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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.

MARCH 2025

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IMPORTANT DATES THIS MONTH

Mar 2/9/16/23/30: Youth Group

Mar 3/10/17/24/31: Trinity Volleyball

Mar 4/18: Quilters

Mar 5: Ash Wednesday

Mar 5: Dorcas

Mar 6/13/20/27: Thursday Bible Study

Mar 8: Meal Prep for Homebound
Members

Mar 8: Transition Projects Meal
Assembly/Delivery

Mar 9: Daylight Saving Time Begins

Mar 12: Men's Lunch

Mar 12/19/26: Lenten Worship Service

Mar 18: Prayer & Praise at Church

Mar 18: Church Council Meeting

Mar 19: Elders Board Meeting

Mar 23: 4th Sunday Men's & Women's
Bible Studies

Mar 25: Outreach Committee

TRINITY STAFF

Rev. Ted Engelbrecht
Pastor

Kay Lynch
Office Manager

WORDS FROM THE PASTOR - March 2025

"Yet even now," declares the Lord,
"return to me with all your heart,
with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning;

and rend your hearts and not your garments."
Return to the Lord your God,
for he is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love. Joel (2:12-13)

Lent is upon us. This is our special period of both introspection and expectation. In this season the 'mirror' of the Law leads us to look in at ourselves and realize how far we are from being the perfect people God expects us to be (Matthew 5:48).

At this time it is also a reminder to us to look at how we are as a congregation. The Lord has blessed this one with over 100 years of fellowship and Christian community. What a blessing that is - one that not many churches in the area can point to! There is a strong 'remnant' of that still here. How can we use that strength to be both an example and a magnet to others in a God-pleasing way? And how can we in any - and every - case be God's "hands and feet" as we are able to those outside of our congregation?

God calls us to be perfect - but are we that? St. Paul reminds us in Romans 3 - and especially in verse 23 - that no, we aren't, and no one is or can be.

Our introspection is surely 'good, right and salutary,' but it should lead us not to despair. Rather, it should point to the expectation that also comes with the season - the expectation of Good Friday at its end. On that day, so good for us though hardly so for our Savior, with His suffering and death Jesus paid for all of our sins and shortfallings with His life-giving sacrifice. In so doing He saves us in that 'Glorious Exchange' of our sins for his righteousness, which we hold to in faith for our salvation.

But Jesus didn't stay dead - no, on Easter he rose from the dead and lives in heaven and in us. And as He now gives us His ministry He also gives us His assurance that He will be with us in ours if we let Him.

So, let us look to him - to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith (Heb. 12:2).

As we look in that mirror at ourselves, let us not forget to see who else is there in us and for us - Jesus. May He bless us in a special way in these special days. Amen.

Pastor Ted

NEW PASTOR CALL PROCESS - Information from the Board of Elders

As most of you already know, Trinity Lutheran Church, Oregon City, will need to Call a new pastor in the upcoming months as our current pastor, Pastor Ted Engelbrecht, will be retiring in June. According to Trinity's Bylaws (Article VII), the Board of Elders is given the task of doing the preliminary work of preparing to call a pastor. Their task is to do the necessary tasks required by the Northwest District of the Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod, obtain a list of potential candidates from the Northwest District President, interview the chosen candidates, and then present a list of candidates to the congregation to be voted on at a congregational assembly.

We are guided in the Call Process by our Circuit Visitor, who is appointed by the District to assist congregations in the process. The Board of Elders met with Pastor Jim Sprengle, our Circuit Visitor, on January 22, to discuss the Call Process. Then, Pastor Sprengle attended a specially called Congregational Meeting on February 23 to explain the process to the congregational members in attendance and to answer any questions any of the members had.

At the meeting on February 23, Pastor Sprengle talked about what it means to "call" a pastor and how the process is different than just "hiring" a new person to be our pastor. We depend on the Holy Spirit to lead us and any pastor that we call to a God pleasing decision.

Trinity's Board of Elders has already taken some of the necessary steps in the process, including having requested and received a demographic study from Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF). This demographic study will help us to take a look at the makeup and changes of our area and will help in evaluating our current situation by completing a self-study provided by the District.

