



# THE TRINITY LUTHERAN

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*God's Mission For Trinity: Serving † Sharing † Caring † Teaching*

## Preparing for Lent and Easter

There is a story about a pastor who was walking through a dangerous part of town. Suddenly, a mugger approached the pastor, pointed a gun at him, and demanded all his money. The pastor opened his coat to get his wallet for the mugger. The mugger noticed the pastor's collar and realized he was a pastor. Immediately the mugger stopped the pastor. "Sorry, I did not realize you were a pastor. You can keep your money." The pastor was very relieved that he could keep both his money and his life. He began talking to the would-be mugger. The pastor got a couple of candy bars out of his pocket and offered one to the would-be mugger. "No thanks," the man replied. "I gave up chocolate for Lent."

You and I may laugh at that story. Unfortunately, it is all too true for many of us. You might say, "But I don't go around mugging people." I am sure you don't, but how many in our world go about preparing for Lent and Easter by getting our "outsides" ready but not our "insides"? We may give up eating certain foods, do some Spring cleaning, get our house ready for the family to come over for Easter dinner, but we tend to forget about what the Lord looks at most, the condition of our insides - our heart and our soul.

The book of Joel tells us, "*Rend (tear) your hearts and not your clothes, and turn to the Lord your God because He is kind, merciful, slow to get angry, full of love, and feels sorry about disaster*" (Joel 2:13).

Joel calls us to tear our heart, which means to repent. During Lent we have the opportunity to do just that as we consider how we have acted towards our family, our friends, and how we have acted towards God. We rend our hearts as we see our sin, but then we turn to God and find how He blesses us with grace, mercy, and peace through His Son Jesus.

This Lenten season, starting Ash Wednesday, February 22, let us prepare both our inside as well as our outside. Let us gather around the living word as we hear about Jesus' passion. Let us walk with Him as He pushes forward to the cross of Cavalry, and then bring us eternal JOY as we find the empty tomb on Easter morn. Come and follow Jesus as He prepares hearts and souls to see His glory again this coming Lent and Easter season.

Pastor Dennis Kootz



# Parish Report

**\*\*Be sure to notate changes in your church directories.\*\***



## REMOVED DUE TO SELF-EXCLUSION

Morgan Jones  
 Mark Keller  
 Debbie Klein  
 Kim Klein  
 Mason Klein  
 Miles Klein  
 Glenn Knak  
 Jeannie Knak  
 Angela Koshgarian  
 Joshua Laue  
 Jacob Lemaster  
 Daniel Lewick  
 Erin Lyman  
 Vicky Waterman  
 Leroy Weigel, Jr.  
 Colin Weis  
 David Whitmer  
 Ian Wing  
 Ryan Wofford  
 Jill Zimmerman  
 Taylor Zimmerman

### Change of Address:

**Connie Scheffer**  
 4600 S.W. Prairie Creek Rd.  
 Benton, KS 46017

**Rev. Ron Rather**  
 700 Myrtle Way, Apt. 1115  
 Janesville, WI 53545-9119

### Release Requested:

Doug Reed

### Transferred Out:

Rev. Ron Rather

### Deaths/Funerals:

Charles Rindt  
 Thomas Huggins

### Deaths:

James Schultz  
 Catalina Rose Moulton

### Baptism:

River William George

## Please Notify the Church Office When...

- ...You or a member of your family is going to be hospitalized. **Please let the hospital know you are a member of Trinity.**
- ...You or a member of your family is hospitalized.
- ...You have a change of address.
- ...Your phone number has changed.
- ...Your email address has changed.
- ...Members of your family are students attending school away from home or are living at a different address.

**Bulletin and Newsletter items**....should be submitted by E-mail or in writing and signed by that person including a phone number. **Deadline for the Sunday bulletin is noon on Wednesdays.**

**March Newsletter Deadline:**  
**Tuesday, February 14**



## FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 2-12 Reid & Addison Flower
- 2-14 Tim & Rita Dugger
- 2-16 Leo & Pat Young
- 2-22 Wes & Amiee Ingerman-



## FLOWER CALENDAR

Saturday evening and Sunday morning worship services are so richly enhanced when beautiful flowers adorn our altar area.

The new flower chart for 2023 is on the easel in the Commons Area. There are still several weekends open for you to sign up to place flowers in church. You can do this in remembrance of someone, as a celebration of a milestone in life, or as a thank you to God for your blessings.

