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TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



TRINITY
LUTHERAN CHURCH



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

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WORDS FROM THE PASTOR

Just a block away from my house, on the opposite side of the street stands a house with two *huge* human skeletons, one on each side of the front porch. They are the kind you would find at a Home Depot for Halloween. They must stand about eight feet tall. I don't remember exactly when they showed up, but it has been at least a year or more. And they bug me...every time I walk by that house I wonder why they are there. Are they just too big to set up and take down every year? Do the people who live there think they look cool? Are they making some kind of statement?

I don't like them because to me they glorify death. And death is not something to be glorified, but grieved. It is a curse on sin. God did not create us to die, but to live with him forever. God is a God of life, through and through.

On the one hand, it is amazing how life seems to work its way into most every place on this planet. Our planet *teems* with life. But even more, that is how God describes himself. Jesus is "the Way, the truth, *and the Life*." Moses says he is our life. Paul tells us that all things were created by him and that he holds everything together. Paul also tells us that in him we live and move and have our very being.

Jesus, who is life – God, who is love - is with us every moment of every day! That is a much better statement.

Now I don't know if there is more life out in the universe. There might well be. Wouldn't that just be like our God? But I know that there is more life out there for us! Those skeletons are not the end.

God has an *amazing* future in store for us. And in the mean time...



Way

Truth

LIFE

TRINITY STAFF

Rev. Gary Hagen
Pastor

Kay Lynch
Office Manager

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

October 2025

FALL CONGREGATION MEETING

Normally the fall congregation business meeting is held the second Sunday in November. Due to travel plans of several meeting leaders, the meeting for this year is scheduled for the last Sunday in this month, October 26. This meeting will be focused on the Budget for 2026. Please plan to stay after the worship service for the meeting – grab your coffee and treats and quickly return to the sanctuary.

PASTOR CALL

The Elders are very actively working on locating the new pastor that the Lord has planned for Trinity. Jeff will continue to provide progress reports. Please pray for the Call Committee as they reach out to pastors on the District provided list.

TRINITY TRAILS

That is the name selected for the park that is still under construction. Thanks to all the members that offered their suggestions to the Council. Since the park has multiple trails, meditation spots and two large groves suitable for outdoor meetings, some of the other names suggested for the park will also be used to name the individual trails and special spaces in the park. There are still many things to do to make Trinity Trails ready to use; Herb's sign-up sheet could use more helpers, donations of or toward purchase of picnic tables and benches would be welcome. If you or your group would like to volunteer or need a small group project, brush clearing and cleanup is needed; contact me or Herb to schedule a work day.

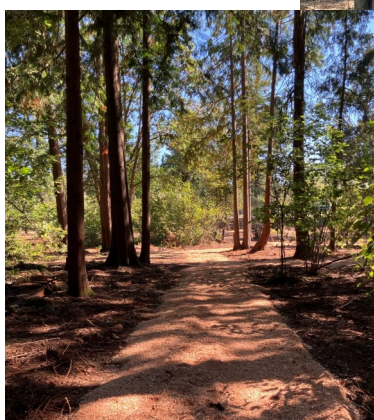
I am reminded that the Bible tells of many gardens – Eden and Gethsemane being most familiar. *“And God said, ‘Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind, on the earth’. And it was so.” Genesis 1:11 “And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed”. Genesis 2:6*

We are blessed to have this park land, our garden, to develop and share – may we use it to lift our spirits and engage others in the name of Christ.

Sheila Wahl - Council President

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CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Call Committee has had several more meetings in the past few weeks. The committee got through all 11 of the names of potential pastors and decided which ones the committee would contact to see if they are open to talking with us about our pastoral position. After contacting the four pastors that we first chose, two have declined our invitation to participate in an interview, one has agreed to have a phone interview with us, and we are waiting to hear back from the fourth pastor. We will choose several more pastors from the list to contact to see if they are open to talking with us.

The Call Committee will conduct interviews with the pastors who are open to considering a Call from Trinity and then the committee will present the results of those interviews to Trinity's congregation. After the congregation has had time to study the information about each pastor that has been interviewed, we will then have a special Congregational Call Meeting so that Trinity's members can decide who the congregation would like to Call as our next pastor.

Watch for more information about when the information about the pastors will be available for the congregational members to study and when a special Congregational Meeting will be held to issue a Call.

The Call Committee is made up of 12 members: Elders Jeff Allen, Al Bohr, Ray Clack, Levi Darnell, Cary Martenson, Craig Nickles, and Dave Wilson, as well as Sheila Wahl, Carolyn Stucky, Ahtia Clack, Stanette Rosenberger, and Beth Wilson. If you have any questions about the process, please contact one of the Call Committee members.

