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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.

OCTOBER 2023

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IMPORTANT DATES THIS MONTH

Oct 1/8/15/22/29: Youth Group

Oct 2/9/16/23/30: Trinity
Volleyball

Oct 3: CE Board

Oct 3/17: Quilters

Oct 4: Dorcas

Oct 5/12/19/26: Thursday
Bible Study

Oct 11: Men's Lunch

Oct 15: Blessing of Quilts

Oct 17: Prayer & Praise at
Church

Oct 17: Church Council

Oct 21: Transition Projects
Meal Prep

Oct 22: 4th Sunday Women's
Bible Study

Oct 24: Outreach Committee

Oct 24: Canby Bible Study

Oct 29 Trick or Trunk

TRINITY STAFF

Rev. Ted Engelbrecht
Pastor

J. Patrick & Carol Moore
Administrative Assistants

WORDS FROM THE PASTOR - October 2023

Well, Fall is now officially upon us. We're almost there to our typical (and beloved?) cold and wet NW weather!

Fall is traditionally a time to harvest many crops, and we will celebrate these gifts of God in nature in this season that we need to live.

I know that these days with modern agricultural methods harvests come all year round. And with modern transport, we get the 'Autumn' harvests of Southern Hemisphere fields in the Spring, and they get our year end harvests in their Springs. Fewer and fewer of us work as farmers, too, so the whole traditional sense of a harvest time of year seems to be less and less viscerally understood or experienced anymore.

Nevertheless, the idea of a harvest as an in-gathering or collection is still one most of us still understand well, and unfortunately, this year has already had its share of some harvests of a negative nature: war in Europe and elsewhere, deadly earthquakes and floods, economic, political, and social unrest - not to mention the attack by and on 'religion' in so many areas. Loneliness and a lack of physical connections with others is now one of the official 'pandemics' the CDC affects Americans, to boot. These are all reaping a harvest of depression and despair.

Where are you, Lord? Have you forgotten us, Lord? Are you punishing us, Lord? These are questions one asks themselves and others - and I have heard my share of them from you.

It's easy and convenient to blame or question the Lord for His action or inaction in these situations, but it might serve us better to look closer to home. This good earth God created for us is not perfect anymore because of our sin, and many of the consequences of our sin have more to do with God 'acting' in 'natural law' than with God acting out of His relationship with us. Ignoring establishing justice and fairness in societies; exploitation of natural resources out of greed and/or ignorance; delusion and failure to use our God-given sense and senses - these all bring their own 'harvest' of fruits, as well. The prophets warn of these throughout and St. Paul, too, reminds us in Galatians 6: "Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap."

But the God we know who created heaven and earth is 'slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love' - something we can read in over a dozen places in Scripture, from Exodus 34:6 throughout the prophets and
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psalms all the way to James. And in Ezekiel 18:32 we read God saying that “I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Lord God; so turn, and live.” In fact, in sending Jesus, we see God whose whole mission is to seek and save the lost (Luke 19:10.)

Of course, God does judge us and will punish sin, whether that comes through a natural consequence of forgetting His creation has laws or because of some moral or ‘religious’ sin that only He - besides one’s self - sees and knows. But in the vision of Himself God gives us in Jesus, we know that He forgives, as well, and that, as He says in Jeremiah 29:11 - “For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.” For us to live these fully, we need to ‘turn,’ that is, repent, ‘and live’ in faith that He is in charge of all of our needs, but not necessarily our wants, since many of those are idolatrous, and He alone would be our God, since He alone is God.

May we become more aware of that rich harvest of grace He gives us each day this harvest season – and every season - and try to live lives recognizant of His love for us. Amen.

Pastor Ted

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD NEWS

- VBS personalized thank you cards went out to 36 volunteers. 21 attendees received a handwritten thank you for attending VBS plus an invitation to Rally Day.
- Sunday School Rally Day brought many names of those committed to study the Word of God.
- At the present time we have 2 students in pastor’s 8th grade confirmation class and 2 students in the 6th and 7th grade class led by Henrietta Brooks and Julie Handy.
- Sunday morning adult class is being led by Ray Clack with a study of hymns, their history along with key Bible references.
- Youth are meeting on Sunday evening at 6:30 PM for Bible study, fun and games.
- The Youth are planning a Halloween Party for October 22 from 4-7pm at Trinity. More information will be forth coming (see more information).