One of the next steps will be for the congregation to hold a Congregational Meeting at which the members of Trinity will make several important decisions as to the steps we would like to take in calling a new pastor. We will need to decide if we want to go with a Vacancy Pastor or a Transitional Interim Minister. Pastor Sprengle explained that if we choose to go with a Vacancy Pastor, we then need to decide if we will seek a candidate from one of the two LCMS seminaries (St. Louis and Fort Wayne) or if we will Call a Rostered Pastor who is currently serving at another LCMS congregation.

If we seek a new seminary graduate, we will wait until October to let the District Office know that is our desire and then wait until the graduates are placed in the spring of 2026. Pastor Sprengle explained that for this year, there are 150 LCMS congregations seeking a seminary graduate, and there are approximately 80 graduates available from the two seminaries, so many congregations that request a graduate will not receive one.

If we decide to call a rostered pastor who is already serving at a church elsewhere, we will get started right away on forming a call committee, completing and submitting our self-study to the District Office, and then the District President will give us a list of potential candidates for us to contact and interview. It usually takes several months for the District President to compile a list of potential candidates for a church.

We also have the option of instead of choosing a Vacancy Pastor, going with a Transitional Interim Pastor. This pastor would serve our congregation for usually 6 to 18 months to help us do anything we might need to do to be ready to call a new pastor. The call process would not begin until the Transitional Interim Pastor has completed preparing the congregation for the call process, so that would mean we would wait a year or so to start the call process. Some congregations find it very helpful to have a Transitional Interim Pastor before they begin the call process, and some congregations find it is not necessary to go through that extra step before beginning the call process. That is what we will need to decide at a Congregational Meeting in the near future.

So, we ask that you keep this search for a new pastor in your prayers, and watch for notification of a Congregational Meeting to make the first decisions that we need to make in order to call a new pastor. If you have any questions, please contact any of the Elders for answers to your questions.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER March 2025

The Christian 2025 Season of Lent begins March 5 with Ash Wednesday. Trinity will observe Ash Wednesday with a service on March 5th at 7pm. I wondered how the greater world defined Lent. A Google search produced the following notes, some of which I didn't know, so I thought to share them:

- Lent is a forty-day period of prayer and fasting leading up to Easter (*actually, 46 days because Sundays are not counted*)
- Lent symbolizes the time Jesus spent fasting in the desert
- Lenten pillars are Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving
- The three 'R's of Lent are, Reflection, Repentance, and Reconciliation
- Sixth century Pope St. Gregory the Great added dispensing of ashes, thus the name Ash Wednesday.
Bible references: Mathew 4:1-11, Mark 1:13, and Luke 4:1-13

Trinity has a website found at www.trinityoc.org – have you seen it? This is one of the ways Trinity reaches out to the community and provides a resource for our own members. The Church Council has engaged professional website manager Lee Truax to manage the site and Trinity's Ahtia Clack to be Trinity's AV Coordinator; they are working together on website improvements and updates.

Currently in the works is information about Trinity's **Vacation Bible School** scheduled for July 20-24. Please contact Ahtia or me if there are updates or new things you would like to see on our website. Let's use this resource to invite the local community to join us, especially as we prepare to celebrate Easter and the resurrection of Jesus.

Sheila Wahl 971-998-6481

JESUS IN THE SEDER

Join us Thursday, April 17 at 7pm during Holy Week (in place of the Maunday-Thursdays service) for a "Jesus in the Seder" led by local Rabbi Gabriel Lumbroso, yadfriends.com.

The sign up sheet is located at the Church office or in the Narthex on Sundays. We need all to sign up in advance, so we can plan for seating and food samples. It is not a full meal, so be sure to eat before you attend.

Invite family, friends, young people, people that have not been to a Seder and those unconnected to Church. You won't want to miss this great experience of how Jesus our Savior, in this old Jewish tradition, is revealed!



CONTRIBUTIONS\$

The published numbers to the right include only the online giving through February 26.

2025 Collections	Actual	Budget	Difference	%, +/-
Month-to-Date	\$ 16,481	\$ 15,440	\$ 1,041	6.7%
Year-to-Date	\$ 27,651	\$ 30,880	\$ (3,229)	-10.5%
Total Yearly Collection Budget:		\$200,700		

MONDAY NIGHT VOLLEYBALL!

Join us for great fun, great exercise, Mondays at 6:30 pm in the Jade Room. Check with Pastor Ted on Sundays if there will be a sufficiently large group to play.



