



# The Trinity Times

November 2025

## Calendar highlights:



**Saturday, November 1** - celebrate Dia de Los Muertos with our friends from Holy Cross/Santa Cruz at Trinity—3:00pm-6:00pm



**Sunday November 2—Daylight Savings ENDS Turn clocks BACK ONE HOUR**

**Sunday, November 9** – Consecration Sunday. Make your estimate of financial giving for 2026

**Wednesday, November 12 – 6PM**

RIC Bible Study with dinner (see page 5)

**Saturday, November 15** –Fall Church cleanup

**Saturday, November 22** –Advent festival

**Thursday, November 27** –

Thanksgiving Day—office closed



**FOOD  
PANTRY  
NEEDS**

## Zarephath Pantry

Thank you for your 241 pounds of food donations to Zarephath this week. Please continue to donate Pasta, Rice, Beans, canned meats. Donations can be left in the box at the altar or in the designated area across from Trinity's office. Please consider volunteering at Zarephath kitchen and pantry.

Thank you so much for your donations to Zarephath for Pastor Appreciation!

## Mano Amiga needs volunteers

Santa Cruz is requesting the help of 4-5 volunteers at the Mano Amiga Food Pantry November 13 from 9-11. Due to concern about Immigration Customs Enforcement raids and the Spanish name of the program, Mano Amiga was concerned its pantry could be targeted. As a result, the packing of boxes and bags will take place inside of Trinity. Many of you have been looking for ways to help during the government shutdown and loss of SNAP benefits. This is an opportunity to work alongside people who are hurting and in need.



## Updated Monthly Prayer List for November 2025

Julie Aguilera  
Hannah Abraham Shea  
Calvin  
Bill Cheney  
Wanda Cole  
Marva Jo Deal  
Monika Deitchman  
Rosemary Dickson  
Maggie Eastman  
Bob Geisler  
John Gierrek  
Joyce Gierrek  
Mitchell Grey  
Les and Kathleen Hanson  
Denice Henshaw  
Brian Jefferson  
Gary Kramer  
Michele and Ron McBane  
Christian Nasset

Sami Oeser  
Marilyn & Melissa Olson  
Lori Miller Prouty  
Jami & Matt Tool  
Stephanie W  
Bonita Wiesner

We keep in prayer the families of:  
Joan Nygaard  
Jeff Buck  
Ted Seal  
LeRoy Newman  
Meri Jewel Ficken  
Carol Thompson  
Evalyn Bieberdorf  
Bishop Emeritus Paul Swanson  
Kathy Thompson  
Jacob Leathe

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

### Updated Prayer List as of October 29, 2025

Hannah Klinsmann	Betty Caccamo's niece in hospital
Brianne and Caleb Howe	Peace for Donna Walczak's daughter with a high-risk pregnancy
Joe McEnroe	Georgene W-Hansen 's neighbor, multiple health issues
Dorene Mollenhauer	Stephanie Kistler's friend -Upcoming Surgery
Karin	The Deeke's daughter with severe pain from sciatica.



## Growing in Faith: Class on Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Beginning November 2, join Pastor Curtis following morning worship services at 10:50 for classes studying the “Cost of Discipleship” by Dietrich Bonhoeffer. The book on this is available at a discounted cost of \$10. The 1st two Sunday’s will be a video presentation on the life and times of Bonhoeffer, and the classes using the book will begin on November 23rd. Dietrich Bonhoeffer was a famous German Lutheran pastor, theologian, and resister of the Nazi regime. This is open to adults and senior high school students. See Pastor Curtis for questions.

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Have you noticed that the WELCA ladies of Trinity have hosted many coffee fellowship hours after worship these past few months, along with a few faithful members who consistently contribute as well. This is a request to please consider signing up to host. There is help to set up, make the coffee, and clean up. If you’re unsure, ask another member, family or friend to host with you, or maybe just consider bringing cookies every now and then. It doesn’t need to be extravagant. Simple is good! We will always have coffee every week, but don’t be surprised if some Sunday there may only be coffee and no goodies. Sign up on one of the tall tables, and see Stephanie Kistler or me if you have any questions. We love this time together and are here to help.

By the way, it has been suggested that leftover coffee Sunday mornings be shared since the price has risen significantly, rather than thrown away. So bring a thermos if you want some. Coffee hour is officially over by 11:15, so we can clear the tables before Santa Cruz begins worship at 11:30. The coffee will be available at that time in the kitchen. The Greeter’s list is also in need of volunteers. Check them both out. Thanks!

