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TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH'S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



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

MAY 2020

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IMPORTANT DATES THIS MONTH

Sundays - as long as the Governor's "Stay Home" order is still in place, we will continue to live-streaming our Worship Services on Trinity's Facebook page, and afterwards post a video of the service.

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

Also, as long as the Governor's order is still in place, most events at church are canceled. Please love your neighbor by following the Governor's orders.

TRINITY STAFF

Rev. Ted Engelbrecht
Pastor

J. Patrick & Carol Moore
Administrative Assistants

A LETTER FROM OUR VACANCY PASTOR

Many changes may occur because of this virus pandemic. The news reports indicate that the sports industry, farming operations, educational options, and other parts of our existence may face significant modifications in the near future. Churches may need to develop different approaches to worship and outreach and education. That includes Lutheran churches, which are not known for changing anything quickly or willingly.

Trinity is facing some important changes right now. Rev. Ted Engelbrecht will be your new pastor, bringing years of experience as a missionary and as a college professor. He has ideas, insights, and enthusiasm that will enable Trinity to move into this new chapter of its history. He isn't going to shake things up and make us uncomfortable, but he will point us to God's plan for this community of saints. He will build on the many good programs and efforts that are part of Trinity right now. Pastor Engelbrecht is a good 'people person' and will serve us well in the days ahead.

I am thankful that I have had the opportunity to serve you as your vacancy pastor. I have come to know and appreciate this congregation. You love the Lord and you take care of each other. You have a heart for God's people, evident in your support for local ministries and for work in other countries. Your commitment and willingness to get involved are blessings for this fellowship of believers.

These positive characteristics will become increasingly vital in the days ahead as Trinity deals with the changes that are coming, both beneficial and challenging. Our recent use of technology for making the worship services available online is an example of changes that can expand our ministry. At the same time, if we were to develop that online outreach, we would need more people to handle the equipment, push the right buttons, and make sure the preacher is in focus. Changes are coming, as circumstances force us to consider more small-group settings, to adapt to fewer financial resources, to take the initiative in promoting and leading new programs.

We don't know all that we are going to face, as Trinity and its new pastor move into the future. We do know that God is going with us. He is already moving ahead, preparing people and resources, working in our world to build His kingdom, leading and inspiring us to love, share, witness, help, serve, encourage, teach, and make disciples. We trust Him. We follow Him. We celebrate His grace and mercy. We commit ourselves to Him. Let's continue to rejoice in the Lord of life, Who lived, died, and rose again so that we might live forever.

In Christ, David Keil

AN INTRODUCTION FROM OUR NEW PASTOR

In the Church's lectionary for these weeks one of the subjects is The Good Shepherd. Of course that refers to our Lord, Jesus. But I have the privilege to be Trinity's new 'shepherd' or 'pastor,' which is Latin for shepherd, too. So I thought I would introduce myself and family a bit here, though I look forward to getting to know you all - and you me - personally in the days to come as well..

Born on the mission field in India, I spent most of my life overseas before coming to the US in 2011 except for my university and post-graduate education, which I did in the US. I have taught people of all ages in a variety of subjects and held a number of positions that have given me a wide experience in teaching, preaching, administration and public relations. I am grounded in the Christian faith and Lutheran Confessions but have an informed knowledge of different faiths and experience in dealing with people of these faiths. I was ordained as a Lutheran pastor in 2003.

Most recently I am coming from being a Professor of Religion at Concordia Portland, but before that I was in Vietnam for 15 years where my wife, Jacqueline, and I opened the LCMS's mission field in a ministry that included community development and health care work in about 100 villages, ESL teaching in the National School of Public Health and several other universities. I also served all those years as the unofficial 'pastor' of one of only two Christian congregations that served the expatriate community in Hanoi. This involved preaching and discipling, but also creating and taking care of a Christian community. Our work there was finally blessed with the opening of one of three LCMS run international schools - Concordia International School Hanoi.

While in Vietnam I also served for around 5 years as Area Facilitator for the LCMS World Mission's work in 7 countries in SE Asia and then another 5 years as Executive Director of the Asia Lutheran Education Association, which works with the 150 local Lutheran schools of every type that we partner with in 10 countries.

My wife, Jacqueline, is Belgian and was trained as a nurse but also taught French for 22 years in several international schools, including the United Nations International school in Hanoi. She now works as a para educator in Evergreen High School where she works mainly with students with disabilities. We have three biological children, Chloe, a teacher, who lives in Seattle with two of our grandsons, Manu, who lives and teaches in Vancouver, and Nadia, who lives and teaches in New Delhi, India, and has another grandson, Our fourth child, Yung Ting, comes from Hong Kong and lives with us here.