SHARE YOUR FLOWERS

Contact Sheila Wahl to coordinate either donating flowers, or a donation to purchase flowers for church.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD NEWS

The Christian Education Board will continue to communicate monthly with our College Students/Young Adults. This will be with cards, words of encouragement, birthday wishes, and sometimes "surprises." You are encouraged to pray for our young adults. If you want a name (or several) please ask us.

The Library Committee has been busy and invites you to take a look at the items on the "Grey Cart" display of Max Lucado books. The check out station is on the large wooden desk.

Temporary Christian Education Class Change

Temporarily, the 6 & 7grade Confirmation Class will meet in the Brooks home on Mondays from 4:15 to 5:15 PM. This is to help with students' busy schedules and help with being regular and consistent as we study.

OUTREACH COMMITTEE

With the recent passing of Carol Wilson, we need a new coordinator for the Outreach Committee. Please contact Pastor Ted to discuss this opportunity.

LWML NEWS

The LWML mites are making a difference. We have until the 3rd week of March to complete the goal for the biennium. We Praise God that through the mites, offered we have received \$2,345,154.12 as of October. There are \$184,300.29 to go. We can meet the national LWML goal!

Because 25% of what we give locally goes to that national goal, we are very pleased with these numbers. 75% stays in the Oregon District. Carolyn Stucky will be reporting that progress starting in March.

WILL MARSHALL TO LEAD CLASSES ON GEMSTONES

Will has been scheduled for more classes at the Pioneer Community Center's Fireplace Room. Stop by the Pioneer Center on Tuesday, March 18, at 12 noon. Bring your questions, because they drive the agenda of each class. If you know someone who is contemplating a jewelry purchase, let them know about the information that Will shares in his classes.

2023–2025 MISSION GRANT NO. 30 | SHOWERING LOVE ON THE LEAST OF THESE | MERCY HOLISTIC MINISTRY | \$100,000 | Washing by the Water and the Word

Reverend Berhanu Didanu, from the Lutheran Church Mekane Yesus in Ethiopia, along with his wife, Miheret Abebe, and their family came to the United States in 2007, to serve as missionaries to the “least of these” in the Sacramento area. Knowing that all people are created in God’s Image, loved by God in Jesus, and need to experience that love every day in a multitude of ways, they founded Mercy Holistic Ministry (MHM) in 2010.

In 2021, MHM purchased a portable, two stall shower trailer, bringing showers and the Gospel to parks, parking lots, and community locations around Sacramento where unhoused people live. The trailer is fully self-contained, providing hot water and capturing the wastewater. It houses two spacious shower stalls with a room for dressing. Each shower stall is fully cleaned and sanitized between each guest.



Following the shower and haircut, people are offered opportunities to speak more in-depth with someone who can pray with them, provide active listening, and make referrals for other services. While their physical needs are addressed, these underserved people will hear that the blood of Jesus washes their sins away and gives eternal life to them.



The grant will fund the increased frequency of mobile hot shower services and haircuts from two days per week to three days per week and serve 2,000 more people annually. A mobile trailer will be purchased and retrofitted to be a closet for clean clothing and hygiene kits that will be given away. God’s Word will be shared by distributing 10 to 15 Bibles and prayer books every week. In the last several years the homeless population in Sacramento has doubled to 10,000 people. These services enhance the feeling of worth and dignity, provide hope in Jesus, and give counseling to aid the homeless in applying for jobs or securing an apartment.

And the King will answer them, “Truly I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me” (Matthew 25:40).

He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior (Titus 3:5b).

Lutheran Women in Mission

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH | COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES | October 15, 2024

Attendees: Council Members: President Sheila Wahl, Vice-President Rhoda Bohr, Finance Committee Rep Connie Adams, Secretary Ronda Corless, Pastor Ted Engelbrecht, Elder Al Bohr, Property Board Herb Meissel, Christian Education Rep Henrietta Brooks, Facilities Use Rep Gail Allen

Rhoda opened the meeting with a devotion based on Psalm 4 titled Peace of Heart and Mind.

September minutes were approved.

Guests: Former member, Melissa Deyoe and Contract Bookkeeper, Julie Countryman. No presentation, just visiting.

Facilities Use: Gail Allen
(Absent-Report Attached)
Sheila said they spent some time modifying the Hoops basketball contract.

Christian Education: Henrietta Brooks
(Present-Report Attached) The Congregational Meeting will be November 10, 2024. A possible date for Advent by Candlelight is December 14th. Connie noted there are LWML programs that could be used. It was suggested that it could be a time to sing carols and read Luke 2.

