

Trinity Presbyterian Church
Talking Trinity
Monthly Newsletter
March 2025

Trinity's Road To Easter Begins

Once again, Trinity will be joining the congregations of Westminster Presbyterian and First Presbyterian for Ash Wednesday and Good Friday Worship services.

Worshipping together during Lent is a unique opportunity to reflect on our connectional church, and deepens relationships between our neighboring Presbyterians.



Ash Wednesday Service

March 5th - 12:00-Noon Worship

at First Presbyterian Church

*Presbyterian congregations from
Trinity, Westminster and First Church combined together*



ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE

We invite you to join us for a Lenten Meditation beginning Ash Wednesday, March 5th and every Wednesday following through April 23. We will gather in the sanctuary at 6:30 for an hour of brief instruction and a time of meditation.

On March 5th, all present will be given a mala (prayer beads) to use during the 8 week course. These will be yours to keep. This 8 week meditation will be led by Ryan Kemp-Pappan. ALL ARE WELCOME! Invite a friend to join you for this time of renewal.



2025 Lenten Sermon Theme - *Pause: Spending Lent with the Psalms*

(based on the book by Elizabeth Caldwell) Each week Rev. Meredith Kemp-Pappan's sermon will emphasize a different Psalm. You are encouraged read each week's Psalm ahead of worship.

March 9 Psalm 25, "Paths"
March 16 Psalm 27, "Faces"
March 23 Psalm 63: 1-8, "Blessing"
March 30 Psalm 23, "Tables"

April 6 Psalm 130, "Waiting"
April 13 Psalm 118, "Thanksgiving"
April 18 Psalm 22, "Abandoned"
April 20 Psalm 19, "Hands"

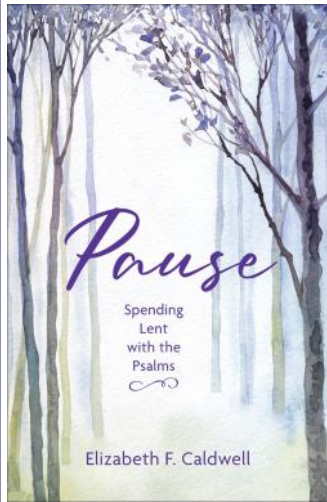
IT'S TIME TO "BUY THE CASE" FOR DOORSTEP

MARCH is Trinity's month to provide food for Doorstep's pantry. This will be the fifth year that Trinity's Mission Committee has sponsored the "Buy The Case" program for Doorstep.

Last year a little over \$6,000 was raised by Trinity members. All food is tax free and sold at discounted prices.



Doorstep and the Trinity Mission Committee thanks you in advance for your generous contribution during this Lenten season to help serve the food needs within our community .



I don't know about you, but the busy-ness that ramps up in December doesn't seem to dissipate until well after Easter! After Christmas, church work involves preparing for the Annual Meeting, meeting with new committee moderators, and planning and preparing for Spring events and celebrations. As a parent of two elementary-aged children, the spring calendar is already filled with concerts, school projects, and after-school activities. Life is busy! Sometimes, though, I need a reminder to slow down and spend more intentional time in prayer and reflection.

That is why, this Lenten season, I am inviting you to “pause” with me in worship as we slow down and listen for God’s voice in the “still” places. In particular, we will be pausing with the book of Psalms. Through reading, singing, speaking, and hearing the psalms, we will be drawn inward so that we may reflect on these ancient words.

The inspiration and material for this worship series comes from the book, *Pause: Spending Lent with the Psalms*, by Elizabeth Caldwell. It is available for purchase through many online bookstores, but you do not have to buy it in order to follow along with the worship series. In the introduction to the book, Caldwell writes: “The culture in which we are embedded doesn’t invite or encourage us to pause and lay aside our perpetual activity. It values adaptability to constant changes. It requires immediate and constant attention. It expects rapid response...The season of Lent offers a limited time frame for taking up a spiritual practice that can help you to focus more deeply on your life of faith, the convictions and the questions that you sense are emerging, by slowing down and being present. Just as Jesus needed to get away at times to pray, so, too, do his followers, especially in a world requiring our attention in so many different directions. Think of Lent as a refreshing pause in your life to nourish your soul.”

