

UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct 4 & 5: Dan Cooper, Oaks Indian Mission

Oct. 11 &12 Blessing of Quilts

Oct. 15: Friendship Circle

Oct. 18 & 19: Live Like Jesus

Oct. 19: Fellowship Meal
Congregational Meeting

Oct. 20: Rebecca Circle

Oct. 26: Reformation Sunday

Oct. 29: Final Wednesday Event

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The Trumpet

OCTOBER 2025

October Mission Month

We are excited to celebrate Mission Month with several special events throughout October:

- October 4th & 5th – We welcome Dan Cooper from Oaks Indian Mission, who will be sharing about the incredible work being done at Oaks.
- October 11th & 12th – Join us for our Blessing of the Quilts weekend as we honor the faithful work of the ladies of our church who provide blankets each year to those in need.
- October 18th & 19th – We will hear from Buzz & CliffAnn Birney with Live Like Jesus Today Ministries, as they share about the new and exciting ways God is working right here in our community.

Final Wednesday

Join us on Wednesday, October 29th, for the Final Wednesday Fellowship Night!

We'll gather in the fellowship hall at 5:30 p.m. for a Chili Cook-Off and Pumpkin Fun.

Think your chili is the best? We'd love for you to be one of our chefs! Sign up in the gathering area of the sanctuary to enter your famous recipe and let everyone have a taste.

This event is open to all—members of all ages—so come on down for a fun evening of food and fellowship!

For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!” (Romans 10:13-15)

It's October and while it may or may not seem obvious, Fall is here. Some of the changes are subtle, while others are pretty much inescapable. But I'm not just talking about the weather.

October also brings about other thoughts about change and doing something different; especially as we look toward the end of the month to that day when we celebrate that something different was happening in the Church—Reformation Sunday.

But not many people remember a critical time in the reformation when faithful people took their stand on the freedom that comes in and through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ alone. They were willing to die for it because there was nothing more important in this life than the proclamation of salvation by grace through faith in Jesus alone.

On June 25, 1530, Martin Luther, Philip Melanchthon, and German leaders of the Church put their lives at risk so that the Gospel of Jesus would be heard loud and clear. For them, it was a message that was too important to remain silent and certainly too important to compromise. For them, it was time to confess, to proclaim the truth of Jesus' Good News and then, await their fate.

How important was this message to them? Perhaps the best example came from one of these leaders as he said to Charles V, Holy Roman Emperor, “Before I would deny my God and His Gospel, I would rather kneel down before your Imperial Emperor and let you cut off my head.”

So just what was this message that they considered important enough to risk their lives? The Augsburg Confessions. And if you're not familiar with this particular document, this was an explanation of their beliefs. But not just what they believed in, but also why they believed it.

So, when was the last time you made a confession? And I don't mean what we do on Sunday mornings when we confess our sins “in the presence of God, and of one another.” In this case, confession is a statement of belief like when we “confess our faith” using either the Apostle's, Nicene or Athanasian Creed. So what I'm asking is when was the last time you talked to someone about what you truly believe when it comes to God? Now you may have to think about that for a moment or two because, let's be honest, that's something we don't tend to do. Other people probably have a pretty good idea what we believe about music, food, various hobbies, and especially politics; but they would be hard pressed to really know what we think, believe or even feel about God. Yes, we tend to be more open about it when we're in the safety of the church building or even among other members of our congregations if we happen to be together somewhere else; but if someone from outside of our “group” happens to be there, we all too often become silent on the matter.

So why did they do it? Why did those who presented the Augsburg Confession dare to take a stand and do something different? They did it because they knew and believed that others needed to hear this Good News for their very lives too. We have been called to do the same. To confess the good news! And not just with words; but with our very lives; to be the hands and feet, and yes, the mouth of Christ in the world.

So that's our challenge as we continue in this year of challenges. To confess in words and deeds that “Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.” (Phil 2:11b). So, you see, you don't have to be a street preacher to “confess” your faith. But you do have to live like you believe and believe like you live. Or another way to put it; your life may just point someone else to the source of true life. Now that's a confession!



From the Council

Annual Congregational Assembly Meeting

Please plan to attend our meeting on Sunday, October 19th. We'll be voting on the budget and council positions. Following the meeting, everyone is invited to stay and enjoy a potluck meal together.

