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TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH'S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



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LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

MAY 2024

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IMPORTANT DATES THIS MONTH

May 1: Dorcas

May 2/9/16/23/30: Thursday Bible Study

May 5/12/19/26: Youth Group

May 5/12/19/26: Trinity Volleyball

May 5: Bake Sale

May 7/21: Quilters

May 7: CE Board

May 8: Men's Lunch

May 11: Transition Projects
Meal Assembly/Delivery

May 11: (NEW TIME) Meal Prep for Homebound Members

May 11: Car Wash at Les Schwab

May 15: Elders Board Meeting

May 18: Car Wash at Grocery Outlet

May 21: Prayer & Praise at Church

May 21: Church Council Meeting

May 28: Outreach Committee

May 28: Canby Bible Study

TRINITY STAFF

Rev. Ted Engelbrecht
Pastor

J. Patrick & Carol Moore
Administrative Assistants

WORDS FROM THE PASTOR - May 2024

Jesus the Good Shepherd: "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep...I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep." John 10:11; 14-15

To see Jesus as our Shepherd is to see him in a way that is consistent with other leaders in the Bible - Abraham was a shepherd, as were Moses and David for a while. As the long awaited Messiah, Jesus came to save His people. However, quoting Psalm 23, as a shepherd Jesus will also lead them to green pastures and still waters - both here and in the world to come. But how He does that is important to remember, too - He leads us in the path of righteousness.

Righteousness in the Bible is connected to justice, and compassion - and not just the Law. Laws are not always just, even though justice is often best served when laws reflect justice - and mercy.

Jesus summarized the true Law as He saw it with Love - Love God and Love Neighbor.

In 1 John 3:16-19, we read what it means to be righteous: to follow His commandments and to love - in a practical way. *"By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth. By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him."*

As the Savior of all, Jesus emphasized that everyone is our neighbor, not just those already part of His 'herd.' John 10:16 *"And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd."*

The 'sheep from the other pastures' are part of the 'invisible church,' which is actually the 'real' church - those who truly believe.

If/when we bear the name of Christ - Christian - we accept that we are His sheep and He our shepherd. That has consequences - and responsibilities. Our actions have consequences both in this world and the next - both for us and for those we affect.

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We are called in our various vocations - be that as parents or family members, as citizens or neighbors, as workers and bosses, too - to model our Shepherd and witness to Him, too. It's not that we don't make mistakes - and we are forgiven for those - but repentance and truly righteous intent does matter, too - indeed it matters the most.

Christians need to be examples of a people - sheep of a herd - that follow a righteousness of our Shepherd. This righteousness reflects the idea that God would have us all be part of His kingdom where we recognize Him as ruler and owner of all, who's concern is for everyone equally and where true love - and not lust or self-love or self interest or self-righteousness or power - is the best way to both be just and merciful. Love like the love He showed to us. Love that was not "just talk but shown in deed and in truth." The power of love will always win out in the end over the love of power. Easter proves that. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed. Alleluia and Amen.

Pastor Ted

STEWARDSHIP #8 - 2024

Each month we will be including a short piece on stewardship. The first series is labeled the 8 "T"s of Stewardship: **Time, Talent, Treasure, Testimony, Touch, Tissue, Trash and Technology**, taken from materials prepared by Rev. John Heckmann, a consultant to the LWML.

Stewardship #8: **TECHNOLOGY**

For the purposes of this final piece, I will narrow the definition to electronic devices and how they are used in our lives. As with anything else, technology can be used for 'good,' or 'evil'. There is technology that saves lives and others that take them. The computer that can bring our Sunday service to someone homebound or traveling can also destroy lives with pornography and conspiracy theories.

As with the seven other T's a good question to ponder is: Is technology, or any of the gifts God gives to us, our servant to use to His glory and the benefit of His creation, or are we its slave?

