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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. SEPTEMBER 2023

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IMPORTANT DATES THIS MONTH

- Sept 4/11/18/25: Volleyball
- Sept 4: Labor Day Holiday,
Office Closed
- Sept 5: CE Board
- Sept 5/19: Quilters
- Sept 6: Dorcas
- Sept 7/14/21/28: Thursday
Bible Study
- Sept 10: RALLY SUNDAY
- Sept 13: Men's Lunch
- Sept 16: Transition Projects
- Sept 17: Sunday School Begins
- Sept 19: Prayer & Praise at
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- Sept 24: 4th Sunday Women's
Bible Study
- Sept 24: POTLUCK
- Sept 26: Canby Bible Study

TRINITY STAFF

Rev. Ted Engelbrecht
Pastor

J. Patrick & Carol Moore
Administrative Assistants

WORDS FROM THE PASTOR - September 2023

September is already upon us! Cooler weather is finally in sight. Alleluia!

September and school usually go together, and for the first time in a long while we will see a full-time school open in our building. The Sunshine Early Learning Center will open its doors on September 11 and this place will soon be filled with the hustle, bustle, noise and energy of scores of children. The wonderful facility that the Lord provided through His congregation here will again be more fully stewarded and used as a blessing to the community we live in and are called to serve.

This is all going to be new for those of us used to a different schedule and atmosphere here, and so patience and flexibility will need to be paramount as we get used to living with these 'newcomers' - and they with us. Prayers will be needed most of all - prayers that this new venture will be a blessing to all, that we will all grow to live well with each other, and especially that God will work in this venture to build His Kingdom with it. This could happen in many ways - in 'taking the stones' out of a field full of negative ideas about the church, to 'planting the seeds' of faith in the children and families who come here to, hopefully, 'watering and harvesting' souls who meet and are affected by the God and Lord of our congregation here. May God grant any and all of this!

For those who wonder why we would allow a non-Christian school in our building, we remember Jesus' words that we are to be 'salt and light' in our communities (Matthew 5:13) - and not fortresses or gated communities. Remembering Luther's words in that great Reformation hymn that, 'A Mighty Fortress is our God' - and not 'is our church building,' we look forward to being witnesses first and foremost to Him.

Having people who need to know about Jesus come to us instead of us having to go to them is a blessing for everyone and God has given us a real opportunity to witness here. But as we do so, we need to remember that God calls us to 'win' people to Him and not 'beat' them over the heads with Him. As St. Peter reminds us, too, in 1 Peter 3:15: "In your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect."

May the Lord bless this new venture, this new school year, and all the new relationships that come as a result of it.

Amen

Pastor Ted

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD NEWS

Sunday School

Rally Day to start the Sunday School Year is September 10. Watch the bulletin and the Tuesday E-Trinity emails for details on this event.

Sunday Adult Bible Studies:

- Weekly in Library about 11 am; led by one of the Elders
- Fourth Sunday: Women’s Bible Study; led by Carolyn Stucky

High School Youth Bible Study: starting again in September.

Elementary - Junior High Classes: starting again in September.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

We had 21 children registered for VBS this year. The Christian Education Board thanks all volunteers who helped prepare items for VBS as well as the volunteer staff who worked with the students during that week. Many hands made lighter work in getting ready for the week and making it successful.

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.

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: 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, August 27. We may have a few end-of-month contributions that push us just a bit higher.

2023 Collections	Actual	Budget	Difference	%, +/-
Month-to-Date	\$ 12,200	\$ 17,308	\$ (5,108)	-29.5%
Year-to-Date	\$ 128,599	\$ 151,442	\$ (22,843)	-15.1%
Total Yearly Collection Budget:		\$225,000		

TRINITY VOLLEYBALL RETURNS!

Join us for some good exercise and fun in the Jade Room on Monday nights.

LWML 2023 WOMEN’S RETREAT

WHO: The Lutheran Women in Mission (LWML), Oregon District

WHAT: Biennial Christian Life Retreat

WHEN: September 22 - 24, 2023

WHERE: Aldersgate Retreat Center in Turner, OR

WHY: This is the first time we will be holding an overnight retreat since the lockdowns for COVID-19.

