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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. SEPTEMBER 2020

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IMPORTANT DATES THIS MONTH

Sundays - The Council and Elders continue to work on what reopening will look like at Trinity. Please check page 2 for more details.

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

September and School Start-up usually go together, but it looks like things may just be a little different for many of our kids this year due to COVID-19, now coming up on an anniversary of its inception.

Will our kids' schools allow them into classrooms? Will we send our kids into the classrooms if they do allow them? Will one of us have to perhaps quit working full or part time to take care of kids who are home? What will our kids do to learn and experience all of the non-academic things one learns by going to school - social skills, sports, art, music and drama activities? And what about our kids with IEPs?

All these and many other questions are being asked by everyone, and many in our own congregation. How do we address them?

Firstly, we need to know that viruses are part of the reality of this fallen creation, and not necessarily a 'punishment' sent by God for whatever reason. In fact, God's presence in such things is usually associated with the good that can come out of such situations.

Reality has its own consequences - fire burns, and sticking your hand into one will burn you without God having anything to do about it. Not using your head when it is called for will bring its own repercussions and outcomes, as well, as those who fail to follow public health suggestions often find out.

Where we can see God perhaps working in this pandemic is one, in 'miraculous' protection or recoveries from the ravages of the virus, but more usually, two, in people - and hopefully Christian people - discovering new ways of supporting each other and those in the most need in dealing with all the consequences of the virus.

Mostly, we need to remember that God is in control of things, even if/when they do also follow the natural cause of things. In spite of all of the disruption, chaos and even suffering brought on by the virus, what are some things that we at Trinity OC can do that shows how God works in His people for the good of all in everything? How can He use us in our various vocations as brothers and sisters in Christ and as good neighbors and citizens? How about in our professions? How about with the blessings of our facilities? I'm sure we all have good ideas of things to do and stories of things already done. Keep thinking and doing. A blessing even for one is a blessing for all.

Pastor Ted

CONTRIBUTIONS

July was interesting! Our online giving rose above 72% of the donations to the church for the month. Total donations were \$15,615; the budget for the month was \$20,000, so we finished the month at 78% of budget. Year-to-date, we finished July at \$153,924, 2.6% ahead of the budgeted amount of \$150,000. Several generous donations from deceased members have kept us ahead of budget for the year.

Due to the pandemic, we've reduced the frequency of the money counters coming in, to help minimize the amount of time that people are together in the building.

Through the fourth Sunday in August, we're still ahead of the budgeted amounts for collections; we have received \$170,337 so far this year, which exceeds budget by \$337. Online giving of \$10,578 is 53.7% of the \$19,688 received this month.

A big THANK YOU to all our donors, for supporting our ministries!

REOPENING TRINITY

The Board of Elders and the Church Council are working on plans for reopening Trinity. This is being done with care and concern for the large percentage of our members who qualify as higher-risk due to age. We have information from our insurance company, as well as the recommendations of the CDC and the state and local mandates.

The scientific and medical understanding of this virus continues to develop. God has blessed us with the capacity to discover more and more about our world, which includes this newly discovered virus. As the state's mandates change, based on the data on infections, we've been trying to keep up with all of the changes as well. The latest state guidelines, plus more helpful information, is available from the Oregon Health Authority at <https://govstatus.egov.com/OR-OHA-COVID-19>

Here are some measures that we have already taken:

- We purchased a hospital-grade disinfectant that can be sprayed after people come through the building, and have directions for its use available.
- We have purchased masks to have them available for those who may forget to bring them.
- We have printed out sign in/sign out sheets for use on both weekdays and weekends, to aid in contact tracing, as may be needed if an infected person comes to Trinity.

For those who are unable to wear a mask, alternatives include a face shield, which will not restrict your breathing in any way. We will work to make accommodations available upon request; however, the state's website includes a statement that disability is not an excuse not to wear a mask or other face covering.

We have currently set up the Diamond Room for the Thursday Morning Bible Study, which has enough people attending that we cannot use the Library, as the space is insufficient based on six-foot distancing. Also, the Quilters group is meeting in the Jade Room, to be able to spread out and work while observing physical distancing.

Due to the state rules, if there are groups who wish to meet, we need to discuss what's needed to comply with those regulations for your particular group. Please do not meet without authorization. Thank you!

The Christian Education Board is discussing what Sunday School and Confirmation classes may look like this coming year. Depending on how the pandemic progresses, there may be changes made to adapt to the needed changes.

