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TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH'S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



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April 2/16: Quilters April 3: Dorcas April 4/11/18/25: Thursday **Bible Study** April 7/14/21/28: Youth Group April 7/14/21/28: Trinity Volleyball April 9: CE Board April 10: Men's Lunch April 13: Transition Projects Meal Assembly/Delivery April 13: (NEW!) Meal Prep for Homebound Members April 16: Prayer & Praise at Church April 16: Church Council Meeting April 17: Elders Board Meeting April 21: Spaghetti Sunday April 23: Canby Bible Study April 23: Outreach Committee April 27: Movie Night

TRINITY STAFF

Rev. Ted Engelbrecht Pastor

J. Patrick & Carol Moore Administrative Assistants

WORDS FROM THE PASTOR - April 2024

Christ is Risen! He is risen, indeed!

When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written:

"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. (1 Cor. 15:34-38)

When Jesus said **'it is finished'** on the cross the word he used in Greek is a form of the root word 'telos,' which means more like "it is accomplished" or "it is completed," rather than "it is all done." (Think - the meal is prepared for eating rather than it is all eaten up!)

For indeed, Jesus' death on the cross was the beginning of something more than an end to it. With his death comes new life, beginning with His resurrection, as we read in 2 Corinthians 5:14ff

"For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.

From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation;"

In these verses we have a good example of the paradigm of Christian life and Lutheran theology: **Law-Gospel-Challenge**. We see the **Law**, which shows us our sin, which has to be paid for by death, is paid for us by Jesus. This is the **Gospel**. But we often forget the third part of this - our response to this wonderful and salvific news. The **Challenge** here is that He now has given that ministry of reconciliation to us - meaning that we are now called to pass on that good news - the Gospel - to others.

We Lutherans remember well the first part of the most famous words in Ephesians, which start in verses 8-9:

"For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not Continued next page your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast."

But we often forget verse 10, which follows directly:

"For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them."

In these days following Easter, even while remembering our sins, let us not forget our Savior, who died for them and with that makes us a 'new creation' in Him. But let us also remember that He died for everyone's sins and He counts on us to witness to that as we follow His command to not just love God, but to love our neighbors - whomever they might be, too. We do this not just by sharing our faith, but attending to their earthly needs, too. Amen.

Pastor Ted

STEWARDSHIP #7 - 2024

Each month we will be including a short piece on stewardship. The first series is labeled the 8 "T"s of Stewardship: **Time, Talent, Treasure, Testimony, Touch, Tissue, Trash** and **Technology**, taken from materials prepared by Rev. John Heckmann, a consultant to the LWML.

Stewardship #7: TRASH

TRASH refers to our care of God's creation. God created all things in heaven and on earth. Therefore, all created things and beings belong to Him. He also made the first man and woman in His image and said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion [radah] over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

We have taken this to mean 'dominate over' just as a mediaeval ruler or potentate would dominate over his lands and subjects, using them for his own ends, his own pleasure, his own prestige, his own wars, etc. But an examination of radah shows that this is NOT the type of 'dominion' that we are called upon to have over the creation. For example, 'radah' is used in Ezek 34:4, which shows the wrong type of radah. The 'radah' by those uncaring shepherds shows an attitude that God condemns:

"Woe to the shepherds of Israel, who only take care of themselves! Should not shepherds take care of the flock? You eat the curds, clothe yourselves with the wool and slaughter the choice animals, but you do not take care of the flock. You have not strengthened the weak or healed the sick or bound up the injured. You have not brought back the strays or searched for the lost. You have ruled [radah] them harshly and brutally." (2-5).

According to Genesis 2:15 God put Adam into the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it - and eventually others would also shepherd His people. He was the first manager of something that belonged to God, and he was to manage it according to God's wishes. Unfortunately, he and Eve disobeyed God and desired to do things their own way. Through this act of disobedience sin entered into the world and the earth and everything on it was cursed because of that sin. And yet, this is a marvelous earth with all its beauty and bounty, and we are still God's caretakers and managers.

