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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.

NOVEMBER 2022

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IMPORTANT DATES THIS MONTH

- Nov 1/15: Quilters
- Nov 2: Dorcas
- Nov 3/10/17/24: Volleyball
- Nov 3/17: Caregiver Support Group
- Nov 9: Men's Lunch
- Nov 15: Outreach Committee
- Nov 15/16: The Father's Heart Meal Prep/Delivery
- Nov 16: Church Council
- Nov 19: Transition Projects Meal Prep/Delivery
- Nov 20: Congregational Voters Meeting/Potluck
- Nov 22: Canby Bible Study
- Nov 23: Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service
- Nov 27: Advent begins
- Nov 27: 4th Sunday Women's Bible Study

TRINITY STAFF

Rev. Ted Engelbrecht
Pastor

J. Patrick & Carol Moore
Administrative Assistants

WORDS FROM THE PASTOR - November 2022

*"Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord my God, you are very great!
You are clothed with splendor and majesty, covering yourself with light as with a garment, stretching out the heavens like a tent. (Psalm 104:1)*

Psalm 104 is one of several acrostic poems found in the Bible, which means that its verses are divided into 22 stanzas, one for each of the 22 characters that make up the Hebrew alphabet, with each stanza beginning with the successive Hebrew letter. I suggest you read all of it - even if only in English - and if you do, you will see that it recounts the Creation.

What is so striking about the creation it describes, that is, the one we live in, is how God is so personally involved in it and delighted by it. He even 'clothes' Himself with the light of it.

Fall with all of its colors is for many the most beautiful season - or at least the one that brings nature to our attention most; nature in all its splendor but also nature that is subject to cycles - life and death and life again. Harvests come in the Fall - harvests that signal food for ongoing life for us, even as it means 'death' for the plants that we live off.

God calls us to 'die,' too - to our egos, that we might be 'fruit' for the benefit of all. "For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it." (Matthew 16:25). Or, to use a metaphor from nature, as Jesus did: "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit." (John 12:24)

But spiritual 'death' gives way to a much greater spiritual 'rebirth and life' with our God, both now and for eternity. Using another metaphor from nature Jesus tell us to: "Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me." (John 15:4)

Jesus' own real death and resurrection, in which He gave His life for us and our salvation by taking away the consequences of our sin is the 'first fruit' that we depend on for our own new life, which begins with our baptism. Abiding in Jesus and His love transforms us into very different people than we start as, however. Lives lived in community and for the common good, and not just for ourselves. Comparing us to the 'nations,' Jesus speaks to how we are NOT to be like those who would 'rule' over others with their power and opinions, but rather that "whoever would be great among you must be a servant." (Matthew 20:26).

It is to love God and love neighbor - as God showed us in Jesus - that God called us to from the start in the Creation, His delight. As children of Adam we failed in this, but now as His chosen and beloved children, born again in Baptism and washed in the blood of Jesus, God invites us again to find His same delight in living with Him here as His, now and then forever in the New Creation. Thanks be to God for our Creation - and for us and ours in it!

Pastor Ted

NOTICE OF CONGREGATIONAL VOTERS MEETING



On November 20th there will be a joint Worship Service at 10:00 followed by the congregational meeting and a Thanksgiving potluck.

The Outreach Committee will provide the meat and everyone else is invited to bring salads, side dishes or desserts as they are able.

CHRISTMAS IS COMING...

Here are the plans for Christmas activities at Trinity:

- We will be putting up the Giving Tree later in November.
- Thank you/Harvest bags will be available this week (see below).
- We will be asking for turkeys and hams (gobblers and oinkers).
- At this point, details are pending on decorating the church.



Anyone interested in working on Christmas or have new ideas, please submit to office through E-mail.

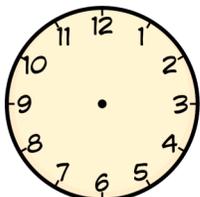
THANKSGIVING

On November 6, our “I am thankful for...” tree will be up in the Narthex. Please take a leaf, write down what you are thankful for and hang it on the tree (you can take more than one leaf). Pastor Ted will read these “thankful” leaves on following Sundays and maybe incorporate some into a sermon.

