



# Trinity Lutheran Church

## DECEMBER 2025 NEWSLETTER

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### **Worship Services**

8:30am Traditional

10:30am Contemporary

Worship & Children's  
Church

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Dec. 14  
Children's  
Christmas Play  
10:30 am

**Dec. 24  
Candlelight  
Worship**

**12:00 p.m.  
5:00 p.m.  
7:00 p.m.**

### **Sabbatical**

Our congregation is very generous to periodically offer a sabbatical to deacons and pastors. Having served here for 6 years now, I am delighted to be eligible for this time of renewal and study. My time of leave will start on December 29<sup>th</sup> and last until March 15<sup>th</sup>.

I am especially grateful that this sabbatical will offer me the opportunity to visit other churches and learn from them. I can always talk with colleagues about their ministry, but nothing beats seeing another church in person on a Sunday morning and observing all the little details. A sabbatical is intended to benefit both the leader and the congregation, and I pray that many of the things I learn will benefit Trinity in the long term.

I am very thankful that we have such a great group of leaders within our congregation to fill in for me while I am away. Pastor Doug Bursch will preside at our Sunday services and lead some of our education as well. Jody Horn, who has served as a Ministry in Context student here at Trinity while she completes a degree in chaplaincy and pastoral care, will take the lead on visitation.

Please pray for me during this time. I feel so appreciative of the generosity that this church shows in offering its leaders time for rest and renewal. I also appreciate your generosity in prayer.

A Blessed Advent Season and Merry Christmas,

Pastor Eric



# Christmas Eve

## Candlelight Worship

12:00 p.m.

5:00 p.m.


7:00 p.m.



## Children's Christmas Program

Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am

Next practice  
for the  
Christmas play  
is on December  
7th during the  
10:30 am  
Children's  
Church.



## Christmas Poinsettia Dedications

*Thank you to those who donated poinsettias to grace our sanctuary during Advent and Christmas!*

*You may still sign up to cover the cost of a poinsettia (\$22) on the clipboard in the back of the sanctuary. Dedications will be updated weekly in the bulletin through Advent.*

Kenda Chambers

Cherl Schneider - To the Glory of God

Jody & Bob Horn

Kenny & Kelly Meyer - To the Glory of God

Pat Kollen - In loving memory of John & Cheri

Kathy Kunkel - In loving memory of niece, Melissa

[Poinsettia Sign-Up](#)

## 2026 Budget

Please consider letting us know what you anticipate giving in 2026 to help us design a balanced budget. Mission Intent forms are available on the table in the back of the sanctuary or can be filled out online by clicking the link below. Thank you for your generosity!

[\*\*GIVING INTENT FORM\*\*](#)



# BIBLE STUDY

Wednesdays at 1:00 pm

Now through December 17<sup>th</sup> Pastor Eric will be leading a study on Wednesdays at 1:00 pm. Starting on January 7<sup>th</sup>, Pastor Doug Bursch will be taking over the study while Pastor Eric is on sabbatical. All are invited!



## 2026 ALTAR FLOWERS

Are you interested in purchasing altar flowers to grace our sanctuary on a Sunday morning in 2026? Flowers are on sale now for \$35 per Sunday. Dedications are welcome and will be printed in our weekly bulletins. You are welcome to take your flowers home after second service on the Sunday they are purchased for. After signing up, please secure your date by dropping payment by the church office, mailing or paying on our church app or website. Thank you for helping us decorate our sanctuary with fresh flowers on Sunday mornings!

*Flower purchases are not tax deductible.*

**[Online Altar Flower Sign-Up](#)**

# **Plateau Outreach Ministry Christmas Food Banks Donations**

If you would like to donate nonperishable food items for POM's Christmas Food Bank, a collection basket is by the front double doors. Items can be anything from canned bean, corn, instant mashed potatoes, gravy, etc. Think Christmas dinner type foods. Thank you for supporting our local Food Bank!



It's that season! The bells will be ringing outside the grocery store doors as our community supports people in need this holiday season. Click below to sign up.

[Bell Ringing Sign-Up](#)



Plateau Outreach Ministries  
Christmas Giving Tree

[Giving Tree Page Link](#)

Trinity donated 153 lbs. of food to Plateau Outreach Ministries in November. Great job Trinity! Thank you for your donations to our local food bank.