May your Lenten journey, however you pursue it, be a welcome interruption in the rhythms of your daily life. May you find the space and time to pause, even for a few minutes a day, to let God’s Spirit awaken and renew your spirit.

Blessings,
Rev. Meredith



“Who is my Neighbor?”

Jesus commands that we love God and love neighbor. Jesus loved outcasts, foreigners, even Romans and tax collectors. Sometimes this practice of loving is difficult.

I reported to the Peacemaking committee a week ago that the Mesoamerican Mission Network (via Joseph Russ, PCUSA mission co-worker) has indicated that the USAID cuts are hurting the Network’s efforts to provide humanitarian relief and economic development opportunities for migrants and all citizens in Central America.

The USAID budget freeze is affecting our partners in Central America (Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras) and Mexico. They are faced with cutting programs that aid people in three ways:

Programs that provide safety, train and support families and individuals who are deported by the US back to their home country.

Programs that support and provide education to migrants leaving their home country in search of physical security or economic opportunity in another country. “Human traffickers” provide “fake news” about streets lined with gold and plentiful, good paying jobs in the north. Mission Network programs give migrants the “true picture” of the dangers of migration and what work in the US looks like.

Programs that provide safety, train and support families and individuals who are hoping to stay in their home country.

Here is the message I received from Joseph Russ, [1/28, 5:08 PM] Joseph Russ: @US Citizens: The Trump administration froze USAID, impacting many of our partners and institutions our partners work with. Send quick message to your congresspeople through the Office of Public Witness!

This link takes you to the Presbyterian Church Office of Public Witness.

You can send an email to all three Senators/Representative with a “canned” message, or edit the message to make it more specific.

[1/28, 5:07 PM] Joseph Russ: <https://www.votervoice.net/PCUSA/Campaigns/120644/Respond>





Here Comes the Sun: An Update on Trinity's Solar Panel Project

In 2021, the Peacemaking Committee brought forth a proposal to the Trinity Session for the church to install solar panels on the roof of the building. After several years of study, discernment, and prayer, the Trinity Session approved the project at the October 2024 Session Meeting. We are excited to announce that the solar panels should be fully installed by late spring (provided it finally stops snowing)!

The Session understands that there may be questions about the scope, cost, and rationale for the project, so we have provided a list of FAQs. Additional questions can be directed to Bob Fincham, Dan Moseman, and Rev. Meredith.

Frequently Asked Questions about the Trinity Solar Panel Project:

1. How do Solar Panels reflect Trinity's Mission and Ministry?

Trinity embodies a missional culture. Most recently, we became a Matthew 25 Congregation in the PCUSA. Trinity has engaged social justice in the community for years. The session believes that Jesus calls us to environmental stewardship. One of the ways we can care for our neighbors is by pursuing green energy and reducing our carbon footprint.

2. What was the Session decision-making process?

Over the months, the Session received data on the cost, benefits, and scope of the project. The Peacemaking and Property committees researched local solar panel installers and made a recommendation to the Session to work with Wentz Solar, a business based out of Lawrence, Kansas. Hugh Wentz, of Wentz Solar, attended the October 2024 Session and answered questions. The Session decided on a "middle-of-the-road" proposal that would install 100 panels on the roof. The approved project will offset at least half of our electric bill, while, at the same time, leave enough money left over from the sale of the rental house to pursue other high-priority projects (such as replacing the carpet in the sanctuary and upgrading the sanctuary projectors).

3. How are we paying for the Solar Panels and what will be the total cost?

The total cost for the solar panels is \$99,500. Trinity has received 2 grants in the amount of \$5,000 each from the Presbytery of Northern Kansas and the Synod of Mid-America. Upon completion of the project, Trinity will be eligible for a 30% tax credit from the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA). After the tax credit and grant

monies, Trinity's share would be **\$59,650** (\$99,500 less \$10,000 less \$29,850). It is important to note that there is a possibility that the rebate will not be available if funding for the IRA is discontinued by the Trump Administration and Congress.

4. What is the current condition of the roof?

The roof is 11 years old and is guaranteed for 25 years, with the likelihood that that it will last for 30 years.

