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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.

MARCH 2024

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IMPORTANT DATES THIS MONTH

Mar 3/10/17/24: Youth Group

Mar 3/10/17/24: Trinity
Volleyball

Mar 5: CE Board

Mar 5/19: Quilters

Mar 6: Dorcas

Mar 7/14/21/28: Thursday
Bible Study

Mar 9: Transition Projects
Meal Delivery

Mar 13: Men's Lunch

Mar 19: Prayer & Praise at
Church

Mar 19: Church Council
Meeting

Mar 20: Elders Board Meeting

Mar 26: Outreach Committee

Mar 26: Canby Bible Study

Mar 28: Maundy Thursday

Mar 29: Good Friday

Mar 31: Easter Sunday

TRINITY STAFF

Rev. Ted Engelbrecht
Pastor

J. Patrick & Carol Moore
Administrative Assistants

WORDS FROM THE PASTOR - March 2024

Time marches on, indeed, and here we are already in March.

This whole month of March this year is made up of days in which we will remember and celebrate the ultimate foundation and reason for Jesus' ministry and life - Lent, Passion Week and Easter.

In the days of Lent we remember Jesus' temptation to not be obedient to His Father and to not suffer and die for our sins and sake, but rather to submit and make His life one of faith in His Father and of witness, love and service to the world.

In the week starting with Palm Sunday we remember that week we call Passion or Holy Week when we celebrate Maundy Thursday and the Last Supper, as well as the day we call Good Friday, which it was for us even though it meant humiliation, torture and death on the cross for our Savior.

But we end the month with the supreme celebration of Jesus' resurrection on Easter Sunday, which meant life for Him, but also eternal life for us who are His as a result.

During Lent we do our 'looking in the mirror' at our lives, remembering that, unlike Jesus, we succumb too often to temptation and sin, which is our destruction. But the 'destruction' of something else in the story of our Savior should also always figure in our thought and prayers.

In that last week of His life, Jesus attacked certain practices at the Temple in Jerusalem to cleanse it. When He was confronted by the priests and other authorities about His actions He answered with the following, as recorded in John 2:19 and 22:

"Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up. ' ... he was speaking about the temple of his body."

Indeed, partly because of that challenge in the Temple, the same priests and authorities would send Jesus to be killed. But just as He said He would be, He was raised from the dead on Easter and we will be too, upon our deaths, because of that.

The Jerusalem Temple would subsequently be destroyed around 70 AD, but for Christians that would not matter, for as Luke related in Acts 17:24:

"The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man."
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Indeed, in His revelation, Chapter 21:22, John is told who, ultimately, the real Temple is:

“I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb.”

In John’s Gospel, however, we read the real ‘good news’ the month all those years ago won for us. In Chapter 14:23 Jesus reminds us that:

“If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him.”

This is why as we look into the mirror during Lent, we shouldn’t only focus on our sinful faces looking back at us, but at the face of Jesus, who lives in us in our Baptism, who reminds us that He loves us, He forgives us, He enables us and He will be with us forever. So even in these days full of sad and troubling things and memories, we can truly say “Happy Lent.” Amen.

Pastor Ted

STEWARDSHIP #5 - 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 #5: TOUCH

TOUCH refers to the relationships we have with God and with each other. It is similar to what St. John wrote about in 1 John 1:3-4, and it starts with God: *“We proclaim to you that which we have seen and heard we so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed, our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.”*

TOUCH also relates to the relationships we have with our families, neighbors, coworkers, and others in our communities and society - and indeed the world. As God’s stewards, we are to adopt the role of a servant in our dealings with each other (John 13:14-15), provide for our family members (1 Timothy 5:8) and carry each other’s burdens (Galatians 6:2). In short, *“we are to use every opportunity to do good to others, especially to those who belong to the family of believers”* (Galatians 6:10).

While He was here on earth in visible form Jesus went about everywhere doing good to all He encountered - those who loved Him as well as those who hated Him. In Matthew 24:40 Jesus said, *“I tell you the truth, whatever you did (fed the hungry, gave drink to the thirsty, clothed the naked, and visited those who were sick or in prison) for one of the least of these brothers of Mine, you did it for me.”*

How blessed it is to have many opportunities to “TOUCH” others in so many positive ways. What joy we will have when the King on the last day declares to us: *“Well done, good and faithful servant,”* (Matthew 25:21) because you took the time and made the effort to touch one of the least of My brothers.

