

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept. 4th: BCAC Meeting

Sept. 10th: Friendship
Meal Workshop

Sept. 11th: Confirmation
Meeting

Sept. 15th Third Sunday
Meal

Sept. 18th KICKS Begins

The Trumpet

SEPTEMBER 2024

Back to School Kick-off



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We enjoyed a fun filled Sunday. Each student received a blessing during church and then we enjoyed serving a picnic style meal to 50 people. It was a nice time of fellowship and outdoor games for all. Thank you for all that came and all that helped put the day together.

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together.

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. (1 Corinthians 12:12-13, 26-27)

So what happens when we, as members of God's church, the body of Christ don't get along the way we should? And not just with the people we encounter in our daily lives, but the very people we call our sisters and brothers in Christ? What happens when one group thinks they can do something better than another and doesn't care who gets hurt so long as they are the ones calling the shots and making the decisions?

But wait a minute! Christians don't act like that. That's those other people who do that. After all we're the ones who do the whole Kumbaya thing—or do we? I came across the following story that was reported by Reuters back on July 29, 2002 that would seem to show otherwise:

Tradition claims that Jerusalem's Church of the Holy Sepulchre is built over the cave in which Christ is said to have been buried. In July 2002 the church became the scene of ugly fighting between the monks who run it. The conflict began when a Coptic monk sitting on the rooftop decided to move his chair into the shade. This took him into the part of the rooftop courtyard looked after by the Ethiopian monks.

It turns out that the Ethiopian and Coptic monks have been arguing over the rooftop of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre for centuries. In 1752 the Ottoman Sultan issued an edict declaring which parts of the Church belong to each of six Christian groups: the Latins, Greek Orthodox, Armenian Orthodox, Syrian Orthodox, Copts, and Ethiopians. Despite the edict conflict over the church remains.

The rooftop had been controlled by the Ethiopians, but they lost control to the Copts when hit by a disease epidemic in the 19th century. Then in 1970 the Ethiopians regained control when the Coptic monks were absent for a short period. They have been squatting there ever since, with at least one Ethiopian monk always remaining on the roof to assert their rights. In response a Coptic monk has been living on the roof also, to maintain the claim of the Copts.

And so we get to a Monday in July 2002, when the Coptic monk moves his chair into the shade. Harsh words led to pushes, then shoves, until an all out brawl is going, including the throwing of chairs and iron bars. At the end of the fight 11 of the monks were injured, including one monk unconscious in hospital and another with a broken arm.

And if you're wondering, the conflict continues even today.

So if this is the way that Christians act, then how are we any different from the rest of the world? Well, as far as our human nature goes, I don't know that we are any different; which is probably why we act the way we do sometimes. Yet the difference comes when we are confronted about our less than Christian behavior—and not by another fallible human being; but by the Holy Spirit. And it's when the Spirit holds up that mirror to our behavior and we truly know what it is that we have done or failed to do, that our Christian nature comes through in our confession and our desire to repent; to turn away from our sin and live as God truly wants us to live.

As a congregation, as part of the Heartland District and dual affiliated with both the LCMC and NALC and as the church of God, we will have our moments when we will behave more like a body at odds with itself than as the body of Christ. But when we come together; maybe not in total agreement, but in mission to our neighbors, especially those in desperate need to feel God's love; then watch out world, and see what happens when the body of Christ comes together for God's glory, sharing the Good News and living the Gospel.

Pastor Jay

Council Highlights

President – John Krug
 Vice-President – Len Fleske
 Secretary – Christi Penka
 Worship – Rhonda Anshutz
 Education – Open
 Ministry – Ruth Lanterman
 Operations – Randy Wetzel

- Friendship meal team will meet on September 10th at 9:00am to assemble meals.
- KICKS will begin on September 18th. Volunteers always needed!
- Blessing of the quilts is the weekend of October 5th and 6th , then sent to Hays on October 24th to be distributed by Lutheran World Relief. Some of the quilts will be held back for local distribution.

