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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.

APRIL 2022

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IMPORTANT DATES THIS MONTH

- Apr 5: Quilters
- Apr 6: Dorcas
- Apr 6: Seder Demonstration
- Apr 9: Transition Projects
Meal Prep
- Apr 11: Church council
- Apr 12: Outreach Committee
- Apr 13: Men's Lunch
- Apr 14: Maundy Thursday
- Apr 15: Good Friday
- Apr 17: Easter (incl. Brunch)
- Apr 19/20: The Father's Heart
Meal Prep
- Apr 23: Confirmation Retreat
- Apr 24: 4th Sunday Women's
Bible Study

TRINITY STAFF

Rev. Ted Engelbrecht
Pastor

J. Patrick & Carol Moore
Administrative Assistants

WORDS FROM THE PASTOR

It's already April and Lent is coming to its end - or rather, its conclusion - in Holy Week and Easter.

When Jesus said **'it is finished'** on the cross the word he used in Greek is a form of the root word 'telos,' which means more like "it is accomplished" or "it is completed," rather than "it is all done." (Think - the meal is prepared for eating rather than it is all eaten up!)

For indeed, Jesus' death on the cross was the beginning of something more than an end to it. With his death comes new life, beginning with His resurrection, as we read in 2 Corinthians 5:14ff

"For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.

*From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. **Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.** All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation;"*

In these verses we have a good example of the paradigm of Christian life and Lutheran theology: **Law-Gospel-Challenge**. We see the **Law**, which shows us our sin, which has to be paid for by death, is paid for us by Jesus. This is the **Gospel**. But we often forget the third part of this - our response to this wonderful and salvific news. The **Challenge** here is that He now has given that ministry of reconciliation to us - meaning that we are now called to pass on that good news - the Gospel - to others.

We Lutherans remember well the first part of the most famous words in Ephesians, which start in verses 8-9:

"For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast."

But we often forget verse 10, which follows directly:

"For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them."

As we end our Lenten time of remembering our sins, let us not forget our Savior, who died for them and with that makes us a 'new creation' in Him. But let us also remember that He died for everyone's sins and He counts on us to witness to that as we follow His command to not just love God, but to love our neighbors - whomever they might be, too. We do this not just by sharing our faith, but attending to their earthly needs, too. Amen.

Pastor Ted

NOTICE OF CONGREGATIONAL VOTERS MEETING

Sunday, May 1, 2022

The Agenda will be set at the Council Meeting on Monday, April 11, and sent out via email, as well as included in Sunday Bulletins.

If you have not received an email from the church recently, please contact the office (503-632-5554 or office@trinityoc.org).

Please plan on attending this important meeting.

EASTER BRUNCH

Hosted by the Youth Group as a fundraiser for the
Rancho Santa Marta Missionary Trip

Pancakes & Syrup, Bacon, Sausage and Eggs, Coffee and Juice

Easter Sunday, serving starts at 8:00 am; Worship Service at 10:00 am

Freewill Donations accepted

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday Adult Bible Studies: Brian Hawkins leads a study in the Library on Sundays after the Worship Service. Carolyn Stucky leads the Women's Bible Study in Room 10 on the 4th Sunday of the month, after the Worship Service.

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 after the Worship Service.

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 has organized a Bible Study in the Canby Area, 4th Tuesdays at 7 pm.

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. It's not that scary to be a Bible Study leader.

OUTREACH: MEALS FOR THOSE IN NEED

A big THANK YOU to all the hands who make meal preparation so light.

The Father's Heart is transitioning back to meals being served *in* their facility, rather than *from* their facility in takeout containers. Their plan is to serve meals at the tables, rather than serving from a line. This will help give more of a home feel to the meal service, rather than a cafeteria style service as in years past. Before the pandemic, Trinity has both prepared and served the meal. If you are able to help out with cooking the night before, meal prep on the day of, or delivery and serving, please contact Pat Benjamin.



At this time, the Transition Project meal prep continues, but until changes are made, we're still dropping off the food. We look forward to being able to sit down and share both the meal and fellowship with their clients.

The Outreach Committee appreciates all the food that has been dropped off to help with the meals. At this time, we have enough rice and noodles to last quite a while; please feel free to continue donating cream soups, Rotel tomatoes & chilis, and frozen meats. Non-perishable items can be left in the gray bin on the counter, and meats can be put in the freezer in the kitchen. You have been so generous in your donations to The Father's Heart and Transition Projects.