5. How many panels are we purchasing and where will the panels be installed?

We will install 100 panels. The panels will be installed on the roofs over Fellowship Hall, the Parlor, the Sanctuary, and the Daycare.

6. What is the timeframe for installation and will it interrupt the work and mission of the church?

The Solar Panels will be installed by the end of March and should not interrupt the mission of the church.

7. How much will we save from our energy bill from solar energy?

The savings will vary from winter to summer (more in the summer than the winter, when we need it) but, on average, will save the Church about \$644 per month.

8. How long will the solar panels last? Will we need to replace them as they age?

The Solar Panels are guaranteed for 12 years, with the likelihood they will last much longer. Eventually they will need to be replaced.

We are proud to be among the growing number of churches that are leading the way of green energy! Thanks to Bob Ficham, David Shriver, Dennis Williams, Dan Moseman and the members of the Peacemaking Committee for all of their hard work.

–Rev. Meredith and the Trinity Session.



For the fifth year here at Trinity, Mission Committee representatives, Art Lancaster, and Stan McAdoo, have negotiated tax free, discounted prices for cases of a variety of food items that can be ordered from the Apple Market store on Gage Blvd to donate to Doorstep in March.



Our “BUY THE CASE” food drive is a convenient way to help Doorstep fill up their food pantry!

You just need to decide how much money you would like to donate to this very important program and **place an order** by filling out the **2025 BUY THE CASE form*** ([on the next page.](#)) And, to make it **EVEN SIMPLER**, Stan will put in the orders to the store, and when they come in, arrange the delivery to DOORSTEP so the food can be utilized right away.

You will see the **order form** has areas to select the kind of food and quantity of cases you want ordered. Just add up the total price of the cases. Or, you can choose to donate an amount that is “undesignated” which will be given to Doorstep to purchase any additional food they may need. If paying by check, make it out to TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH and write ‘BUY THE CASE’ on the memo line. Include your NAME and CHECK NUMBER on the form.

Order forms and envelopes will be available in the sanctuary pews or in the lobby of the church. Or, you can use the form in this newsletter!

A completed **order form** with your cash or check donation (if check, made out to-Trinity Presbyterian Church), can be:

- *mailed to the church (4746 SW 21st St. Topeka KS 66604), or
- *brought to the church office, or
- *dropped in the offering plate in worship. Please be sure to **write BTC or Buy the Case in the MEMO** area of your check.

Trinity has done a wonderful job of supporting Doorstep and providing food for them to distribute to those in need.

As the cost of food increases, it becomes hard for families to get the food and nourishment that they need. This program makes a real difference.

Questions can be directed to Stan McAdoo.

Thanks in advance for your support.



2025 "Buy The Case" for Doorstep's food pantry

Case	Case price	Qty	Total
Canned Soup (large size)	\$25.59		\$

Case	Case price	Qty	Total
Ramen Noodles	\$8.68		\$

Case	Case price	Qty	Total
Spaghetti O's	\$12.31		\$

Canned Green Beans	\$15.91		\$
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Peanut Butter	\$24.93		\$
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Canned Corn or Peas	\$15.33		\$
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Canned Pork N Beans	\$18.80		\$
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MAC & Cheese	\$13.02		\$
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Canned Misc. Vegetables	\$26.61		\$
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Undesignated contribution \$ _____

Total amount enclosed \$ _____

If a check, make it out to **"Trinity Presbyterian Church"** and write **"Buy the Case"** on the memo line.

Your name _____ **Check**

Please place this order form and payment made out to **"Trinity Presbyterian Church"** and leave it in the offering plate or send it to:

Trinity Presbyterian Church
 4746 SW 21st. Street
 Topeka, KS 66604



Please join the Visioning Committee at Trinity for an **INTERGENERATIONAL GAME DAY** immediately following worship on Sunday, **MARCH 30TH**, in Fellowship Hall.

We will have **LUNCH** followed by **FUN GAMES** for **EVERYONE!!** We want the **YOUNGEST** members to the **OLDEST** members to join us for the **Intergenerational Game Day!**

If you have questions please contact Karen Meenen or Connie Hubbell.



