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TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



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

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TRINITY STAFF

Rev. Gary Hagen
Pastor

Kay Lynch
Office Manager

WORDS FROM THE PASTOR

I grew up in Camas, WA. Camas was a bit smaller back then, maybe 7000 or so. Our athletic teams competed with relatively small "AA" schools. In addition, Camas didn't produce a lot of big kids back then either. So when it came to my senior year in football, I went "both ways". On defense I played linebacker, which I loved. On offense I played tackle, which I didn't. At 170 lbs. I just didn't see myself as a typical offensive lineman. One day I went into the coach's office and expressed my belief that I could do a better job at linebacker if I wasn't also playing tackle. His reply was that he could find other players that could handle the linebacker position, but what he *needed* was a tackle. I thanked him, turned around, and quietly disappeared. I wasn't going to risk the position that I loved.

On a football team there are positions that seem more glamorous or fun: quarterback, halfbacks, ends, and linebackers. And there are positions that seem less glamorous or fun: center, guards, or tackles. Yet for a team to score and win they are *all* important, every one of them. It doesn't take long for a backfield to get into deep trouble, offensively or defensively, if the line is not doing its job.

The same is true in the Church. All "positions" are important. All are critical if a church is to fulfill its mission. While I served at St. John Lutheran Church in Vancouver as their *Director of Christian Outreach* I did a lot of reading, mostly books on outreach. One of my favorites was a book called *Becoming a Contagious Christian*. I liked it so well I bought a copy for each of the other staff. It had many good things to share, but what I remember most was how it described the church as sort of a team. I don't remember if they used that exact metaphor, but that is how I recall it.

Every person at a church is important. And God has given each one of us gifts and talents to be used in his service and to share the Gospel of Christ. Moreover, he has created each of us with a personality to match. We don't have to change who we are to share Jesus. In fact, that would be counterproductive. We all do it differently. We all have our "position" to fill. Some are very outgoing and talkative. Some are shy and reserved. Some Christians are very action oriented and want to get things done quickly and *now*. Some are very patient and good listeners. They take their time. *We need both*. Some can cook, drive a car, or sew a quilt. Some can make a church beautiful and inviting. Some are simply good at showing compassion, sharing God's love, offering invitations. Some are good at shaking hands and saying "welcome" or "can I help you?" All of these gifts can be useful to advance the Kingdom of God. All of these gifts can benefit the "team" in their goal. And if they are missing, the team suffers.

How has God blessed you? Are you a quarterback, halfback, or end? Or are you a center, guard, or tackle? What kind of personality has he given you? How might God have equipped you to share the certain kind of blessing that you have to offer? Think about it... Pray about it.



CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Call Committee has recently received the names of eleven pastors for Trinity to consider for our call list from District President Reverend Michael Von Behren. The Call Committee will now read through the information sent to us about each of these pastors and will then decide which ones the committee will contact to see if they are open to talking with us about our pastoral position. The Call Committee will then conduct interviews with the pastors who are open to considering a Call from Trinity and then the committee will present the results of those interviews to Trinity's congregation. After the congregation has had time to study the information about each of the pastors that has been interviewed, we will then have a special Congregational Call Meeting so that Trinity's members can decide who the congregation would like to Call as our next pastor. This process will take at least several months to complete.

The Call Committee is made up of 12 members: Elders Jeff Allen, Al Bohr, Ray Clack, Levi Darnell, Cary Martenson, Craig Nickles, and Dave Wilson, as well as Sheila Wahl, Carolyn Stucky, Ahtia Clack, Stanette Rosenberger, and Beth Wilson. If you have any questions about the process, please contact one of the Call Committee members.

Jeff Allen
Senior Elder



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

Summarized Council Minutes - September 2025

- Sunday School Rally day will be on Sept 7th with a picnic in the grass in front of the church. Congregation will be asked to bring their own paper plates, utensils, and a potluck item. Church will provide hamburgers and hotdogs.
- Confirmation classes will begin Sept 14th and Pastor will be the teacher, there are 3 confirmation students.
- Outreach ministries will purchase 10 Spanish catechisms to take to the LMWL retreat to be donated to Lutheran Latino Ministries.
- Herb Meissel has been working on clearing an area to the right of the church and a small picnic shelter gazebo was donated for this area.
- Elder's report noted that the District President has received the self-study of Trinity, and is working on a list of pastors for us to consider for our call list.
- Congregation meeting will be November 9th at 11:00am.

