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TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH'S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



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LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

FEBRUARY 2024

HIGHLIGHTS THIS MONTH

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IMPORTANT DATES THIS MONTH

Feb 1/8/15/22/29: Thursday
Bible Study

Feb 4/11/18/25: Youth Group

Feb 4/11/18/25: Trinity
Volleyball

Feb 6: CE Board

Feb 6/20: Quilters

Feb 7: Dorcas

Feb 7: Elders Board Meeting

Feb 10: Transition Projects
Meal Delivery

Feb 14: Men's Lunch

Feb 20: Prayer & Praise at
Church

Feb 20: Church Council
Meeting

Feb 27: Outreach Committee

Feb 27: Canby Bible Study

TRINITY STAFF

Rev. Ted Engelbrecht
Pastor

J. Patrick & Carol Moore
Administrative Assistants

WORDS FROM THE PASTOR - February 2024

"Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation and uphold me with a willing spirit."

Psalm 51:10-12

February is upon us - and so is Lent, which starts with Ash Wednesday, on Feb 14 this year.

Lent has a complicated (disputed?) history, raison d'être and forms. Quick research online states that, "Early Christians started to observe Lent as a way to honor the crucial day of Easter through special spiritual preparation. The earliest dated mention of a 40-day period of observing Lent can be found in the Canons of Nicaea, dated around 325 B.C." More generally it is also seen to be a remembrance of Jesus' 40 days of fasting and temptation after his Baptism and before He started His ministry (Mark 1:9-15). Many Christians fast - or give up something - during this season to 'identify' with Jesus' fasting while others, worried that 'doing something' for our spiritual life might be understood to be 'works righteousness,' have 'given up' giving up anything to more fully rely only on Jesus' work for our salvation.

As Lutherans, we can use our Catechism to help us understand what the Christian Life looks like and how we can use any time in our year or life, but maybe, yes, a special time in our year and life, to contemplate our Savior and His life as a model for ours.

Our Catechism's first three parts - the 10 Commandments, The Apostle's Creed and the Lord's Prayer are in many Catechisms, but they are placed in this order for a reason in ours - because as such they show Jesus as the 'doctor' that He claims to be in Mark 2:17. In not being able to follow the 10 Commandments (as Jesus was), we see our sin - our 'sickness.' In the Apostle's Creed we then see our Savior, or 'cure,' and then in the Lord's Prayer we see our 'prescription' for living in a life of relationship and prayer with our Father who is also Father of us all.

Back to February for an example, we are now a month into our new year - and if we made any, our new year resolutions.

As a member of our community club in Vancouver, it's interesting to see how the attendance in our yoga classes and the Thursday evening open
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swimming session are already way down from that first week in January, as people already started to 'lose the steam' of those new year resolutions. I would secretly snicker at them, and wondered what they must think of themselves. Mirrors work so well when they point away from you.

And then, of course, the mirror would somehow (how is it possible??) turn back to point at me (!!). Then I would have to look at all the things in my life that I promised myself or others I would attend to or complete - all of those 'sins of commission or omission' in thought word, or deed that seem to plague all of us.

Mirrors made of glass or metal can be vicious, indeed, and can lead to despair and often to a vicious downward cycle of even more sin as a result. But there is a mirror made of flesh, too - one that sees and takes our sin and reflects back only forgiveness and love - and that is Jesus. And that mirror, instead of leading to despair, can lead to renewal of hope and regeneration if we will just let it.

Lent is a whole month when we are encouraged to look at our mirrors - both those of glass and metal but especially that one of our Savior, who in looking back at us sees someone who He loves and forgives and wants to bring back to a life of love for Him and for neighbor, which just happens to be the best life for us, too.

Our sin was taken away at great cost by a Savior who took it to the cross, but in His resurrection he raises us to new life and clean heart, too - from one dead in sin to a life of joy and faith and love and service in Him to our world..

Come Lord Jesus. Create in us a new heart and help us look for and see you again in a new way in your death and resurrection. Amen.

