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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.

MAY 2025

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May Birthday's

5/2	Cheryl Shrode
5/2	Darlene Wiebold
5/3	Vera Deines
5/3	Donna Stewart
5/4	Jeff Allen
5/7	Rebecca Hilton
5/10	Garett Finzel
5/11	Grayson Noss
5/12	Paul Petrone
5/15	Brian Hawkins Sr.
5/17	Herb Hemphill
5/17	Mark Corless
5/20	Ann Clack
5/21	Jacqueling Noel
5/23	Eli Corless
5/28	Peter Bennett
5/28	Lily Petrone
5/28	Owen Taylor
5/29	Karen Walker

Anniversaries

5/18	Jennifer & Michael Van Orsow
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TRINITY STAFF

Rev. Ted Engelbrecht
Pastor

Kay Lynch
Office Manager

WORDS FROM THE PASTOR

The truth of Easter and how it affects each of us 'hits' us in many ways. Sometimes, that 'hit' may even be felt physically, as St. Paul found out. *"Now as he (Saul) went on his way, he approached Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven shone around him. And falling to the ground, he heard a voice saying to him, 'Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?'" (Acts 9:4)*

For Saul, persecutor of the early Christians, who later will be called Paul and even Saint Paul once he became perhaps the most famous missionary for Christ, that 'hit' was life transforming. In his 2nd letter to the Corinthians, he writes this, too: *"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come."* (2 Cor. 5:17)

Those who are made 'new' because of Easter would seem to include all of us here at Trinity OC. Included in that 'old' is the power of the Devil, the world, and our sinful selves, and death - and the fear of it - that comes from those powers. But as St. Paul once again reminds us in 2 Corinthians: *"Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?" The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.* (15:55)

Like Paul, 'we of the new' are sent out by Jesus to testify to Him and continue his ministry. And like Paul, to this day, Christian missionaries - and that can mean regular members of congregations - are still being persecuted and even killed for testifying to Christ. But it hasn't stopped them, and it shouldn't stop us, either.

Here in Oregon we aren't being killed physically for being Christian or sharing/preaching Christ, but I know that it is tough here in the NW where one can be criticized and made fun of for being a follower of Christ. This, especially when one is associated with some of the very bad witness to Christ that has happened/is happening now when any love that they are supposed to have is overshadowed by judgment and hate which results in division and even violence - which are the same things that killed Jesus and that he preached against.

But in this Easter season, especially, we know that Jesus rose from that death and in so doing defeated those powers. He came here to love and save us and then sends us to do the same. "Feed my sheep" - he told Peter, and love them. "Love God and love all your neighbors," He tells us in Luke 27 and elsewhere. Luther interprets that best: Love God by having faith in Him and His methods - His love for us and others. And love your neighbor by serving them in every way - physically, emotionally, and spiritually. Only that is the way, the truth, and the life. Let that be our lives - and our testimonies.
Amen.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

It's May – a month to experience new beginnings and celebrate a variety of holidays!

Our world is filled with warmer days and blooming flowers, so much beautiful color, reminding us of the cycle of life. *"This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it."* Psalm 118:24.

The church celebrates the cycle of life too, - from Christmas to Easter we remember the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, from Easter to Christmas we study the birth and growth of the Christian church to find lessons and challenges to apply in our own lives.

From the Church Council, a 'Thank You' to Cary Marteson and team for coordinating and setting up the Seder Supper and to all who shared in the fellowship, marvelous food, *and the cleanup* of the Easter Breakfast! Think maybe we should do this again?

A reminder that the spring Congregation Meeting is May 18, immediately after worship service and a very short break. The agenda includes a look back at the past year, a look back/forward with the financial review, and the election of a Council Vice President.

The nominating team is still looking for volunteers to join the Elders.

Your presence is needed – see you there!

So we celebrate: Spring, Cinco de Mayo, Mother's Day, Memorial Day, and life everlasting in Christ!

Sheila Wahl
971-998-6481



A Lovely Easter at Trinity!





