

News from Christ & Trinity

October 2025

Monthly Newsletter

From Pastor Anne

A Mustard Seed of Faith

Luke 17: 5-10

When the disciples turn to Jesus and cry out, "Increase our faith!" it feels like a prayer many of us know well. We look at the challenges of our lives, the needs of the world, and even the call of Jesus to forgive without limit, and we feel so small. "Lord, if only I had more faith," we say, "then I could be a better Christian, then I could face what lies ahead."

But Jesus meets that plea with surprising good news. He tells us that faith does not need to be grand or overwhelming. It doesn't need to look like certainty or strength. Even the smallest seed of trust, like a mustard seed, so tiny it could slip between our fingers, is enough for God to work with. Faith is not measured by size or volume; it is the presence of trust, no matter how fragile. And in God's hands, that's more than enough.

Jesus goes on to tell a story about a servant simply doing what is theirs to do. At first, it sounds stern, but there's a gentler lesson here. Faith is not about striving for applause or proving ourselves to God. It is about living into our calling day by day. Serving, forgiving, showing mercy, even when no one notices. The work of discipleship is often quiet and ordinary, but it is holy all the same.

This is comforting. We don't need to carry the weight of the world on our shoulders. We don't need to have all the answers or display unshakable confidence. What God asks of us is simply to take the next step in trust: to forgive one more time, to offer one more kindness, to pray one more prayer.

And when we feel we don't have enough faith, perhaps the invitation is to remember that faith itself is a gift. God is already sowing mustard seeds in us, seeds that may seem hidden, but in God's time, can grow into strength we never expected.

This is good news: even a mustard seed of faith is enough for God to work wonders.
Faithfully, Pr. Anne

Feast of St. Francis And Pet Blessing

Bring your pet to Calvary on Saturday, October 4th at 1 pm for the Blessing of the Pets. We will collect pet food, bleach, and money for the Sedalia Animal Shelter.

Ladies Bible Study

Join us for an hour of Bible study led by Pastor Anne in the fellowship hall. We'll meet on Thursday October 2nd and 23rd at 2:00 pm. All women are welcomed. Ladies from Calvary will also be attending. Copies of the Bible study will be available.

All Saints Sunday Preparation

In preparation for All Saints Sunday, November 2nd, please submit the names of loved ones who have passed away since last November to the church secretary. These names will be listed in the church bulletin and honored during our worship service.

Reformation Sunday – Honoring Debbie Mueller for 50 years of Service

On Sunday, October 26th, the church will celebrate the 508th anniversary of the Reformation AND we will celebrate Debbie Mueller's 50th year as our organist! Join us for worship at 11:00 am, and plan to stay for a cake and punch reception following worship.

If you are unable to attend, you may mail a card to Debbie. The church address is 2101 W 32nd St, Sedalia, MO 65301.

Trunk or Treat

Christ and Trinity will be hosting another year of Trunk or Treat in our parking lot on Friday, October 31st from 5-7 pm. Thanks to a Thrivent action grant, we will have money to purchase some candy for the event. Every year we run out of candy, so if members would like to donate additional candy, we will have a box in the fellowship hall.

Plan on joining in on the fun by parking in the church parking lot and handing out candy from your car trunk. Kids come from all over, and it is our pleasure to provide them with a safe place to celebrate the holiday.

Wednesday Evening Bible Study

Join us for Bible study on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm. You may join by using the following Zoom link or by calling the phone number and entering the meeting ID and passcode. All are welcome!

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5381659387?pwd=dIBWOTdGKzZFWkJER0xLbUxqem1aZz09>

Meeting ID: 538 165 9387, Passcode: 2101

Or, phone in by dialing 312 626 6799

Meeting ID: 538 165 9387 Passcode: 2101

Announcements

- Pastor Anne will offer laying on of hands and prayers for healing on Sunday, October 5th following worship.
- Pastor Anne will be attending a Continuing Education conference on October 15-16.
- November newsletter items are due to the secretary by October 27th.
- Feed the Hungry Sunday is on Sunday, October 26th. We are collecting canned fruits this month for Open Door.
- The church office is closed Monday, October 13th for Columbus Day.
- Pastor Anne will attend the Episcopal Clergy Conference October 27-29.

Celebrate Fall with a Wiener Roast

You are invited to the Eppenauer's land on Sunday, October 19th at 4:00 pm for hot dogs and s'mores by the fire. Bring a lawn chair and enjoy an evening around the fire! There is parking space near the event with an easy walk through the yard to the fire. Calvary Episcopal and Immanuel UCC friends are invited too, so come and share in the fellowship! The address is 17326 Main Street Road and it is located about 6 miles West of Hobby Lobby in Sedalia.

Welcome New Member!

We received Larry Lindecrantz into church membership on September 21. Larry's family joined Christ and Trinity in 1970, then eventually moved away. It is wonderful to welcome him back!

Empty Bowls Fundraiser

We will host the 2nd Annual Empty Bowls Fundraiser to benefit Open Door on Saturday, November 15th from 5-7pm in the fellowship hall. Tickets are \$25/adult, and includes a handmade or unique bowl, soup or chili, homemade bread, dessert and drink. (Children's tickets are \$10 and do not include a bowl.) Linda Jo Huber will provide piano music. There will be door prize drawings throughout the evening and a silent auction.

Sign up in the fellowship hall to help with homemade soups, breads, and desserts. We also need volunteers to help serve at the event and a clean-up crew.

