

President's Letter

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

By the time you read this we will be about halfway through the season of Lent. Many Christians choose to "give up" something for Lent – perhaps a certain food they enjoy, alcohol, or social media – as a way of remembering Christ's sacrifice for us or the 40 days He spent in the dessert being tempted by Satan. This is not a required practice for Lutherans. Rather, we view Lent as a time of reflection and preparation for Easter. Instead of "giving something up for Lent" this season, I suggest that you consider "adding something for Lent". Step outside your comfort zone and try something new or perhaps reconnect with an activity that you haven't done in a while. Here are a few suggestions:

Pray for Pastor Damian and Pastor Nelson (as well as their families) that they may continue to be guided and strengthened by God to lead our ministry at Trinity.

Attend one of the many weekly Bible studies that we offer.

Come to our Spring Cleaning Day on March 29th (assuming you read this in time!) to help beautify our property.

Stop by Trinity House and check out the good things that we do for our community and see if there is a way that you could help.

Commit to spending time (even just 15-20 minutes each day) reading your Bible.

Listen to a Christian podcast throughout your week – www.1517.org puts out great content and is a favorite of mine.

Most only last 30 minutes and are easy to listen to!

Check out one of our nine Boards and see if they can use help with any special upcoming projects.

Jesus Christ gave up his life here on earth to atone for the sins of all humankind so we can live freely. I look forward to celebrating His resurrection and conquering the grave with you on Easter Sunday, **April 20!**

Upcoming Events:

Midweek Lenten services (light meal served at 6:00 pm) - April 2 and 9, 7:00 pm

Maundy Thursday Holy Communion service April 17, 7:00 pm

Good Friday service April 18, 7:00 pm

Easter Sunday Holy Communion Services - April 20, 8:00 am, 9:30 am, 10:45 am

Semi-Annual Voters' Meeting - Sunday May 18

The Board of Directors will be meeting on Tuesday **April 22** at 7:00 to discuss the business of our congregation. Any member of Trinity is welcome and invited to attend. If you have any questions or would like more information on our ministry at Trinity please reach out.

In His Service, Mark Denney

Board of Directors

FEBRUARY 25, 2025 7:00 PM

Meeting Minutes

Present: Pastor Snyder, Pastor Nelson, Ron Romig, Jean Fluevog, Jeff Fluevog, Mark Denney, Laura Gray

President Mark Denney called the meeting to order. Pastor Nelson shared a devotion based on 2 Corinthians 5:16-21. A motion was made and seconded (Fluevog/Thorne) to approve the minutes of the January 23, 2025 meeting and the agenda for this meeting. The motion passed 4-0.

OLD BUSINESS

BOD Actions since the last meeting - Custodial Changes: Since the last meeting the BOD voted unanimously to accept the Board of Properties recommendation to change the custodian position from a subcontractor to a part-time employee of Trinity. The position is for \$20/hour for no more than 20 hours per week beginning February 24, 2025. The individual will report to the chair of the Board of Properties. The position was offered to and accepted by Tom Adams. In addition, Mr. Denney moved that Trinity give the Stillian's a \$500 (net) check from the Congregation as a thank you for their service to Trinity. In an email vote this motion was also approved unanimously. The Stillian's will be recognized at a reception on March 23 in the fellowship hall.

Stewardship Time and Talent Survey: There was nothing new to report on the Time and Talent Survey.

Electronic Messaging Center: Mr. Romig reported there is a new city planner whom he has not yet talked with. If we want to continue pursuing a EMC larger than the current city code, we would need to get the new city planner and the commissioners on board. He will ask Young Sign Co. for a drawing of a sign that complies with the current code to see if the BOD thinks it is big enough for our purposes.

Pictorial Directory: Pastor Nelson shared the electronic pictorial directory and explained how it is set up. He and John Gray plan to host an open house on a couple of Saturdays for members to come in for pictures. They would like to purchase a church iPad to be used exclusively for the directory and have it available to assist with entering members' information. For those comfortable with setting up their own information, they will send out directions via Flocknote. A motion was made and seconded (Denney/Romig) to authorize up to \$1000.00 for the Technology committee to purchase the hardware necessary to run the pictorial directory. The motion passed 4-0.

Security System: The security system expansion is complete except for installation of three or four of the smoke detectors and the cellular unit used to make notification of an alert outside the building. Mr. Denney will ask Tom Adams to oversee the completion of the work.

