



Serving in Worship

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CANTORS		8:00 am Doug Roth 11:00 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 11:00 am Jean and Sharon Fluevog	8:00 am Bob Summers 9:30 am Wayne and Pat Hickson 11:00 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	7:00 pm Emily Snyder 7:00 pm Mark Denney	8:00 am Kathy Rush 9:30 am Aaron Adams 11:00 am Lori Haase	8:00 am John Davito 9:30 am Kris Thomas 10:45 am Rod Low	8:00 am Mark Tolmachoff 9:30 am Monica Springer 10:45 am Laura Gray	8:00 am Wendy Glover 9:30 am Molly Behne 10:45 am Priscilla LoPresti
ALTAR GUILD	7:00 pm Kathleen Adams Cleanup Kathleen Adams	8:00 am Kathy Blouch 9:30 am Kathy Rush 11:00 am Sue Wolfe Cleanup Laura Gray	9:30 am Becky Denney 10:45 am Laura Cunningham Cleanup Tiffany Pattison	5:30 pm Anita Scarborough 8:00 am Kathleen Adams Cleanup Marilyn Rielle	9:30 am Sharon Fluevog 10:45 am Courtney Hochard Cleanup Lori Haase

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L	5:30 pm Doug Wickland
D	8:00 am Tom Sedlock, Ron Romig, Mark Denney, Tom Johnson, Scott Schimke
E	9:30 am Jeff Thorne, Tom Adams, Aaron Adams
R	10:45 am Dave Goebel, Sean Wittmeier, Jean Fluevog, Charlie Haase
S	

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H	9:30 am Barry and Lou McLeod
E	10:45 am Jean Fluevog, Charlie Haase
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President's Letter

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The date of this writing is March 15th, and the deadline for submitting my monthly letter for the Trinity Times was fast approaching. After the 8:00 service today, I mentioned to Laura Gray that I had no idea what I was going to write about. I then grabbed a donut (maple, of course!) and headed to the Youth House for the Sunday School class that Becky and I teach. Our lesson was about Jesus raising his good friend Lazarus from the dead. As we discussed Jesus's relationship with Lazarus and his two sisters – Mary and Martha – it got me thinking about how we can learn from and apply this story to the relationships we have as a Church family.

In the Gospel of St. John, we encounter a relationship that feels remarkably "human" amidst the divine mysteries of Christ's ministry. While Jesus was the Savior of the world, He was also a friend who enjoyed the hospitality of a home in Bethany. The bond between Jesus and Lazarus offers our congregation a beautiful blueprint for what it means to be a community of faith

A Love That Is Personal

The sisters of Lazarus didn't send word to Jesus saying, "Your follower is sick," but rather, "*Lord, he whom you love is ill*" (John 11:3). Sometimes in our congregation, it may be easy to feel like just another face in the pews. But the story of Lazarus reminds us that Jesus knows us by name. As a church, we are called to move beyond "polite Sunday greetings" and foster friendships in which we truly know when a brother or sister is "ill"—physically, emotionally, or spiritually.

Presence in the Midst of Sorrow

Perhaps the most moving verse in all of Scripture is John 11:35: "*Jesus wept.*" Even though Jesus knew He was about to perform a miracle, He did not bypass the grief of the moment. He stood with Mary and Martha and shared their pain. We are often tempted to "fix" people's problems with quick platitudes or "silver lining" theology. But Lutheran fellowship is rooted in the Theology of the Cross. Sometimes, the most Christ-like thing we can do for a fellow member is simply to sit in the ashes with them, honoring their grief with our presence and our prayers.

"Unbind Him, and Let Him Go"

When Jesus called Lazarus from the tomb, the miracle wasn't quite finished. Lazarus emerged wrapped in burial linens, unable to move freely. Jesus turned to the community and said, "*Unbind him, and let him go*" (John 11:44). Jesus provides the new life, but He often gives the "unbinding" to the Church.

How can we help unbind those struggling with addiction, loneliness, or debt? How can we help unbind those carrying the weight of past sins through the assurance of the Gospel?

When someone returns to church after a long absence (a "resurrection" of sorts), we are the ones tasked with unwrapping the "grave clothes" of their past and welcoming them fully into the light.

