

Weekly Calendar

Sunday December 14	8:50am Worship Team 9:30am Worship Online & In Person –Christmas Program 10:50am Growing in Faith 11:30am Holy Cross– Worship Online & In Person 5:00pm Worship
Monday December 15	5:30pm Plaza Encuentro
Tuesday December 16	9:00am Bible Study—Online 10:00am Office Hours 2:00pm Courtyard Fountain 4:00pm Disaster Preparedness committee-hybrid 7:00pm Worship & Music – Online
Wednesday December 17	10:00am Office Hours/Staff Meeting 6:00pm Advent Meal 6:15pm Compulsive Eaters Anon 7:00pm Advent worship
Thursday December 18	10:00am Office hours 6:00pm Bell Choir 7:00pm Worship Team
Friday December 19	
Saturday December 20	
Sunday December 21	8:50am Worship Team 9:30am Worship Online & In Person 11:00am Green Club/Creation Care 11:30am Holy Cross– Worship Online & In Person 5:00pm Worship

Calendar highlights:



Sunday, December 14— 9:30am
 Children's program 9:30am worship
 Stan and Tami Green Vow Renewal

Wednesday, December 17 -
 6pm Advent meal, 7pm Advent service

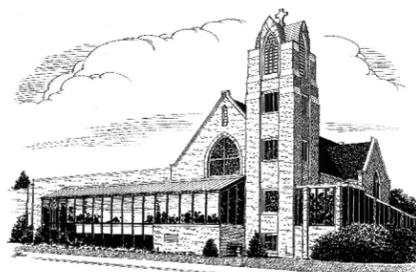
Wednesday, December 24 -
 Church office closed for Holiday
 3pm Christmas Eve Service
 9pm Christmas Eve service

Thursday, December 25
 Church office Closed for Holiday

Sunday, December 28
 Lessons & Carols both 9:30am and 5pm services



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| 12/18
Marcia Rice | 12/26
Lisa Alibabaie |
| 12/22
Rebecca Sanchez | 12/28
Horst Jeddelloh
Becky Moore |



The Trinity Times

Week of December 14, 2025

Land Acknowledgment Statement

Trinity Lutheran Church acknowledges that we gather on the ancestral lands of many nations, including The Confederated Tribes of the Siletz, The Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde, The Multnomah, The Chinook, The Clackamas who continue to care for this land. We thank those whose creation stories are rooted in this place and we honor the land and its first inhabitants with gratitude and respect.



Zarephath Pantry

Thank you for your continuing support of Zarephath Pantry. 99 pounds of food were donated this week. The pantry's needs are increasing during this troubled time. **Most needed: cat food, Diced Tomatoes & Tomato Sauce, Canned veggies, Canned fruit, Canned beans – kidney & pinto, Pasta – all kinds**

Monetary donations are appreciated since Zarephath can purchase canned food at reduced prices. Donations to Zarephath can also be made through the Bottle Drop Blue Bag Program. Blue Bags available at Trinity.



Updated Weekly Prayer List for week of December 14, 2025

- Christian Nasset Eva and Larry Kramer's nephew continues to battle cancer
- Lara Colin McClanahan's sister after surgery
- Mike and Denise Sterle Mike Sterle's mother entered eternal rest
12/2/25 . Mike is Judy Weidler's son in law
- Marv Henry recovering from hand surgery
- Gordon Johnson home from hospital
- OnaLee Strauer Connie Meservy's mother entering hospice

DECEMBER

Join us for midweek Advent Services on Wednesdays at 7pm (these services are in person only). A Tamale supper will precede worship at 6pm.

Advent week 3 December 17: Posada-Santa Cruz* followed by piñata

*The celebration of the Posadas is an important Mexican Christmas tradition. The word posada means "inn" or "shelter" in Spanish. In this tradition, the Bible story of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem and their search for a place to stay is re-enacted. The tradition also involves singing, breaking piñatas, and celebration.

If you would like to come but you don't drive at night, let us know in the church office. We will have a volunteer that can likely bring you to church.