Pastor Ted

STEWARDSHIP #4 - 2024

Each month we will be including a short piece on stewardship. The first series is labeled the 8 "T"s of Stewardship: Time, Talent, Treasure, Testimony, Touch, Tissue, Trash and Technology, taken from materials prepared by Rev. John Heckmann, a consultant to the LWML.

T #4: TESTIMONY

It may seem strange to talk about the stewardship of **Testimony**, But Jesus instructed His disciples of all ages to make disciples, teaching and baptizing and encouraging people to follow God's teachings (Matthew 28:18-20). He also told His first disciples that they were to be His witnesses in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and **to the ends of the earth** (Acts 1:8).

How we do this is important, too, and St. Peter in his first letter (3:15) reminds us that when we share about our Lord and His effect in our lives, we should, "Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for hope you have. **But do this with gentleness and respect.**"

I would assume that someone will ask you about what motivates your life and/or how you're interacting with them in the moment if you were doing something good for them or someone else. That is why we are called on to love our neighbors, and as Luther reminds us in the Catechism, this doesn't only mean to **NOT DO** bad things, but to **DO** good ones - to help, protect, speak well of them, etc. But to 'be prepared' to give an answer is to have thought about how you would do that beforehand, perhaps in a little - and practiced - testimonial speech. Hopefully you will be asked to elaborate, but even a short answer about your Lord and His effect and promises in your life can plant a seed that someone else can water and help grow.

Christ is and Christians should be a blessing to all, and what a privilege it is to share Him and what He has done in our lives with others, so that they may know and follow Him, too.

TRINITY VOLLEYBALL NOW ON SUNDAY NIGHTS!

Join us for some good exercise and fun in the Jade Room on Sunday nights. Same great exercise, same great fun, only now on Sundays. 6:30 pm in the Jade Room.



SHARE YOUR FLOWERS

Your Scroll Editor recently noted that Crocus are starting to bloom, and the Daffodils are already coming up! Unfortunately, neither is ready for display in church, so your contributions help the church to put some of God’s beautiful creation in our worship space. Contact Connie Adams for details on how your can provide plants or flowers for Sunday Worship.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD NEWS

- The Christian Board of Education shares words of "THANKS" to individuals who have said "YES" to prepare and facilitate lessons for Sunday morning Adult Bible Class. This gives the rest of us the privilege to dig into God's Word together and apply it to our daily lives.
- From January 18 to March 31 Dave Wilson will be sharing a Lenten Bible Study in the Library after a brief Coffee and Treat time of fellowship. The study will provide a time for our hearts and lives to prepare for the joy of Easter.
- Our College and Job Market students are continuing to be encouraged that they are an important part of our TLC congregation. Greeting them and praying for them is something we all can do.
- The CEB is excited that we are having more younger students join our Sunday School time in their own classroom. Jesus valued and blessed the "little ones". Luke 18:15-17
- Confirmation News--The 6 & 7 graders continue to study the Old Testament and New Testament. Pastor Ted and 8th graders meet in Pastor's office. Pastor John Durkin will teach the 8th class on the 4th Sunday. Parents and other TLC members are always welcome to join either of the Confirmation Classes.
- Planning for our summer 2024 VBS is in the beginning stages. If you are asked to begin thinking about helping--PRAY, asking God to guide you answer.

All the above information pertains to II Peter 3:18

CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES?

The Church Council does not meet in December, and due to the Arctic freeze, did not meet in January, either. The November Minutes will be published next month, after they have been approved at the February Council Meeting.

FUNDRAISER FOR MISSION TRIP

Sunday, February 11, there will be a Bake Sale during the Coffee Social time to support the Mission Trip to Rancho Santa Marta this summer. Come hungry and ready to purchase to support them!

RETURN OF THE RED FOOD BARREL

After an extremely successful 2023, the Red Food Barrel has returned to the Narthex for 2024! Our food donations in the barrel go to the United Methodist Church on South End Road, where they join ours with other contributions from the area and distribute food to those in need each week. We invite you to grab an extra box or can or more every time you grocery shop. Watch for clearance items or special sales and grab some extra! With people spending extra money to heat their homes through the winter storm, a lot of budgets will be stretched extra thin, just when some thickness is really needed.