So, consider joining us as we contemplate —

Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

For behold, darkness shall cover the earth,

and thick darkness the peoples;

but the Lord will arise upon you,

and his glory will be seen upon you.

And nations shall come to your light,

and kings to the brightness of your rising.

Isaiah 60:1-3

SHARE YOUR FLOWERS

If you’d like to donate some flowers from your yard (or money to purchase some), contact Connie Adams.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY — WORK DAY WAS SATURDAY, AUGUST 19

- Carolyn Stucky
- Joyce Dull
- Erich Lais
- Cole Lais & his friend
- Ted Engelbrecht
- Will Marshall
- Lee Duvinage
- Jacqueline & Yung Ting



Habitat for Humanity is building nine new homes in Vancouver, adjacent to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Vancouver. The Trinity crew helped with painting, and were nourished through the efforts of Lee Duvinage and Will Marshall. Habitat provides the opportunity for lower-income people to put in "Sweat Equity" to help build their new home, which is constructed by volunteer crews.

**Future
Home
Owners**



TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH | COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES | June 20, 2023

Attendees: Brian Hawkins, Troy Palmer, Melissa Deyoe, Pastor Ted, Jeff Allen, Herb Meissel, Scott Tooker, Gail Allen, Rhoda Bohr, Lou Miller

Troy opened with a devotion titled *Love One Another*.

No minutes were available to approve.

Troy introduced Rhoda as incoming Vice President. Rhoda spoke about being respectful of everyone's time so she will ask for reports to be emailed a week prior to the council meeting so they can be read at home. Then the meeting time will be for answering questions or clarifying points.

Guest speaker: Lou Miller

Lou made a short presentation regarding the possibility of doing something with the money in our bank account above the amount that is FDIC insured. In July, he will present some options for us to look at. We should at least be earning some interest.

Facilities Use: Scott Tooker & Gail Allen (Present-No Report)

Scott and Gail spoke at length regarding a pre-school group that wants to rent portions of our building from Monday-Friday. There was a lot of information given and many questions asked, some of which couldn't be answered yet. Points raised included building wear and tear, utilities, custodial needs, use of kitchen, possible taxes, congregational use of building, security, key use, and playground refresh. Discussion tabled with a request to get an approval from the group in writing, so we have something to work from. Gail will follow-up and schedule another meeting for further discussion once more information and a written proposal is received.

Scott and Gail spoke about another group that expressed interest in renting the gym in the evenings. Currently we are also renting out office space Monday-Friday.

Christian Education: Henrietta Brooks (Absent-See Report)
Rhoda read CE report prepared by Henrietta Brooks.

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

AVIT: Paul Petrone (Absent-No Report)

Pastor Report: Pastor Ted (Absent-No Report)

Elders: Jeff Allen (Present-See Report)
Jeff presented the Elders report. A small group of elders

have been trained on use of the AED.

Treasurer Report: Melissa Deyoe (Present-See Report)

Melissa presented the treasurers report. For the month ending May 31, 2023, the church reports a loss from operations of \$1,482. For the 5-month period ending May 31, 2023, the church reported an overall loss of \$28,687 from operations.

Financial Secretary: Connie Adams (Present-No Report)

Property Board: Herb Meissel (Present-No Report)
Herb spoke about current projects, leaks, equipment, etc.

President: Brian Hawkins (In Attendance-No Report)

Vice President: Troy Palmer (Present-No Report)

Unfinished Business – None

New Business

Melissa presented the idea to hire a private bookkeeper at a cost savings of \$300 minimum over our current company. Discussed. Council voted to move forward with the new bookkeeper.

Council voted on a recommendation from Connie Adams, Financial Secretary, to redesign our Financial Secretary and Treasurer positions due to a lack of volunteer for Treasurer. We will now create a Financial Board, currently led by Connie Adams and utilizing several congregational members who have volunteered to help. Bookkeeping duties such as paying bills will be handled by the new bookkeeper. Other financial duties will be shared out by the Financial Committee.

Next meeting will be July 18, 2023 at 6:30pm.
Rhoda will provide the devotion.

