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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.

NOVEMBER 2024

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IMPORTANT DATES THIS MONTH

Nov 3: All Saint Day (celebrated)
Nov 3/10/17/24: Youth Group
Nov 4/11/18/25: Trinity Volleyball
Nov 5: CE Board
Nov 5/19: Quilters
Nov 6: Dorcas
Nov 7/14/21: Thursday Bible Study
Nov 9: Transition Projects Meal
Assembly/Delivery
Nov 9: Meal Prep for Homebound
Members
Nov 9: Leonard Willard Memorial
Nov 10: Congregational Voters Meeting
Nov 13: Men's Lunch
Nov 19: Prayer & Praise at Church
Nov 19: Church Council Meeting
Nov 20: Elders Board Meeting
Nov 24: 4th Sunday Women's Bible
Nov 26: Outreach Committee
Nov 26: Canby Bible Study
Nov 27: Thanksgiving Eve Worship
Nov 27-Dec 2: Jade Room closed for
floor refinishing
Nov 28: Thanksgiving (office closed)
Nov 29: Black Friday (office closed)

TRINITY STAFF

Rev. Ted Engelbrecht
Pastor

J. Patrick & Carol Moore
Administrative Assistants

WORDS FROM THE PASTOR - November 2024

It's November already. Here in the United States, it's Thanksgiving month - though Thanksgiving month was in October for our neighbors to the north in Canada since the harvest comes earlier there because of the climate.

Even though this is a nature-based holiday, and not one based on the life and history of the church or our Lord, like Reformation, Christmas or Easter, it reminds us that God put us on this earth and we have a real - even if not ultimate - home on it, too.

Luther's explanation of the 1st Article of the Creed, which has to do with God as 'Maker of heaven and earth,' reminds us that besides having created us He continues to provide all of our physical needs for us with this earth. That is why God also commands us to take care of it as it says in Genesis 2: "The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend it and keep it." Tend (Hebrew 'abad) means "to work or serve," Keep (Hebrew shamar) means "to exercise great care over." **The word "exploit," - at least in the negative sense of that word, does not occur here.** These commands, of course, related to Eve and all women, too, once she showed up (!).

And Luther continues, reminding us that that God has done - and does - all this, "only out of fatherly, divine, goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me." His Fatherly love for us will also lead Him to send His Son to die as 'payment' for all of our sins and shortcomings in following His commands. Still, that doesn't take away from the command and challenge to us to continue to "tend and keep" His earth - and our home.

So thanks for the blessings of this earth go to God, its Creator, but they come with reminders of our role in this earth for the sake not just of us, but of all who share God's earth, as well. Earth based needs don't stop with food, either, but include all parts of our bodies, minds and spirit, and include our neighbor. We need them as much as they need us, which is why God commands us to love each other - and to bless and be blessed by each other, too.

We need to thank God the whole year, but Thanksgiving Day/Season gives us a special reminder and opportunity to do this in a special way. Because, yes, even with wars and hurricanes and floods and everything else negative going on, God has made sure that everyone has also received so many blessings, too. This year we will again be putting a Thanksgiving Tree in the narthex which we hope everyone will fill with 'leaves' remembering and noting things they are thankful for which we will share during our Thanksgiving Service on the Wednesday night before Thanksgiving Day.

The Lord be with - indeed is with - us all. Thanks be to God!

Pastor Ted

PRESIDENT’S CORNER

November is the time when we focus our thoughts on Thanksgiving. 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 advises us to "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." We at Trinity have so many things to rejoice over: the care, instruction, and leadership of Pastor Ted, faithful members, hardworking support from our various committees and teams, and, of course, the Sunday morning coffee! As individuals, we are thankful for the blessings of the past year and God's grace as we muddle through difficulties. We remember with 'Thanks' the promise of eternal life even as we mourn the loss of those God has called home this year.

It is with 'Thanks' to all who helped as I report that the first 'Harmony-in-the-House' project is complete - Sunshine is settled into their new office, Trinity's Finance Office has fresh space for the Treasurer and the Counters, the Library has a complete collection of Trinity's resource materials, the music team has all their files and equipment in one location, and the Youth Room has new storage cabinets. The next project is working to formalize our church organization and determine if there are any changes that should be offered to the church by-laws. Your input is especially welcome.