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## **You will be invited to make your estimate of giving for 2026 Sunday, November 9th**

### **Financial Stewardship at home discussions**

On November 9, you will be invited to make your estimate of giving at Trinity. Here are some questions for you to discuss with your family or to think about yourself to prepare you for that day.

#### **Stewardship at Home Conversations**

1. What values and beliefs guide the way you spend, save, and give your money?
2. What obstacles or beliefs hinder you as you spend, save, and give your money?
3. Might God be leading you to use your money differently? If so, how?

#### **With kids**

1. Do you think God cares about the way we use our money? Why or why not?
2. What are some ways we might use money to share God's love with others?

## Reconciling In Christ

### RIC Questionnaire

This Sunday , November 2, we will fill out a quick questionnaire about welcoming LGBTQIA+ and working for racial equity and anti-racism. The question is below. Please consider your answer for Sunday. Thanks

### RIC Dinner/Bible Study

On Wednesday November 12th the RIC committee will be hosting a soup and salad dinner at 6PM. Please bring a deserts to share. Following dinner, Pastor Aimee will present a Bible study called "What Does the Bible Say About Same Gender Relationships". This will be a time to ask questions and learn more about being an inclusive congregation.

### PROPOSED WELCOME STATEMENT

*This community commits to welcoming, including, and celebrating people of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expression, and is committed to work for racial equity/anti-racism.*

If a vote were held today on the above welcome statement, how would you respond?

- ☐ **YES** wholeheartedly.
- ☐ **YES**, but I would appreciate more education
- ☐ **YES**, but I would appreciate more scriptural engagement.
- ☐ **no**, because I need more \_\_\_\_\_.

Additional Comments:

## Working on Trinity's new Mission Statement

A group of enthusiastic folks from Trinity gathered last weekend to be grounded in scripture and to prayerfully consider what Trinity does and what makes Trinity what it is. The wall sheets from our endeavors are up in the social hall. There are sticky notes on the tables and markers for you to make a comment and offer your thoughts. Our focus scripture was Philippians 2:1-11, one of the earliest Creed statements in the Bible and a kind of mission statement of God's action and purpose through Jesus. The questions we addressed were: What does God do? What does Jesus do? What do we do? and What does Trinity do? There is also a wall sheet with some Mission Statement sentences and ideas. Your input is important. Please think through these questions and be ready to post your notes on the wall at church.



## November BIRTHDAYS

11/03  
Marlene Gleason

11/06  
Curtis Hanson

11/08  
DeNiele Berman

11/13  
Clause Cole

11/15  
Larry Kramer

11/17  
Georgene  
Hansen-Witmer

11/18  
Murray Anderson

11/19  
Lindsay Mansfield

11/20  
Oscar Cruz Reyes

11/24  
Ivars Steinblums

11/25  
Jeffrey Carpenter  
Marlene Willey

11/26  
Merlin Aufdengarten

11/27  
Julie Aguilera

11/28  
Teresa Wenzel



## November 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>26</b> 8:50am Worship Team 9:30am Worship - Online & In Person 9:50am Sunday School and Confirmation 10:50am Growing in Faith (GIF) 11:30am Holy Cross: Worship - Online & In-Person 5:00pm Worship	<b>27</b> 5:30pm Plaza Encuentro	<b>28</b> 9:00am Bible Study - Online 10:00am Archive Committee Meeting 10:00am Office Hours 10:30am Chair Yoga 2:00pm East County Ministry Alliance 6:30pm Endowment Committee - Online	<b>29</b> 10:00am Office Hours 10:00am Staff Meeting 1:00pm Pastoral Support 6:15pm Compulsive Esters Anon	<b>30</b> 10:00am Office Hours 6:00pm Bell Choir 7:00pm Worship Team	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b> 9:00am Decorate the Ofrenda 3:00pm Dia de los muertos
<b>2</b> Daylight Saving Time Ends 8:50am Worship Team 9:30am Worship - Online & In Person: Youth Sunday 10:50am Growing in Faith (GIF) 11:30am Holy Cross: Worship - Online & In-Person 5:00pm Worship	<b>3</b> 5:30pm Plaza Encuentro	<b>4</b> 9:00am Bible Study - Online 10:00am Office Hours 2:00pm Courtyard Fountain Worship 4:00pm Disaster Preparedness Committee - Hybrid 6:30pm Executive Council - Online	<b>5</b> 10:00am Office Hours 10:00am Staff Meeting 3:00pm Altar Guild 6:15pm Compulsive Esters Anon	<b>6</b> 10:00am Office Hours 1:00pm WELCA 6:00pm Bell Choir 7:00pm Worship Team	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
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**CHANGE YOUR CLOCKS and**  
*join us on time for worship.*