

Pastor's Letter

(Twenty Years ago this month, I wrote the following article for the Trinity Times...I believe it bears repeating two decades later!)

Greetings in the Name of our risen Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,

Sunday after Sunday Lutheran Christians around the world come together in local congregations for Divine Worship. It is during this time that the body of Christ gathers around Word and Sacrament to praise our God for His blessings to us, to make our needs known to Him, to bear one another's burdens and to receive from God His forgiveness for our sin and His guidance through the proclaimed Word and sacraments.

Worship is a wonderful opportunity that is afforded only to those who are in Christ Jesus through faith, for no one can worship the true God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit apart from faith in Jesus Christ (1 John 2:23). Unfortunately, some do not see worship as an opportunity, but rather as an obligation; we **have** to go to church or else God will be mad at us... This understanding of worship probably stems from a misunderstanding of why we, as Christians, worship in the first place. We do not gather together in order to win God's favor or to keep Him happy. We gather together so that we may be in the very presence of Christ and receive from Him the blessings and gifts that He provides for His people. Our God works through "means". That is, He comes to us through specific avenues which He has told us about in Holy Scripture. The Word of God is one of these means. Whenever we read or hear the Word of God read, God Himself is present and working on our hearts and minds. This is why each worship service contains readings from Holy Scripture. The sermon is meant to proclaim what is taught in the readings for the day (usually the pastor picks one reading upon which the sermon is focused). The hymns that are sung during worship help to reinforce what is being taught in God's Word for any particular worship service. One of the focal points of Divine Worship is the celebration of Holy Communion. It is during this most sacred time, that our Lord Jesus Christ gives us His very body and blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of our sins and strengthening of our faith. This He does solely because of His grace toward us.

God exhorts us in His Word not to give up gathering together as is the habit of some (Hebrews 10:25). May we all gather together weekly around God's gifts of Word and Sacraments.

In Christ,

Pastor Damian

President's Letter

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Happy New Year!!! The calendar has flipped over once again – it's hard to believe that we have reached the half-way point of the 2020s decade!! Most of us set some type of New Year's resolution. The most popular (and cliched) are losing weight, exercising more, living a healthier lifestyle, etc. I would offer for your consideration that you resolve to make 2025 the year that you become more active and involved with your Church. I promise it is a very rewarding experience, and you will get more out of volunteering and getting involved than you put into it. Following are some ideas and ways that you can become plugged into life here at Trinity:

Join one of the four weekly bible studies that are offered

Attend Adult Bible Class on Sunday morning at 9:30 led by one of our Pastors

Volunteer to teach Sunday School

Attend one (or more!) social outings offered by the Board of Fellowship

Assist in preparing dinners to serve families at funerals

Volunteer to work a shift or two a month at Trinity House

Volunteer to help keep our church property beautiful – the Board of Properties holds a couple of cleanup days a year.

There is always weeding and cleaning that can be done!

Spend time with Pastor Nathan in our new outreach program – Coffee and Connect

Help to decorate the sanctuary for special services

Vacation Bible School is a way to positively impact the lives of children – and it takes an army of volunteers to make it happen. Ask Pat Hickson, Abbi Taves or Laura Gray where you can help!

Ask Kurt Coyle how you can help at the Christmas Day Dinner that Trinity hosts

Bake a dessert once a month in support of St. Paul's "Paul's Buffett" meal

Ask Laura Gray to be put on the list to be a Lay Reader during worship services

Ask Sheri to be put on the list for Greeters during any of the worship services

Talk to Becky Denney or Dawn Gnuthake on ways you can help with growing our Youth Group

Pastor Nathan will be working on a new Church Pictorial Directory in the coming months – ask him what you can do to help out

If you have marketing, fund raising and PR skills – come visit with me about a new role we would like to create for Trinity House

Join either the Senior Choir or the Adult handbell choir – or both!!

