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TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH'S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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

**MARCH 2021** 

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#### IMPORTANT DATES THIS MONTH

**Sundays** - We ask that those planning to attend, pre-register during the week for "express check-in."

Our Worship Services are livestreamed on Facebook Messenger, and then posted on Trinity's Facebook page.

If you don't have access to a computer, smartphone or tablet, feel free to contact the office, and we will mail you a DVD of the service, or stop by during regular office hours to pick one up.

#### TRINITY STAFF

Rev. Ted Engelbrecht
Pastor

J. Patrick & Carol Moore
Administrative Assistants

#### **WORDS FROM THE PASTOR**

This year the whole of March falls in our season of Lent - a time of reflection on our spiritual lives and the need of Jesus' forgiveness and ongoing direction in them.

Traditionally in many church bodies, and indeed in the ancient church, the practice of fasting or 'giving up' something during this period of 40 days was practiced as a way of either practicing solidarity with Jesus, who fasted for 40 days after his baptism or as a period of self-reflection, or both. But it also often became the practice of penance for sins committed or acts of kindness omitted.

This latter practice of penance sometimes became one of 'works righteousness' to make up for our sins instead of just remembering how our sins needed to be made up for by Jesus' sacrifice on the cross. As a result, many Protestant churches, in an effort to eliminate the abuse of 'giving up,' gave up 'giving up' entirely, which in some cases forgot the positive aspects of self-reflection during Lent.

We at Trinity hope to spend this Lent 'giving' instead of 'giving up,' and so hope to focus on doing ministry in a more intentional way these next days. These will include two Sunday services where the message will be focused on the ministry of our church body and of our congregation followed by a 'Day of Doing' on March 14 when we will participate in different acts of ministry - both for each other and for our neighbors. We have also started a food drive - 40 Days of Giving - where everyone is encouraged to put aside something each day that they either gave up and didn't eat or would just like to share with someone who doesn't have enough to eat and bring that to church for sharing with our community at large.

We are doing this remembering that Jesus' life and ministry was one of doing just that - giving up even of himself for us and our sins so that we might be saved, yes, but also that we may become His 'hands and feet' in His ongoing ministry of love for the world and His people.

May the Lord bless our efforts, us as a congregation, and those we serve as we do this in HIs name. Amen.

Pastor Ted

#### **REOPENING TRINITY**

Hurray! The Governor moved Clackamas County to the "Moderate Risk" category. Not a "Hurray!" to the Governor for doing it, but to the citizens of the County for reducing the spread of the virus.

What does that mean for Trinity?

- We are still asking people to register to attend on Sundays, to help us keep track of who is attending at Trinity, and how many are here or planned to be here; plus, registration speeds things up on Sunday morning (a simple check-off on the list, rather than gathering information)
- Social distancing is still required at church, as are face masks.
- Because of the need for social distancing, we are utilizing every other row in the Sanctuary. This also allows for distribution of Communion in the church.
- We ask people to not congregate before or after the Worship Service in the Narthex, or just outside of the doors.

Although we technically can allow up to 150 people in the Sanctuary, we still have to observe the six-foot barrier between people or family groups. Larger families can sit across a row, but for all others, we still need four chairs between groups in a row, which gives us roughly the same limitation on how many people we can allow into the Sanctuary. We can still use other areas for overflow, and will look at how we can work things for Easter, partly depending on the county's risk category at that time.

On Sundays, we will continue (as we have since March 2020) to livestream the Sunday Worship Services on Facebook, and on Communion Sundays, to have distribution of Communion after the Worship Service for those who do not attend in person. At this point, we're not planning on discontinuing the livestream on Sunday, even after the pandemic ends.

Sunday School continues in a modified fashion.

- The parents of younger children have received materials to use at home with their children.
- Sixth and Seventh grade Confirmation students meet either in person or on Zoom on Saturdays.
- Eighth grade Confirmation students meet either in person or on Zoom with Pastor Ted on Wednesdays.
- High School Bible Study is on Wednesday evenings with Sarah Forsythe-Insley.
- Sunday Adult Bible Study takes place on the second and fourth Sundays of the month in the Sanctuary.
- The Fourth Sunday Women's Bible Study continues.

We have transitioned from Wednesday evening "Fireside Chats" to in-person worship in Lent.

