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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.

FEBRUARY 2023

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IMPORTANT DATES THIS MONTH

- Feb 1: Dorcas
- Feb 6/20: Caregiver Support Group
- Feb 7: Outreach Committee
- Feb 7/21: Quilters
- Feb 8: Kitchen Clean-Up
- Feb 8: Men's Lunch
- Feb 11: Bingo (afternoon!)
- Feb 14: Valentines Day
- Feb 14/15: The Father's Heart Meal Prep/Delivery
- Feb 18: Transition Projects Meal Prep/Delivery
- Feb 20: Presidents Day (office Closed for Holiday)
- Feb 21: Church Council
- Feb 22: Ash Wednesday Worship Service 7 pm
- Feb 26: 4th Sunday Women's Bible Study
- Feb 28: Canby Bible Study

TRINITY STAFF

Rev. Ted Engelbrecht
Pastor

J. Patrick & Carol Moore
Administrative Assistants

WORDS FROM THE PASTOR - February 2023

February comes from the Latin word februa, which means "to cleanse." The month was named after the Roman Februalia, which was a month-long festival of purification and atonement that took place this time of year.

It's not certain, but fasting and atonement during this time of year - which is about the time winter stores start to run out - is apparently something that much of the Northern Hemisphere had practiced for centuries even before Christian Lent, which also often starts in February, as it does this year,

Our Lent focuses on making something 'religious' about fasting, which Judaism also did before Jesus. In it we, too, look at our situation and consider what good and bad we have done in it - and look to a solution to the problems in it.

A modern practice, based on the idea that I/Me/Mine is at the heart of every decision and action is "The New Year's Resolution," where we promise to be better and do more to make things better. It's about this time in February - a good month after making those - that we already see how futile that idea is.

It's a bit amusing to see other people start to 'lose the steam' of those new year resolutions. We often secretly snicker at them and wonder what they think of themselves. Mirrors work so well when they point away from you (!).

But then, of course, the mirror somehow turns back to point at me/us (!!). Then I/we have to look at all the things in our lives that we promised ourselves or others we would attend to or complete and didn't do - all of those 'sins of commission or omission' in thought word, or deed that seem to plague all of us.

In our recent congregational meeting we started the process of perhaps making some new resolutions for our congregation's life going forward, too. How are those going to go?

Mirrors made of glass or metal can be vicious, indeed, and can lead to despair and often to a vicious downward cycle of even more sin as a result. But there is a mirror made of flesh, too - one that sees and takes our sin and reflects back only forgiveness and love - and that is Jesus. And that mirror, instead of leading to despair, can lead to renewal of hope and regeneration if we will just let it. I pray this is how our congregation goes, too.

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Words from the Pastor– continued

February sees the beginning of Lent, a whole month when we are encouraged to look at our mirrors - both those of glass and metal but especially that one of our Savior, who in looking back at us sees someone who He loves and forgives and wants to bring back to a life of love for Him and for neighbor, which just happens to be the best life for us, too.

Our sin was taken away at great cost by a Savior who took it to the cross, but in His resurrection, he raises us to new life, too - from one dead in sin to a life of joy and faith and love and service in Him.

Come Lord Jesus. Let us look for and see you again in a new way in your death and resurrection. Amen.

Pastor Ted

THANKS FROM THE METHODIST CHURCH H.O.P.E FOOR PANTRY

I want to thank all your members for the wonderful donation of food. The total weight was 167.4 pounds. We really appreciate all the great donations that we have been given. There is such need that sometimes we are not able to get the everyday, easy to prepare items the that families need. Thank you for supplying them to us. Blessings to all, Sharon, Methodist HOPE Pantry.

Rising costs for gas, utilities, food, and just about everything else... creates a perfect whirlpool that can swirl around those who struggle to make ends meet, and pull them underwater. Your food donations are a life preserver for many in our community. Specials, discontinued, discounted and clearance foods can be a special gift for those who need assistance. Amazingly, they like the same foods that you like. While you may not be able to donate a lobster and a steak, non-perishable food donations can stretch their dollars just a little bit father each month. May God bless your generosity.

QUILTS OF VALOR PRESENTATION ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12

The Quilt of Valor Foundation and Trinity Quilters will present six quilts to veterans from our congregation on February 12 at the end of the 9:00 a.m. service. The handmade quilts all have the veteran’s name and service branch stitched into their attached labels. The honorees this month are: Rob Clamp, Ron Rodwick, James Muth, Scott Tooker, Mark Turner, and Jonathan Worthey. With this presentation, twenty-seven of Trinity’s veterans will have been wrapped in a ‘Thank You for Your Service’ quilt. Nomination forms are available if there is a veteran, family member or friend, that you would like to honor; see Sheila Wahl for information.

SHARE YOUR FLOWERS

Presidents Day is coming up... since you probably don’t have flowers this time of year, maybe you could consider donating a few Presidents? George, Thomas, Abraham, Andrew (have you noticed how much better he’s doing his hair these days?), Ulysses, along with their friends Alexander and Benjamin, would be happy to be donated to provide flowers for Trinity. Look in your wallet and see who volunteers!