Jesus in the Seder

In case you missed it, fifty people came to the highly anticipated Jesus in the Seder, Thursday April 17; this day of Holy Week is traditionally when Christians remember the Last Supper and Holy Communion. Besides Christmas Eve, this was one of the most highly attended evening events in recent memory at Trinity.

Those that were in attendance, included Pastor Ted and his family, other families, seniors, and four teenagers, all were in for a real treat! Rabbi Gabriel Lambroso, a Rabbi from a local Messianic house of worship, Yeddidei Adonai, told the story of Jesus in the Seder.

The passionate Rabbi used scriptures; slides; played guitar and led a sing a long of praise music, (wonderful!); and with food samples of the Seder, roasted eggs, beets, parsley, charoset, wine, lamb shank bone and of course Matzoh to illustrate how Jesus Messiah is the Lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world!



Many thanks and much appreciation to those who helped make it happen: Pastor Ted, the Elders, Dorcas, Jim and Athia Clack and Rabbi Gabriel Lombroso!

Cary Martenson





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***EXTRA**



Mission Goal Reached!

Praise God! Through His grace and your faithful support,
we have reached our Mission Goal!

Thank You for Your Generous Support!

We're thrilled to announce that the Mission Goal for this biennium has been met! Your generous support has made a tremendous impact, funding mission grants with a total of \$2.35 million to spread God's love and hope to those in need.

The mission doesn't stop here! As we look ahead to the next biennium, we are filled with excitement and anticipation for the opportunity to bless even more ministries — in Omaha and beyond. We can't continue our mission without support from people like you.

Thank you so much for your ongoing support. As Lutheran Women in Mission, we joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions, and equip women to honor God by serving others. Your support ensures that our mission thrives and grows into the next biennium! Consider becoming a monthly giver to ensure a stable foundation for many years to come.

Thank you for being part of Lutheran Women in Mission. Together, we make a difference!

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LWML Oregon District

Grant #5 Project 72: Jesus Sent them Two by Two (East Africa) \$5,000

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.



Grant #6 Expanding Gospel Proclamation Worldwide-Concordia Seminary, \$6,500

Most countries have a significant shortage of Lutheran pastors with advanced theological education. The global proclamation of Christ's love and the message of eternal salvation through faith in Christ continues to be paramount. Theological education is one of the critical priorities of the LCMS Synod. This grant will offset international students' educational costs that are not covered by other contributions.



Your Selection Requested

The LWML Convention 2025 is in Omaha, NE June 26-29, 2025. Pam Seeyle will be the delegate representing the Mt. Hood Zone. She will need to know how you wish to have her vote on the proposed mission grants as well as the candidates running for offices. A copy of the list of grants was left in your mail box. Please select your favorite 6 and give them to Pam. Become a roommate to Pam or her fellow traveler and register for the convention at LWML.org. Registration is open NOW. Before and after tours are also available. Make it your fun and inspirational trip!!

Lutheran Women in Mission

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD NEWS

Mark your calendars for May and some news beyond.

OUR YOUNG ADULTS (college, jobs etc.) will be receiving spiritual words of encouragement. Tasty goodies will add a treat as job needs are met and college "finals week" requires extra energy and stamina. We all treasure encouragement with words, listening ears, or a gentle *I care*.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VBS dates are July 20-24. Plans and preparations are progressing. If you did not happen to select a Tree from the Northern Lights backdrop in the Narthex yet, there's still time! These trees contain items that will be useful as work is done in preparation for VBS.

VOLUNTEERS are needed and are a crucial part of VBS---We have some volunteers who have stepped up and said, "Sure, I will help". However, we need more VOLUNTEERS to say, "Count me in" so the young guests can learn more about Jesus. There are many tasks at hand if you have some spare time. Please contact Ann Clack (503. 515.4369) or Ahtia Clack (503.456.1786) and they will be happy to share with you what the various jobs are and what each job entails. You can choose the one that is best for you!