It is hard to fathom that close to eight billion people now live on planet earth. According to God's design there are ample resources on earth to satisfy the needs of all creatures. The truth is that God provides but man divides. Our stewardship of the air, earth, water, world hunger and trashy environments give evidence to the need for improved stewardship of God's creation and shepherding of His people in this and all other matters.

CONTRIBUTION\$

The figures to the right reflect all contributions received online through March 31, 2024, plus all in-person contributions through March 24. Once again, thank you for your generosity, in time, talent, treasure, testimony and touch. We'll be thanking for a few more things (see above) in the coming months.

2024 Collections	Actual	Budget	Difference	%, +/-	
Month-to-Date	\$ 17,488	\$ 20,529	\$ (3,041)	-14.8%	
Year-to-Date	\$ 47,407	\$ 53,375	\$ (5,968)	-11.2%	
Total Yearly Collection	\$213 <i>,</i> 500				

TRINITY VOLLEYBALL ON SUNDAY NIGHTS!

Join us for some good exercise and fun in the Jade Room on Sunday nights. Same great exercise, same great fun, now on Sundays. 6:30 pm in the Jade Room.

SHARE YOUR FLOWERS

As the world seems to quickly burst back into life in Spring, it's time to think about sharing flowers from your yard with God and everyone on the Internet, as well as the members who come on Sundays. If your flowers are already or just about to come into bloom, give Connie Adams a call. If you're not there yet, start planting now to give God some extra Glory this year.

LWML NEWS

Diana's Angels: Back in 2014, a group of Trinity Ladies, under the banner of *Diana's Angels*, made up outfits and receiving blankets for still-born infants or other babies who went to glory before being discharged for home. At the time the targeted recipient of these clothes stopped accepting donations and the items were stored. In late 2023, boxes of *Diana's Angels* work were retrieved, unfinished items completed, and a new recipient was found. On February 29, 2024, thirty-nine packages containing a garment, cap, and receiving blanket, in five sizes from X-small to X-large, were delivered to Kaiser Permanente, Sunnyside, Labor and Delivery Department. Kaiser Staff have sent many "Thanks" to Trinity's *Diana's Angels*, saying that it is "a very much appreciated gift".

Lutheran Women in Mission - Mt Hood Zone Spring 2024 Gathering

Date: Saturday, April 13, 2024. Registration and Fellowship: 9am; Program: 9:30am to Noon; Lunch/Fellowship/Close: Noon to 1pm (lunch is provided). Guest Speaker from NW Pilot Project

Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 8705 E Burnside St, Portland, OR

Rev. John Eggert leads our Bible Study on: Walk Humbly with Your God (Micah 6:8)

Ingathering items - New Hygiene Items:

Deodorant (men's and women's), Toothpaste, Toothbrush, Shampoo & Conditioner, Lotion, Razor, Shaving cream, Toilet paper, Paper towels, and items on their website: https://www.nwpilotproject.org/donate-items/

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD NEWS

The Christian Education Board is asking YOU to think how you might volunteer for VBS this summer. There will be just the right job for you to use your skills and abilities! It could be helping prepare, the week before VBS or interacting with the students the week of July 21-25. It is exciting to see/hear their delight as they learn about Jesus, their Savior, and His great love and care for them.

This year:VBS will be JULY 21-25!The Theme:SCUBA--DIVING INTO GOD'S WORD.

Very soon, in the narthex, there will be a Donation Board for you to see how you might share/donate an item or 2 to help prepare for our curriculum preparation. Thanks in advance. The registration link for VBS will be shared at the end of May.

- The Sunday Adult Bible Class is doing a study entitled: 7 DAYS. Dave Wilson (facilitator) says after Worship Service and a "goodies & fellowship" time, you are invited to meet in the Library for study time.
- The Women's Bible Study continues to meet on the 4th Sunday in the Diamond Room with Carolyn.
- We are enjoying the sound of younger students (Pre-School--5th grade) in Room 1 for a Sunday School lesson.
- Thank you, parents/grandparents, for bringing the children.