BOD MEMBER UPDATES

Pastor Snyder shared he and Pastor Nelson continue to meet on Tuesdays. He feels everything is going well. His Monday Bible class will continue to meet during Lent, but the Wednesday class will not. Mr. Adams has started work as the custodian.

Pastor Nelson shared he has an adult baptism this month and a private baptism scheduled for March 15. Pastor Snyder will baptize the Sparks' newborn in March.

1st Vice President: Mr. Romig reported the Board of Stewardship determined they did not make a recommendation for 3rd quarter mission giving in 2024. They will make a recommendation for the donations at their next board meeting. The money will be taken from the reserve account. Schwin Electric will change the light bulbs in the sanctuary. However, they do not have a lift tall enough to change the ones over the chancel area. Mr. Romig shared a choir member asked about memorial funds designated for an elevator to the choir loft. Mr. Denney will check the memorials for that information.

Receipts exceed expenses by \$4830 for the month of January. Total cash on hand at the end of the month was \$620,981.

2nd Vice President: Mr. Thorne had no report.

3rd Vice President: Mr. Fluevog reported the boards of Education and Elders are planning for the Lent meals they will serve.

Board of Directors cont.

NEW BUSINESS

Certificate of Deposit Renewal: Mr. Romig will talk with Citizens Savings about renewing the CD that comes due on March 6 at the higher "new money" rate. A motion was made and seconded (Denney/Fluevog) to renew the certificate of deposit at Citizens Savings for six months at 4.21%. The motion passed 4-0.

New Trash Service Contract: Mr. Denney spoke with a representative of Republic Services who empties the church dumpster weekly about the significant price increase proposed for this year. The cost was \$776.97 per month for weekly service and \$106.69 for service every other week. A motion was made and seconded (Romig/Fluevog) to approve the contract for trash pickup services every other week at a rate of \$106.69 per month for July 2025-June 2026. The motion passed 4-0.

Motor Carrier Account: Trinity's motor carrier account established when we had the bus has been deactivated. Sheri Genail was contacted by a company who would take care of the deactivation for \$299. Mr. Denney found a service who would handle the deactivation for \$199. He contracted with them to take care of the deactivation.

Upcoming Events: Ash Wednesday service will be March 5 at 7:00 pm. Lenten services will be each Wednesday at 7:00pm until Holy Week. A light meal will be served at 6:00. Groups have signed up to prepare all of the meals. The next Faith*Feast*Fellowship Sunday will be March 30. Due to a scheduling conflict Rehema Kavugha is no longer available to speak. Mr. Denney will contact the director of Deeper Windows to see if she is available. Pastor Nelson suggested a person from Together in Mission as a possible speaker for the following FFF Sunday. The reception for the Stillian's will be held in the Fellowship Hall on March 23 at 9:00 am.

There being no other business, the meeting closed with The Lord's Prayer. The next BOD meeting will be March 25, 2025 at 7:00 pm in the East Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Gray Secretary

Bundles of Joy



Bundles of Joy Trinity is blessed to welcome another Bundle of Joy to our Trinity family! Charley Ann Behne was born on February 26, 2025 to Ethan and Molly (Adams) Behne and big sister Nora. Charley's proud grandparents are Kathleen and Tom Adams. Please stop by the Bundles of Joy prayer table in the narthex to write a note or prayer for Charley and her family. You can see her sweet picture on the posters hung around the building. We give thanks to God for the blessing of sweet Charley.

Financial Report

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH Treasurer's Recap Report

As	ot	February	28,	2025

					Deo Volente
		February Actual	2025 Actual		2025 Wk Pgm
Administration	\$	633	\$ 1,157	\$	14,820
Contracts		1,864	3,740		34,500
Education		496	1,383		9,000
Elders		(62)	499		1,200
Fellowship		48	304		3,700
Outreach		0	0		8,000
Properties		4,579	13,394		75,500
Social Concerns		1,700	5,202		35,000
Staff		25,518	51,299		311,822
Stewardship		0	0		5,333
Worship		583	3,915		27,450
Youth		0	0		1,000
TOTAL EXPENSES		35,359	80,493		527,325
Church Receipts		36,679	 86,711		503,178
CASH GAIN/(LOSS) =	\$	1,320	\$ 6,218	\$	(24,147)

CASH AND INVESTED BALANCES

	TOTAL CASH
Work Program	\$ 6,218
Accounts Payable	10,560
Benevolence Fund Reserve	11,041
Christmas Dinner Fund	1,061
District Support Reserve	0
General Reserves	239,038
Insurance & Tax Reserve	16,526
Memorials	190,997
Mission Reserve	5,546
Salary Accrual Reserve	37,077
Sunday School Offering	2,626
Transportation Reserve	14,000
Transfers	1,038
Trinity Development Fund	62,023
Trinity House Reserve	12,895
Youth Program Reserve	9,799