HARVESTERS food **distribution** occurs on the 2nd **MONDAY** of every month at Trinity. It is on a first come, first served basis. Food will be handed out no later than 12pm, but might start several minutes earlier, so be sure to arrive early to line up. To volunteer, contact Stan McAdoo. **NEXT DRIVE: MARCH 10**

Come join PAGE TURNERS

as we read

Finding Messiah

Beginning March 14th

Trinity's book group meets

most Fridays

1:30 – 3:00

1st, 2nd & 4th Fridays

@ Café Quetzal

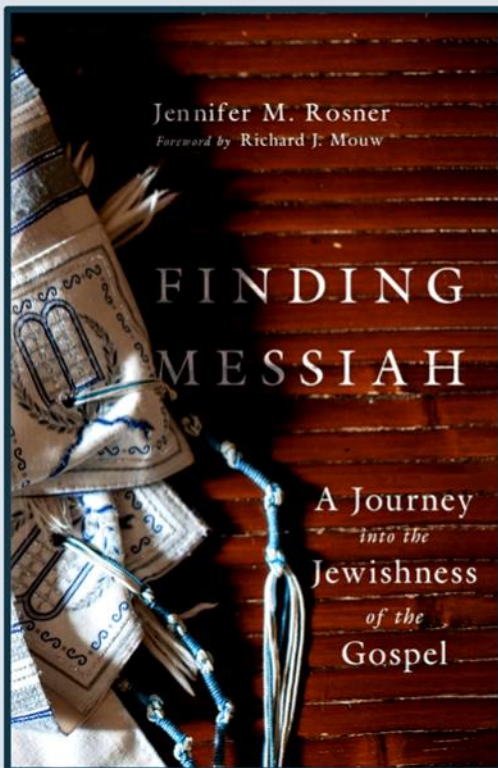
3rd Fridays

in the CHURCH PARLOR

See weekly online newsletter for details

Jennifer Rosner, a scholar of Jewish-Christian relations, takes us on a personal and corporate journey into the Jewish roots of Christian faith and practice.