Jeff Allen

Senior Elder

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

Summarized Council Minutes - September 2025

- Christian Ed is planning Advent Devotions and Christmas Celebrations.
- Rally Day on Sept 7th was attended by 40 people.
- Confirmation classes began Sept 14th for 8th grade. Currently we have no K-7th grade students.
- Seven Youth attended "Finding Luther" get together at Clackamas Town Center.
- Love Inc. began the Healthy Habits classes in September and asked churches to provide meals. Beth Wilson and Pat Benjamin would like to get the congregation involved with providing one or two of the meals.
- Properties has been hard at work on the Park project, spreading bark chips to create trails and adding hay for erosion control.
- A small picnic pavilion and two park benches were donated for the Park Project. The park has been named Trinity Trails.
- Call Process is ongoing. Eleven names were received from District President for us to consider. Four were chosen to contact to see if they are open to talking with us about our pastoral position.
- Fall Congregation meeting will be October 26th at 11am (moved from usual November schedule).

Ronda Corless

Council Secretary

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD NEWS

CONFIRMATION

We have 3 confirmation students, (Ayla, Sophia, and Jacob) who will be studying the Catechism and Bible truths with Pastor Gary. Parents are invited to come to the class if they are interested. This would provide an opportunity to later review and discuss the material with parents also.

At this time, there will be no 6th and 7th grade Confirmation classes or Sunday School for Kindergarten to 5th grade. If we have missed or are not aware of any possible students, please let Carolyn or Henrietta know. The Staff is fully prepared with lessons.

YOUTH

A fun day of "Finding Luther" in the Clackamas Town Center was enjoyed by 7 Youth. (Middle School to Senior High) The Senior High Youth meet on Sunday evenings with Jim and Ahtia Clack for Bible Study and activities.

YOUNG ADULTS / COLLEGE AGE

We want to be sure our Young Adults continue to feel they are part of our Trinity Family. At this time we communicate with them via cards, surprises, encouragement, birthday cards, and devotions. If they have moved, we ask their parents for current mailing addresses. Hearing about their classes and their jobs is interesting. We want them to know they are prayed for and if they have prayers they want us to lift up to the Lord, we invite them to email or phone us. No concern is too small or too big for God.

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT BIBLE CLASS

Jim Clack is facilitating a study of David---shepherd to King to beyond. Please feel welcome to join us in the Library after a brief time of fellowship and goodies after Worship Service.



LIBRARY

The gray cart now has a large variety of books by Charles Swindoll. Take a look! Perhaps you have some thoughts, interest, or questions about books he has written just for you. Stanette Rosenberger also shared two books from the District Convention for us to read and ponder.

Many blessings,

Henrietta Brooks

Christian Education Board



The funding still needed to get all the grants funded by March 31 is \$40,615.87. Our goal is \$95,000. We have made a big dent. Keep on dropping the mites into the mite box or you can put your contribution by check to Trinity and mark it for mites. Every penny counts!! Thank you! Carolyn Stucky

17. Theological Libraries and Resources, Africa, \$5000

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.



16. Feet on the Ground-Most Ministries, \$6000 Funded

Mission Opportunities Short Term (MOST) is a recognized RSO of the LCMS church. MOST Ministries' "Feet on the Ground" project is designed to give encouragement and financial help to LWML members with four scholarships to join international mission trips. There are more requests from pastors and missionaries than can be filled with the current team members to help with specific projects such as eyeglass clinics, medical clinics, water purification projects, construction projects, VBS, and more.



UPCOMING EVENTS AROUND TOWN



THE LUTHERAN CHORAL ASSOCIATION will be in concert in Portland and on Sunday, October 5, at Peace Lutheran Church, 2201 N Rosa Parks Way, Portland, OR. The concert begins at 4:00 PM and an offering will be received. Sue Thompson Armentrout directs the choir, with Karl Jurisons on the piano. The repertoire is broad, with music from traditional choral to down-home gospel, from tender to majestic, with a variety of talented composers including some with Portland roots like Morten Lauridsen. The choir has been singing since 1938. We would welcome your presence.



SAVE THE DATE

"We Believe.....So We Sing"

**A Hymn Festival to Celebrate
The 1700th anniversary of
the Nicene Creed (AD 325)**

October 26, 2025 at 3:30 pm

Memorial Lutheran Church
2700 E 28th St., Vancouver, WA 98661
mlc.org

MEMORIAL LUTHERAN invites your musicians and congregation to our annual hymn festival on October 26th at 3:30pm. ***"We Believe...So We Sing"***.

Helen Hollenbeck is the guest organist and program developer. It will focus on the 1700th anniversary of the Nicene Creed and will feature reflections on the creed, a mass choir, a brass quartet, a flutist, and handbells. We're inviting handbell players to join in random ringing to accompany some hymns and choir members to join us in the mass choir. We have incorporated nine hymns for congregation and choir as well as three choral anthems. If you are interested in joining, please contact Georgia Bergman-Harper for more information at 360-903-9565.