As of February, 2025:

TOTAL

160,192	Citizens Federal Checking
200,000	Citizens Federal CD
37,845	Lutheran Church Extension Fund
222,408	Edward Jones Money Market
620,445	Total

620,445

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@tlcleavenworth.org. The church website is www.tlcleavenworth.org

Church Staff	Elder Cor	<u>nmunities</u>	Board Chairpersons		
Senior Pastor:	Saturday	Saturday 5:30 PM Education:			
Rev. Dr. Damian Snyder (240-1436)	Doug Wickland	(302-6058)	Kathy Blouch (816-728-6873)		
tlcsp@inbox.com	Sunday	8:00 AM	blouchkath@yahoo.com		
Associate Pastor:	Ron Romig	(682-9086)	Elders:		
Rev. Nathan Nelson (314-604-0236)	Tom Sedlock	(651-7720)	Dave Goebel (306-3440)		
pastornathannelson@gmail.com	Mark Denney	(683-9616)	davegoebel7519@gmail.com		
Secretary/Business:	Tom Johnson	(758-4006)	Outreach:		
Sheri Genail (682-7474)	Scott Schimke	(240-4620)	Sean Wittmeier (850-218-6460)		
officetlc@tlcleavenworth.org	Sunday	9:30 AM	sean.a.wittmeier@gmail.com		
Director of Bell/Children's Choir:	Jeff Thorne	(488-8517)	Fellowship:		
Sharon Fluevog (683-8338)	Tom Adams	(306-2943)	Jeanie Hazels (683-5840)		
sdfluevog@gmail.com	Aaron Adams	(680-7990)	djhazels@sbcglobal.net		
Director of Trinity Choir/Organist:	Sunday	10:45 AM	Properties:		
Gina Garner (775-0704)	Dave Goebel	(306-3440)	Aaron Adams (680-7990)		
gjg1978@icloud.com	Sean Wittmeier	(850-218-6460)	atacattleco@gmail.com		
Music Administrator:	Jean Fluevog	(683-8389)	Social Concerns:		
Marsha Denney (306-3224)	Charlie Haase		Judy Wickland (302-6142)		
marsha1305@att.net			gmomcat@gmail.com		
Custodian/Maintenance:	Elders	Emeriti	Barb Alonzi (306-2192)		
Wes Stillian (683-0337)	Larry Dedeke	Ron Garner	barbalonzi@yahoo.com		
wesnhelen@msn.com	Andy Shoffner	John Lange	Stewardship:		
			Rod Low (683-4899)		
Church Officers	Minist	tries_	roddlow@yahoo.com		
President:	Book Club:		Worship:		
Mark Denney (683-9616)	Sharon Riedel	(651-4288)	Regina Bruner (417-379-1365)		
mark@jfdenney.com	Church Library:		bruners105@gmail.com		
1st VP:	Priscilla LoPresti	(682-7879)	Youth:		
Ron Romig (683-0190)	Cradle Roll:		Becky Denney (705-0019)		
ronaldromig@gmail.com	Priscilla LoPresti	(682-7879)	rdenn7_8@yahoo.com		
2nd VP:	Prayer Shawl:		Dawn Gnuthake (360-441-4473)		
Jeff Thorne (488-8517)	Lou McLeod	(683-2560)	sunedawne@aol.com		
jthorne23@gmail.com	Sunday School Sur	perintendent:			
3rd VP:	Tiffany Battle	(785-850-1294)	Service Organizations		
Jean Fluevog (683-8389)	Sunday School Mu	sic Director:	Altar Guild:		
jefluevog@gmail.com	Abbi Taves	(unlisted)	Kathleen Adams (306-2942)		
Secretary:	Webpage:		LWML:		
Laura Gray (683-1438)	John Gray	(727-1146)	Kathy Rush (980-5176)		
llgray2314@gmail.com	Wedding Coordina	tor:	Trinity House: (682-7474)		
-3	Marilyn Parsons	(651-7996)	906 Marion Street		

(727-2160)

American Heritage Girls:

Richard Barrette

Hours: Tues, Wed, Thurs

10:00 am to 1:00 pm

THIS INFORMATION IS

CORRECT AS OF THE

DATE IT IS PRINTED.

