

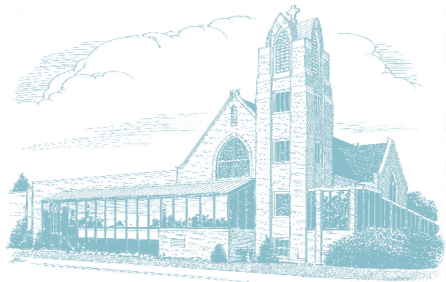
Weekly Calendar

Sunday September 28	8:50am Worship Team 9:30am Worship Online & In Person 10:50am Growing in Faith (GIF) 11:30am Holy Cross– Worship Online & In Person 5:00pm Worship
Monday September 29	5:30pm Plaza Encuentro
Tuesday September 30	9:00am Bible Study—Online 10:00am Office Hours
Wednesday October 1	10:00am Office Hours 10:00am Staff Meeting 3:00pm Altar Guild 4:00pm Disaster Preparedness-Hybrid 6:15pm Compulsive Eaters Anon
Thursday October 2	10:00am Mano Amiga-Latino Food Distribution 10:00am Office Hours 2:00pm Prayer Shawl & Hand and Hearts Gathering 4:00pm Health Ministries 6:00pm Bell Choir 7:00pm Worship Team
Friday October 3	
Saturday October 4	
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09/28
Rebekah Collins
Linde Eidenberg

09/30
Bethany Cain



The Trinity Times

Week of September 28, 2025



OCTOBER Calendar:

Sunday, October 5: Blessing of the Animals. 9:30 am and 5:00pm services (page 2)

Sunday, October 11— Breast Cancer Awareness Luncheon (page 5)

Sunday, October 19—no Growing In Faith class

Saturday, October 25 - Trinity Mission Statement Retreat



NOVEMBER Calendar:



Zarephath Pantry

Thank you for your generous donations to Zarephath. 54 pounds were donated this week

Continue to bring donations that can be left in the box at the altar or in the designated area across from the office.

Please consider volunteering at Zarephath.

Growing in Faith 4-week Stewardship Series led by Pastor Aimee and Pastor Curtis
Class begins September 28 after the 9:30 service, and will continue 10/5, 10/12 and 10/26 (no class on 10/19)

Jesus had a lot to say about money, success, and how we steward this gift we have been given by God. This series will spend time in Jesus's words and sayings on these topics, challenging us to unpack how we have heard the scriptures before and wonder together what it might look like to participate in the Kingdom of God in the way Jesus invites us into.

Save the date: October 25
Trinity Mission Statement
Retreat
It is time for Trinity to write a new mission statement so that we can be clear about who we are and what we're up to. Using spiritual grounding, scripture, reflection, and conversation we will see where the Holy Spirit leads us in expressing our purpose and mission. More details to come.



The Blessing of the Animals
October 5 at 9:30 and 5 pm

Well-behaved pets welcome at the worship service on leashes or in carriers. Bring pictures of pets who prefer to stay home.
Your pets will receive a blessing. We will pray for our pets who have died and give thanks for their lives



Attention Trinity Knitters & Crocheters, Trinity is in need of Prayer Shawls for its ministry and we are continuing to make hats for kindergartners. Don't knit or crochet and want to learn, we can teach you. Yarn is available. Come knit/crochet hats, prayer shawls or whatever you are working on.



The date and time is Thursday, October 2nd from 2- 3:30 pm. Contact the Church office for patterns or more information.

ROAR

Reduce Our Awesome Recyclables

ROAR is for Trinity's Family and Friends and sponsored by Trinity's Creation Care team
Thank you all who showed up for the ROAR parking lot giveaway. It was a delight to give away the extra things cluttering up our homes and to take home treasures. It was wonderful to connect with the community that showed up.
There was an impromptu Genesis reunion in the parking lot, as two former Trinity singers met each other in the parking lot for the first time in years. Memories were shared and connections made.

A little boy picked out his very first comic books.
A pair of pregnant sisters found all the cloth diapering supplies they needed and lots of baby clothes.
A woman who recently moved into housing off the streets was able to find many items that filled out her new apartment.
At least one person who came to the sale showed up for church the next day.

People who came were surprised and excited that everything was free. They were overwhelmed by the generosity of the gift and experienced God's grace.

