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TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



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LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

AUGUST 2025

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WORDS FROM THE PASTOR

I want to introduce to you my friend, my best friend: John Thomas Edward Myers. John passed away about this time last year of pancreatic cancer. I've known John since the sixth grade.

Looking at the student list slated for Mr. Gaast's classroom was "John Myers". I was disappointed. I knew a *Greg Meyers*. I like him and hoped that he was in my new class, but John...? John and I became friends almost immediately. He was the one guy I hung out with after school.

From the 7th grade through high school we both played football and joined the wrestling team. John took 2nd place in the state tournament, but he was always a champion to me. John was also a very talented artist. He painted and made sculptors. John had made a life sized sculptor of a butler complete with a serving tray that hung out in his family room. He was kind and he was fun. And I miss him...

Why am I telling you about John? There are numerous outreach strategies a congregation can adopt, depending on their passions and their resources. Every congregation is different. But one strategy, I believe, is universal. It is simply sharing your Lord Jesus Christ with others. And it doesn't have to be that hard! But two things are very important. Just like me introducing my friend John, you have to *know* someone and you have to *like/love* them. And then it becomes easy and natural!

And so, as your pastor I have two important jobs among others: first, I need to do my best in helping you to **know** Jesus. I can do that through worship and sermons. I can do it through Bible study. I can do it as we interact together. Second, I need to assist you in "**falling in love**" with Jesus over and over again. If you know him and love him it becomes natural for you to share him.

I shared John with you because I knew him and loved him. He made those awkward middle school, junior high, and high school years much more pleasant for me. In sharing him I honor him. My hope is that in the few months I am with you that I can help you in knowing Jesus better, and in knowing him better that you would love him more.

I look forward to seeing you in worship, joining you in Bible study, and working with you in your various ministries. And I look forward to many introductions.

Pastor Gary

TRINITY STAFF

Rev. Gary Hagen
Pastor

Kay Lynch
Office Manager

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

August 2025

Ah, the lazy days of summer. A time to relax, refresh, and contemplate the world as we know it and the world as we wish it to be.

With summer vacations winding down, we look ahead toward September's **Rally Day** as we kick off a new Sunday School year; keep an eye out for announcements with details of this year's celebration.

Last month I wrote about **Change**. In that vein, I would like to float an idea for your feedback.

How would you feel about a once-a-month Sunday evening "**Sing for Joy**" service, open to everyone, consisting of mostly music, sing-a-long plus assorted instrumental offerings, a short devotion, ending with a musical version of the Lord's Prayer?

The singing would be followed by youth Sunday School and fun activities. I am personally energized by participating in up-beat old-time Gospel music and the spiritual uplift of familiar hymns – **the message is in the music!**

Would the seniors be interested in sharing in the music that has colored their lives?

Would this be an attraction to younger families who skip Sunday morning services due to school and sports occupying much of their time from September to June?

Would it be an interesting evening to invite non-church going friends and neighbors to attend with you – a way to reach out to the larger community in support of the Great Commission "*Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation.*" Mark 16:15.

Please let me hear from you.

Many "Thank You's" to all the folks who worked on the **Vacation Bible School**, adults and youth! The children who attended were **jumping for Jesus** by the end of the week!

Also, many "Thank You's" to all who came out for **the Day-of-Doing**. Outside maintenance: fresh bark in the planting areas, pressure washed sidewalks and other cleanup, plus inside building, support to creating mats for the homeless it is all so very appreciated!

Blessings!

Sheila Wahl
Council President
971-998-6481

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD NEWS

VBS

The VBS days we've been waiting for arrived! From July 20-24 the church was busy inside and out with children learning about Jesus.

The theme was **True North—Trusting Jesus in a Wild World**. What a gift to know all ages of people can trust Jesus at ALL times. No matter if you are alone and worried; if you wonder about things; if you feel powerless; or if you need help or hope.



He is trustworthy and always with you. The words the children learned to all concerns is, Trust in Jesus. All ages can find comfort remembering those three words when the world seems wild.

Many thanks to all volunteers wherever you served. You were a blessing. Also many thanks to workers who spent hours creating the atmosphere of True North—Trusting Jesus so it would be inviting to students and adults. It would be exciting to see the real aurora borealis and have memories of the VBS theme, Trusting Jesus and His promises for us in all situations!

LIBRARY

Have you taken a look at the books on the Gray cart? Perhaps the new author will invite you to pursue a quiet time and a new adventure...READING!

YOUNG ADULTS

We continue to reach out to our young adults, college bound and work. We are looking forward to three more young people who have interests and have just graduated from Senior High School.

If you would like to pray for any or all of these young adults, please ask Carolyn and/or Henrietta for names. We are happy to share.

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY



Will Marshall will be completing the study of the book of JOB on August 10. Thank you Will for thoughtfully and faithfully helping us see the message of JOB.

If you would be interested in facilitating a new study for 6-8 weeks please contact Henrietta or Carolyn. We will be happy to help you find a study. The Library contains a rich source of studies.