We thank you for your cooperation with the Governor's mandate, and for your consideration to others that you express by following the mandate.

OUTREACH: MEALS FOR THOSE IN NEED

Trinity Lutheran continues to provide meals once a month for two separate programs. For over 40 years, Trinity has been providing meals for one of the Transition Programs in Multnomah County. This meal outreach was started by Ralph Peterson. Ralph stepped down from his leadership role in early 2020, and handed it off to Pat Benjamin and Lee Duvinage (yes, it took *two* to fill Ralph's shoes). Also in early 2020, the location was changed from downtown Portland to a location off 17th and Milwaukie.

We have been able to actually serve the meal in person only once this year, due to the Pandemic hitting. We are continuing to prepare the meal on the 2nd Saturday of every month and taking it to them. The staff and residents then serve the meal. We look forward to the time when we can again serve the meal and spend time chit chatting with the people we are serving. The meals for Transition cost an average of \$1.75/meal.



The second program we prepare a meal for is The Father's Heart, a day shelter for homeless persons here in Oregon City. This meal is served on the Third Wednesday of every month, with meal prep being done at 6pm, the Tuesday evening before. For the same reason as above, we cannot currently serve this meal in person. This meal is taken down on Wednesday morning, portioned out into take-out boxes and given out to the people at the door. Due to the pandemic, no one is allowed inside the building. Cost for The Father's Heart meal is on average \$1.50/meal.

If anyone would like to financially donate, you may write a check to Trinity Lutheran with either Transition or TFH in the memo line.

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. The list is at www.tfhstreetministry.com/food-and-clothing.html. Non-perishable items may also be dropped off in the red barrel at the office entrance to the church, and they will be delivered to TFH. Please be sure to label any donations left at church, as the barrel is used to collect for several ministries.

YOUTH GROUP ACTIVITIES

Watch the E-Trinity emails for information on planning meetings and activities.

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*.

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!

QUILTERS

The Quilters are currently meeting weekly on Tuesdays at 1:00 pm in the Jade Room to work on quilts. Due to the earlier lockdown, they are behind where they would like to be with regard to the number of quilts produced this year. Their goal is to catch up, so that there will be some quilts to gift at Christmas. They are working hard to stay distanced while still being social.

Anniversary



Someone is having an anniversary next year...Who? Why, WE ARE! Trinity is celebrating 100 years next year! What a milestone to celebrate!

With all that is going on in our world right now, it's hard to know what things will look like next year, *BUT*, we will absolutely have some ways to acknowledge this momentous event.

I will be asking for volunteers to help with small, limited duration projects to get this to come together, so please think about saying YES when asked!

What can you do right now? Oh thank you for asking!! I'm asking *EVERYONE* who attends or works/worked here to remember what it was like when you first arrived. Jot those memories down. *Who was pastoring us? Did you go to the school? Who was your teacher? Were you in the choir? Who was director, organist, your elder? How long have you been with us? Is it a family affair? Do you have extended family here? Were you baptized, confirmed, married here? Why did you choose Trinity? Have you left and come back? What are some favorite memories? Do you have pictures that you could mark as yours to loan us?* I'm sure you get the idea here...

We have plenty of time to accomplish this part of our assignment, but now seems like a great time to start. Feel free to ask questions if you need to and please pass along this request to those former members that you know and see as well. The more input, the fuller the picture of Trinity, Oregon City will be!

Thank you for helping our congregation to celebrate and thank God for 100 years!

Hoping for lots of yes-es,

Rhoda Bohr

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES - currently suspended.

Adult Bible Study normally meets in the Library.

Children's Sunday School classes are normally in the East Wing.

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

THE GIVING TREE



Those wonderful joys of Christmas will soon be upon us. So will our Giving Tree!

Due to the possibility/probability that the pandemic will still be with us, our Giving Tree will be a bit different this year. We are asking for financial donations from now up to Thanksgiving.

At that time we will take the money donated, and shop online or send out shopping elves who feel comfortable being in the stores. After Thanksgiving, we will put the giving tree up with requests from children 12 and under.

Checks may be made to Trinity Lutheran Church, with *Christmas Outreach* written on the memo line. Updates will be given monthly in the scroll.

With prayers and great hope, we will go back to our regular giving tree in 2021.