LIBRARY

There is a new author on the grey cart for you to enjoy! If the names Chapman and Smalley are of interest. If not, there are many books on all the shelves that can attract your interest. Jean, Vera or Henrietta are happy to assist you.



CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

Confirmation is June 8th. We have one confirmed, Lauren! On that special day of rejoicing, if you wish to share a card with Lauren, drop them in the basket in the Narthex. *The Secret Prayer Partner of 3 years will be revealed to the congregation and Lauren.* We will also have cake to enjoy!

GRADUATION

If you have a family member that is graduating from High School or a College, please save June 15th for them to be recognized at Worship Service. It would be great to have their photo and brief description of them to display in the Narthex. Please drop their photo and description of your Grad to the TLC office between 9am and 1pm Tuesday—Friday, or feel free to scan a photo and email a description to office@trinityoc.org

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Will Marshall is facilitating a Bible study on the book of Job on Sunday mornings in the Library. If you haven't studied this Old Testament for a while you will be well informed about Job's character. You will gain new insights about Job.

HOME BIBLE STUDIES

It is great when we can study together on Sunday morning after Worship. However, there are times you just can't stick around. Presently there are four Home Groups that meet on different days/times during the week and you are welcome to attend any that you choose to continue growing in God's Word and perhaps meet new friends! To see the health and growth of Bible Study and relationships at Trinity, we are beginning something new, we are asking you to sign in, whichever class you attend.

**Blessings,
Henrietta**

UPCOMING EVENTS

UNSHAKABLE

Standing on the Rock When Life Quakes Hard

Registration now OPEN!

WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN RETREAT

Join other women on Saturday, May 17th from 9am-3pm at Living Savior Lutheran Church.

Donna Snow, author of Bible studies & motivational speaker will present: ***Unshakable, Standing on the Rock When Life Quakes Hard***

Registration can be done through the QR code or pick up a registration form from the Welcome Center at Trinity. Registration fee is \$40 which includes a continental breakfast & a catered box lunch. You can pay in-person the day of, thru Vanco at stpaulsherwood.org or by check. This event is sponsored by Living Savior and St. Paul Lutheran/Sherwood. Invite friends & family for a day of encouragement and inspiration!

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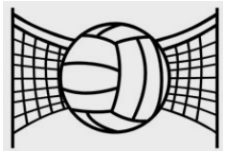


TRINITY OREGON CITY CONGREGATION MEETING

On Sunday, May 18, immediately after worship service and a very short break we will have a Spring Congregation Meeting. The agenda includes a look back at the past year, financial review, and the election of a Council Vice President. We hope you can join us.

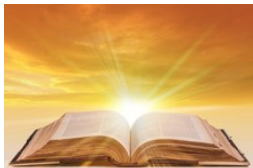
MONDAY NIGHT VOLLEYBALL!

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.



WILL MARSHALL TO LEAD CLASSES ON GEMSTONES

Will has been scheduled to host additional classes at the Pioneer Community Center's Fireplace Room. Stop by the Pioneer Center on Tuesday, May 20th at 12 noon. Bring your questions, because they drive the agenda of each class. If you know someone who is contemplating a jewelry purchase, please feel free to pass this information and invitation along!



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

CASTING HOME BIBLE STUDY: meet every Tuesday evening 6:30 pm at Pastor Mike's home. Contact person--Pastor Mike Kasting---503-305-6189

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

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.

GET INVOLVED

If you would like to become involved in any of these areas of service you can use the Communication card or send an email to the office at office@trinity.org.

	Greeters
May 4 th	Elders
May 11 th	Elders
May 18 th	Elders
May 25 th	Elders

	Communion Set-Up
May 11 th	Carol Cameron/Steve Cameron
May 25 th	Carol Cameron/Steve Cameron

	Lectors (10 am Service)
May 4 th	George Deines
May 11 th	Dave Wilson
May 18 th	Contemporary Service
May 25 th	Levi Darnell

Flower Contact	Connie Adams 503.631.7446
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	Flowers
May 4 th	Vase available
May 11 th	Vase available
May 18 th	Vase available
May 25 th	Vase available

GIVING IN SO MANY WAYS!

