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TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH'S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



**TRINITY**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

**NOVEMBER 2023**

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## IMPORTANT DATES THIS MONTH

Nov 1: Dorcas

Nov 2/9/16/30: Thursday  
Bible Study

Nov 5 **Standard Time begins**

Nov 5/12/19/26: Trinity  
Volleyball

Nov 5/12/19/26: Youth Group

Nov 7: CE Board

Nov 7/21: Quilters

Nov 7: Elders Board Meeting

Nov 8: Men's Lunch

Nov 11: Family Movie

Nov 18: Transition Projects  
Meal Prep

Nov 21: Prayer & Praise at  
Church

Nov 21: Church Council

Nov 26: 4th Sunday Women's  
Bible Study

Nov 26: Youth Friendsgiving

Nov 28: Outreach Committee

Nov 28: Canby Bible Study

## TRINITY STAFF

**Rev. Ted Engelbrecht**  
*Pastor*

**J. Patrick & Carol Moore**  
*Administrative Assistants*

## WORDS FROM THE PASTOR - November 2023

November is Thanksgiving month. The timing and traditions of this holiday are based on events when harvests were collected at a time in our country when many more people were engaged in farming. Very few are full time farmers anymore, and football more than harvests seem to dominate the day now, but all of us still need the fruits of the earth these farmers grow to live, so giving thanks to God for them and all of His harvest blessings is certainly still appropriate!

As Christians we know we live and are saved by God's grace - by His gifts of both this earth and eternal salvation. But we should also remember that we were called to steward all of His gifts and respond to them with works of love for all of God's people - whether they are Christians or not.

November is also the month of our Congregational Meeting and planning budgets for another year. Stewardship is key to the life of a congregation so as a congregation we need to address that. So here goes:

## A WORD ABOUT STEWARDSHIP

As we confront this next - and 'new' - phase of our congregation's life, we need to remember some 'old' truths and realities of what it takes to keep a congregation and its ministry going - and hopefully growing, too. In the main, we need to remember that as part of God's 'body,' we all need to play our part in keeping it active, strong and healthy. But thankfully, knowing that we are God's body, we know that He is and will always be with us as we do so.

First, we need to acknowledge what Scripture reminds us - that everything we have is - and comes from - Him:

- Psalm 24:1 The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein.
- Genesis 1:29 And God said, "Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food.

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 #1: TIME

Time is a gift from God:

- Psalm 139:16 “Your eyes saw my unformed body;  
all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.”  
and our time is limited here and depends on God.
- Psalm 39:5 “You have made my days a mere handbreadth;  
the span of my years is as nothing before you.”

St. Paul reminds us what we are to do with our time in Romans 13:11-12:

- “Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light.”

And the Gospels reminds us of how our good use of time will be judged in Matthew 25:21:

- His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’

Ecclesiastes 3:1 reminds us that “there is a time for everything,” and as a Christian, we need to take time to pray, read Scripture and worship at church to put us right with God and the world first and foremost before we do those ‘works of the light’ that God calls us to do in our vocations. Those vocational works start at home, but continue on in church, the workplace and school, as well as the community and society at large. And indeed, they are to stretch to the ‘ends of the earth.’ (Acts 13:47)

Not everyone has every gift to share in the work of loving God and loving neighbor, but everyone does have time, as long as they are alive, to be active in some way as part of God’s body here and now. May the Lord lead us as we endeavor to follow His call, looking to Him for the way forward.

*Pastor Ted*

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## **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD NEWS**

The Christian Education Board reports that the library books from the Trinity school were sorted into age grouping. Three boxes of books for 1st grade readers were delivered to Zion Lutheran in Corvallis. Christ the Vine picked up the full box of board books. The remaining books for 2nd to 4th grade were delivered to Forest Hills Christian School in Cornelius.

We have the names and addresses for 8 graduates: Sydney Turner, Kendell Trappe, Dane Lais, Ethan Petrone, Alex Baker, Natalie Wandschneider, Caitlin Dugan, and Maddie Dugan. We will be writing to them shortly. We welcome additional college student contact information as well. Please contact Henrietta Brooks or Carolyn Stucky to add additional names.

## **SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY**

Beginning on Sunday, November 5 we will begin a Bible Study entitled “Unshakable: Standing on the Rock When Life Quakes Hard”, by Donna Snow. We will walk through the lives of eight remarkable men and women whom God shook to the core, then used to point people to the hope of salvation. We will learn their history, we will peer into their struggles, and we will see how God moved in their lives to teach us vital spiritual lessons today.

