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TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH'S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



**TRINITY**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

**MARCH 2023**

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## IMPORTANT DATES THIS MONTH

Mar 1/8/15/22/29: Lent Midweek  
Worship Services

Mar 1: Dorcas

Mar 7: Outreach Committee

Mar 7/21: Quilters

Mar 8: Men's Lunch

Mar 12: Daylight Saving Time

Mar 14/15: The Father's Heart  
Meal Prep/Delivery

March 15: Lenten Supper

Mar 18: Transition Projects  
Meal Prep/Delivery

Mar 20: Caregiver Support  
Group

Mar 21: Church Council

Mar 26: 4th Sunday Women's  
Bible Study

Mar 28: Canby Bible Study

## TRINITY STAFF

**Rev. Ted Engelbrecht**  
Pastor

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

## WORDS FROM THE PASTOR - March 2023

"Yet even now," declares the Lord,  
"return to me with all your heart,  
with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning;

and rend your hearts and not your garments."

Return to the Lord your God,

for he is gracious and merciful,

slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love." Joel (2:12-13)

Lent is upon us. This is our special period of both introspection and expectation. In this season the 'mirror' of the Law leads us to look in at ourselves and realize how far we are from being the perfect people God expects us to be (Matthew 5:48).

At this time it is also a reminder to us to look at how we are as a congregation. The Lord has blessed this one with over 100 years of fellowship and Christian community. What a blessing that is - one that not many churches in the area can point to! There is a strong 'remnant' of that still here. How can we use that strength to be both an example and a magnet to others in a God-pleasing way? And how can we in any - and every - case be God's "hands and feet" as we are able to those outside of our congregation?

God calls us to be perfect - but are we that? St. Paul reminds us in Romans 3 - and especially in verse 23 - that no, we aren't, and no one is or can be.

Our introspection is surely 'good, right and salutary,' but it should lead us not to despair. Rather, it should point to the expectation that also comes with the season - the expectation of Good Friday at its end. On that day, so good for us though hardly so for our Savior, with His suffering and death Jesus paid for all our sins and short fallings with His life-giving sacrifice. In so doing He saves us in that 'Glorious Exchange' of our sins for his righteousness, which we hold to in faith for our salvation.

But Jesus didn't stay dead - no, on Easter he rose from the dead and lives in heaven and in us. And as He now gives us His ministry, He also gives us His assurance that He will be with us in ours if we let Him.

So, let us look to him - to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith (Heb. 12:2).

As we look in that mirror at ourselves, let us not forget to see who else is there in us and for us - Jesus. May He bless us in a special way in these special days. Amen.

**Pastor Ted**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES**

**Sunday Adult Bible Studies:**

- Weekly in Library about 11 am; led by one of the Elders
- Fourth Sunday: Women’s Bible Study; led by Carolyn Stucky

**High School Youth Bible Study:** in Youth Room after Church Service

**Elementary - Junior High Classes:** after Church Service, approximately 11:00 am

- Pre-K to 5th Grade: Room 1
- Confirmation Grades 6 - 7: Rooms 6 & 8
- Confirmation Grade 8: Room 7

**HOME/SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDIES**

**THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY:** meets in the Trinity Library every Thursday at 10:30 am.

Contact: Pastor Ted, 503-632-5554. Current Study: Gospel of Matthew

**CANBY SMALL GROUP:** meets on the fourth Tuesday--7:00 pm at Al and Rhoda' Bohr's home

Contact: Rhoda Bohr --503-896-1070. It is also a Prayer Group, prayer requests are given and prayed for.

**KASTING HOME BIBLE STUDY:** meet every Thursday evening 6: 30 pm at Pastor Mike's home.

Contact person--Pastor Mike Kasting---503-305-6189. Current Study: Gospel of Luke

**ENCOURAGERS BIBLE STUDY:** meets on the third Sunday at 6:30 pm at alternating homes.

Contact: Brian / Barbara Hawkins--503-803-1553 or 503-753-1371. Current study--Epistle to the Hebrews

**OUTREACH: MEALS FOR THOSE IN NEED**

Check in next month for updates on our outreach to The Father’s Heart and Transition Projects.

**OUTREACH: HABITAT FOR HUMANITY GROUP STARTING**

Talk to Pat Benjamin Carol Wilson, Scott Tooker, Pastor Ted and Jacqueline, or Lee Duvinage if you are interested. We have the opportunity to join with a group in Vancouver as they help build homes. If you can work a paint brush or paint roller and end up with more paint on the wall than on yourself, you’re qualified! The same goes for being able to use a hammer and hit a nail straight, sweeping, or even fixing lunch for other volunteers.