Questions? Contact Carol Thomas,
785-357-1472 or ctmsh@gmail.com



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 4:00pm International Prayer Group (rm 12)
2 Deacon of the Week: Judy Williams Liturgist: Vicky Walters Sermon on the Steps: USHERS: Marvin Burris & Dennis Williams HELPERS: Becky/Marilyn 9:30am ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL In-person only 9:30am Children's, Youth, Young Adult Sunday School 10:30am WORSHIP SERVICE - In Person/Online 11:30am DEACONS MEETING (P) 11:45am JUMP Network Meeting (FH)	3 11:00am Office Staff Mtg (Ofc Conf Rm) 1:30pm Sticks 'N String Group (Parlor) 7:00pm Advanced Square Dance Workshops (FH) set up/ out-6p/9:30p	4 9:00am Tuesdays With The Word (Cafe Quetzal) 10:00am Line Dance Lesson (FH) 11:00am VISIONING CMTE MTG (Zoom) 12:30pm MISSION CMTE MTG ZOOM 3:30pm Aerobics set up (FH) 4:00pm Aerobics (FH) 6:00pm F.A.C.T.S. (P) 6:00pm Young Adult Bible Study (rm 13/14)	5 Ash Wednesday 12:00pm ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP SERVICE- First Presbyterian, Topeka 1:30pm Mary Martha Circle Bible Study (P) 6:30pm Adult CE Lenten Meditation (S) 6:45pm Esther Circle (rm 14) 7:00pm OUTREACH CMTE MTG (ZOOM) 7:00pm Prairie Wind Flute Choir Rehearsal (rm 11)	6 5:00pm Balance & Fall Prevention Class (FH) 6:15pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal (S) 7:30pm Heritage Choir Rehearsal (S)	7 1:30pm Page Turners Book Study (Cafe Quetzal) 3:30pm Aerobics set up (FH) 4:00pm Aerobics (FH)	8 2:00pm Friendship Squares Dance (FH, K) set up@ 1p/out by 5p 4:00pm International Prayer Group (rm 12)
9 1st Sunday in Lent Daylight-Saving Time Begins Deacon of the Week: Janis Holiwell Liturgist: Jon Farrell-Higgins Sermon on the Steps: USHERS: Susan Burris & Nancy Carpenter HELPERS: Randall/Dennis 9:30am ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL In-person only 9:30am Children's, Youth, Young Adult Sunday School 10:30am WORSHIP SERVICE - In Person/Online 11:30am MoMENTum event tba	10 8:00am -11:00pm Fellowship Hall & Parking Lot Reserved 12:00pm Harvesters Free Food Distribution (Parking Lot) First Come/First Served 1:30pm Sticks 'N String Group (Parlor) 5:30pm ADULT CE CMTE MTG (ZOOM) 6:30pm JUMP Rally (Grace Cathedral)	11 9:00am Tuesdays With The Word (Cafe Quetzal) 10:00am Line Dance Lesson (FH) 3:30pm Aerobics set up (FH) 4:00pm Aerobics (FH) 4:45pm Serve Dinner/ Topeka Rescue Mission 6:00pm F.A.C.T.S. (P) 6:00pm Young Adult Bible Study (rm 13/14)	12 10:00am WORSHIP CMTE mtg (P) 1:30pm STEWARDSHIP CMTE MTG (P) 6:00pm FINANCE CMTE MTG (P) 6:30pm Adult CE Lenten Meditation (S) 7:00pm Prairie Wind Flute Choir Rehearsal (rm 11)	13 LELC CLOSED/STAFF ED DAY Spring Break (USD 501) 5:00pm Balance & Fall Prevention Class (FH) 6:15pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal (S) 6:30pm PROPERTY CMTE MTG - ZOOM 7:30pm Heritage Choir Rehearsal (S)	14 LELC CLOSED/STAFF ED DAY Spring Break (USD 437) Spring Break (USD 501) 1:30pm Page Turners Book Study (Cafe Quetzal) 3:30pm Aerobics set up (FH) 4:00pm Aerobics (FH)	15 Spring Break (USD 437) Spring Break (USD 501) 4:00pm International Prayer Group (rm 12)
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30 4th Sunday in Lent Deacon of the Week: Pat Thomblison Liturgist: Pat Thomblison Sermon on the Steps: USHERS: Ann Fincham & Marvin or Susan Burris 9:30am ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL In-person only 9:30am Children's, Youth, Young Adult Sunday School 10:30am WORSHIP SERVICE - In Person/Online 11:30am INTERGENERATIONAL LUNCH & GAME DAY (FH)	31 1:30pm Sticks 'N String Group (Parlor)	1 9:00am Tuesdays With The Word (Cafe Quetzal) 10:00am Line Dance Lesson (FH) 11:00am VISIONING CMTE MTG (Zoom) 12:30pm MISSION CMTE MTG ZOOM 3:30pm Aerobics set up (FH) 4:00pm Aerobics (FH) 6:00pm F.A.C.T.S. (P) 6:00pm Young Adult Bible Study (rm 13/14)	2 1:30pm Mary Martha Circle Bible Study (P) 6:30pm Adult CE Lenten Meditation (S) 6:45pm Esther Circle (P) 7:00pm OUTREACH CMTE MTG (ZOOM) 7:00pm Prairie Wind Flute Choir Rehearsal (rm 11)	3 5:00pm Balance & Fall Prevention Class (FH) 6:15pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal (S) 7:30pm Heritage Choir Rehearsal (S)	4 1:30pm Page Turners Book Study (Cafe Quetzal) 3:30pm Aerobics set up (FH) 4:00pm Aerobics (FH)	5 4:00pm International Prayer Group (rm 12)



It's nearly time for the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering again!

Taken during the season of Lent each year, OGHS provides assistance to people around the world in three ways.

One part **(36%) goes to the Presbyterian Hunger Program.**

PHP takes action to alleviate hunger, care for creation, and the systemic causes of poverty so all may be fed.

Another part **(32%) goes to Self-development of People.** SDOP invests in communities responding to their experiences of oppression, poverty and injustice and educates Presbyterians about the impact of these issues.

