

THE SCROLL

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH'S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



TRINITY
LUTHERAN CHURCH

A united vital force in our community sharing the love of Jesus.

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IMPORTANT DATES THIS MONTH

Dec 1: Dorcas

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Dec 11: Advent by Candlelight

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Meal Prep

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Dec 24: Christmas Eve Service

Dec 25: Christmas Day

Dec 26: 4th Sunday Women's
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Dec 31: New year's Eve

TRINITY STAFF

Rev. Ted Engelbrecht

Pastor

J. Patrick & Carol Moore

Administrative Assistants

WORDS FROM THE PASTOR

"Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey" Zechariah 9:9

These words from Zechariah often 'kick off' the season of Advent, which is the season where we wait for Jesus, the promised King/Messiah which this passage talks about. References to the Coming One riding on a donkey (as on Palm Sunday) and later of being betrayed by 30 pieces of silver and building a temple, among other references, all bring our minds as Christians to how these prophecies are talking about Jesus, who we recognize as THE King and Messiah, our Lord and Savior.

The prophecy continues:

"I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall speak peace to the nations; his rule shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth." 9:10

These prophecies speak of how the King's coming will bring peace, and not a bow/sword, and that His reign will be over all the nations (the Gentiles = us) and not just Israel. This is Good News, indeed.

Zechariah 9-14 makes up probably the last - or among the last - of the OT prophecies, and speaks to the Jews well after their return to Israel from exile in Babylon. It spoke to a people still without a proper king and one finding themselves still in the difficult task of rebuilding their country. That period of history for that country would last for some time but it would not yet see the return of the king they expected or true independence. It was also dominated by a heightened sense of legalism in response to their understanding of what caused their exile, which worked as much to divide the people as it did to unite them. And as John the Baptist's warnings in Luke 3 show, people were as afraid of God's righteous judgment coming with the King as they were happy of any salvation.

This is the time and place that Jesus chose to come, and in many ways for many people it doesn't look that different from our times today. And His message and meaning then is the same for us now. In Him and His sacrifice Jesus takes on our sin and reconciles us with God the Father. He frees us from the fear of death and the fear of having to win favor with God and our own eternal salvation. We are free to learn to know God's love for us and to grow in love ourselves as we show love to our neighbors. All this in spite of what others do who don't know and follow this.

God is just as well as merciful, and God's world does have consequences for unloving actions, as the Jews also found out with the destruction of their country in 70 AD. But if we turn to Him and His forgiveness in His Son and let Him live in us we can have that peace that passes all understanding that comes with the love that He has for us and helps us endure all hardships and helps others do so, too as we share it. Come Lord Jesus, Come and live in us. Amen.

REOPENING TRINITY

Back in my college days and a few years afterward, I was working in retail, and there was a lady at the store who I remembered from much younger years. Every month, I celebrated a little bit on the 25th of the month; in January, I'd say, "Only 11 months until Christmas!" and so on through the year. Each month, her shoulders would go up, then shrug, she'd let out a gasp, then say, "Do you have to say that every month?"

And that's how I felt when it was announced that there was a new variant starting to make its way across the globe.

A somewhat recent article was looking at the subject of influenza. The basic thrust of the article is that overall, influenza isn't the killer that it was back in the early 20th century, when a pandemic gripped the world near the end of World War I. The writer was theorizing that we see various strains of the flu each year, and they tend to sort themselves out; people who get a mild case of flu from a less virulent strain tend to stay home less from work or school, thereby spreading it further, while people who get more virulent strains tend to stay home because they are really sick, and thereby, don't allow the virus to spread as far. In essence, human behavior tends to limit the spread of the worst strains, and those that are milder tend to be the dominant strains. The author was speculating that, over time, a similar type of situation might happen with the coronavirus: more virulent variants might end up being self-limiting, while milder strains might be more prevalent. It's an interesting theory.

Although there's currently a lot of news about the omicron strain, mostly concern about its spread from country to country, and concern about how easily it spreads, there have been a few news stories coming out of South Africa, stating that doctors there have noted that the symptoms of this strain seem to be milder. If this proves true, it's possible that the author of the article mentioned above might be onto something; it could be a milder strain that spreads further but human behavior makes things a bit self-limiting. We can hope (and maybe pray).