CONTRIBUTIONS\$

In January, online contributions made up over 45% of the collection money received. Whether it’s a check you drop in the basket, a check mailed from your bank, cash, pocket change, or an online donation, it all helps Trinity to carry out its mission. Thank you!

2023 Collections	Actual	Budget	Difference	%, +/-
Last Sunday	\$ 1,625	\$ 4,327	\$ (2,702)	-62.4%
Month-to-Date	\$ 12,521	\$ 21,635	\$ (9,114)	-42.1%
Year-to-Date	\$ 12,521	\$ 21,635	\$ (9,114)	-42.1%
Total Yearly Collection Budget:		\$225,000		
Attendance	January 29	59/24		

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Sunday Adult Bible Studies:

- Weekly in Library after Coffee Social; led by one of the Elders
- Fourth Sunday: Women's Bible Study; led by Carolyn Stucky

High School Youth Bible Study: in Youth Room at 10:30 am

Elementary - Junior High Classes: at 10:30 am

- Pre-K to 5th Grade: Room 1
 - Confirmation Grades 6 - 7: Rooms 6 & 8
 - Confirmation Grade 8: Room 7
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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: Gospel of Matthew

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.

KASTING 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: Gospel of Luke

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. Current study--Epistle to the Hebrews

VBS FOR 2023

We're still looking for that certain someone - someone who is good with Social Media, able to put together information for the monthly Scroll and the weekly church bulletin, maybe create a flyer or two for display around the community, to help get the word out that we are having VBS this summer. If it's too much for one person, how about "sometwo," or "somethree," or "somehowevermanyareneeded?" To volunteer, talk to Henrietta Brooks, Ann Clack or Carolyn Stucky.

OUTREACH: MEALS FOR THOSE IN NEED

The Outreach Committee continues to support the work of The Father's Heart with a lunch meal on the third Wednesday of the month. Join us if you can! We gather at 6:30 pm on Tuesday evening to cook the meal, and then again early on Wednesday morning to re-heat cooked items and prepare the fresh items. We shoot for delivery around 9:30 am or so. Contact Pat Benjamin for more information about these efforts and how you can become a part of this ministry.



We also continue to support the work of Transition Projects, a ministry of the Union Gospel Mission in Portland. Transition Projects assists people in the transition from living on the street, to living in a shelter, getting their lives stabilized so they can seek a job, and then helps them to transition once again, a stable, independent housing situation. When the shelter we used to supply a dinner meal on the third Saturday of the month closed for renovation, we changed to a different shelter where we provide the evening meal on the second Saturday of the month. Our meal is prepared with love and prayer for those who will be feasting on our efforts and your generosity. Join us as we work to share God's love with these people putting their lives back together. Give Pat Benjamin a call to find out more about this ministry.

OUTREACH: HABITAT FOR HUMANITY GROUP STARTING

Talk to Pat Benjamin Carol Wilson, Scott Tooker, Pastor Ted and Jacqueline, or Lee Duvintage if you are interested. We have the opportunity to join with a group in Vancouver as they help build homes. If you can work a paint brush or paint roller and end up with more paint on the wall than on yourself, you're qualified! The same goes for being able to use a hammer and hit a nail straight, sweeping, or even fixing lunch for other volunteers.

BRIDGE OF HOPE CARE PANTRY EXPANSION, \$5500

The Bridge of Hope Resource Center is the heart of Love INC. of Clackamas County, where relationships are built with neighbors in need, primarily women and children who are often victims of domestic abuse. Bible study, parenting classes, individual counseling and women's groups are offered to families to help change their lives. Jesus is shared with them and the ultimate goal is to connect them with one of the local Christian churches. The CARE Pantry allows families to receive personal hygiene, diapers, laundry and kitchen cleaning supplies, and feminine hygiene items every six months. This grant will allow the Bridge of Hope to offer this service more frequently and increase opportunities to create a healing relationship.



YOUR MITES MIGHT BE MORE MIGHTY THAN YOU THINK!

With great delight and extreme joy, the LWML has announced that the goal of \$2,150,000 for the 2021-2023 has been exceeded! The mite offerings given total \$2,154,511 to date! This is truly amazing when one considers that the closing date for mite contributions for this biennium isn't until the end of March.

The next year will be focusing on the grants requested of the Oregon District LWML. The closing date for gathering mites for the 2022-2024 biennium is March of 2024. The grant request above is local - right in our own back yard.

Thank you all for your generosity.

THANKS FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE THROUGH THE HOLIDAY SEASON

Thank you all for the contributions made to the "Blessing" table in benefit to the Mission Guild scholarship fund. It has been a joy to see the variety of gifts and the generosity in the free will offering. Our blessings are overflowing!

Carolyn Stucky

RUB-A-DUB DAY COMING WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8

It's Kitchen Cleaning Day on Wednesday, February 8 at 9:00 am! Join Dorcas for a fun morning of joviality as the church kitchen gets either a makeover or a workover. Guys can come and join in and then sneak off to the monthly Men's Lunch at Stanley's Corner (what a great excuse!). *Everyone* is welcome to help!