We feel blessed to be called to Trinity and look forward to working and serving with you. May the Lord bless all of our efforts. Pastor Ted

ALL WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

CHERYL and PRISCILLA Cheryl is a LCMS deaconess and a career missionary who is currently living in the Dominican Republic with her husband, Rev. Dr. Jonathan Naumann. She identifies herself with the Biblical Priscilla. Priscilla was very important to the early spread of Christianity and so is Cheryl today.

Come to the All Women's Bible Study on the next "Fourth Sunday" that we gather to worship. Discover more about both of these women and see if you can learn from their example of a Christian woman. Bring your Bible and the book "A Missionary? Me?" by Karol Selle, if you have one and if you do not – come anyway. You will really enjoy this study and fellowship. Bring a friend.

We need to pick out our next Bible Study. I will have some studies to suggest. You choose which one or if you have one to suggest, we will add that to our considerations. Call Carolyn Stucky, 503-349-3669, with suggestions or questions. See you there!

CONTRIBUTIONS

Thanks to a very generous donation from a trust, Trinity exceeded the monthly budget goal for collections in April. Online donations totaled \$11,116. Thank you to everyone who donated in April! Your generosity helps to continue the various ministries of Trinity.

2020 Collections	Actual	Budget	Difference	%, +/-
Last Sunday	\$ 1,250	\$ 5,000	\$ (3,750)	-75.0%
Month-to-Date	\$ 34,344	\$ 20,000	\$ 14,344	71.7%
Year-to-Date	\$ 97,183	\$ 85,000	\$ 12,183	14.3%
Total Yearly Collection Budget:		\$260,000		
Attendance	April 26	7?		

MITES FOR MISSIONS/LWML GRANTS

The Biennium for the LWML Mission Grants was completed on March 31. Your mites made a difference in many places around the world. We may think of it as pocket change, but its actually an instrument of change in our world.

DID LENT END?

It definitely feels like we're still doing penance, doesn't it? Or are we under home arrest, and if so, where's the ankle bracelet? While the calendar may say that Easter happened, and we may have watched the service on our computers, it definitely doesn't have the same feel as normal.

Have you thought about this is as a different kind of opportunity for evangelization? If you have friends or relatives who haven't been to church for a while, and might think that the roof may fall in if they show up at church, invite them to Trinity's Facebook page to "attend" church while under their own roof.



THE FATHER'S HEART STREET MINISTRY SACK LUNCH MEAL

Trinity is still providing meals for Transition program and Father's Heart once a month. The meals have been pared down a bit. The one thing they are missing is homemade cooking (we are known for our homemade cookies). If you happen to be bored during this quarantine, how about baking some cookies? They can be delivered to the church Monday thru Thursday between the hours of 8:30 and 12:30. *Thank you.*

THE FATHER'S HEART - IMMEDIATE DONATION NEEDS

Unfortunately, the showers needed to be closed due to the difficulty in keeping things sanitized. So, that added to the list of needed items:

- Baby Wipes (in lieu of showers)
- Ziplock sandwich bags
- Lunch bags
- Pocket-sized hand sanitizer.
- Shelf-stable goodies and snacks to be loaded into lunches

Feel free to drop these items off at Trinity during office hours, and Lee Duvinage will ferry them down to The Father's Heart. Also, check out their webpage for immediate needs that can be dropped off there.

LWML CONVENTION

~~June 26—28, 2020~~ *This event will be rescheduled as a one-day event.*

DID YOU KNOW?

The 100th Anniversary of Trinity will be taking place early next year! It's time to get started on planning for this celebration. Although at this point in time, planning anything seems just a bit tentative at best, it would be nice to put some ideas together that can be calendared and implemented once the virus crisis has passed.

If you would be interested in helping to get people together to coordinate ideas, then please call the office to get the process of the celebration started. The first person who contact the office to volunteer, wins!

YOUTH GROUP ACTIVITIES

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

MAY QUILTING BEE

At this time, the Quilting Bee for May has been cancelled. Watch for updates.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES - 11 am.

Adult Bible Study meets in the Library.

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

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

LCMS DISASTER RESPONSE

The website, <https://www.lcms.org/how-we-serve/mercy/disaster-response> has articles that update the status of various disaster response efforts, as well as a message from the Synod President.

TRANSITION PROJECTS MEALS

Every 2nd Saturday. Meal prep generally starts at 2:00 pm on Saturday afternoon, the meal is delivered at 6:00 pm and served at 7:00 pm. Help meet the needs of people who are working to put their lives back together. Monetary donations, to help defray the cost of supplies and food, can be made via the collection plate; be sure to indicate that your donation is for Transition Projects. If you would like to help prepare or serve a meal, contact Lee Duvinage or Pat Benjamin.

