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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 2022

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IMPORTANT DATES THIS MONTH

Mar 1: Quilters

Mar 2: **Ash Wednesday**

Mar 2: Dorcas

Mar 8: Outreach Committee

Mar 9: Men's Lunch

Mar 9, 16, 23, 30: Lenten Mid-
Week Worship Service

Mar 12: Transition Projects
Meal Prep

Mar 15: Quilters

Mar 15: Church Council

Mar 15/16: The Father's Heart
Meal Prep

Mar 17: **St. Patrick's Day**

Mar 27: 4th Sunday Women's
Bible Study

TRINITY STAFF

Rev. Ted Engelbrecht
Pastor

J. Patrick & Carol Moore
Administrative Assistants

WORDS FROM THE PASTOR

March 2022

Lent is upon us. The 'last chance' celebration of Mardi Gras (literally 'Fat Tuesday') is followed by Ash Wednesday and 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. Indeed, in His command in Matthew 5:48, God tells each of us that, "You therefore must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect." 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.

This introspection is surely 'good, right and salutary,' but it should lead us not to despair but 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 of 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 leaves us with another command which we read in Luke and balances the one in Matthew. For in Luke 6:36 Jesus tells each of us that "You should be merciful as your Father is merciful."

Of course, all of that is covered in Jesus' all-encompassing command that we "Love God and Love Neighbor."

Trinity OC has tried to be faithful in doing that here, but I was able last week to also visit one of the ministries we support doing that to 'neighbors' far away in Costa Rica. There, Lutheran missionaries the Huttons and their partners share the love of Jesus with high schoolers and others in the community they live in. In addition to sharing the gospel they teach ESL, which is needed if young people are to get access to better jobs in a tourist based economy that sees too many young people get dragged and trafficked into prostitution and other related activities. But they also share in an active congregational ministry that serves the lives of many people in the community in Jesus' saving name.

Let us continue to pray for and support them, but also continue to live lives here that bear witness to the name of Christian, which we bear. May the Lord enable us to do so. Amen.

Pastor Ted

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday Adult Bible Studies: Brian Hawkins 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 has organized a Bible Study in the Canby Area, 4th Tuesdays at 7 pm.

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

Every once in a while, life throws you a curveball. This was certainly the case for Lee Duvinage, who was unable to help with the meal for The Father's Heart in February due to illness. Other volunteers and cooks rallied together to take care of the meal preparation and delivery. A big thank you to all the hands that were on deck.



The Father's Heart is working on transitioning back to meals being served *in* their facility, rather than *from* their facility in takeout containers. Their plan is to serve meals at the tables, rather than serving from a line.

In years past, Trinity has both prepared and served the meal. If you are able to help out with delivery and serving, please contact Pat Benjamin.

The Outreach Committee appreciates all the food that has been dropped off to help with the meals. At this time, we have enough rice and noodles to last quite a while; please feel free to continue donating cream soups, Rotel tomatoes & chilis, and frozen meats. Non-perishable items can be left in the gray bin on the counter, and meats can be put in the freezer in the kitchen. You have been so generous in your donations to The Father's Heart and Transition Projects. We thank you for your care for those who are hurting through COVID, winter, and economic trials.

40 DAYS OF GIVING LENTEN FOOD DRIVE

Yes, "One CAN Make a Difference!" We are again collecting food to donate to the HOPE (Helping Other People Eat) food program during Lent, and hoping to be able to deliver as much (or more!) food than last year. Our prayer is that our gifts of food will fill not only tummies with food but hearts with love as well. There will be some suggestion sheets and plastic bags available in the Narthex.

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

One of the ways that Trinity supports missionary efforts are the contributions made to support two children through Compassion International. This organization seeks out people, churches and other organizations who will “adopt” a child and support them through their school years. Compassion has staff onsite or works with local organizations in various countries and your support helps to provide for these children’s needs.

Compassion International also provides “two-way communication.” This consists of letters written by the children to their sponsors, which are scanned and translated and sent via email, along with the opportunity to write to the children, and your letters are then translated for them.

Due to the favorability of exchange rates, your money goes a lot further in a third-world country than it does here in the United States. Therefore, it doesn’t take a lot of money to make a big impact on these children’s lives. The benefit of providing education for these children is immeasurable, as it will have a positive effect for all their lives.

SUNDAY FLOWERS

We have a brand new flower chart on the orange bulletin board, for you to sign up to provide flowers for the Sanctuary on Sundays. 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 there’s 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.

FREE MONEY!

If you ever watched *The Tonight Show with Johnny Carson*, you know that when Johnny says, “Trinity Lutheran Church can get free money,” everyone is supposed to shout, “How Free Is It?” And Johnny would reply with something like, “It’s so free, it’s like picking Jeff Bezos’ pocket.”

If you shop with Amazon, you can direct a portion (1/2 of 1%) of every purchase to Trinity through *Amazon Smile*. While it’s less than a penny on the dollar, the dollars spent at Amazon do build up!

You can also register your Fred Meyer card so that Trinity receives a small fraction of every purchase there as well.