Volunteer at one of our food drives held at Dillons to supply and replenish Trinity House

Join the Trinity Book Club

Visit with Dave Goebel on how to become involved with Operation Christmas Child

Sponsor a child for CASA Christmas gifts

Choose a special week during the year to provide flowers for the altar

Attend one of the LWML events that are held throughout the year

Learn about the American Heritage Girls troop that Trinity sponsors from Richard and Melissa Barrette and ask how you can support them

Donate blood at one of the American Red Cross drives that Trinity hosts

You can also volunteer for one of our nine standing Boards – Education, Elders, Outreach, Fellowship, Properties, Social Concerns, Stewardship, Worship, Youth – who are always looking for new members.

More involvement from ALL members will create a stronger and more vibrant Congregation that will be better equipped to share the Love of Christ with our community. So don't delay - make that resolution!!

In His Service,

Mark Denney

Trinity Leadership Directory

If you would like more information about any of the ministries listed below, please contact the person listed. If you are not sure who to contact, please contact the church office at 682-7474, or by e-mail: officetlc@tlclevelandworth.org. The church website is www.tlclevelandworth.org

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**THIS INFORMATION IS
CORRECT AS OF THE
DATE IT IS PRINTED.
December 2025**

Elder Communities

Saturday 5:30 PM

Doug Wickland (302-6058)

Sunday 8:00 AM

Ron Romig (682-9086)

Tom Sedlock (651-7720)

Mark Denney (683-9616)

Tom Johnson (758-4006)

Scott Schimke (240-4620)

Sunday 9:30 AM

Jeff Thorne (488-8517)

Tom Adams (306-2943)

Aaron Adams (680-7990)

Sunday 10:45 AM

Dave Goebel (306-3440)

Sean Wittmeier (850-218-6460)

Jean Fluevog (683-8389)

Charlie Haase

Elders Emeriti

Larry Dedeke Ron Garner

Andy Shoffner John Lange

Ministries

Book Club:

Sharon Riedel (651-4288)

Church Library:

Priscilla LoPresti (682-7879)

Cradle Roll:

Priscilla LoPresti (682-7879)

Prayer Shawl:

Lou McLeod (683-2560)

Sunday School Superintendent:

Tiffany Battle (785-850-1294)

Sunday School Music Director:

Abbi Taves (unlisted)

Webpage:

John Gray (727-1146)

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Altar Guild:

Kathleen Adams (306-2942)

LWML:

Kathy Rush (980-5176)

Trinity House: (682-7474)

906 Marion Street

Hours: Tues, Wed, Thurs

10:00 am to 1:00 pm

Area codes are (913) unless listed.

Serving in Worship

| Serving in Worship | January 4 & 5 | January 11 & 12 | January 18 & 19 | January 25 & 26 |
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| CANTORS | 8:00 am TBD 10:45 am TBD | 8:00 am TBD 10:45 am TBD | 8:00 am TBD 10:45 am TBD | 8:00 am TBD 10:45 am TBD |
| GREETERS | 8:00 am Kathy Rush 9:30 am Wes and Helen Stillian 10:45 am Jean and Sharon Fluevog | 8:00 am Bob Summers 9:30 am Wayne and Pat Hickson 10:45 am Jerry and Norma Henshaw | 8:00 am Aaron Adams 9:30 am LeAnn Mendoza 10:45 am Derrick and Anna Robinette | 8:00 am Bob Summers 9:30 am Kathy Rush 10:45 am TBD |
| LAY READERS | 8:00 am Mark Denney 9:30 am Kris Meinert 10:45 am Marilyn Parsons | 8:00 am Kathy Blouch 9:30 am Wayne Hickson 10:45 am Liz Low | 8:00 am Patrick Battle 9:30 am Aaron Adams 10:45 am Jean Fluevog | 8:00 am John Davito 9:30 am Kris Thomas 10:45 am John Perkowski |
| ALTAR GUILD | 5:30 pm Anita Scarborough 8:00 am Cathy Summers Cleanup Marilyn Rielle | 9:30 am Kathleen Adams 10:45 am Susie Schwinn Cleanup Ron Romig | 5:30 pm Anita Scarborough 8:00 am Kathy Blouch Cleanup Sue Wolfe | 9:30 am Kathy Rush 10:45 am Laura Gray Cleanup Marilyn Parsons |