Ronda Corless
Council Secretary

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

September 2025

LABOR DAY – a time to gratefully acknowledge the people who make our world go about the business of day to day. The Labor Day weekend reminds us that leisurely summer activities are soon to be replaced with the more serious business of school, work, and care giving.

We are blessed with talents that support those we care about. Let's not get too busy with our own work, we can remember what Matthew and Luke reported that Jesus said "*The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few.*" Jesus was saying that there are many who do not know Him yet and they are waiting for us laborers to spread the Word. How do we do this better?

MASTER PLAN AND A NEW PARK

When the current church property was purchased, the planners sited the new church building but did not develop a master plan for the use of the remaining acreage. As we look ahead to installing a new pastor, it seems appropriate that we consider our vision for the future of Trinity OC and to begin to develop a plan for the land in our care. This will be a purposeful and on-going study and it will be a while before it is ready to present to the congregation; however, your suggestions *now* will help Council members develop ideas for use of the various areas.

A section of the property to the west of the church driveway, to the west property line and all the way back to the garage/shop has been under development for several years – partly as grounds maintenance and fire protection but also with a view to creating a nature park for use by members and their families.

Already a work in progress, a park will be part of the master plan. Facilities Manager, Herb Meissel, recently had the area logged of dead trees and cleaned up. A small picnic pavilion was donated and will be installed near the front. Access, pathways and an amphitheater are planned – **member volunteer help with this work would be very helpful, please contact Herb if you are willing.**

Our park will offer opportunities to bring together small groups and member families for R&R and sharing. An environment to encourage our youth to join in prayer/praise/service beyond the church walls.

Our park needs a proper name. The congregation is asked to help the Church Council decide. Please feel free to offer suggestions to Council Members as the work continues.

Fall is coming with the blessings of nature's beautiful colors. Enjoy!

Blessings!

Sheila Wahl
Council President
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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD NEWS



RALLY: *"to come together for a common action".*

September 7th is **RALLY DAY AT TRINITY!** It will be a time for us to gather together in Worship, study God's Word, see more people after Summer vacations encourage each other, welcome guests and prepare for a year of action. A time of renewal.

A Congregational Picnic is planned on the front lawn shortly after services. Burgers and hot dogs will be provided. It will be a potluck, so please bring your favorite dish to share as well as your own serving ware and utensils.

Help setting up/taking down chairs and tables will be appreciated. We will not have classes for Kids or Adults on September 7. All classes will resume September 14. *We are reminded each Sunday when the Bulletin is raised at conclusions of announcements, "Everything you need to know is in here."*

YOUNG ADULTS

Our Young Adults (college, jobs, etc.) as in the past they are warmly told (via cards, devotions, surprise packages,) that they are prayed for and that they are part of our Trinity Family. We care about them and their lives. If you desire to pray for any of them we (Carolyn and Henrietta) are happy to share names with you. Thank you.

CONFIRMATION

Class time for Elementary, Confirmation, High School Youth, and Adults will resume on September 14th. Together we can learn God's Word for us and others that we share the Gospel's good news with.

SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY

The Adult Sunday morning Bible Study of JOB, facilitated by Will Marshall has been completed. Thank you Will for facilitating for many months. So much to learn and review. Thanks to Pastor Gary for leading us in studies the last two Sundays of August.



Beginning September 14th a new facilitator will be waiting for us in the Library after a brief time of goodies and socializing. Everyone is invited to gather and continue to study God's Word.

LIBRARY

The Library is an inviting place! There are fiction books to read for pleasure; non fiction books to help learn something new and interesting; many shelves of Bible Study material if you desire to facilitate a class; parenting thoughts for a variety of ages; and oodles of books for children (grandchildren, great grandchildren and neighborhood children). We are always willing to help you search!

