

## *Pastor's Letter*

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

Have you ever stopped to consider what life and death would be like without the hope we have in Christ? I mean, really considered? So often we like to fall into the common trance that tells us the doctor will always be able to help...there will always be one more drug, one more surgery, one more therapy. There are even some in the world scientific community who think they can stop or reverse aging! If we can just find the right combination of nutrition, medication, and other interventions, then we could live forever! To be sure, medical science and all of the other therapeutic regimens which are evidence based and not contrary to God's Word can be considered a great gift of our Lord to His ailing creation. I am very thankful to have access to antibiotics, pain medication, anesthesia, etc. But these are all only temporary fixes to a permanent problem...the problem of physical death.

You and I know, however, that the truth is, we **will** all live forever. The question simply is will we live in the abode of sinners and demons, or will we live with our Triune God in the new heavens and earth? All of us deserve to live eternally in hell. That is the cost of not being the perfect humans that God created us to be so many years ago.

One might think that we had better spend our time here on earth making up for all of our sins. Paying restitution, as it were, to God. This notion is as ludicrous as the notion that we can beat death at its game. God has declared to us His standard is perfection and none of our works even come close to that standard. So, what are we to do?

Trust...but trust in whom? Trust in Jesus. Trust that when He declared from the cross all the work needed for saving you and forgiving your sins had been done. Trust that He is the one by the working of His Spirit through Word and Sacrament that creates and sustains your saving relationship with Him. Trust that He has paid your restitution in full.

In Christ,

*Pastor Damian*

# President's Letter

Greetings Brothers and Sisters in Christ!

Christmas of 2024 is now but a memory, but I wanted to give a word of thanks to all who worked to make the Advent/Christmas season at Trinity a success. Many hours of work and preparation go into making this time of year special. Shoutout to our musicians, Trinity Choir, lay readers, Elders, those who prepared Advent meals and baked cookies, the team that decorated the sanctuary (and took it down!), the team that set up the outdoor nativity scene (and took it down!), volunteers who assisted in Operation Christmas Child, the organizers and donors for the Adopt a Bag for Trinity House, those that donated, prepared and served Christmas dinner for those in need, and of course Pastor Damain and Pastor Nathan for leading us in worship.

The Campus Coordinating Committee (CCC) is made up of Board Chairs, Officers and Called Staff and meets once a month. The focus of the January meeting was the annual training on a variety of topics that are summarized below. If you have any questions or need additional information in any of these areas, please reach out to one of the Officers or Pastors.

**Administration** – Trinity works hard on disseminating information to its members and being as transparent as possible. Each Board Chair/Officer has a mailbox in the Church office where items can be placed for pickup. Our website [www.tlcleavenworth.org](http://www.tlcleavenworth.org) is a treasure trove of information. Under the Resources/Administration tab you will find our Constitution, By-Laws, Operations Manual and many other documents that outline the operations of our Church.

**Finances/Accounting** – There are specific forms in the Church Office used for requesting payment for or reimbursement of purchases made on behalf of the Church. Detailed monthly financial reports are emailed to the CCC and a Treasurer's Recap Report is published in the Trinity Times. Detailed reports can be requested from the Church office as well.

**AED/First Aid** – Dr. Lori Golon conducted training on our Automated External Defibrillator (AED) device and how to use Narcan. Both items, as well as a trauma kit, are located near the Welcome Center. We pray that there is never a need for these tools at our facility, but we are prepared if needed.

**Sexual Misconduct Prevention Policy** – Pastor Damian reviewed this policy, which can also be found on our website. In a nutshell, if you see something – say something. Safeguards and precautions are in place to prevent sexual misconduct from happening, but our best defense is your eyes and awareness. Reports of any misconduct can be made to one of the Church officers or pastors. The President of the Congregation is designated as the sole spokesperson should the need arise.

**Copyright Policy** – Trinity is very diligent in making sure that we are in compliance with all copyright laws. Simply put, we do not want to steal from any musicians, songwriters, etc. We spend roughly \$2000 per year for licensing and have designated members who report and monitor for compliance.