At this time, most other activities are still on hiatus, with the exception of the meal preparation for Transition Projects and The Father's Heart, occasional cookie baking sessions, and the Thursday Morning Bible Study, which takes place in the Sanctuary.

#### **LCMS DISASTER RESPONSE**

Working through LCMS districts and congregations as well as with international Lutheran churches and other partners, LCMS Disaster Response builds capacity of the church's partners to respond to needs with Christian care. The ministry reaches out to LCMS congregations and their communities with services that include on-site assessment, emergency relief and development grants, pastoral care for LCMS church workers and members, and other resources. Get more information by Googling LCMS disaster response.

#### COMPASSION INTERNATIONAL

Trinity continues to be involved with Compassion International. Through the Sunday School program, Trinity sponsors two children, one in Indonesia and one in Rwanda.

#### **CONTRIBUTION\$**

A big **THANK YOU** for every contribution, big or small. Your donations keep the ministry going at Trinity! As Sunday is the last day of the month, we don't have the total yet for February. Our counters are not yet counting every week, due to the pandemic.

2021 Collections	Actual		Budget		Difference		%, +/-	
Last Sunday	\$	13,237	\$	5,000	\$	8,237	164.7%	
Month-to-Date	\$	17,952	\$	15,000	\$	2,952	19.7%	
Year-to-Date	\$	37,278	\$	40,000	\$	(2,722)	-6.8%	
Total Yearly Collection Bu		dget:	\$	260,000				

#### **SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES** - see below for Children's programs.

**Adult Bible Study** on the 2nd and 4th Sundays. 2nd Sunday is with Pastor Ted, the 4th Sunday is with Jim Clack.

Fourth Sunday, Women's Bible Study normally meets in Room 10.

#### **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

#### Through March:

3 yr. olds to 5th grade: we ordered a family devotions book that the parents can do with their child(ren). We recommend that the parents share the short daily devotion with their children, use the discussion question to start a conversation, then do the short activity and finish with prayer. We can mail the book to anyone that can't pick it up.

6th and 7th grade students are invited to a Zoom meeting on Saturdays at 10am, or in person.

8th graders are meeting on Wednesdays, in person or on Zoom, studying the catechism.

Students are welcome to attend in person at church but a mask must be worn and everyone will be social distanced.

High School: Currently holding Zoom Bible Studies on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm.

#### **OUTREACH: MEALS FOR THOSE IN NEED**

What are we going to do with all those Turkeys, Hams and Hamburger that many of you so graciously donated? We are going to make filling, nutritious meals for the homeless for many months. If any of you have a great recipe for soup, stew or casserole using turkey/chicken, please send it to Pat Benjamin or Lee Duvinage. Meat is the most expensive item we have to purchase for the meals. We are more than happy to accept meat donations year around. For example, during the summer, we could oven fry chicken legs, pair it with a homemade potato salad and a tossed green salad.



On the second Saturday of every month we prepare a meal for one of the *Transition Projects* Programs. We used to deliver to downtown Portland. Since the beginning of 2020, we have been delivering to their home just off SE McLoughlin and 17th. This housing has room for about 20 couples and is co-ed. One-fourth of the population are senior citizens (60+). They also have facilities for wheelchair bound persons.

For *The Fathers Heart*, we serve on the third Wednesday of every month with meal prep being done the Tuesday evening before. The Fathers Heart is a Christian run day shelter in Oregon City. The majority of the meals are prepared and served by churches in the local area. A few Civic organizations also prepare meals. When you serve, you are most certainly immersed in a micro-culture right here in Oregon.

Presently we cannot actually serve the food, due to Pandemic restrictions. We are committed to making sure they do not go hungry. Once the restrictions are raised, we hope many of you will be willing and able to serve. Financial donations are still welcome. Checks can be made to Trinity Lutheran Church with either Transition or TFH in the memo line. If you wish to donate to both, write Meal outreach on the memo line and the amount will be evenly divided between the two accounts.

#### THE FATHER'S HEART - IMMEDIATE AND ONGOING DONATION NEEDS

It's cold out there! 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. Go to their home page, <a href="https://tfhstreetministry.com/">https://tfhstreetministry.com/</a> and there's a list of what is currently needed. 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.