Walking Together in Bethany

Trinity is more than an organization; it is a household of friends. Like the home in Bethany, may our sanctuary be a place where Jesus is always welcome, where friends are loved deeply, and where we help one another step out of the shadows and into the life-giving light of Christ.

Columbarium Survey

Thank you to everyone who gave feedback on whether Trinity should pursue obtaining a Columbarium. The Board of Directors will summarize and publish the results in the coming weeks.

Board of Directors Meeting

A reminder that the Board of Directors meets on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 7:00 in the East Room. All voting members of the Congregation have an open invitation to attend.

I pray that you have a blessed Easter season and that you are able to worship with us during Holy Week.

April 2nd - Maundy Thursday 7:00 Holy Communion Service

April 3rd - Good Friday 7:00 Service

April 4th - Holy Saturday - No Service

April 5th - Easter Holy Communion Services 8:00, 9:30 and 11:00

In His Service,
Mark Denney

Board of Directors

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2026 7:00 PM
Meeting Minutes

Present: Mark Denney, Jean Fluevog, Jeff Thorne, Ron Romig, Pastor Snyder, John Lange, Laura Gray and Regina Bruner.

President Mark Denney called the meeting to order and welcomed Mrs. Bruner to the meeting. Pastor Snyder shared a devotion titled "God Is Not Mad at You." An item was added to the agenda under new business to discuss a building security concern. A motion was made and seconded (Thorne/Romig) to approve the agenda for the meeting as amended. The motion passed 4-0.

OLD BUSINESS

BOD actions since the last meeting: Since its last meeting the BOD members approved the minutes of the January BOD meeting as presented by a vote of 4-0.

Columbarium: Members reviewed the questionnaire created by Mr. Denney to gauge the congregation's interest in a columbarium. Mr. Fluevog suggested asking members to read the article about the columbarium in the Trinity Times before filling out the survey. The surveys will be included in the Sunday bulletin for a few weeks. They can be returned to the Welcome Center.

Bundles of Joy: A motion was made and seconded (Romig/Thorne) to designate the Bundles of Joy ministry under the guidance of the Board of Fellowship. The motion passed 4-0.

Electronic Message Center: Mr. Romig shared he notified Young Sign Co. that the cross and Trinity logo on the north side of the sign were not lit. They will send someone out to look at it. Mr. Denney questioned whether the messages on the EMC rolled too fast to be easily read.

Water Spigot: Mr. Denney reported the water spigot on the front of the building would not shut off. Since this spigot is not often used, he suggested rather than repairing it, the shut off valve in the office could be used to turn it on when needed.

BOD MEMBER UPDATES

Pastor Snyder shared Trinity's choir and director were invited to share some music education activities with the students at St Paul's school. Mrs. Garner will talk with the school administrators to determine what they have in mind for the choir to do. He shared that there were requests from two members to borrow tables and chairs. The request form limits the number that can be borrowed. The Board of Properties will revisit the form and decide how it should be modified moving forward. He also shared **Pastor Nelson** reports the Coffee Connect ministry is going well. The goal with the after-school time is to have the students feel free to talk. There have been no requests for updates to the pictorial directory. Quite a few people have submitted updates to the Family Directory. Mr. Denney thanked Pastor Snyder for his handling of the recent snowstorm on a Sunday morning.

1st Vice President: Mr. Romig shared the January financials. Receipts for the month were \$27,616. Expenses totaled \$40,044. Leaving a loss of \$12,428 for the month. Total cash on hand is \$596,259. He attributed the lower receipts to the weekend of the snowstorm when all worship services were cancelled.

2nd Vice President: Mr. Thorne had no report

3rd Vice President: Mr. Fluevog had no report.

NEW BUSINESS

Special Gift: A member indicated they would contribute a gift of \$11,000 in the coming weeks and asked that it be used for a special need. The consensus of the board was to place the funds in memorials until an appropriate use is identified.

Member Concern: The board discussed a building security concern raised by several members of the congregation.

Upcoming Events: Groups have signed up to serve the meals prior to all the Wednesday Lenten Services. The next Red Cross blood drive will be Thursday, February 26th at Trinity. Palm Sunday is March 29. Holy Week services will be Maundy Thursday, April 2nd at 7:00 pm and Good Friday, April 3rd at 7:00 pm. There will be no service on Easter Saturday. Easter Sunday services will be at 8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 am on April 5th.

