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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.

JANUARY 2024

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Jan 2/16: Quilters

Jan 3: Dorcas

Jan 4/11/18/25: Thursday
Bible Study

Jan 7/14/21/28: Youth Group

Jan 7/14/21/28: Trinity
Volleyball

Jan 10: Men's Lunch

Jan 16: Prayer & Praise at
Church

Jan 16: Church Council
Meeting

Jan 17: Elders Board Meeting

Jan 20: Transition Projects
Meal Prep

Jan 23: Canby Bible Study

Jan 23: Outreach Committee

TRINITY STAFF

Rev. Ted Engelbrecht
Pastor

J. Patrick & Carol Moore
Administrative Assistants

WORDS FROM THE PASTOR - January 2024

Happy New Year! We thank the Lord for another *Anno Domini* and pray that He will indeed be Lord of it for each of us.

As Christians, most of the celebrations at this time of year focused on the birth of that Lord at Christmas. Indeed, His birth is the real 'recharging of our batteries' that we all need to face another year.

His Lordship doesn't change with each year - or every 4 years - but lasts forever. That is good news, indeed, as we can only truly thrive with Him in charge.

One of the traditions at the end of Advent and just before we celebrate Jesus' birth at Christmas is to recite the Great "O Antiphons," something we did in our last Midweek Service. Calling on Jesus as Lord, we call Him by some of His various titles and names and ask Him to act on and for us as each:

O Wisdom, O Adonai (Lord), O Root of Jesse, O Key of David, O Dayspring, O King of the Nations, O Emmanuel, O Savior!

Of course, calling on Him as such means letting Him be in charge of each of our lives, and that means taking His guidance for our lives seriously. We read in 1 John 4:11-16 what this entails:

Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.

That guidance seems so simple compared to other traditions - *just love God and love neighbor* - without a whole list of what to or what not to eat, how to or how not to dress, worship, or even order our day(s), though those things are not bad in themselves, either. But those 'simple' guidelines of loving God and loving neighbor, as anyone who takes them seriously knows, can take our every effort!

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Thanks be to God He doesn't leave us to do that alone and forgives us when we can't. Loving neighbor chiefly involves serving them with the various gifts God gives us in the various vocations He puts us in, but loving God chiefly involves trusting Him - to love us, to empower us with His grace, to enlighten us with His Holy Spirit to be able to live lives that glorify Him and edify and help our neighbors towards making a local/national/global community that is both just and merciful more of a reality. That helps each of us, too!

May the Lord work that in a special way this AD 2024 for each of us and in our congregation for our good and that of all our neighbors. Amen.

Pastor Ted

STEWARDSHIP #3 - 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 #3: TREASURE

Treasure usually refers to our money and other possessions which can be turned into it.

The Bible has some things to say about money, specifically, in terms of the wise use and management of it: "As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life." (1 Tim 6:17-19)

There are only a few things we can do with money - earn it, give it, save it, spend it and bequeath it. Good stewardship means striving to find a healthy balance with these uses. For example, one can get so concerned with earning it that s/he overworks at the expense of health and relationships. Or, one can get so carried away with spending it and not having any left for giving and saving.

Money by itself is not sin-inducing, just the love of it is, when that love becomes idolatry (! Tim 6:10). Scripture allows us to enjoy life and what it gives us, but the Holy Spirit working in our new nature in Christ moves us past self-love to doing things not just for ourselves but to use our money also for the common good. What joy will follow us into heaven when our glorious Lord commends us for our wise use of what is ultimately HIS money and says, "Well done, good and faithful servant!" (Matt 25:21.)

Jesus talked a lot about money. Sixteen of the thirty-eight parables were concerned with how to handle money and possessions. In the Gospels, an amazing one out of ten verses (288 in all) deal directly with the subject of money. The Bible offers 500 verses on prayer, less than 500 verses on faith, but more than 2.000 verses on money and possession. (Howard Dayton Jr., Leadership, Vol. 2, no. 2)

CONTRIBUTIONS

These figures reflect the amounts counted through December 31 including all electronic contributions made through December 31.

2023 Collections	Actual	Budget	Difference	%, +/-
Month-to-Date	\$ 28,670	\$ 21,634	\$ 7,036	32.5%
Year-to-Date	\$ 207,461	\$ 225,000	\$ (17,539)	-7.8%
Total Yearly Collection Budget:		\$225,000		

Thank you for your generosity! It's what pays all the expenses that keep the church running, which includes such mundane

things as utilities, insurance, maintenance, and keeps the staff at their desks, ready to help you through the year. It also pays for the music on Sundays and an occasional sausage for Pastor Ted.

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!).

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!

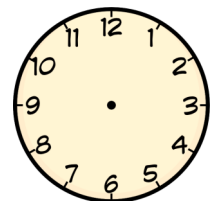
SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY

On Sunday, November 5 we began a Bible Study entitled "Unshakable: Standing on the Rock When Life Quakes Hard", by Donna Snow. We are walking 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 learn their history, we peer into their struggles, and see how God moved in their lives to teach us vital spiritual lessons today.

