

Trinity Lutheran Church

NEWSLETTER

October 2026

Trinity's Online Calendar

Reformation and the Pacific Northwest

We live in one of the least religious parts of our country here in the Pacific Northwest. Groups such as the Pew Research Center regularly survey people about things like their belief in God or their attendance at worship services. In these surveys, Washington and Oregon are always among the states with the fewest people who identify with Christianity or any other faith.

This can be a tough environment to be a thriving church in. It is easier to grow when people are asking "which church should I attend?" rather than "why should I attend any church at all?". But as tough as it sometimes is, our Pacific Northwest location provides unique opportunities for sharing our faith. Our daily lives bring us into contact with various people with minimal exposure to Jesus Christ and his gospel message.

In Lutheran congregations, the month of October is a time to remember and reflect on the Protestant Reformation, which started with Martin Luther's 95 theses on October 31st, 1517. Europe in the early 1500s was a very different place from what we experience today. People of that time could safely assume that all their neighbors held the same religious beliefs. They disagreed on specific matters of doctrine because they all started from shared basic beliefs: that God created us all and has revealed himself in Jesus Christ.

Specific matters of doctrine are important, but our world today calls us to focus more on those basics that Christians have agreed on over the centuries. If we can live our lives in a way that honors these basic tenets of faith, I promise people will take notice. The Reformation is alive in us when we trust that God's Holy Spirit can re-form each and every person in our lives.

God's peace be with you all,
Pastor Eric



BIBLE

Study

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

Theme: Lesser-Known Characters In the Bible
Wednesdays at 1:00 pm in the church basement

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT EDUCATION & ENRICHMENT

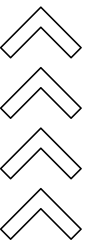
Dates: Oct. 11 & 18, Nov. 8 & 15

Time: The same class will be offered after the first
service and after the second service.

Childcare is available at the 11:30 am class.

Topic: Simple Ways to Strengthen Your Faith

Join Pastor Doug as we look at simple and deep ways to enrich
our faith. The classes will be structured so that you can come
to one, some, or all of them to be encouraged!





LWR Quilting

Trinity's Quilters meet every Monday from 9 am to noon in the church basement. Anyone is welcome to participate! The quilters assemble quilts for Lutheran World Relief that are shipped overseas two times per year. You don't have to know how to sew or be a quilter to participate. Some of the duties include making quilt tops and backs, tying, washing, and ironing, and more. All supplies are provided.



Trinity's app is an excellent tool for quick easy access to our church calendar, listening to missed sermons, sending a request for prayer, following along with the Sunday morning bulletin and readings, youth programming, online giving, and more.

[Download our App!](#)



Church Breakfast

Sunday, October 4th

9:30 am

All are invited!

Men's Breakfast

Saturday, October 10th
8:00 am in the church basement
All men are invited!

Women's Bible Study!

October 13th at 7:00 pm
2nd & 4th Tuesdays of the Month
at 7:00 pm in the youth room
Pop-ins welcome!

New Book Study for All

1st meeting: October 27th 1:00-3:00 pm
3189 Wynalda Drive, 1:00-3:00 pm
Pastor Nina Body will be leading the book
study at Julie Iunker's home.
*The Fourth Quarter of Your Life -
Embracing What Matters Most* by Allen
Hunt and Matthew Kelly.



Family Deep Lake Hike

OCTOBER 31ST

Meet at Trinity at 9:30
am for a 10:00 am
hike. Halloween
costumes welcome!



In September, we donated 18 lbs. of food to POM.
Thank you for your donations!
The need for October is Jell-O and Toothpaste.