CONTRIBUTIONS\$

The figures to the right reflect all contributions received through February 29, 2024, including all end-of-month electronic contributions. Once again, thank you for your generosity, in time, talent, treasure, testimony and touch. We’ll be thanking for a few more things (see above) in the coming months.

2023 Collections	Actual	Budget	Difference	%, +/-
Month-to-Date	\$ 14,598	\$ 16,423	\$ (1,825)	-11.1%
Year-to-Date	\$ 29,919	\$ 32,846	\$ (2,927)	-8.9%
Total Yearly Collection Budget:		\$213,500		

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

About the only thing that's adding color outside are those funky oak trees that hold onto their brown leaves until this year's leaves start budding. And, let's be honest, of all the beauty in God's creation, those leaves just aren't on the "Top Ten" list.

Rather than supporting the airlines by purchasing flowers flown in from exotic places during the winter months, we'll be primarily using potted flowers from local nurseries. If you'd like to help out, contact Connie Adams.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD NEWS

The Christian Education Board is asking YOU to think how you might volunteer for VBS this summer. There will be just the right job for you to use your skills and abilities! It could be helping prepare, the week before VBS or interacting with the students the week of July 21-25. It is exciting to see/hear their delight as they learn about Jesus, their Savior, and His great love and care for them.

This year: VBS will be JULY 21-25!
The Theme: SCUBA--DIVING INTO GOD'S WORD.

Very soon, in the narthex, there will be a Donation Board for you to see how you might share/donate an item or 2 to help prepare for our curriculum preparation. Thanks in advance. The registration link for VBS will be shared at the end of May.

- The Sunday Adult Bible Class is doing a study entitled: 7 DAYS. Dave Wilson (facilitator) says after Worship Service and a "goodies & fellowship" time, you are invited to meet in the Library for study time.
- The Women's Bible Study continues to meet on the 4th Sunday in the Diamond Room with Carolyn.
- We are enjoying the sound of younger students (Pre-School--5th grade) in Room 1 for a Sunday School lesson.
- Thank you, parents/grandparents, for bringing the children.

RETURN OF THE RED FOOD BARREL

Food from the Red Barrel was delivered to the Oregon City United Methodist Church in February. A total of 166 pounds of food were delivered, but there were a lot of cereal boxes in the total, which is a welcome commodity for the families with children. Thank you for your generosity!

If you are doing any fasting during Lent, whether that's eating smaller meals, skipping meals, or cutting back on certain items, feel free to donate what you're saving to the food barrel or another worthy cause.



**2023–2025 MISSION GRANT NO. 8: EXPANDING GOSPEL PROCLAMATION WORLDWIDE
CONCORDIA SEMINARY, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI | \$100,000**

Advanced Theological Education for International Students

We rejoice knowing that in a number of countries, Christianity, including Lutheranism, is growing, and increased numbers of people are being reached with the Good News of Jesus Christ. However, ensuring the continued spread of the Gospel overseas with informed interpretation of Scripture according to Lutheran doctrine is highly dependent on addressing the significant shortage of well-formed pastors in several countries. Many nations have few seminary professors with advanced-level theological educations. The consequence is that these countries' Lutheran church bodies are unable to adequately train and produce well-formed pastors. They see Concordia Seminary as the gold standard. A seminary is where you send someone to prepare them to serve their church in a meaningful way. They know Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, has over 180 years of experience in quality theological education. They look at the history and see the results.



Concordia Seminary is committed to addressing this concern to further the Great Commission with its Graduate School's ongoing acceptance and preparation of highly qualified international students. Most of these students, after earning their advanced theological degrees, will become master and doctorate level professors at their countries' seminaries. They will assume key roles in raising up the next generation of pastors to proclaim the Gospel among their people. They also will serve as leaders involved in further organizing and growing their church bodies, helping ensure that those living in every region of their nations will hear and learn of the wonderful message of salvation through Christ.