Other helpful donations include socks, underwear, shoes, and clothes, both for men and women. You can drop those items in the donation barrel in the Narthex of the church (be sure to mark them for Transitions Projects).



SUNDAY FLOWERS

The new flower sign-up chart has been posted on the bulletin board soon. A big THANK YOU to those who have already signed up to provide flowers for our Sanctuary. Please, sign up as soon as possible for your important dates in 2020. Call to sign up if you wish.

BABY LAYETTE SHOWER FOR FOSTER CARE FAMILIES THROUGH LOVE Inc

Even though plans have changed on having a party in April, we're still collecting items; or you can watch this space to see if/when the shower will be rescheduled.

VBS - ROCKY RAILWAY TRAIN IS COMING BUT NOT NECESSARILY ON SCHEDULE

Vacation Bible School will be looking a little different this year. With all the uncertainty around us, be on the lookout for information to climb aboard the *Rocky Railway* VBS from the comfort of your home. Starting in July packets will be available for children of all ages to join in the journey. We will conclude the 5 weeks with a gathering to celebrate together all the ways Jesus Power Pulls Us Through. The date will be announced later.



TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES | February 25, 2020

Attendees: John Stucky, Melissa Deyoe, Carolyn Stucky, Brian Hawkins, Troy Palmer, Tania Palmer and Paul Petrone.

John Stucky opened the meeting with prayer at 6:30 p.m. The January meeting minutes were approved.

Christian Education: Carolyn Stucky

(In Attendance- No Report)

-Carolyn reported that Darla is heading up VBS again this year. Ann Clack will be providing the decorations and props. All background checks needed for adult helpers need to be completed before VBS in July.

-Christian Ed is looking for more adult facilitators for Bible classes.

-Permission slips for grades 6 - 12 have been collected. The new forms have been well received.

-Easter Breakfast is up in the air, as no one has volunteered to head that up yet.

-New recycling boxes are coming for the classrooms.

Outreach:

(No Report)

-Melissa reported that In January Trinity has sent in \$1,000 commitment to *Child Beyond* and \$1,000 to Latino ministries.

AVIT: Paul Petrone

(In Attendance-No report)

-Paul reported that the new network box is coming on Friday. This should fix the issues that have been happening lately.

Pastor Report: Pastor Keil

(Not In Attendance -No Report)

Treasurer Report: Melissa Deyoe

(In Attendance-See Report)

-For the month ending January 31, 2020 the church reports a gain from operations of \$4,654.

-Melissa reported that J. Pat, Colleen Brinkert and Connie Adams are discussing a different way to provide flowers for the Sanctuary. They are working on all the details.

-Melissa would like to use the special council funds to zero out 3 restricted accounts that were paid into in 2019. Troy moved to approve the council funds and John seconded the motion. All council members approved it.

-Melissa reported that Trinity will be receiving funds from a couple of different estates sometime soon.

-Melissa now has access to online bank statements which makes her work much easier.

-J. Pat was an employee in January, and now is a 1099 contractor. The transition went well.

Elders: John Stucky

(In Attendance -See Report)

-John reported that Pastor will be gone on March 15th and Bo Baumeister will conduct the service.

-Jim Clack and Mark Turner will complete their second terms of office and will be replaced.

-There have been several inquiries about having a later service or going back to two services. The answer is neither is under consideration at this time.

-John reported that Craig Nickels will be heading up the nomination committee for the May elections.

Financial Secretary: Sarah Insley

(Not in Attendance-See Report)

-In 2019, there were 119 unique contributing households (including guests) who contributed a total of \$266,478.60. This represents approximately 14% decrease in contributors, but only a 4% decrease in contribution over 2018. While the large decrease in contributors is concerning, the majority of contributors remaining have increased their contributions relative to 2018, a positive trend. There were 98 households who gave in both 2018 and 2019.

Property Board: Herb Meissel and Bob Cahill

(No Report-Not in Attendance)

President: Brian Hawkins

(No Report)

-Brian reported that there have been people asking about renting space here at Trinity. He is requesting those people to submit a written proposal before it is discussed further.

-The cell tower company is wanting to know if we have made a decision on the early buy out. Council decided last month Trinity is not interested in doing that at this time.

Vice President: Troy Palmer

(No Report)

-Troy spoke with both J. Pat and Rhoda about the pictorial directory. It was decided to be made with Excel. Troy will try to have it completed by Easter.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

The next Council meeting will be Tuesday, March 24 at 6:30. Brian Hawkins will provide the devotion.