Simply sign the calendar for the weekend you desire. A phone call will be made to you the Monday prior as a reminder. Have your flowers delivered to the church by Noon on Friday or you can deliver them yourself at 4:30 pm on Saturday. You can pick up your flowers after the 11:00 am service on Sunday or on Monday during office hours.



## FEBRUARY 80 PLUS BIRTHDAYS

- 2-3 Lois Horner
- 2-3 Judie Turnbull
- 2-4 Ruthella Tabler
- 2-7 Leona Mutschler
- 2-9 Theo Moberly
- 2-15 Glenn Laubhan
- 2-17 Naomi Ericson
- 2-26 Helen Mitchell
- 2-26 Leroy Quade



Dear Trinity Lutheran Church; Your support of this agency is deeply appreciated. Providing our specialized services for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault is vital to our community's quality of life. Without your support and generosity these services could not be offered. **The Domestic Violence Association of Central Kansas**

Friends at Trinity Lutheran; Thank you for your generous gift to support the life-saving work here at the Pregnancy Service Center. We are so encouraged by your partnership.  
**Pregnancy Service Center**

Brothers & Sisters in Christ, Thank you for your generous donation to care for our homeless neighbors. Your gift is sharing God's love and providing a second chance to those in need. Thank you and God Bless!  
**Chad Young, Salina Rescue Mission**

Dear Trinity Members, On behalf of all of us at Salina Emergency Aid Food Bank, I want to extend our sincere gratitude for your contribution. Your gift of \$707.75 supports our efforts to provide for the needs of those experiencing food insecurity and financial instability. The last two years have been both challenging and rewarding, with record-breaking numbers of clients and products moving through our pantry. It is only through the generosity of donors like you that we are able to remain a lifeline for this community. You remain a sign of hope to those struggling in our community!  
**Karen Couch, Executive Director**

I would like to say Thank You for the Christmas food basket I received and for the joyous Christmas Carols from Trinity's Carolers. It was so wonderful to hear those beautiful carols once again! Also a special thank you to Pastor Boxman and Pastor Kootz for their visits and prayers. I appreciate all the cards and well wishes from my Trinity family. You are truly a blessing and I wish you all God's blessings in 2023.  
**Mary Schultz**

A large group of Trinity Carolers, led by David Goldammer, Tom Peebles, Mike Hassman, Brad Sutton and Glenn Laubhan were able to share the message of Christmas through carols to our shut-ins. Thank you to everyone who went caroling on December 21. A big "Thank You" to the Harvey family for providing and serving good hot chili and cinnamon rolls after everyone returned from caroling. "Joy to the World, the Lord Has Come".  
**Sue Laubhan**

Thank you to everyone who contributed food items or money to this year's "Christmas Food Basket" project. Over \$2,400.00 and many non-perishable food items were contributed. Fifteen food baskets were assembled and delivered Thursday, December 15. A special thank you to Morgan and Kallie Albrecht, Shelly Blake, and Glenn Laubhan for helping shop, loading the groceries at Dillon's, unloading at Trinity, assembling, and delivering the baskets. Thank you also to Sonja Welch, Mary Chegwidan, John & Linda Ireton, and Jan Clark for their help in assembling and delivering the baskets. A very special "Thank You" to Sue Laubhan for organizing all the details involved and for doing all the shopping at Dillon's. Thank you to the LWML for the quilts that were also donated and given along with the baskets. These were very special Christmas gifts for those who received both the baskets and the quilts. It was also a wonderful way for members of Trinity to "Share and Care" this past Christmas.  
**Sue Laubhan**

A BIG thank you and a pat on the back to Emily Hatesohl. Trinity is blessed to have one of our own write the January daily meditations for Portals of Prayer. Emily, God has given you a wonderful talent. My prayer is for you to continue using your wonderful gift to inspire and change lives.  
**Wanda Stroede**

I wanted to take the time to express how thankful I am for the goodie boxes previously sent to me while I am at college. They bring me great joy. Thank you again!  
**Jasey Downing**

Thank you to everyone for their prayers, phone calls, and concern for Eric and our family during his hospitalization. A special thank you to Pastor Boxman and Pastor Kootz for their visits while Eric was in the hospital. The word of God and prayers lifted Eric's spirits. Thank You!  
**Eric & Deanna Lamer**

Thank you to my church family for all the thoughtful card and prayers for my surgery and after. I also want to thank Pastor Boxman and Pastor Kootz for their prayers. Your care and support was greatly appreciated.  
**Merl Everhart**

## **MUSIC NOTES:**

**Vocal Choir** practices are Wednesday evenings at 6:40 pm.

**Bell Choir I** practices are Wednesday evenings at 7:50 pm. Beginning Ash Wednesday, February 22, and continuing through the Lenten season, we will practice immediately following the 7:30 pm worship services (approximately 8:15 pm).



