

# Weekly Calendar

Sunday December 7	8:50am Worship Team 9:30am Worship Online & In Person 10:50am Growing in Faith 11:30am Holy Cross– Worship Online & In Person 5:00pm Worship
Monday December 8	5:30pm Plaza Encuentro
Tuesday December 9	9:00am Bible Study—Online 10:00am Office Hours 10:30am Chair Yoga 6:30pm Church Council—Hybrid
Wednesday December 10	10:00am Office Hours/Staff Meeting 6:00pm advent meal 6:15pm Compulsive Eaters Anon 7:00pm Advent worship
Thursday December 11	10:00am Mano Amiga Food Distribution (Oregon Food Bank) 10:00am Office hours 1:00pm WELCA 6:00pm Bell Choir 7:00pm Worship Team
Friday December 12	7:00pm Guadalupe Service
Saturday December 13	9:00am Church cleanup
Sunday December 14	8:50am Worship Team 9:30am Worship Online & In Person 10:50am Growing in Faith 11:30am Holy Cross– Worship Online & In Person 5:00pm Worship

## Calendar highlights:



Tuesday, December 9 – 10:30am Chair Yoga

Wednesday, December 10—6pm Advent meal, 7pm Advent service

Friday, December 12 - 7pm Guadalupe Service

Saturday, December 13 - 9am-noon Church cleanup

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

Sunday, December 14—Children’s program 9:30am worship

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

Wednesday, December 24 - 3pm Christmas Eve Service  
9pm Christmas Eve service



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Janice Miller

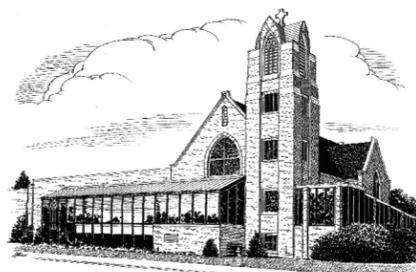
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Rebecca Sanchez

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Hank Stevens  
Cathy Yost

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Lisa Alibabaie

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Marcia Rice

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Becky Moore

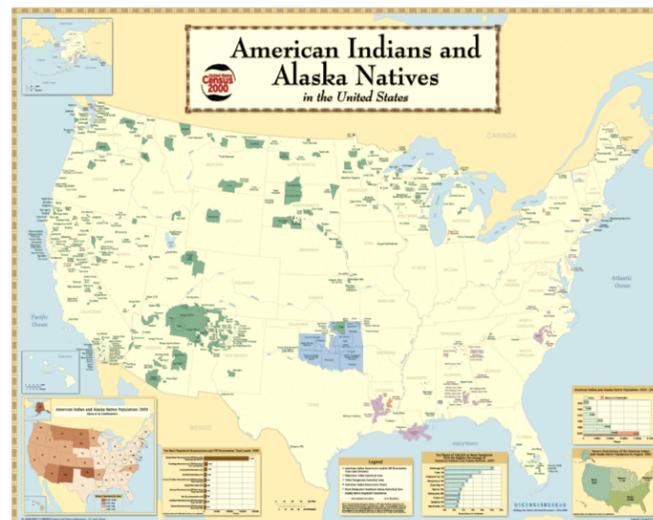


# The Trinity Times

Week of December 7, 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. Our 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 7, 2025

- Christian Nasset      Eva and Larry Kramer's nephew battling cancer
- Jon Spencer            Jennie Spencer's brother has a mass on his kidney
- Lara                      Colin McClanahan's sister
- Joani Spencer          Jennie Spencer's sister in law, whose sister died recently of cancer
- 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        hospitalized awaiting colonoscopy

# DECEMBER

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

Advent week 2 December 10: AWE and Archives Committee

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,  
GRESHAM, OR 97030

*Wednesday, December 24, 2025*

*For Christmas Eve      candlelight services*

*at 3:00 pm                      and 9:00 pm*

# Trinity Lutheran Church

## Holiday Events

Wednesday, December 10 Advent soup supper at 6pm and  
worship at 7pm

Friday, December 12 - 10am Porch and Ramp decorating

Saturday, December 13 - Put up Christmas tree

Sunday December 14 - Children's program

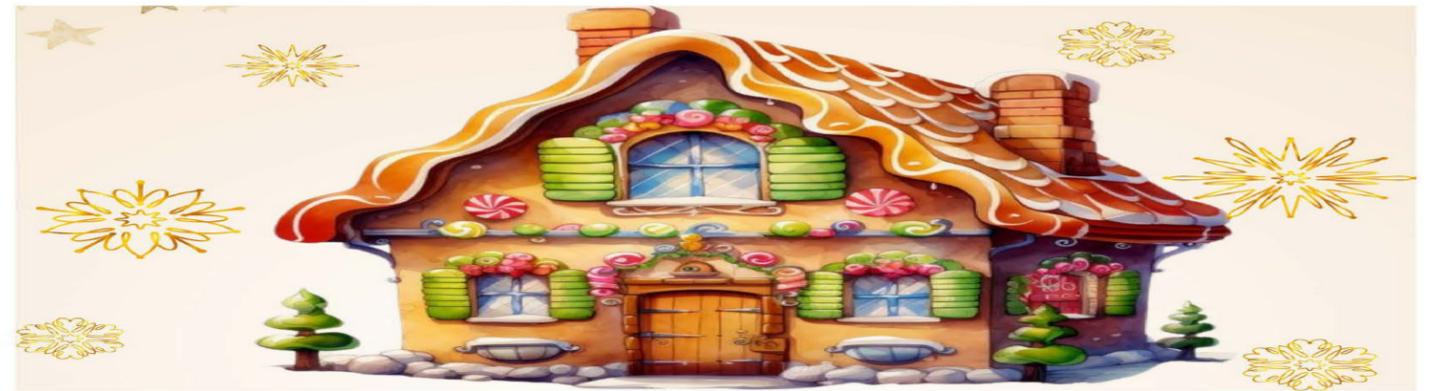
Wednesday, December 17 Advent soup supper at 6pm and  
worship at 7pm

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

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

You are invited to **East County Ministry Alliance ICE policy/ MigraWatch training** December 9 from 1-3 at Covenant Presbyterian Church 18630 SE Division St. in Gresham.

This will be a deep dive into the ways we can make and keep our buildings safe spaces for all - and an invitation into the Migra Watch network.



# 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



December 12, 2025  
7:00 pm  
Virgen de Guadalupe  
Service



**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.**

**RIC (Reconciling In Christ) Q&A**

What is required for a congregation to join RIC?

1. Clearly state a welcome to people of “all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions” or “LGBTQIA+” and commit to “racial equity” or “anti-racism” in a Welcome Statement.
2. Be open to calling LGBTQIA+ and BIPOC (Black, Brown, Indigenous, Person of Color) Rostered Leaders. A Rostered Leader is any clergy/pastor or deacon in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA); this commitment extends to all areas of leadership within the life of your community.
3. Allow sanctuary/community space to be used for LGBTQIA+ weddings and blessings.
4. Make a meaningful contribution annually to support the national RIC program. A meaningful annual contribution is determined by your faith community, its budget, and the understanding that your generosity funds the RIC Program. Meaningful contributions vary for each RIC partner.



Thank you to all who helped with

the church cleanup in November!

You all got so much accomplished!

Another church cleanup is scheduled for December 13 from 9-noon.

Some opportunities for that day include dusting the tops of the bathroom stalls, packing up the remaining downstairs



nursery items to be donated, and recycling old papers on the stage downstairs. Someone will be here to show



you what to do. Your help is appreciated to get Trinity ready for Christmas!