**NEED SOME INSPIRATION?**

Lutheran Hour Ministries ([www.lhm.org](http://www.lhm.org)) has both daily devotions as well as special Lenten Devotions. Check them out online, along with all their other resources.

Also, there are a lot of Christian radio stations in the Portland area. Many different types and styles of music and programming, some have multiple outlets on low-power stations. Reception may vary, particularly for the low power stations, depending on your location relative to the transmitter. Here are some frequencies where you may find inspiration: **FM:** 88.3, 88.7, 89.5, 91.9 (weak), 92.7, 93.9, 95.9 (Spanish), 96.3, 97.5 (weak, three competing local low power signals on this frequency); 97.9, 103.7, 104.1, 104.5, 106.3 (shares frequency with KLOO from Corvallis), 107.9; **AM:** 800 kHz, 1230 (Spanish), 1390 (Spanish).

**CONTRIBUTIONS\$**

Thank you for your contributions. They help keep the utilities on at church, and pay for the administrative costs of the church, and put a few slices of bacon on the Pastor’s breakfast plate.

2023 Collections	Actual	Budget	Difference	%, +/-
Last Sunday	\$ 6,508	\$ 4,327	\$ 2,181	50.4%
Month-to-Date	\$ 16,523	\$ 17,308	\$ (785)	-4.5%
Year-to-Date	\$ 27,781	\$ 38,942	\$ (11,161)	-28.7%
Total Yearly Collection Budget:		\$225,000		
Attendance	Feb 26	76		

**Stellar VBS is coming to Trinity, July 23-27.** We need your help in making it a success! Let families, friends, neighbors know about our program. We also need volunteers to help during the program. You can volunteer if you are able to:

- Talk with children
- Help decorate the church
- Coordinate behind the scenes
- Cook, prepare and serve food
- Wash bottles, pots and pans
- Help with set-up and/or clean-up

Contact Henrietta Brooks or Ann Clack to volunteer.



## **KITCHEN NOTICE**

Any food left in refrigerators, freezers or on counters will be removed in one week unless dated and labelled for your group.

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## **PRAYING HANDS**

When you came into the church on the First Sunday of Lent, you may have noticed a slightly familiar cross in the Narthex. Yes, it's our Easter Cross, repurposed for Lent.

It is said that Lent is like a three-legged stool. The traditional "three legs of Lent" are prayer, almsgiving, and fasting. Trinity invites you to take part in all three.

For prayer, beyond your usual practice of prayer, you're invited to write down a prayer petition and put it up on the cross; and then, through the season of Lent, pray for all the prayer petitions on the cross.

Almsgiving can take many forms; you may have a favorite charity or nonprofit organization that you support, and making an additional donation would always be welcome! You can also make an additional donation to Trinity, or make a donation to a different organization; or, simply be on the watch for people in need in the community, with something ready at hand to give to them. Or, you can utilize the red barrel in the Narthex and donate some food for those who are not able to make ends meet at this time.

Fasting can take many forms. It can be a day where you just consume water; it can be a day when you cut out one meal, or cut back on one meal, or make it a meatless day using other protein sources. However you do it, consider making a donation with whatever you don't spend.

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## **TRINITY MEMBER TO PRESENT AT THE PIONEER COMMUNITY CENTER**

Will Marshall will be presenting on "The Magic of Carbon That Is Diamonds!" on Wednesday, March 22, at 12:00 pm in the Pioneer Community Center's Fireside Room. It's a wonderful introduction about carbon (one of our most common elements on earth) and how diamonds are formed; also the history and wealth of gems and diamonds. Bring your questions!

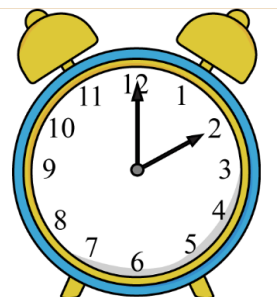
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## **SHARE YOUR FLOWERS**

March is here! There are probably some of the first flowers of the year blooming in your yard. If you'd like to donate some flowers (or money to purchase some), contact Connie Adams.

## **DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME RETURNS BY POPULAR DEMAND**

Yes, Sunday, March 12, marks the return of Daylight Saving Time! It's a wonderful opportunity to have an extra hour of evening time, show up late for church on that Sunday, or be grumpy because your body doesn't want to cooperate. Lily, Trinity's "Office Dog," can never figure out why her meal times suddenly change.



## TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH | COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES | January 18, 2023

**Attendees:** Troy Palmer, Brian Hawkins, Melissa Deyoe, Ronda Corless, Connie Adams, Pastor Ted, Jeff Allen, Herb Meissel, Carolyn Stucky

Troy began the meeting with a prayer.

**Guest speaker – Marilyn Allen**

Pastor asked Marilyn if Trinity would need approval from the District to rent or sell church property. Marilyn reported that the Missouri Synod can't tell the church what to do. As a non-profit corporation in State of Oregon, the church must abide by our own Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws. Marilyn said that the District is being more proactive about talking with churches prior to them closing and getting them help before they get to that point. The District has programs called Legacy and Essential Participants tool kit to help churches and are putting a team together to help churches to work together as a region and support each other. If we rent out the building, it should be noted that the District doesn't want churches to get money from sources that don't support our ministry. The church can rent to for profit companies, but will pay unrelated income tax on the 990 tax return and pay property taxes on that portion of the property. It was asked if the church property was sold and a smaller piece of land was purchased if church would have to pay tax. Marilyn answered that as long as any profits were used for non-profit purposes, no tax would be due. The District has a program called "Now Start Never" that helps churches with ideas that are outside the box. LCEF (Lutheran Church Extension Fund) can help with demographic studies to show us what your community looks like. They have a visioning team to look at what the next steps might be, this service is at a cost. Marilyn noted that it is great that council is being proactive.

Marilyn explained restricted funds. Money can be restricted by donors either as temporary (funds restricted to a particular use or time) or permanent (funds that carry a restriction permanently, like endowment or scholarship funds) funds. Board designated funds are funds without donor restrictions that are subject to self-imposed limits by the governing board and can be spent on anything the board approves. If someone gives for a purpose that you generally do in your budget, it goes to the general fund and not to restricted funds. Temporarily restricted funds should be used first before the budget funds in a particular area.

The November meeting minutes were approved.

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

The CE Board is moving ahead and doing more promotion for a VBS communicator. They are needing someone to do the communication, ads and getting it to the public. They ordered material for Sunday School for home devotions in hopes to open up the door for young ones to be in communication with Carolyn to come to Sunday School. Lent materials have been ordered. High school and confirmation kids helped with the Christmas Eve service. The Escape room youth event that was done with Beautiful Savior went well. The adult bible school leader will be Brian Hawkins.

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

Pastor said Bingo is being planned for Saturday, February 11th at 1:00pm. Outreach has committed to do one thing a month and has done this for two years. Great job Outreach team!! Potluck meal will be on Sunday January 27th.

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

Troy was able to contact someone to possibly work on the website. Troy will have a zoom meeting with the company to discuss cost and what changes we want done.

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

Pastor reported that we will be ordering materials for Lent. There will

be a cross with hands and then hands will come down and flowers will go on the cross, showing dark to the light. Pastor presented a graph of attendance at first and second service. There was discussion about the low attendance at the second service and the possibility of going back to one service alternating weeks between traditional and contemporary.

**Elders:** Jeff Allen (Present-No Report)

Jeff reported on the Elders meeting. They spent some time talking about the process for contacting members so it does not all fall on Pastor, the upcoming congregation meeting and what is expected of the Elders. They also discussed taking down the Christmas tree and the need to setup a system for putting up and taking down the tree each year.

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

For the month ending December 31, 2022, the church reported a gain from operations of \$2,054. For the 12 month period ending December 31, 2022, the church reported an overall loss of \$26,893 from operations.

In December, the Council voted through email to purchase gift cards as Christmas gifts for Pastor and J. Pat & Carol. All those that voted approved this purchase.

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

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

Herb reported he received bids back for the air conditioning units. Herb will make a list of door numbers as this would be helpful if there is trouble setting the alarm. Herb changed the sign at the corner. He will continue to cleanup brush and burn piles when burning opens up. The doors will get painted in the spring when the weather is better.

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

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

**Unfinished Business:** None

**New Business:**

Connie reported that the Trinity Mission Guild is considering closing its account at Clackamas CU and start using the Church's US Bank account for the activity. The funds will be accounted for in restricted funds. Melissa will call the bank and Brian can go close the account.

January 22nd Church Future Planning Session – Pastor passed out a draft of instructions for the Elders & Council Members to use to facilitate the sessions.

Troy noted that there have been several requests from several different groups to rent the facility.