#### SUNDAY FLOWERS

If you've been watching online, you'll notice that we still have flowers at church every Sunday. If you are interested in providing flowers, or would like to provide funds for the purchase of flowers, please contact Carol Wilson. Your flowers could end up being broadcast world-wide!

#### **LWML MITES SUPPORT OUTREACH GRANT**

Equipping People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities to Sing, Tell, Declare His Marvelous Deeds, \$6500 For three 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-onone to those gathered at conferences and conventions. This grant would allow for program expansion by covering the cost of the training sessions so Ms. Fuerstenau can travel to meet at least once with the Bethesda people in various areas along with training a local staff person who



will continue mentoring those intellectually and developmentally disabled so they can present the Gospel and share their stories with others.

#### **QUILTERS**

Since COVID-19 hasn't given up yet, we are still on hold as to scheduling our weekly quilting group gatherings. However, quilting is not completely quiet. During our time at home, many folks have indulged in sorting and re-organizing, and that has included fabric stashes!

Just a reminder that the 'challenge block' for this year is the 12" (finished) eight-point star block. While we cannot meet, if you can make a couple of these and bring them in when we gather next, we can create a new top for our new collection of charity quilts. If you need fabric, please stop by the Quilt Room and collect what you need; ask at the office for admittance.

Until we can quilt together again, be safe, stay healthy, and pray for each other and our country as we take on 2021. **Sheila Wahl** 

#### **FORTY DAYS OF GIVING**

There was something I saw a few years back that may have been food for thought: People are hungry all year round. It's wonderful that people are so generous at the holidays, particularly that they contribute to provide nice meals at Thanksgiving and Christmas for those who are "less fortunate." A big turkey can provide a number of meals; not just Thanksgiving, but leftovers for a few days, turkey sandwiches for lunch, and eventually, turkey soup (speaking of creatively using leftovers, have you ever tried a peanut butter sandwich with cranberry sauce?).

The sad reality is that there are people who are hungry all year long. Some of them just don't make enough to cover their basic needs of food and shelter, clothing and transportation. For others, it's those times when they find out there's more month than money.

The Oregon City area has a number of churches that are members of "H.O.P.E." **Helping O**ther **People Eat**. They operate food pantries in the Oregon City area. While they do receive USDA food to distribute and coordinate those distributions between themselves (the government gets fussy when someone gets USDA food from multiple sources), there's a lot of other things that are needed to make a balanced diet. That's where your donations come in.

Just after Christmas, we delivered over 600 lbs. of food to three of these pantries. Most of them had nearly bare shelves, due to the volume of food provided over the holidays. Your generosity will be the bounty that many people mention when they pray their grace before meals. We've put the suggested food list out by email and in the Sunday Bulletin; if you didn't receive one yet, contact the office. Please bring your food donations on Sundays at church, or during office hours during the week.

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# Trinity's 100th Anniversary



We made it to 2021! Not any changes except on the calendar!

We are moving ahead on the *centennial celebration for Trinity*. We are still not sure what it will look like but this is too special to miss!

Thank you to those people who have written down some memories, gathered a few items from previous anniversaries and found an item or two related to Trinity OC. We need more!

Now that we are in the actual centennial year, I really need more input from those who can. I am in contact with the District Archivist who is getting some info for me.

I still really want a pot luck at some point, which will probably be late in the year, so as to take advantage of the availability of a vaccine for those who want one. And I'd really love a fashion show of past Pastor gear and clothes that might have been worn to church in the past.

If you have plates, mugs, plaques, etc. from Trinity in the past, I'd love to borrow them when the time is right. Also, please keep looking for pictures to share.

Thanks all!!



#### TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH | COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES | January 13, 2021

**Attendees:** Brian Hawkins, Troy Palmer, Paul Petrone, Connie Adams, Ronda Corless, Craig Nickles, Pastor Ted, Darla Schulte.

Craig opened the meeting in prayer.

The November meeting minutes were approved as presented.