40 DAYS OF GIVING LENTEN FOOD DRIVE

Yes, "One CAN Make a Difference!" We are again collecting food to donate to the HOPE (Helping Other People Eat) food program during Lent, and hoping to be able to deliver as much (or more!) food than last year. Our prayer is that our gifts of food will fill not only tummies with food but hearts with love as well. There will be some suggestion sheets and plastic bags available in the Narthex.

THE FATHER'S HEART - IMMEDIATE AND ONGOING DONATION NEEDS

The Father's Heart recently shared stories of four of their clients who were able to transition from being homeless to having an apartment. Hooray! Your efforts and support are making a difference in lives.

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.

COMPASSION INTERNATIONAL - Written by Zoe Noakes – Compassion International

In early March 2020, I was on a storytelling trip to El Salvador for Compassion. One minute we were loading the van to head to a child development center, the next we were packing our bags to rush to the airport — urgently called home as COVID-19, a seemingly distant threat, suddenly became very real. In a matter of weeks, the world felt like it shut down.

Ever since, my days have been spent at home, sharing stories about how the pandemic is affecting children living in poverty. These stories (told by our incredible local photojournalists) will stay with me forever.

Yhovana’s is one of them. When COVID-19 hit Bolivia, her husband lost his job. She works at a farm. One day, desperate to feed her four children, she looked down at the bucket of chicken guts she fed to her employer’s pigs. She had no choice. “I collected the nicer intestines to bring home,” she says, “to cook and eat.” When Compassion’s local church partner heard this, they delivered groceries. Yhovana’s family didn’t just need food, but they also deserved dignity.

Another is a grandmother in Brazil. She had just been handed a basket heaving with food by our local church partner. She was all alone. Concerned, the pastor asked if she needed help to carry it. Her response brought tears to his eyes. “It would be heavier if it were empty,” she replied.

Or Tribin, a mother in Bangladesh. Even before the pandemic, she and her husband struggled to earn enough to feed their little girls. In what is the most challenging season of their lives, she says the pandemic has taught her to believe in miracles. The church keeps providing food for them at just the right time. As she puts her daughters to bed, she tells them, “God has taught us that even when times are dark, He will show us a way through the darkness.

If these stories broke my heart, others made me laugh. In the Philippines, a teenage boy rode a water buffalo with a karaoke machine blaring to spread joy and raise funds for COVID-19 patients. In El Salvador, a family coped with being cooped up at home by creating their own stationary bicycle — using their bodies. Their youngest boy, little Josue, was the wheels.

Mostly, though, I am left in awe of people’s courage, dedication, and capacity to continually pour out love upon vulnerable families. In 2020, the world shut its doors and closed its borders. Yet people like our sponsors, supporters, and church partners opened their hands and their hearts. In dozens of different languages, they said, “What do you need? We are here for you.”

In a year that many of us would like to erase, truly beautiful things happened. In the Japanese art of Kintsugi, broken pottery pieces are repaired with gold. By embracing the flaws and imperfections, it creates a stronger, more beautiful piece. 2020 was a year that often felt broken, but I saw how God filled the cracks with bright, shining gold.

EASTER FLOWERS

Trinity will be accepting donations for the Easter Flowers, starting this Sunday. Look for envelopes to fill out and drop in the adjacent basket on Sunday. Donations will be accepted this Sunday, and the first two Sundays of April. You may donate in memory of someone or in honor of someone. On Easter, Pastor Ted will have a list of those who are remembered or honored and will be blessing the flowers.

CONFIRMATION RETREAT AND CELEBRATION

The Confirmation Retreat has been scheduled for Saturday, April 23, 9:30 am to 1:30 pm. We need a commitment from our Confirmands by Palm Sunday to attend this retreat. Confirmation Sunday has been scheduled for Sunday, June 5.

CONTRIBUTIONS

As the pandemic winds down, we should be getting back to regular counting; in the meantime, we have counters who come in twice a month to count.

A big thank you to all donors who have been sustaining Trinity through the pandemic. Many churches cut back severely on their budgets due to a drop in contributions.

2022 Collections	Actual	Budget	Difference	%, +/-
Last Sunday	\$ 5,687	\$ 5,000	\$ 687	13.7%
Month-to-Date	\$ 18,432	\$ 15,000	\$ 3,432	22.9%
Year-to-Date	\$ 54,956	\$ 65,000	\$ (10,044)	-15.5%
Total Yearly Collection Budget:		\$260,000		
Attendance	March 27	84		

Lutheran Women in Mission

Mt Hood Zone

Spring 2022 Women's Event

Date: April 30, 2022 ~ Time: 9:30am to 1pm

Where: Ascension Lutheran Church

1440 SE 182nd AVE, PORTLAND, OR, 97233



LOVING WELL



Key Verses: John 15: 9, 12-13 - "As the Father has loved Me, so have I loved you. Abide in My love. This is My Commandment that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends."