VALENTINE BINGO!

Bring your sweetheart or just yourself and if you need a ride, contact the office, Pastor Ted, Pat Benjamin or Carol Wilson. Draw a heart in red on your calendar for Saturday, February 11, as the Outreach Ministry once again hosts Bingo. The "Dynamic Duo" of Troy and Tanya Palmer will be calling the numbers. Come for Fun and Fellowship. We planned this Bingo a bit earlier in the day so you can get home during the daylight to whatever else you have planned for Valentine's Day.

Get your heart pumping a little bit faster when your card gets close to winning.

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	
Feb 5 th	Elders
Feb 12 th	Elders
Feb 19 th	Elders
Feb 26 th	Elders

Communion Set-Up	
Feb 5 th	TBA
Feb 19 th	TBA

Lectors (9 am Service)	
Feb 5 th	Jeff Allen
Feb 12 th	Julie Handy
Feb 19 th	Dave Wilson
Feb 26 th	Marilyn Allen



Flower Contact	Connie Adams 503.631.7446
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Flowers		
Feb 5 th	Vase available basis	
Feb 12 th	Vase available basis	
Feb 19 th	Vase available basis	
Feb 26 th	Vase available basis	

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)
Craig Nickles **B**, 503.819.4525 (2022)
Al Bohr **H, I, J, O** 503.980.8047 (2022)
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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

Trinity Office Email Addresses

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Publications

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Ministry Primary Contacts

Dorcas Circle

Lee Duvinage

Prayer Chain

Coordinator: Jacquie Ingalls ingalls.rose@yahoo.com
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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) 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**

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BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<i>1</i> Jennifer Van Orsow	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i> <i>Norman & Darlene Wiebold</i> <i>Peter & Paula Bennett</i>
<i>5</i> Nancy Rheinsburg	<i>6</i> Paula Bennett Cole Lais <i>Troy & Tania Palmer</i>	<i>7</i> Travis Stone <i>Craig & Kathy Nicles</i>	<i>8</i> Joan Hagedorn Craig Nickles Zachary Baker	<i>9</i> Joan Hawley Ray Clack	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i> James Hilton
<i>12</i> Ahtia Clack	<i>13</i>	<i>14</i> Ed Lindquist <i>Ron & Deb Boryczka</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>18</i> James Muth Halie Scroggins
<i>19</i> Pearl Schmidt	<i>20</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>24</i> Hunter Williams	<i>25</i>
<i>26</i> Amanda Magenheimer	<i>27</i> Kendall Trappe	<i>28</i> <i>Roger & Neva Abele</i>				

FEBRUARY 2023

TRINITY EVENTS CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<i>1</i> 10:30 Dorcas 7:00 Praise Team Practice	<i>2</i> 10:30 Bible Study	<i>3</i> 6:00p <i>The Fun Flyers</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>5</i> 9:00 Traditional Svc 10:00 Coffee Social 10:30 Sunday School 11:30 Contemporary Service	<i>6</i> 10:30 Caregivers Support Group 6:30 Volleyball	<i>7</i> 9:00 Prayer & Praise 10:00 Outreach Committee Mtg. 1:00 Quilters	<i>8</i> 9:00 Kitchen Cleanup 11:30 Men's Lunch @ Stanley's Corner 7:00 Praise Team Practice	<i>9</i> 10:30 Bible Study	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i> 1:00 Outreach Committee Bingo
<i>12</i> 9:00 Traditional Svc Quilts of Valor 10:00 Coffee Social 10:30 Sunday School 11:30 Contemporary Service	<i>13</i> 10:00 Outreach Committee 6:30 Volleyball	<i>14</i> VALENTINES DAY 9:00 Prayer & Praise 6:00 The Father's Heart Meal Prep	<i>15</i> 7:00 The Father's Heart Meal Prep 10:45 Meal Service	<i>16</i> 10:30 Bible Study	<i>17</i> 6:00p <i>The Fun Flyers</i>	<i>18</i> 2:00 Transition Projects Meal Prep
<i>19</i> 9:00 Traditional Svc 10:00 Coffee Social 10:30 Sunday School 11:30 Contemporary Service	<i>20</i> PRESIDENTS DAY HOLIDAY Office Closed 10:30 Caregivers Support Group 6:30 Volleyball	<i>21</i> 9:00 Prayer & Praise 1:00 Quilters 6:30 Church Council	<i>22</i> ASH WEDNESDAY 7:00 Lent Midweek Worship Service	<i>23</i> 10:30 Bible Study	<i>24</i>	<i>25</i>
<i>26</i> 9:00 Traditional Svc 10:00 Coffee Social 10:30 Sunday School 10:30 4th Sunday Women's Bible Study 11:30 Contemporary Service	<i>27</i> 6:30 Volleyball	<i>28</i> 9:00 Prayer & Praise 7:00 Canby Bible Study Group				