Council is working with administration to develop policy and procedures regarding key issuance and usage. There are A keys and B keys, Herb will get a list of who has keys from J. Pat.

Carolyn said the Mission Guild would like to sponsor the Lenten Soup Suppers.

Meeting was closed in prayer by Connie at 9:00pm.

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.

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

Greeters	
March 5 <sup>th</sup>	Elders
March 12 <sup>th</sup>	Elders
March 19 <sup>th</sup>	Elders
March 26 <sup>th</sup>	Elders

Communion Set-Up	
March 5 <sup>th</sup>	TBA
March 19 <sup>th</sup>	TBA

Lectors (9 am Service)	
March 5 <sup>th</sup>	Craig Nickles
March 12 <sup>th</sup>	Stanette Rosenberger
March 19 <sup>th</sup>	Levi Darnell
March 26 <sup>th</sup>	Steve Cameron



Flower Contact	Connie Adams 503.631.7446
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Flowers		
March 5 <sup>th</sup>	Vase available basis	
March 12 <sup>th</sup>	Vase available basis	
March 19 <sup>th</sup>	Vase available basis	
March 26 <sup>th</sup>	Vase available basis	

## **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 (2021)  
Craig Nickles **B**, 503.819.4525 (2022)  
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**

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Administrative Assistants: office@trinityoc.org

### **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  
Connie Adams

#### **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> Laurel Gray	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i> Janell Finzel
<i>5</i> Annalise Noss <b>Tom &amp; Julie Handy</b>	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i> Loyd Benjamin	<i>8</i> Kathy Nickles Jessica Petrone	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i>
<i>12</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>17</i> <b>Jim &amp; Kori Muth</b> <b>Dan &amp; Terina Trappe</b>	<i>18</i>
<i>19</i> <b>Steven &amp; Teresa Doss</b>	<i>20</i> Rhoda Bohr Stella Corless	<i>21</i>	<i>22</i> <b>Jim &amp; Becky Hilton</b>	<i>23</i>	<i>24</i> Mark Turner	<i>25</i> Rob Collett
<i>26</i> Oliver Noss	<i>27</i> Jean Bohr <b>Michael &amp; Joan Hagedorn</b>	<i>28</i> Dick Brooks Marie Karay Connie Stevenson	<i>29</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>31</i> Neva Abele	



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## TRINITY EVENTS CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<i>1</i> 10:30 Dorcas  7:00 Lent Midweek Worship Service	<i>2</i> 10:30 Bible Study	<i>3</i>  6:00p <i>The Fun Flyers</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>5</i> 10:00 Blended Svc After: Coffee Social 11:00 Sunday School 11:00 Adult Bible Study	<i>6</i>  6:30 Volleyball	<i>7</i> 9:00 Prayer & Praise 10:00 Outreach Committee Mtg. 1:00 Quilters	<i>8</i> 11:30 Men's Lunch @ Stanley's Corner  7:00 Lent Midweek Worship Service	<i>9</i> 10:30 Bible Study	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i>
<i>12</i> <b>DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME STARTS</b> 10:00 Blended Svc After: Coffee Social 11:00 Sunday School 11:00 Adult Bible Study	<i>13</i>  6:30 Volleyball	<i>14</i> 9:00 Prayer & Praise  6:00 The Father's Heart Meal Prep 6:30 Church Council	<i>15</i> 7:00 The Father's Heart Meal Prep 10:45 Meal Service 6:00 Lenten Supper 7:00 Lent Midweek Worship Service	<i>16</i> 10:30 Bible Study	<i>17</i> <b>St. Patrick's Day</b> Even Catholics are eating meat today  6:00p <i>The Fun Flyers</i>	<i>18</i>  2:00 Transition Projects Meal Prep
<i>19</i> 10:00 Blended Svc After: Coffee Social 11:00 Sunday School 11:00 Adult Bible Study	<i>20</i> 10:30 Caregivers Support Group  6:30 Volleyball	<i>21</i> 9:00 Prayer & Praise  1:00 Quilters	<i>22</i>  7:00 Lent Midweek Worship Service	<i>23</i> 10:30 Bible Study	<i>24</i>	<i>25</i> Private Event
<i>26</i> 10:00 Contemp. Svc After: Coffee Social 11:00 Sunday School 11:00 Adult Bible Study	<i>27</i>  6:30 Volleyball	<i>28</i> 9:00 Prayer & Praise  7:00 Canby Bible Study Group	<i>29</i>  7:00 Lent Midweek Worship Service	<i>30</i> 10:30 Bible Study	<i>31</i>	