Many blessings,
Henrietta Brooks



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 and Registration forms can be found on the Welcome Center.



Perhaps you remember the grant request for the first picture, they still have not been funded. The second picture has been funded. Please rejoice that your mite contributions have made this possible. Please continue to drop your coins and bills into the mite box as you leave the sanctuary.

#3 Life-Changing Care for People in the Dominican Republic Living with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities - \$6500

The LCMS started mission work in the Dominican Republic in 2005 with a specific emphasis on improving the lives of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) by providing spiritual, physical, and emotional care as Children of God.



Six young adults living in a group home, Hogares Luteranos el Buen Pastor (Good Shephard Lutheran Home), need continued care while confronting the way a country cares for God's children with disabilities. This home allows residents to remain in their Dominican community while interacting with neighbors, friends, church members, and visitors as they grow in Jesus's love and His Word.

#2 New Life Children's Center Spiritual Program - \$6500

Lutheran Social Services of the South (DBA Upbring) is a faith-based organization in Texas with strong connections to the Lutheran Church. Upbring New Life Children's Center provides safety, structure, and supportive healing for abused and neglected young girls aged 11–17 through individualized education, therapy, and spiritual care provided by this grant. Promoting Christ's healing through a healthy relationship with God leads to resiliency and breaking the generational cycle of abuse and poverty.



MUSIC, MUSIC EVERYWHERE!



There are two special events coming up in September and October and the congregation has been invited to attend.

THE LUTHERAN CHORAL ASSOCIATION will be in concert September 14, at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 7810 SE 15th Avenue, in Portland. The concert is at 4:00pm and an offering will be received. Sue Thompson Armentrout directs the choir, with Karl Jurisons on the piano.

The repertoire is broad, with music from traditional choral to down-home gospel, from tender to majestic, with a variety of talented composers. The choir has been singing since 1938. We would welcome your presence.

The same concert will also be presented at Gethsemane Lutheran Church, 11560 SE Market Street, Portland, OR on September 28, at 4:00pm.

MEMORIAL LUTHERAN invites your musicians and congregation to our annual hymn festival on October 26th at 3:30pm. ***"We Believe...So We Sing"***.

Helen Hollenbeck is the guest organist and program developer. It will focus on the 1700th anniversary of the Nicene Creed and will feature reflections on the creed, a mass choir, a brass quartet, a flutist, and handbells. We're inviting handbell players to join in random ringing to accompany some hymns and choir members to join us in the mass choir. We have incorporated nine hymns for congregation and choir as well as three choral anthems. If you are interested in joining, please contact Georgia Bergman-Harper for more information at 360-903-9565.



NORTHWEST CONVENTION

Dear Members of Trinity - Thank you for allowing me to attend the Northwest Convention in June. The convention theme was, *"The Aim of Our Charge is Love"* I Timothy 1:5. It was a delight to participate in the workings of our district. Some highlights included meeting *Isaac the Comfort Dog* and taking Communion from our Synod President, Matthew Harrison.

Points of interest are as follows:

- Rev. Michael Von Behren was elected to his second term as District President
- Regional Vice Presidents: Brian Bowes, Inland Empire. Michael Warmbier, Oregon. Timothy Bayer, Puget Sound. Jonathan Dinger, S. Idaho. (Alaska will be appointed at a later date.)
- Bible Studies, Worship Services and Business Sessions were also part of this gathering.
- Resolutions passed during the business sessions were:
 - 1-02 Circuit Realignment
 - 1-03 Location of future District Convention
 - 2-02 Celebrate and Encourage Lay Service and Leadership
 - 2-05 Encourage the Raising up of Servant leaders

I also have two new paperback books to add to our library: *"Loved & Sent"* by Jeff Cloeter and *"The Great Sending"* by Will Sohns.

Blessings in Christ,
Stanette Rosenberger

GETTING INVOLVED

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 or stop by and say hello!