Also on November 6, “harvest bags” will be handed out. We ask that you take them home, fill them with non-perishable food items, bring back to church and place them on the table and floor to the right of the altar area. Throughout the month of November, we can all watch it grow into a mountain of love. In December, the food will be delivered to the local H.O.P.E food pantries. The need is great this time of year. It warms the hearts of the recipients, as well as their tummies and allows them money to warm their homes as well.

TRINITY QUILTERS - BLESSINGS

On Sunday, October 16, Trinity Quilters brought to the altar 32 unique handmade quilts for the Blessing of the Quilts prior to giving them to Safe Home, LOVE Inc. and the Police Chaplains. This year Safe Home has 9 adults and 14 kids, all who will receive a quilt at Christmas along with the prayer that the quilts will bring warmth and comfort to all. One quilt was offered for a donation to the Quilter's treasury; it was so quickly acquired that second-service folks didn't get a chance to participate; look for another quilt to be offered in December. The Quilt Ladies wish to extend many thanks for all the donations, both cash and fabric, that have been received during the year; these gifts will support next year's quilt collection. Trinity Quilters have made the decision to support local needs instead of sending quilts out of state; please contact Sheila Wahl if you know of someone in our own congregation who might benefit from the gift of a warm quilt. The Quilters are also preparing for another Quilt of Valor presentation after the first of the year; please advise if you know of a veteran in our congregation who has not yet been thanked with a quilt.



TIME TO FALL BACK IN NOVEMBER

Whether you change your clock before you go to bed on November 5, or set your alarm for 2:00 am on the sixth and drop back to 1:00 am, it's once again time to “fall back.” Party for an extra hour, or get an extra hour of sleep - it's your choice how to use the hour.

COSTA RICA MISSION

We have been invited to join in an online ministry to Costa Rica starting this January. It will involve speaking English with High Schoolers there during weekly ESL lessons that are run by Ethan Hutton, who came to visit us in July, and his team. This is open to anyone, high school age or older, who is interested. We have had a few people express interest, but we need more! Please contact Pastor Ted if you are interested.

OUTREACH: MEALS FOR THOSE IN NEED

The Outreach Committee continues to provide a hot lunch meal for The Father’s Heart Street Ministry in Oregon City on the third Wednesday of the month. Come join us on the evening before as we prepare the hot dishes for the meal, or on Wednesday morning when we prepare cold dishes and heat up the warm ones, then deliver and serve. Any help you can give will be appreciated - plus it’s a great way to sneak in some fellowship with other Trinity members. We also provide a hot evening meal for one of the residential facilities for Transition Projects, which assists people overcoming addictions and returning to the ranks of the employed. This meal is provided on the third Saturday of the month.



If you’re interested and need more details, contact Pat Benjamin.

COMPASSION INTERNATIONAL

Julius, who lives in Indonesia thanks us for the birthday gift that we sent him. He says it is so useful for him and his family. Julius asks for Prayers that he will move to the next grade this year and that he and his family remain healthy. He sends his blessings to us.

Bukuru, from Rwanda, is asking for special prayers as their home guardian got married and left to the new home. They are living alone, and it is not easy to look and fend for themselves. She asks that we pray that the Lord becomes the provider. We sent her a birthday gift and with it they were able to buy a goat and some food. She writes, “May the Lord bless you so much, 10 million times.”

SHARE YOUR FLOWERS

Share the bounty of your flower garden with Trinity. If your flower garden is gone for the season, feel free to share the bounty of your wallet to provide flowers. Contact Carol Wilson to coordinate your donation.

CONTRIBUTIONS\$

Here are the latest contribution figures for Trinity. A big THANK YOU to everyone who donates, every dollar adds up! Also, thank you to each member who has linked their Fred Meyer Rewards Card to Trinity; we received \$68.35 in October for the third quarter of the year.