We will study: **Joseph**: From Favorite Son to Egyptian Slave; **Mary**: From Rural Obscurity to Highly Favored; **David**: From Youngest Shepherd to Greatest King; **James**: From Doubting Brother to Impactful Leader; **Mary Magdalene**: From Demon-Possessed to Devoted Disciple; **Paul**: From Persecuting Pharisee to Passionate Advocate; **Gideon**: From Fearful Judge to Faithful Warrior; and **John**: From Humble Fisherman to Beloved Disciple.

### CONTRIBUTIONS\$

These are the latest figures we have on year-to-date collections, through the end of October, but not including the basket collection. Thank you for your generosity!

2023 Collections	Actual	Budget	Difference	%, +/-
Month-to-Date	\$ 15,020	\$ 21,635	\$ (6,615)	-30.6%
Year-to-Date	\$ 159,931	\$ 186,058	\$ (26,127)	-14.0%
Total Yearly Collection Budget:		\$225,000		

### 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

Remember how, in the story of the Good Samaritan, in order to provide for ongoing care for the injured guy, he takes out two coins to extend the care he cannot stay and give? Flowers this time of year can be kind of like that, only different. If you cannot grow flowers right now, would you be willing to pull a few coins out of your wallet to provide flowers for church on Sundays? Good! Contact Connie Adams to make arrangements (no pun intended!).

### ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT

Save the date! On Saturday, December 16th at 2:00 PM Advent by Candlelight returns! We'll be in the Sanctuary and use battery operated candles or lights. Ages 10 and up and open to the fellas too! Join us for this beautiful, relaxing and delicious time as we prepare for the birth of our Savior. A short program and beautiful music will add to our enjoyment of our dessert and fellowship time. Wear your favorite Christmas clothes-ugly Christmas sweater- crazy socks- sequins galore- elf shoes- light bulb necklaces- whatever you have!! This favorite event has a long history here at Trinity. Sign-up sheets are available in the narthex. See you there!

### NOVEMBER CONGREGATIONAL VOTERS MEETING

Our Congregational Voters Meeting will be held on Sunday, November 19th, after the Worship Service. We will not have Sunday School on that day, nor treats for Social Hour; but coffee and tea available. Our main business is voting to approve the 2024 budget.



### LWML NEWS

Thank you, many times over, for those who joined us in the celebration of "Lutheran Women In Mission" Sunday and the Blessing of the Quilts. It was a joy to use the hymnal and to join in liturgy which we have not done for a while. From the sound of the voices, it was clear that it matters not what form we use, for we enjoy worshipping our Lord and Savior and are eager to hear His Word for us.

Many thanks to the Dorcas and Mission Guild groups for the successful gathering of the Mt. Hood Zone of the LWML. We especially enjoyed the speaker, Rev. Ruberto Ek Ishiyam. He not only gave us the background of himself and how God called him into the ministry, but also shared His vision of the mission that God has given to him for translating and writing in the Mayan language. Many Mayan people live in the area.

### YOUTH ACTIVITY SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26

Watch the bulletin as details are released on the "Friendsgiving" celebration from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

### FAMILY MOVIE! JOIN US ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11

The movie will be "Wonder." We will be providing popcorn and refreshments. If you have leftover candy at home, bring some to share.

## QUILT HARVEST

On Sunday, October 15, Trinity Quilters presented 39 new quilts for a Blessing; the Quilters were honored for their diligence, creativity, and service to the community. The quilts will go to the Parrott Creek Housing and Recovery Programs for distribution to their clients. The True Home group will receive 17 for the nine women and eight children in the program. The remaining will go to other women and children, including 5 'big kids' in Molalla House. S. Neumann, Parrott Creek Program Manager, stated that she would write a note to accompany each quilt explaining about the quilters' shared hands-on work and love that goes into making each quilt with the hope that each recipient will find comfort and rest as they wrap themselves in their quilts. Parrott Creek staff will gift wrap the quilts and give them out at Christmas.



## HOME/SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDIES

**THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY:** meets in the Trinity Library every Thursday at 10:30 am.  
Contact: Pastor Ted, 503-632-5554. Current Study: Book of Exodus

**CANBY SMALL GROUP:** meets on the fourth Tuesday--7:00 pm at Al and Rhoda' Bohr's home  
Contact: Rhoda Bohr --503-896-1070. It is also a Prayer Group, prayer requests are given and prayed for.

**KASTING HOME BIBLE STUDY:** meet every Thursday evening 6: 30 pm at Pastor Mike's home.  
Contact person--Pastor Mike Kasting---503-305-6189. Current Study: the Books of Ezra and Nehemiah

**ENCOURAGERS BIBLE STUDY:** meets on the third Sunday at 6:30 pm at alternating homes.  
Contact: Brian / Barbara Hawkins--503-803-1553 or 503-753-1371. New study coming soon!