Many blessings,
Henrietta Brooks



LWML OREGON DISTRICT RETREAT

"Seasoned with Salt"

Mark your calendar for September 19th—21st for the LWML Oregon District Retreat!

Walk in wisdom toward outsiders, making the best use of the time. Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person (Colossians 4:5-6).

Plan to enjoy a wonderful weekend! There will be time for fellowship, singing, crafts, a prayer walk, games, skits and enjoying great food together!

The event will be held at Aldersgate Retreat Center located at 7790 Marion Road SE, Turner, Oregon.

This is just a sample of activities you can expect: Bible Study—"Women-to-Women Mentoring" Devotion and Decorating—"Crazy for Cupcakes" and a Salsa Tasting Contest—"Best Salsa in the House"



A special retreat Newsletter and Registration forms can be found on the Welcome Center.

LWML OREGON DISTRICT GRANTS

#14 Project "Go" Share Jesus \$5,000

This grant aims to provide financial support for women of the Oregon District LWML to go on mission trips associated with LCMS churches, international partner churches, and LCMS RSOs to share Jesus' love in Word and Action. This grant will assist ten LWML women who may not have the re-sources for travel, food, and housing.



#17 Theological Libraries and Resources, Africa, \$5,000



The LCMS encourages and supports Lutheran churches across Africa in pastoral education. Students training to be pastors and deaconesses needed access to printed and digital resources in African theological seminaries and training centers.

This grant will help establish and fortify printed and digital library collections, cataloging, transport, and training for theological libraries of partner institutes and seminaries. Allowing students access to otherwise inaccessible knowledge, materials, and resources will equip and strengthen pastors and deaconesses to teach in regional Bible schools in parishes of 15–30 congregations.



I want to take a moment to thank all those contributed to fundraiser for the next biennium mission goal. 33 Mission Grants have been approved. What a wonderful convention and memorable event!

Carolyn Stucky



Bi-State Mission Walk The Biggest Mission Walk Ever

We would like to extend a big thank you to everyone who participated in the largest Mission Walk in Lutheran Women in Mission's history! More than 1,627 men, women, and children raised the \$73,610.04 (preliminary amount) as they trekked across the beautiful Bob Kerry Pedestrian Bridge. Between all walkers, approximately 3,436,224 steps were taken, which is more steps than it takes to walk from St. Louis to Los Angeles. The bridge connects Nebraska and Iowa, making this a doubly historic mission walk that spans two states. Lush gardens and green spaces, well-groomed trails, and stunning sculptures made the one-mile walk enjoyable for all.



33 New Mission Grants! And Many Other Big Numbers

Following another successful convention, we are pleased to announce that \$2,622,270 has been approved to fund 33 Mission Grants for the upcoming biennium. Thank you all for your continuous giving that continues to spread His love and His word across the world.

Other fun statistics include 272 singers in the choir, 806 attendees at the Wake Up In The Word Bible Study, 2,439 attendees using Whova, approximately 73,680 hugs given, and 10/10s for everyone brave enough to sing karaoke.

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH | COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Council Members

President: Sheila Wahl
Vice President: Pam Seelye
Treasurer: Connie Adams
Secretary: Ronda Corless

Elder: Jeff Allen
Property Board: Herb Meissel
Christian Education: Carolyn Stucky
Pastor: Gary Hagen

Minutes July 2025

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH Summarized Council Minutes

- Connie reported that the financial through June show we are over budget.
- There are several volunteers for VBS. Bible Studies have been meeting.
- Herb noted that the HVAC unit was a loose wire and doesn't need to be replaced. Herb is working on finding the leaks in the roof.
- The Day of Doing will be July 26th at 8am.
- Parrott Creek Residential is having an open house to view their new facility on August 2nd, 10am to 3pm at 22518 S. Parrott Creek, Oregon City.
- Love Inc. is having a 20 year celebration on July 31st at 6pm. Registration is required. Connie is the TLC Table Host.
- Gideons will be joining the Sunday Service / Announcements for updates on September 14th.

Ronda Corless
Council Secretary

GETTING INVOLVED

If you would like to become involved in any area of service here at Trinity OC, feel free to make a note on the Communication Card. If you have an article you would like to see published in *The Scroll*, please feel free to send an email to the office at office@trinity.org or stop by and say hello!

	Greeters
August 3	Elders
August 10	Elders
August 17	Elders
August 24	Elders
August 31	Elders

	Communion Set-Up
August 10	Carol Cameron/Steve Cameron
August 24	Carol Cameron/Steve Cameron
August 31	Carol Cameron/Steve Cameron

	Lectors
August 3	Stanette Rosenberger
August 10	Roda Bohr
August 17	Contemporary Service
August 24	Steve Cameron
August 31	Julie Handy

	Flowers for Worship
August 3	Flowers Needed
August 10	Flowers Needed
August 17	Flowers Needed
August 24	Flowers Needed
August 31	Flowers Needed

SO MANY WAYS TO GIVE!

There are many ways Trinity can receive additional donations as you go about your busy days.