Special Guest: Terry Putnam - Bethesda Auxiliary Oregon Unit
President – who will lead our bible study



Ingathering: will benefit **AbleLight**
(formerly Bethesda Lutheran Communities)

Top 10 NEEDS are: Bath Towels, Wash Cloths, Dish Cloths, Hand Soap/Sanitizer,
Bathroom Cleaning Spray, Glass Cleaner, Toilet Bowl Cleaner, Toilet Paper,
Facial Tissue, and Paper Towels

We are also including a servant event in our gathering. We will be assembling beaded Cross bracelets to give to missionaries, a project Ascension has been working on through Lent.

There will be coffee, tea and water provided. No breakfast or lunch will be served. Please bring a sack lunch and enjoy the fellowship of other Lutheran Women in Mission as we learn to Love Well.



TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH | COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES | February 23, 2022

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

Pastor opened the meeting with a prayer

Guest Presentation by Angie Stone, Ahtia Clack, and Cary Martenson about adding a contemporary worship service. This idea has already been taken to the Elders, Pastor and a survey was sent out to the church members regarding a contemporary service. The service results showed that about 60% of those that responded were interested in a contemporary service and 60% would like it to be Sunday AM after Sunday School. They have researched some other LMCS churches and outlined a service that is more casual, flows well and keeps true to our Lutheran roots. They reached out to some other growing LCMS churches to see what they are doing to grow and noted that we want to be an outreach to others and a welcoming atmosphere. Pastor is willing to be there no matter when the service is held. Praise team would move to second service and Phyllis could play some praise music on the piano in addition to the organ. Craig reported that 8 of 8 Elders agree with the contemporary service proposal but not sure about the requested time change of the first service, as it may be too early for some members. The 8:30am time may need to be adjusted slightly. Angie and Ahtia have discussed not having a bulletin but only have projection or they are willing to help with a bulletin but want to keep it very simple. Pastor suggested Angie and Ahtia talk with J. Pat and Phyllis as well. Brian noted that we need to focus not on ourselves but on who we want to reach by having a contemporary service. There was discussion about marketing the service so it is attractive to all and reaches others through the correct social media avenues. May be worth talking to some technical staff at other churches to see what they do. This was brought to council to keep council informed and to add to the agenda for the May congregation meeting. All ideas are welcome as this is all still being planned and discussed. Cary added that the focus is going to be on people that are attracted to a more contemporary service and will be less intimidating to those that are not used to coming to a church service.

The January meeting minutes were approved.

Christian Education: Carolyn Stucky (Present-No Report)
My devotions and Lenten devotions were ordered for the next quarter. VBS material has arrived and they will be discussing the material with Ann and Pastor. Carolyn is now taking care of the finances for the Christian Ed board. Melissa explained the process of how finances are handled for CE purchases. Carolyn noted that a Confirmation retreat is being discussed.

Outreach: Pastor Ted/Craig Nickles (Present-No Report)
Bingo will be Saturday February 26th at 6:30pm. The goal of outreach is to have one event per month.

AVIT: Paul Petrone (Absent-No Report)
Hourly charge for computer service at the company Jim Clack works for is \$125, J. Pat can schedule having the work previously discussed done. Equipment in crow's nest is old, Troy is going to lead an effort to get rid of the old items.

Pastor Report: Pastor Ted (Present-No Report)
Pastor wanted to follow up on having someone help us with our vision. He spoke with Pastor Linnemann who suggested

that we have someone write a letter to Pastor Linnemann or Dust Kunkel requesting them to come and help us, Pastor will write the letter. He also asked about the bylaws. Pastor Linnemann said that we can change the bylaws and submit them to the district office for approval. The Seder meal presentation will be on April 6th at the Wednesday night service. We may need to pay the presenter for the Seder meal, pay for his hotel, or he may be expecting to have a donation basket at the door. Melissa suggested that Pastor or outreach committee contact the presenter to get the details of his travel and what he expects for fees, etc.