Please plan on being present on Sunday, November 10 for the Congregation meeting and the Pot Luck immediately after.

Blessings, Sheila Wahl, Council President

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COFFEE SOCIAL NEWS

Your Scroll editor has always loved the highway signs that say, "Your Tax Dollars At Work." At coffee social time, it's "Your Donation Dollars At Work." Please be generous so that the caffeine can pave the way to having a great Sunday.

TRANSITION PROJECTS MEAL PREP

Have you ever noticed that the hamburger you get locally looks nothing like what you see advertised on TV? It can seem like a rip-off when you make the comparison. The difference is in the person preparing the meal: the person for a TV commercial is a professional chef and probably has some staff available to help make sure that the "presentation" is appetizing. On the other hand, the person at the burger joint is less experienced, paid less and in a big hurry.



Our wonderful cooks used to drop off tasty meals for the clients of the Transition Projects, but then the State of Oregon (In all its wisdom) decreed that we couldn't deliver a completely prepared meal, so we drop off the fully prepared ingredients and then leave things to chance. Hopefully it tastes just as good.

Come help with the preparation or dropping off of the meal; contact Pat Benjamin to coordinate your efforts.

CONTRIBUTIONS\$

The figures to the right reflect all contributions received online, by mail and in person through the end of November. Hard to believe that 2024 is 5/6 over!

Once again, thank you for your generosity.

2024 Collections	Actual	Budget	Difference	%, +/-
Month-to-Date	\$ 14,216	\$ 16,423	\$ (2,207)	-13.4%
Year-to-Date	\$ 155,409	\$ 176,548	\$ (21,139)	-12.0%
Total Yearly Collection Budget:		\$213,500		

MONDAY NIGHT VOLLEYBALL!

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



SHARE YOUR FLOWERS

Contact Connie Adams to coordinate either donating flowers, or a donation to purchase flowers for church.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD NEWS

A *SNEAK PREVIEW* from the Christian Education Board: Mark your calendar for Sunday, December 15 10:00A.M. Worship Service. We will have a special Christmas Service. A speaker, Wendy Sue, will be our guest. Watch for updates in the Sunday Bulletin.

Our Families and Youth (ages 14-19 years) will receive an informative email about a Youth Gathering in New Orleans. If your email doesn't arrive please contact Carolyn (503-349-3669) or Henrietta (503-656-8155).

Our Young Adults (college age and job oriented) have been sent notes telling them of TLC's caring and prayers for them. Words of encouragement are always a gift.

During November and December Brian Hawkins will facilitate the Sunday Adult Bible Study in the Library. You are invited to join the class as we continue to study how God's Word applies to our personal lives. The class begins shortly after the Worship Service and a brief time of Fellowship and "goodies."

The High School Youth meet in the evening with Jim and Ahtia. They are also invited to join the morning class in the library.

THURSDAY MORNING CLASS AT TRINITY: 10:30 am at the TLC Library; Contact Pastor Ted for details, 503-632-5554

CANBY SMALL GROUP: meets the 4th Tuesday; 7:00 pm at Al and Rhoda Bohr's home - Call 503-896-1070 for details of study. It is also a Prayer Group.

KASTING HOME BIBLE STUDY: meets every Thursday evening at 6:30 at Pastor's Mike' s home. Call Pastor Mike 503-305-6189 for details of study.

One of the more interesting verses in the Bible is Hebrews 2:6, which, while quoting another Bible verse, doesn't quote book, chapter or verse, but instead, says,

"But there is a place where someone has testified, ..."

Which brings up the question, which is better, to know what the Bible says, or where it says it? With the internet at our fingertips, we can almost always find out the location of any scripture text that comes to mind. Non-internet users can always avail themselves of a Concordance of the Bible, which helps to locate a text as well. While it's handy to know some verses (such as John 3:16, which is often on a sign at the front row of a sporting event), it's most important to know God's Word in the Bible. It's one of the primary ways in which God speaks to us.

THE GIVING TREE

This year the Giving Tree will go up in the Narthex adorned with the stockings that contain gift ideas for the Parrot Creek recipients the week of November 18th. We're hoping this will give our Congregation the ability to take advantage of sales over the Thanksgiving weekend and early December. We will also be accepting Socks, Gloves and Hats for kids as well as adults.