In the meantime, we await news from the Governor's office, and hope that she makes the right call at the right time. In hindsight, dropping the mask mandate at the end of June, just as the delta variant started to spread, was probably not the best decision, as our current wave of cases has been very high and is only slowly dropping.

Hopefully, ongoing research will provide us with better vaccines and medicine to help reduce the threat of this virus and allow us more freedom again in our lives.

- J. Pat

CONTRIBUTIONS

These figures represent the collection amounts for November.

Thanks to your generosity, Trinity is very close to budget on collections this year.

The Church Council appreciates all your donations through the pandemic!

2021 Collections	Actual	Budget	Difference	%, +/-
Last Sunday	\$ 7,295	\$ 5,000	\$ 2,295	45.9%
Month-to-Date	\$ 16,606	\$ 20,000	\$ (3,394)	-17.0%
Year-to-Date	\$ 229,485	\$ 240,000	\$ (10,515)	-4.4%
Total Yearly Collection Budget:		\$260,000		
Attendance	Nov. 28	74		

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday Adult Bible Studies: Jeff Allen leads a study in the Library, the first three Sundays of the month, through November. Carolyn Stucky leads the Women's Bible Study in Room 10 on the 4th Sunday of the month, after the Worship Service, and Pastor Ted leads a Bible Study on the 4th Sundays for those who don't attend Carolyn's.

3 yr. olds to 5th grade: we have a new curriculum, and will be meeting in-person in Rooms 1 & 3.

6th & 7th grade Confirmation students will meet in-person in Rooms 6 & 8 on Sundays.

8th graders will be meeting with Pastor Ted on Sunday mornings from 8:45 am - 9:45 am.

High School Bible Study will be meeting again in-person on Sunday mornings after the Worship Service, in the Youth Room. We welcome Ahtia Clack as the new High School leader for the Bible Study.

SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDIES

We like our small group Bible Studies to be about 8-10 people so that everyone has a chance to share. We currently have four groups:

Pastor Ted on Thursday mornings at 10:30 in the church library

Pastor Mike on Thursday evenings at his home

"Encouragers" meets on the 3rd Sunday of the month, contact Brian Hawkins for more information.

Rhoda Bohr is organizing a Bible Study in the Canby Area.

If none of those work for you, please contact Henrietta Brooks and she can help you with organizing a new Bible Study group. We can provide materials to assist you.

OUTREACH: MEALS FOR THOSE IN NEED

This pesky pandemic threw a wrench into our routine, and we're still not back to normal - just like everyone else.

We are still gathering on the Second Saturday of the month to prepare a meal for the Transition Projects, which supports people who are putting their lives back together after addiction treatment. Transition Projects offers housing, meals, and support as they seek employment and get ready to transition to living on their own. Our meal, once a month, is one way in which God provides for those are getting their lives back on track. Once pandemic restrictions ease, we will be able to actually serve the meal, rather than just drop it off, and interact with their clients and share God's love for them.



On the third Wednesday of the month, we deliver lunch to The Father's Heart. We look forward to being able to actually serve the meal, but for now, we drop it off. However, feeding that many people takes more than just one morning for us - so we gather the night before to do all the cooking of hot meal items. Slicing, dicing, mixing, stirring, are a few of the qualifications needed to help with this meal prep. If you can bake, roast, or even just clean up, your talents are needed! Wednesday morning is a time to reheat the cooked dishes and do some of the cold prep, then pack it all up, take it all down, and drop it all off. The Father's Heart staff then serves the meal to homeless individuals and others in need in our community.

Once again this year, we'll be having a special collection of gobblers and oinkers - turkeys and hams - to help supply meals for these outreach ministries.

THE FATHER'S HEART - IMMEDIATE AND ONGOING DONATION NEEDS

Check out the immediate and ongoing needs for those who are homeless. You can drop off clothing, food, hygiene items and more at their site; please pay attention to the days and times when donations are accepted. TFH's home page, <https://tfhstreetministry.com/> has a suggestion list; or click on the *Amazon Wish List* link to order, and it will be delivered to them. Trinity collects non-perishable items in the red barrel at the office entrance to the church. Please be sure to label any donations left at church, as the barrel is used to collect for several ministries.

LWML MITES

While we wait for information on the next projects to be funded, we're already collecting mites to support it! Grab a box at the entrance to the Sanctuary and fill it with your loose change, or stuff it with the dollars you get back when you spend cash. Do you always use a debit or credit card? No problem - just put a check into the box and you're good to go.