Christian Education: Darla Schulte (In Attendance-No Report) The Christian Ed board had a meeting last week. Pastor Ted meets with the confirmation kids on Wednesdays and class is going well. Julie & Henrietta meet on Saturdays with the 8th graders and a few have attended. Sarah has four attendees for the high school bible study. The youth went hiking at Mt. Hood on January 1st. Advent calendars and My Devotions were sent out and well received. A trivia packet will be sent out for Easter and My Devotions will be sent out after Easter. There was discussion about the Sunday Bible Study and it was decided there would be a Bible Study after church on the 2nd & 4th Sunday after service. On the 4th Sunday, Carolyn will do a woman's only study as well. The Bible Study will begin on February 14th.

The title of the Vacation Bible School will be "Treasured" and will be July 25-29 in the evenings. VBS will be outside if we cannot be in the church. There will be some breakdown required and we will possibly have snacks to go.

Outreach: Pastor Ted (In Attendance-No Report)

Pastor talked about Mission Sunday which will be February 28th. Pastor will talk about his ministry in Vietnam and we will also hear about what our church is currently doing. We will have a Lent doing day and this will be on March 14th. There will be a list of projects that need done at the church and at neighbors' houses. The Quilters will have a list of items to be done as well. Everyone will get sent out to do projects and will meet back at the church afterwards. The Confirmands will be there to work outside.

#### **AVIT:** Paul Petrone (In Attendance-No Report)

Paul reported that a cable was changed in the sanctuary and the sound has been better. Facebook Live is being done each week and is saved to the Facebook page. This will continue even after things open back up. The sound computer died again and Jim and Ahtia are taking care of it. Troy said he and Paul can talk to Jim about moving the Facebook and video people to the crow's nest and revamping and cleaning in the sound booth. Troy said when the crow's nest is cleaned, there will be items that need to go to the dump.

**Pastor Report:** Pastor Ted (In Attendance-No Report) Pastor had no other business to report.

Elders: John Stucky & Craig Nickles (In Attendance-No Report) Craig reported that Elders have been making calls to connect with the congregation members to see how people are doing. In this process, they are also updating the member list as this list is used for the annual tax per member. Pastor wants the Elders to make contact with all members in the next two weeks. Thrivent will be donating some money & T-shirts for our day of doing. Pastor asked Craig to ask Lou if he would make a Thrivent speech on a Sunday.

**Treasurer Report:** Melissa Deyoe (Not in Attendance-See Report)

For the month ending December 31, 2020, the church reports

a gain from operations of \$3,145. For the 12 month period ending December 31, 2020, the church reports an overall gain of \$47,635 from operations.

For the month ending November 30, 2020, the church reports a gain from operations of \$7,520. For the 11 month period ending November 30, 2020, the church reports an overall gain of \$44,490 from operations.

**Financial Secretary:** Connie Adams (In Attendance-No Report)

Connie reported that counting is being done twice a month and Shirley Albrecht will be taking over as the head counter. Counting is going fine. The 2020 statements will go out in the next week or two and may be mailed this year instead of being put in boxes. Connie noted that online giving is strong.

**Property Board:** Herb Meissel (Not in Attendance-No Report) Troy said Herb will step in as head of the Property Board. Pastor reported that Herb is working on the building leaks. Brian will call Herb and invite him to attend Council meetings.

President: Brian Hawkins (In Attendance-No Report)

Vice President: Troy Palmer (In Attendance-No Report)

Troy said that he emailed J. Pat and asked him to email the directory with pictures. Pastor said he wants to wait to send it until after the Elders make their calls, so he will have J. Pat wait until February 8th to send out the directory.

Troy discussed the request by Yoni's Kids to use the church building. They are volunteers for Yoni's Kids and are a 501c3 organization that does trainings for special needs young adults. Pastor said they could enter through a side door and use one room. It was noted that if they stick to one room, the organization could do their own cleaning of that room. Pastor would like to respond to them and let them know if we are open or not to them using a room in the church. Troy & Brian both said they aren't opposed to it. Pastor will let them know that we could have a meeting to discuss further.

The Convention Referendum was discussed; the Council could make a decision on behalf of the congregation. Darla made a motion and Connie seconded the motion to Vote Yes for the Synod to add a year to the current 2019-22 triennium, allowing districts to hold their conventions in either 2021 or 2022, and moving the upcoming national Synod Convention from 2022 to 2023. Council voted unanimously. The letter indicates that two officers of the congregation need to affirm the vote prior to February 15, 2021. Brian and Ronda will work with J. Pat to register the vote online.

