

# THE SCROLL

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH'S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



**TRINITY**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

**OCTOBER 2022**

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## IMPORTANT DATES THIS MONTH

- Oct 3/10/17/24: Volleyball
- Oct 3/17: Caregiver Support Group
- Oct 5: Dorcas
- Oct 12: Men's Lunch
- Oct 15: Transition Projects Meal Prep/Delivery
- Oct 18: Outreach Committee
- Oct 18/19: The Father's Heart Meal Prep/Delivery
- Oct 19: Church council
- Oct 23: 4th Sunday Women's Bible Study
- Oct 25: Canby Bible Study
- Oct 31: Reformation Day

## TRINITY STAFF

**Rev. Ted Engelbrecht**  
Pastor

**J. Patrick & Carol Moore**  
Administrative Assistants

## WORDS FROM THE PASTOR - October 2022

It's Time to Come Back.

Fall is upon us already. Where has the time gone?

Fall is traditionally a time to harvest, since many major grains and fruits come ripe for harvest in the days just passed or coming. We will celebrate these gifts of God in nature in this season, and give Him thanks and praise for them. Late frosts and extreme heat affected some of the harvest of food this year, but **I would like to talk about another type of harvest with this letter - the weekly harvest of 'souls in seats' in church this year.**

I came to Trinity in the midst of a pandemic. COVID severely affected the congregation's ability to gather and I never experienced the weekly 'harvest' of members that came together before the pandemic. But from what I have been told, we are not back to that number now that things are more 'normal' for the most part. Why is that?

Some people are more vulnerable to the ongoing effects of COVID and we can all understand their reluctance to come to places where people gather. But many people will gather at restaurants, movies, weddings and the like but seem to have lost the habit of coming to church. We need to return to church.

We need to return for several reasons: The most important one is because it is God's law or instruction. God knows that we need to make a place for Him in our lives if we are to be truly happy, healthy and wise. It is only in getting together with Him and each other on a regular basis that our relationship with Him as individuals but also as a people can grow. God's laws/instructions are always - first and foremost - good for us, so we shouldn't ignore them. And we can't livestream community,

Another reason is that one can't livestream the Lord's Supper, either. This is not only a 'symbol' of what God did for us in Jesus' sacrifice on the cross, but a real means of grace and food for our souls. Some of us are spiritually starving and may not know it. Come to the feast! It is there for you.

A final reason, at least for this letter, is that we miss you! We see this in the joy of re-seeing folks every time someone who has not been here for a while comes back. TOC has been and is a congregation, a community, a family of faith. We are the Church. We need each other.

So, with this letter of explanation come a couple of appeals, as well: An appeal that we all stop to think about what is most important about this life and the next, and an appeal to make it our practice to come to church as a habit and on a regular basis for those reasons. There is no better or needed time than the present to come/come back to our church. We would love to see you here!

"But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you." (Matt. 6:33).

Amen

*Pastor Ted*

**COSTA RICA MISSION**

We have been invited to join in an online ministry to Costa Rica starting this January. It will involve speaking English with High Schoolers there during weekly ESL lessons that are run by Ethan Hutton, who came to visit us in July, and his team. This is open to anyone, high school age or older, who is interested. We will hopefully follow up our sessions with a visit to Costa Rica to meet with the students next year, though visiting will not be required. Please contact Pastor Ted if you are interested.

**OUTREACH: MEALS FOR THOSE IN NEED**

The Outreach Committee continues to provide a hot lunch meal for The Father’s Heart Street Ministry in Oregon City on the third Wednesday of the month. Come join us on the evening before as we prepare the hot dishes for the meal, or on Wednesday morning when we prepare cold dishes and heat up the warm ones, then deliver and serve. Any help you can give will be appreciated - plus it’s a great way to sneak in some fellowship with other Trinity members.



We also provide a hot evening meal for one of the residential facilities for Transition Projects, which assists people overcoming addictions and returning to the ranks of the employed. This meal is provided on the third Saturday of the month.

If you’re interested and need more details, contact Pat Benjamin.

**CHRISTMAS IS COMING...**

YIKES, it's October 1, and only minimal plans have been made for the holidays season at Trinity. There is a lot of room for you to lend your voice and hands this joyous season. Yes, we will have a giving tree. Yes, we will promote the food for hope program. Yes, we will be asking for turkeys and hams (gobblers and oinkers). But, there is so much more to be done. Is there someone out there to lead up an Advent by candlelight program? Are there people to decorate our church? How about a group of people going out and caroling at least to our shut ins? Anyone up for cookie baking and exchange? I bet you may have more ideas.