Vocation of Marriage Sunday

As part of our Reformation Sunday Celebration, we will be observing the 500th Anniversary of Martin and Katharina Luther's Marriage.

On June 13, 1525, Martin Luther married Katharina von Bora, establishing a profound example of Christian marriage as a sacred vocation. Their partnership embodied mutual respect, faithful companionship, hospitality, and spiritual ministry. Luther emphasized marriage as a reflection of Christ's relationship with His Church, calling couples to mutual love and support, grounded in God's sustaining grace.

The service will feature Scripture readings, prayers, liturgical elements, and an opportunity for couples to affirm their marriage vows. Our celebration will emphasize the spiritual significance of marriage, support for families, and pastoral care for those experiencing marital strain or separation.

Come join us as we strive to strengthen the vocation of marriage and support families in their journey of discipleship and honoring marriage as a spiritual vocation shaped by grace, while prayerfully supporting those experiencing separation or divorce.

Council Highlights

President – Len Fleske

Vice-President –

Secretary – Christi Penka

Worship – Krista Smith

Education – Kristy Jerke

Ministry – Ruth Lanterman

Operations – Randy Wetzel

- Family night at the zoo on September 25th
- KICKS starts up on October 1st. Volunteers are always needed, please contact Rachel if you are interested!
- Trinity United Methodist Church is having a coat drive, you can drop donations here at the church until October 5th.

Trinity Lutheran Church
Treasurer's Report
August 31, 2025

	For the Month	Year-to-date 2025	Year-to-date 2024	
Unified Budget Receipts				
Regular Offerings	25,984.11	194,189.08	189,218.10	
Thrivent Choice Dollars	14.00	2,201.00	1,823.00	
Other Revenue	108.84	1,387.40	1,378.38	
Total Receipts	26,106.95	197,777.48	192,419.48	
 Expenditures through 08/31/2025	 25,285.10	 197,621.76	 187,379.26	
 Over (Short) of Actual Expenses	 821.85	 155.72	 5,040.22	
 Budget Receipts:				Increase/ (Decrease) from 2024
Average per Sunday	2025	2024		
(35 Sundays in 2025)	5,548.26	5,565.24		(16.98)
(34 Sundays in 2024)				
 Total Unified Budget Receipts	 194,189.08	 189,218.10		 4,970.98
 Budget Requirements	 226,136.67	 230,663.33		
 Over (Short) of Budget Goal	 (31,947.59)	 (41,445.23)		

As we begin Mission Month, the Ladies Fellowship would like to share the many missions they have supported over the past year:

- Barton County Food Bank – donations of food and men's & women's hygiene products
- Red Cross Blood Drive – providing a meal each September for volunteers and donors
- St. Francis Ministries – baby caps, mittens, and quilts
- Orphan Grain Train – reusable diapers and receiving blankets
- Lutheran World Relief – backpacks filled with school supplies, personal care kits, and 60–100 quilts each year
- Dream Center – blankets for the homeless and those in need

TLF Mission Support

In addition, the Ladies Fellowship provides monetary donations annually to:

- Oaks Indian Mission
- Barton County Emergency Aid
- LCMC Women of the Word

We truly believe it is the work of all of us to help spread the Gospel to as many people as possible, and through mission work this becomes possible.

Trinity Ladies Fellowship

Rebecca Circle met on Monday, September 15th with eight ladies present. Cindy Smith led our Bible Study. We finished our study of God's Fearless Leaders with Moses and Aaron working together, each using their own talents, to stand up to Pharaoh and his army and guide the Israelites to the Promised Land. After a short business meeting we enjoyed cake and wafer cookies decorated to look like pencils as our fall season begins. RoAnn Button and Ruth Lanterman were our hostesses.

The Friendship Circle met September 17th with eight ladies present. Judi Brack Johnson opened the meeting with a prayer and a few wake-up exercises. The items from TLF Council were discussed and Jeannie Girton gave the lesson on Community & Compassion. Jeannie was also the hostess for the meeting. The next meeting will be October 15th in the church library. Jana Reed will be hostess and Krista Smith 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.

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

Luke 1:45

Quilting Dates:

Tuesday Oct.14 9:00 a.m. Thursday Oct. 23 9:00 a.m. Tuesday Oct. 28 9:00 a.m.