There being no other business, Mr. Thorne closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Laura Gray
Secretary

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
Treasurer's Recap Report
As of February 28, 2026

	February Actual	2026 Actual	Deo Volente 2026 Wk Pgm
Administration	\$ 1,173	\$ 1,906	\$ 14,130
Benevolence	833	1,667	10,000
Contracts	1,473	3,167	33,250
Education	283	571	8,800
Elders	0	0	1,000
Fellowship	112	270	3,700
Outreach	186	365	8,000
Properties	2,714	5,207	48,000
Social Concerns	5,133	9,505	35,300
Staff	29,656	57,364	360,002
Stewardship	370	629	17,100
Worship	1,069	3,131	7,700
Youth	0	0	1,000
TOTAL EXPENSES	43,002	83,782	547,982
Church Receipts	39,316	66,932	501,110
CASH GAIN/(LOSS)	\$ (3,686)	\$ (16,850)	\$ (46,872)

CASH AND INVESTED BALANCES

	TOTAL CASH
Work Program	\$ 16,850
Accounts Payable	7,711
Benevolence Fund Reserve	8,123
Christmas Dinner Fund	1,525
District Support Reserve	629
General Reserves	293,498
Insurance & Tax Reserve	4,082
Memorials	179,654
Sunday School Offering	2,680
Transfers	1,025
Trinity Development Fund	44,153
Trinity House Reserve	31,458
Youth Program Reserve	9,799
TOTAL	\$ 601,187

As of February 28, 2026:

123,916	Citizens Federal Checking
209,065	Citizens Federal CD
36,701	Lutheran Church Extension Fund
231,505	Edward Jones Money Market
<u>601,187</u>	Total

Birthdays/Anniversaries

April

			1 Kelsey Everett	2	3	4 Barbara Whited Sharon Riedel
5 Kynser Wahwahsuck Alice Summers	6	7 Collin and Kelly Meyer (25) 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 (32) Peyton Bachtel	17 Landon Stephens	18 Gerald Kruse
19 William and Carol Lohman (57) Ron and Jean Romig (46) Dave and Robin Goebel (35) Chris and Kristina Wood (14)	20 Genevieve Schwinn	21	22	23 Gerald and Norma Henshaw (49) Sydney Logan	24	25 Larry Owens Ralph Summers
26	27 Kathy Rush Emma Hamilton	28 Edwin and Breanna Fluevog (5) JD Cain Dale Thomas	29 Elizabeth Highfill Lou McLeod Dana Floetke Leah Zappa Olivia Mathy	30 Austin and Grace White (4)		

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!

Book Club

Trinity Book Club. Our April book is **Night Watch** by Jayne Anne Phillips. This is a mesmerizing story about a mother and daughter seeking refuge in the chaotic aftermath of the Civil War—and a brilliant portrait of family endurance against all odds. Pulitzer Prize Winner for 2024. In 1874, in the wake of the War, trauma haunts civilians, veterans, renegades, freedmen and runaways. Twelve-year-old ConaLee finds herself on a buckboard journey with her mother, Eliza, who hasn't spoken in more than a year. They arrive at the Trans-Allegheny Lunatic Asylum in West Virginia. There, far from family and the mountain home they knew, they try to reclaim their lives. We learn about their flight to the mountain ridges of Virginia; the disappearance of ConaLee's father, who left for the War and never returned. In the asylum, they begin to find a new path where Eliza responds slowly to treatment. They get swept up in the life of the facility—the mysterious man they call the Night Watch; the orphan child called Weed; the fearsome woman who runs the kitchen; the remarkable doctor at the head of the institution. (From Amazon. 3-8-2026). We'll meet in the East Room on Saturday at 6:30 pm, **April 25**. Kathy Blouch will be our hostess and discussion leader. We'd love to have you join us!

Board of Fellowship

Our next meeting is Thursday, **April 2** at 3:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

The Board of Fellowship is providing caramel cinnamon rolls, vanilla frosted cinnamon rolls and juice on Easter Sunday with serving beginning at 9:00 am and ending at 11:00 am after the late service begins.