**Church Calendar** – The Church Congregational Secretary keeps a master calendar of events that take place at Trinity. The calendar is sent out to the CCC monthly and helps to keep everyone informed and on track.

Upcoming Events:

Ash Wednesday – March 5<sup>th</sup>

Lenten Services with a light meal prior – March 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> and April 2<sup>nd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>

Faith\*Feast\*Fellowship – Sunday March 30<sup>th</sup>

If you have any questions, need assistance or would like to find ways to become involved at Trinity please reach out to me!

In His Service,

Mark Denney

# Board of Directors

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
NOVEMBER 26, 2024 7:00 PM  
Meeting Minutes

Present: Jeff Thorne, Pastor Nathan, Ron Romig, Jean Fluevog, Mark Denney, and Laura Gray.  
President Mark Denney called the meeting to order and shared a Thanksgiving devotion. A motion was made and seconded (Fluevog/Thorne) to approve the minutes of the October meeting as printed. The motion passed 3-0.

## OLD BUSINESS

**Time and Talent Survey:** Mr. Denney will work with Rod Low on the Time and Talent survey in the coming year.

**Electronic Messaging Center:** Mr. Denney spoke with Ann at Young Sign Co. She is aware that we are still interested in pursuing the electronic messaging center.

**Pictorial Directory:** Pastor Nelson will be in touch with John Gray in January to begin the process for the pictorial directory.

**Security System:** Mr. Stillian had a walk-through with a representative from Castle Guard Security. The representative revised the estimate recommending eight smoke detectors rather than the four originally bid. The new estimate is \$2815.00. The Board of Properties will take care of removing the lock from the northeast door and covering the hole. A motion was made and seconded (Fluevog/Thorne) to approve up to \$3000.00, rather than the \$2500.00 originally approved, for Castle Guard to update the security system and smoke detectors. The motion passed unanimously.

**Trinity By-laws:** Mr. Denney will send a copy of the By-Laws dated November 17, 2024 to the District.

## BOD MEMBER UPDATES

**Staff:** Pastor Nathan reported the vacancy service at Our Savior in KC, KS went fine.

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President:** Mr. Denney reported on the October financials. Expenses for the month of October exceeded receipts by \$16,940. Monthly expenses included \$10,500 for Approved Asphalt to reseal the parking lot. This could be taken from the building reserves. Total cash on hand at the end of October was \$605,631. Mr. Denney submitted the approved 2025 Work Program to Amy and the giving amount needed weekly to Sheri. In January he plans to update signatures on the church accounts.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President:** no report

**3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President:** no report

## NEW BUSINESS

**Kansas District Convention:** Pastor Nathan will be Trinity's pastoral delegate to the Kansas District Convention June 5-6 in Salina. The congregation will also send a lay voting delegate. A motion was made and seconded (Fluevog/Thorne) to approve Pastor Nelson as the pastoral delegate and appoint Kathy Rush as Trinity's lay delegate for the 2025 District Convention. The motion passed unanimously.

**CCC Training:** Mr. Denney proposed conducting all the CCC training at the January CCC meeting rather than having one section at each meeting. The following assignments for training were approved: Mr. Denney – Administrative matters, Pastor Snyder – Sexual Misconduct Policy and Copyrights, Calendar – Mrs Gray. Other topics will be assigned later.

**Vice President Board Assignments:** The members agreed on the following board assignments for the three Vice Presidents:

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Ron Romig – Worship, Properties, and Fellowship

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Jean Fluevog – Youth, Education, and Elders

3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President, Jeff Thorne – Outreach, Social Concerns, and Stewardship

**Upcoming Events:** Meals preceding the Advent service will be served by: December 4 – Education & LWML; December 11 – Wednesday Bible Class, and December 18 – Elders.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Gray, Secretary

# 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](mailto:officetlc@tlclevelandworth.org). The church website is [www.tlclevelandworth.org](http://www.tlclevelandworth.org)

## Church Staff

### **Senior Pastor:**

Rev. Dr. Damian Snyder (240-1436)  
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### **Associate Pastor:**

Rev. Nathan Nelson (314-604-0236)  
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### **Secretary/Business:**

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### **Director of Bell/Children's Choir:**

