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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.

**JANUARY 2025**

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## IMPORTANT DATES THIS MONTH

- Jan 2/9/16/23/30: Thursday Bible Study
- Jan 5/12/19/26: Youth Group
- Jan 6/13/20/27: 6th/7th Confirmation
- Jan 6/13/20/27: Trinity Volleyball
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Assembly/Delivery
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- Jan 15: Elders Board Meeting
- Jan 21: Prayer & Praise at Church
- Jan 21: Church Council Meeting
- Jan 26: 4th Sunday Women's Bible
- Jan 28: Canby Bible Study

## TRINITY STAFF

**Rev. Ted Engelbrecht**  
Pastor

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

## WORDS FROM THE PASTOR - January 2025

*"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 which followed 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 move forward into one that sees people here and around the world so at odds with each other socially, politically, economically and even religiously, it can be difficult to focus on those good things if one only focuses on all the troubles - real and imagined - that seem to be the order of things. Add to that the seemingly more than the usual natural disasters and military conflicts occurring, and many people wonder whether God has done/is doing anything good at all.

If one looks at the list of His blessings again they are the 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 when we look at Christmas, we see that God was and is also at work in those mitigating factors to counter selfishness, greed, injustice and unconcern for the world we live in. Rather than despair we need to 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 - and is given to us as a challenge to live out in every vocation we find ourselves in.

Sometimes, even trouble brings out good, 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.

**This new year is another chance to work on His agenda.** 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 because of Christmas we are reminded just 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 2025.

**Pastor Ted**

**PRESIDENT’S CORNER January 2025**

**New Year** – ‘new’, meaning different, change. What changes does 2025 have in store for Trinity? Are we willing to accept change or are we set in our ways? The Bible says that with grey hair comes wisdom (Proverbs); we have a lot of both at Trinity. We will have to exercise that wisdom in the coming days. I pray that we will continuously be prayerful and open to new opportunities and make forward-looking decisions. In June the NW District will install a new President to lead us into the future. In 2025, Trinity Lutheran of Oregon City will choose a new pastor, install new Office Staff, hire an organist, and decide on how to reach out effectively to those who have not yet found the love of Jesus. Don’t be shy, let your voice be heard – share Your Wisdom! Ramp up your energy! Let’s make 2025 a year to build an **Energized Future** for our church.

Additions to the List of what brings you **JOY**: 1) practicing family traditions, especially at Christmas, 2) sharing with others simple deeds of kindness, and 3) accepting the fact that only God is perfect and, as people, we don’t have to be perfect, only need to do our best!

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**Wanted: New Office Administrator**

After seven years of faithful service, J. Pat Moore is leaving Trinity at the end of January to devote full time to his business, Portland Metro Community Management LLC. He and Carol will be greatly missed. Trinity will need a new Office Administrator. If you know of someone who is interested in a part-time job, has appropriate administrative and people skills, and would like to work in a Christ-oriented environment, please share their name with Council members and/or invite them to contact the church office. Job specifics and contract terms will be discussed with applicants and candidates will be presented to Church Council for hiring decisions.

**RED FOOD BARREL - 2024 RESULTS**

Sharon at the United Methodist Church, where we contribute food for the H.O.P.E. (**H**elping **O**ther **P**eople **E**at) program in Oregon City, sent us the following message:

Thank you so very much for the support that we receive from Trinity Lutheran Church, your members and your friends. Your commitment to supporting the Methodist HOPE pantry is amazing and we are so blessed by it. During the 2024 year we received 1,016 pounds of great shelf stable food. You are so generous in the type and quantity of food that we receive.

Blessings to you all in the new year.

*Sharon and the Methodist HOPE Pantry Volunteers*

We are a 501(c)3 Church Non-Profit, Tax ID#93-0480272 and are a Partner Agency of the Oregon Food Bank. The Oregon Food Bank, our church and the pantry are an equal opportunity provider to anyone who need food!

**CONTRIBUTIONS\$**

A big rallying cry and a mighty “Hi Ho Silver!” and we made it fairly close, percentage-wise, to the 2024 yearly collection budget.

2024 Collections	Actual	Budget	Difference	%, +/-
<b>Month-to-Date</b>	\$ 30,126	\$ 20,529	\$ 9,597	46.7%
<b>Year-to-Date</b>	\$ 202,032	\$ 213,500	\$ (11,468)	-5.4%
Total Yearly Collection Budget:		\$213,500		

Well, maybe it was “Hi Ho Online!” combined with “Hi Ho Checks,” “Hi Ho Greenbacks” and “Hi Ho Loose Change.” Every cent helps to make up the total. Considering how coins are now made, “Hi Ho Copper?”

### **MONDAY NIGHT VOLLEYBALL!**

We really need clipart with two snowmen holding the volleyball net this time of year. Join us for great fun, great exercise, Mondays at 6:30 pm in the Jade Room. Check with Pastor Ted on Sundays if there will be a sufficiently large group to play.