The Graduate School provides high-level theological learning via an interactive seminar format that includes frequent discussion and exchange of information, concepts, and opinions. Foreign students have shared their education not just academically, but there is a deeper spiritual engagement in these courses as well. The Seminary

faculty make themselves available outside the classroom. They engage the students by talking with them and learning from them. The foreign students attend chapel and participate in numerous seminary conferences.

Your contribution of "mites" may not seem like very much on an individual basis, but the collection of these mite contributions throughout the world has a big impact on the sharing of the good news of God's love for us through Jesus. Whichever Presidents you might be contributing (you can always toss in a Benjamin Franklin, Alexander Hamilton, or a Sacagawea as well), the LWML thanks you for your contributions.



EASTER BREAKFAST

MARCH 31, STARTS AT 8:30 AM

The Rancho Santa Marta mission team will be taking the lead in putting on the Easter breakfast. Invite a friend. We will begin serving at 8:30 am. Donations will help with the missionary trip.



Easter Breakfast, followed by Easter Worship, would be a great way to introduce a friend or neighbor to Trinity. Breakfast casseroles were well received last year and will be a repeat performance this year, along with the usual goodies and accompaniments.

BAKE SALES!

The Rancho Santa Marta mission team will be holding Bake Sales on Sunday, March 17 and Easter Sunday, March 31. Your generosity as you purchase some delectables will definitely be appreciated!



TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH | COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES | November 21, 2023

Attendees: Vice-President Rhoda Bohr, Finance Committee Rep Connie Adams, Secretary Ronda Corless, Pastor Ted Engelbrecht, Elder Jeff Allen, Property Board Herb Meissel, Christian Education Rep Carolyn Stucky, Facilities Use Rep Gail Allen & Sheila Wahl

Rhoda opened the meeting with a prayer. Carolyn shared a devotion based on Psalm 103.

October minutes were approved.

Rhoda shared a guest presentation representing Advent by Candlelight. There will be special music, Phyllis will be playing piano and violin. Rhoda is asking for \$100 to help with the music. Connie said Phyllis can send in a written request for the fee for this music and this can be paid out of Outreach. Council agreed.

Facilities Use: Sheila Wahl (Present - Report Attached)

Gail said the facilities use committee would like anyone using the property for more than a single day use, to complete a rental agreement/contract detailing where they are allowed to use etc. A single day use will still use the Facility Use Application. Facilities Use committee is requesting that there be a specific location for all facility use contracts and applications so they know the details of the facility use.

****Motion was made and seconded to accept the proposed Non-Member Contract Policy as proposed: Single use tenants need to sign only the Facilities Use Application form, provide insurance documentation if applicable, and pay appropriate fee to secure facility use. Multi-day use (long term) tenants need to sign a Facility Use Application form, provide insurance documentation, pay the rental deposit and fee and sign a TOC Contract itemizing the specifics of their use agreement. *Motion passed unanimously.***

****Motion was made and seconded to accept the Generic TOC Rental and Use Contract as the instrument to be used to prepare specific contracts for proposed tenants. *Motion passed unanimously.***

****Motion was made and seconded to accept the updated Facilities Use Application form including the rate/fee changes as presented to Church Council this date, copy attached. *Motion passed unanimously.***

****Motion was made and seconded to offer Sunshine Early Learning Center the TOC Proposal as shown in response to Sunshine's Item 3 "fair alternative". (see attached). *Motion passed unanimously.***

****Motion was made to require a written contract with Portland Metro Community Management LLC incorporating only and all of the provisions previously agreed upon by the Church Council. *Committee chair Gail Allen has withdrawn this motion.* Council will provide Facilities use committee any needed information regarding the facility rent with Portland Metro Community Management LLC.**

Gail asked if council is ok with extending NW Elite a contract with new rates. Council said yes.

Rhoda noted that there needs to only be one church calendar and committees need to make sure their information is added to the one calendar.

Christian Ed: Carolyn Stucky (Present -Report Attached)

Outreach: Pastor Ted/Connie Adams (Present—No Report)
Pastor reported that there has been low attendance at the Outreach activities. There were only 5 people at the movie night. If we are going to have the events, there needs to be more attendance. There will be an event in December. Outreach needs some new people to be on the committee to help with getting some new energy for events, etc.