# Trinity Library

Open Sundays, before, during and after Sunday School

Mike Weis, Librarian

The new year has begun and several new books are available for check-out. There are two Concordia Commentaries - Ecclesiastes and John 7:2-12:50. They can be found with the other commentaries.

**“In Honor’s Defense”**, by Karen Witemeyer....This is the third book in the “Hanger’s Horsemen” series. Luke Davenport has been fighting all his life for respect, country, and for the defenseless. Luke becomes involved with protecting Nate and her aunt, Damaris.

**“The Orchard”**, by Beverly Lewis....This story deals with the morality of serving in the Viet Nam War from an Amish viewpoint. The story covers entangled relationships and the future of the orchard.

**“Until Leaves Fall in Paris”**, by Sarah Sundin....The setting for this novel is Paris in 1940. An American ballerina, Lucie Girard, buys a bookstore so the Jewish owners can escape. The Nazis make it difficult to keep “Green Leaf Books”, the store from which she aids the resistance, open. Widower Paul Aubrey wants to return to the States with his little girl, but the US Army convinces him to keep his factory running and obtain military information from his German customers. As the war rages, Paul offers his own resistance by sabotaging his product and hiding British airmen in his factory. But to do this, he must appear to support the occupation - which does not win him any sympathy when he meets Lucie in the bookstore. In a world turned upside down, what will the outcome be?

**“Love on the Santa Fe”** is a new trilogy penned by Tracie Peterson. Each book follows a different woman and her individual struggles and challenges.

**“The Spark of Love”**, by Amanda Cabot....This is the third book in the “Mesquite Spring” series. The setting is the Texas Hill country and is chocked full of intrigue and romance.

Be sure to come by and check out the new titles. A few more books will be added soon. In order to have shelf space for the new arrivals, some of our older series will be retired. Stay tuned for more details.

## Thrivent “Choice Dollars” Make A Difference!

If you are a Thrivent member you may be earning “Choice Dollars” which you can direct to Trinity Lutheran Church. EACH YEAR you have to let Thrivent know you want Trinity to receive your “Choice Dollars”.

Just follow these steps:

Step 1. Call 1-800-847-4836 and when prompted say “Thrivent Choice.”

Step 2. When prompted, say “Choice Dollars.”

Step 3. Press 1 to direct Choice Dollars.

Step 4. Say or enter your Social Security number when prompted.

Step 5. A representative will then work with you to direct your “Choice Dollars” to Trinity.

**NOTE:** You have till March 31 to allocate your Choice Dollars.

If you are needing any assistance, please contact Dennis Burgardt, a local Thrivent Financial Advisor. His phone number is 785-820-6971.



Sunday, February 5, the LLL will be holding their annual Ground Hog Pancake Feed from 4 pm to 7 pm in Trinity Hall. Tickets are on sale for \$6.00 and are good for pancakes, sausage, and drink. If you desire extra sausage, there is an additional fee of 50 cents. Carry out will be available.

You can purchase your tickets from the church office, any LLL member, and they are being sold in the Commons Area before and after Worship Services. Be sure to get your tickets right away and help the LLL promote their local and national projects.

# Sunday Bible Study

# Weekday Bible Study

## ADULT BIBLE CLASS

**Leader:** Pastor Boxman

The adult Bible class started the New Year off with a new topic: "You Shall Be My Witnesses". Based on the Book of Acts, they are exploring the mission, courage, obstacles, strategy, and successes of the apostolic era of the New Testament Church. Throughout the course, they will be asking, "What does it look like for us to be Jesus' witnesses in 2023?"

Come join Shepherd's Flock on Sunday mornings at 9:45 am. Everyone is welcome and the coffee will be hot.