**LWML 2023–2025 MISSION GRANT NO. 1  
ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN SERVANT CENTER  
ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN | \$100,000**



Orphan Grain Train began as an idea of a Lutheran pastor in northern Nebraska thirty years ago. It is a Lutheran volunteer network that ships donated food, clothing, medical supplies, and other needed items to people in the United States and seventy other countries around the world. Wherever Orphan Grain Train goes they try to work through the church, so the Gospel accompanies the assistance given. The main areas of their outreach are — providing assistance to orphans living primarily in Russia and former Russian satellites; supplying domestic disaster relief when hurricanes, floods, or drought cause extensive damage in the United States; gathering, sorting, packing, and distributing food, clothing, medical supplies and equipment, and educational materials to poverty-stricken people in the United States and internationally.

Orphan Grain Train started thirty years ago with a warehouse and sorting facility in Norfolk, Nebraska. As the ministry has grown, the current facilities in Norfolk have become outmoded and inadequate. The funds from this grant will help with the expenses for the new Orphan Grain Train Servant Center. The new center will have more of its resources under one roof as two of the buildings will be connected. A new drop off point will be separate from the loading dock. The Mercy Meals packaging area will be expanded, and the number of meals packaged can increase from five million a year to more than ten million a year. A break area for volunteers and an instructional area are also included in the plans. The updated center will be a safer work environment for the all-volunteer staff. Norfolk is just one of twenty-eight Orphan Grain Train warehouse sites across the U.S.

Once the Orphan Grain Train Servant Center is complete, it will serve millions of people both in the United States and around the world, bringing food, clothing, medical supplies and equipment, and educational materials tied with the lifesaving Gospel of Jesus Christ.

The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound (Isaiah 61:1).

Please support this worthy effort with your mites! If you use cash in your daily life, just drop your change in the same place every day at home, and then gather it into a Mite Box near the end of the month. If you use a checkbook, you can add your mite in your check register, rounding up every checkbook entry to the nearest dollar (or five dollars, or ten dollars...) and then drop a check for the Mite amount at the end of the month. You can do a similar action with your debit or credit card. A few cents here and there, and pretty soon you're talking about real money!

## TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH | COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES | September 19, 2023

**Attendees:** President Brian Hawkins, VP Rhoda Bohr, Finance Committee Rep Connie Adams, Secretary Ronda Corless, Pastor Ted Engelbrecht, Elder Jeff Allen, Christian Education Rep Carolyn Stucky

**Rhoda opened the meeting:** Jeff shared a devotion titled *God is Great to Put it Mildly* August minutes were approved.

**Facilities Use:** Gail Allen (Absent-No Report) Brian noted that there are some facilities items that should be addressed soon and it was suggested that facilities use alternates could attend council meeting when Gail can't attend.

**Christian Education:** Carolyn Stucky (Present - Report Attached) Carolyn reported that there will be a Halloween event for the junior & high school youth. Forest Hills have accepted the 2nd-4th grade books. Carolyn is still working on gifting the board books.

**Outreach: Pastor Ted/Connie Adams** (Present - No Report) September 24th is a potluck at church. Outreach is discussing a Trunk or Treat for October. It was suggested to Outreach committee that the adults have an Oktoberfest event. Pastor said he ordered Advent material for families and for seniors. Rhoda and Stanette are willing to run the Advent by Candlelight on Dec 16th at 2:00pm.

**Pastor Report:** Pastor Ted (Present-No Report)

**Elders:** Jeff Allen (Present- Report Attached)

**Finance Committee:** Connie Adams (Present - Report Attached) For the month ending August 31, 2023, the church reports a loss from operations of \$9,160. For the 8-month period ending August 31, 2023, the church reported an overall loss of \$31,904 from operations.

Connie explained some of the accounts on the Balance Sheet and Income Statement. Advent and Lent offerings were discussed and where the amounts are being recorded in the financials. Connie noted that the second payment on the air conditioners was paid for in August and that

amount is reflected in the properties section of the August financials.

**Property Board:** Herb Meissel (Absent-No Report)

**President:** Brian Hawkins (Present—No Report) Brian discussed email regarding bathroom use. Council discussed and agreed that Trinity members at the church during school hours can use the office single bathroom or the bathroom by the Diamond room. The main hall bathrooms can not be used during school hours.

Do we have an updated start time for Sunshine school? It was noted that it may be October.

**Vice President:** Rhoda Bohr (Present—Report Attached)

**Unfinished Business - None**

### New Business

There is a directive from council that requires attendance or a report for all Council meetings from all officers/boards. It was discussed that we are considering making Zoom an alternative for Council meetings when people can't attend. If you can't attend a council meeting, officers and boards need to notify Council and either send an alternative member of a committee/board or send a report.

Next meeting will be October 17, 2023 at 6:30pm. Rhoda will do the devotion.

