture. I encourage you to check out all that they have to offer. To help support this ministry in our community, the children of the church will be collecting noisy offering during the service. The third Sunday fellowship meal will follow this service and be provided for you to come and enjoy.

Please come out to worship during this time and show your support to these missions. We hope that by bringing in these people it will bring more awareness to what missions is and how we can go about fulfilling the Great Commission as we are commanded by God. "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you." Matthew 28: 19-20

Schedule of Events

Oct. 2nd KICKS

Oct. 9th KICKS

Oct. 16th KICKS

Oct. 20th Noisy Offering

Oct. 23rd KICKS

Oct. 30th KICKS



How is it October already, I feel like we just Kicked-off school and now we are almost 2 months in. KICKS is off to a great start, we have 25 kids joining us this year. We are all excited to meet “Luther’s Small Cat”, this is our mascot for all the younger series we are using. He will follow us in learning all the Pieces of God’s plan. He may even show up in worship services at times. Each week we will be playing a Bible

Trivia game to start off as our activity time. We started with Bible race to the tik-tac-toe, lots of energy is burned. As we progress and get used to being back we will once again add in music time, with song, dance, and bells. Once we finish with the meal we head to class for lots of learning, glueing, and fun. Please keep an eye on the bulletin board in the education wing, as children learn certain pieces to God’s plan we will add their names to the wall. If you ever want to come and join us please feel free to stop by the kids love seeing new faces.

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



A huge thank you for our beautiful new block table that Tom Humburg created recycling some of our old blocks.

As part of our service projects the children were able to help assemble casseroles and put labels on the community meals with help from church members.



We also passed out bottles of water to the quilting ladies and even helped pin some quilts together. The children had so much fun and were grateful for these learning opportunities. Thanks to all of you that helped the children and to Krista Smith and Ruth Lanterman for allowing us to participate.

Our Halloween party will be on Wednesday October 30, starting at 10:30. The preschool children will go Trick or Treating from one Sunday school room to the next. You are invited to come join in the fun and hand out candy or come see us in our costumes.



Blessings —Diana Welshonse

The Social Concerns team continues to assist Trinity members and members of the community with rent, utility and other needs. There are multiple other churches and agencies in Great Bend who are also offering help to those who need a hand up. This is in addition to the assistance given by the Food Bank and Emergency Aid. A community wide coat give-a-way event is being hosted by the United Methodist Church on October 12th from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Trinity members are contributing coats to help the members of the community.

This team is also hosting Dan Cooper, Executive Director of Oaks Indian Mission, on Saturday and Sunday, October 5 & 6 for Worship. A meal will be provided by Social Concerns and all donations will be given to the Mission. If you wish to donate other items that they need, you will find a list of needs on the table in the Gathering Space.

Volunteer Opportunities

Meals On Wheels of Barton County needs help delivering meals. This could be once a month, or even every week. You may also have a choice of which days work the best for you. It takes less than one hour and can be done between the hours of 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

You are sometimes the only person the client might see that day. You may be bringing them the only source they have of nutrition and the impact you have on the recipient of the meal is immense. To volunteer, call RSVP at 620-792-1614

KICKS is back in session! If you would like to provide a meal or a dessert for any of the Wednesday evenings, please contact Rachel at 620-793-7894

The Barton County Association of Churches will host the "Fill the Soup Bowl" event again this October. The money donated

will be used to fund the Emergency Aid Fund. Each participating church collects money during the month of October to be given to BCAC. These funds will help to continue the work of BCAC in caring for the needy in our community. The funds can be used to help with rent, utilities, medical needs or pay for a motel room for someone traveling through town. You can put cash, or a check made out to BCAC in the soup bowl.

BCAC Fill the Soup Pot

Prayer Page for October 2024

WE PRAY TODAY FOR:

Resident of Azria of GB

Sam Spece

Allen Ukens

Les Stewart

Resident of Riverbend of GB

Ladine Hartman

Resident of Brookdale

Joyce Nagel

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

MEMBERS CURRENTLY NEEDING HEALING:

Bev Juergenson

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, & 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)

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)

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 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 VanVleet (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,

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)

October 2024

Sunday **Monday** **Tuesday** **Wednesday** **Thursday** **Friday** **Saturday**

		1 12:00 p.m. Bible Study	2 5:15 p.m. KICKS 6:00 p.m. Endowment	3	4	5 5:00 p.m. Worship Service Dan Cooper w/ Oaks Indian
6 9:15 a.m. Education Hour 10:30 a.m. Worship Service Dan Cooper w/ Oaks Meal Following Worship	7 5:30 p.m. TLCD Board Meeting 7:00 p.m. Bldg. & Grnds Meeting	8 9:00 a.m. Quilting 12:00 p.m. Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Council	9 2:00 p.m. Pastor@Riverbend 5:15 p.m. KICKS	10	11	12 5:00 p.m. Worship Service Paul Kreuger w/ Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch
13 9:15 a.m. Education Hour Fellowship Hall Breakfast 10:30 a.m. Worship Service Paul Kreuger w/ Dakota Boys & Girls Ranch Congregational Meeting	14 2:00 p.m. TLF Council	15 12:00 p.m. Bible Study	16 9:30 a.m. Friendship Circle 5:15 p.m. KICKS	17	18	19 5:00 p.m. Worship Service Buzz & CliffAnn Birney w/ Live Like Jesus Today Ministries
20 9:15 a.m. Education Hour 10:30 a.m. Worship Service Buzz & CliffAnn Birney w/ Live Like Jesus Today Ministries Fellowship Meal	21 7:00 p.m. Rebecca Circle	22 9:00 a.m. Quilting 12:00 p.m. Bible Study	23 2:00 p.m. Pastor@Riverbend 5:15 p.m. KICKS	24 9:00 a.m. Quilting	25	26 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. WOW Convention @ Nebraska 5:00 p.m. Worship Service
27 9:15 a.m. Education Hour 10:30 a.m. Worship Service 5:00 p.m. Pumpkin Patch	28	29 12:00 p.m. Bible Study	30 5:15 p.m. KICKS	31		

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