The library books from the Trinity school were sorted into age grouping.

- 3 boxes of books for 1st grade readers are going to Zion Lutheran in Corvallis.
- Calls have been made to Beautiful Savior and Christ the Vine preschools to see if they could use the full box of board books.
- A call has been made to the librarian at Forest Hills Christian School in Cornelius to see if they could use the books for 2nd to 4th grade.
- Trinity/Portland or Zion/Corvallis will be approached for possible use of our wealth of books if Forest Hills declines.

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.

CASTING 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!

CONTRIBUTIONS\$

These are the latest figures we have on year-to-date collections, through Sunday, September 24. We may have a few end-of-month contributions that push us just a bit higher.

2023 Collections	Actual	Budget	Difference	%, +/-
Month-to-Date	\$ 12,962	\$ 17,308	\$ (4,346)	-25.1%
Year-to-Date	\$ 142,811	\$ 168,750	\$ (25,939)	-15.4%
Total Yearly Collection Budget:		\$225,000		



Trinity Lutheran Church
Junior and Senior
High School Youth
Halloween Party

Come dressed as your favorite bible character.

Sunday, October 22, 2023
4 pm – 7 pm

Games, prizes and tons of fun!
Bring your Friends!

Questions, contact Ahtia Clack
503-516-1786

Trinity Lutheran Church
16000 Henrici Rd. Oregon City, OR 97045

Trinity Lutheran High School Youth Upcoming Events



Every Sunday Night
High School Youth Group
6:30 – 8 pm

Sunday, October 22
4pm to 7 pm
Junior and Senior High School
Youth Halloween Party

Sunday, November 26, 2023
5 pm – 7 pm
Friendsgiving
(More info to come)

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH | COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES | August 15, 2023

Attendees: President Brian Hawkins, VP Rhoda Bohr, Finance Committee Rep Connie Adams, Secretary Ronda Corless, Pastor Ted Engelbrecht, Christian Education Rep Carolyn Stucky, Facilities Coordinator Gail Allen, Properties Manager Herb Meissel. Guest: Lou Miller

Rhoda opened the meeting, and Brian shared a devotion on happiness and a prayer.

June & July minutes were approved at the specially called Council meeting on Tuesday, Aug 1, 2023.

Guest Presentation: Lou presented investment opportunities with Fidelity Investments that the church may want to consider.

Facilities Use: Gail Allen (Present-No Report) Thanks for the help with moving all the Sunday school room furniture out last Sunday. Reported on the progress being made to get Sunshine ELC moved in. Sunshine ELC will be coming to church service on August 27th to be introduced and meet the congregation. NW Elite Volleyball group will be paying for last year's facility use. They will start the next year in November.

Christian Education: Carolyn Stucky (Present-No Report)

VBS had 21 attendees and 36 volunteers. Children came from 5 different surrounding towns. Sending out welcome back cards to confirmation and Sunday school kids prior to Rally Day Sept. 10th. Christian Ed will be sending goody bags to the graduates that have gone on to college. Committee had workdays to clean the SS rooms to make ready for Sunshine Early Learning Center. Pastor will teach adult Sunday school class until Rally Day when he starts confirmation class. We need a volunteer for adult class after that date.

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

Pastor reported that the August event will be going to Habitat for Humanity with Good Shepard in Vancouver on Friday, August 18th. The September activity will be a potluck on the 24th.

AVIT: Paul Petrone (Absent-No Report)

Pastor Report: Pastor Ted (Present-No Report)

Elders: Jeff Allen (Absent-No Report)

Finance Committee: Connie Adams (Present-See Report)

Connie gave the treasurers report. For the month ending July 31, 2023, the church reports a gain from operations of \$2,067. For the seventh-month period ending July 31, 2023, the church reported an overall loss of \$22,745 from operations. Connie has met with Julie Countryman, the new bookkeeper to keep the bills.

Connie is working on becoming a check signer on the account and removing Melissa as signer and will also need to be setup as an online user.

Property Board: Herb Meissel (Present-No Report)

Refrigerator needs a new compressor. If it can't be repaired a new one will be approx. \$6000. Let current landscaper go and is hiring Busy Bee and they will also repair the sprinkler system. HVAC system: Unit 10 is being replaced; #2 and #6 fans are out. Need to sell the golf cart. Bark dust will be delivered by Busy Bee.