The third part **(32%) goes to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.** PDA works alongside communities as they recover after devastating natural or human-caused disasters, and provide support for refugees. **PDA is currently responding to the Southern California wildfires, Hurricanes Milton, Helene, Beryl, and Debby, Tropical Storm Ernesto, and Israel/Palestine areas.**

BLUE-OUT AT TRINITY - MARCH 9

Presbyterian disaster assistance will be celebrated at Trinity by **BLUE-OUT** on March 9th when we all wear something **BLUE**. PDA volunteers wear blue t-shirts at work sites so they are easily recognized. We will wear something blue to remember that part of our OGHS donation will benefit PDA. It can be anything - a pin, hair ribbon, clothing, whatever, to highlight the fantastic work of PDA.

OGHS helps so many people in need. Please consider a generous gift this Lenten Season! Thank you!

WAYS TO GIVE

When making a donation by check, be sure to write checks to Trinity Presbyterian Church and put "One Great Hour of Sharing" (OGHS) in the memo line. Or, you can also give to the One Great Hour of Sharing offering through our website. If you go to www.trinitypresbyterian.net/give, there is an option to give to any of our special offerings.

Finance Matters

WAYS TO GIVE

Trinity is extremely grateful to members and friends who contribute financial gifts as a response to God's boundless grace and generosity.

By Personal Check:

Mail to: **Trinity Presbyterian Church, 4746 SW 21st Street, Topeka, KS 66604**

Please remember to use the "Memo" line on your checks so your financial gifts will be directed to the correct Donations Account – for example, "Pledge." Checks are separated from envelopes, and a blank Memo line can create confusion in the counting process. Please assist our accounting partners!



Online-Bank Bill Payment:

A service offered by most financial institutions, which creates automatic recurring or one-time gift payments electronically from your bank account. Designate Trinity as the payee, and have payments sent to: **Trinity Presbyterian Church, 4746 SW 21st Street, Topeka, KS 66604**



Online-Trinity Giving:

You can find this option on Trinity's website at www.trinitypresbyterian.net

Select the "Give" tab in the upper right portion of the screen and follow the instructions. Special Offerings may also be designated.

NOTE: This form of giving is especially *secure*. It will not be lost in the mail and cannot be stolen from the outdoor mailbox!

Another way to give via the website:

1. Scan the purple image [QR code] on this page with your smartphone.
2. Open the link that pops up, and you will be taken directly to the Online Giving page for Trinity.
3. Select the fund (s), and you can easily make your financial gift.



Cash:

Cash offerings should only be given in a worship service – do not mail! Please consider using a Pew envelope and label it with your name, if desired. If you do not indicate a fund, it will be recorded as a gift for the General Operating Budget.



Required Minimum Distributions:

Are you considering donating all or part of your RMD (Required Minimum Distribution) as a Qualified Charitable Distribution to Trinity? If so, please notify Susan Bozeman (785-224-0433 or skboze@gmail.com) of your intention, as well as instruct your financial institution or advisor to indicate the ownership of this type of gift on the accompanying documentation. This identity information, such as your name and directions for your gift, greatly assists our accounting partners with the correct and timely recording of your gift.



Gentle Reminder: Thank you to all who continue to contribute to the **Per Capita** fund. Trinity makes this payment to Presbytery on behalf of the membership of Trinity. We ask for a contribution of **\$38 per member**. Any difference in the funds collected and when the payment is due is made up from the General Operating Budget.



ALL Financial Gifts:

THANK YOU for your financial support! Your generous contributions are received with much appreciation and help us grow our ministry and mission.



Doorstep Special Request

(2/19/25)

We greatly need children's clothing as the bins in the kids clothing room are pretty bare. We especially need girls winter clothing. With school out for a couple more days, now might be a great time for your kiddos to go through their clothing for items they have outgrown or don't like anymore; and they can donate them for another kiddo to wear. (Gently Used ~ Not New)

Girls Size 3T - Size 8 ~ Shirts, Pants, Jeans, Leggings, Sweaters, Sweatshirts, Sweatpants...

Boys Jeans & Pants ~ All Sizes + Size 6 Shirts

Jeans for Girls & Teens ~ All Sizes

Bring your donations to Doorstep, 1119 SW 10th Avenue (10th & Buchanan), Monday - Friday, 9am - 2pm, South Door.