CONTRIBUTIONS\$

Our Contributions for 2024 are off to a great start! Thank you for your generosity! Also, we received a check from Fred Meyer Community Rewards for \$85.17. Thank you, Fred Meyer Shoppers!

2023 Collections	Actual	Budget	Difference	%, +/-
Month-to-Date	\$ 15,321	\$ 16,423	\$ (1,102)	-6.7%
Year-to-Date	\$ 15,321	\$ 16,423	\$ (1,102)	-6.7%
Total Yearly Collection Budget:		\$213,500		

2023–2025 MISSION GRANTS NO. 5 and 6 (two grants for focus in February)

MISSION GRANT NO. 5: DISASTER RESPONSE TEAM, TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH, TYLER, TEXAS | \$50,000

The Disaster Response Team at Trinity Lutheran Church in Tyler, Texas, was established in 2017. They have approximately forty men and women from Trinity Lutheran Church on their team. Members of other LCMS congregations from the Texas District and other districts come and join them as they set up base camps to respond to natural disasters. They participate in the LCMS training, Lutheran Early Response Training.



Natural disasters (hurricanes, tornados, floods, wildfires, and earthquakes) occur without warning. People are often unaware and ill prepared to respond to the disaster in a timely fashion. Natural disasters cause loss of lives, damage to property, roads, bridges, buildings, and powerlines. There is a lack of food and water. All these conditions can cause injuries and affect the health of those impacted by the disaster. In order to respond to a natural disaster, it is important to have equipment and trailers to haul the equipment. It is important to maintain the tools and equipment as well as purchase new updated equipment. When the team responds, some members stay for the duration and others rotate out on a weekly basis. The team equipment is also used by response teams from other areas as they work together to help the suffering community.

Reflecting on the words of St. Paul, If one member suffers, all suffer together (1 Corinthians 12:26), the Disaster Response Team responds to clean up the damage caused by the natural disaster, and they reach out to listen to the victim's stories and feelings of despair and hopelessness. They share Jesus' love, compassion, and concern. Victims hear the Words of Jesus that bring hope, healing, and comfort during their time of despair. In this time of suffering, they are directed to Christ. This mission grant will help maintain current equipment and purchase needed equipment to help the team as they respond to natural disasters and bring comfort, peace, and healing to the troubled hearts of victims of natural disasters.

2023–2025 MISSION GRANT NO. 6: MOBILE KITCHEN - FORGED BY FIRE SERVICES | \$85,000

The Gulf Coast Region of the United States is hit annually with hurricanes, flooding, and tornadoes. In the aftermath of the disaster, people's lives are turned upside down. Their homes may need extensive repair, electrical service is down, and food is scarce. It is in these situations that Forged by Fire, an LCMS Recognized Service Organization (RSO), based in LaCombe, Louisiana, reaches out with meals to serve residents of the communities.



Forged by Fire volunteers come into a community with their kitchen equipment in cargo style trailers. They establish a base camp near a Lutheran Church in the disaster affected community. They set up their tent and kitchen and prepare meals for the community. The tent requires a large area and sometimes the weather conditions make the meal preparation and service difficult. To better serve, they want to purchase a mobile kitchen trailer. With the trailer they can easily set up in areas needing assistance. This grant will help purchase the mobile kitchen trailer.

Forged by Fire volunteers prepare meals to feed those who've suffered losses because of the natural disasters. In one evening, 900 meals were served in LaPlace, Louisiana, after Hurricane Ida. The victims are hurting both physically and spiritually. The meals served help their physical bodies, but they also receive help for their spiritual needs. Working with the local churches allows the congregational members to help serve and connect with their hurting community. Someone is available to speak with those in need and point them in the right direction for help, prayers are offered, and resources such as devotionals and Bibles are shared. It is during the darkest times that hope is given, with a vision of better days ahead. The mobile kitchen purchased with the help of this grant will allow Forged by Fire to move quickly to meet the physical and spiritual needs of the people following natural disasters. Forged by Fire volunteers do all because of Christ's love for them.

