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TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



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

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TRINITY STAFF

Rev. Gary Hagen
Pastor

Kay Lynch
Office Manager

WORDS FROM THE PASTOR

We are quickly heading for New Years! In just a month, November 30th, we will celebrate the new Church calendar year as Advent begins that day.

I have always loved the Advent season. There is so much going on and for me, that was the legitimate day to start thinking about/preparing for Christmas. The stores and sales always start too early. The Saturday before the First Sunday in Advent was always the day my daughter, Eliko, and I would go out and cut down a Christmas tree. It was time to decorate the house. It was time to start the celebration!

Advent is a wonderful season. We spend those Sundays looking forward to the birth of our Savior. We anticipate the coming of Christ. The Old Testament lessons are dominated by beautiful prophecies about the coming Messiah. And our hearts are joyful with anticipation!

Have you ever noticed? The readings at the end of the Church Year are very much like the one's at the beginning. They speak to the coming of the Messiah. They speak of his coming at the end of time. Now do we read them with the same joyful anticipation? I think often times we look at them in fear and trepidation. We use terms like "doomsday" and "Armageddon". We read the book of Revelation and hope that it doesn't happen in our lifetime. But the book of Revelation wasn't written to alarm us. It was written to "alarm" Christians to encourage them.

Luke 21:25-28: "There will be signs in the sun, moon and stars. On the earth, nations will be in anguish and perplexity at the roaring and tossing of the sea. Men will faint from terror, apprehensive of what is coming on the world, for the heavenly bodies will be shaken. At that time they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

We end this Church Year with the same joyful anticipation we begin the next year!

Happy New Year!
Pastor Gary Hagen



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

November 2025—BLESSINGS AND CHALLENGE

Thanksgiving: November is the season to remember with Thanksgiving our many blessings.

This past year Trinity has been **blessed** with several baptisms, confirmations, and new members, all with a commitment to grow in the Word of the Lord. We were **blessed** to host memorial services for faithful members Laverne Bauer and Carol Wilson, plus longtime members Les and Pearl Schmidt and Evelyn Harper who were active in our church well into their nineties. On November 1, we will celebrate the blessings of spirit and beautiful music shared with us by Pastor Mike Kasting's wife Sue who, after a long illness, has gone home to the Lord.

We were **blessed** to have Pastor Ted Englebrecht with us for five years up to his June retirement. We have been **blessed** to have Pastor Gary Hagan with us as we make progress in the task of calling a new full-time pastor. On November 16, the congregation will vote to offer the job to a new man to lead us.

We are **blessed** to have a very engaged and active Church Council to mind the business of our church. The Council is **blessed** with a supportive congregation who just approved the budget for 2026; it is a deficit budget but we are **blessed** to know that we have reserves if they are needed.

The Elders and all members who greet family and friends on Sunday morning bless Trinity with the gift of Welcome. Trinity has been **blessed** with many talented people who enrich our lives through preaching, education/teaching, music, A/V support, facilities management, administration, hospitality, service and love.

We have been **blessed** to have Sunshine Early Learning Center keeping our halls hopping with young ones again this year. We are **blessed** to have the JADE Room gym to support our volleyball team, the Sunshine ELC kids in inclement weather, and local sports and drill teams that practice in the evenings.

Trinity has been **blessed** with ownership of a beautiful campus at 1600 S. Henrici Road; may we give serious thought into how to best develop the un-used space to support our own members and encourage new people to commune/break bread with us. We have been **blessed** to see Trinity Trails park becoming a reality; inclement weather has slowed progress but by spring it should be truly usable.

We have all been personally **blessed** by family, friends, by being a part of Trinity Oregon City, and by our faith in an always present, sustaining and forgiving God.

Challenge: The challenge for the coming year is to be pro-active in following Jesus's Great Commission and grow our church membership. The Church Council has a vacancy in the Outreach Chairman seat – would you be open to the call to serve? What talent can you bring to the table? **Bless** Trinity with your ideas and support!

"Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit: and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good." 1 Corinthians 12:4-7

"For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ." 1 Corinthians 12:12

Sheila Wahl - Council President

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CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Call Committee talked by phone with Pastor Jason Duley in Arlington, Nebraska, on 9/25 and Pastor Jonathan Conners in Manning, Iowa, on 10/3. The recordings of those interviews as well as written information about each of these pastors is now available for congregational members to listen to and review at the church.