Once again, Parrot Creek is asking us not to wrap our gifts but to put them in Gift Bags with some Tissue folded just inside the package and attaching the paper Stocking to the package handle.

We need to have the packages ready for Parrot Creek to pick-up on December 16th, so *the last day to return our gifts will be Sunday, December 15th.*

LOVE INC CURRENT NEEDS...

You can always check their website for the latest list of needs at <https://clackamasloveinc.org/get-involved/ways-to-support/>

Here's the list as of the beginning of November:

- **Personal Care products:** Toilet paper, Shampoo, Conditioner, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Feminine products, Kids products, Men and Ladies deodorant, Body wash, Soap, etc...
- **Household products:** Laundry detergent, Fabric softener, Paper towels, All-purpose cleaners, Toilet bowl cleaner, Window cleaner, Dish soap, etc...
- **Baby items:** Diapers of all sizes, Wipes, Baby shampoo, Baby soap, etc...
- **New Linens:** Pillows, Pillow cases, Bed Sheets, Mattress pads, (Twin, Full, Queen), etc...
- **Furniture:** twin, double, queen bed sets, couches, kitchen table and chairs. etc...
- **Kitchen:** Pots, Pans, Coffee Maker, Toasters, etc...

Please be as generous as possible.

LWML NEWS

We have two Mite Projects coming up for November, see next page.

Enlarge the Harvest is a fund raiser for Lutheran Latino Ministries. Suggested donation is \$30.00 or you may sponsor a table for \$150.00. *Saturday November 9 at 12:00 noon.* Living Savior Lutheran Church, 8740 SW Sagert St, Tualatin or You may mail your donation to Lutheran Latino Ministries, PO Box 293, Mt. Angel, OR 97362 or visit their website at lutheranlatinoministries.org. Please support this ministry with your presence if at all possible. If you need a ride contact Carolyn Stucky at 503.349.3669.

BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN'S RETREAT

Saturday, November 16; 9 am to 3 pm. Theme is: "Meant for Good." \$40 includes breakfast and lunch. Meet author Donna Snow at this event. Register at bslc.com/events. Questions? Call Mary Durkin at 317-966-1953.

WILL MARSHALL TO LEAD CLASSES ON GEMSTONES

Will has three more presentations this year at the Pioneer Community Center's Fireplace Room. Stop by the Pioneer Center on Tuesday, November 19 or December 17 at 12 noon.

HARVEST BAGS = RED FOOD BARREL

The math is correct! In November, we're collecting food with the "Harvest Bags" available in the Narthex, and in lieu of placing the bags into the Red Food Barrel, please bring your donations and place them on the table or floor at the front of the Sanctuary. Pastor Ted will be blessing the food on Sunday, November 26, and it will then be delivered to the H.O.P.E. food pantry at the Methodist Church, to be distributed the week of Thanksgiving.

ARE YOU THANKFUL?

If you have something to be thankful about (and we can all find something to be thankful for!), please stop for a moment in the Narthex, grab a paper leaf, write on the leaf what you're thankful for, and place it on the tree. Pastor Ted will be taking some of the leaves and reading them on Sundays.

YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

I would like to thank everyone for the well wishes, prayers, cards, phone call and food during my recovery from surgery. It was very much appreciated.

Pat Benjamin

2023–2025 MISSION GRANT NO. 19 | TANZANIA CHILDREN’S HOME | EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF TANZANIA, AFRICA | \$74,500

Lutheran Women in Mission Protecting Albino Children

An albino child is characterized by the partial or complete absence of pigment in the skin, hair, and eyes. Lack of skin pigmentation makes for more susceptibility to sunburn and skin cancers. In Tanzania, albinos represent one in every 1429 births, a much higher rate than in any other nation. Albinos are especially persecuted because witch doctors have promoted a belief in the magical and superstitious properties of albinos' body parts. An albino child is often seen as a bad omen and treated as unwanted. Children may have their hands or arms amputated and sold to witch doctors.