COMPASSION INTERNATIONAL

Trinity continues to be involved with Compassion International. Through the Sunday School program, Trinity sponsors two children, one in Indonesia and one in Rwanda. Check out the letters from them on our bulletin board.

SUNDAY FLOWERS

We are still taking reservations for Sunday flowers in church. Whether it's flowers from your garden, or providing funds to purchase flowers, you can honor a special day in your life or the lives of those you love, or remember someone special who touched your life.

LCMS DISASTER RESPONSE

The recent earthquake in Haiti has ravaged one of the poorest nations in the Western Hemisphere, and with recent political unrest and still recovering from a prior earthquake, they need help! The best way to assist them in their time of need is through established NGO's (non-governmental organizations) such as LCMS Disaster Relief. Google "LCMS Disaster Relief" to find out more about the situation there and to help out with a contribution.

THE HOLIDAYS ARE UPON US!

Did Thanksgiving fly by for you? It certainly did for many of us.

CHRISTMAS 🎅

Our **Giving Tree** is and has been our biggest outreach project. Due to pandemic, we are doing this in two parts We are asking for money donations to buy *gift cards* for adults on our Christmas list and food for Christmas dinner for the various homes we sponsor. Last year we provided 40 gift cards for adults and food for six group homes. Checks may be made to Trinity Lutheran Church with Christmas in the memo line (thank you to those who have already donated!).

The Giving Tree has been put up, the tags have Christmas requests for wee ones up through teenagers. All requests were fulfilled last year. We are also requesting that members also donate a pair of socks be placed under the tree to be distributed to the homeless.

During this period of joy and giving and too much eating, we are doing our *gobbler* 🦃 and *oinker* 🐷 (turkey and ham) drive again. When you are purchasing your turkey or ham, think about purchasing extra to donate to our church to be used for meals for the Transition program or The Father's Heart. Last year you provided the main ingredient for 1400 hot meals. (wow, way to go Trinity!). Also, a few of those turkeys went to families within our church.

COOKIES!

Some have asked about *big cookie baking day* at the church. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex for our cookie baking event, which will be held next week on Tuesday, December 7, from 10 am to 3 pm. The office staff has generously volunteered to do quality control checks through 12:30 pm.

Thank you ahead of time for your generosity and giving hearts. Updates on Activities will be made in News and Prayers. Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas to all. – *Lee Duvintage*

BLESSING OF QUILTS

On October 24, Trinity Quilters presented thirty-one handmade quilts for the Blessing of the Quilts. Twenty-eight quilts will be delivered to *True Home* for distribution to the seven adult parents and their thirteen children plus eight older boys, who are all residents in their programs.



Since that day, sixteen more handmade quilts have been donated for distribution. Eight of these are baby quilts and will be given to LOVE Inc. in the Baby Layette boxes. The remainder of the gift are youth quilts, plus the balance of Trinity's quilts, will be presented to the Police Chaplains for distribution to their clients. All these quilts are a gift of love, but they are also a gift of significant value in terms of time, talent and dollars.



At average market price of \$10/yard of 45" wide fabric, it takes 5 yards each for the top and back, 1/2 yard for binding plus 2.5 yards of batt (filling) for a minimum of 13 yards at \$130 per adult size quilt. By that measure, *Trinity is making a gift in excess of \$6000 to our community.*

A 'Big Thank You' to all the ladies who quilted and Trinity members who have donated fabric and money to support this activity.

ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT

Celebrate Advent By Candlelight on Saturday, Dec 11, 2021, 2 pm to 3:30 pm. Everyone aged 10 and up are invited to a dessert and fellowship occasion. Please invite neighbors, friends, and family for a time of visiting, music and fellowship. Sign up to be a host for a table or sign up to attend. Wear your favorite dress up clothes or your casual clothes or your Christmas footed jammies. Come and enjoy each other that day. See Gail Allen for table decoration ideas.

CHRISTMAS IS COMING...

Once again, we are preparing for the celebration of our Lord's Birth at Christmas... and again, we're not totally sure just how that will happen, given that we're still in the midst of a pandemic. Nevertheless, we'll be here at Trinity to worship our Lord.

Christmas Eve service will be held at 7:00 pm on Friday, December 24. Christmas Day service will be held at 10:00 am. We'll be following up with the Sunday after Christmas worship on Sunday, December 26.