### **SHARE YOUR FLOWERS**

Contact Connie Adams to coordinate either donating flowers, or a donation to purchase flowers for church.

### **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD NEWS**

**LCMS YOUTH GATHERING:** There is still opportunity and time for Youth (ages 14-19) and their family to ponder, think about, and register about going to the LCMS Youth Gathering in New Orleans July 19-23. The theme *ENDURE* is taken from Hebrews 12:1-3.

**SUNDAY MORNING ADULT BIBLE STUDY:** George Dienes is a facilitator for January and February. The Subject will be: The Book of Acts...Yesterday-Today-Tomorrow. For March and April, Will Marshall is considering facilitating the book of Job.

### **TEMPORARY CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASS CHANGE**

Temporarily, the 6 & 7grade Confirmation Class will meet in the Brooks home on Mondays from 4:15 to 5:15 PM. This is to help with students' busy schedules and help with being regular and consistent as we study.

### **THE GIVING TREE**

A big THANK YOU to everyone who took a "stocking" and donated gifts for the Giving Tree this year! All gifts were returned on time, which was very helpful for the Trinity volunteers who were able to have all of the gifts ready to go to Parrott Creek on Monday, December 16. Thanks also for the release of monies for Outreach at Trinity, which enabled us to purchase gifts for a few people whose tags were not taken from the tree.

Your generosity is another way in which you prove to be Christ reaching out in our community to show his love for those in need.



### **THE SOCK TREE**

The Sock Tree was a huge success this year! We received 181 pairs of socks, 22 pairs of gloves and four hats, due to your generosity.

### **LWML NEWS**

The LWML mites are making a difference. We have until the 3rd week of March to complete the goal for the biennium. We Praise God that through the mites, offered we have received \$2,345,154.12 as of October. There are \$184,300.29 to go. We can meet the national LWML goal! Because 25% of what we give locally goes to that national goal, we are very pleased with these numbers. 75% stays in the Oregon District. Carolyn Stucky will be reporting that progress starting in March.

### **WILL MARSHALL TO LEAD CLASSES ON GEMSTONES**

Will has been scheduled for more classes at the Pioneer Community Center's Fireplace Room. Stop by the Pioneer Center on Tuesdays, January 21, February 18 and March 18, at 12 noon. Bring your questions, because they drive the agenda of each class. If you know someone who is contemplating a jewelry purchase, let them know about the information that Will shares in his classes.

**2023–2025 MISSION GRANT NO. 23 | A LEGACY OF LOVE FOR SPECIAL NEEDS CHILDREN | LUTHERAN SPECIAL EDUCATION MINISTRIES | \$100,000 | All God's Children Need to Learn About Jesus**

Lutheran School Education Ministry (LSEM) has been serving children with learning needs for 150 years. Children who have learning disabilities and for whom a Christian education needs to be available are underserved and the most vulnerable among us. One in five children in the United States has a learning need, and these children often face choosing between a



public school that can address their learning needs or a Christian education that will develop their spiritual needs. LSEM works and partners with schools and congregations to meet the learning needs of the children in their classrooms. In many cases, the support LSEM offers allows children to attend Christian schools. The Christian school encourages a personal relationship with Jesus and supports academic growth in math and reading and promotes on-going healthy brain development and function through an enriching fine arts program. The LSEM ministry vision is to reach out to provide the opportunity for every child to receive specialized learning services. The "Legacy of Love" mission grant enables LSEM to serve a growing number of students with learning needs and allows them to attend Lutheran schools across the country and throughout the world. This means that more children would be able to receive an education to set them up for success while experiencing God's love in an amazing Christian environment.

Throughout LSEM's history God has graciously blessed them. Although the education landscape is constantly changing, LSEM is committed to partner with Christian communities to ensure children receive the individual, specialized learning services they need to be successful and thrive both in and out of the classroom. The grant will provide funds to help LSEM develop and research tools and techniques that will provide resources to Lutheran churches welcoming God's children and their families into their church families now and in future years.

*In paths that they have not known I will guide them. I will turn the darkness before them into light, the rough places into level ground. These are the things I do, and I do not forsake them (Isaiah 42:16b).*

**2023–2025 MISSION GRANT NO. 28 | GROWING OUR PLACE: CARE FOR SPECIAL NEEDS STUDENTS | OUR PLACE AFTER SCHOOL CARE, INC. NEBRASKA | \$20,000 Providing Dignity to Special Needs Teenagers**

Our Place After School Care is a caring, Christian community for special needs students between the ages of 13 and 20 who are unable to be safe when home alone and have aged out of the Hastings, Nebraska, area's daycares. Grounded in a Christ-like love for their neighbors, Our Place provides programming designed to promote academic, social, and life skills appropriate to each student's needs. It also provides opportunities to grow spiritually through community service and enrichment activities. By providing space and programming for their children, Our Place also supports the dignity and needs of the students' parents. Among the most critical of these needs is gainful employment. Without appropriate care for their children, many parents are unable to maintain regular employment. Any family in the south-central region surrounding Hastings, Nebraska, may enroll a student in Our Place.