Because the information is confidential, Members who would like to read the material and/or listen to some/all of the interviews can do so in the church conference room. (There are two sets of written material and two copies of the interviews along with two CD players if you would like to listen to the recorded interviews. Each recording is about 80 minutes long). Office hours are 9am to 1pm Tuesday through Friday. If you plan to come in during office hours, it would be best to call the office (503-632-1005) to ensure the conference room is not occupied at that time.

If you can't make it during regular office hours, Ahtia Clack will be at the church on Wednesday evenings from 7-8pm and on Sunday evenings from 6:30-8:30pm. To contact Ahtia call 503-516-1786. Jeff Allen could also arrange other times that you could come to the church to go over the material, you can contact Jeff at 206-228-3724.

We will also have brief summaries about each of the pastors if you would prefer to get the information in a condensed version.

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL CALL MEETING

A special Congregational Call Meeting will be held on Sunday, November 16th following the church service. Please plan to attend this important meeting, where we will vote to issue a call to one of these pastors.

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



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD NEWS

YOUNG ADULTS

Our Young Adults (college, jobs etc.) are periodically and warmly reminded via cards, notes, birthday cards, “surprises”, and devotional thoughts that they are prayed for and are part of our Trinity Family. In our latest correspondence we shared the October Scroll pictures of the Trinity Trail /Park progress. We also shared that the congregation is pleased to have Pastor Gary, our (Vacancy Pastor) while we are in the Call Process for a permanent pastor. We care about these Young Adults and their lives. If you desire to pray for any or all of them, Carolyn and Henrietta are happy to share names with you.

ADVENT

Devotional Booklets for Advent have been ordered for the congregational members, VBS Families, and Young Adults. A dozen large print Advent Devotion booklets will also be available mid-November if you find that size print enjoyable.

CHRISTMAS

Historically our Sunday School age (Kindergarten-5th grade) shared a Christmas Service with the congregation. At this time, there are no students at that age level. Last year we had a singing/drama Christmas Service, “Reflections of Mary” by Wendy Sue. Presently we are searching what might be available for the Congregation this year.

CONFIRMATION

Pastor Gary is teaching Confirmation for our three students, Ayla, Sophia, and Jacob. Each student has a Secret Prayer Partner. You too, are invited to pray for them and become acquainted with these three young people. If you want an introduction so you have a face and name, just let Henrietta, Julie, or Carolyn know. We will introduce you and have a walk across the “generation bridge”.

SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Jim Clack continues to facilitate the study on King David. On Sunday, after a brief coffee and fellowship time, please feel free to join the class in the Library.

LIBRARY

The brisk cool and colorful days of Fall invite us to curl up with an interesting book! Our Library is an inviting place to search for that special book. There are non fiction, biography, Bible Study material, parenting, novels, history, and many children’s books. We are always willing to help you search! There are books on the gray cart, if you find an interesting title--check it out!



Many blessings,

Henrietta Brooks

Christian Education Board



5 Project 72: Jesus Sent Them Two by Two (East Africa) \$5000

The Lutheran Heritage Foundation, an RSO of the LCMS church, has developed a new training program called Project 72. Lutheran teachers (usually pastors) use this program to educate and train church leaders, who then return to their congregations to teach their people in faith. This grant will fund three pairs of teachers to educate and train groups of fifteen church leaders to extend that knowledge to people of faith.



#4 Lutheran Seminarians for Haiti's Future \$5000

This grant aims to subsidize the seminary education offered by Concordia the Reformer Seminary so Haitian men can be quickly trained in pastoral ministry, serving existing churches and planting new churches in Haiti. The need is crucial as current pastoral leadership is aging, and available seminary courses are sporadic. The goal is to secure the future of the Evangelical Lutheran of Haiti (ELCH), a church in full altar and pulpit fellowship with the LCMS, to carry the Good News to the hurting people of Haiti during a time of great upheaval.



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 - October 2025

- Outreach may purchase bilingual Spanish/English catechisms for Lutheran Latino Ministries.
- Herb has a list of items he could use help with to finish the park project, including assembling the picnic shelter.
- Pastor Ted will present services on Nov 9th, Pastor Gary's day off.
- Recordings of the interviews of the two Pastor candidates are available for church members to review. Info sheets on the Welcome counter include web addresses to listen to sermons where the pastors are currently serving.
- Christian ED has been discussing Christmas service ideas.
- Council reviewed the 2026 proposed budget line by line.

Ronda Corless
Council Secretary



"I THINK THAT I SHALL NEVER SEE, A POEM LOVELY AS A TREE"

THE TRINITY CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

This year we are again partnering with Parrott Creek Family Services to provide Christmas Gifts for the families they serve. Our Giving Tree will be decorated with Stockings and Trees Gift Tags which will hold gift ideas for you to select starting Sunday, November 23rd. We hope this will allow all of us to take advantage of the Thanksgiving Holiday sales. We will also collect Men's, Women's and Children's socks through the end of the year for the Parrott Creek Families. More details coming soon.