Dear Communion Bread bakers i.e., Bread Brigade:
Thank you so much for offering to bake bread. We made 10 kits and they were all taken. I love your spirit! As of last week one person made it and turned the jar and the bread into the guild. We look forward to more coming in in the next few weeks. You can put the bread in the little freezer, and the jar on the counter.
Please email or text Jerri Walker when you have turned in your bread and jar- teacherjerrik@gmail.com
503-803-4937
If this is something you would like to continue to do please come to a brief meeting on October 1st at 2:00. We will meet in the meditation room. We are so thankful for you and your desire to help.
Jeri Walker, Altar Guild



We're Updating
Our Church Directory

Updating the Trinity Church directory is underway If yhou have not already seen the clip board circulating around with the current member data. Please take time to look at your information and write down any changes that need to be made.
Thank you

Health Ministries

September is "Healthy Aging Month". Here are s ome tips to boost your health as you age.

Tips To BOOST Your Health as You Age

Did you know that making lifestyle changes can help you live longer and better? Try these tips to get started.

Manage stress — try yoga or keep a journal.

Learn something new — take a class or join a club.

Go to the doctor regularly.

Connect with family and friends.

Get moving — try gardening, biking, or walking.

Choose healthy foods rich in nutrients.

Learn more about steps you can take to promote healthy aging at www.nia.nih.gov/healthy-aging.

Trinity Endowment Grant awarded to CARES NW & Lutheran Community Services NW



CARES Northwest is passionate about ending child abuse in Multnomah and Washington counties. They offer expert, compassionate child abuse evaluation and support services to children and their families, as well as prevention training and education to child abuse professionals and our community. A Trinity Endowment grant of \$1,500 awarded to Julie Aguilera was used to help Cares NW fund mental health and wellness services for the youth. One thousand dollars of the grant

money was directed to provide blankets, clothes, shoes, trauma therapy, art supplies, etc. The remaining \$500 was used to add another therapy dog for the children.

Dear Pastor Aimee & Trinity Lutheran Congregation:

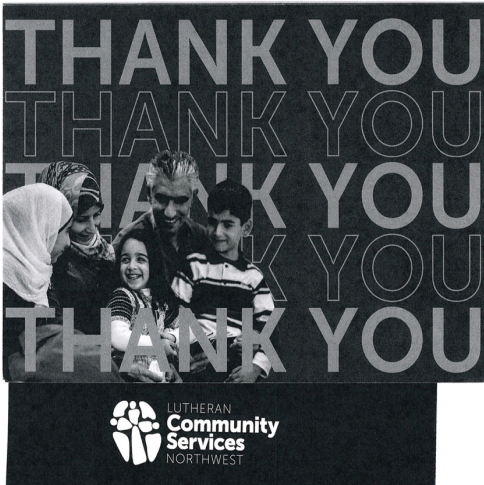
It is our absolute pleasure to receive Trinity’s endowment gift of \$1500.00 to support immigrants in East County. As funding cuts are becoming more common, we are scrambling to keep serving families in need. We are meeting these families where they are with compassion and support so they can be on a pathway towards self-sufficiency, health and they feel safe in their new community. We couldn’t do the work we do without our support and partnership. Thank you!

We’d love to share updates at a future church service.

Thank you & Take Care!

Sincerely,

Lutheran Community Services Northwest





Register by October 20:
tinyurl.com/YSMFallRetreat2025

YSM FALL RETREAT

Nature, New Friends, Relaxation, Archery, and More!



Date:
November 7-9, 2025



Who is Invited?
Middle and High Schoolers



Location:
Camp Lutherwood Oregon

Questions?

 **Chris Dela Cruz**
chris@togetherlab.org



For more info, contact Chris Dela Cruz with YSM at chris@togetherlab.org.

Chris Dela Cruz (he/him)
Director of Youth Initiatives
[Youth Solidarity Movement](#), an initiative of [Together Lab](#)

Reconciled in Christ (RIC) Program

Trinity Lutheran Church has always been a welcoming congregation and church for all. We are seeking to become officially designated as a Reconciled In Christ (RIC) congregation by the Oregon Synod.

To be designated an RIC congregation means we will have a welcoming statement that explicitly includes people of all sexual orientations, gender identities, gender expressions and a commitment to the work of racial equity/anti-racism. We have begun that certification process. The core group includes Don McGinness, Lisa Alibabaie, Brenna Carpenter, Tami Green, Jane Holden, Jack MacDonald, Nancy MacDonald, Carolyn Matthews, Nancy Mayes, Michele McBane, Becky Moore, Melanie Owensby, Stephanie Kistler and Denice Spain. The next steps include the RIC core team having listening conversations with members of the congregation. You may have questions, concerns, ideas, or simply wish to discuss this topic as we move forward. Your thoughts are welcomed and appreciated.

We look forward to the next steps and ask that you prayerfully consider your role as a valued member of Trinity Lutheran in this process.

