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TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



TRINITY
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

JULY 2025

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TRINITY STAFF

Rev. Gary Hagen
Pastor

Kay Lynch
Office Manager

WORDS FROM THE PASTOR

Why am I here? I am retired (with all the supposed retirement benefits: leisure, free time, the pursuit of neglected pursuits).

Again, why am I here? What could have caused your leadership to consider the likes of Pastor Hagen as a good choice for your Vacancy Pastor? I don't know...

Maybe it's a God thing (always a good answer for these types of questions).

I was looking through your Confirmation pictures in your hallway and found two of my aunts, one uncle, and three cousins. Maybe I am to do penance for their poor behavior towards you so many years ago. Maybe you are doing penance for your poor behavior towards them? (Actually, my mother was very disappointed when her family moved away in 1940. And, on the other hand, her family of mom and dad and 12 children were good people.)

Why am I here? God only knows... And that is a good thing! I am looking forward to finding out the answer!

I look forward to getting to know you and serving you in Christ.

I look forward to studying God's Word together, wrestling with His word together.

I look forward to partnering with you in serving this community.

I look forward to the new lessons you will teach me in the coming months!

Why am I here? Because God thought it best for the time being. For that I am grateful!

Blessings in Christ!
Pastor Gary

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Change – how we meet it will determine the future of Trinity Oregon City!

This month we welcome Pastor Gary and Shoko Hagen. Their time with us will surely change their daily routines and, while Pastor Gary doesn't plan to be with us long term, it is certain that he will bring us a new perspective on our faith and worship. Please introduce yourself and extend your welcome.

Change, while inevitable, is not always easy. However, our Trinity family is adaptable! I challenge you to think toward the future of our church. What needs to change to grow our church, to reach out to younger families, to gather into fellowship the children?

Proverbs 22:6 says to 'Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.'

Today's youth seem to be energized by sports and electronic devices; how can we help energize their spiritual base and provide the foundation for good decisions as their lives change?

Each of our church groups has been asked to provide input to Trinity's website as part of our outreach to our neighbors, utilizing a media well known to today's young people.

A colorful mailer has been sent to residential postal customers within a three-mile radius of the church with information about our church, worship services, and featuring VBS registration; can we use the mailer as inspiration to invite a friend/neighbor to join us for worship?

Other changes in Trinity's future, the Elders are moving ahead in the Call Process to locate a full-time pastor; please offer your ideas and support.

Church grounds and inside the building are in need of many things – tasks large and small. A Trinity **Day-of-Doing** is being planned for one Sunday this summer. Look for the date announcement and a task sign-up list.

The church **By-Laws** are in need of updating; a presentation is planned for Congregation review in November.

Vacation Bible School, starting July 20, is our way to share Jesus and what it means to be a Christian with local children. May we be blessed with a lively group of kids to share in Bible study and fun. Volunteers are essential; have you volunteered yet?

Many '**Thanks**' to all who shared in making Pastor Ted's farewell Sunday a very nice send-off. We wish him Godspeed and Blessings.

I wish all a safe and blessed Fourth of July; **Happy Birthday America!**

Sheila Wahl
Council President
971-998-6481

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD NEWS

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

It's almost here! Vacation Bible School runs from July 20th through July 24th. We can fill jobs for ALL VOLUNTEERS!!! Will that be you? Thank you ahead of time as we prepare for children to hear and learn more about Jesus, our and their Savior.

Recently, a direct mail piece was dropped to homes on four postal routes within a 3-mile radius of Trinity. A full color, 2-sided invitation to both VBS and Trinity! A positive response will mean MORE students and a need for MORE Volunteers in every area.

The theme this summer is **TRUE NORTH -Trusting Jesus in a Wild World**
Children just completing grades K-5 are invited to join us on the ultimate Alaskan adventure where northern lights glow over majestic mountains, racing rivers, and glistening glaciers! **True North VBS** shows kids that Jesus is a faithful friend we can always trust.
He's our True North!



Registration is OPEN! \$5 Preregistered / \$10 at the Door
Pre-register at trinityoc.org/vbs or scan the QR Code

A big THANK YOU to those individuals who helped at the various Work Parties at TLC and those that completed projects at "Home Parties." We also have a lovely Northern Lights Banner at the driveway entrance to Trinity. *Thanks Ray!* A Banner for the Henrici/Beavercreek intersection will follow soon.