Brian closed the meeting in prayer.
Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm

Notes taken by Rhoda Bohr

Respectfully Submitted

Ronda Corless – Recording Secretary

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH | SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES | July 6, 2023

Attendees: Brian Hawkins, Rhoda Bohr, Jeff Allen, Ronda Corless, Carolyn Stucky, Pat Benjamin, Gail Allen,

Additional attendees not voting: Henrietta Brooks, Melissa Deyoe, Scott Tooker

Special council meeting to discuss proposed long-term facility use to Sunshine Bright, a 501c3, aka Sunshine Early Learning Center. Purpose of meeting is to hear discussions and concerns. Then additional attendees will be dismissed and council will vote on the proposal.

See attached list of attendees of additional church members from various groups from the congregation. Additional members present for discussion.

Rhoda opened with a prayer.

Gail gave some background of what we are discussing at the meeting. In January 2023, the church met as a group to discuss possible facility uses of the church. There was interest from the members to rent the facility. Scott and Gail met with Sunshine Bright and brought a proposal to council at the June council meeting and an additional council meeting was called to discuss further. This meeting is a second special council meeting to discuss and additional congregation members were invited and encouraged to attend to discuss proposal details.

Rhoda read the proposal written by Gail and proposed to Council.

Gail read some additional information to add to the proposal. Sunshine understands this is a church first and our ministry comes first. Scott & Gail checked out Sunshine with the churches they previously rented from, Better Business Bureau, Clackamas County, etc. and have heard nothing but good things about them. It has been discussed to have a twice a month meetings with Trinity's facility coordinator, Sunshine's coordinator and Executive Director/owner, Jennifer Foglesong, to discuss any issues or concerns that may arise.

Discussion questions included cleaning in kitchen, food handling requirements, annual required fire inspection, required liability insurance provided by Sunshine Bright, putting things on walls, and key access to building. Council previously discussed hiring an attorney to write contract. The Cry Room needs cleaned out as an emergency exit to get out of nursery.

It was asked - what the goal is renting to Sunshine Bright? Rhoda responded by explaining what was discussed at the January special congregation meeting.

Results of that meeting concluded that church members wanted to keep our facility and rent out some of the building to provide income to help with increasing facility costs. In addition, members expressed renting to a facility that would be an outreach of some sort to the community.

Sheila as a representative from quilters asked if the school would impact on their activity? Quilters would still have their own room and the school would not impact the quilters activities.

Sunshine Bright is asking for a parking spot for their school bus.

Question was asked about locking building and different groups being in the building at the same time. This is something that would be discussed and worked out. Question was asked about church members coming to church during the week. Members would still have access to come to church to do their business but are asked to not go in the classrooms during class.

If we move forward with this proposal, Gail has volunteered to be the point of contact/facility coordinator for the church. There will be issues that could arise and there has to be someone to go. Sheila has offered to be a backup to Gail as a point of contact. Craig has also volunteered to be a backup.

Additional attendees left the room.

Results of Council vote is 6 yes votes and 1 no vote to move forward with the proposal to lease to Sunshine Bright.

There was discussion about rent prices. Council agreed the rent would be a minimum of \$6,500 and language regarding rent and utilities will be discussed with the attorney.

Brian closed the meeting in prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm

Notes taken by Rhoda Bohr

Respectfully Submitted

Ronda Corless – Recording Secretary

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH | COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES | July 18, 2023

Attendees: Brian Hawkins, Rhoda Bohr, Pastor Ted, Connie Adams, Ronda Corless, Carolyn Stucky, Gail Allen, Melissa Deyoe

Rhoda opened with a devotion.
No minutes were approved.

Facilities Use: Gail Allen (Present-No Report)

Gail shared the facility rental and use agreement with Sunshine Learning Center that she has been working on. Gail will call the attorney to discuss having them assist with preparing the rental agreement. We need input from the attorney regarding how to word monthly rent and reviewing in 6 months regarding utility costs.

Christian Education: Carolyn Stucky (Present-No Report)

VBS starts Sunday night at 5:30pm and there are 7 pre-registered but registration is also open on site. Beautiful Savior is helping setup the preschool room. Ann will be at the church most days and nights this week setting up. Since there is a memorial service on Saturday, there will be extra help needed to setup on Saturday evening after the service. Graduating students were honored at one of the church services and the CE board wants to keep in contact with these seniors to encourage them. Sunday school will start in September and there is a need for adult class leaders. We have materials, just need leaders.