With great appreciation,

Your RIC core members



Have you seen the Memorial Plaque on the back wall of the church? A gift from St. Paul of Damascus when they closed, it contains names of people from St. Paul of Damascus who have died. These saints of St. Paul of Damascus include many people from Trinity who migrated there. Now that it is at Trinity, we are all invited to add names from our church and families. Please let the office know if you would like to honor a loved one who has died by having their name placed on the memorial plaque.



Oregon Synod Assembly Update:

from Bishop Laurie regarding Resolutions for action passed during the 2025 Oregon Synod Assembly:

Living into our Resolutions

The voting body of the 2025 Oregon Synod Assembly—made up of congregations, ministers, and mission developers of the synod—voted to adopt three challenges:

- 1.Standing with our vulnerable neighbors for the sake of love and life
- 2.Uncovering and listening to the stories of the land
- 3.Affirming our trans and non-binary siblings

The Office of the Bishop is taking your synod assembly decisions seriously. Church is about “we”. Synod is about being “on the road together”. The earliest followers of Jesus talked frequently about being “on the Way”. Sometimes loving thy neighbor takes courage. Sometimes welcoming the stranger feels uncomfortable. Beloved of God, how can we help these resolutions become more than words on [a] page [and become] part of our lives and action in our congregations?

Over the next three months, we will be sharing with you how the Office of the Bishop is taking action to live the work of these resolutions and how you and your congregation will be invited to join us on the path to courageous love.

TLC’s Action Committees:

TLC is also focusing attention on these three areas through revitalizing dormant and existing committees.

The Social Justice Committee is supporting and standing with our immigrant neighbors through establishing ‘safe’ places and supporting Santa Cruz-Holy Cross.

The Social Justice Committee and other TLC members are meeting each Friday from 5:30-6:30 PM on the corner of Powell and Eastman Parkway standing together and holding signs to draw attention to the ongoing trauma occurring in Gaza and the West Bank. Committee and congregation members are supporting a humane resolution to the current Gaza-Israeli War and real and sustained peace. Please join TLC members to draw attention to this crisis that is so severely hurting children and families.

Are you a history buff? The work of learning the history of the land our church sits upon is being studied by the Building Relationships Committee. Please join in this important work of learning about and appreciate the land we use today.

The revitalized Reconciling in Christ Committee is continuing the work already started for TLC using the ELCA Building an Inclusive Church. Committee Members having one on one conversations with congregation members to discuss how TLC can move forward to be an affirming, welcoming and safe space for all including our trans and non-binary siblings.

Lots is happening here at TLC...where would you like to use you hands to do God’s work?

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

We will have 2 events on the weekend of October 11th and 12th.

Saturday, October 11th is our annual luncheon celebrating Breast Cancer survivors in the Fellowship Hall from 11am to 1:00pm. Our guest speaker is our very own Shar Giard, a breast cancer survivor. Lunch will be prepared by Nancy Mays and Ginny LaFerriere, two extraordinary chefs. This luncheon isn’t only for breast cancer survivors, but for everyone to help us celebrate together, including family and friends. It is also an opportunity to learn more about breast cancer. There will be resources available with information on breast cancer, it’s diagnosis and treatments. Please sign up on the clipboard in the Fellowship Hall before October 5th. Freewill offering will be available. The color of the day is Pink.



Sunday, October 12th at both worship services, we will recognize all who have been affected by any type of cancer with a special candlelight service. The Tree of Life will be available on the ramp to add names of those who have passed since last October's event. The colors of the day will be pink or lavender. Pink designates breast cancer, and lavender is the universal color for all types of cancer.

Health Ministries Committee
Linde Eidenberg

Prayer Additions for this Week: updated as of September 25, 2025 For a full prayer list, see your monthly newsletter.

Family and friends of Meri Jewel Ficken	Friend of Joy Johnson, entered eternal rest
Calvin	Stephanie Kistler’s friend with cancer
Lori MillerProuty	Ellie Miller’s daughter complications after back surgery
Monika Deitchman	Entered hospice
Marva Jo Deal	vascular dementia - at Marquis Centennial
Gary Kramer	Larry's brother in hospice
Family & Friends of Carol Thompson	entered eternal rest
Stephanie W	Katie Givens’ friend Breast Cancer
Bonita Wiesner	Pat Wiesner's sister - SURGERY
Denice Henshaw	Removal of thyroid
Marilyn & Melissa Olson	Health issues
Jami & Matt Tool	Jim & Sue Gearhearts grandchildren, premature birth of twin girls Hadley & Laney (great grandchildren)
	on Sept 19

A full list of names for prayer requests are printed in the Monthly Trinity Times. The weekly Trinity Times will print NEW additions and or UPDATES as they are received and space allows.