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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.

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IMPORTANT DATES THIS MONTH

Jan 1: Happy New Year!

Jan 4: Quilters

Jan 4: Outreach Committee

Jan 5: Dorcas

Jan 8: Transition Projects
Meal Prep

Jan 12: Men's Lunch

Jan 18: Quilters

Jan 18/19: The Father's Heart
Meal Prep

Jan 18: Church Council

Jan 23: 4th Sunday Women's
Bible Study

TRINITY STAFF

Rev. Ted Engelbrecht
Pastor

J. Patrick & Carol Moore
Administrative Assistants

WORDS FROM THE PASTOR

January 2022

"Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!"

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits," (Psalm 103:1-2)

I remember these sentences from the Psalms following almost every formal departure prayer among our Indian churchmen/women - something that I always cherished. If you continue reading the psalm there is a list of those benefits of the Lord: forgiveness, healing, redemption, mercy, peace and the establishment of justice among other things.

As we come to the beginning of a new year and look back at a year like the last one, it can be difficult to focus on those good things if one only focuses on all the troubles that came in it to so many, like the ongoing effects of the pandemic, be they existential, medical or economic. Add to that the general rising prices of many things, and seemingly more than the usual natural disasters and we have many people wonder whether God has done anything good at all.

If one looks at the list of His blessings again, however, they are seen to be things that go against the 'natural' scheme of things, which favors some at the expense of others, and the strong at the expense of the weak. In our fallen world there will always be problems, but just imagine a world where those mitigating factors to counter selfishness, greed, injustice and unconcern for the world we live in didn't exist. Rather, thank God that His Spirit continues to work in some people - and hopefully His people - to move all people to work for the common good. This working happens in people in every field and environment - in every vocation we find ourselves in. Sometimes, even trouble brings out good, however, as Joseph pointed out to his brothers in Genesis 50:19-20, and Jesus said about the blind man he healed in John 9. God can take even the bad and use it for good and His glory. We still count/depend on that. Christ's death and resurrection, of course, is the best example of this.

As we move into another Anno Domini - Year of our Lord - let us not forget what Psalm 24 tells us:

"The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein,
for he has founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers."

God gives us this world to live in, but reminds us that it is His and for everyone. Of course He also gives us the free will to deny that. Actions on our part have consequences in both ways in life - good ways and bad ways. God will finally also act out of His own sense of justice, too, to stop or punish our acts. But at Christmas He shows us how much more He loves us in spite of our sin and wants and works the best for us in giving us Jesus and then sending His Spirit. Pray that His Spirit comes to work in each of us for the sake of all once again in this AD 2022.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday Adult Bible Studies: One of the Trinity Elders leads a study in the Library on Sundays after the Worship Service. Carolyn Stucky leads the Women's Bible Study in Room 10 on the 4th Sunday of the month, after the Worship Service.

3 yr. olds to 5th grade: we have a new curriculum, and will be meeting in-person in Rooms 1 & 3.

6th & 7th grade Confirmation students will meet in-person in Rooms 6 & 8 on Sundays.

8th graders will be meeting with Pastor Ted on Sunday mornings after the Worship Service.

High School Bible Study will be meeting again in-person on Sunday mornings after the Worship Service, in the Youth Room. We welcome Ahtia Clack as the new High School leader for the Bible Study.

SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDIES

We like our small group Bible Studies to be about 8-10 people so that everyone has a chance to share. We currently have four groups:

Pastor Ted on Thursday mornings at 10:30 in the church library

Pastor Mike on Thursday evenings at his home

"Encouragers" meets on the 3rd Sunday of the month, contact Brian Hawkins for more information.

Rhoda Bohr is organizing a Bible Study in the Canby Area.

If none of those work for you, please contact Henrietta Brooks and she can help you with organizing a new Bible Study group. We can provide materials to assist you.

OUTREACH: MEALS FOR THOSE IN NEED

Another word of thanks to all who donated turkeys and hams to help with our outreach meals, as well as one member's company that regularly donates chicken breasts that are either too big or too small for them to use. Our recipe box opens up a world of possibilities with these simple gifts.



We are still gathering on the Second Saturday of the month to prepare a meal for the Transition Projects, which supports people who are putting their lives back together after addiction treatment. Transition Projects offers housing, meals, and support as they seek employment and get ready to transition to living on their own. Our meal, once a month, is one way in which God provides for those getting their lives back on track. Once pandemic restrictions ease, we will be able to actually serve the meal, rather than just drop it off, and interact with their clients and share God's love for them.