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

Pastor reported that the July event is VBS and the August event will be going to Habitat for Humanity with Good Shepard church. Rhoda wants to start making appeals at church to recruit people to use their tools and talents to help with properties.

AVIT: Paul Petrone (Absent-No Report)

Pastor Report: Pastor Ted (Present-No Report)

Pastor had a nice trip away and noted that the people in Morocco are very kind. Pastor has visited many shut-ins. The 5th Sunday worship service in July will be lead by VBS.

Elders: Jeff Allen (Absent-No Report)

Finance Committee: Connie Adams & Melissa Deyoe (Present-See Report)

Melissa gave the treasurers report. For the month ending June 30, 2023, the church reports a loss from operations of \$4,691. For the 6-month period ending June 30, 2023, the church reported an overall loss of \$33,378 from operations. Melissa noted that she and

Connie met to discuss the Financial Board and that they are still working out the details with Connie and Julie, the new bookkeeper.

Connie noted that to have a finance board, there will be one less vote in council since there won't be a Treasurer and Financial Secretary. Rhoda said it will be important to have an odd amount of voters on council. The Financial Committee consisting of Connie Adams (lead), Steve Cameron, Craig Nichols, and Tanya Palmer will meet to go over items.

Council discussed and agreed that we will add Connie Adams as a signer on the US Bank account. There was no opposition. Brian is currently a signer and we will remove Melissa as signer. Connie will also need to be setup as an online user.

As Lou was not present at the meeting, it was noted that we will wait to discuss investing some of the bank account money until the August meeting.

Property Board: Herb Meissel (Absent-No Report)

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. It was noted that AVIT doesn't need to come to the council meetings and this will be reflected in the revised Bylaws. Rhoda will send the revised Bylaws to the district to review and once she receives them back, she will then present them to the Council to be voted on.

Unfinished Business - None

New Business - None

Carolyn closed the meeting with a prayer at 8:20pm.

Next meeting will be August 15, 2023 at 6:30pm.
Brian will do the devotion and Ronda will be absent and need someone to take minutes.

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	
Sept 3 rd	Elders
Sept 10 th	Elders
Sept 17 th	Elders
Sept 24 th	Elders

Communion Set-Up	
Sept 3 rd	TBA
Sept 17 th	TBA

Lectors (9 am Service)	
Sept 3 rd	Jeff Allen
Sept 10 th	Rhoda Bohr
Sept 17 th	Dave Wilson
Sept 24 th	No Lector—Contemporary



Flower Contact	Connie Adams 503.631.7446
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Flowers		
Sept 3 rd		
Sept 10 th		
Sept 17 th		
Sept 24 th		

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

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Diane Ledgerwood

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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) 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**

SEPTEMBER 2023

BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Ileane Stenger
3	4 Lily Riseling	5	6	7 Robert Mills	8 Diane Ledgerwood Barbara Hawkins	9
10 Richard Gunsolus	11 Louis & Amanda Magenheimer	12 Breana Stone	13 Linda Magenheimer Alana Morgan Jon & Melissa Deyoe	14 Julie Bills Eimille Darnell	15	16
17	18 David Baker Bruce Ballard	19 Pam Seelye	20	21 Sydney Turner	22 Doug & Linda Archibald	23
24 Tania Palmer	25	26 Ronda Corless	27	28 Darla Norwood Roger & Carol Wilson	29	30 Rebecca Turner

SEPTEMBER 2023

TRINITY EVENTS CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>
					6:00p <i>The Fun Flyers</i>	
3 10:00 Worship Svc After: Coffee Social 11:00 Adult Bible Study	4 LABOR DAY HOLIDAY - office closed 6:30 Trinity Volleyball	5 10:00 CE Board 1:00 Quilters	6 10:30 Dorcas 7:00 Paise Team Practice	7 10:30 Bible Study	8	9
10 RALLY SUNDAY 10:00 Worship Svc After: Coffee Social 11:00 Sunday School 11:00 Adult Bible Study	11 6:30 Trinity Volleyball	12	13 11:30 Men's Lunch @ Stanley's Corner 7:00 Praise Team Practice	14 10:30 Bible Study 6:30 pm Elders Meeting	15 6:00p <i>The Fun Flyers</i>	16 2:00 Transition Projects Meal Prep
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