## YOUTH BIBLE STUDY

**Leader:** Dr. Bill Unsderfer

The Youth continue to meet in the Loft under the leadership of Dr. Unsderfer. After studying the Old Testament last year, they are now working on the New Testament utilizing "The Bible Project" which is a YouTube animated video series about different books and themes in the Bible. They have worked on the Gospel of Matthew and are currently in the Gospel of Mark.

All High School youth are invited and encouraged to attend. The more who attend, the better the discussions.



## Comfort For Today & Tomorrow

Comfort for Today and Tomorrow is here for you. We are here to walk along side you, to lift you up on your journey through grief.

Every Thursday, **now through April 6 at 2 pm**, we will gather together in Trinity's fellowship hall to receive the strength that only comes through our Lord Jesus. This class is both a workbook and video teaching program that shares how to better handle your grief. Won't you please join us?

For more information, contact Sarah Stroede, Judy Unrein, or Pastor Kootz. May God bring to you both His mercy and His peace!

I will be collecting new and used **BLUE** men's neckties for Trinity's "Blue Christmas 2023". If you have a tie that you no longer need or want but would like to donate, please drop them off at the church office between now and September 1. As long as the main color of your tie is blue we can use it. I will display the tie project after Blue Christmas. Thank you so much!  
**Sarah Stroede**

## ~~ MEN'S BIBLE BREAKFAST ~~

**Leaders:** Tom Peebles & Mike Weis  
**6:30 - 7:30 a.m. ~ Wednesdays** at Trinity

Calling all men to attend a new Bible Study that began January 4. We are using the book, "Thank, Praise, Serve, and Obey" written by William Chancellor Weedon.

The men are studying 8 Godly Habits as they discover the joys of piety. The sessions are being led by Tom Peebles with assistance from Mike Weis.

"In this book ... Rev. Weedon describes the focus and objects of godly habits: the triune God and the giving of His gifts of life and salvation to his people." Kevin Hildebrand, Kantor, CTS, Ft. Wayne.

## ~~ WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY ~~

**Leaders:** Betty Groves & Sharon Johnson  
**9:30 - 10:30 a.m. ~ Wednesdays** at Trinity

In February our group will study the ministry and teachings of Jesus as recorded in the Gospel of Matthew. We will have the opportunity to study the person and work of Jesus and pray that we grow in our faith and knowledge of what God reveals in His Word. As we study, we will apply Jesus' words to our own lives with other Christians.

Come join us as we joyfully read and study together. Please bring a friend.

## ~~ MORNING STAR BIBLE STUDY ~~

**Leaders:** Pastor Boxman & Pastor Kootz  
**10:30 - 11:30 a.m. ~ Thursdays** at Trinity

This Bible Study group has been meeting for many years. Each Thursday morning they study, in depth, the up-coming Sunday's scripture lessons, gaining a greater insight to God's messages for us.

Please join this dedicated group on Thursday mornings for Bible study, fellowship and coffee. Please bring a friend.



## Read Through the Bible in a Year

A wise man was once asked, "How do you eat an elephant?" He answered, "One bite at a time."

Best way to read the entire Bible: **One day at a time!** **TODAY** is the best day to start. If you would like a reading plan to keep you on track, pick up one from the bulletin board in the hallway to the Fellowship Hall.

**Della Berger**



## TRINITY SENIORS

All Trinity Seniors (age 55+) are welcome to attend the monthly luncheon in Trinity Hall on Tuesday, February 21 at 11:30 am. For Roll Call we will share Valentine verses (provided for you). The lunch of chicken pot pie, salad, and cherry cheese cake will be prepared for you (suggested donation \$4.00). A music program will be presented. You are welcome to stay for afternoon fellowship of visiting or playing cards. Host: Sharon Andrews

### We Need You at the Voters' Meeting!

Once again we need everyone that can attend to join us at the **Voters' Meeting** on **February 26!** At the Voters' Meeting a year ago we gave tentative approval to the updated constitution which then had to be sent on to the synod for their approval. All things appear to be on track to have the finished approved document ready for our final approval at the February Voters' Meeting. The constitution requires 10 percent of the membership to be in attendance for this step and we need everyone, that can, to join us after late church on the 26 for a great meal, fellowship, and help our church family update our constitution. **Every person who is a communicant member and is over 18 years old is a voter!**