On the third Wednesday of the month, we deliver lunch to The Father's Heart. We look forward to being able to actually serve the meal, but for now, we drop it off. However, feeding that many people takes more than just one morning for us - so we gather the night before to do all the cooking of hot meal items. Slicing, dicing, mixing, stirring, are a few of the qualifications needed to help with this meal prep. If you can bake, roast, or even just clean up, your talents are needed! Wednesday morning is a time to reheat the cooked dishes and do some of the cold prep, then pack it all up, take it all down, and drop it all off. The Father's Heart staff then serves the meal to homeless individuals and others in need in our community.

We continue to welcome donations of food (particularly proteins) to help with these meals. Please contact Lee Duvinage to coordinate any food donations.

THE FATHER'S HEART - IMMEDIATE AND ONGOING DONATION NEEDS

Check out the immediate and ongoing needs for those who are homeless. You can drop off clothing, food, hygiene items and more at their site; please pay attention to the days and times when donations are accepted. TFH's home page, <https://tfhstreetministry.com/> has a suggestion list; or click on the *Amazon Wish List* link to order, and it will be delivered to them. Trinity collects non-perishable items in the red barrel at the office entrance to the church. Please be sure to label any donations left at church, as the barrel is used to collect for several ministries.

COMPASSION INTERNATIONAL

A little bit about our Compassion Children:

Bukuru will be 18 on March 1st. She lives in the hillside community of EAR Mpanda, home to approximately 15,000 residents. Typical houses are constructed of dirt floors, adobe walls and tin roofs. The spoken language is Kinyarwanda.

The regional diet consists of maize, beans, bananas and beef. Most adults in EAR Mpanda are unemployed but some work as day laborers, subsistence farmers or in domestic services and earn the equivalent of \$34 per month.

Your sponsorship allows the staff of EAR Mpanda Student Center to provide Bukuru with Bible teaching, health screenings, prayer groups, retreats, sports, music classes, hygiene and health education, service opportunities, mentoring programs, life skills training, educational assistance, tutoring and vocational training. The center staff will also provide meetings for her father (her Mother is very sick).

In Bukuru's latest letter, she wishes us a Merry Christmas and to end this year in peace. She wants us to know that she is studying hard and is in the 8th grade. Also, she asks for our prayers as they have had several people in the family die. Bukuru also wants us to know that she is preparing to get baptized. She asks for our prayers as she prepares for this special event in her life.

Yulius lives in the hillside community of Abepura, home to approximately 90,000 residents. Typical houses are constructed of cement floors, brick walls and corrugated iron roofs. The primary ethnic groups are Biak and Makasar and the most spoken language is Indonesian.

The regional diet consists of fish, cassava, rice and sagu (starch/flour). Common health problems in this area include malaria, skin diseases and respiratory illnesses. Most adults in Abepura work as market traders and earn the equivalent of \$272 per month. This community needs qualified teachers, libraries, schools and employment opportunities.

Your sponsorship allows the staff of Pemulihan Student Center to provide Yulius with Bible studies, nutritious food, health checkups, exercises, recreation activities, home visits, tutoring and computer classes. The center staff will also provide worship services for the parents or guardians of Yulius.

Yulius wants us to know that he prays for us and would like our prayers too. This year he lost one of his brothers by drowning. Please pray for him and his family.

Covid has impacted the children immensely. They were quarantined at their homes and food was very hard to come by for a while especially in Ruwanda. We in our country are very blessed.

SUNDAY FLOWERS

We are still taking reservations for Sunday flowers in church. If your garden isn't producing flowers right now (unless you have a greenhouse or can make a wonderful arrangement of crocuses), we do accept purchased flowers, or donations to purchase flowers. If you have a special celebration in your life, whether that's a special birthday, anniversary, or a memorial gift for a loved one who has passed, celebrating with flowers for the church is a great way to mark the celebration and lift up the congregation with a bit of the beauty that God has created.

CONTRIBUTIONS

Not quite the total for the year, as there are some funds still to be counted and added in for 2021. We can be proud that Trinity is so close to the goal for 2021, as many churches have suffered greatly through the pandemic. Watch the bulletin for updated numbers for the end of the year.