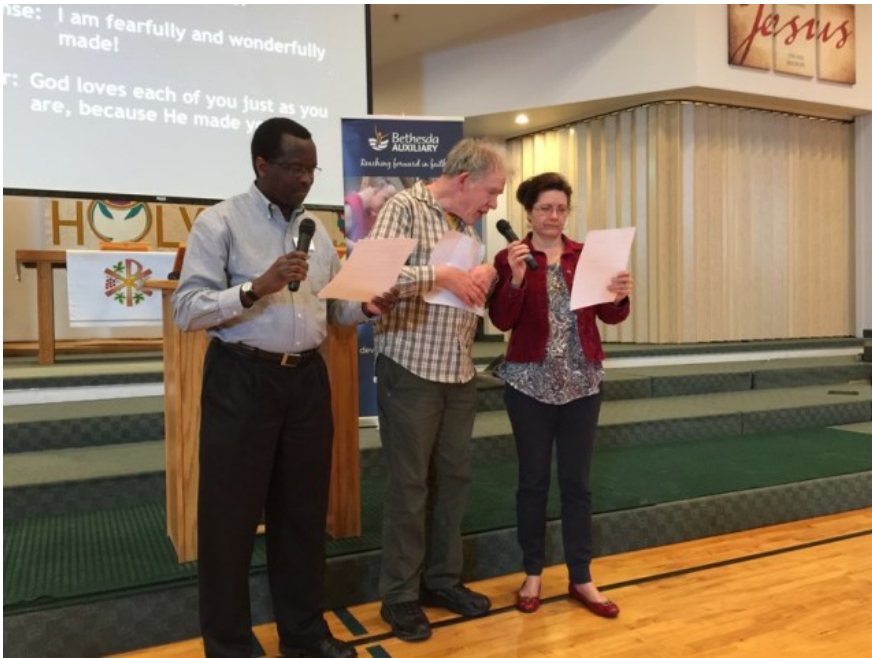
CONTRIBUTIONS\$

Through the miracle of counting once during February, it looks like there was a huge collection on February 27. In truth, in-person contributions and those mailed in totaled about \$3000 per week. Online contributions totaled about 40% of the collection in February.

2022 Collections	Actual	Budget	Difference	%, +/-
Last Sunday	\$ 14,909	\$ 5,000	\$ 9,909	198.2%
Month-to-Date	\$ 21,929	\$ 20,000	\$ 1,929	9.6%
Year-to-Date	\$ 36,524	\$ 45,000	\$ (8,476)	-18.8%
Total Yearly Collection Budget:		\$260,000		
Attendance	Feb. 27	86		

LWML MITES SUPPORT OUTREACH GRANT

A Equipping People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities to Sing, Tell, Declare His Marvelous Deeds, \$6500



For three (3) years, Bethesda Lutheran Communities in the Portland, Oregon and the Renton, Washington areas have been sharing God's love to those intellectually and developmentally disabled (IDD). Mona Fuerstenau, Bethesda's Director of Partnership Ministries adapted resources giving leadership training, mentoring, and the opportunity for people with IDD to share their stories and their love of Jesus with people in all venues – from one-on-one to those gathered at conferences and conventions. This grant would allow for program expansion by covering the cost of the training sessions so she can travel to meet at least once with Bethesda people in various areas along with training a local staff person to continue mentoring participants so they can present the Gospel and share their stories with others.



TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH | COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES | January 19, 2022

Attendees: Brian Hawkins, Troy Palmer, Melissa Deyoe, Ronda Corless, Craig Nickles, Carolyn Stucky, Herb Meissel, Pastor Ted

Troy opened the meeting with a prayer and devotion about a sick neighbor and having compassion because there is always someone that is dealing with something worse than you.

The November meeting minutes were approved.

Christian Education: Carolyn Stucky (Present-No Report)
Carolyn reported that the leftover candy from Christmas was given to the teachers as a thank you. CE board discussed VBS and if they should do a VBS and they decided yes they will do it and are thinking about having it July 24-28th. A letter was sent to six other churches to see if they are interested in doing a joint VBS. The CE board is deciding whether they will keep the My Devotions or not. Carolyn noted that there is a list of people who will pick up Sunday School offerings. She also noted that Rhoda announced that the Canby small group has begun meeting. Pastor has been working on a new Confirmation curriculum. He would like to make it available for anyone who would like to see it. The Seder meal by Jews for Jesus will be on April 6th. Maundy Thursday was not an available date for Jews for Jesus.

Outreach: Pastor Ted/Craig Nickles (Present-No Report)
Bingo was postponed due to a spike in Covid cases in the community. Tentatively rescheduling bingo for February 26th. Pastor will be going to Costa Rica February 14-21st. There is a need for someone to lead the mission trip to Santa Marta and the church needs someone to volunteer by February 15th or the trip will need to be cancelled, as the planning takes time.