Upcoming Dates:

TLF Council: Tuesday October 14, 2:00 p.m. – Library

Rebecca Circle: Monday, October 20, 7:00 p.m. – Library

Friendship Circle: Wednesday, October 15, 9:30 a.m. - Library

October 11-12 Blessing of Quilts & Kits

October 22nd Quilts & Kits will be taken to Trinity Lutheran Church in Hays

Missions

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JOIN THE KITCHEN KREW TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 8:30 AM IN KITCHEN AND HELP PREPARE FRIENDSHIP MEALS!



Scan Me to
see more
about missions

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, October 14 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 !

The Mission Team met in September to allocate the 3rd quarter mission funds. Each year, we welcome and encourage members of the congregation to share new ideas on how these funds might be used to support God's work locally and beyond. If you have suggestions or questions, please reach out to Rachel Kitch, Shelia Fleske, Ruth Lanterman, or Jil Johnson. Below is a breakdown of how the 3rd quarter funds are being distributed: Great Bend Zoo \$ 500.00 (this was a matching fund for what the children raised during vbs) Emergency Aide \$1000.00, Oaks Indian Mission \$1500.00, Live Like Jesus Today \$700.00 Awakening Live to World Mission \$1000.00.

Mission Team Update

At Trinity, we are blessed to support a variety of missions throughout the year. During this Mission Month, we'll be highlighting some of those efforts, but we also want to hear from you!

If there are organizations or programs God has placed on your heart, we invite you to share them with us. The Mission Team is always praying and looking for new ways we can extend support and make a difference together.

Please feel free to visit with any of our Mission Team members with your ideas: Rachel Kitch, Shelia Fleske, Jil Johnson, Ruth Lanterman

It's October and the leaves are beginning to fall. It's time to pull out your cozy sweaters, sip on a pumpkin spice latte, and watch as the trees turn those perfect shades of gold and red.

But beyond the crunchy leaves and pumpkin patches, fall has a way of slowing us down and inviting us to reflect. It feels like God's gentle nudge to pause, breathe, and rest in His presence.

Whether you're out on a brisk walk, curled up with a good book, or simply admiring the beauty of the changing season, may this fall be a time of reflection and anticipation for the new things God is preparing in your life.

KICKS is back in full swing, and the kids are excited to keep growing in their faith! This year, we are building on the 7 C's of History from our VBS theme. This gives us the opportunity to dig deeper into what we learned, while also enjoying some of the same music and themes we loved during VBS.

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
Board Games
Prayers**

**Good Things
Lego Fun
Puzzle time**

Prayer Page for October 2025

WE PRAY TODAY FOR:

Resident of Azria of GB

Sam Spece

Resident of Riverbend of GB

Elesna Bender

Resident of Brookdale

Joyce Nagel Jim Juergensen

Resident of Medical Lodges

Deon Lupton

Ladine Hartman

Residents Out-of-Town:

Nancy Soeken, Hutchinson

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, Patsy Mull, 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 Aguilara (*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*)

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 Kimmers*)

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*)

Ethan Lanterman (*Cousin of Arnelle Briel*)

Enrique Lira (*Friend of Katy Jerke*)

October 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5 9:15 a.m. Education Hour 10:30 a.m. Worship Service Dan Cooper w/ Oaks Meal Following worship	6 5:30 TLCD Board Meeting 7:00 p.m. Bldg. & Grnds Meeting	7	8 5:15 p.m. KICKS	9	10	11 5:00 p.m. Worship Service Buzz & CliffAnn Birney Blessing of the Quilts
			12 9:15 a.m. Education Hour 10:30 a.m. Worship Service Blessing of the Quilts	13	14 9:00 a.m. Quilting 2:00 p.m. TLF Council 5:30 p.m. TLCD Meeting 7:00 p.m. Council	15 9:30 a.m. Friendship Circle 5:15 p.m. KICKS
			19 9:15 a.m. Education Hour 10:30 a.m. Worship Service Buzz & CliffAnn Birney, Live like Jesus Today Congregational Meeting Fellowship Meal	20 7:00 p.m. Rebecca Circle	21	22 5:15 p.m. KICKS
			26 9:15 a.m. Education Hour 10:30 a.m. Worship Service	27	28 9:00 a.m. Quilting	29 5:30 p.m. Final Wednesday Chili Cook-off & Pumpkin Fun
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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!