COFFEE SOCIAL NEWS

Our Coffee Social Time gives us a chance to visit with each other after the church service. We purchase high quality regular and decaf coffee, along with Hot Chocolate and Spiced Apple Cider packets as well as a variety of teas for your enjoyment.

A big "thank you" to Will Marshall for coming in each week to help make coffee and set up the area outside of the kitchen for everything to happen smoothly. We also have some very special ladies who have baked homemade cookies for us. Did you know that the Elders of the church supply the donuts once a month? We hope you find this time together enjoyable. Please let me know if you'd like to contribute homemade cookies or other items in the future. *Beth Wilson*

MISSION GRANT NO. 7 MENTAL HEALTH TRAINING AND OUTREACH LCMS LIFE MINISTRY | \$96,500

Upheld by God's Hand — Mental Health Outreach

Care for mental illness was a concern prior to the pandemic, but now it has become critical. LCMS church workers have expressed concern about the rise of anxiety, depression, and other mental disorders. Our teachers, youth leaders, pastors, and other church workers are continually requesting resources and training to be equipped for outreach and Christian care. Millions of people in the United States and around the world are suffering with mental illnesses and disorders. There is a tremendous need and opportunity for Lutheran outreach to both the people struggling with mental issues and their family, so that they may receive the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Pastors, church workers, and lay leaders are challenged in dealing with these problems because they do not have enough training to provide effective and appropriate care.

Public health researchers have conducted studies that indicate people with mental illnesses or disorders are more likely to approach a pastor or professional church worker than a medical doctor or counselor. A mental illness or mental disorder has a downward spiral effect in families that may include behavioral malfunctions, addictions, marital problems leading to divorce, loss of job, incarceration, and suicide. It is estimated that 90 percent of people committing suicide suffer from a diagnosable mental illness (American Foundation for Suicide Prevention). Training and outreach for mental illnesses and disorders are effective in combatting stigma, allowing more people to get the help that they need.

The LCMS Task Force for Mental Illness, Health, and Wellness collaborating with expert LCMS contributors will develop the materials, resources, and training programs. LCMS Life Ministry will coordinate the production of materials and rollout of the training for church workers.

MISSION GRANT NO. 9: EQUIPPING YOUNG LEADERS, LCMS YOUTH MINISTRY |\$50,000

Youth Leadership and Service — Connection to Christ and the Church

It is often in the transient time of young adulthood when young people get disconnected from the church. A 2016–2017 survey revealed that only 55% of active LCMS young adults agree that their home congregation ministered to them during times of life transitions. One way to keep young people connected is to give them chances to serve and lead in the church. Yet, even the most engaged of our young adults are not always given these opportunities.

LCMS Youth Ministry has a long history of providing programs, such as YouthLead and Servant Events, designed to train young leaders and give them opportunities for service. YouthLead equips teens to develop and use their leadership skills as they serve Christ within their congregations and communities. Resources and training to equip teens to lead and mentor each other are offered at the annual leadership training event and is facilitated by the YouthLead Executive Team, a group of young people elected by their peers. The event makes use of leadership resources developed to give teens the tools they need to mature in their faith, become leaders in their congregations, and reach out to their peers with the love of Christ. Any high school youth who is an active member of an LCMS church is invited to attend the training event.

This mission grant will help LCMS Youth Ministry develop new curriculums for four new regional YouthLead events to equip teens and young adults to mentor each other and lead each other as they work in the church. A new program will encourage the youth to participate in servant events which will also include leadership development. It is important to know what young people are thinking about their faith and the church, so a new survey will be developed for Generation Z members to take. The survey will guide LCMS Youth Ministries to better care for young people.

MISSION GRANT NO. 10: SET APART TO SERVE, LCMS OFFICE OF PASTORAL ED | \$100,000

Preparing Generations to Serve as Church Workers

Set Apart to Serve is an initiative of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS). The purpose and goals are to create fruitful engagement in the home, congregations, and Lutheran schools between influential adults and youth — to encourage a journey toward full-time church work vocations so that the Synod's congregations and schools are served in the coming decades.