#### FEBRUARY NEEDS FOR Emergency Aid Food Bank

Canned Fruit, Saltines, Muffin Mix,  
Jello & Jello Pudding Mix,  
Canned Tomatoes, Oatmeal,  
Instant Potatoes, Coffee,  
Tea, Canned Chicken

#### FEBRUARY NEEDS FOR Salina Rescue Mission

Canned Vegetables,  
Shaving Supplies,  
Toilet Paper,  
Laundry Detergent (Free & Clear Preferred),  
Men's clothing of all sizes

**\*\*Please put donations on the cart located in the  
Commons Area \*\***

#### WEDNESDAY LENTEN, HOLY WEEK, & EASTER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

February 22	Ash Wednesday	12:15pm 7:30pm
March 1	Lenten Services	12:15pm 7:30pm
March 8	Lenten Services	12:15pm 7:30pm
March 15	Lenten Services	12:15pm 7:30pm
March 22	Lenten Services	12:15pm 7:30pm
March 29	Lenten Services	12:15pm 7:30pm
April 6	Maundy Thursday	12:15pm 7:30pm
April 7	Good Friday	12:15pm 7:30pm
April 9	Easter Sunrise	6:30am
	Easter	8:30am
	Easter	11:00am

### "UNCOMMON"

FREE MOVIE, February 17, 7pm

Jesus combined diverse people and assorted stories to change the world! Now, He wants to use you!

When the students of Rosewood High School lose their theater, music, and dance departments due to budget cuts, they create their own. Struggling to find the right script, music & choreography the students get advice from an uncommon source; **the Bible!** Each student becomes uniquely influenced as they discover that God takes them personally. Equipped with unique talents, they bond together to prepare the perfect production by exploring the diversity of parables taught in the Bible. Fighting overwhelming challenges, the teens battle against political correctness to defend their privilege to worship, meet, and perform. Will months of constant bullying by the establishment defeat the production and dismantle their faith?

Armed with expert legal counsel and unexpected help from Christian music's finest, these teens realize what it means to be...UNCOMMON!

Join us for this timely movie. We are providing it FREE of charge and will also see that you have sodas, goodies, and popcorn as well as great fellowship.



# ESL CLASSES

## ESL TEACHER NEEDED

The need is great and the benefits are rewarding. Trinity's ESL program is looking for another teacher to help out on Wednesdays.

**The only language that you have to be fluent in is English.** It is *not* necessary to know another language. A patient and compassionate heart fills many requirements.

If you have an interest, if you know of someone who would be interested, or if you want more information, please contact Linda Ireton at 785-502-0827.



### GOODIE BOXES!!

My goodness! Here it is February already and time for the Board of Outreach to get wonderful "Goodie Boxes" out to our college students. To do this, we need your help to get us the current address of your students that are

away from home. The office needs this information by February 20.

The Board also needs your help with donations of items to be placed in the boxes. All the good things that young people like and can use such as snack crackers, popcorn, soup packets, individual hot or cold cereals, gum, small tissue packets, chap-stick, hot chocolate, tea bags, small candy bars, fruit snacks, fruit cups, raisins, and the most important item **HOMEMADE COOKIES!**

If you want to help but do not have the time to bake or shop, make a donation for purchasing snacks and to help with the postage costs as postage seems to continue to go up and up. Make your payment with "**Goodie Boxes**" notated and drop it in the offering plate or bring it to the office.

Your items can be dropped off in the box provided in the Commons Area anytime before noon on Monday, February 27. Cookies should be delivered before noon Monday, February 27. **PACKING NIGHT IS MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27 AT 7:00 pm.**

Thank you for your continued support of our students!  
Lisa Berndt

# Jr. & Sr. High Youth

February 3-5  
5  
26

Youth Quake  
Pancake Feed  
Voter's Meal

March 1, 8, 15,  
22, & 29

Ushering for Midweek  
Lenten Services

## Jr. High Youth Quake February 3-5

Some of our Middle School Youth will head to Wichita for the Youth Quake. This regional event partners with youth leaders in local churches to help teens become established in their faith, empowered for Christian living and enabled to live a life of ministry and leadership. The 2023 Quake theme is **Re:Ignite**. Fire-up! We want lives that are ablaze! Jesus has come to free us from the smoldering embers of lives that have been doused by the world, the devil, and our own selves. Jesus makes our dreams, hopes, goals, relationships and even our very lives brand new. With His grace, sacrifice, and love we are more than re-kindled. We are **Re:Ignited** to be torches as believers and a bonfire as the church. This year's guest speaker is Wes Halula, who is a writer, director, and producer of the DreamWorks/Netflix series: "Veggie Tales: In the House."