President: Brian Hawkins (Present-No Report)

Vice President: Rhoda Bohr (Present-No Report)

Rhoda has been working on going through the Bylaws. We need to modify the positions of Treasurer and Financial Secretary to change to Financial Board. Rhoda asked if there has been activity towards getting a new website. Troy Palmer had done the legwork to get a new website host but did not get enough volunteers to manage it from the congregation.

Unfinished Business - None

New Business

Next meeting will be Sept. 19, 2023 at 6:30pm. Jeff will be asked to do the devotion.

Rhoda closed the meeting with a prayer at 8:35pm.

Notes taken by Connie Adams in Ronda's absence.

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	
Oct 1 st	Elders
Oct 8 th	Elders
Oct 15 th	Elders
Oct 22 nd	Elders
Oct 29 th	Elders

Communion Set-Up	
Oct 1 st	TBA
Oct 15 th	TBA

Lectors (9 am Service)	
Oct 1 st	Dave Wilson
Oct 8 th	Rhoda Bohr
Oct 15 th	Levi Darnell
Oct 22 nd	No Lector—Contemporary
Oct 29 th	Julie Handy



Flower Contact	Connie Adams 503.631.7446
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Flowers		
Oct 1 st	Vase available	
Oct 8 th	Vase available	
Oct 15 th	Vase available	
Oct 22 nd	Vase available	
Oct 29 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

Pat Benjamin; Carol Wilson

Christian Education Board

Henrietta Brooks
Carolyn Stucky

Facility & Building Use

Herb Meissel

Trinity Office Email Addresses

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Publications

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Diane Ledgerwood

Prayer Chain

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Assoc. Coordinator: Shirley Albrecht 503.656.7721

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> Sandra Lindquist Louis Magenheimer	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i> Roger Abele Cary Martenson	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i> Will Marshall
<i>8</i> Leah Bills	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>12</i> James Gorsek	<i>13</i> <i>Ray & Ann Clack</i>	<i>14</i> <i>Jim & Ahtia Clack</i>
<i>15</i> Melissa Deyoe	<i>16</i> Herb Meissel	<i>17</i>	<i>18</i> Maria Riseling Jacob Scroggins	<i>19</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>21</i>
<i>22</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>24</i> Charlotte Benninghoff <i>Gary & Nancy Rheinsburg</i> <i>James & Dorine Gorsek</i>	<i>25</i> Pat Benjamin <i>John & Joyce Dull</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>28</i>
<i>29</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>31</i> Judy Barrick Amy Lais <i>Les & Pearl Schmidt</i>				

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TRINITY EVENTS CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 10:00 Worship Svc After: Coffee Social 11:00 Sunday School 6:30 Youth Group	2 6:30 Trinity Volleyball	3 10:00 CE Board 1:00 Quilters	4 10:30 Dorcas 7:00 Paise Team Practice	5 10:30 Bible Study	6 6:00p <i>The Fun Flyers</i>	7
8 10:00 Worship Svc After: Coffee Social 11:00 Sunday School 6:30 Youth Group	9 6:30 Trinity Volleyball	10	11 11:30 Men's Lunch @ Stanley's Corner 7:00 Praise Team Practice	12 10:30 Bible Study 6:30 pm Elders Meeting	13 LWML Rally setup in Diamond Room	14 9:00 LWML Rally
15 BLESSING OF QUILTS 10:00 Worship Svc After: Coffee Social 11:00 Sunday School 6:30 Youth Group	16 6:30 Trinity Volleyball	17 9:30 Prayer & Praise 1:00 Quilters 6:30 Church Council	18 7:00 Praise Team Practice	19 10:30 Bible Study	20 6:00p <i>The Fun Flyers</i>	21 2:00 Transition Projects Meal Prep
22 10:00 Worship Svc After: Coffee Social 11:00 Sunday School 11:00 4th Sunday Women's Bible Study 4:00 Youth Group	23 6:30 Trinity Volleyball	24 10:00 Outreach Committee 7:00 Canby Bible Study	25 7:00 Praise Team Practice	26 10:30 Bible Study	27	28
29 REFORMATION SUNDAY 10:00 Worship Svc After: Coffee Social 11:00 Adult Bible Study 4:00 Trick or Trunk 6:30 Youth Group	30 6:30 Trinity Volleyball	31 ALL HALLOW'S EVE				