CONTRIBUTION REMINDER

If you're planning on making a year-end contribution to Trinity, please be sure that we are able to receive it before the end of the year. If you use a bill-pay system, we count those contributions based on the date that the check is cut.

JANUARY SCROLL ARTICLE DEADLINE

Due to the multiple holidays in December, the deadline for the January Scroll is Monday, December 20.

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH | COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES | October 19, 2021

Attendees: Brian Hawkins, Troy Palmer, Melissa Deyoe, Connie Adams, Ronda Corless, Craig Nickles, Carolyn Stucky, Pastor Ted

Craig opened the meeting with a prayer and devotion from *Everyday with the Savior*.

The August and September Council meeting minutes were approved.

Christian Education: Carolyn Stucky (Present - No Report)

Carolyn said there is a flyer that will go home about where the Sunday School offerings are going. Darla is working on selling VBS materials that are leftover. Carolyn has been calling everyone on the small group Bible study sign-up sheet to ask if they are wanting to join a group, change groups, host a group, etc. CE will assist the groups and help them get setup once the groups are established. The groups that are currently meeting will be listed in the bulletin.

Outreach: Craig Nickles (Present - No Report)

Pastor noted that Bingo was a great success, 80 people attended the concert, looking forward to Halloween and Volleyball night.

AVIT: Paul Petrone (Absent - No Report)

Council discussed using a company to do computer maintenance; Troy noted that the budget is sufficient to cover computer services if needed. Connie mentioned needing the new financial secretary computer setup.

Pastor Report: Pastor Ted (Present - No Report)

Pastor asked council what the church's expectation for confirmation attendance is? Council replied that we think there should be expectations; Council supports Pastor in what these expectations should be.

Elders: Craig Nickles (In Attendance-No Report)

Craig reported that J. Pat sent him a request from Girl Scouts to use the building. The Council said we need a proposal from the group.

Treasurer Report: Melissa Deyoe (In Attendance-See Report)

For the month ending September 30, 2021, the church reports a loss from operations of \$8,128. For the 9 month period ending September 30, 2021, the church reports an overall loss of \$4,987 from operations.

Discussed J. Pat's contract, Melissa will be making a few modifications to the contract including the total monthly contract amount and will prepare a draft copy for approval. Per discussion with J. Pat, the office hours

will change to 9:00 am to 1:00 pm instead of 8:30 am to 12:30 pm.

The copy machine sales representative would like us to lock into a longer term. Melissa doesn't think we should extend at this time as we currently have a low rate.

The proposed budget for 2022 was presented and discussed. Melissa will make some minor changes based on discussions and will send out a final draft to council to approve prior to the congregation meeting in November.

Financial Secretary: Connie Adams (Present - No Report)

Property Board: Herb Meissel (Absent- No Report)

Troy had a phone conversation with Herb, and Herb reported that he plans to rent an excavator to clean-up the west side of the property. This clean-up will need church volunteers to come and assist. Herb is still finishing with the gutter repairs.

President: Brian Hawkins (Present - No Report)

Brian discussed the Hoops Basketball facilities use contract. This group has used the building in the past for this purpose and were great to work with the last time they used the building. Melissa made a motion with some additional information needed regarding locking, entering and exiting of building that we approve the Hoops basketball use contract. Troy seconded and council passed unanimously.

Vice President: Troy Palmer (Present- No Report)

Reminder there is no December meeting.

Unfinished Business

Vice President and Treasurer positions still need to be filled. Council discussed the roles and responsibilities and brainstormed possible congregation members that could fill these positions.

New Business

The next council meeting will be on November 16, 2021 and will be at the church. The Congregation meeting will be on November 21, 2021 at 11:30pm. Troy will do the devotion at the next meeting.

Pastor closed the meeting in prayer at 9:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Ronda Corless – Recording Secretary

GET INVOLVED!

If you would like to become involved in any of these areas of service you can use the Communication card or find sign-up pages on the orange *Get Involved* bulletin board across from the coffee service. Any assignments before Trinity reopens will be cancelled.

If you see blank space that means we need caring individuals to help out.