## Middle School Huddle

**April 21 & 22.** Middle School kids, 5th through 8th graders, are encouraged to go on a trip to Rock Springs 4H camp for 2023's Kansas District Middle School Huddle! Youth leaders from various Kansas churches will lead you through one of Paul's encouraging words found in Philippians 4:13, "***I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.***" There will be games, smores, and a lot of kids your age coming to this event. We will have fun and grow in our faith too. To register, contact Pastor Kootz and think about bringing a friend or two along. **Registration cost for this event is only \$10.00.**



ALASKA MISSION TRIP

Plans are being made for the 2023 Alaska Mission trip. The trip will be taking place this July. If this is something that you might be interested in, please contact Jamie Kootz at [akmissionteam@gmail.com](mailto:akmissionteam@gmail.com).



# JESUS, SAVIOR, PILOT ME

LSB #715

Text: Edward Hopper (1818-1888)

Born in New York City, Edward Hopper was the son of a prosperous merchant, Mansfield Hopper, and a mother who was a descendant of the Huguenots. He studied at New York University (graduated in 1839) and Union Theological Seminary (graduated 1842). In 1843, he was licensed to preach by the Third Presbytery of New York.

Hopper's first congregations were Greenville Presbyterian Church, which he served briefly, and Sag Harbor Presbyterian Church, which he served for eleven years. After ministering to both of these Long Island congregations, he moved back to his native city, remaining at the Church of the Sea and Land for the rest of his life. For many years, the church building was shared with the First Chinese Presbyterian Church. It was while ministering to the many sailors who were among his congregants at the Church of the Sea and Land that he was asked to compose a hymn verse for the anniversary of the Seamen's Friend's Society meeting. Instead, he brought the verse for a hymn he had written eight years before "Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me". John Edgar Gould saw Hopper's 6-stanza poem and composed a tune for it.

Hopper was married to Margaretta Wheeler. He was an author and poet and wrote several books. Lafayette College, Easton, Pennsylvania, bestowed on him an honorary DDiv in 1871. Edward Hopper died of a heart attack while writing a poem about heaven at his desk.

This is the only hymn written by Hopper that is still in common use, and the only one authored by him that is included in the LSB. The LSB version uses only the first, fifth and sixth stanzas of the original text. The omitted second, third, and fourth stanzas expand on the nautical motif at the heart of the hymn. The Gospels describe two incidents in which Jesus exerted control over the sea. In one, He calmed a storm on the Sea of Galilee (Matthew 8:23-27; Mark 4:35-41; Luke 8:22-25); in the other, He walked on the water and rescued Peter from sinking (Matthew 14:22-33; Mark 6:45-52; John 6:16-21). The message of the hymn is that Jesus is still in control both of the actual sea and of the sea of life.

Stanza 1 conveys the thoughts of the psalmist: "You rule the raging of the sea; when its waters rise, You still them" (Psalm 89:9). In the second stanza, the poet's maternal reference echoes Isaiah, where the Lord says, "As one whom his mother comforts, so I will comfort you" (Isaiah 66:13). The stanza ends with a prayer for the same kind of care that the disciples received on the sea in the wind and storm. Stanza 3 describes the time when Christians reach the heavenly harbor, that place of rest where contending with "boisterous waves" (stanza 2) is a thing of the past. For when the new heaven and earth appear, the sea shall be no more (Revelation 21:1). Ultimately, God will reveal His consummating power and will realize His total victory over sin and evil, and His people will dwell in safety and without fear in His eternal presence.

TUNE: PILOT Composer: John Edgar Gould (1821-1875)

Born in Bangor, Maine, John Gould made a name for himself as a musician in New York City and opened a music shop on Broadway in 1852. He married Josephine Louisa Barrows and they had seven children. John and Josephine moved to Philadelphia around 1868 to open a piano and music business there with William Gustavus Fischer (1835-1912), composer of the tune HANKEY ("I Love to tell the story"). He published several hymnbooks and songbooks on his own and also collaborated with Edward L White. Gould embarked on a trip to Europe in 1874 for health reasons, and on a trip to Northern Africa the following year, he died in Algiers. He was buried in Philadelphia.