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### **Director of Trinity Choir/Organist:**

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### **Music Administrator:**

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## Church Officers

### **President:**

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### **1st VP:**

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### **2nd VP:**

Jeff Thorne (488-8517)  
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### **3rd VP:**

Jean Fluevog (683-8389)  
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### **Secretary:**

Laura Gray (683-1438)  
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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)

### **Wedding Coordinator:**

Marilyn Parsons (651-7996)

### **American Heritage Girls:**

Richard Barrette (727-2160)

## Board Chairpersons

### **Education:**

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### **Elders:**

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### **Properties:**

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Dawn Gnuthake (360-441-4473)

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## Service Organizations

### **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	February 1 & 2	February 8 & 9	February 15 & 16	February 22 & 23
CANTORS	8:00 am Doug Roth 10:45 am Liz Low	8:00 am Doug Roth 10:45 am Liz Low	8:00 am Doug Roth 10:45 am Liz Low	8:00 am Doug Roth 10:45 am Liz Low
GREETERS	8:00 am Kathy Rush <b>9:30 am Wes and Helen Stillian</b> 10:45 am Jean and Sharon Fluevog	8:00 am Bob Summers <b>9:30 am Wayne and Pat Hickson</b> 10:45 am Jerry and Norma Henshaw	8:00 am Aaron Adams <b>9:30 am LeAnn Mendoza</b> 10:45 am Derrick and Anna Robinette	8:00 am Bob Summers <b>9:30 am Kathy Rush</b> 10:45 am TBD
LAY READERS	8:00 am Becky Denney <b>9:30 am Pat Hickson</b> 10:45 am Emily Snyder	8:00 am Wendy Glover <b>9:30 am Molly Behne</b> 10:45 am Lori Haase	8:00 am Mark Tolmachoff <b>9:30 am Monica Springer</b> 10:45 am Laura Gray	8:00 am Cathy Summers <b>9:30 am Jeff Thorne</b> 10:45 am Rod Low
ALTAR GUILD	5:30 pm Anita Scarborough 8:00 am Cathy Summers Cleanup Marilyn Rielle	<b>9:30 am Kathy Rush</b> 10:45 am Sharon Fluevog Cleanup Marilyn Parsons	5:30 pm Anita Scarborough 8:00 am Ron Romig Cleanup Kathy Blouch	<b>9:30 am Sue Wolfe</b> 10:45 am Susie Schwinn Cleanup Kathleen Adams

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E	<b>9:30 am Jeff Thorne, Tom Adams, Aaron Adams</b>
R	10:45 am Dave Goebel, Sean Wittmeier, Jean Fluevog, Charlie Haase
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H	<b>9:30 am Barry and Lou McLeod</b>
E	10:45 am Jean Fluevog, Dave Goebel
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# Birthdays/Anniversaries

## FEBRUARY

						1 Barbara VandeVoort Linda Jaksich Baillie Adams
2 Vicki Wells	3 Jerald and Barbara VandeVoort (52) Winston Weaver	4 Helen Stillian	5 Diane Hammell Vincent Holle Andrew Berg Laken Scherer	6 Charles Gottschalk	7	8
9 Jerald VandeVoort Rett Alonzi David Froelich Deena Larson	10 Anita Scarborough	11 Abbi Taves Cali Everett	12 Henry Logan	13 Scott Blaney Kent Hamilton	14 Helen Riley	15 Andy Shoffner Britta Roth
16 Aaron and Baillie Adams (6) Kruz Wahwahsuck Samantha Davoren James Adams	17 Mark and Norma Kole (57) Steve and Sherry Kirkland (51)	18 Tom and Kathleen Adams (35) Kim Shoffner	19 Bobbie Laincz Cassie Smith	20 Taylor Cackler	21	22
23 Wayne Logan	24	25 Thomas Sedlock Abigail Eddy	26 Scott Schimke	27 Rachael DeHerrera Mila Schwinn	28 Wayne and Pat Hickson (46) Alyssa and Dakota Freeman (10)	



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## *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.

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## *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](http://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!