HARVEST TABLE

Once again, back by popular demand, we have a Harvest Table! It's a wonderful way to share the bounty of your garden or yard with those who may not have a yard or garden suitable for growing edibles, or to simply exchange part of your bounty for someone else's bounty. Feel free to drop off and pick up during regular office hours, Monday—Thursday, 8:30—12:30.



TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES | July 28, 2020

Attendees: Brian Hawkins, Troy Palmer, Melissa Deyoe, Connie Adams, Ronda Corless, John Stucky, Craig Nickles, Angie Stone

Troy opened the meeting with prayer at 6:30pm.

The June meeting minutes were approved with no changes.

Christian Education: Angie Stone (In Attendance-No Report)

Angie reported that 22 kids registered for VBS and picked up their packets. Darla will reach out in a couple weeks to see if everyone was able to work through their packets. There is a private Facebook group setup for VBS participants. Craig reported that VBS is still being announced at church service and that packets are still available for pickup.

Outreach: Melissa Deyoe (No report)

The second quarter payments were made on items that were voted on and approved during the June 2020 Council meeting. There was no other new business to report.

AVIT: Paul Petrone (No Report)

Troy reported that Jim ordered cameras and gear and the next step is to install the cameras. The goal is to be able to stream not only on Facebook. Craig asked if anything is being purchased to do outside services. Troy answered by saying no and that outside services would need to do a Facebook Live video like we do now for the inside services.

Pastor Report: Pastor Ted (Not in Attendance-No Report)

Online meeting invite link accidentally didn't get sent to Pastor so he wasn't aware of the meeting.

Elders: John Stucky & Craig Nickles

(In Attendance-No Report)

John reported that Pastor is still calling members and working on starting a Bible Study that will meet on Tuesdays. Nancy and Henrietta are visiting shut-ins by phone or other ways. John said that the drive thru communion has been very successful and there are many reasons to be positive in this negative world. Craig added that people are very pleased to get communion and we have invited members of Beautiful Savior because they are still closed. There was discussion about using the Zoom account for other outreach opportunities. Troy reported that the church paid for the Zoom account and it can be used for church meetings, etc. J. Pat has the login information and an email should be sent to J. Pat to request login information and to copy Troy on the email so he knows.

Treasurer Report: Melissa Deyoe (In Attendance-See Report)

For the month ending June 30, 2020, the church reports a loss from operations of \$5,333. For the 6-month period ending June 30, 2020, the church reports an overall gain of \$43,505 from operations. Melissa explained that the current month loss is only from moving money from miscellaneous funds that were coded there in April when the church received funds from one of the estates. If it had been coded to Mortgage Paydown initially, the gain listed in April of \$20,502, would have actually been a loss of \$4,945 and we would be showing a gain of \$20,114 for June.

Melissa started a discussion regarding the possibility of Dorcas, Hospitality & Mission Guild needing to set up a DBA for bank account purposes. After discussion, it was noted that these organizations would not need to setup a DBA but the authorized signers from each group would need to be included in the church minutes and be approved at next month's

meeting. For the purpose of obtaining bank accounts for Dorcas, Hospitality and Mission Guild, the authorized signers for each organization are as follows:

Dorcas Circle

President: Lee A. Duvinage

Vice President: Diane M. Ledgerwood

Treasurer: Beth E. Wilson

Hospitality

President: Lee A. Duvinage

Vice President: Diane M. Ledgerwood

Treasurer: Beth E. Wilson

Mission Guild

President: Carolyn Stucky

Treasurer: Lynda Archibald

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

Connie reports that she is working on learning her new job.

Property Board: Herb Meissel and Bob Cahill (Not in Attendance-No Report)

Melissa reported that Bob received a quote in the amount of \$1,350 for filling in the parking lot cracks and would like to schedule this work to be done next month. He is trying to spread out the projects so they are not all done at once. Melissa let Bob know that we are on budget and to go ahead and schedule the work for August.

Craig said the Quilters would like to display some quilts in the narthex so they can be sold to raise money. Brian asked where the funds from the sales will go. Craig answered that he thinks it will be for purchasing more quilting supplies for making more quilts but this would need to be confirmed with Sheila. Troy made a motion to allow the Quilters to hang quilts for sale in the Narthex. Brian seconded the motion and it was passed by Council.

President: Brian Hawkins (In Attendance-No Report)

Brian brought up that when the youth use the building, they would need to follow distance rules in place. He said that Pastor was asked by a church member to use the church building for home schooling. Brian let Pastor know that we need a written request from whoever is wanting to rent the facility and Brian will forward to council and it can be discussed at next month's Council meeting.