	Greeters
September 7	Elders
September 14	Elders
September 21	Elders
September 28	Elders

	Communion Set-Up
September 14	Carol Cameron/Steve Cameron
September 28	Carol Cameron/Steve Cameron

	Lectors
September 7	Dave Wilson
September 14	George Deines
September 21	Contemporary Service
September 28	Levi Darnell

	Flowers for Worship
September 7	Flowers Needed
September 14	Flowers Needed
September 21	Flowers Needed
September 28	Flowers Needed

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.

SHARE YOUR FLOWERS

Contact Connie Adams to coordinate 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! There is also a sign-up calendar on the bulletin board, in the hall across from the mailboxes.



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

Head: Jeff Allen **E, L, T** 206.228.3724 (2025)
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Ray Clack **M, N** 503.656.3891 (2025)
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Cary Martenson **C, G, K, V, Z** 503.632.3879 (2025)
Craig Nickles **F, W** 971.404.4771 (2026)
Dave Wilson **B, P, S** 503.459.7365 (2025)

COUNCIL OFFICERS

President: Sheila Wahl (2026)
Vice President: Pam Seelye (2027)
Treasurer: Connie Adams (2027)
Recording Secretary: Ronda Corless (2025)

PROPERTY BOARD

Herb Meissel (2025)

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD

Henrietta Brooks
Carolyn Stucky

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Ministry Primary Contacts

Altar Guild

Altar/Banner: Colleen Brinkert
Gary Brinkert
Communion: Carol Cameron
Steve Cameron
Flowers: Connie Adams

Dorcas Guild - Diane Ledgerwood

Prayer & Praise - Henrietta Brooks

Prayer Chain - Coordinator: Jacquie Ingalls
ingalls.rose@yahoo.com

LWML/Mission Guild - Carolyn Stucky

Wednesday Bible Study - Pastor Gary Hagen

Audio/Video Technology - Ahtia Clack

Facility & Building Use/Security - Herb Meissel

Outreach - [Volunteer Needed](#)

Quilters - Sheila Wahl

Trinity Oregon City Missions and Contacts

Local Outreach

- **Transitions Projects**

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

- **Parrott Creek Services**

Dorcas Mission Guild & Quilters

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 Labor Day 6:30pm Trinity Volleyball	2 10am CE Board 1pm Quilters	3 10:30am Bible Study 10:30am Dorcas Guild 7pm Praise Team	4 6:30pm Call Committee Meeting	5	6	
7 10am Worship Rally Day/Picnic <i>No Sunday School</i> 6:30pm Youth Group	8 6:30pm Trinity Volleyball	9	10 10:30am Bible Study 11:30am Men's Lunch 7pm Praise Team	11 Patriot Day	12	13 9am Transition Projects 10:30am Cooking for Homebound
14 10am Worship Following Coffee Social & Sunday School 11am Elders Board 6:30pm Youth Group	15 6:30pm Trinity Volleyball	16 9am Prayer & Praise 1pm Quilters 6:30pm Church Council	17 10:30am Bible Study 7pm Praise Team	18	19	20
21 10am Worship Following Coffee Social & Sunday School 6:30pm Encouragers 6:30pm Youth	22 6:30pm Trinity Volleyball	23 10am Outreach 7pm Canby Bible Study	24 10:30am Bible Study 7pm Praise Team	25	26	27
28 10am Worship Following Coffee Social / Sunday School Women's & Men's Bible Study 6:30pm Youth Group	29 6:30pm Trinity Volleyball	30				



SEPTEMBER 2025

Birthdays & Anniversaries



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Ileane Stenger	3	4 Lily Riseling	5	6
7 Robert Mills	8 Barbara Hawkins Diane Ledgerwood	9 Mitchell Adams	10 Richard Gunsolus	11 Louis & Amanda Magenheimer	12 Breana Stone	13 Linda Magenheimer Alana Morgan Jon & Melissa Deyoe
14 Julie Bills Emily Darnell	15	16	17	18 David Baker	19 Pam Seelye	20
21 Sydney Turner	22	23	24	25	26 Ronda Corless	27
28 Darla Norwood	29	30 Rebecca Turner Gary & Shoko Hagen				