	2021 Collections	Actual	Budget	Difference	%, +/-
Last Sunday	\$ 525	\$ 5,000	\$ (4,475)	-89.5%	
Month-to-Date	\$ 19,024	\$ 20,000	\$ (976)	-4.9%	
Year-to-Date	\$ 248,509	\$ 260,000	\$ (11,491)	-4.4%	
Total Yearly Collection Budget:			\$260,000		
Attendance		Dec 26	14		

LWML MITES SUPPORT OUTREACH GRANT

Helping Hands for Lutheran Deaf Outreach — \$50,000
Lutheran Deaf Outreach has one primary goal: to help Deaf people have a saving relationship with Christ. They train both deaf and hearing people to share Jesus with deaf people and their families by working through congregations in their area. Lutheran Deaf Outreach provides resources and training specifically designed for deaf people to learn about the love of Jesus and to share it with others.



This grant will assist Lutheran Deaf Outreach to expand training by sharing resources, including deaf curriculum, deaf catechisms, theological books, and New International Reader's Version (NIRV) Bibles. Monies will also help pastors and trained individuals lead and coordinate training workshops to reach out to deaf people across America, as well as to families with deaf children. Further information about Lutheran Deaf Outreach can be found at lutherandeafoutreach.org. Bible references in this resource come from New International Reader's Version (NIRV) Bibles. This is the version used by the deaf community.

HOLIDAY OUTREACH

WOW, does Trinity believe that it is better to give than receive (Acts 20:35). This church family has outdone itself this past month. For the past month, we have bombarded you with requests for outreach, and you have fulfilled every request. **THANK YOU!!!**

Every request from children on our Giving Tree was taken *the first day it went up* after Thanksgiving. Every bag was returned to the church on time (that was a first!). I peeked into the bags and the children will be very happy on Christmas morning. All toys have or are being wrapped for Santa to deliver Christmas eve.

Financial donations were made early so that gift cards could be bought for the adults. The majority of the adults are the mothers of the children. Goodie bags were put together for all the children and the adults. Gift cards were also given to five group homes and 13 families to help provide for their Christmas dinner.

Cookies were made and taste tested. These have been distributed to several foster care homes for the elderly and to our shut ins.

The food donations for the HOPE food pantries was over the top. The food was divided and distributed. Carol and J. Pat took 333 pounds of food to the pantry at St. John the Apostle; Pat and Lloyd Benjamin took 317 pounds to the Methodist Church food pantry, and Lee Duvinage took over 300 pounds to the food pantry at the Presbyterian church.

Many toes, big and small will be much warmer this year due to the amount of socks donated by you. These have been distributed to both The Fathers Heart and to Transition.

Those Gobblers and Oinkers (turkeys and hams) have been slowly coming in. We will accept them as long as you keep bringing them. These are used in the meals for the homeless in the coming year.

Also, the hard work of our quilters has more than thirty people curling up and being warm with a new quilt.

And let not forget those members who have worked hard to make our Christmas within the church so much more joyous; those who decorated our church, our musicians and singers who help lead us in worship, and those who worked so hard to bring us Advent by Candlelight.

Thank you to all and may your New Year be blessed!

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	
Jan. 2 nd	Elders
Jan. 9 th	Elders
Jan. 16 th	Elders
Jan. 23 rd	Elders
Jan. 30 th	Elders

Communion Set-Up	
Jan. 2 nd	TBA
Jan. 16 th	TBA
Jan. 30 th	TBA

Lectors	
Jan. 2 nd	Dave
Jan. 9 th	Stanette
Jan. 16 th	Cary
Jan. 23 rd	Rhoda
Jan. 30 th	Dave

Flower Contact	Carol Wilson 503.502.7448
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Flowers	
Jan. 2 nd	Vases available
Jan. 9 th	Vases available
Jan. 16 th	Vases available
Jan. 23 rd	Vases available
Jan. 30 th	Vases 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: Craig Nickles **B**, 503.819.4525 (2022)
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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)

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LWML/Mission Guild
Carolyn Stucky

Quilters
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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
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2 James Teske	3 Kathy Rodwick Louis Miller III	4	5 Sharon Peterson	6	7	8
9 <i>Pastor Ted & Jacqueline</i>	10	11 Caralee Ann Smith	12 Willy Weninger Kayla Magenheimer	13 Erich Lais Ray Van Orsow	14 David Sosnovske	15 Jacob Worthey
16 Henrietta Brooks Colleen Brinkert Troy Palmer	17 Joyce Dull Rose Turner	18 <i>David & Arlene Sosnovske</i>	19	20	21 Natalie Wandschneider	22
23/30 Charlotte Deyoe	24/31 Norman Wiebold Kaylee Nickles	25	26 Melissa Scroggins	27	28	29 Jim Clack

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TRINITY EVENTS CALENDAR

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