AVIT: Paul Petrone (Absent-No Report)
AVIT met at the church and moved miscellaneous un-needed items from the sound booth to upstairs. They will go through the items, take pictures and hope to find a church in need to donate the items to. Pastor asked if AVIT has trained any of the people who wish to volunteer. They have not been able to do the training as they have been busy working on cleaning in the sound booth. Pastor also noted that the shut-ins are upset about not having a service on Facebook. Council discussed filming the service on a tri-pod and uploading the video instead of doing a live video. We will see what we can do about doing a low-tech Facebook video for now.

Pastor Report: Pastor Ted (Present-No Report)
There was discussion about the vision of our church and why we are here. Pastor will contact someone from the district office to help us with vision planning. This will be open to all of the congregation, not just council.

Elders: Craig Nickles (Present-No Report)
Elders have been meeting in the mornings during the week instead of evenings. Elders are more than willing to help with visitations and would like to go with Pastor initially. Elders will be trained how to do things like lighting candles, communion, etc. Official greeters at this time are the Elders. Dave & Jeff have agreed to remain Elders longer until replacements are found. Looking into recruiting women to be Elder assistants. They talked about looking into having women serve as

teachers at adult bible study. Love Inc is looking for some space to relocate their offices, Craig gave them a tour. They would need some office space and parking for large vans. There is no proposal at this time.

Treasurer Report: Melissa Deyoe (Present-See Report)
For the month ending December 31, 2021, the church reports a gain from operations of \$4,827. For the 12 month period ending December 31, 2021, the church reports an overall loss of \$1,799 from operations.

J. Pat would like an amendment to his contract to add that they could terminate their contract early with no penalty. They have no plans to leave at this time but would like some language added to the contract. Brian asked if Melissa could provide a comparison of utilities costs over the past few years.

Financial Secretary: Connie Adams (Absent)
Connie emailed that the year-end contribution statements will be mailed out by the end of January from Arizona.

Property Board: Herb Meissel (Present-No Report)
Herb noted that the neighbor mentioned we have a limb that fell on her property and she would like it removed. Pastor and Brian will take care of the limb on Sunday. Herb said there will be cleaning done in the woods this spring. There was a hole put in the wall from a door and Herb will be fixing it.

President: Brian Hawkins (Present-No Report)
Brian and J. Pat have been discussing updating the church directory.

Vice President: Troy Palmer (Present-No Report)
We need to get a small committee of 5-6 people for updating the bylaws and standing rules. Craig volunteered to be on the committee. We need a process for communicating council decisions back to J. Pat more timely. Ronda will send out minutes more timely and bullet the action items.

Discussed building use during CDC guidelines. Church is not policing other groups using facility. Our church is policing our own activities and church service.

Unfinished Business - None

New Business

The next council meeting will be on February 23, 2022 and will be at the church.

Troy closed the meeting in prayer at 8:30pm.

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. Any assignments before Trinity reopens will be cancelled.

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

Greeters	
Mar. 6 th	Elders
Mar. 13 th	Elders
Mar. 20 th	Elders
Mar. 27 th	Elders

Communion Set-Up	
Mar. 6 th	TBA
Mar. 20 th	TBA

Lectors	
Mar. 6 th	Ray C
Mar. 13 th	Rhoda B
Mar. 20 th	Craig N
Mar. 27 th	Marilyn A

Flower Contact	Carol Wilson 503.502.7448
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Flowers		
Mar. 6 th	Vases available	
Mar. 13 th	Vases available	
Mar. 20 th	Vases available	
Mar. 27 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)
Jeff Allen **E, L, T** 206.228.3724 (2021)
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
Angie Stone
Carolyn Stucky

Facility & Building Use

Herb Meissel

Trinity Office Email Addresses

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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
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
		<i>1</i>	<i>2</i> Laurel Gray	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i> Janell Finzel	<i>5</i> Annalise Noss Tom & Julie Handy
<i>6</i>	<i>7</i> Lloyd 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> Nancy Brockmann	<i>17</i> Jim & Kori Muth Dan & Terina Trappe	<i>18</i>	<i>19</i> Steven & Teresa Doss
<i>20</i> Rhoda Bohr Stella Corless	<i>21</i>	<i>22</i> Jim & Becky Hilton	<i>23</i>	<i>24</i> Mark Turner	<i>25</i> Rob Collett	<i>26</i> Oliver Noss
<i>27</i> Jean Bohr Michael & Joan Hagedorn	<i>28</i> 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> 1:00 Quilters <i>Hoops Basketball</i>	<i>2</i> Ash Wednesday 10:30 Dorcas 7:00 Ash Wednesday Worship Service	<i>3</i> 10:30 Bible Study	<i>4</i> 6:00p <i>The Fun Flyers</i>	<i>5</i>
<i>6</i> 10:00 Worship Svc 11:00 Sunday School	<i>7</i> 10:30 Caregivers Support Group 6:30 Volleyball	<i>8</i> 9:00 Prayer & Praise 6:30 Outreach Committee <i>Hoops Basketball</i>	<i>9</i> 11:30 Men's Lunch @ Stanley's Corner 7:00 Wednesday Midweek Worship Service	<i>10</i> 10:30 Bible Study	<i>11</i>	<i>12</i> TBA Transition Projects Meal Prep
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