



Pastor's Letter

Grace, Mercy, and Peace to you from God our Father, and our living Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

There has been a lot in the news lately about artificial intelligence and the idea that AI is going to kill us all. I have been following this fairly closely because I am a self-described nerd and I enjoy all things tech and gadget. While I am certainly not looking to disparage God's good gift of life. I have to ask, for the Christian, does it really matter if AI is an existential threat? Don't misunderstand me. I am not advocating for the reckless endangerment of human life by progress at all costs. What I am advocating for is the Biblical world view that any day may be the last day. We are not guaranteed the next breath or the next new moon. Jesus could return at any given moment. Our bodies could stop working without notice. Our death can arrive without prior warning. We are called upon as Christians to be ready for such an eventuality. How can we be ready for such an event. Simply by God's grace believing that Jesus is the One who was given for all of our sins. Or, as I say in virtually every children's message, "Jesus died on the cross to forgive our sins." God promises through His Word that all who believe in Him as their Lord and savior, though they die, yet shall they live. So, embrace AI or don't. But by all means believe in the One who gave Himself up for us.

In Christ,

Pastor Damian

President's Letter

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

TRINITY HOUSE

"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in"; Matthew 25:35

According to our website, "Trinity House began many decades ago with a desire to provide food to those who needed a helping hand. It started in the church office and now has grown into a whole house on Trinity Lutheran Church property at 906 Marion." From those modest beginnings, Trinity House has grown into an important inroad to our community and has become part of the fabric of our congregation. It is now a well-known outlet for those in need in our area. On average, Trinity House serves approximately 240 families per month. Our congregation has generously supported this ministry both financially (\$30,000 of our Work Program over the past several years) and in volunteer hours (approximately 40 hours per week).

Trinity House falls under the direction of the Board of Social Concerns. Over the past several years, Lou McCloud, Judy Wickland, and Barb Alonzi have served as Board Chairs and taken on the responsibility of running Trinity House. This ministry has grown to the point where our current system is no longer sustainable. Over the past year, the Board of Directors has discussed and prayed about our next steps in this journey. I have said several times that I wish we didn't have to continue operating Trinity House because there was no need to. But the reality is that our community has a tremendous need, and people don't have as many options to turn to as they once did.

At the last Board of Directors meeting, we met with the Co-chairs of the Board of Social Concerns (Judy and Barb) and decided to create a part-time, paid position: "Trinity House Manager." This person will handle day-to-day operations, including ordering food, recruiting and organizing volunteers, raising community awareness, maintaining a safe and clean building, and fundraising. They will report to the Board of Social Concerns and to the Senior Pastor. One of the initial goals for this person will be to raise enough funds in the community to pay their salary (\$1250 per month), with the long-term goal of raising enough funds so Trinity House becomes more self-sufficient and depends less on the Congregation's support.

The job description for this position is included in this edition of the Trinity Times, and we are now accepting applications. If you or anyone you know wants to apply, please send your resume to Pastor Damian at tlcsp@inbox.com or drop it off at the Church office. If you have any questions about the position or the process that led us to this decision, please see Pastor Damian or me.

OFFICER/BOARD CHAIR ELECTIONS

It is that time of year when we will elect officer and Board Chair positions. Each year, the Congregation elects one-half of these leaders and one-half of the Elders at the November Voters' Meeting. This year, the Nominating Committee led by Bob Summers will be looking for volunteers to serve the following positions:

President
1st Vice President
Chair, Board of Worship
Chair, Board of Outreach
Chair, Board of Youth
Chair, Board of Social Concerns
½ the Board of Elders

I encourage you to prayerfully consider serving your Congregation in one of these positions. If you aren't quite yet ready for a leadership position, each of these Boards is always looking for new members. If you have any questions or would like additional information, please reach out to me, Bob Summers, or one of our Pastors.

The Board of Directors meets the fourth Tuesday of the month, and all voting members are welcome to attend.

In His Service,
Mark Denney

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
Treasurer's Recap Report
As of August 31, 2026

	August Actual	2026 Actual	Deo Volente 2026 Wk Pgm
Administration	\$ 511	\$ 7,549	\$ 14,130
Benevolence	833	6,667	10,000
Contracts	2,439	19,884	33,250
Education	560	5,542	8,800
Elders	0	0	1,000
Fellowship	565	2,633	3,700
Outreach	171	1,677	8,000
Properties	5,377	34,964	48,000
Social Concerns	1,666	24,301	35,300
Staff	29,401	237,688	360,002
Stewardship	965	9,476	17,100
Worship	1,624	4,302	7,700
Youth	0	0	1,000
TOTAL EXPENSES	44,112	354,683	547,982
 Church Receipts	 47,951	 314,040	 501,110
 CASH GAIN/(LOSS)	 \$ 3,839	 \$ (40,643)	 \$ (46,872)

