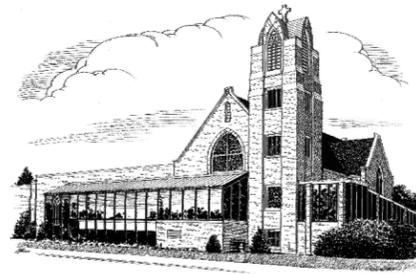


# Weekly Calendar

Sunday February 15	8:50am Worship Team 9:30am Worship Online & In Person 10:50am Growing in Faith (GIF) 11:00am Green Club/Creation Care 11:30am Holy Cross– Worship Online & In Person 5:00pm Worship
Monday February 16	5:30pm Plaza Encuentro
Tuesday February 17	9:00am Bible Study—Online 10:00am Office Hours 2:00pm Courtyard Fountain Worship 7:00pm Worship & Music—online
Wednesday February 18 Ash Wednesday	10:00am Office hours / Staff Meeting 12:00pm Ash Wednesday Service 1:00pm Pastoral Support 6:00pm Ash Wednesday meal 6:15pm Compulsive Eaters Anon 7:00pm Ash Wednesday Service
Thursday February 19	10:00am Office hours 2:00pm Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:00pm Bell Choir 7:00pm Worship Team
Friday February 20	
Saturday February 21	1:00pm Holy Cross Baptism 4:00pm Holy Cross
Sunday February 22	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



2/15	William Strebin	2/22	Stephanie Kistler
			Ladine Marquardt
2/16	Melanie Owensby		Kaiden Wiesner
2/17	Donna Walczak	2/23	Jim Klaasmeyer
			Juniper Jumago
2/18	Alex Sanchez	2/25	Janice Akers
	Lenny Howe		Connie Meservy
2/20	Georgia Granato		Suzanne Kenny
	Sophia Cugini		Kathie Collins
2/21	Arlene Reigert	2/26	Patricia Cutsforth
		2/28	Jan Burmeister



# The Trinity Times

Week of February 15, 2026



## Zarephath Pantry

Thank you for your continuing support of Zarephath Pantry. Our needs are increasing during this troubled time. 157 pounds were donated this week..

**Most needed: pet 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.

Directory update-  
phone number correction:  
**Mike & Carmil Ritchey**

Correct phone number is  
503-515-5590  
Sorry for the confusion

## Hunger Didn't Take the Game Day Off



In 1990, a Super Bowl Sunday prayer inspired a group of young people to do something more than celebrate a football game. They created the Souper Bowl of Caring, and have mobilized youth across the country to raise more than \$98 million for people in need.

**This year Trinity collected \$194 on Souper Bowl Sunday for Zarephath.**

For more information on the Souper Bowl of Caring visit [www.tacklehunger.org](http://www.tacklehunger.org)



## February 2026 is Heart Health Month

### Theme this month is “Loving God with a Healthy Heart”

Our bodies are remarkable gifts, created with care and sustained by God’s grace. Just as we nourish our spiritual heart through prayer, worship, and time in Scripture, we support our physical heart through daily habits that honor the life God has given us.

- Choosing foods that strengthen rather than strain
- Moving our bodies in ways that bring energy and joy
- Resting well and allowing space for renewal
- Managing stress through prayer, connection, and healthy rhythms

These practices are not simply “good advice”—they are acts of stewardship. When we care for our bodies, we acknowledge that they are temples of the Holy Spirit and worthy of our attention.

So as we observe Heart Health Month, let us pray and ask God to shape our hearts—steady, open, and full of love. May He strengthen our bodies, calm our worries, and guide our choices. And may every heartbeat remind us of His faithfulness and the purpose He has placed within us.

As part of Heart Health Month, we will be offering Blood Pressure checks after the worship service on Sunday, February 15, 2026. This is a simple but important way to care for one another and support early awareness of Heart Health.

Health Ministries Committee

Linde Eidenberg



## Memorialize your loved ones!



Trinity created a Memorial Pavilion under the big rhododendron in the west parking lot.

Personalized pavers can be purchased for \$125—cash or check. Online order forms are available at [tlcgresham.com](http://tlcgresham.com) or printed order forms are available in the church office.

Please contact Steve Clapp with any questions



Trinity Lutheran Church, 507 W. Powell Boulevard, Gresham, OR 97030

### Memorial Pavilion Personalized Paver Inscription Order Form

NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
 ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
 PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE COMPLETE THE BLANKS TO CUSTOMIZE YOUR PAVER.  
 You have up to 4 lines, with a maximum of 12 characters per line.  
 You may also select a symbol, which counts as one line.  
 Please print symbol name on the appropriate line below.  
 \$125 / Paver

Line 1 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Line 2 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Line 3 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Line 4 \_\_\_\_\_

If paying by Check, please make payable to:  
 Trinity Lutheran Church - Paver Fund

Person Receiving Payment \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## Mark your calendars for the Lenten Soup suppers and Worship 2026

### February 18, 2026, Ash Wednesday

Trinity will have a noon service in English; then an evening service with sandwiches at 6 pm, followed by a bilingual worship around the tables in the social hall at 7pm

### Lenten Mid-week Soup Suppers 6:00 pm, worship at 7:00 pm

#### February 25, March 4, 11, 18

Mid-Week service hosts (providing soup meals and clean up):

February 25—Altar Guild and Property Committee will host

March 4 – Care for Creation and Disaster Preparedness

March 18 – Worship and Music

March 25 – Endowment & Memorial and Health Ministry



## 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 and more recently members of Trinity have been added. You are invited to add names from your own families. Please let the office know if you would like to honor a loved one who has entered eternal rest by having their name placed on the memorial plaque. Please contact the church office if you have any questions.