Trinity Lutheran Church Treasurer's Report July 31, 2024

	For the <u>Month</u>	Year-to-date <u>2024</u>	Year-to-date <u>2023</u>	
Unified Budget Receipts				
Regular Offerings	20,453.02	165,006.82	168,000.93	
Thrivent Choice Dollars	-	1,823.00	1,251.00	
Other Revenue	162.74	1,177.93	9,017.63	
Total Receipts	20,615.76	168,007.75	178,269.56	
Expenditures through 07/31/2024	25,780.56	163,848.10	140,797.75	
Over (Short) of Actual Expenses	<u>(5,164.80)</u>	<u>4,159.65</u>	<u>37,471.81</u>	
Budget Receipts:		Year-to-date <u>2024</u>	Year-to-date <u>2023</u>	Increase/ (Decrease) from 2023
Average per Sunday (30 Sundays in 2024) (31 Sundays in 2023)		<u>5,500.23</u>	<u>5,419.38</u>	<u>80.84</u>
Total Unified Budget Receipts		165,006.82	168,000.93	<u>(2,994.11)</u>
Budget Requirements		201,830.42	189,767.67	
Over (Short) of Budget Goal		<u>(36,823.60)</u>	<u>(21,766.74)</u>	

Trinity Ladies Fellowship

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Circle Meetings

The two women's circles have taken a break over the summer. They will resume their monthly meetings the 3rd week of September as listed below. All women of Trinity are invited to attend either a morning or an evening circle. We hold a Bible study and short business meeting followed by treats, fellowship and lots of laughter!

They always say, "the more, the merrier" so please come help us have some fun!

Rebecca Circle September 16 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parlor

Hostess: Tina Hiss

Bible Leader: Ruth Lanterman

Friendship Circle September 18 at 9:30 a.m. in the Library

Hostess: Susan Holste

Bible Leader: Krista Smith

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

Luke 1:45

Quilting

The quilters have completed 70 quilts so far this year and we are still working on more. We are also ready to start packing the 84 school kits that we have assembled and the 36 health kits.

We will have the blessing of the quilts and kits on the weekend of October 5 and 6. They will be taken to Trinity Lutheran Church in Hays on October 23rd for shipment to Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Quilters will meet on: Tuesday, September 10th, Tuesday, September 24th, & Thursday, September 26

Missions

Serving the Athletes of Barton Community College

Thank you to all who helped serve the Athletes on August 8th. We served about 50 young men & women all whom were very appreciative of the meal.



Backpack for the Community

Thank you to all who donated to the backpack drive. We were able to give out 250 backpacks to families in the community. With the help of Faith Community Church, Community Christian Church, & Encounter this event was a success and we look forward to growing next year.

AN OPPORTUNITY TO HELP WITH A MISSION OF TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH IS AVAILABLE TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 AT 9:00 A.M. IN THE KITCHEN AS WE PREPARE FRIENDSHIP MEALS!

To prepare the meals, we are having a workday, Tuesday, September 10, 9:00 a.m. in the kitchen. Doughnuts will be available as we begin fixing meals! Everyone is welcome. The meals are simple to make. We will be assembling Casseroles and making desserts. We will be done before noon. There will be a checkout sheet so we can monitor food needs! If this date doesn't work, please watch for other upcoming meal preparation opportunities! Questions, please contact Rachel at the church office or 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 !

Schedule of Events

Sept. 11th Confirmation Meeting

Sept. 18th KICKS

Sept. 25th KICKS



Once again as the semester begins I am looking at ways to improve what we do at KICKS, this years theme is You are a Piece of God's Plan. Looking into each age have a different piece to complete the work of God, Preschool & Kindergarten will be studying the ABC's of the Bible, 1st-2nd will learn about baptism and the Lord's Prayer, 3rd & 4th the 10 Commandments & Communion, 5th & 6th Bible and the Apostles' Creed. Each of these grades will be working with the Luther's Small Cat series which follows a cute little cat as he learns all about what these things mean to us as Lutheran's. Please keep an eye out in the Education Wing for all the kids are learning and when they master these skills will recognize them.

As always if you would like to volunteer in anyway to help with KICKS please contact Rachel for the opportunities that are available.

The children's Sunday School class started meeting again on August 4th after taking off the month of July. We average five children each week. Our lessons include Bible stories, memory verses, worksheets, crafts and games. Sara Selfridge is also teaching the children some fun songs with lots of actions. Ruth Lanterman is the teacher with Judy Messersmith as helper.

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 new year of fun and exciting learning has begun, and we have been enjoying the fun of making new friends.

An alphabet soup bulletin board has been started and we will be adding letters to the soup until we have a full pot. We have already celebrated a birthday as a pre-school class. Exploration opportunities are vast in our neighborhood to learn shapes, colors and numbers and we look forward to being outside while the weather is warm.