There was discussion about the option of renting our facility to a school in the future. It was suggested that an agenda idea be added to the May meeting to discuss the property and building use and possibly having a building use committee. The congregation needs to have input. Melissa volunteered to be a contact person for questions about building use. Insurance guidelines for building use will be sent to J. Pat so if anyone requests to use the building for an event that there are clear guidelines. Council discussed that if someone requests to use the building for an event and meets all guidelines, then J. Pat can schedule the event. If an event requests alcohol, it would need to be approved by the President, Vice President or Treasurer.

Elders: Craig Nickles (Present-No Report)
Elders are meeting on Sundays after service for now. The contemporary service was presented at their meeting. Craig has been encouraging Elders to keep calling those that have not been at church.

Treasurer Report: Melissa Deyoe (Present-See Report)
For the month ending January 31, 2022, the church reports a gain from operations of \$911. For the 1 month period ending January 31, 2022, the church reports an overall gain of \$349 from operations.

Financial Secretary: Connie Adams (Absent-No Report)

Property Board: Herb Meissel (Present-No Report)
Herb noted that he has several projects for when the weather gets warmer and he will put out a notice for helpers. He will need to rent a backhoe.

President: Brian Hawkins (Present-No Report)

Vice President: Troy Palmer (Present-No Report)

Unfinished Business - None

New Business

The next council meeting will be on March 15, 2022 and will be at the church. Brian will do the devotion. Congregation meeting will be May 1, 2022 and any information regarding the meeting needs to be to J. Pat by April 6th. Agenda items will include bylaws, building use committee, contemporary worship service, budget update, and second term elections.

Craig closed the meeting in prayer at 8:30pm.

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	
Apr. 3 rd	Elders
Apr. 10 th	Elders
Apr. 17 th	Elders
Apr. 24 th	Elders

Communion Set-Up	
Apr. 3 rd	TBA
Apr. 17 th	TBA

Lectors	
Apr. 3 rd	Ray C
Apr. 10 th	Rhoda B
Apr. 17 th	Craig N
Apr. 24 th	Marilyn A

Flower Contact	Carol Wilson 503.502.7448
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Flowers		
Apr. 3 rd	<i>Vases available</i>	
Apr. 10 th	<i>Vases available</i>	
Apr. 17 th	<i>Vases available</i>	
Apr. 24 th	<i>Vases available</i>	

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)

Audio, Video, Information Technology

Paul Petrone

Outreach

Pat Benjamin; Carol Wilson

Christian Education Board

Henrietta Brooks
Angie Stone
Carolyn Stucky

Facility & Building Use

Herb Meissel

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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**

APRIL 2022

BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Chloe Corless	2
3	4	5 Annette Taylor	6	7	8 Helen Gonsolus Jaclyn Trappe	9
10 John Dull	11	12	13 Carol Wilson	14 Colby Van Orsow	15	16
17 Larry Sparks	18	19	20 Vicki Taylor Jesse Bills	21	22	23
24 Wilbur & Jean Bohr Mark & Rhonda Corless	25 Jim & Daisy Teske	26 Deborah Swanson	27	28 Kori Muth	29	30

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TRINITY EVENTS CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 6:00p The Fun Flyers	2
3 10:00 Worship Svc 11:00 Sunday School	4 10:30 Caregivers Support Group 6:30 Volleyball	5 1:00 Quilters	6 10:30 Dorcas 6:30 Seder Demonstration Service	7 10:30 Bible Study	8	9 TBA Transition Projects Meal Prep
10 10:00 Worship Svc 11:00 Sunday School	11 6:30 Caregivers Support Group 6:30 Volleyball 6:30 Council	12 9:00 Prayer & Praise 6:30 Outreach Committee	13 11:30 Men's Lunch @ Stanley's Corner	14 MAUNDY THURSDAY 10:30 Bible Study 7:00 Maundy Thursday Worship Service	15 GOOD FRIDAY 7:00 Good Friday Worship Service	16
17 EASTER SUNDAY 8:00 Easter Brunch 10:00 Worship Svc	18 10:30 Caregivers Support Group 6:30 Volleyball	19 9:00 Prayer & Praise 1:00 Quilters 6:30 The Father's Heart Meal Prep	20 7:00 The Father's Heart Meal Prep 10:45 Meal Service	21 10:30 Bible Study	22	23 9:30 Confirmation Retreat 1:30 pick-up time
24 10:00 Worship Svc 11:00 Sunday School 11:00 4th Sunday Women's Bible Study	25 6:30 Caregivers Support Group 6:30 Volleyball	26 9:00 Prayer & Praise	27 7:00 Wednesday Midweek Worship Service	28 10:30 Bible Study	29	30