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| R | 10:45 am Dave Goebel, Sean Wittmeier, Jean Fluevog, Charlie Haase |
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| E | 10:45 am Jean Fluevog, Dave Goebel |
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Birthdays/Anniversaries

January

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| | | | 1 | 2 Tom Scarborough Summer Cameron | 3 | 4 John and Laura Gray (20) Gary Colston Karena McFarlin |
| 5 Susan Todd Ahlexa Wood Aiden Wood | 6 Becky Denney | 7 | 8 Norma Henshaw Edwin Fluevog | 9 Isaac Wittmeier | 10 Ryan Bachtel | 11 L Thomas Hill |
| 12 | 13 John Davito | 14 Daniel Bohnemann | 15 Justin Denney | 16 | 17 Regina Bruner Alison Smith | 18 |
| 19 | 20 Fred and Connie Schmeckel Jr (47) | 21 | 22 Monica Springer | 23 Emily Snyder Jalyn Floetke Ron Simon | 24 Linda and Rodney Jaksich (59) Ariyah Williams | 25 |
| 26 Louis Matusek Cole Spickler Alexander Jordan | 27 Doris Hendrickson Charles Heugel | 28 Barbara Alonzi Brian Hambleton Caleb Todd | 29 Jacob Diehl | 30 Brian Kobler Dawn Osbourne Andrew Schmidling | 31 Lois Froelich Tom Phillips | |



Facebook Page

Trinity now has a Facebook page! Search "Trinity Lutheran Church – Leavenworth KS" and hit that Follow Button. We will be posting pictures of all the great things that are happening within our Congregation as well as keeping you informed and up to date on upcoming events. If you have content that you would like to have posted to the page, please reach out to Mark Denney 913-683-9616.

Dillons Rewards

Trinity is participating in the Dillons Food Stores Community Rewards Program. We earn money every time that you use your Rewards Card when shopping. You will need to enroll your card at www.dillons.com. Once logged into your account, search for Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church (Leavenworth) either by name or by our account number (MH546) and then click Enroll. New users will need to create an account which requires some basic information, a valid email address and a rewards card. REMEMBER, purchases will not count for Trinity until after you have registered your rewards card. Participants must swipe their registered Dillons Food Stores rewards card or use the phone number that is related to their registered Dillons Food Stores rewards card when shopping for the purchase to count. We are thankful to Dillons for this opportunity!

LWML

LWML Hope Circle—Serve the Lord with Gladness (Psalm 100:2)

LWML Hope Circle will not meet in the month of January 2025.
Please join us for our February 2025 meeting on Monday, February 10.

LWML would like to thank everyone in the congregation that provided gifts for the CASA children we adopted and money for the shoe fund. The generosity of our congregation is amazing and is greatly appreciated.

Bd of Fellowship

The board of fellowship will be hosting another dinner theater event.

"Nonsense" is our dinner theatre show on Saturday, **February 1, 2025**. The matinee is a 1:15 pm show time this year. There will be a sign up sheet in the narthex. Should be a lot of fun!

Trinity House

As the year comes to a close, we would like to thank everyone who has supported our outreach mission at Trinity House. We are serving at least 150-160 families a month. Your gifts of time, food, clothing and cash donations have made this possible. We would also like to mention that we are receiving huge support from the community and would like to mention a few by name. Eisenhower school on post donated over 3000 food items. Citizens is responsible for most of our winter coat donations as well as food and cash. Our Methodist friends have donated over \$3000.00 as well as food, clothing and at least 5 monthly volunteers. If you know anyone in these organizations please thank them for helping serve the needy in our community!

We pray for continued blessings in the New Year!

Book Club

Trinity Book Club. Our book for January is **Breathing Lessons by Anne Taylor.** Winner of Pulitzer Prize for 1988. Maggie and Ira Moran have been married for twenty-eight years-and it shows: in their quarrels, in their routines, in their ability to tolerate with affection each other's eccentricities. Maggie, a kooky, lovable meddler and an irrepressible optimist, wants nothing more than to fix her son's broken marriage. Ira is infuriatingly practical, a man who should have married Ann Landers. And what begins as a day trip to a funeral becomes an adventure in the unexpected. As Maggie and Ira navigate the riotous twists and turns, they intersect with an assorted cast of eccentrics-and rediscover the magic of the road called life and the joy of having somebody next to you to share the ride . . . bumps and all. On Saturday, **January 25** at 6:30 pm, we'll meet in the Trinity East Room. Kathy Blouch will be our discussion leader and hostess. Hope you join us!