Very briefly, despite all of the technology developed over the centuries that has advanced the quality of life and our ability to be the true God's people and witness to Him, technology is used incorrectly when it becomes a false god and we are indebted to it and under its control. It becomes that when it is an all-consuming part of our life and we in effect serve technology when we always have to be connected, instead of allowing it to serve us. As Christians, may we all learn to use it for the glory of God and the edification of our neighbor, i.e. all His people.

To sum up the 8 T's of Stewardship there is one foundational Word from God to us through the pen of St. Paul that we need to consider. It is found in 1 Corinthians 10:31 where he writes, "So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God." May this be our goal, to use every gift with which our Heavenly Father blesses us, in whatever quantity He sees fit to bless us, to achieve the purpose for which He has sent us out into His world, namely to make disciples of all nations so that His kingdom here on earth, and His kingdom in heaven may grow as more and more people come to know Him as their Father, and Jesus Christ as the only Savior from sin and eternal death, through the power and working of the Holy Spirit in their life.

CONTRIBUTIONS

The figures to the right reflect all contributions received online through April 30, 2024, and it includes the in--church collection for the last Sunday in March (Easter).

Once again, thank you for your generosity.

2024 Collections	Actual	Budget	Difference	%, +/-
Month-to-Date	\$ 17,458	\$ 16,423	\$ 1,035	6.3%
Year-to-Date	\$ 64,865	\$ 69,798	\$ (4,933)	-7.1%
Total Yearly Collection Budget:		\$213,500		

TRINITY VOLLEYBALL ON SUNDAY NIGHTS!

Join us for some good exercise and fun in the Jade Room on Sunday nights. Same great exercise, same great fun, now on Sundays. 6:30 pm in the Jade Room.



SHARE YOUR FLOWERS

Chances are, there are some flowers blooming in your yard right now... yes, some of them are classified as “undesired wildflowers” (aka “weeds”). If you have a flower garden and have some coming into bloom soon, and would like to donate a bouquet to Trinity, please contact Connie Adams to coordinate. If you’re in the flower planting mode, consider picking up a few extras to share with the church. And, if your thumbs are not as green as your dollar bills, consider donating some money to provide a bouquet when fresh local flowers are not donate.

LWML NEWS

34th Biennial Convention of the LWML Oregon District: You are invited to join us at our Convention on June 21–22, 2024, at Living Savior Lutheran Church, Tualatin. Please join us as we “Proclaim the Gospel!” See the Special Convention Leaguer or visit the LWML Oregon District website lwmlor.org for all the details

Do you wonder if the change and small bills that you drop into the mite box makes a difference? We are just a little over halfway through this biennium for the Lutheran Women's Missionary League grants. Please notice that it is your mites that makes the bulk of the monies received. Every one of you and every penny counts.

The next big national convention will be in Omaha, NE next year in June. Mark your calendar to attend. Registration is not open yet but start planning now.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD NEWS

The Christian Education Board is asking YOU to think how you might volunteer for VBS this summer. There will be just the right job for you to use your skills and abilities! It could be helping prepare, the week before VBS or interacting with the students the week of July 21-25. It is exciting to see/hear their delight as they learn about Jesus, their Savior, and His great love and care for them.

This year: VBS will be JULY 21-25!
The Theme: SCUBA--DIVING INTO GOD'S WORD.

Very soon, in the narthex, there will be a Donation Board for you to see how you might share/donate an item or 2 to help prepare for our curriculum preparation. Thanks in advance. The registration link for VBS will be shared at the end of May.

- The Sunday Adult Bible Class is doing a study entitled: 7 DAYS. Dave Wilson (facilitator) says after Worship Service and a "goodies & fellowship" time, you are invited to meet in the Library for study time. Dave finishes his study on Sunday, May 26.
- The Women's Bible Study continues to meet on the 4th Sunday in the Diamond Room with Carolyn.
- We are enjoying the sound of younger students (Pre-School--5th grade) in Room 1 for a Sunday School lesson.
- Thank you, parents/grandparents, for bringing the children.