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH & HOLY CROSS

CELEBRATE

Posada

NAVIDEÑA

**DECEMBER 17
6 PM**

SNACKS, PIÑATA AND CHRISTMAS MUSIC

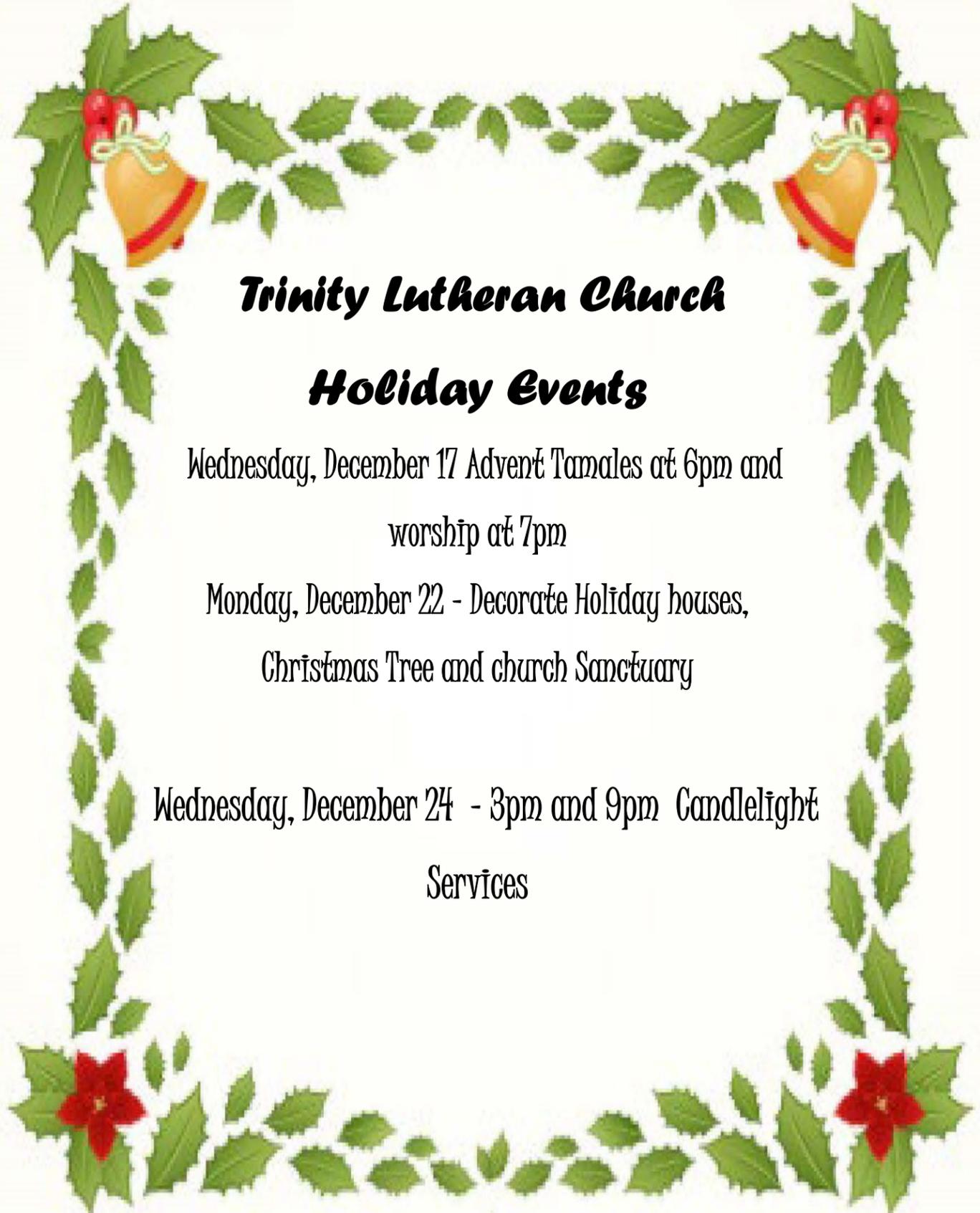
RSVP FOR GUEST COUNT

**TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
507 W POWELL BLVD,
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Wednesday, December 24, 2025

For Christmas Eve candlelight services

at 3:00 pm and 9:00 pm



Trinity Lutheran Church
Holiday Events

Wednesday, December 17 Advent Tamales at 6pm and
 worship at 7pm

Monday, December 22 - Decorate Holiday houses,
 Christmas Tree and church Sanctuary

Wednesday, December 24 - 3pm and 9pm Candlelight
 Services



Gingerbread

DECORATING PARTY

DECEMBER 22, 2025
 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
 IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL



Be sure to
 check your
 church
 mailbox for
 cards and
 letters from
 your TLC
 office and
 family



December



Come to the Open House for the East County Youth Collective on Friday January 2, from 4-7pm

Youth, families, and folks in our congregations are invited to connect, brainstorm, and have some fun cultivating community, dreaming together, and imagining what other spaces of belonging we can create for youth in East County.

EAST COUNTY YOUTH COLLECTIVE OPEN HOUSE

JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF CONNECTION, CREATIVITY,
AND BELONGING FOR EAST COUNTY YOUTH AND FAMILIES.



JANUARY
2
4-7 PM

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Questions? Contact Cris
at
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What is all this stuff about Pronouns? Why are they used??

People use their pronouns to affirm their identity, show respect, and create inclusive spaces, as pronouns (like he/him, she/her, they/them) are fundamental to how someone is addressed, and misusing them can be invalidating, similar to using a wrong name. Sharing pronouns helps others know how to refer to someone correctly, signals support for gender diversity, and acknowledges that gender isn't always obvious from appearance. Trinity is providing Pronoun stickers on the table in the entrance. We encourage you to attach stickers to your name tag sharing your identity to everyone at worship.

End-of-Year Contributions: To ensure your tithes and offerings are counted for 2024 tax purposes, please be sure to put them in the Sunday offering plate by 12/29/24, or drop them in the office by 12/31/24. If they are mailed, they must be dated and postmarked by 12/31/24 and received by Monday 1/6/25.

2025 Gifts-In-Kind: You must complete the form, available in the office, and attach accompanying receipts turned in to the office no later than 1/6/25. Please be kind to office staff and turn them in sooner so we can process them in time.

Giving Statements will be run in mid-January.