CASH AND INVESTED BALANCES

	TOTAL CASH
Work Program	\$ 40,643
Accounts Payable	11,879
Benevolence Fund Reserve	11,755
Christmas Dinner Fund	1,525
District Support Reserve	2,976
General Reserves	246,421
Insurance & Tax Reserve	16,155
Memorials	159,026
Sunday School Offering	2,697
Transfers	704
Trinity Development Fund	44,153
Trinity House Reserve	7,110
Youth Program Reserve	9,799
TOTAL	\$ 554,843

As of August 31, 2026:

72,423	Citizens Federal Checking
209,065	Citizens Federal CD
37,793	Lutheran Church Extension Fund
235,562	Edward Jones Money Market
554,843	Total

Board of Directors

TUESDAY, AUGUST 25, 2026

Meeting Minutes

Present: Ron Romig, Jean Fluevog, Mark Denney, Pastor Snyder, John Lange, Laura Gray. Barb Alonzi and Judy Wickland were present for the Trinity House discussion.

Mr. Denney called the meeting to order. Mr. Romig shared a devotion from Jeremiah. Mr. Denney asked that the Trinity House discussion be moved to precede Old Business on the agenda. The amended agenda was approved by consensus.

Trinity House Vision and Plan: Mrs. Wickland and Mrs. Alonzi, co-chairs of the Board of Social Concerns, discussed the volunteer hours required to run Trinity House each week. Mrs. Wickland reported about forty hours of work is required to keep it open three days a week. This includes time spent purchasing and picking up food as well as extra activities like the coat drive, food drives, managing large donations, and changing out clothing twice a year. Mr. Denney shared the following questions that need to be answered going forward: 1) Do we want to separate Trinity House into its own board, 2) How big do we want Trinity House to be, and 3) Do we need to have a paid director who could solicit funds from the community? Mr. Fluevog suggested shifting the labor load by using technology. Pastor Snyder offered to research food that can be delivered from SAMS Club. Mr. Romig suggested adding \$1000 per month to the 2027 Work Program to hire a Trinity House director. Mr. Denney suggested it be a salaried position of less than 30 hours per week. Pr. Snyder offered to write a job description based on input from Mrs. Wickland and Mrs. Alonzi.

OLD BUSINESS

BOD actions since the last meeting: The BOD approved the minutes of the July meeting via email. They also approved a \$500.00 gift to Lutheran Urban Mission Agency to be given to Pr. Phil Cook who spoke at the August FFF dinner.

2027 Work Program: The Board of Stewardship has all 2027 numbers and have salary recommendations. They plan to have the first draft ready by the September BOD meeting. The CCC will discuss the work program at the October meeting and will vote on it at their November meeting.

Faith*Feast*Fellowship: Mr. Denney will send out a Flocknote reminder of the FFF dinner and speaker. He will talk with Mr. Gray about setting up the screen and projector.

BOD MEMBER UPDATES

Pastor Snyder shared Pastor Nathan and Ashley were in Salina to be with her father who had an emergency appendectomy and are on their way home.

1st Vice President: Mr. Romig reported we ended August with a deficit of \$28,612. Cash in the bank at the end of the month is \$566,000.

3rd Vice President: no report

NEW BUSINESS

Renewal of Certificate of Deposit: Mr. Romig shared CD interest rates from Citizens Bank and Mutual Savings. A motion was made and seconded (Denney/Fluevog) to reinvest \$217,424.77 in a 12-month CD at the best rate we can get. The motion passed 3-0.

Clavinova Repairs: Mr. Romig shared he continues to communicate with KC Piano about repairing or replacing the Clavinova. The preference is to replace it with the newer Yamaha 909 model. A motion was made and seconded (Fluevog/Denney) to replace the current instrument with the Yamaha 909 model at a cost not to exceed \$5000. The motion passed 3-0.

Nominating Committee: Mr. Denney will ask Bob Summers to chair the Nominating Committee for the November officer, board chair, and elder elections.

Upcoming Events: The annual church picnic will be September 13th at noon at Wollman Park.

The parking lot will be seal coated on October 16 and striped on October 17th.

Executive Session: The board went into executive session to discuss a payroll item.

There being no other business, Pastor Snyder closed the meeting with prayer.