Attention knitters, crocheters and anyone who would like to learn to knit and or crochet. The Prayer Shawl committee is here for you. They have yarn available and are ready to teach anyone who has an interest. Come enjoy fellowship while knitting and crocheting prayer shawls, hats or whatever projects you have.



Prayer Shawl is meeting on Thursday, February 19 at 2:00 pm. Contact the Church office for more information.

## Prayer List Updates

Name	Relation to / Praying for
Family & friends of Monika Deitchman	Monika entered eternal rest 2/5/26
Victor Moore	Becky Moore's father - heart issues
Family & friends of Robert (Bob) Akers	Entered eternal rest
Chuck Meservy	Recovering from knee replacement surgery
JJ Moss	Janet McGill's grandson is hospitalized after a fall
June Thompson	took a fall, recovering from a broken pelvis
Jeff Strauer	Connie Meservy's brother has cancer
Wesley Strobel	the grandson of a friend of the Henry's-fighting Leukemia after being in remission for approximately 2 years and is currently hospitalized.
DeNiele Berman	Heart Ablation
Family & friends of Robert Lepp	Stephanie Kistler's uncle – entered eternal rest 2/10/26
Gabriel Sprauge	Stephanie Kistler's friend – medical issues
Family & friends of Joan Sheehy	Stephanie Kistler's aunt – entered eternal rest 2/10/26
Nancy Tiedmann	Curtis Hanson's former S-I-L in Hospice

Mark your calendars for these Celebrations of Life:

A Celebration of Life for Monika Deitchman will be held Friday February 27 at 11 am at Trinity. A livestream will also be available. All are invited

A Celebration of Life for Bill Trusswell will be on Sunday March 8 at 1:30pm at Trinity

A Celebration of Life for Mary Ellen Summer will be on Saturday, March 21 At Trinity 1:00pm



# Faith in a Time of Genocide

## *A Moment of Truth for the Worldwide Church*

Palestinian Christians call us to "costly solidarity" in the stunning new Kairos Palestine document

**RIFAT KASSIS**  
General Coordinator, Kairos Palestine

**MUNTHUR ISAAC**  
Pastor; Theologian, Bethlehem Bible College

*With responses from United Methodist Church leaders*

**18 FEBRUARY 2026**

REGISTER ON ZOOM: [palestine.events/18Feb2026](https://palestine.events/18Feb2026)

1:00 PM Eastern, US  
6:00 PM UTC  
8:00 PM Palestine

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### 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



### GRANT APPLICATIONS - 2026

The Endowment and Memorial Committee is preparing for this year's grant money to be distributed for Good Works. Trinity members are encouraged to think big or small.

Guidelines:

At least 20% of the annual grant money must support causes that are outside of Trinity's walls. The money cannot be used for capital improvements, operating expenses, or as an emergency fund. "Capital improvements" are permanent structural alterations or repairs, such as: foundation work, roof work, windows, HVAC, or electrical/plumbing upgrades, etc. Projects related to audio/visual equipment, cosmetic improvements, furniture, fixtures, and equipment, etc. could be considered.

The Endowment Grant form is available on Trinity's website to enable submission to the office. You may also request a hard copy from DeNiele Berman, Greg Shea, or Denice Spain.

**Applications are due to the Endowment Committee by March 15, 2026.**

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#### Use of MEMORIAL FUNDS

We encourage the grant applicants to review the existing Memorial accounts before asking for an Endowment grant. If we can utilize Memorial funds, we can distribute more money, and Memorial funds are not limited to, but can be, entities outside of Trinity. The major Memorial categories are Faith Formation, Worship & Music, Property, Social Concerns, Fellowship & Nurturing, and Undesignated. Most have sub-categories that may be considered for your project. Please contact DeNiele Berman or Greg Shea for more information.

### My Father's House job opening

**Job Title:** Executive Assistant

**Department:** Executive

**Reports To:** Executive Director **BFOQ:** Christian/Faith-Aligned

**Organization:** My Father's House is a nondenominational, Christian social services organization that provides needed services to the homeless and poor of Oregon State without regard to race, color, sexual orientation, creed, national origin, or religion. Our staff brings hope and healing to homeless families with a Christ-centered approach, as we work to end the generational cycle of homelessness and poverty one family at a time.

**Summary of Position:** The Executive Assistant plays a key role in supporting the Executive Director and ensuring the smooth operation of daily activities at My Father's House. This position requires strong leadership, organizational, and communication skills, as well as a passion for serving individuals experiencing homelessness. The ideal candidate will be detail-oriented, proactive, and able to maintain a high level of professionalism in a non-sectarian Christian outreach environment.

Contact TLC office for more details

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