December 2024

Serving in Worship

Serving in Worship	April 5 & 6	April 12 & 13 PALM SUNDAY	April 19 & <mark>20</mark> EASTER	April 26 & 27
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 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 11:00 am Derrick and Anna Robinette	8:00 am Bob Summers 9:30 am Kathy Rush 10:45 am TBD
LAY READERS	8:00 am Patrick Battle 9:30 am Kris Thomas 10:45 am Sean Wittmeier	8:00 am Becky Denney 9:30 am Monica Springer 10:45 am Priscilla LoPresti	8:00 am Mark Tolmachoff 9:30 am Molley Behne 11:00 am Emily Snyder	8:00 am Wendy Glover 9:30 am Pat Hickson 10:45 am Rod Low
ALTAR GUILD	5:30 pm Anita Scarborough 8:00 am Cathy Summers	5:30 pm Anita Scarborough 8:00 am Kathy Rush 9:30 am Ron Romig 10:45 am Sue Wolfe	8:00 am Cathy Summers 9:30 am Kathy Blouch 11:00 am Kathleen Adams	9:30 am Sue Wolfe 10:45 am Susie Schwinn Cleanup Marilyn Parsons
	Cleanup Marilyn Rielle	Cleanup Laura Gray	Cleanup Sharon Fluevog	

5:30 pm Doug Wickland 8:00 am Tom Sedlock, Ron Romig, Mark Denney, Tom Johnson, Scott Schimke 9:30 am Jeff Thorne, Tom Adams, Aaron Adams

10:45 am Dave Goebel, Sean Wittmeier, Jean Fluevog, Charlie Haase

DERS

8:00 am Bob Summers, TJ Johnson 9:30 am Barry and Lou McLeod 10:45 am Jean Fluevog, Charlie Haase



Birthdays/Anniversaries

April

**************************************	3	1 Kelsey Everett	2	3	4 Barbara Whited Sharon Reidel	5 Kynser Wahwahsuck Alice Summers
6	7 Collin and Kelly Meyer (24) Jacob Bohnemann	8 Jacob and Kari Ernzen Barry McLeod	9	10	11	12
13	14 Ellie Tebbenkamp Tiffany Cackler	15 Thaddeus Thorne	16 Duane and Deborah Kimball (31) Peyton Bachtel	17 Landon Stephens	18 Gerald Kruse	19 William and Carol Lohman (56) Ron and Jean Romig (45) Dave and Robin Goebel (34) Chris and Kristina Wood (13)
20 Genevieve Schwinn	21	22	23 Gerald And Norma Henshaw (48) Sydney Logan	24	25 Larry Owens Ralph Summers	26
27 Kathy Rush Emma Hamilton	28 Edwin and Breanna Fluevog (4) JD Cain Dale Thomas	29 Elizabeth Highfill Lou McLeod Dana Floetke Leah Zappa	30 Austin and Grace White (3)			

Calling all College students



Calling all upcoming high school and college graduates! We would love to share your information with Trinity. Please send a current photo and summary of your plans after your graduation to officetlc@tlcleavenworth.org so we can celebrate you in the May Trinity Times! Please note that the Board of Education does offer an annual scholarship to students who plan to attend a Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod college or university to pursue a career in church work. If you intend to do so, please submit a letter of application to the board no later than June 1. The letter should include a statement of your career objectives and documented acceptance to a Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod Lutheran college or university. If you have questions, please contact Kathy Blouch at 816-728-6873.

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 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 God's word in a Bible study. We also have refreshments each month and enjoy great fellowship with each other. Our next meeting is Monday, **April 14**. Priscilla LoPresti will be our hostess, Melody Frese will give the opening devotion and Marilyn Rielle will lead our Bible study. Please join us for an enjoyable evening.

LWML Spring KC Crossroads Zone Event will be **April 5** at Hope Lutheran Church in Shawnee, KS. Registration begins at 8:30 am. Refer to the bulletin board outside the East Room for details.

Book Club

Our April book is The Winners: A Novel (Beartown Series) by Fredrick Backman.

The residents of Beartown grapple with life's big questions: What is a family? What is a community? And what are we willing to sacrifice in order to protect them? As the locals of Beartown struggle to overcome the past, great change is on the horizon. Someone is coming home after a long time away. Someone will be laid to rest. Someone will fall in love, someone will try to fix their marriage, and someone will do anything to save their children. Someone will submit to hate, someone will fight and grab a gun. So what are the residents of Beartown willing to sacrifice for their home? Everything it turns out. We'll meet in the East Room on Saturday April 26 at 6:30. Nadine Roth will be our hostess and discussion leader. We'd love to have you join us.

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