Saturday, **April 25**, Our church group is attending the Saturday matinee for New Theatre and Restaurant. The show is "Cactus Flower" with Marilu Henner. For those that bought tickets, seating begins at 11:45 am, buffet is at 12:15 pm and the show begins at 1:15 pm.

Facebook Page

Trinity 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.

LWML

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

Our next LWML meeting is Monday, **April 13** in the Fellowship Hall at 7:00 pm. Tiffany Battle will be our Hostess, Judy Wickland will give our devotion and lead our Bible Study. Please join us for an enjoyable evening with friends, treats, a short meeting and Bible study.

The LWML Mission project this year is Layette Kits for the Orphan Grain Train. We will be collecting items in June and will then assemble the kits for delivery to Topeka. Items required in each kit: 4 diaper pins, 2 washcloths, 1 sleeper, 2 onesies, 1 receiving blanket and 1 blanket. Each kit also requires 4 cloth diapers and 2 rubber or plastic pants but our LWML group is planning on purchasing these items. We will be placing a tub in the narthex the first of June to collect any items our congregation purchases to help us in this mission project.

April 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 10:00 AM Bible Study (ER) 7:00 PM Pastor's Bible Study (ER)	2 3:00 PM Bd of Fellowship (FH) 7:00 PM Maundy Thursday Worship	3 OFFICE CLOSED 7:00 PM Good Friday Worship	4 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM Trinity House NO WORSHIP HOLY SATURDAY
5 Communion at all services 8:00 AM Easter Service 9:30 AM Easter Service 11:00 AM Easter Service	6 7:00 PM Pastor's Bible Study (ER)	7 9:45 AM Women'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 9:30 AM - 4:00 PM Quilting (ER) 6:30 PM AHG (FH) 7:00 PM Trinity Choir (L) 8:15 PM Trinity Bell Choir (ER)	10 9:30 AM - 4:00 PM Quilting (ER)	11 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM Bd of Fellowship cleaning Kitchen 5:30 PM Worship (S)
12 9:30 & 10:45 HC 8:00 AM Traditional 9:30 AM Praise 9:30 AM SS/Bible study 9:30 AM Faith Legacy (Teal Room) 10:45 AM Traditional 3:30 PM - 5:00 PM Youth Group Help at Trinity House	13 7:00 PM LWML (FH) 7:00 PM Pastor's Bible Study (ER)	14 9:45 AM Women's Bible Study (ER) 7:00 PM Bd of Worship (ER) 7:00 PM Bd of Outreach (FH)	15 10:00 AM Bible Study (ER) 7:00 PM Confirmation (FH) 7:00 PM Pastor's Bible Study (ER)	16 6:30 PM AHG (FH) 6:30 PM Bd of Education (ER) 7:00 PM Trinity Choir (L) 8:15 PM Trinity Bell Choir (ER)	17 9:30 AM - 4:00 PM Quilting (ER)	18 5:30 PM Worship (S)
19 8:00 HC 8:00 AM Traditional 9:30 AM Praise 9:30 AM SS/Bible study 9:30 AM Faith Legacy (Teal Room) 10:45 AM Traditional	20 7:00 PM Bd of Stewardship (FH) 7:00 PM Pastor's Bible Study (ER)	21 9:45 AM Women'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 Trinity Choir (L) 8:15 PM Trinity Bell Choir (ER)	24 9:30 AM - 4:00 PM Quilting (ER)	25 New Theatre Restaurant 5:30 PM Worship (S) 6:30 PM Book Club (ER)
26 9:30 & 10:45 HC 8:00 AM Traditional 9:30 AM Praise 9:30 AM SS/Bible study 9:30 AM Faith Legacy (Teal Room) 10:45 AM Traditional	27 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM Blood Drive (FH) 7:00 PM Bd of Properties (OC) 7:00 PM Pastor's Bible Study (ER)	28 9:45 AM Women'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 Trinity Choir (L) 8:15 PM Trinity Bell Choir (ER)		

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM THE OFFICE

Articles for the monthly newsletter will now be due to Sheri in the office by the 20th of each month. This will give time for the boards to meet and get notices ready to get the most up to date information posted in the newsletters. Please send any emails to officetlc@tlcleavenworth.org .