Wanda Unruh

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## BOARD OF HEALTH & FAMILY LIFE

Staci Timm, Director

The "Salina Souper Bowl of Hope" is an effort of Salina churches and businesses to gather cans of soup and packages of ramen noodles. These are then donated to five organizations that feed the hungry: Salina Emergency Aid Food Bank, Salvation Army, Salina Rescue Mission, Ashby House, and DVACK.

Bring cans of soup and/or packages of ramen noodles and place them in the entry way. Monetary donations are also welcome and encouraged since \$25.00 can purchase 60 cans of soup. Turn any monetary gifts in to the church office or place them in the offering plate. **Please** write "Souper Bowl" on your donation. All donations need to be in by February 12.



Circles will meet this month after the holiday break —  
 Martha Circle, Thursday, February 9, 2:00 pm.  
 Hannah Circle, Thursday, February 9, 4:30 pm.  
 Rebecca Circle, Thursday, February 9, 5:30 pm.  
 Priscilla Circle, Monday, February 13, 5:00 pm.  
 Esther Circle is an online circle.

Executive Board Meeting, Monday, February 27, 4:00 pm.

Upcoming dates to remember —

April 15, Zone Meeting at Grace Lutheran, McPherson.  
 April 20, Spring Assembly meeting

You can sign up for the District-wide newsletter at  
[www.kansaslwml.org](http://www.kansaslwml.org) **Kris Kindler**



The monthly LLL meeting will be on February 2 at 7:00 pm. Plan to attend. The work schedule for the Ground Hog Feed will be distributed along with other business items.

The Trinity LLL Ground Hog Feed will be held on Sunday, February 5, from 4 pm to 7 pm. Advance tickets will be available and carry-out orders are welcome. Proceeds will go to support this year's Kansas District project of \$50,000.00.

**Gary Neuschafer**

## Health Ministry Team

**Suzan Madden**

The Health Ministry Team has home Covid kits in the nurses office for anyone who needs them or would like to have one. Thank you to Staci Timm.

There are also prayer shawls available to anyone wishing to have one for themselves or to give to someone else. Thank you to Darlene Magnuson.



## STEPHEN MINISTRY

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone." I Corinthians 12:4-6.

In a study entitled "Christians at Work" published a few years ago, the researchers found that more than a third of Christians reported that they wish they understood how to use their gifts and talents to serve God. (I suspect that most of the others had not thought very much about it, at least in that way.) God gives us spiritual gifts to use to serve Him and other people. Not everyone has the same gifts, but all of us have some gifts with which we can serve our congregation and others. I would ask you to prayerfully consider what your spiritual gifts might be, as many of them are well-suited for service in Stephen Ministry, the one-on-one Christian care-giving ministry that has been part of Trinity's program since our first Stephen Ministers were commissioned in 2017.

After a thorough 20-week training program, Stephen Ministers are prepared to provide emotional and spiritual support and care to people who are going through difficult times in their lives. A remarkable feature of this training is how well it also prepares the trainees to deal with so many aspects of their daily lives that are not directly related to their care-giving ministry. Listening skills, dealing with feelings (one's own and others), assertiveness, maintaining boundaries in relationships, and communicating effectively, are examples of training topics which most Stephen Minister trainees discover have positive effects in many areas of their personal lives. Since adopting this program at Trinity, many people have been helped through a crisis in their lives and our congregation could effectively use more Stephen Ministers. Your Stephen Leadership team has a goal to train and commission a new class of Stephen Ministers in 2023 and we are actively seeking candidates.

Do not think that you are too young or too old to use your gifts as one of these caring, committed servants who offer Christ's love to those who are hurting. Throughout the more than 13,000 congregations with a Stephen Ministry program there are active Stephen Ministers (and care receivers) ranging in age from 18 years old up into their 90's. If you think that you might like to be part of this ministry, or if you simply have questions about it, please do not hesitate to talk to Pastor Kootz, Cindy Hubbard, or David Samuelson. Similarly, if you think that you or anyone that you know would benefit from the Christ-centered care-giving of a Stephen Minister, let one of us know.

**David Samuelson**