COFFEE SOCIAL NEWS

For those of us who are a bit older in the church, the term, “Black Gold,” might remind us of a TV show from the 1960’s, *The Beverly Hillbillies*. However, that’s the name of the coffee that we use at Trinity, roasted by the local company, Buckmaster Coffee. You can drink it at home as well, their coffee is available in select grocery stores. Try all of the varieties and see which one you like best!

Most of the “goodies” that are at our Coffee Social are baked by the ladies in the Dorcas Guild. To get them at another location than Trinity, you probably have to marry into the group.

TWO LWML MISSION GRANTS THIS MONTH—BOTH IN HAITI

2023-2025 MISSION GRANT NO. 11 | LUTHERAN WOMEN IN MISSION FINISH THE JOB | MINISTRY IN MISSION, HAITI | \$85,000 *Providing Physical and Spiritual Care in Haiti*

The country of Haiti is familiar with disasters of all kinds. An earthquake in 2010 killed almost a quarter million people. Hurricane Matthew blew through in 2016, taking every metal roof from homes and churches with it. As life was getting back to normal two more earthquakes hit regions of the country. Each time a disaster hits, LCMS Disaster Response calls on Ministry in Mission, a Recognized Service Organization (RSO), to assist.

Ministry in Mission has been working for 15 years in Haiti and works with the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Haiti. Besides helping in times of disaster, Ministry in Mission has built and supports an orphanage, an eldercare home, and several feeding programs. They coordinate the sponsorship of nearly three hundred students so that they can daily attend school.

Now a manmade disaster has immobilized Haiti. Civil unrest and gang violence has taken over a great deal of the country. Currently there is no formal government. Our Christian brothers and sisters are living in fear and losing hope.

Despite all this despair, God's light shines through. The money from this grant will be used to finish the churches that were rebuilt or restored after the earthquake of 2021. Money was allocated for the repair, but inflation has hit, and more money is needed to finish the project. Churches are open for worship but need to be tiled, toilets installed, and electrical wiring completed. There are still supplies that need to be purchased locally as no shipping containers of supplies can enter Haiti.

Disaster in Haiti always brings people to Christ. They realize their voodoo gods are not working for them. The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Haiti is building churches with the same structure and painted the same color so when traveling from village to village one sees and recognizes the Lutheran church. Each church is a symbol of the love of Jesus as they struggle through disaster after disaster.

If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together (1 Corinthians 12:26). So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith (Galatians 6:10).

2023-2025 MISSION GRANT NO. 15 FEEDING HAITIAN CHILDREN THROUGH GOSPEL AND MEALS TRINITY HOPE | \$58,082 *Meeting Physical and Spiritual Needs of Haitian Children*

Haiti is about 700 miles southeast of the southern tip of Florida with a population of over 11 million people. An estimated 4.4 million people are suffering from acute hunger. There is a common phrase in Haiti that says, "An empty stomach has no ears!" The phrase simply means that because they are hungry, they cannot retain or understand what they have been taught. This includes not only academics but also the Gospel. They hear the Gospel, but comprehending it is impossible when they are acutely malnourished. Add to this, the national government sanctions voodoo as the official religion, and over half of the population summon demons through voodoo rituals to ease their burdens and pains.

Trinity HOPE is a ministry that feeds thousands of hungry children, teachers, and cooks each day in Christian schools spread throughout Haiti. This grant will provide 200,280 meals to 538 pupils at Paul et Isabel Lutheran School in Hinche, Haiti, over a two-year period. With each meal prayer, children are reminded that their food is provided through the love of Jesus Christ. A Lutheran pastor visits the school twice a month, talking with the children and staff and teaching lessons that share the Gospel. The children, in turn, become missionaries and go home and teach their families what they learned about Jesus Christ in school. A survey shows that approximately 95% of the children fed at Lutheran schools through the ministry of Trinity HOPE, profess their faith in Jesus Christ.