Anyone interested in working on Christmas or have new ideas, please submit to office through E-mail.

**FOOD DONATIONS NEEDED...**



Talking about skyrocketing gas prices in an article about food donations may be counterintuitive, but just think how the rising cost of fuel impacts a family struggling to put food on the table.

The red barrel is back out in the Narthex. Try putting one extra thing in your cart as you shop can make a difference in someone’s life. Checking on sales flyers can be helpful - pick up some extras of something that’s on sale, or check the clearance area and watch for clearance tags on the shelves.

**SHARE YOUR FLOWERS**

Share the bounty of your flower garden with Trinity. Contact Carol Wilson to coordinate your donation.

**CONTRIBUTIONS\$**

Here are the latest contribution figures for Trinity. A big THANK YOU to everyone who donates, every dollar adds up!

2022 Collections	Actual	Budget	Difference	%, +/-
Last Sunday	\$ 4,451	\$ 5,000	\$ (549)	-11.0%
Month-to-Date	\$ 13,709	\$ 15,000	\$ (1,291)	-8.6%
Year-to-Date	\$ 153,050	\$ 195,000	\$ (41,950)	-21.5%
Total Yearly Collection Budget:		\$260,000		
Attendance	Sept 25	50	(Day of Doing)	

## TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH | COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES | August 24, 2022

**Attendees:** Brian Hawkins, Troy Palmer, Melissa Deyoe, Ronda Corless, Connie Adams, Pastor Ted, Craig Nickles, Carolyn Stucky

Craig started the meeting with a devotion about God showering us with his love and anchoring our hope on Jesus Christ. Thank God for the seasons. The Bible verse for the devotion is Song of Songs 2:11-13.

The July meeting minutes were approved.

**Christian Education:** Carolyn Stucky (Present-No Report)

Carolyn reported there were 24 kids in attendance at VBS. Out of the 24, 6 were church members. God was definitely here and present at our VBS. Henrietta is trying to get a list of all the people that helped with VBS both before and during. Diane Ledgerwood donated the ice cream for the last day of VBS. It was suggested that we will be planning VBS starting in February and will need volunteers to sign up early. The theme for VBS next year is Stellar. CE will be sending out a picture to each kid that attended to say thankyou for attending and invite them to come to church and Sunday School. Sunday school rally day will be September 11th. Pastor noted that Beautiful Savior church may want to join us for a joint VBS next year. Carolyn noted that some of the VBS materials may be sold to another church and Ann is working on this process.

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

On the next day of doing, the upstairs needs to be cleaned and gone through. Pastor reported that August 27th is bingo. We want to make packets to hang on doors. The focus will be the new housing development and surrounding neighbors of the church. The website needs to be correct. Connie volunteered to help Angie and Ahtia with the website. Day of doing will be September 25th. Outreach would like to have another BBQ.

**AVIT:** Paul Petrone (Absent-No Report)

Troy reported they are coming up with a schedule for AVIT. AVIT will be getting together as a group to talk about AVIT capabilities and expectations.

**Pastor Report:** Pastor Ted (Present-No Report)

We discussed that the second service will be discussed in the October council meeting. Pastor discussed the Santa Marta mission trip and noted that the group will report about the trip at church on August 28th. Pastor was very pleased with the Santa Marta trip.

**Elders:** Craig Nickles (Present-No Report)

**Treasurer Report:** Melissa Deyoe (Present-See Report)

For the month ending July 31, 2022, the church reports a loss from operations of \$13,026. For the 7 month period ending July 31, 2022, the church reports an overall loss of \$7,924 from operations. We are coming up to the end of the copier contract. Our copier will no longer be serviceable and Pacific Office suggested a new copier to replace the old one and we would have a new contract that will cost less than the old contract. Pastor noted that we need to get a committee together to discuss the future of the church. Melissa provided Craig with a potential organ contract for him to review. In October we will look at the budget and we will need to review J Pat's contract in October as well. It was noted that there are Thrivent dollars that are not being utilized and church members with Thrivent accounts need to request what they want these dollars to be used for.

**Financial Secretary:** Connie Adams (Present-No Report)

Giving is down in July and August.

**Property Board:** Herb Meissel (Absent-No Report)

It was noted that the Day of Doing needs to be well advertised and maybe more of the property board could assist with this advertising.

**President:** Brian Hawkins (Present-No Report)

Brian brought up the opportunity to serve a church member by doing some yard work at her house on September 3rd. It was brought up that the Huttons are needing a car and they need a substantial amount of money for it and this is something Outreach can discuss. Melissa noted that Outreach used most of their 2021 budget towards the Costa Rica Hutton outreach.