2022 Collections	Actual	Budget	Difference	%, +/-
Last Sunday	\$ 14,231	\$ 5,000	\$ 9,231	184.6%
Month-to-Date	\$ 30,179	\$ 20,000	\$ 10,179	50.9%
Year-to-Date	\$ 184,359	\$ 220,000	\$ (35,641)	-16.2%
Total Yearly Collection Budget:		\$260,000		
Attendance	October 30	61/38		

**“Ends of Earth” Scholarships
Mission Opportunities Short Term (MOST) Ministries — \$50,000**

Mission Opportunities Short Term (MOST) Ministries is a Recognized Service Organization of the LCMS. MOST Ministries has sent mission teams throughout the United States and 52 countries around the world for the past 32 years. Teams are equipped to share the love of Jesus as they fit people with eyeglasses, build churches/schools, provide medical/dental care and health education, teach women marketable skills like sewing, or provide youth outreach through Vacation Bible School, sports, music, or English language camps. Team members work side-by-side with national church leaders and missionaries.



The grant will provide scholarship aid to cover up to half of the expenses for team members struggling to find support for their mission trip. MOST Ministries has as their goal “to impact the world for Jesus Christ, through short term missions” and with this grant more people will be able to go and share the Gospel to the ends of the earth.

We Pray Together:

Heavenly Father, we ask You to touch the hearts of volunteers to answer Your call to “Go”, by saying, “Yes Lord, send me!” We trust You to provide safety for the mission teams as they gather needed resources, prepare, and travel. We pray that the Gospel message and service they bring will touch all those who hear the Word that they may come to know You as their Savior and Lord. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

WOMEN'S FALL RETREAT

WHERE LOVE ABIDES

Join us on Saturday, November 19, from 9 am to 3:30 pm at Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church for a day dedicated to diving deeper into what God’s Word says throughout all seasons of life. We will spend time in worship, prayer, small group sessions, and hearing from renowned author, Donna Snow! Bring a friend, your Bible, journal, and some excitement to connect with other sisters in Christ! We have plenty of room and look forward to you coming for some “girl talk,” laughter and meaningful insights.



Registration is open until Nov 6. The cost of \$20 includes a continental breakfast, snacks and a box lunch from Ingallina's (choices are on the registration form). Childcare is available and you can indicate that when you sign up. Scholarships may also be available if paying the full price would keep you away.

Register online at <https://www.bslc.com/women.html> or contact johnd@bslc.com if you have questions.

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH | COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES | September 21, 2022

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

Pastor began the meeting with a prayer.

The August meeting minutes were approved.

Christian Education: Carolyn Stucky (Present-No Report)

Carolyn reported CE had a meeting early September, mostly Rally day planning. Rally day was successful and there was enough food for everyone. Sunday school classes started this last Sunday. CE would like to move Sunday school classes to 10:15 am at some point. It was suggested that the adult bible class should be announced after service. VBS material for next year has been ordered since there was a discount to order early. Classrooms need cleaned during Doing Sunday. Thank you notes were sent out to VBS helpers and notes with pictures will be sent soon.

Outreach: Pastor Ted/Connie Adams (Present-No Report)

The "Day of Doing" is coming up. One project will be making packets to hang on doors, Scott is working on getting permission to hang these. If we can't hang at the new apartments, they will be passed out to members to give out to neighbors, etc.

AVIT: Paul Petrone (Not in Attendance-No Report)

Troy talked to AVIT group about what the technical plans are. There are a couple people ready to get trained. We can't make any changes until we have double the AVIT people.

Pastor Report: Pastor Ted (Present-No Report)

Pastor noted that he does a lot of visitations and it would be nice to have help with visitations.

Elders: Craig Nickles (Present-No Report)

Elders are meeting the 3rd Sunday of each month in between services. Craig emphasized to the Elders that they must be calling members on their list. Craig is resigning as head elder but will remain an elder. Jeff Allen has agreed to step up and be head elder effective November 1. Craig and Jeff will share the responsibility of attending council meetings.

Treasurer Report: Melissa Deyoe (Present-See Report)

For the month ending August 31, 2022, the church reports a loss from operations of \$5,042. For the 8 month period ending August 31, 2022, the church reports an overall loss of \$12,966 from operations. Offerings are down. We have lost several members over the past two years. Connie noted that online giving has been a positive thing. Melissa met with J Pat and

Carol and received some good feedback for updating their contract. Herb asked about the funds for repairing the AC units. It was suggested that we get a quote for two new units since the freon is so expensive. Connie asked about consolidating restricted outreach funds. Melissa said that in the past the restricted funds that fall below \$50 have been consolidated with other restricted funds.