Blessings, Diana Welshonse



Trinity Lutheran Church

DISCOVERIES AFTER-SCHOOL/SUMMER PROGRAM
& LITTLE BLESSINGS PRE-SCHOOL

Trinity's Social Concerns Team is active in many areas concerning missions. First and foremost, we are here to provide assistance to the members of Trinity. We can provide monetary help with paying rent, utility and medical bills, and prescription medications, etc. We can also assist with finding transportation to appointments; assistance with small household chores such as changing light bulbs, smoke detector batteries, yard clean up, and any other needs you have. All calls are kept confidential. Please share your needs with Pastor Jay or Ruth Lanterman.

This team also supports the local food bank. We provide them with men and women's hygiene products; we collect food for them several times a year and we provide volunteers during the month of March. Several of our members, Judi Brack Johnson and Perry and Krista Smith are regular volunteer assistants.

We support the Oaks Indian Mission. This year we will be providing them with quilts to assist with their needs at the mission as well as giving them a monetary donation.

If you have any needs or questions, please do not hesitate to call us. We would also welcome a few more members to join our team.

Noon Bible Study begins on September 3rd, Please come and join us each week as we dive deeper into scripture and look at various translations of the Bible. Feel free to bring your lunch along with you.

Thank You!

Thank you so much for thinking of me on my graduation and for the graduation reception. I also greatly appreciate the gifts. Additionally, thank you for all of the friendship and support that you have given me over the years as I have grown up within the church. I am also grateful and blessed to receive the endowment scholarship to further my education at Kansas Wesleyan. Sincerely, Parker Dicks

Prayer Page for September 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

Janet Flint

Residents Out-of-Town:

Nancy Soeken, Hutchinson

Wilma Steadman, La Crosse

Marie Schepmann,
Hoisington

Donna Oliver, Wichita

Clara Mae Brown, Larned

August Sandy, Larned

Deon Lupton, 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:

Lily Akings, Kasey Kennedy, Carolyn Nelson, Jason Miller

CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR HEALING:

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

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

Marlene & Mak Brack, Patti Klima, & Kathy Delimont

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 Rodri-
quez; 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 Delim-
ont)

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 Aguilara (Friend Ruth Lanterman)

Marty Becker (Member Emmanuel Lutheran)

Daniel Klima (Son of Merle & Liz Klima)

Robert Roth (Friend, Judi Brack-Johnson)

Cindy Phillips (friend, 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)

Philip Donecker, Travis Milsap, Ryder Schmidt,

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)

John Winter (friend of Kummer's)

Tammy Gregg (friend of Kummer)

Jamie Howard (Niece of Ruth Stietz)

Roger Suchy (Brother/Connie Belt)

James Michael (son/Lola Michael)

LaDesha Clark, Todd Clark, Janie Mooneyham,

Arvella Kirkhart (all family of Tom Kirkhart)

Linda Essmiller (friend of ArNell Briel)

Jim New (friend of Hofeling)

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

September 2024

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

1		2 Office Closed Labor Day	3 12:00 p.m. Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Bldg. & Grnds Meeting	4 12:00 p.m. BCAC Meeting @ Perkins 6:00 p.m. Endowment	5	6	7 5:00 p.m. Worship Service
8	9:15 a.m. Education Hour 10:30 a.m. Worship Service	9 5:30 p.m. TLCD Board Meeting	10 9:00 a.m. Quilting Friendship Meal Workshop 12:00 p.m. Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Council	11 2:00 p.m. Pastor@Riverbend 6:00 p.m. Confirmation Meeting	12	13	14 5:00 p.m. Worship Service
15	9:15 a.m. Education Hour 10:30 a.m. Worship Service Fellowship Meal	16 7:00 p.m. Rebecca Circle	17 12:00 p.m. Bible Study	18 9:30 a.m. Friendship Circle 5:15 p.m. KICKS	19	20	21 5:00 p.m. Worship Service
22	9:15 a.m. Education Hour 10:30 a.m. Worship Service	23	24 9:00 a.m. Quilting 12:00 p.m. Bible Study	25 2:00 p.m. Pastor@Riverbend 5:15 p.m. KICKS	26 9:00 a.m. Quilting	27	28 5:00 p.m. Worship Service
29	9:15 a.m. Education Hour 10:30 a.m. Worship Service	30					

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