The LCMS has developed a comprehensive system in forming our church workers. They have established a Lutheran school system of 1,741 preschools, 828 elementary schools, 97 high schools, three international schools, six colleges and universities, and two seminaries with an estimated 144,460 students. In the last 14 years, the LCMS has experienced a 59% decrease in their pre-seminary Concordia University enrollment along with a dramatic decrease in enrollment in other Christian education programs. The seminaries have experienced a decrease of 55% in those enrolled in the Master of Divinity degree.

Set Apart to Serve seeks to form pastors and church workers to teach the saving faith to God's people — passing on the Christian faith from one generation to the next until our Savior's return. God raises up those who will serve in the church in the next generation.

The grant will assist in the funding of expenses associated with a broad, rigorously planned, and well-constructed, multi-year sustained effort across the LCMS, to affect a major positive, cultural change in how church worker vocations are perceived. Prospective students — from the earliest years of their life in the family household — are encouraged and inspired to consider and appropriately prepare to serve the Church in lifelong professions that advance the Gospel and deliver God's mercy.

RANCHO SANTA MARTA MISSIONARY TRIP

"The Rancho Santa Marta Trinity mission is coming up June 15-22. In April, we will have some fundraisers at the church:

- On Sunday, April 21, we will serve a spaghetti meal.
- On Friday evening, April 27, we will have a movie night, a nice break after a week of work, enjoy some tasty concessions and a good moral to the story!
- We will be selling some Hawthorn, hard-wood, firewood temporarily stored on the church property. A big "thank you" George Deines for donating!

Thank you to all who have been supporting us in prayer, talent and treasure. *Cary*

SOMETHING NEW AT TRINITY!

We are starting up a new endeavor at Trinity. On the second Saturday of the month, we'll be preparing & delivering meals to our homebound members! Mark your calendar for 10 am each



month to join in as we provide a warm and nourishing meal.

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH | COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES | February 20, 2024

Attendees: 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 & Guest Speaker Sheila Wahl

Carolyn opened the meeting with a devotion titled *From Strength to Strength* from Psalm 84 and about relying on the Lord's strength.

November minutes were approved.

Guest speaker: Sheila Wahl talked about Christmas decorations and why there were so many trees this year. One tree came from Cary Martenson and three trees came from the church where some trees had to be cut down for the Sunshine school. Sheila wanted to bring up that we need a committee and a head person to coordinate the Christmas decorating. Rhoda noted that two possible committees that could coordinate the decorating could be Altar Guild or Properties. Connie suggested a Day of Doing for decorating. Rhoda asked Sheila to write down what the Christmas decorating entails.

Facilities Use: Gail Allen & Sheila Wahl (Present-Report Attached)

Gail reported that it has been stressful with the volleyball renters, but it is getting better. There is a sign in/sign out sheet so if there is a problem, Facilities Use can know who to go to with questions. Hoops basketball has been coming in on Fridays, but Connie noted they haven't paid any rent. It was noted that there are some issues with getting paid from some renters and the Finance Committee and Facilities Committee will meet outside of council to discuss. Gail reported that the meetings with Sunshine school have been going very good and Pastor noted that he & J Pat have had good communication with Sunshine school. Rhoda asked if Gail has worked on the report for the false alarms and Gail said that she is working on it and there has been more training with setting alarm. Gail said Ann attended the meeting with Sunshine school and they discussed VBS with Sunshine school and sending some VBS info home with kids.

Christian Education: Carolyn Stucky (Present-Report Attached)

Carolyn sent a January and a February report. CE sent out Valentine cards to the college kids. Carolyn reported that it is nice to have kids in Sunday School. Pastor noted that there are two confirmands.

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

Still need people to step up to serve on the Outreach

committee. There will be a Soup/Supper for Lent Wednesdays.

Pastor Report: Pastor Ted (Present-Report Attached) Pastor noted that attendance was up in 2023 from 2022 and it is up so far in 2024. There is a concert on March 3rd. Pastor asked what we can do to recognize Herb, the praise team and to thank our volunteers. Maybe there could be a day to celebrate all volunteers. Rhoda suggested a sign that displays what things our church volunteers do maybe to encourage other people to volunteer.