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 call the church office at 682-7474, Fax (913-297-0777), e-mail: officetlc@tlcleavenworth.org. The church website is www.tlcleavenworth.org

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Tom Adams (306-2943)

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 (680-5323)

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 (unlisted)

Elders Emeriti

Ron Garner John Lange

Church Officers

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Priscilla LoPresti (682-7879)

Prayer Shawl:

Lou McLeod (683-2560)

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Tiffany Battle (785-850-1294)

Sunday School Music Director:

Abbi Taves (unlisted)

Webpage:

John Gray (727-1146)

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American Heritage Girls:

Curt Coyle (775-1931)

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Service Organizations

Altar Guild:

Kathleen Adams (306-2942)

LWML:

Kathy Rush (980-5176)

Trinity House:

906 Marion Street
Hours: Tues, Wed, Thurs,
First Saturday of each month
10:00 am to 1:00 pm

Area codes are
(913) unless listed.

Serving in Worship

Serving in Worship	October 3 & 4	October 10 & 11	October 17 & 18	October 24 & 25
CANTORS	8:00 am Ron Romig 10:45 am Sharon Fluevog	8:00 am Ron Romig 10:45 am Sharon Fluevog	8:00 am Ron Romig 10:45 am Sharon Fluevog	8:00 am Ron Romig 10:45 am Sharon Fluevog
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 Brandy Hamilton 10:45 am Laura Gray	8:00 am Kathy Blouch 9:30 am Wayne Hickson 10:45 am Rod Low	8:00 am Patrick Battle 9:30 am Aaron Adams 10:45 am Priscilla LoPresti	8:00 am John Davito 9:30 am Kris Thomas 10:45 am Derrick Robinette
ALTAR GUILD	5:30 pm Anita Scarborough 8:00 am Cathy Summers Cleanup Sue Wolfe	9:30 am Laura Gray 10:45 am Ron Romig Cleanup Sharon Fluevog	5:30 pm Anita Scarborough 8:00 am Becky Denney Cleanup Kathy Rush	5:30 pm Anita Scarborough 8:00 am Kathleen Adams 9:30 am Courtney Hochard 10:45 am Kathleen Adams Cleanup Laura Cunningham

E L D E R S	5:30 pm Doug Wickland 8:00 am Tom Sedlock, Ron Romig, Mark Denney, Tom Johnson 9:30 am Jeff Thorne, Tom Adams, Aaron Adams 10:45 am Charlie Haase, Sean Wittmeier, Jean Fluevog
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U S H E R S	8:00 am Bob Summers, TJ Johnson 9:30 am Barry and Lou McLeod 10:45 am Jean Fluevog, Charlie Haase
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Board of Social Concerns

Prayer shawl ministry

We provide homemade prayer shawls to those in need of additional comfort during times of illness or death. Talk to one of the pastors or check at the office or visitor's center to receive a prayer shawl.



Birthdays/Anniversaries

October

				1	2	3 Dustin and Lauren Mortsof (11) Susie Schwinn Pam Harris Sarah Schwinn Brooklyn White
4 Terry and Diane Collins (51) Beckett Waitley	5 Wes and Helen Stillian (63) Gerald Henshaw Sherri Hamble- ton Lori Haase Elijah Baker	6 David and Regina Bruner (48) Barbara Dawson Martin Wendel II Margot Rose	7 Debbie Staples	8 Eric and Vicki Wells (44) Scott Trapp	9 Mattea Lambert	10 Neal Findeisen
11 Logan Ohlde	12 Mike McFarlin Aliza Taves	13	14 JoEtta Kaaz Chris Maxwell	15 William Lohman Chris Phillips	16	17
18 Christine Bachtel Athena Burton	19 Lori Golon Kortney Spickler	20 Max Nuss	21 Katie Bolia	22 Deborah Kim- ball Jay Osborne	23 Ron Romig Denise DeHaan	24 Kari Erzen Andrew Berg Jr
25	26 Shelia Gottschalk	27 Jackson Blaski	28 Tom and Anita Scarborough (48) Marie Davito Grace White	29	30 Harper Logan	31 Wayne Garner Austin Johnson

Faith Legacy

Faith Legacy Infant Class: Would you like ideas about how to communicate the faith to your children? Anna and Derrick Robinette will be teaching our Faith Legacy Class for families with infants from birth to one year old. The classes will be held during the Sunday School time (starting at 9:30 am). There are three classes: **October 4, 11, and 18**. A presentation will be held on **October 25**. Please contact Anna Robinette if you have questions or would like to be part of the class at 651-6663.

LWML

Our next LWML meeting is Monday, **October 12** in the Fellowship Hall. The hostess will be Judy Wickland, the Devotion will be given by Leam Crim, and Priscilla LoPresti will lead our Bible Study. Please join us for an enjoyable evening with friends, treats, Bible Study, and a short meeting.