Financial Secretary: Connie Adams (Present-No Report)

Property Board: Herb Meissel (Present-No Report)

Herb reported there is a lot to do. The "Day of Doing" is coming up on Sunday. AC units have been repaired. Eventually we will need to replace some of the old units, they are estimated to last about 20-25 years and ours are currently 20 years old. There are 11 total units and 2 are currently not working. Herb is going to put a list of jobs that need done on the bulletin board. It has been suggested that people bring weed eaters, chain saws, etc. as equipment to the Day of Doing.

President: Brian Hawkins (Absent-No Report)

Vice President: Troy Palmer (In Attendance-No Report)

Unfinished Business - None

New Business - None

Carolyn asked some questions about leaders. Are you serving out of responsibility or out of the love of Jesus? God is pursuing us and after we discover how God wants to use us, God will nourish us to do his work. We need to find our inspiration and be excited about leading and volunteering. There was discussion about whole church bible studies.

For the October council meeting, Council members will bring a few questions related to future church planning.

The next council meeting will be on Wednesday, October 19, 2022 at 6:30 pm and will be in the church library. November council meeting will be Wednesday, November 16, 2022 at 6:30pm and the Congregation meeting will be Sunday, November 20, 2022 at 10:15 am.

Meeting was closed in 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	
Nov 6 th	Elders
Nov 13 th	Elders
Nov 20 th	Elders
Nov 27 th	Elders

Communion Set-Up	
Nov 6 th	TBA
Nov 20 th	TBA

Lectors (9 am Service)	
Nov 6 th	Levi Darnell
Nov 13 th	Marilyn Allen
Nov 20 th	Craig Nickles
Nov 27 th	Julie Handy



Flower Contact	Carol Wilson 503.502.7448
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Flowers		
Nov 6 th	<i>Your flowers welcome</i>	
Nov 13 th	<i>Your flowers welcome</i>	
Nov 20 th	<i>Your flowers welcome</i>	
Nov 27 th	<i>Your flowers welcome</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)

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Craig Nickles **B**, 503.819.4525 (2022)
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
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**

NOVEMBER 2022

BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY CALENDAR

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

NOVEMBER 2022

TRINITY EVENTS CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<i>1</i> 9:00 Prayer & Praise 1:00 Quilters	<i>2</i> 10:30 Dorcas 7:00 Praise Team Practice	<i>3</i> 10:30 Bible Study	<i>4</i> 6:00p <i>The Fun Flyers</i>	<i>5</i> Before Bed: Change your clocks
<i>6</i> 9:00 Traditional Svc 10:00 Coffee Social 10:30 Sunday School 11:30 Contemporary Service	<i>7</i> 10:30 Caregivers Support Group 6:30 Volleyball	<i>8</i> 9:00 Prayer & Praise	<i>9</i> 11:30 Men's Lunch @ Stanley's Corner 7:00 Praise Team Practice	<i>10</i> 10:30 Bible Study	<i>11</i>	<i>12</i>
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<i>20</i> NOTE TIME AND EVENT CHANGES 10:00 Joint Service 11:00 Congregational Voters Meeting 12:00 Thanksgiving Potluck	<i>21</i> 10:30 Caregivers Support Group 6:30 Volleyball	<i>22</i> 9:00 Prayer & Praise 7:00 Canby Bible Study Group	<i>23</i> 7:00 Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service	<i>24</i> THANKSGIVING	<i>25</i>	<i>26</i>
<i>27</i> 1st Sunday of Advent 9:00 Traditional Svc 10:00 Coffee Social 10:30 Sunday School 10:30 Women's Bible Study 11:30 Contemporary Service	<i>28</i> 6:30 Volleyball	<i>29</i> 9:00 Prayer & Praise	<i>30</i> 7:00 Advent Midweek Worship Service			