**Vice President:** Troy Palmer (Present-No Report)

**Unfinished Business** - None

**New Business** - None

The next council meeting will be on Wednesday September 21, 2022 at 6:30pm and will be in the church library.

Meeting was closed in prayer.

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. Any assignments before Trinity reopens will be cancelled.

***If you see blank space that means we need caring individuals to help out.***

Greeters	
Oct 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Elders
Oct 9 <sup>th</sup>	Elders
Oct 16 <sup>th</sup>	Elders
Oct 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Elders
Oct 30 <sup>th</sup>	Elders

Communion Set-Up	
Oct 2 <sup>nd</sup>	TBA
Oct 16 <sup>th</sup>	TBA
Oct 30 <sup>th</sup>	TBA

Lectors (9 am Service)	
Oct 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Jeff Allen
Oct 9 <sup>th</sup>	Steve Cameron
Oct 16 <sup>th</sup>	Dave Wilson
Oct 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Julie Handy
Oct 30 <sup>th</sup>	Scott Tooker

Flower Contact	Carol Wilson 503.502.7448
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Flowers		
Oct 2 <sup>nd</sup>	<i>Your flowers welcome</i>	
Oct 9 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Your flowers welcome</i>	
Oct 16 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Your flowers welcome</i>	
Oct 23 <sup>rd</sup>	<i>Your flowers welcome</i>	
Oct 30 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Your flowers welcome</i>	

## **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: Craig Nickles **B**, 503.819.4525 (2022)  
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 **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**

Pastor: Rev. Ted Engelbrecht  
pastor.ted@trinityoc.org  
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### **Publications**

Bulletin & Scroll Editor: Admin Assistants

### **Ministry Primary Contacts**

#### **Dorcas Circle**

Lee Duvinage

#### **Prayer Chain**

Coordinator: Jacquie Ingalls ingalls.rose@yahoo.com  
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  
Carol Wilson

#### **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>
<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>	<i>13</i> <i>Ray &amp; Ann Clack</i>	<i>14</i> <i>Jim &amp; 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>Jonathan &amp; Mary Heins</i>
<i>23/30</i> Braelyn Zagel <i>Adam &amp; Leah Zagel</i>	<i>24/31</i> Charlotte Benninghoff <i>Gary &amp; Nancy Rheinsburg</i> Judy Barrick Amy Lais <i>Les &amp; Pearl Schmidt</i>	<i>25</i> Pat Benjamin <i>John &amp; Joyce Dull</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>29</i>

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## TRINITY EVENTS CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						<i>1</i>
<i>2</i> 9:00 Traditional Svc 10:00 Coffee Social 10:30 Sunday School 11:30 Contemporary Service	<i>3</i> 10:30 Caregivers Support Group  6:30 Volleyball	<i>4</i> 9:00 Prayer & Praise 1:00 Quilters	<i>5</i> 10:30 Dorcas  7:00 Praise Team Practice	<i>6</i> 10:30 Bible Study	<i>7</i>  6:00p <i>The Fun Flyers</i>	<i>8</i>
<i>9</i> 9:00 Traditional Svc 10:00 Coffee Social 10:30 Sunday School 11:30 Contemporary Service	<i>10</i>  6:30 Volleyball	<i>11</i> 9:00 Prayer & Praise	<i>12</i> 11:30 Men's Lunch @ Stanley's Corner  7:00 Praise Team Practice	<i>13</i> 10:30 Bible Study	<i>14</i>	<i>15</i>  2:00 Transition Projects Meal Prep
<i>16</i>	<i>17</i> 10:30 Caregivers Support Group  6:30 Volleyball	<i>18</i> 9:00 Prayer & Praise 1:00 Quilters  5:00 Outreach Committee 6:00 The Father's Heart Meal Prep	<i>19</i> 7:00 The Father's Heart Meal Prep 10:45 Meal Service  6:30 Council 7:00 Praise Team Practice	<i>20</i> 10:30 Bible Study	<i>21</i>  6:00p <i>The Fun Flyers</i>	<i>22</i>
<i>23/30</i> 9:00 Traditional Svc 10:00 Coffee Social 10:30 Sunday School 10:30 (23) Women's Bible Study 11:30 Contemporary Service	<i>24/31</i> <b>(31) All Hallows Eve</b>  6:30 Volleyball	<i>25</i> 9:00 Prayer & Praise  7:00 Canby Bible Study Group	<i>26</i>  7:00 Praise Team Practice	<i>27</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>29</i>