Greeters	
Dec. 5 th	Elders
Dec. 12 th	Elders
Dec. 19 th	Elders
Dec. 26 th	Elders

Communion Set-Up	
Dec. 5 th	TBA
Dec. 19 th	TBA

Lectors	
Dec. 5 th	Craig
Dec. 12 th	Marilyn
Dec. 19 th	Levi
Dec. 26 th	Stanette

Flower Contact	Carol Wilson 503.502.7448
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Flowers		
Dec. 5 th	Carol Moore	
Dec. 12 th	<i>Vases available</i>	
Dec. 19 th	Poinsettias	
Dec. 26 th	Poinsettias	

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH | OREGON CITY | LEADERSHIP LIST

Additional contact information for the following individuals is available in the church directory.

Board of Elders (term ends)

Head: Craig Nickles **B**, 503.819.4525 (2022)
Jeff Allen **E, L, T** 206.228.3724 (2021)
Al Bohr **H, I, J, O** 503.980.8047 (2022)
Ray Clack **M, N** 503.656.3891 (2022)
Levi Darnell **A, D, R** 503.631.7559 (2023)
Cary Martenson **C, G, K, V, Z** 503.632.3879 (2023)
Louis Miller **F, W** 971.404.4771 (2023)
Dave Wilson **P, S** 503.632.4068 (2021)

Council Officers

President: Brian Hawkins (2022)
Vice President: Troy Palmer (2021)
Treasurer: Melissa Deyoe (2021)
Recording Secretary: Rhonda Corless (2022)
Financial Secretary: Connie Adams (2022)

Property Board

Herb Meissel (2022)
Jim Muth (2022)
Erich Lais (2020)

Audio, Video, Information Technology

Paul Petrone

Outreach

Pat Benjamin; Carol Wilson

Christian Education Board

Henrietta Brooks
Angie Stone
Carolyn Stucky
Darla Schulte

Facility & Building Use

Herb Meissel

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Lee Duvinage

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Prayer & Praise

Henrietta Brooks

LWML/Mission Guild

Carolyn Stucky

Quilters

Sheila Wahl

Communion Guild

Carol Wilson

Altar Committee

Colleen Brinkert
Carol Wilson

Thursday Bible Study

Pastor Ted

Thrivent

www.thrivent.com

Trinity Oregon City Missions and Contacts

Local Outreach

- **Transitions Projects** (Portland) Lee Duvinage
- **The Father's Heart Street Ministry** (Oregon City)
- **Love INC** Office 503.655.4223 ext. 2
- **True Housing** 503.234.8757
- **Lutheran Latino Ministries** PO Box 293, Mt. Angel, OR 97362

National Outreach

- **LCMS Disaster Fund**
- **LWML**

International Outreach

- **Child Beyond International**, Guatemala
- **Compassion International**

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BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i> Phyllis Ernsberger
<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i> Daisy Teske Jeannie Baker	<i>10</i> Herb & Rae Meissel	<i>11</i> Tom Handy
<i>12</i> Teresa Doss	<i>13</i> Wilbur Bohr	<i>14</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>18</i>
<i>19</i> Carol Cameron Larry & Barbara Sparks	<i>20</i>	<i>21</i> Brian & Connie Adams	<i>22</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>24</i> Ed & Sandra Lindquist	<i>25</i> Jesus
<i>26</i>	<i>27</i> Lester Schmidt	<i>28</i>	<i>29</i> Marilyn Allen	<i>30</i> Josh Martenson	<i>31</i>	

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TRINITY EVENTS CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<i>1</i> 10:30 Dorcas 6:45 Praise Team	<i>2</i> 10:30 Bible Study	<i>3</i> 6:00p <i>The Fun Flyers</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>5</i> 10:00 Worship Svc 11:00 Sunday School	<i>6</i> 10:30 Caregivers Support Group 6:30 Volleyball	<i>7</i> 9:00 Prayer & Praise 1:00 Quilters 6:30 Outreach Committee	<i>8</i> 11:30 Men's Lunch @ Stanley's Corner 6:45 Praise Team	<i>9</i> 10:30 Bible Study	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i> 2:00 Advent by Candlelight TBA Transition Projects Meal Prep
<i>12</i> 10:00 Worship Svc 11:00 Sunday School	<i>13</i> 6:30 Caregivers Support Group 6:30 Volleyball 6:30 Elders Board	<i>14</i> 9:00 Prayer & Praise 6:00 The Father's Heart Meal Prep	<i>15</i> 7:00 The Father's Heart Meal Prep 10:45 Meal Service 6:45 Praise Team	<i>16</i> 10:30 Bible Study	<i>17</i> 6:00p <i>The Fun Flyers</i>	<i>18</i>
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