Trinity HOPE serves meals to 61,000 children in 270 Christian schools throughout the country. The children of Haiti need a meal in their stomachs so that they can learn academically and help their country overcome the hardships due to earthquakes, hurricanes, and political instability. Through the feeding of the children and sharing the Gospel message, children profess their faith in Jesus Christ and are no longer trapped by the demons of voodoo rituals.

For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me... and the King will answer them, "Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me" (Matthew 25:35, 40).

MAY CONGREGATIONAL VOTERS MEETING

MAY 19, 2024

Our May Congregational meeting will be on May 19th after a short coffee time.

The meeting will have a brief update on the current state of the finances and possible elections.

Those positions to be voted on are:

- President
- Recording Secretary
- New Elders
- Property Committee members

Please be in prayer for our current leadership and be open to “Holy Nudges” to step up and help lead and serve this congregation.

As an aside, we are looking for a professional to update and manage our church website, so if you know of anyone, *PLEASE* let Rhoda Bohr, VP know!

Thank you and see you on the 19th of May.

RANCHO SANTA MARTA MISSIONARY TRIP

The Rancho Santa Marta Trinity mission is coming up June 15-22. In May, we will have some fundraisers; please note the location for the car washes:

- **Bake Sale** - Sunday May 5th, after the church service in the narthex.
- **Car Wash** - Saturday May 11th at the Oregon City Les Schwab, Beaver Creek Road.
- **Car Wash** - Saturday May 18th at the Grocery Outlet, 878 Molalla Ave

To learn more about the mission, see: ranchosantamarta.org

Thank you to all who have been supporting us in prayer, talent and treasure.
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TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH | COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES | March 19, 2024

Attendees: President Brian Hawkins, Vice-President Rhoda Bohr, Finance Committee Rep Connie Adams, Secretary Ronda Corless, Pastor Ted Engelbrecht, Elder Jeff Allen, Property Board Herb Meissel, Christian Education Rep Carolyn Stucky, Facilities Use Rep Gail Allen

Herb opened the meeting with an Indian story about feeding the wolves and a prayer.

February minutes were approved.

Facilities Use: Gail Allen (Present-Report Attached)
Request was made to move Trinity Volleyball back to Mondays and that will go into effect in May sometime. Hoops have requested two days a week starting in the fall, they would like Tuesdays & Fridays. Gail and J. Pat have talked about the alarm problems and they would like to have a mandatory training with facility renters to get signed off on how to properly unlock and lock the building. J Pat volunteered to teach the class as part of his job. Facilities would like to be able to charge the renters \$100 for each false alarm and to then be able to pass this fine to J Pat for coming to the church when these false alarms go off. It was discussed to get Steve on the list with the alarm permit so he could be another person that could come down if alarm goes off. Council said yes for Facilities to move forward with the class, fines and adding Steve. Sunshine school is requesting a bigger office space, facilities will follow up and see what their needs are.

Christian Education: Carolyn Stucky (Present-Report Attached)
If bulletin information isn't correct regarding Bible classes, someone from Christian Ed needs to let the office know. Gail asked if someone from Christian Ed could help make the jelly bean gospel story package for the preschool and the school staff could give them to the parents. Carolyn said will be out of town and kids will be going on spring break after this week.

Outreach: Pastor Ted/Connie Adams (Present-No Report)
Outreach will be making meals for our church members who are shut in or could use the assistance. This meal prep will be on the church calendar. The kitchen has to be left in a specific condition due to the standards required for the school. Rancho Santa Marta group will be doing some fundraisers such as a spaghetti dinner, movie night, karaoke night. Rhoda noted that the fundraising group needs to fill out the proper facilities use paperwork and submit it. Gail said the paperwork has been filled out.

Pastor Report: Pastor Ted (Present-Report Attached)

Pastor found substitute preachers for the weeks he will be away this summer. Soup supper is organized and there has been volunteers to make soup. Elders have been asked to drive some members who can't drive. Pastor is looking for an organist for a couple Sundays that Phyllis can't be here.