Rhoda closed the meeting with a prayer at 9:00pm.

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.

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

Greeters	
Nov 5 <sup>th</sup>	Elders
Nov 12 <sup>th</sup>	Elders
Nov 19 <sup>th</sup>	Elders
Nov 26 <sup>th</sup>	Elders

Communion Set-Up	
Nov 5 <sup>th</sup>	TBA
Nov 19 <sup>th</sup>	TBA

Lectors (10 am Service)	
Nov 5 <sup>th</sup>	Craig Nickles
Nov 12 <sup>th</sup>	Steve Cameron
Nov 19 <sup>th</sup>	Levi Darnell
Nov 26 <sup>th</sup>	No Lector—Contemporary



Flower Contact	Connie Adams 503.631.7446
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Flowers		
Nov 5 <sup>th</sup>	Vase available	
Nov 12 <sup>th</sup>	Vase available	
Nov 19 <sup>th</sup>	Vase available	
Nov 26 <sup>th</sup>	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)**

Head: 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 **B, P, S** 503.632.4068 (2021)

### **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)

### **Audio, Video, Information Technology**

Paul Petrone

### **Outreach**

Carol Wilson

### **Christian Education Board**

Henrietta Brooks  
Carolyn Stucky

### **Facility & Building Use**

Herb Meissel

### **Trinity Office Email Addresses**

Pastor: Rev. Ted Engelbrecht  
pastor.ted@trinityoc.org  
Administrative Assistants: J. Pat & Carol Moore  
office@trinityoc.org

### **Publications**

Bulletin & Scroll Editor: Admin Assistants

### **Ministry Primary Contacts**

#### **Dorcas Circle**

Diane Ledgerwood

#### **Prayer Chain**

Coordinator: Jacquie Ingalls ingalls.rose@yahoo.com  
Assoc. Coordinator: Shirley Albrecht 503.656.7721

#### **Prayer & Praise**

Henrietta Brooks

#### **LWML/Mission Guild**

Carolyn Stucky

#### **Quilters**

Sheila Wahl

#### **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**



# NOVEMBER 2023

## BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<i>1</i> Matt & Lisa Ballard	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i>
<i>12</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>14</i> Evelyn Harper Cluadine Hicks Jimmy Clack Jr.	<i>15</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>18</i>
<i>19</i> Adelyn Taylor	<i>20</i> Alex Baker	<i>21</i> Audrey Stone	<i>22</i>	<i>23</i> Terina Trappe	<i>24</i>	<i>25</i> Ron Rodwick
<i>26</i>	<i>27</i> Lois Ruthenbeck Alma Allen	<i>28</i> Mary Jane Eisele Jeff Shrode	<i>29</i> Jessica Van Orsow	<i>30</i> Angela Stone		

# NOVEMBER 2023

## TRINITY EVENTS CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<i>1</i> 10:30 Dorcas  7:00 Paise Team Practice	<i>2</i> 10:30 Bible Study	<i>3</i>  6:00p <i>The Fun Flyers</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>5</i> <b>Standard Time</b> 10:00 Worship Svc After: Coffee Social 11:00 Sunday School  6:30 Trinity Volleyball 6:30 Youth Group	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i> 10:00 CE Board  1:00 Quilters 6:30 pm Elders Board Meeting	<i>8</i> 11:30 Men's Lunch @ Stanley's Corner  7:00 Praise Team Practice	<i>9</i> 10:30 Bible Study	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i> VETERANS DAY  3:00 Family Movie
<i>12</i> 10:00 Worship Svc After: Coffee Social 11:00 Sunday School  6:30 Trinity Volleyball 6:30 Youth Group	<i>13</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>15</i>  7:00 Praise Team Practice	<i>16</i> 10:30 Bible Study	<i>17</i>  6:00p <i>The Fun Flyers</i>	<i>18</i>  2:00 Transition Projects Meal Prep
<i>19</i> 10:00 Worship Svc After: Congregational Voters Meeting (tea and coffee available)  6:30 Trinity Volleyball 6:30 Youth Group	<i>20</i>	<i>21</i> 9:30 Prayer & Praise  1:00 Quilters 6:30 Church Council	<i>22</i>  7:00 Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service	<i>23</i> THANKSGIVING (office closed)	<i>24</i> BLACK FRIDAY (office closed)	<i>25</i>
<i>26</i> 10:00 Worship Svc After: Coffee Social 11:00 Sunday School 11:00 4th Sunday Women's Bible Study 5:00 Friendsgiving 6:30 Trinity Volleyball	<i>27</i>	<i>28</i> 10:00 Outreach Committee  7:00 Canby Bible Study	<i>29</i>	<i>30</i> 10:30 Bible Study		