Respectfully Submitted

Tania Palmer-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 the Governor lifts the “Stay Home/Stay Safe” order are canceled.

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

	Greeters
May 3 rd	TBA
May 10 th	TBA
May 17 th	TBA
May 24 th	TBA
May 31 st	TBA

	Communion Set-Up
May 3 rd	TBA
May 17 th	TBA
May 31 st	TBA

	Lectors
May 3 rd	TBA
May 10 th	TBA
May 17 th	TBA
May 24 th	TBA

Flower Contact	Patty Kipp 503.266.7840
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	Flowers		
May 3 rd	Lee Duvinage		
May 10 th	Vases available		
May 17 th	Vases available		
May 24 th	Vases available		
May 31 st	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: John Stucky 503.349.8427 (2022) H, I, J, O
Jeff Allen 206.228.3724 (2021) E, L, T
Jim Clack 503.656.6450 (2020) A, D, R
Ray Clack 503.656.3891 (2022) M, N
Craig Nickles, 503.819.4525 (2022) B
Ralph Petersen 503.655.1547 (2021) F, W
Mark Turner 971.801.3421 (2020) C, G, K, V, Z
Dave Wilson 503.632.4068 (2021) P, S

Council Officers

President: Brian Hawkins (2020)
Vice President: Troy Palmer (2021)
Treasurer: Melissa Deyoe (2021)
Recording Secretary: Tania Palmer (2020)
Financial Secretary: Sarah Forsythe-Insley (2020)

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

Trinity Office Email Addresses

Pastor: Rev. Ted Engelbrecht TBA
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Dorcas Circle

Lee Duvinage

Prayer Chain

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Prayer & Praise

Henrietta Brooks

Softball

Chris Long

LWML/Mission Guild

Carolyn Stucky

Quilters

Sheila Wahl

Communion Guild

Carol Wilson

Altar Committee

Colleen Brinkert
Jean Bohr

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**

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BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					<i>1</i> Greg Meyer Dayna Schmidt	<i>2</i> Darlene Wiebold Cheryl Schrode
<i>3</i> Carlene Stewart Jaime Baer Payton Hollinger	<i>4</i> Jeff Allen Jessica Bauer	<i>5</i> Katie Mahler	<i>6</i> Mitchell Walters Brady Schneider	<i>7</i> Becky Hilton	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i> Mike & Millie Veselik
<i>10</i> Garrett Finzel	<i>11</i> Grayson Noss	<i>12</i> Wayne Wenzel Paul Petrone Madelyn Wenzel	<i>13</i>	<i>14</i> Debra Johnson	<i>15</i> Brian Hawkins Linda Forsythe Jordan Muth Uriah Rodgers Samuel Wenzel	<i>16</i> Hector & Amanda Herrera
<i>17</i> Marilyn Singleterry Herb Hemphill Mark Corless	<i>18</i> Mike & Jennifer Van Orsow	<i>19</i>	<i>20</i> Ann Clack Dorine Gorsek Rachel Mahler	<i>21</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>23</i> Eli Corless
<i>24</i> Robert & Sarah Insley <i>31</i> Matt Ballard Ryland Watson	<i>25</i>	<i>26</i> Johanna Kropf	<i>27</i> Suzy Ashby	<i>28</i> Peter Bennett Lily Petrone Owen Taylor	<i>29</i> Jon Gray	<i>30</i> Matthew Moeller

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TRINITY EVENTS CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 6:00p The Fun Flyers	2
3 9:30 Worship Svc 11:00 Sunday School for all ages	4 6:30 Elders 6:30 CE Board	5 9:00 Prayer & Praise	6 10:30 Dorcas Circle	7 10:30 Bible Study	8	9 9:30 Quilting Bee TBA Transition Projects Meal Prep
10 9:30 Worship Svc 11:00 Sunday School for all ages	11	12 9:00 Prayer & Praise	13	14 10:30 Bible Study	15 6:00p The Fun Flyers	16
17 9:30 Worship Svc 11:00 Sunday School for all ages	18	19 9:00 Prayer & Praise 6:30 pm Church Council 6:00 The Father's Heart Meal Prep	20 7:00 The Father's Heart Meal Prep 10:45 Meal Service	21 10:30 Bible Study	22	23
24 9:30 Worship Svc 11:00 Sunday School for all ages 11:00 4th Sunday Women's Bible Study	25 MEMORIAL DAY	26 9:00 Prayer & Praise	27	28 10:30 Bible Study	29	30