Pastor Report: Pastor Ted (Present—Report Attached)

Elders: Jeff Allen: (Present - Report Attached)

There will not be a Christmas day service. There will be no Sunday school or Bible class on Christmas Eve but there will be on New Years Eve. It was requested to have the youth participate in the Christmas Eve services.

Finance Committee: Connie Adams (Present - Report Attached)

For the month ending October 31, 2023, the church reports a gain from operations of \$2,157. For the 10-month period ending October 31, 2023, the church reported an overall loss of \$39,465 from operations.

Property Board: Herb Meissel (Present - Report Attached)

There is a sign up board in the narthex. Leaves need blown, If there is not volunteer to do it, we will have to hire it out. Sheila said the quilters are requesting some brighter led lights in the quilters room.

President: Brian Hawkins (Absent - No Report)

Vice President: Rhoda Bohr (Present - No Report)

Unfinished Business - None

New Business

On December 20, 2023, there was an email motion was made by Connie Adams to purchase gifts cards for the amounts listed below using Council Special Funds as done in the past (Pastor \$400, J. Pat & Carol \$250). Through email responses, motion passed unanimously.

Next meeting will be January 16, 2024 at 6:30pm. Carolyn will do the devotion.

Pastor closed the meeting with a prayer at 8:45pm.

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	
March 3 rd	Elders
March 10 th	Elders
March 17 th	Elders
March 24 th	Elders
March 31 st	Elders

Communion Set-Up	
March 3 rd	Carol Wilson
March 10 th	Carol Wilson

Lectors (10 am Service)	
March 3 rd	Marilyn Allen
March 10 th	Rhoda Bohr
March 17 th	Levi Darnell
March 24 th	Contemporary Service
March 31 st	Steve Cameron



Flower Contact	Connie Adams 503.631.7446
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Flowers		
March 3 rd	Vase available	
March 10 th	Vase available	
March 17 th	Vase available	
March 24 th	Vase available	
March 31 st	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

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Diane Ledgerwood

Prayer Chain

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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**

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BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Laurel Gray
3	4 Janell Finzel	5 Annalise Noss Tom & Julie Handy	6	7 Lloyd Benjamin	8 Kathy Nickles Jessica Petrone	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 Dan & Terina Trappe	18	19 Steven & Teresa Doss	20 Rhoda Bohr Stella Corless Ryan & Karen Walker	21	22 Jim & Becky Hilton	23
24/31 24: Mark Turner 31: Neva Abele	25 Rob Collette	26 Oliver Noss	27 Jean Bohr Michael & Joan Hagedorn	28 Dick Brooks Marie Karay Connie Stevenson	29	30

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TRINITY EVENTS CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>
					6:00p <i>The Fun Flyers</i>	
3 3rd Sunday of Lent 10:00 Worship Svc After: Coffee Social 11:00 Sunday School 6:30 Trinity Volleyball 6:30 Youth Group	4	5 10:00 CE Board 1:00 Quilters	6 10:30 Dorcas 7:00 Wednesday Midweek Worship Service	7 10:30 Bible Study	8	9 2:00 Transition Projects Meal Delivery
10 Daylight Saving? 4th Sunday of Lent 10:00 Worship Svc After: Coffee Social 11:00 Sunday School 6:30 Trinity Volleyball 6:30 Youth Group	11	12	13 11:30 Men's Lunch @ Stanley's Corner 7:00 Wednesday Midweek Worship Service	14 10:30 Bible Study	15	16
					6:00p <i>The Fun Flyers</i>	
17 5th Sunday of Lent St. Patrick's Day 10:00 Worship Svc After: Coffee Social 11:00 Sunday School 6:30 Trinity Volleyball 6:30 Youth Group	18	19 9:30 Prayer & Praise 1:00 Quilters 6:30 Church Council	20 11:00 Elders Board Meeting 7:00 Praise Team Practice	21 10:30 Bible Study	22	23
24/31 24: Palm Sunday Same as 17th plus 4th Sunday Women's Bible Study 31: Easter Sunday 8:30 Breakfast 10:00 Worship	25	26 10:00 Outreach Committee 7:00 Canby Bible Study	27 7:00 Praise Team Practice	28 10:30 Bible Study 7:00 Maundy Thursday	29 7:00 Good Friday Worship Service	30 <i>Holy Saturday</i>