Saturday, **October 10** is the LWML Fall Crossroads Zone Event at Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, 13145 S Black Bob Road in Olathe. Registration begins at 8:30 am and the event begins at 9:00 am. See the LWML bulletin board outside the East Room for additional details.

This year our LWML service project was layette kits for Orphan Grain Train. With our congregation's generous help, we were able to collect items for 20+ kits. Thank you for all your wonderful support in our mission projects!!

Job Opening

Trinity House Manager– This is considered a Part-Time Position
(Less than 25 hours per week).

Staff Relationship

The Trinity House Manager is responsible to the Chairperson of the Board of Social Concerns and the Senior Pastor. The Trinity House manager is responsible for supervising the overall functioning of Trinity House, including its day-to-day operations and acts as the main liaison between the Board of Social Concerns and the volunteers, contributors, and clients of Trinity House.

Specific Duties

The Trinity House Manager will:

- Manage the Trinity House portion of the Board of Social Concerns' annual work program as approved by the voters of Trinity as well as directed giving to Trinity House.

- Attend all meetings of the Board of Social Concerns and provide a report about the functioning of Trinity House as requested by the Board.

- Be responsible for ensuring that food is ordered in a timely manner and that sufficient stock is kept on hand to meet the needs of the day-to-day functioning of Trinity House.

- Be responsible for community outreach and networking seeking to further the mission of Trinity House.

- Be responsible for the Trinity House Coat Drive, food drives, and fundraising.

- Be responsible for the supervision and recruiting of volunteers.

- Be responsible for maintaining a safe and clean environment in and immediately around the grounds of Trinity House.

- Other duties as assigned.

(All hired positions at Trinity Lutheran Church will require a background check with the Kansas Bureau of Investigation and a drug screening test before employment begins.)

Coat Drive for Trinity House

Help keep our
neighbors warm



Warmth Brings
Us Together

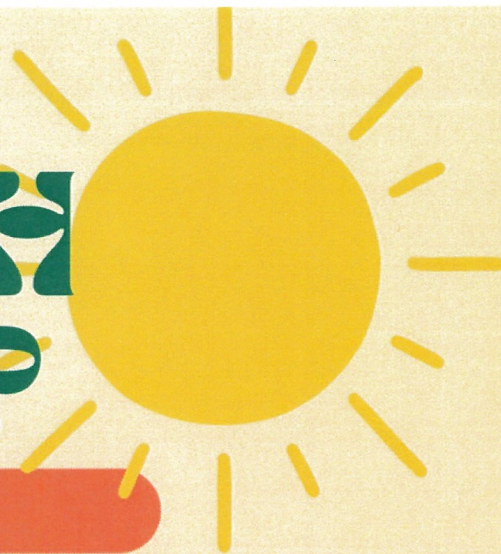
October 1st-31st

New and gently used coats
can be dropped off at any
Citizens FSB locations.





YOUTH GROUP



September 13

Church Picnic @ Wolmen Pool Shelter
12:00 - 2:00 Games

October 11

Service Project: season change
@ Trinity House 2-5

November 8

Pie Making Night
Pumpkin or Apple or both 3-5 pm

December 6

Christmas Dinner, Gift Exchange, Crafts
and Games 5-6:30 pm

Grab A Friend and Join Us!!

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SEE YOU SOON

For more information call:
Call Becky 913-705-0019 or Dawn 360-441-4473



October 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 3:00 PM Bd of Fellowship (ER) 5:30 PM (ER) busy 7:00 PM Trinity Choir (L) 8:15 PM Trinity Bell Choir (ER)	2 6:30 PM AHG (FH)	3 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM Trinity House Worship (S) 5:30 PM Worship (S)
4 8:00 HC 8:00 AM Traditional 9:30 AM Praise 9:30 AM SS/Bible study 9:30 AM Faith Legacy 10:45 AM Traditional LWML SUNDAY	5 7:00 PM Pastor's Bible Study (ER)	6 9:45 AM Women's Bible Study (ER) 7:00 PM Campus Coor Committee (ER)	7 10:00 AM Bible Study (ER) 7:00 PM Confirmation (FH) 7:00 PM Pastor's Bible Study (ER)	8 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)	9 9:30 AM - 4:00 PM Quilting (ER)	10 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM AHG (FH) 5:30 PM Worship (S)
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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.

Reminder

Sign up for Flocknote. It is our official means of communication! Text "Luther" to 84576 or go to Trinity's website to join our parish-wide communication system called Flocknote.

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