Elders: Jeff Allen (Present-No Report)
Elders will be meeting tomorrow March 20th.

Finance Committee: Connie Adams (Present-Report Attached)
For the 2-month period ending February 29, 2024, the church reported a gain from operations of \$4,449.27. Envelope offerings were under budget, but facility use rent income was higher than budgeted because we received a couple checks that weren't budgeted. Expenses for the two months are close to budgeted amounts. There was conversation about moving some of the checking account funds to an investment account. Council discussed having Lou come to another council meeting to discuss the options again.

**Motion made by Connie, seconded by Ronda for Brian, Rhoda & Connie to meet with Lou Miller to invest up to \$200,000. Motion passed unanimously.

Property Board: Herb Meissel (Present-Report Attached)
Herb said thank you for the gift card. Herb did some work on the roof. He also contracted the lawn service with Green Bee Lawn Service as there wasn't enough response from the congregation to assist with this. Herb is going to get the golf cart and lawn mower ready to sell so we can get a different piece of equipment that will work better for the property maintenance.

President: Brian Hawkins (Absent-No Report)

Vice President: Rhoda Bohr (Present-No Report)
Rhoda is looking for names of people that could manage our website.

Unfinished Business - None

New Business

Next meeting will be April 16, 2024 at 6:30pm.
Jeff will do the devotion.

Rhoda closed the meeting with a prayer at 8:00pm.

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	
May 5 th	Elders
May 12 th	Elders
May 19 th	Elders
May 26 th	Elders

Communion Set-Up	
May 5 th	Carol & Steve Cameron
May 19 th	Carol & Steve Cameron

Lectors (10 am Service)	
May 5 th	Rhoda Bohr
May 12 th	Stanette Rosenberger
May 19 th	Steve Cameron
May 26 th	Contemporary Service



Flower Contact	Connie Adams 503.631.7446
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Flowers		
May 5 th	Vase available	
May 12 th	Vase available	
May 19 th	Vase available	
May 26 th	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 (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 **B, P, S** 503.632.4068 (2021)

Council Officers

President: Brian Hawkins (2025)
Vice President: Rhoda Bohr (2025)
Treasurer: TBA (2025)
Recording Secretary: Rhonda Corless (2025)
Financial Secretary: Connie Adams (2025)

Property Board

Herb Meissel (2023)

Audio, Video, Information Technology

Paul Petrone

Outreach

Carol Wilson

Christian Education Board

Henrietta Brooks
Carolyn Stucky

Facility & Building Use

Herb Meissel

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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) Pat Benjamin
- **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**

MAY 2024

BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<i>1</i> Dayna Schmidt	<i>2</i> Darlene Wiebold Cheryl Shrode	<i>3</i> Carlene Stewart Vera Deines	<i>4</i> Jeff Allen
<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i> Becky Hilton	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i> Garrett Finzel	<i>11</i> Grayson Noss
<i>12</i> Paul Petrone John Ernsberger	<i>13</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>15</i> Brian Hawkins	<i>16</i>	<i>17</i> Marilyn Singleterry Herb Hemphill Mark Corless	<i>18</i> Mike & Jennifer Van Orsow
<i>19</i>	<i>20</i> Ann Clack	<i>21</i> Jacqueline Noel	<i>22</i>	<i>23</i> Eil Corless	<i>24</i>	<i>25</i>
<i>26</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>28</i> Peter Bennett Lily Petrone Owen Taylor	<i>29</i> Karen Walker	<i>30</i>	<i>31</i>	

MAY 2024

TRINITY EVENTS CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<i>1</i> 10:30 Dorcas 7:00 Praise Team Practice	<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 Worship Svc After: Coffee Social Bake Sale 11:00 Sunday School 6:30 Trinity Volleyball 6:30 Youth Group	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i> 10:00 CE Board 1:00 Quilters	<i>8</i> 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 TBA Car Wash at Les Schwab
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