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## *LWML*

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

LWML Hope Circle meets the 2nd Monday of each month at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. All ladies in the congregation are welcome to attend each month, and we would really love to have anyone interested in LWML join us. We have an opening devotion, collect for our Mite offerings, have a short business meeting and study Gods word in a Bible study. We also have refreshments each month and enjoy great fellowship with each other. Our next meeting is Monday, **February 10**. Priscilla LoPresti will be our hostess, Marilyn Rielle will give the opening devotion and Melody Frese will lead our Bible study. Please join us for an enjoyable evening.

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## *Book Club*

**Trinity Book Club.** Our February book is “**The Maid**” by **Nita Prose**. Molly is not like everyone else. She struggles with social skills and misreads the intentions of others. Since her Gran died a few months ago, twenty year old Molly has been navigating life all by herself. No matter—she throws herself into her work as a hotel maid. Her obsessive love of cleaning makes her an ideal fit for the job. But her life is upended when she enters the suite of the wealthy Charles Black, only to find him dead in his bed. Molly's unusual demeanor has the police targeting her as their lead suspect. She finds herself caught in a web of deception, one she has no idea how to untangle. But friends, she never knew she had, join her in a search to find what really happened to Mr. Black. *The Maid* explores what it means to be the same as everyone else and yet entirely different. Good Reads 2022 Choice Award Winner for Best Mystery. On Saturday, **February 22** at 6:30 pm, we'll meet in the Trinity East Room. Kay Ewert will be our discussion leader and hostess. Hope you will join us.

## *Bundles of Joy Ministry*



Trinity is blessed to welcome another Bundle of Joy to our church family! Scarlett Grace Sparks was born to Kathryn and Eric Sparks (and big brother Carter) on November 26, 2024. You can see her sweet picture on the posters hung around the building.

Please stop by the table in the Narthex to write a note or prayer for Scarlett and her family.

We will give the notes to her family to remind Scarlett how much her church family cares for her. We give thanks to God for Scarlett and her family.



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**FEBRUARY  
2025**

<b>FEBRUARY 2025</b>						<p><b>1</b> 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM AHG (FH) (K) 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM Trinity House Worship (S) 5:30 PM Worship (S)</p>
<p><b>2</b> 8:00 HC AHG Cinnamon Rolls 8:00 AM Traditional 9:30 AM Praise 9:30 AM SS/Bible study 10:45 AM Traditional</p>	<p><b>3</b> 7:00 PM Pastor's Bible Study (ER)</p>	<p><b>4</b> 9:45 AM Women's Bible Study (ER) 7:00 PM Campus Coord Committee (ER)</p>	<p><b>5</b> 10:00 AM Bible Study (ER) 7:00 PM Confirmation (FH) 7:00 PM Pastor's Bible Study (ER)</p>	<p><b>6</b> 3:00 PM Bd of Fellowship (ER) 5:30 PM (ER) busy 6:30 PM AHG (FH) 7:00 PM Trinity Choir (L) 8:15 PM Trinity Bell Choir (ER)</p>	<p><b>7</b> 9:30 AM - 4:00 PM Quilting (ER) 6:30 PM AHG (FH)</p>	<p><b>8</b> 9:30 AM - 4:00 PM Quilting (ER) 5:30 PM Worship (S)</p>
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<p><b>23</b> 9:45 &amp; 10:30 HC 8:00 AM Traditional 9:30 AM Praise 9:30 AM SS/Bible study 10:45 AM Traditional</p>	<p><b>24</b> 7:00 PM Bd of Properties (OC) 7:00 PM Pastor's Bible Study (ER)</p>	<p><b>25</b> 9:45 AM Women's Bible Study (ER) 7:00 PM Bd of Directors (ER)</p>	<p><b>26</b> 10:00 AM Bible Study (ER) 7:00 PM Confirmation (FH) 7:00 PM Pastor's Bible Study (ER)</p>	<p><b>27</b> 9:30 AM - 4:00 PM Quilting (ER) 5:30 PM (ER) busy 6:30 PM AHG (FH) 7:00 PM Trinity Choir (L) 8:15 PM Trinity Bell Choir (ER)</p>	<p><b>28</b> 9:30 AM - 4:00 PM Quilting (ER)</p>	

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February 2025

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