Count *Your* Blessings



"I AM THANKFUL" TREE

As we have done in the past, we have placed the "I am Thankful" Tree in the Narthex. Please take a leaf, or as many as you need and write down what you are thankful for. Hang them on the tree. Pastor Gary will read our messages during services.

Blessings,
Beth Wilson

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
November 2	Elders
November 9	Elders
November 16	Elders
November 23	Elders
November 30	Elders

	Communion Set-Up
November 9	Carol Cameron/Steve Cameron
November 23	Carol Cameron/Steve Cameron
November 30	Carol Cameron/Steve Cameron

	Lectors
November 2	Steve Cameron
November 9	Julie Handy
November 16	Contemporary Service
November 23	Stanette Rosenberger
November 30	Dave Wilson

	Flowers for Worship
November 2	
November 9	Flowers Purchased
November 16	
November 23	
November 30	

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
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Office Manager: Kay Lynch
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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

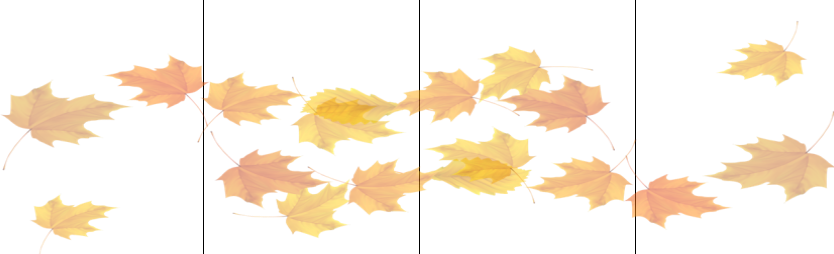
- Child Beyond International, Guatemala
- Compassion International

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TRINITY EVENTS CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						<i>1</i> 11am Memorial
<i>2</i> Daylight Savings 10am Worship Following Coffee Social & Sunday School 6:30pm Youth Group	<i>3</i> 9:30am CE Board 6:30pm Trinity Volleyball	<i>4</i> Election Day 1pm Quilters	<i>5</i> 10:30am Bible Study 10:30am Dorcas Guild 7pm Praise Team	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i> 9am Transition Projects 10:30am Cooking for Homebound
<i>9</i> 10am Worship Following Coffee Social & Sunday School 6:30pm Youth Group	<i>10</i> 6:30pm Trinity Volleyball	<i>11</i> Veterans Day 5pm NW Elite Volleyball	<i>12</i> 10:30am Bible Study <i>Noon Men's Lunch Stanley's Corner</i> 5pm JR. ROTC 7pm Praise Team	<i>13</i> 5pm NW Elite Volleyball	<i>14</i>	<i>15</i> 5pm JR. ROTC
<i>16</i> 10am Worship Following Coffee Social 11:15am Call Meeting 6:30pm Encouragers 6:30pm Youth	<i>17</i> 6:30pm Trinity Volleyball	<i>18</i> 9:30am Prayer & Praise 1pm Quilters 5pm NW Elite Volleyball 6:30pm Church Council	<i>19</i> 10:30am Bible Study 7pm Praise Team	<i>20</i> 5pm NW Elite Volleyball	<i>21</i>	<i>22</i>
<i>23</i> 10am Worship 12:30pm LWML Blessing of the Quilts 6:30pm Youth Group	<i>24</i> 6:30pm Trinity Volleyball	<i>25</i> 10am Outreach 7pm Canby Bible Study	<i>26</i> 10:30am Bible Study 7pm Praise Team	<i>27</i> Thanksgiving	<i>28</i>	<i>29</i> 
<i>30</i> 10am Worship Following Coffee Social Sunday Schl. 11am Women's & Men's Bible Study 6:30pm Youth Group						



NOVEMBER 2025

Birthdays & Anniversaries



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1
2 Daylight Savings	3	4 Election Day	5	6	7	8
9	10	11 Veterans Day	12	13	14 Jimmy Clack	15
16	17	18	19 Adelyn Taylor	20 Alex Baker	21 Audrey Stone	22
23 Terina Trappe	24	25	26	27 Thanksgiving Alma Allen	28 Mary Jane Eisle Gary Hagen Jeff Shrode	29 Angela Stone Jessica Van Orsow
30						