Fred Meyer Community Rewards

Register Fred Meyer Community Rewards
www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards,
 Non-Profit Organization number SA 112.

Thrivent Choice Dollars

Do you have a life insurance policy through Thrivent or perhaps an annuity? If so, you may have Thrivent Choice Dollars waiting to be distributed. Thrivent grants amounts to each member quarterly to give away.

You can direct your dollars to the church if you choose to do so, or to an organization of your choice.

To direct your funds, login to your account on Thrivent.com or call Thrivent Member Care 800.847.4836

If you have questions, call Connie Adams, 503.631.7446.

SHARE YOUR FLOWERS

Contact Connie Adams to coordinate either donating flowers (preferred method), or arranging to make a donation to have flowers purchased on your behalf for an upcoming Sunday, or a full month of Sundays! There is also a sign up calendar on the bulletin board, in the hall across from the mailboxes if that's easier for you.

OUTREACH COMMITTEE

We are in search of a coordinator for our Outreach Committee. Please contact Shelia Wahl to discuss this opportunity.

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 (2025)
Al Bohr **H, I, J, O** 503.980.8047 (2025)
Ray Clack **M, N** 503.656.3891 (2025)
Levi Darnell **A, D, R** 503.631.7559 (2025)
Cary Martenson **C, G, K, V, Z** 503.632.3879 (2025)
Craig Nickles **F, W** 971.404.4771 (2026)
Dave Wilson **B, P, S** 503.632.4068 (2025)

Council Officers

President: Sheila Wahl (2026)
Vice President: Pam Seelye (2027)
Treasurer: Connie Adams (2027)
Recording Secretary: Rhonda Corless (2025)

Property Board

Herb Meissel (2025)

Audio, Video, Information Technology

Ahtia Clack

Outreach

[Volunteer Needed](#)

Christian Education Board

Henrietta Brooks
Carolyn Stucky

Facility & Building Use

Herb Meissel

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Bulletin & Scroll Editor: Kay Lynch, Office Manager

Office Hours

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Ministry Primary Contacts

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Diane Ledgerwood

Prayer Chain

Coordinator: Jacquie Ingalls ingalls.rose@yahoo.com

Prayer & Praise

Henrietta Brooks

LWML/Mission Guild

Carolyn Stucky

Quilters

Sheila Wahl

Communion Guild

Steve Cameron
Carol Cameron

Altar Guild

Colleen Brinkert
Gary Brinkert

Wednesday Bible Study

Pastor Gary Hagen

Thrivent

www.thrivent.com

Trinity Oregon City Missions and Contacts

Local Outreach

- **Transitions Projects** (Portland) Pat Benjamin
- **Love INC** Office 503.655.4223 ext. 2
- **True Housing** 503.234.8757
- **Lutheran Latino Ministries** PO Box 293, Mt. Angel, OR 97362
- **Parrott Creek Services** Dorcas Mission Guild & Quilters

National Outreach

- **LCMS Disaster Fund**
- **LWML**

International Outreach

- **Child Beyond International**, Guatemala
- **Compassion International**

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TRINITY EVENTS CALENDAR



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3 10am Worship Svc After: Coffee Social 11am Sunday School 6:30pm Youth Group	4 6:30pm Trinity Volleyball	5 9:30am CE Board 1pm Quilters	6 10:30am Bible Study 10:30am Dorcas 7pm Praise Team	7	8	9 9am Transition Projects Meal Delivery 10:30am Homebound Member Meal Prep
10 10am Worship Svc After: Coffee Social 11am Sunday School 6:30pm Youth Group	11 6:30pm Trinity Volleyball	12	13 10:30am Bible Study 11:30 am Men's Lunch 7pm Praise Team	14	15	16
17 10am Worship Svc After: Coffee Social 11am Sunday School 11am Elders Board Meeting 6:30pm Youth Group 6:30pm Encouragers	18 6:30pm Trinity Volleyball	19 9am Prayer & Praise 1pm Quilters 6:30pm Church Council	20 10:30am Bible Study 7pm Praise Team	21	22	23
24*/31 10am Worship Svc After: Coffee Social 11am Sunday School *11am Women's & Men's Bible Study 6:30pm Youth Group	25 6:30pm Trinity Volleyball	26 10am Outreach 7pm Canby Bible Study	27 10:30am Bible Study 7pm Praise Team	28	29	30



AUGUST 2025

Birthdays & Anniversaries



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Elaine Willis	2 Barbara & Brian Hawkins
3 Gideon Noss	4 Aimee Noss	5	6	7	8	9 Gail Allen
10	11	12	13 Jacquie Ingalls	14 Mark & Becky Turner	15	16
17 Beth Wilson Michael Van Orsow	18 David Wilson	19	20 Jo Ann Trappe Megan Gorsek	21	22	23
24 Brad Barrick Kyle Trappe Henrietta & Dick Brooks	25 Gail & Steve Allen	26 Connie Adams	27 Stanette Rosenberger	28	29	30 George Deines
31 Carolyn Stucky Al & Rhoda Bohr	David & Jeannie Baker					