Parents of albino children will protect their children by sending them to an orphanage that will offer more security than their own home. The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Tanzania — Southeast of Lake Victoria Diocese (ELCK — SELVD) currently has a teaching center for training church leaders in Mwadui where there are a high percentage of albino children. The church is growing through baptisms and evangelism. On the campus of the teaching center is the Lutheran Boarding School. In 2021, an orphanage was built on the campus to provide a home and school for albino children.

The orphanage, sponsored by the ELCK — SELVD is safer and more secure for the children than the government run orphanage. Since the orphanage is located next to the Lutheran boarding school, the albino children are integrated into a more normal life and

are not isolated. The most important care they receive is that their body and soul are served as they are cared for, and they are reared in the fear and instruction of the Lord.

The purpose of the grant is to purchase a school bus to transport children from their homes to school and to assist with the funding of the children’s care. The school provides for their bodily needs as they are threatened by health risks, and protects them from the pagan practices. They are built up in their faith and are children of God.

The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life. The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore (Psalm 121:7–8). Mission Grant Story | Learn more at lwml.org/mission-grants

2023–2025 MISSION GRANT NO. 25 | BRINGING GOD’S WORD TO INDIA | INDIA BIBLE STUDY TRANSLATION PROJECT | \$100,000 | Lutheran Women in Mission | Translating The Lutheran Study Bible for Outreach in India

India is one of the most populated and non-Christian nations in the world. About 80% of the population is Hindu. Muslims account for 13%. Only 2.3% of the population in India is Christian. The number of non-Christians in India is four times the total population of the entire United States. India, with a population of 1.39 billion people, has sixteen major languages. They do not know Jesus as their Lord and Savior and are doomed to eternal death unless they have an opportunity to hear and study God’s Word.

Many of the Christians in India have access to the Bible written in the Telugu and Tamil languages, which are two of sixteen major languages in India. The Tamil Bible is used in the state of Tamil Nadu and in Sri Lanka. The first LCMS missionaries went to Tamil Nadu in 1894. The Telugu Bible is the primary language of Andhra Pradesh. Bible Faith Lutheran Church is in this state.



The study of God’s Word can be enhanced by using The Lutheran Study Bible to gain greater understanding. The Lutheran Study Bible has study notes that include cross-references, explanatory essays on biblical themes, historical information, maps, charts, and commentary quotations of Martin Luther and other church fathers. These rich study notes translated into Telugu and Tamil will be of benefit to pastors, professors, seminarians, and members of the Bible Faith Lutheran Church of India and India Evangelical Lutheran Church.

This grant will help to underwrite the costs of translation, production, publication, and distribution of The Lutheran Study Bible in the Telugu and Tamil languages. This Bible will lead to greater understanding of God’s Word and lead to the spread of the words of salvation to people waiting to hear the message. The goal is to ultimately translate The Lutheran Study Bible into all the major languages of India.

How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? (Romans 10:14–15). Mission Grant Story | Learn more at lwml.org/mission-grants

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH | COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES | September 18, 2024

Attendees: Council Members: President Sheila Wahl, Vice-President Rhoda Bohr, Finance Committee Rep Connie Adams, Secretary Ronda Corless, Pastor Ted Engelbrecht, Elder Jeff Allen, Property Board Herb Meissel, Christian Education Rep Carolyn Stucky, Facilities Use Rep Gail Allen

Rhoda opened the meeting with a prayer. Devotion was presented Carolyn: Righteousness through Faith.

August minutes were approved.

Guests: Former member, Melissa Deyoe and Contract Bookkeeper, Julie Countryman. No presentation just visiting.

Facilities Use: Gail Allen (Absent-Report Attached)
Continuing to meet with Sunshine on a regular basis. Hoops contract is in the works for Basketball.

Christian Education: Carolyn Stucky (Present-Report Attached)
Carolyn reported that the Thursday evening bible class and worship is being led primarily by Pastor John Durkin of Beautiful Savior.
The board is continuing to work on its Charter.

Outreach: Connie Adams (Present-No Report)
Pastor and Connie reported that Outreach has additional funds in the budget. They would also like to support Love Inc monthly through the end of the year.

**Motion was made and seconded to donate to Love Inc any excess funds in the Outreach budget through the end of 2024. Motion passed unanimously.