The church received an offer from someone to buyout the cell tower monthly contract by offering a large sum of money in lieu of us receiving monthly payments. Council previously agreed to not entertain offers of a large sum for the cell tower monthly contract. J. Pat previously did an analysis and we would make more by receiving the monthly amounts as opposed to a lump sum. Brian made a motion to decline the cell tower lump sum offer, Melissa seconded, and it was passed by Council.

Brian welcomed new council members Connie and Ronda and thanked them for accepting God's call.

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

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

The next Council meeting is on August 25th at 6:30pm. Melissa volunteered to do the devotion for the next meeting. Craig closed the meeting in prayer at 8:30pm.

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 | |
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| Sept 6 th | TBA |
| Sept 13 th | TBA |
| Sept 20 th | TBA |
| Sept 27 th | TBA |
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| Communion Set-Up | |
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| Sept 6 th | TBA |
| Sept 20 th | TBA |
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| Lectors | |
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| Sept 6 th | TBA |
| Sept 13 th | TBA |
| Sept 20 th | TBA |
| Sept 27 th | TBA |
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| Flower Contact | Carolyn Wilson 503.502.7448 |
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| Flowers | | |
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| Sept 6 th | Vases available | |
| Sept 13 th | Vases available | |
| Sept 20 th | Vases available | |
| Sept 27 th | Vases available | |
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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: John Stucky **H, I, J, O** 503.349.8427 (2022)
Jeff Allen **E, L, T** 206.228.3724 (2021)
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)
Craig Nickles **B** 503.819.4525 (2022)
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

Bob Cahill (Lead) (2022)
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

Bob Cahill

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Lee Duvinage

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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

Ralph Petersen

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**

SEPTEMBER 2020

BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY CALENDAR

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | <i>1</i> | <i>2</i> Ileane Stenger | <i>3</i> Steven Doss | <i>4</i> Becky Fowler Lily Riseling | <i>5</i> |
| <i>6</i> Gary & Sheri Eggiman | <i>7</i> | <i>8</i> Curtis Harris Diane Ledgerwood Barbara Hawkins | <i>9</i> Mitchell Adams | <i>10</i> Richard Gunsolus | <i>11</i> Jason Schulte Louis & Amanda Magenheimer | <i>12</i> Breana Stone |
| <i>13</i> Linda Magenheimer Alana Morgan Jon & Melissa Deyoe | <i>14</i> Julie Bills Emillie Darnell | <i>15</i> | <i>16</i> | <i>17</i> | <i>18</i> David Baker | <i>19</i> Pam Seelye |
| <i>20</i> Karen Rohrs | <i>21</i> Sydney Turner | <i>22</i> Doug & Lynda Archibald | <i>23</i> Will & Gillian Marshall | <i>24</i> Tania Palmer | <i>25</i> | <i>26</i> Elaine Weiss Ronda Corless |
| <i>27</i> | <i>28</i> Darla Norwood Roger & Carol Wilson | <i>29</i> | <i>30</i> Robert Mahler Rebecca Turner Elsie Taylor | | | |

SEPTEMBER 2020

TRINITY EVENTS CALENDAR

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | 1 | 2 | 3 10:30 Bible Study | 4 6:00p The Fun Flyers | 5 |
| 6 10:00 Worship Svc 11:00 Drive-through Communion | 7 LABOR DAY Office closed 6:30 CE Board 6:30 Elders Board | 8 9:00 Prayer & Praise 1:00 Quilters | 9 | 10 10:30 Bible Study | 11 | 12 TBA Transition Projects Meal Prep |
| 13 10:00 Worship Svc | 14 | 15 9:00 Prayer & Praise 1:00 Quilters 6:00 The Father's Heart Meal Prep | 16 7:00 The Father's Heart Meal Prep 10:45 Meal Service | 17 10:30 Bible Study | 18 6:00p The Fun Flyers | 19 |
| 20 10:00 Worship Svc 11:00 Drive-through Communion | 21 Office Closed | 22 9:00 Prayer & Praise 1:00 Quilters 6:30 pm Church Council | 23 | 24 10:30 Bible Study | 25 | 26 |
| 27 10:00 Worship Svc Quilts of Valor Presentation | 28 | 29 9:00 Prayer & Praise 1:00 Quilters | 30 | | | |