BIBLE STUDY

The Adult Sunday morning Bible Study on the Old Testament book of Job is faithfully facilitated by Will Marshall. After a brief time of goodies and socializing, the Library welcomes you for class time.

SUMMER BREAK

There will be no class time for Elementary Grades and Confirmation Students during the Summer. Classes will resume in September on Rally Day.

JUNE EVENTS AT TLC

Sunday's in June hosted several special events. Among them the baptism of beautiful baby Holly and the confirmation of Lauren on Pentecost. Lauren shared her "Statement of Faith" and her 3-Year "Secret Prayer Partner" was also revealed. Smiles were abundant.

We honored three High School Graduates and heard their future plans and thoughts. In addition to these wonderful events, we also celebrated Pastor Ted's retirement. We are grateful for his time with us at TLC. At the Potluck for Pastor Ted, Jacqueline, and Young Ting shared future plans of visits and travel.

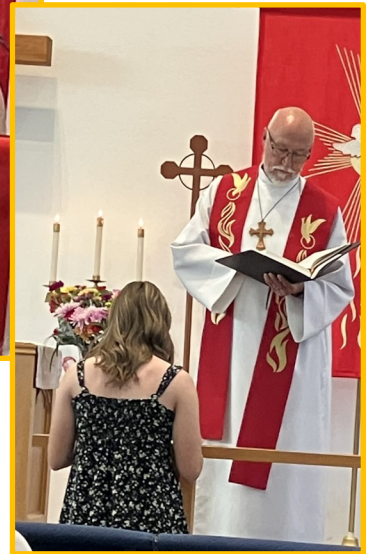
The Engelbrecht and Van Orsow families were presented with quilts, skillfully designed and handmade with love imbedded in every stitch by our Quilters.

How wonderful to be joyfully encouraging each other about the Lord and His work! We hope you enjoy the photos on the following page, celebrating each of these life events.

Many blessings,
Henrietta Brooks

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BAPTISM - CONFIRMATION - GRADUATION - RETIREMENT





LWML OREGON DISTRICT RETREAT "Seasoned with Salt"

Mark your calendar for September 19th—21st for the LWML Oregon District Retreat!



Walk in wisdom toward outsiders, making the best use of the time. Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person (Colossians 4:5-6).

Plan to enjoy a wonderful weekend! There will be time for fellowship, singing, crafts, a prayer walk, games, skits and enjoying great food together!

The event will be held at Aldersgate Retreat Center located at 7790 Marion Road SE, Turner, Oregon.

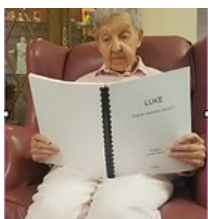
This is just a sample of activities you can expect: Bible Study—"Women-to-Women Mentoring" Devotion and Decorating—"Crazy for Cupcakes" and a Salsa Tasting Contest—"Best Salsa in the House"



A special retreat newsletter will be published July 7, that will have the registration forms and highlights!



LWML OREGON DISTRICT GRANTS



#11 Sharing Jesus Through Large Print Ministry \$6,500

This grant will help fund Lutheran Braille Workers Ministry Production Center in Oregon production costs for specialized large-print Bibles, Bible studies, and other Christian material in a format, including a prison-approved volume specialized for senior and impaired inmates so that they may know Jesus as their Savior

#12 Support the Funding of the Forest Hills Lutheran Christian School (FHLCS) Construction Project, \$6,500

Forest Hills Lutheran Christian School encompasses Kindergarten through 8th grade. It is owned and operated by the Westside Lutheran Christian School Association. It is both a Lutheran parochial school for sponsoring congregational members and an outreach school for community families. This grant will support the construction of a new church building to increase enrollment capacities for more children to receive Christ-centered education.



TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH | COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Council Members

President: Sheila Wahl
Vice President: Pam Seelye
Treasurer: Connie Adams
Secretary: Ronda Corless

Elder: Jeff Allen
Property Board: Herb Meissel
Christian Education: Carolyn Stucky
Pastor: Gary Hagen

Minutes June 2025

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH Summarized Council Minutes

- Connie went over the balance sheet and income statement figures.
- VBS volunteers are much needed. VBS is having a work party this Saturday 6/21 at 10:00am and could use help. July 20th is the start of VBS.
- HVAC Unit #5 will be replaced in July as the compressor went out.
- There will be a *Day of Doing* in July and another in August. Dates TBD
- Approximately 2,000 Flyers with Trinity's worship and VBS info will be mailed to the surrounding community.