Pastor Report: Pastor Ted (Present-Report Attached)
Pastor reported that a memorial will be planned for Joan Hawley. Lauralee Cooper was welcomed as a new member. Confirmation underway with 2-3 attending.

Elders: Jeff Allen (Present-Report Attached)
Fourth Quarter Update on agreement with Beautiful Savior. Delegate needed for next year's

District Convention.

Finance Committee: Connie Adams (Present-Report Attached)
For the 8-month period ending Aug 31, 2024, the church reported an overall gain of \$18,420 from operations. Envelope donations continue to be below budgeted amount by \$11,353.

Property Board: Herb Meissel (Present-Report Attached)
Working with required inspections. Replaced faucets and fixed leak in kitchen. Looking at thermostats to have one code.

President: Sheila Wahl (Absent-No Report)

Vice President: Rhoda Bohr (Present-No Report)
Noted that the October Council meeting will be the budget setting meeting. The Congregational Meeting will be November 10, 2024.

Unfinished Business - None

New Business
Next meeting will be October 15th at 6:30pm.

Rhoda closed the meeting with a prayer at 7:45pm.

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	
Nov 3 rd	Elders
Nov 10 th	Elders
Nov 17 th	Elders
Nov 24 th	Elders

Communion Set-Up	
Nov 3 rd	Carol & Steve Cameron
Nov 17 th	Carol & Steve Cameron

Lectors (10 am Service)	
Nov 3 rd	George Deines
Nov 10 th	Julie Handy
Nov 17 th	Rhoda Bohr
Nov 24 th	Contemporary Service



Flower Contact	Connie Adams 503.631.7446
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Flowers		
Nov 3 rd	Vase available	
Nov 10 th	Vase available	
Nov 17 th	Vase available	
Nov 24 th	Vase available	

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)
Louis Miller **F, W** 971.404.4771 (2025)
Dave Wilson **B, P, S** 503.632.4068 (2025)
Craig Nickles "Elder at Large" (2026)

Council Officers

President: Sheila Wahl (2026)
Vice President: Rhoda Bohr (2025)
Treasurer: TBA (2025)
Recording Secretary: Rhonda Corless (2025)
Financial Secretary: Connie Adams (2025)

Property Board

Herb Meissel (2025)

Audio, Video, Information Technology

Paul Petrone

Outreach

Carol Wilson

Christian Education Board

Henrietta Brooks
Carolyn Stucky

Facility & Building Use

Herb Meissel

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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
- **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**

NOVEMBER 2024

BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY CALENDAR

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

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TRINITY EVENTS CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 ALL SAINTS DAY 6:00p The Fun Flyers	2
3 All Saints Day (celebrated) 10:00 Worship Svc After: Coffee Social 11:00 Sunday School 6:30 Youth Group	4 6:30 Trinity Volleyball	5 Election Day - pray for our country 10:00 CE Board 1:00 Quilters	6 10:30 Dorcas 7:00 Praise Team Practice	7 10:30 Bible Study	8	9 9:00 Transition Projects Meal Delivery 10:30 Homebound Member Meal Prep 2:00 Leonard Willard Memorial Service
10 10:00 Worship Svc After: Coffee Social Congregational Voters Meeting 11:00 Sunday School 6:30 Youth Group	11 Veterans Day 6:30 Trinity Volleyball	12	13 11:30 Men's Lunch @ Stanley's Corner 7:00 Praise Team Practice	14 10:30 Bible Study	15 6:00p The Fun Flyers	16
17 10:00 Worship Svc After: Coffee Social 11:00 Sunday School 6:30 Youth Group	18 6:30 Trinity Volleyball	19 9:30 Prayer & Praise 1:00 Quilters 6:30 Church Council	20 11:00 Elders Board Meeting 7:00 Praise Team Practice	21 10:30 Bible Study	22	23
24 10:00 Worship Svc After: Coffee Social 11:00 Sunday School 4th Sunday Women's Bible Study 6:30 Youth Group	25 6:30 Trinity Volleyball	26 10:00 Outreach Committee 7:00 Canby Bible Study	27 7:00 Praise Team Practice	28 Thanksgiving Office Closed Jade Room closed for floor refinishing	29 Black Friday Office Closed Jade Room closed for floor refinishing	30 Jade Room closed for floor refinishing