If you have questions, please talk to Beth Olson (666-270-7491) or Pr. Anne. Help us spread the word about this event. Tickets and flyers are available in the fellowship hall.

News from the Church Council

The council met on September 21st. Upcoming events include Pet Blessing, Fall Fest, Trunk or Treat, and Empty Bowls. Gratitude was expressed to the Ensemble and to Linda Jo Huber for providing music while Debbie is away.

LYO Activities Planned

LYO has activities planned for the following dates. Please mark your calendars and join us, if you can! Contact Andrea Eppenauer for more details!

- Saturday, December 27, 2025: Crown Center ice skating, lunch, and a visit to the aquarium! We will leave Sedalia at 9:00 am from the church parking lot. Contact Andrea for more details!
- Sunday, February 15, 2026: Mardi Gras pancakes after church with BINGO!
- Friday, March 3, 2026: Good Friday means no school, so meet for an afternoon movie and dinner before the worship service, then stay to prepare the church for Easter service.

Stewardship, Every Day

Stewardship is the careful and responsible management of all that has been entrusted to our care. We, the people who are gathered as the congregation of Christ-Trinity Lutheran Church, are entrusted to proclaim by word and example, the Good News of Jesus Christ in this place and time.

Each household will receive a letter asking for a pledge of support for the ministry of our congregation. A pledge to the Church helps those called to steward our budget understand what is available for our ministry going forward. Please prayerfully consider a pledge to the Church for 2026.

Bishop Donna Simon Installed

After worship on September 28th, I traveled to the Church of the Atonement in Overland Park, KS for the installation of our new bishop, Donna Simon. Bp. Simon has served the Church faithfully as a pastor and most recently served our Synod as an assistant to former bishop, Susan Candea. The joy of the event was punctuated for me by the participation of Amy Meaux, my Episcopal bishop.

Bishop Simon and I visited in her office over the summer, and I brought her up to date on our congregation. She expressed gratitude for the faithfulness and wisdom in our plans. *Pastor Anne*



Halloween Night
5:00-7:00 pm
Church parking lot

3 Ways You Can Participate:

1. **Park your car in the parking lot.**
You can decorate your trunk if you like.
2. **Pass out candy.**
You can wear a costume if you like.
3. **Donate candy.**
There is a box in the fellowship hall.

Sign up in the fellowship hall
if you can help.

Prayer Requests

Greg and Tricia Wehrman, Mike Kyle, Floyd Hatfield, Helen Ewing, Marlyn Kern, Ryan Peters, Kerry, Connie Shoemaker, Lavern, Scott Arnold, Rick Morrison, Gerald Hunton, Carol Benner, Gwen Eppenauer.

Continue to pray for our home-bound members: Sandra Graf and Val Hoon.

Let us also remember Getayawckal Ariaya from Ethiopia, and Mouniratou from Burkina Faso; and those who serve our country in the armed services, peace corps and missions.

Happy Birthday!

- 1 Anna Logan
- 3 Ruby Cox
- 14 Rusty Ream
- 15 Lauren Cox
- 16 Alicia Hartley
- 17 Cathy Hatfield
- 26 Jenni Ohare
- 27 Darren Levin
- 30 Paul Williams

Happy Anniversary!

- 4 Greg Willson & Julie Willadsen
- 20 Greg & Tricia Wehrman

A Single Thought

Evangelism is every day and, in every way, helping your nonbelieving friends to take one step closer to Jesus Christ. - **Norman Geisler**

Budget Requests

All church committees need to submit budget requests for 2026. Please place in Greg Wehrman's mailbox by November 1st.

Readings for Sundays in October

October 5 – 17th Sunday after Pentecost

- Habakkuk 1: 1-4; 2: 1-4
- Psalm 37: 1-9
- 2 Timothy 1: 1-14
- Luke 17: 5-10

October 12 – 18th Sunday after Pentecost

- 2 Kings 5: 1-3, 7-15c
- Psalm 111
- 2 Timothy 2: 8-15
- Luke 17: 11-19

October 19 – 19th Sunday after Pentecost

- Genesis 32: 22-31
- Psalm 121
- 2 Timothy 3: 14 – 4: 5
- Luke 18: 1-8

October 26 – Reformation Sunday

- Jeremiah 31: 31-34
- Psalm 46
- Romans 3: 19-28
- John 8: 31-36

Reformation
Day



Sunday, October 26

Thank You

Thank you so much for the gestures of sympathy with mom's passing. Thanks especially to the church membership for the lovely luncheon.

*With my gratitude,
Darren E. Levin*

Steering Committee Recommendations

The Council and the Steering Committee have updated the following recommendations:

- a. We have an important messaging to carry forward, which is that the sale of the building does not represent closing this congregation. Christ-Trinity Lutheran Church will become a congregation which is not a property owner.
- b. A property disposal committee to distribute items prior to sale has been established. Betty Barnes is leading that effort. This will look different if the property is sold as a Church than if it is sold for another purpose.

Praying Our Way Forward

As we discern together our best way forward as a congregation, I ask for all of us to be in prayer for God's hand in all that is before us and for the guidance of the Holy Spirit. *O God, you have drawn us together into this community of faithful disciples. Help us to keep following our teacher Jesus Christ into every walk of life, together serving in Christ's mission to the world, and together witnessing to your love wherever we are. We ask for the gift of the Holy Spirit and for the wisdom and strength to follow where the Spirit guides us. In Jesus' name. Amen!*