The last Biblical figure we'll be studying is: **John:** From Humble Fisherman to Beloved Disciple.

CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES?

The Church Council does not meet in December, the November Minutes will be published next month, after they have been approved at the January Council Meeting.



RETURN OF THE RED FOOD BARREL

After an extremely successful 2023, the Red Food Barrel is returning to the Narthex for 2024! Food donated in the barrel goes to the United Methodist Church on South End Road, where they join it to other contributions from the area and distribute it 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! Especially with electric rates increasing this month, your contributions will help to warm hearts as well as toes.

**2023–2025 MISSION GRANT NO. 4
FORTIFYING FAITH IN THOSE WITH VISION IMPAIRMENT
LUTHERAN BRAILLE WORKERS | \$100,000**

Lutheran Women in Mission

The Light of Christ for the Blind and Visually Impaired



There are millions of people throughout the world who are blind or visually impaired and are seeking to strengthen their faith as they cope with isolation and deal with physical, mental, and spiritual struggles. They desire to be able to read the words of the Lord themselves, so that they can feel and learn about the love of God and the salvation of Jesus. Even with advancements in technology, they still have difficulties accessing scriptural and theologically-related reading materials.

It is estimated that approximately 95% of the 253 million people around the world with moderate to severe vision impairment are unchurched, yet when it comes to ministering to this community, there are fewer than a handful of Christian organizations reaching out to provide help. Lutheran Braille Workers (LBW) continues to provide Bibles and other Christian materials in braille or specialized large print to help this under reached population feel connected to the family of Christ and grow in their faith. Those who have received and benefited from LBW materials have shared that without these volumes, they might never have learned to read and obtain basic life skills needed to survive in the world today.

Lutheran Braille Workers has been freely supplying materials in large print and braille to people who are visually impaired for over eighty years. This grant will help with the formatting, producing, and distributing of fifty to one hundred new Scripture-based materials and add to the LBW collection of resources to meet the spiritual and emotional needs of recipients with vision impairments around the world. Some of the materials include Lutheran Hour Ministries Connect Booklets and American missionary books from Mission Nation Publishing. There is also cooperation with other LCMS partners, such as Concordia Publishing House and the LCMS Synodical Headquarters to gain access to more titles as needed. This grant will develop and provide materials beyond the Bible that will help Christians develop and strengthen their faith.

Let him who walks in darkness and has no light trust in the name of the Lord and rely on his God (Isaiah 50: 10b).

Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life" (John 8: 12).

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	
Jan 7 th	Elders
Jan 14 th	Elders
Jan 21 st	Elders
Jan 28 th	Elders

Communion Set-Up	
Jan 7 th	TBA
Jan 21 st	TBA
Dec 31 st	TBA

Lectors (10 am Service)	
Jan 7 th	Levi Darnell
Jan 14 th	Steve Cameron
Jan 21 st	Julie Handy
Jan 28 th	Contemporary Service



Flower Contact	Connie Adams 503.631.7446
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Flowers		
Jan 7 th	Vase available	
Jan 14 th	Vase available	
Jan 21 st	Vase available	
Jan 28 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)

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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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
	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i> Jim Teske	<i>3</i> Kathy Rodwick Louis Miller III	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i> Sharon Peterson	<i>6</i>
<i>7</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i> Barney Keep Pastor Ted Engelbrecht & Jacqueline Noel	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>12</i> Willy Weninger Kayla Magenheimer	<i>13</i> Erich Lais
<i>14</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>16</i> Henrietta Brooks Colleen Brinkert Troy Palmer	<i>17</i> Joyce Dull Rose Turner	<i>18</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>20</i>
<i>21</i> Natalie Wandschneider	<i>22</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>24</i> Norman Wiebold	<i>25</i>	<i>26</i> Melissa Scroggins	<i>27</i>
<i>28</i>	<i>29</i> Jim Clack	<i>30</i> Charlotte Deyoe	<i>31</i> Kaylee Nickles			

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TRINITY EVENTS CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<i>1</i> New Years Day Office Closed	<i>2</i> 10:00 CE Board 1:00 Quilters	<i>3</i> 10:30 Dorcas 7:00 Praise Team Practice	<i>4</i> 10:30 Bible Study	<i>5</i> 6:00p The Fun Flyers	<i>6</i>
<i>7</i> 10:00 Worship Svc After: Coffee Social 11:00 Sunday School 6:30 Trinity Volleyball 6:30 Youth Group	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i> 11:30 Men's Lunch @ Stanley's Corner 7:00 Praise Team Practice	<i>11</i> 10:30 Bible Study	<i>12</i>	<i>13</i> 2:00 Transition Projects Meal Prep
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<i>28</i> 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	<i>29</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>31</i> 7:00 Praise Team Practice			