Ronda Corless
Council Secretary

GETTING INVOLVED & SHARING NEWS

If you would like to become involved in any area of service here at Trinity OC, feel free to make a note on the Communication Card. If you have an article you would like to see published in *The Scroll*, please feel free to send an email to the office at office@trinity.org.

	Greeters
July 6th	Elders
July 13th	Elders
July 20th	Elders
July 27th	Elders

SO MANY WAYS TO GIVE!

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

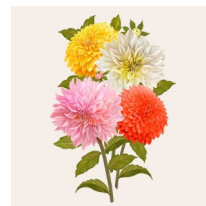
If you have questions, call Connie Adams, 503.631.7446.

	Communion Set-Up
July 13th	Carol Cameron/Steve Cameron
July 27th	Carol Cameron/Steve Cameron

	Lectors (10 am Service)
July 6th	Rhoda Bohr
July 13th	Dave Wilson
July 20th	Contemporary Service
July 27th	Craig Nickles

SHARE YOUR FLOWERS

Contact Vera Deines to coordinate either donating flowers (preferred method), or arranging to make a donation to have flowers purchased on your behalf for an upcoming Sunday, or a full month of Sundays!



	Flowers for Worship
July 6th	Donation Received
July 13th	Donation Received
July 20th	Donation Received
July 27th	Donation Received

OUTREACH COMMITTEE

We are in search of a coordinator for our Outreach Committee. Please contact Shelia Wahl to discuss this opportunity.

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: Pam Seelye (2027)
Treasurer: Connie Adams (2027)
Recording Secretary: Rhonda Corless (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

Trinity Office Email Addresses

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Office Hours

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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

Wednesday Bible Study

Pastor Gary Hagen

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**

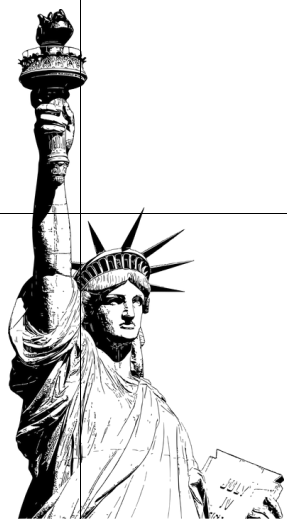
International Outreach

- **Child Beyond International**, Guatemala
- **Compassion International**

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TRINITY EVENTS CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 1pm Quilters	2 10:30am Dorcas Circle 10:30am Bible Study 7pm Praise Team	3 10am Board of Education	4 Independence Day 	5
6 10am Worship Svc After: Coffee Social 11am Sunday School 6:30pm Youth Group	7 6:30pm Trinity Volleyball	8	9 10:30am Bible Study 11:30 am Men's Lunch 7pm Praise Team	10	11	12 9am Transition Projects Meal Delivery 10:30am Homebound Member Meal Prep
13 10am Worship Svc After: Coffee Social 11am Sunday School 11am Elders Board Meeting 6:30pm Youth Group	14 6:30pm Trinity Volleyball	15 9am Prayer & Praise 1pm Quilters 6:30pm Church Council	16 10:30am Bible Study 7pm Praise Team	17	18	19
20 10am Worship Svc After: Coffee Social 11am Sunday School 5:30 - 8:30pm VBS 6:30pm Youth Group 6:30pm Encouragers	21 5:30 - 8:30pm VBS 6:30pm Trinity Volleyball	22 10am Outreach 5:30 - 8:30pm VBS 7pm Canby Bible Study	23 10:30am Bible Study 7pm Praise Team	24 5:30 - 8:30pm VBS	25	26 
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Birthdays & Anniversaries



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4 Independence Day U.S.A. 	5
6 Lee Duvinage	7 Mary Ann Taylor Gary & Colleen Brinkert	8	9	10 Joe Hilton	11 Jeffrey & Cheryl Shrode	12
13	14 Barbara Sparks Brad & Judy Barrick	15	16	17 Steve Allen	18 Al Bohr	19 Jeff & Marilyn Allen
20	21	22 Lydia Martenson	23 Steve Cameron	24 Michele Thoensen	25	26 Jon Deyoe
27 Lloyd & Pat Benjamin Brian & Julie Bills	28 Sheila Wahl	29	30	31		