WORSHIP AT TRINITY IN-PERSON ATTENDANCE & ONLINE VIEWING

Month	Date	Sunday	In Person	Online	TOTAL
FEBRUARY	2/2/2025	1st	81	6	87
	2/9/2025	2nd	84	2	86



**Happy
Birthday**

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|---------------------|----------------------|
| 3/1 Ellen Morris | 3/18 Lincoln Bylsma |
| 3/1 Madison Meenen | 3/18 Rhonda Ross |
| 3/2 Lot Weckerling | 3/19 Wendy Pullen |
| 3/2 Kay Graham | 3/19 Jamie Merklein |
| Scott | 3/22 Martha Benignus |
| 3/5 Scott Ashley | 3/26 Laura Rolph |
| 3/5 Cathy Newland | 3/26 Jim McCormick |
| 3/6 Renee Mulegwa | 3/27 Donna Whipple |
| 3/7 Janis Holowell | 3/27 Consolata |
| 3/7 Martha Peterson | Ndichu |
| 3/7 Linda Dolezal | 3/28 Beverley Lutz |
| 3/9 Ryan Kemp- | 3/28 Camden |
| Pappan | Chooncharoen |
| 3/10 Alex Wales | 3/28 Bruce Voigt |
| 3/11 Greg Lee | 3/29 Judy Rundell |
| 3/12 Lyric Rogers | 3/29 Natalya |
| 3/14 Portia Maxon | Thomblison |
| 3/15 Kari Hachiya | 3/31 Cathy Wasinger |
| 3/15 Praise Mulegwa | |



**Happy
Anniversary**

- 3/8 Don & Deanine Rogers
- 3/13 Jerry & Cathy Newland
- 3/14 Ralph & Kay Howard
- 3/23 Cory & Dana Schoffelman
- 3/24 Dan & JoAnn Moseman

If you have a birthday or anniversary that is not listed, please contact the church secretary at 785.272.2620 or office@trinitypresbyterian.net



Questions:

**Contact Kari Hachiya, Chair
Endowment Committee**

TRINITY SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

FEBRUARY 2025

- ❖ We will participate in combined worship services during Lent with First Presbyterian and Westminster Presbyterian.
- ❖ Pastor Mere is looking for volunteers to serve Home Communion.
- ❖ Solar Panel update: Plans were approved by the City of Topeka and panels will be ordered and installed as weather permits.
- ❖ A bid from Hall Flooring to replace the floor covering in the sanctuary was approved.
- ❖ Donations to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance can be designated to recovery from California wildfires.



Dear Trinity Family,
Thanks so very much for all the care and work you did to make my mother's (Rosetta Casselle) funeral special!

I appreciate the cookies and refreshments, hospitality, help with donations and your kindness during a very difficult time. My mom, Rosetta, loved her Trinity family and so do I!

Blessings to you all!
Kim Geist



Beginning in April, new Gatherings for Eight groups (previously Dinners for Eight) will be formed. Gatherings for Eight are small groups of 8 people that meet together for meals every-other month. You will be with your group for a year and then have the option to stay in your group or join another group.

There are options for groups that plan to eat at a restaurant and groups that will take turns hosting in their homes or gathering at the church. Your group will determine whether you want to meet for breakfast, lunch, dinner or concert. Whether you prefer Betty Crocker or Colonel Sanders, there is room for seasoned chefs and drive-through divas. The emphasis is on fun and fellowship!

A sign-up sheet will soon be on the bulletin board outside the parlor. Please sign up by March 5. If you have questions, contact Karen Meenen.

Doorstep Newsletter Article ~ March 2025

Thank you to everyone who donated soup and crackers during our **Souper Bowl Sunday** weekend collection! Unfortunately, our Kansas City Chiefs did not win this year. But Doorstep did!!! We had a goal of 10,000 pounds, and at this writing after only a few days of donations coming in we have already received **6,350 pounds** of soup and crackers!! And we know more is coming!! A can of soup can be a meal or two, and your generous donations have helped stock our pantry to continue providing meals to our neighbors in need!