Unfinished Business: No other unfinished business.

**New Business:** No other new business.

The next meeting will be on February 17th at 6:30pm. The meeting was delayed a week due to the power outages and will now be on February 24th at 6:30pm. Devotion at the next meeting will be from Craig Nickles. Troy closed the meeting in prayer at 8:15pm.

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.

# March 7<sup>th</sup> Elders March 14<sup>th</sup> Elders March 21<sup>st</sup> Elders March 28<sup>th</sup> Elders

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

	Communion Set-Up
March 7 <sup>th</sup>	ТВА
March 21 <sup>st</sup>	ТВА

	Lectors				
March 7 <sup>th</sup>	Jeff Allen				
March 14 <sup>th</sup>	Amy Bello				
March 21 <sup>st</sup>	Lou Miller				
March 28 <sup>th</sup>	Rhoda Bohr				



Flower Contact Carol Wilson 503.502.7448

	Flowers	
March 7 <sup>th</sup>	Bennett	
March 14 <sup>th</sup>	Vases available	
March 21 <sup>st</sup>	Vases available	
March 28 <sup>th</sup>	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** 503.632.3713 (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) Jim Muth (2022) Erich Lais (2020)

#### Audio, Video, Information Technology

Paul Petrone

#### **Outreach**

Vacant

#### **Christian Education Board**

Henrietta Brooks Angie Stone Carolyn Stucky Darla Schulte

#### Facility & Building Use

Herb Meissel

#### **Trinity Office Email Addresses**

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#### **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 Carol Wilson

#### **Thursday Bible Study**

Pastor Ted

#### Thrivent

www.thrivent.com

#### **Trinity Oregon City Missions and Contacts**

#### **Local Outreach**

- Transitions Projects (Portland) Ralph Petersen
- 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

# **MARCH 2021**

#### **BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY CALENDAR**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Laurel Gray	3	4 Janell Finzel	5 Annalise Noss Tom & Julie Handy	6 Charlie Wasburn
7 Lloyd Benjamin Craig Anderson Keith & Christina Kropf	8 Kathy Nickles Jessica Petrone	9	10	11 West Helfrich Madisyn Manzo	12	13
14	15	16 Nancy Brockmann Dana Stewart	17 St. Patrick's Day Jim & Kori Muth Dan & Terina Trappe	18 Marilyn Anderson Christina Kropf	19 Steve & Teresa Doss	20 Rhoda Bohr Stella Corless Emmalyn Wenzel
21	22 Tim Wong Jim & Becky Hilton	23 Virginia Myers	24 Mark Turner	25 Rob Collett Sawyer Olson	26 Oliver Noss	27 Jean Bohr Michael & Joan Hagedorn
28 Dick Brooks Marie Karay Connie Stevenson	29 Victoria Worthey	30	31 Neva Abele Peyton Schnieder			

# **MARCH 2021**

#### TRINITY EVENTS CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 9:00 Prayer & Praise	3 4:30 8th Grade Confirmation Class 5:30 Outreach 6:30 CE Board 7:00 Lent Midweek Worship After: Praise Team	4 10:30 Bible Study	5 6:00p The Fun Flyers	6 10:00 am 6-7th Confirmation Class
7 10:00 Worship Svc 11:00 Drive-through Communion After Service: Elders Board Meeting	8	9 9:00 Prayer & Praise	4:30 8th Grade Confirmation Class 7:00 Lent Midweek Worship After: Praise Team	11 10:30 Bible Study	12	13 10:00 am 6-7th Confirmation Class TBA Transition Projects Meal Prep
14 Day of Doing 10:00 Brief Prayer Service	15	9:00 Prayer & Praise 6:00 The Father's Heart Meal Prep	7:00 The Father's Heart Meal Prep 10:45 Meal Service 4:30 8th Grade Confirmation Class 7::00 Lent Midweek Worship After: Praise Team	18 10:30 Bible Study	19 6:00p The Fun Flyers	20 10:00 am 6-7th Confirmation Class
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28 10:00 Worship Svc 11:00 Bible Studies 11:00 4th Sunday Women's Bible Study	29	30 9:00 Prayer & Praise	4:30 8th Grade Confirmation Class 7::00 Lent Midweek Worship After: Praise Team			