Member Spotlight

Happy New Year Trinity.

We are Sharon and Jean Fluevog. We began worshipping at Trinity in the early 1990s while Jean was attending the Army's Command and General Staff College. Following assignments in Texas and Japan, we returned to Leavenworth in 1998; and we have been here ever since. We were initially drawn to Trinity because of the pre-school program; and we returned because of the many friendships we made during our first assignment at Fort Leavenworth.

We are both active in several aspects of congregational life here at Trinity. Sharon is a member of the Altar Guild and the 9:30 service Praise Team. She is also a cantor and the director of the handbell choir. Jean is an usher, an elder and a congregational vice president. He has also served as the chair of the Board of Outreach where he especially enjoyed collecting shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child.

We met in 1984 while attending a year-long school at Fort Lee, Virginia; and we have a son, Edwin. He and his wife, Brea, have four children - Ava, Jackson, Andi and Jace. When we aren't participating in activities at Trinity, Sharon loves all things music as well as crafting - especially painting and weaving baskets. Jean likes reading and working around the house. We both like solving Sudoku puzzles, riding motorcycles and spoiling the grandkids.

Some of our favorite things include:

Favorite hymn: Jean - Onward Christian Soldiers; Sharon - What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Favorite bible verse: Jean - 1 Corinthians 10:13; Sharon - Proverbs 3:5-6 and 17:22

Favorite season: Jean - spring; Sharon - spring and fall

Favorite movie: Jean - Casablanca; Sharon - all comedies



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**January
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| 5 8:00 HC 8:00 AM Traditional 9:30 AM Praise 9:30 AM SS/Bible study 10:45 AM Traditional | 6 7:00 PM Pastor's Bible Study (ER) | 7 9:45 AM Wom- en's Bible Study (ER) 7:00 PM Campus Coor Committee (ER) | 8 10:00 AM Bible Study (ER) 7:00 PM Confirmation (FH) 7:00 PM Pastor's Bible Study (ER) | 9 6:30 PM AHG (FH) | 10 4:00 PM to 12:00 AM AHG (FH) (K) (ER) | 11 12:00 AM to 8:00 AM AHG (FH) (K) (ER) 5:30 PM Worship (S) |
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| 19 8:00 HC 8:00 AM Traditional 9:30 AM Praise 9:30 AM SS/Bible study 10:45 AM Traditional | 20 7:00 PM Bd of Stewardship (FH) 7:00 PM Pastor's Bible Study (ER) | 21 9:45 AM Wom- en's Bible Study (ER) 7:00 PM Bd of Social Concerns (FH) 7:00 PM Bd of Elders (ER) | 22 10:00 AM Bible Study (ER) 7:00 PM Confirmation (FH) 7:00 PM Pastor's Bible Study (ER) | 23 6:30 PM AHG (FH) 7:00 PM Senior Choir (L) 8:15 PM New Life Ringers (ER) | 24 | 25 5:30 PM Worship (S) 6:30 PM Book Club (ER) |
| 26 9:45 & 10:30 HC 8:00 AM Traditional 9:30 AM Praise 9:30 AM SS/Bible study 10:45 AM Traditional | 27 7:00 PM Bd of Properties (OC) 7:00 PM Pastor's Bible Study (ER) | 28 9:45 AM Wom- en's Bible Study (ER) 7:00 PM Bd of Directors (ER) | 29 10:00 AM Bible Study (ER) 7:00 PM Confirmation (FH) 7:00 PM Pastor's Bible Study (ER) | 30 6:30 PM AHG (FH) 7:00 PM Senior Choir (L) 8:15 PM New Life Ringers (ER) | 31 | |

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Reminder

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