Upcoming Events in 2025 for Doorstep include:

The **Doorstep Appreciation Banquet and Quilt Drawing** will be held on Tuesday, April 29th @ 6:30pm. Our hosts this year are St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church. We will have taco bake, chips, salad and dessert, and entertainment by the St. John's Ev Lutheran Brass Quartet. Reservations needed by April 25th. A *Love Offering* will be taken for Doorstep. The Quilt Drawing will be a little different this year. You can purchase tickets specifically for the KC Chiefs, KU, K-State and KC Royals quilts at \$2 each. You can also purchase tickets for our other quilts at \$1 each. You do not have to be present to win! We are planning to sell tickets online as well this year!

Our **8th Annual Neighbor Helping Neighbor Walk/5K Fun Run** will be on Saturday, June 7th at Lake Shawnee with a 9am start time this year! June is Doorstep's anniversary month, and this will kick off a year-long celebration towards our 60th anniversary of Neighbors Helping Neighbors!

Mark your calendars for Saturday, June 7th to walk or run for Doorstep!

The month of July brings Doorstep's annual **Christmas in July** collection to get a jumpstart on items we will need for 800+ individuals we will adopt in December. Proceeds from the sales of **Re-Imagined Jewelry** at Café Quetzal will go to Doorstep in July; and we will have **Summer Cash Bash** tentatively if we can find a family, an individual, a business or foundation who is willing to provide at least \$10,000 matching funds.

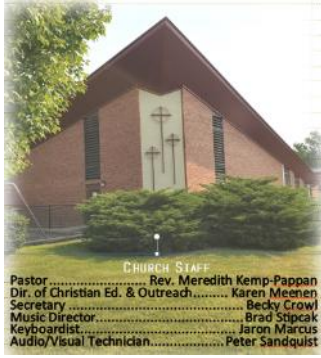
Saturday, September 13th – Support Ducks for Doorstep in the Annual Sertoma Duck Race!

Friday, October 3rd (tentatively) is the date set for our **2nd Annual Putt Out Hunger Golf Tournament for Doorstep!** (Save the Date!)

2025 Doorstep Events

- February** **SouperBowl Weekend** – Collection of soup and crackers
- April 29th** **Appreciation Banquet & Quilt Drawing** ~
Hosts: St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church
Program: Sleep in Heavenly Peace
Entertainment: St. John's Ev Lutheran Brass Quartet
- June 7th** **8th Annual Neighbor Helping Neighbor Walk/5K Fun Run**
(Saturday) Lake Shawnee Shelter Houses 1 & 2 ~ Start time 9 A.M.
A Kick-off to our 60th Anniversary in June 2026!!
- July** **Christmas in July** collection of items for adopted families.
(Tentative) **Summer Cash Bash** donations with matching funds.
Re-Imagined Jewelry purchased from Café Quetzal with
the funds going to Doorstep.
- Sept 13th** **Sertoma Duck Race** ~ Our Goal = 60 donors buying ducks!
Doorstep is a participating charity again this year to
purchase from & designate your donations.
- Friday Oct 3rd** **2nd Annual Putt Out Hunger Golf Tournament**
Tentative date until a course is reserved.
- Nov & Dec** **Collection of items** for Christmas Adoption Project.
Doorstep adopts 260 households from the Christmas
Bureau each year. We need help providing gifts, food,
health kits, blankets, toys, school supplies, and gift cards
for 800+ individuals. Gifts needed by Wed, December 10th
- Dec 16th - 18th** **Christmas Adoption Project distribution days.**
Volunteers will be needed!

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Palm Sunday



Trinity's Easter Egg Hunt

Palm Sunday, April 13th at 10am

for infants through sixth grade.

We need individually wrapped
non-seasonal candy

(in a size that will fit in a plastic egg).

NOTE: We have already received enough
small plastic eggs, but we **do need LARGE
PLASTIC EGGS** this year.

Thank you!!

Remember to
bring your
Easter Basket!



PALM SUNDAY BREAKFAST

9:15 - 10:15 am in Fellowship Hall

Sunday, April 13

Hosted by the TRINITEENS

YOU ARE INVITED!

Bring your guests, family,
friends, and strangers and
support our youth! A Free
Will Offering will be
accepted.

No reservations needed.

**All proceeds support the Triniteens'
Youth mission trips.**