LUTHERAN LATINO MINISTRIES ANNUAL FUNDRAISING AUCTION

Lutheran Latino Ministries is hosting an annual fundraising auction on Saturday, November 1st from Noon - 2pm. Cost is \$15 per person / \$30 per family or \$80 to sponsor a table. Registration information will be coming soon, but in the meantime, if you would like to donate a gift basket or other high quality item for the silent auction and gift table you are also invited to do so. Simply email a description of the item you would like to donate to: lutheranlatinoministries@gmail.com

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 on the back of the Sunday Worship Service Bulletin.

	Greeters
October 5	Elders
October 12	Elders
October 19	Elders
October 26	Elders

	Communion Set-Up
October 12	Carol Cameron/Steve Cameron
October 26	Carol Cameron/Steve Cameron

	Lectors
October 5	Marilyn Allen
October 12	Craig Nickles
October 19	Contemporary Service
October 26	Stanette Rosenberger

	Flowers for Worship
October 5	Flowers Needed
October 12	Flowers Needed
October 19	Flowers Needed
October 26	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 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.



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

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** 503.459.7365 (2025)

COUNCIL OFFICERS

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

PROPERTY BOARD

Herb Meissel (2025)

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD

Henrietta Brooks
Carolyn Stucky

Trinity Office Email Addresses

Pastor: Rev. Gary Hagen
garymhagen@comcast.net

Office Manager: Kay Lynch
office@trinityoc.org

Business Office Hours

Tuesday - Friday 9:00am - 1:00pm

Publications

Bulletin & Scroll Editor: Kay Lynch, Office Manager
If you have an article you would like to see published in The Scroll, please feel free to send an email to office@trinity.org or stop by and say hello!

Ministry Primary Contacts

Altar Guild

Altar/Banner: Colleen Brinkert
Gary Brinkert
Communion: Carol Cameron
Steve Cameron
Flowers: Connie Adams

Dorcas Guild - Diane Ledgerwood

Prayer & Praise - Henrietta Brooks

Prayer Chain - Coordinator: Jacquie Ingalls
ingalls.rose@yahoo.com

LWML/Mission Guild - Carolyn Stucky

Wednesday Bible Study - Pastor Gary Hagen

Audio/Video Technology - Ahtia Clack

Facility & Building Use/Security - Herb Meissel

Outreach - [Volunteer Needed](#)

Quilters - Sheila Wahl

Trinity Oregon City Missions and Contacts

Local Outreach

- **Transitions Projects**
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
			<i>1</i> 10:30am Bible Study 10:30am Dorcas Guild 7pm Praise Team	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>5</i> 10am Worship Following Coffee Social & Sunday School 6:30pm Youth Group	<i>6</i> 9:30am CE Board 6:30pm Trinity Volleyball	<i>7</i> 1pm Quilters	<i>8</i> 10:30am Bible Study Noon Men's Lunch Stanley's Corner 7pm Praise Team	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i> 9am Transition Projects 10:30am Cooking for Homebound
<i>12</i> 10am Worship Following Coffee Social & Sunday School 11am Elders Board 6:30pm Youth Group	<i>13</i> Columbus Day 6:30pm Trinity Volleyball	<i>14</i>	<i>15</i> 10:30am Bible Study 7pm Praise Team	<i>16</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>18</i>
<i>19</i> 10am Worship Following Coffee Social & Sunday School 6:30pm Encouragers 6:30pm Youth	<i>20</i> 6:30pm Trinity Volleyball	<i>21</i> 9:30am Prayer & Praise 1pm Quilters 6:30pm Church Council	<i>22</i> 10:30am Bible Study 7pm Praise Team	<i>23</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>25</i>
<i>26</i> 10am Worship 11:15am Fall Congregation Meeting Women's & Men's Bible Study 6:30pm Youth Group	<i>27</i> 6:30pm Trinity Volleyball	<i>28</i> 10am Outreach 7pm Canby Bible Study	<i>29</i> 10:30am Bible Study 7pm Praise Team	<i>30</i>	<i>31</i> Halloween 	



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Birthdays & Anniversaries



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Sandra Lindquist Louis Magenheimer	3	4
5 Roger Abele Cary Martenson	6	7 Will Marshall	8 Leah Bills	9	10	11
12	13 Ray & Ann Clack	14 Jim & Ahtia Clack	15 Melissa Deyoe	16 Herb Meissel	17	18 Maria Riseling Jacob Scroggins
19	20	21	22	23	24 Charlotte Benninghoff Gary & Nancy Rheinsburg	25 Pat Benjamin John & Joyce Dull
26	27	28	29	30 Adam & Leah Zagel	31 Judy Barrick Amy Lais	