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 either donating flowers (preferred method), or a donation to purchase flowers for church.



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.

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH | COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Council Members:

President - Sheila Wahl
Vice-President - Rhoda Bohr
Pastor - Ted Engelbrecht
Property Board - Herb Meissel
Facilities Use Rep - Gail Allen

Finance Committee Rep - Connie Adams
Secretary - Ronda Corless
Elder - Jeff Allen
Christian Education Rep - Carolyn Stucky

April 2025

- Christian Ed would like to know who is graduating so they can be recognized on June 15th.
This is also Pastor's last Sunday. Confirmation Sunday is June 8th.
- Lutheran Latino Ministries is having their meeting at the church May 3rd at 10:00am and Trinity will be providing the lunch.
Please come attend the meeting and help Carolyn with the lunch.
- Elders are working on choosing a vacancy pastor.
- Kay will be on vacation the week after Easter but the office will still be open.
Sheila and Pastor are covering a couple days and volunteers are needed to cover April 24 & 25
- Sheila reported that the church insurance policies have been reviewed and deemed adequate for current needs.
New quotes will be obtained prior to the October renewal date.
- Easter breakfast will be continental style and council is providing fruit & juice.
- The Congregation Voters Meeting will be May 18th at 11:15am

Ronda Corless – Council Secretary

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

Ahtia Clack

Outreach

Volunteer Needed

Christian Education Board

Henrietta Brooks
Carolyn Stucky

Facility & Building Use

Herb Meissel
Gail Allen

Trinity Office Email Addresses

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pastor.ted@trinityoc.org
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Office Hours

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Ministry Primary Contacts

Dorcas Circle

Diane Ledgerwood

Prayer Chain

Coordinator: Jacquie Ingalls ingalls.rose@yahoo.com

Prayer & Praise

Henrietta Brooks

LWML/Mission Guild

Carolyn Stucky

Quilters

Sheila Wahl

Communion Guild

Steve Cameron
Carol Cameron

Altar Committee

Colleen Brinkert
Gary Brinkert

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**



MAY 2025

TRINITY EVENTS CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<i>1</i> 10am Board of Education 10:30am Bible Study	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i> 10am Lutheran Latino Ministries Diamond Room
<i>4</i> 10am Worship Svc After: Coffee Social 11am Sunday School 6:30pm Youth Group	<i>5</i> Cinco de Mayo 6:30pm Trinity Volleyball	<i>6</i> 10am CE Board 1pm Quilters	<i>7</i> 10:30am Dorcas Circle 7pm Praise Team	<i>8</i> 10:30am Bible Study	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i> 9am Transition Projects Meal Delivery 10:30am Home-bound Member Meal Prep
<i>11</i> Mothers Day 10am Worship Svc After: Coffee Social 11am Sunday School 6:30pm Youth Group	<i>12</i> 6:30pm Trinity Volleyball	<i>13</i>	<i>14</i> 11:30am Men's Lunch 7pm Praise Team	<i>15</i> 10:30am Bible Study	<i>16</i>	<i>17</i>
<i>18</i> 10am Worship Svc After: Coffee Social 11am Sunday School 11:15am Spring Congregation Meeting 6:30pm Youth Group	<i>19</i> 6:30pm Trinity Volleyball	<i>20</i> 9am Prayer & Praise 1pm Quilters 6:30pm Church Council	<i>21</i> 11am Elders Board Meeting 7pm Praise Team	<i>22</i> 10:30am Bible Study 5pm NW Elite VB	<i>23</i>	<i>24</i>
<i>25</i> 10am Worship Svc After: Coffee Social 11am Sunday School 4th Sun 11am Men's & Women's Bible Studies 6:30pm Youth Group	<i>26</i> Memorial Day 6:30pm Trinity Volleyball	<i>27</i> 10am Outreach Committee 7pm Canby Bible Study	<i>28</i> 7pm Praise Team	<i>29</i> 10:30am Bible Study	<i>30</i>	<i>31</i>