Our Place is in its fourth year of operation. It is a Recognized Service Organization (RSO) of the LCMS, and Faith Lutheran Church has provided space for its operation. With the increasing number of students, a new facility was needed, and the grant will help with increased rent and utility costs. The larger facility will allow the expansion of programming to include the opening of the Freedom Factory store. Students in the program will identify, make, and sell items in the store. Cost of computer software needed to help manage the store will be met with grant funds. The grant funds also provide scholarship aid to those in need. There are families who have employment challenges that lack the flexibility needed to care for their special needs child and the rest of their family. Our Place scholarships will allow more families to enroll their children in this safe place that offers appropriate programming for their special needs child.

Students gain skills with the Freedom Factory and those skills will serve them as they transition to adulthood. The students and their families benefit from the care offered by Our Place. It is a Christian-centered approach to personal development. The Gospel is shared, and the Christian community grows.

*Because you are precious in my eyes, and honored, and I love you (Isaiah 43:4a). See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are (1 John 3:1a).*

**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	
Jan 5 <sup>th</sup>	Elders
Jan 12 <sup>th</sup>	Elders
Jan 19 <sup>th</sup>	Elders
Jan 26 <sup>th</sup>	Elders

Communion Set-Up	
Jan 12 <sup>th</sup>	Carol & Steve Cameron
Jan 26 <sup>th</sup>	Carol & Steve Cameron

Lectors (10 am Service)	
Jan 5 <sup>th</sup>	Rhoda Bohr
Jan 12 <sup>th</sup>	Steve Cameron
Jan 19 <sup>th</sup>	Contemporary Service
Jan 26 <sup>th</sup>	Dave Wilson



Flower Contact	Connie Adams 503.631.7446
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Flowers		
Jan 5 <sup>th</sup>	Vase available	
Jan 12 <sup>th</sup>	Vase available	
Jan 19 <sup>th</sup>	Vase available	
Jan 26 <sup>th</sup>	Vase 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: 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)  
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Louis Miller **F, W** 971.404.4771 (2025)  
Dave Wilson **B, P, S** 503.632.4068 (2025)  
Craig Nickles "Elder at Large" (2026)

### **Council Officers**

President: Sheila Wahl (2026)  
Vice President: Rhoda Bohr (2025)  
Treasurer: TBA (2025)  
Recording Secretary: Rhonda Corless (2025)  
Financial Secretary: Connie Adams (2025)

### **Property Board**

Herb Meissel (2025)

### **Audio, Video, Information Technology**

Paul Petrone

### **Outreach**

Carol Wilson

### **Christian Education Board**

Henrietta Brooks  
Carolyn Stucky

### **Facility & Building Use**

Herb Meissel

### **Trinity Office Email Addresses**

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### **Publications**

Bulletin & Scroll Editors: Admin Assistants

### **Ministry Primary Contacts**

#### **Dorcas Circle**

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**

Sheila Wahl

#### **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) 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**

# JANUARY 2025

## BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<i>1</i>	<i>2</i> Jim Teske	<i>3</i> Kathy Rodwick Louis Miller III	<i>4</i>
<i>5</i> Sharon Peterson	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i> Richard Nixon <b>Pastor Ted Engelbrecht and Jaqueline Noel</b>	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i>
<i>12</i> Willy Weninger Kayla Magenheimer	<i>13</i> Erich Lais	<i>14</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>16</i> Henrietta Brooks Colleen Brinkert	<i>17</i> Joyce Dull Rose Turner	<i>18</i>
<i>19</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>25</i>
<i>26</i> Melissa Scroggins	<i>27</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>29</i> Jim Clack	<i>30</i> Charlotte Deyoe	<i>31</i> Kaylee Nickels	

# JANUARY 2025

## TRINITY EVENTS CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<i>1</i>	<i>2</i> 10:30 Bible Study	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>
			7:00 Praise Team Practice		6:00p <i>The Fun Flyers</i>	
<i>5</i> 10:00 Worship Svc After: Coffee Social 11:00 Sunday School 6:30 Youth Group	<i>6</i> 4:15 6th—7th Grade Confirmation Class 6:30 Trinity Volleyball	<i>7</i> 10:00 CE Board  1:00 Quilters	<i>8</i> 10:30 Dorcas 11:30 Men's Lunch @ Stanley's Corner  7:00 Praise Team Practice	<i>9</i> 10:30 Bible Study	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i> 9:00 Transition Projects Meal Delivery 10:30 Homebound Member Meal Prep
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