Elders: Jeff Allen (Present - Report Attached) There are 6 Wednesdays services during lent. Easter breakfast will be 8:30am-9:30am Easter morning. There will be no Sunday School that day.

Finance Committee: Connie Adams (Present-Report Attached)

For the month ending December 31, 2023, the church reports a gain from operations of \$37,374.81. This gain is partially a result of end of year adjustments including reclassing from Restricted Funds to cover the HVAC unit expense. For the 12-month period ending December 31, 2023, the church reported an overall loss of \$7,707.95 from operations. The January report is not yet available as there are some changes Connie needs the accountant to make.

Property Board: Herb Meissel (Present-Report Attached)

Herb reported that the ice storm brought about some more roof leaks. The roof needs some maintenance including sealing screws. Herb added a closet for the Sunshine school. There is some records and equipment that needs to be gone through. Herb will get ahold of District to ask how long to keep some of the documents.

President: Brian Hawkins (Absent-No Report)

Vice President: Rhoda Bohr (Present- Report Attached)

Unfinished Business - None

New Business

Next meeting will be March 19, 2024 at 6:30pm. Herb will do the devotion.

Rhoda closed the meeting with a prayer at 8:00pm.

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.

	Greeters
April 7 th	Elders
April 14 th	Elders
April 21 st	Elders
April 28 th	Elders

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

	Communion Set-Up		
April 7 th	Carol Wilson		
April 21 st	Carol Wilson		

Lectors (10 am Service)
Dave Wilson
Rev. Art Schudde (guest)
George Deines
Contemporary Service



Flower Contact	Connie Adams 503.631.7446
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	Flowers	
April 7 th	Vase available	
April 14 th	Vase available	
April 21 st	Vase available	
April 28 th	Vase available	

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH | OREGON CITY | LEADERSHIP LIST

Additional contact information for the following individuals is available in the church directory.

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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

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
- 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
	1 Chloe Corless	2	3	4	5 Annette Taylor	6
7	8 Helen Gunsolus Jacyln Trappe	9	10 John Dull	11	12	13 Carol Wilson
14 Colby Van Orsow	15	16	17	18	19	20 Vicki Taylor Jesse Bills
21	22	23	24 Wilbur & Jean Bohr Mark & Ronda Corless	25 Jonathan Baer Jim & Daisy Teske	26 Deborah Swanson	27
28 Kori Muth	29	30				

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TRINITY EVENTS CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 10:30 Dorcas	<i>4</i> 10:30 Bible Study	5	6
		1:00 Quilters	7:00 Praise Team Practice			
-	0	0	10	11	6:00p The Fun Flyers	10
7 10:00 Worship Svc After: Coffee Social 11:00 Sunday School	8	9 10:00 CE Board	10 11:30 Men's Lunch @ Stanley's Corner	<i>11</i> 10:30 Bible Study	12	<i>13</i> 9:00 Transition Projects Meal Delivery 10:00 Homebound
6:30 Trinity Volleyball 6:30 Youth Group			7:00 Praise Team Practice			Member Meal Prep
14 10:00 Worship Svc After: Coffee Social 11:00 Sunday School	15 Tax Day Remember: Honesty is a virtue	16 9:30 Prayer & Praise 1:00 Quilters	17 11:00 Elders Board Meeting	<i>18</i> 10:30 Bible Study	19	20
6:30 Trinity Volleyball 6:30 Youth Group		6:30 Church Council	7:00 Praise Team Practice		6:00p The Fun Flyers	
21 10:00 Worship Svc After: Coffee Social 11:00 Sunday School Spaghetti Sunday	22	23 10:00 Outreach Committee	24	25 10:30 Bible Study	26	27
6:30 Trinity Volleyball 6:30 Youth Group		7:00 Canby Bible Study	7:00 Praise Team Practice		7:30 Movie Night	
28 10:00 Worship Svc After: Coffee Social 11:00 Sunday School 4th Sunday Women's Bible Study 6:30 Trinity Volleyball 6:30 Youth Group	29	30				