Henrietta noted that we have 9 high school kids that could be invited to go to the national youth gathering in New Orleans July 2025. Christian Ed will send a letter to these 9 students outlining details of the convention, fees to attend and suggested fundraising.

Outreach: Connie Adams
(Present-No Report)
Meals are still being prepared. Outreach needs volunteers to be on Outreach committee.

It was suggested that we need to schedule a potluck on November 10th after church.

Pastor Report: Pastor Ted
(Present - Report Attached)
Phyllis is retiring and her last service is November 7th. Pastor said he has asked some contacts at a university about possible organ players from their music department and suggested asking some other colleges as well. Christmas Eve service will be Tuesday December 24th and no Christmas day service. There will be a Thanksgiving Eve service and then three advent services.

Elders: Al Bohr
(Present - Report Attached)
Discussed delegate from the congregation for the 67th Convention of the LCMS Northwest District. George and Herb are possibilities.

Finance Committee: Connie Adams
(Present—Report Attached) For the 9-month period ending September 30, 2024, the church reported an overall gain of \$20,129.84 from operations. Connie suggested that she and Sheila get details about opening a Money Market account at US Bank to move some of the money left in the checking account after the Fidelity money is transferred. This new account would earn interest and the money can be transferred between the accounts easily. Connie suggested that we add move some money to a LCEF CD to earn interest. Rhoda suggested that we consider giving a donation at the end of the year to Pastor Roberto Ek if we have extra money.

Council discussed and reviewed the 2025 proposed budget.

Property Board: Herb Meissel
(In Attendance-Report Attached)
Sewer system will get repaired next week, some more lights will be replaced, and wall in gym will be looked at. Sheila asked if it was possible to get lights at the sign by the road.

President: Sheila Wahl
(In Attendance-No Report)
Sheila said Parrot Creek staff have been invited to attend the Sunday the quilts will be blessed as some of their clients will be receiving the quilts. It was noted that we need someone to coordinate the Christmas decorating. Sheila asked about being Chamber of Commerce members and we if we want to purchase an ad space in their book. **Rhoda made a motion and Sheila seconded to purchase a Chamber of Commerce book ad for \$375.00. Passed unanimously. Elders are working on cleaning up member list and then we need to update the church directory.

Vice President: Rhoda Bohr
(In Attendance-No Report)

Unfinished Business - None

New Business
Council prepared the agenda for the November 10th Congregation meeting. Potluck will follow the meeting. Next council meeting will be November 19th at 6:30pm. Connie will be doing the devotion. No council meeting in December.

Rhoda closed the meeting with a prayer at 9:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Ronda Corless – Recording Secretary

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH | COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES | November 19, 2024

Council Members: President Sheila Wahl, Vice-President Rhoda Bohr, Finance Committee Rep Connie Adams (absent), Secretary Ronda Corless (absent), Pastor Ted Engelbrecht (absent), Elder Jeff Allen, Property Board Herb Meissel (absent), Christian Education Rep Carolyn Stucky, Facilities Use Rep Gail Allen (weather was very bad and several folks were out of town)

Meeting opened at 6:40pm by Rhoda Bohr. Jeff provided the devotion.

Need Recording Secretary to send out minutes to approve electronically. We discussed a quicker turn-around time for minutes in order to place in Scroll in a more-timely fashion. Would probably entail electronic approval in future.

Facilities Use: Gail Allen

(In Attendance)

Discussed Sunshine contract renewal.

Christian Education: Carolyn Stucky

(In Attendance)

Christian Ed report was shared. Talked about Wendy Sue presentation. *I believe this is also when we discussed our insurance policy and how we keep kids involved in our ministries safe.*

****Motion was made and seconded to update our insurance policies regarding keeping kids involved in our ministries safe. Passed unanimously.**

Outreach: Connie Adams

(Not In Attendance)

Pastor Report: Pastor Ted

(Not In Attendance)

Elders: Jeff Allen

(In Attendance- Report Attached)

Finance Committee: Connie Adams

(Not In Attendance-Report Attached)

Property Board: Herb Meissel

(Not In Attendance)

President: Sheila Wahl

(In Attendance)

Vice President: Rhoda Bohr

(In Attendance)

Rhoda will be out of town until February 11th so Sheila will need to run the January meeting.