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.

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

Greeters	
Feb 4 th	Elders
Feb 11 th	Elders
Feb 18 th	Elders
Feb 25 th	Elders

Communion Set-Up	
Feb 4 th	TBA
Feb 18 th	TBA

Lectors (10 am Service)	
Feb 4 th	Jeff Allen
Feb 11 th	Stanette Rosenberger
Feb 18 th	Dave Wilson
Feb 25 th	Contemporary Service



Flower Contact	Connie Adams 503.631.7446
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Flowers		
Feb 4 th	Vase available	
Feb 11 th	Vase available	
Feb 18 th	Vase available	
Feb 25 th	Vase available	

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)

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Council Officers

President: Brian Hawkins (2025)
Vice President: Rhoda Bohr (2025)
Treasurer: TBA (2025)
Recording Secretary: Rhonda Corless (2025)
Financial Secretary: Connie Adams (2025)

Property Board

Herb Meissel (2023)

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Paul Petrone

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Henrietta Brooks

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Quilters

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Communion Guild

Carol Wilson

Altar Committee

Colleen Brinkert
Connie Adams

Thursday Bible Study

Pastor Ted

Thrivent

www.thrivent.com

Trinity Oregon City Missions and Contacts

Local Outreach

- **Transitions Projects** (Portland) Pat Benjamin
- **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**

FEBRUARY 2024

BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Jennifer Van Orsow	2	3
4 Norman & Darlene Wiebold Peter & Paula Bennett	5 Nancy Rheinsburg	6 Paula Bennett Cole Lais Troy & Tania Palmer	7 Travis Stone Craig & Kathy Nickles	8 Joan Hagedorn Craig Nickles Zachary Baker	9 Joan Hawley Ray Clack	10
11 James Hilton	12 Ahtia Clack	13	14 Ed Lindquist Ron & Deb Boryczka	15	16	17
18 Jim Muth Halie Scroggins	19 Pearl Schmidt	20	21	22	23	24 Hunter Williams
25	26 Amanda Magenheimer	27 Kendall Trappe	28 Roger & Neva Abele	29 People born today age at 1/4 the rate of people born on other days of the year but miss out on 3/4 of the birthday cake		

FEBRUARY 2024

TRINITY EVENTS CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 10:30 Bible Study	2 6:00p <i>The Fun Flyers</i>	3
4 10:00 Worship Svc After: Coffee Social 11:00 Sunday School 6:30 Trinity Volleyball 6:30 Youth Group	5	6 10:00 CE Board 1:00 Quilters	7 10:30 Dorcas 11:00 Elders Board Meeting 7:00 Praise Team Practice	8 10:30 Bible Study	9	10 2:00 Transition Projects Meal Delivery
11 10:00 Worship Svc Bake Sale (see p.3) After: Coffee Social 11:00 Sunday School 6:30 Trinity Volleyball 6:30 Youth Group	12	13	14 Ash Wednesday 11:30 Men's Lunch @ Stanley's Corner 7:00 Ash Wednesday Worship Service	15 10:30 Bible Study	16 6:00p <i>The Fun Flyers</i>	17
18 10:00 Worship Svc After: Coffee Social 11:00 Sunday School 6:30 Trinity Volleyball 6:30 Youth Group	19 Presidents Day office closed	20 9:30 Prayer & Praise 1:00 Quilters 6:30 Church Council	21 Tentative—3:30 PM Lenten Mid-week worship with soup/supper to follow 7:00 Praise Team	22 10:30 Bible Study	23	24
25 10:00 Worship Svc After: Coffee Social 11:00 Sunday School 4th Sunday Women's Bible Study 6:30 Trinity Volleyball 6:30 Youth Group	26	27 10:00 Outreach Committee 7:00 Canby Bible Study	28 7:00 Lenten Midweek Worship Service	29 10:30 Bible Study		