Unfinished Business - None

New Business

Next council meeting will be January 21st at 6:30pm. No one is assigned to do the devotion. There will be no council meeting in December.

Respectfully Submitted

Rhoda Bohr Vice President

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	
March 2 nd	Elders
March 9 th	Elders
March 16 th	Elders
March 23 rd	Elders
March 30 th	Elders

Communion Set-Up	
March 9 th	Carol & Steve Cameron
March 23 rd	Carol & Steve Cameron
March 30 th	Carol & Steve Cameron

Lectors (10 am Service)	
March 2 nd	Stanette Rosenberger
March 9 th	George Deines
March 16 th	Contemporary Service
March 23 rd	Marilyn Allen
March 30 th	Rhoda Bohr



Flower Contact	Sheila Wahl 971-998-6481
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Flowers			
March 2 nd	Vase available		
March 9 th	Vase available		
March 16 th	Vase available		
March 23 rd	Vase available		
March 30 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 (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: Rhoda Bohr (2025)
Treasurer: Connie Adams (2025)
Recording Secretary: Rhonda Corless (2025)
Financial Secretary: Connie Adams (2025)

Property Board

Herb Meissel (2025)

Audio, Video, Information Technology

Ahita Clack

Outreach

Volunteer Needed

Christian Education Board

Henrietta Brooks
Carolyn Stucky

Facility & Building Use

Herb Meissel
Gail Allen

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Prayer & Praise

Henrietta Brooks

LWML/Mission Guild

Carolyn Stucky

Quilters

Sheila Wahl

Communion Guild

Steve Cameron

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
- **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**

MARCH 2025

BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						<i>1</i>
<i>2</i> Laurel Gray	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i> Janell Finzel	<i>5</i> Annalise Noss Tom & Julie Handy	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i> Lloyd Benjamin	<i>8</i> Kathy Nickles Jessica Petrone
<i>9</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>15</i>
<i>16</i>	<i>17</i> Dan & Terina Trappe	<i>18</i>	<i>19</i> Steven & Teresa Doss	<i>20</i> Rhoda Bohr Stella Corless Ryan & Karen Walker	<i>21</i>	<i>22</i> Jim & Becky Hilton
<i>23/30</i>	<i>24/31</i> 24: Mark Turner 31: Neva Abele	<i>25</i> Rob Collette	<i>26</i> Oliver Noss	<i>27</i> Jean Bohr Michael & Joan Hagedorn	<i>28</i> Dick Brooks Marie Karay Connie Stevenson	<i>29</i>

MARCH 2025

TRINITY EVENTS CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 10am Worship Svc After: Coffee Social 11am Sunday School 6:30pm Youth Group	3 6:30pm Trinity Volleyball	4 9am Prayer & Praise 10am CE Board 1pm Quilters 6pm Hoops BB	5 Ash Wednesday 10:30am Dorcas 7pm Ash Wednesday Worship Service 7:45pm Praise Team	6 10:30am Bible Study 5pm NW Elite VB	7 6pm Hoops BB	8 9am Transition Projects Meal Delivery 10:30am Home-bound Member Meal Prep
9 Daylight Saving Time Begins 10am Worship Svc After: Coffee Social 11am Sunday School 6:30pm Youth Group	10 6:30p Trinity Volleyball	11 9am Prayer & Praise 5pm NW Elite VB	12 11:30am Men's Lunch @ Stanley's Corner 7pm Lenten Midweek Worship Service	13 10:30am Bible Study 5pm NW Elite VB	14	15
16 10am Worship Svc After: Coffee Social 11am Sunday School 6:30pm Youth Group	17 St. Patrick's Day 6:30pm Trinity Volleyball	18 9am Prayer & Praise 1pm Quilters 5pm NW Elite VB 6:30pm Church Council	19 11am Elders Board Meeting 7pm Lenten Midweek Worship Service 7:45pm Praise Team	20 10:30am Bible Study 5pm NW Elite VB	21	22
23/30 10am Worship Svc After: Coffee Social 11am Sunday School (23) 4th Sun 11am Men's & Women's Bible Studies 6:30pm Youth Group	24/31 6:30pm Trinity Volleyball	25 9am Prayer & Praise 10am Outreach Committee 5pm NW Elite VB 7pm Canby Bible Study	26 7pm Lenten Midweek Worship Service 7:45pm Praise Team	27 10:30am Bible Study 5pm NW Elite VB	28	29