# How to sign up for Communications from Trinity:

**Email:** We send weekly emails with our worship services, prayer requests and updates. To sign up send us your email to [office@trinityenumclaw.org](mailto:office@trinityenumclaw.org) or click on the “email sign-up” button at the bottom of our [website](#).

**App:** Download our app to receive push notifications, send prayer requests, watch our worship videos, give, and more. By downloading the app you will also receive occasional reminders of special service times and events. To install our free app, go to the app store on your mobile device or tablet and search for Trinity Lutheran Enumclaw.

**Facebook:** Like us on Facebook to see our posts. Search TrinityLutheranEnumclaw



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## Updates on Sale of 11-acre Property

We continue to wait on a permit related to the Washington State Environmental Policy Act. No word at this time when it will be finalized.

## Updates on Our Future Building Renovation

Our architect is now at work on draft plans to present to our Building Committee.

## Christmas Eve Helpers

We are looking for help with the following for our Christmas Eve worship services:

- Noon (2 greeters/ushers, 1 reader, and 3 more communion assistants)
- 5:00 pm (2 greeter/ushers, 1 reader, and 2 more communion assistants)
- 7:00 pm (2 greeters/ushers, and 3 more communion assistants)

If you can help, we would be so appreciative. Please email the office to sign up.  
[office@trinityenumclaw.org](mailto:office@trinityenumclaw.org)

# December 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 9:00am LWR Quilting	2 11:00am Staff Meeting	3 1:00pm Bible Study	4 7:00pm Men's AA Group	5 Office Closed	6 8:00 am Swag Making
7 8:30am Traditional 9:00am-Noon Swag Making & Pick Up 10:30am Contemporary & Christmas Program Practice 6:30pm HS Youth Christmas PJs & Cocoa 7:30pm Youth Leader Christmas Gathering	8 9:00am LWR Quilting 6:30pm Guide Dogs	9 11:00am Staff Meeting 3:00pm Finance	10 6:30am MS Girls Small Group 6:45am MS Boys Small Group 1:00pm Bible Study with Pastor Eric 6:30pm MS Youth Group Christmas Party	11 7:00pm AA Meeting	12 Office Closed 6:30am HS Boys Small Group 6:00pm Staff Party	13 1:00pm Wentz Building Usage
14 8:30am Traditional 10:30am Contemporary & Christmas Program 6:00pm Youth Leaders 6:30-8:00pm High School Ugly Christmas Sweater Party	15 9:00am LWR Quilting (Basement)	16 11:00pm Staff Meeting 12:30pm Koinonia Circle 6:00pm Council Meeting	17 8:00pm POM Meeting 11:30am High Point Lunch 1:00pm Bible Study	18 10:00am Ruth Circle (Narthex) 7:00pm Men's AA Meeting	19 Office Closed	20
21 8:30am Traditional 10:30am Contemporary	22 9:00am LWR Quilting (Basement) 6:30pm Guide Dogs (Basement)	23	24 <b>Christmas Eve Candlelight Services</b>  12:00pm 5:00pm 7:00pm	25 Christmas Day Office Closed	26 Office Closed	27
28 8:30am Traditional 10:30am Contemporary	29 Office Closed	30	31 New Year's Eve			

# TLC YOUTH NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2025



## Emmanuel .....“Come and See”

The name Emmanuel—“God with us”—is the heartbeat of the Gospel. In Jesus, God stepped into our world, not as a distant ruler, but as one who walks beside us, feels our pain, and shares our joys. His presence is the living proof that God is not far away, but near, personal, and deeply invested in our lives.

In the Gospel of John, Jesus’ invitation to “Come and see” is a response to the disciples’ curiosity of His life. It is not merely an invitation to observe miracles or hear teachings, but to experience firsthand what God is like—through His compassion for the broken, His teachings of love and service, and His courage in confronting injustice. Walking with Him in His ministry reveals that God’s character is not abstract theology, but deep and abiding love for people.

Together, Emmanuel and “Come and see” form a beautiful picture: God with us, inviting us into relationship, discovery, and transformation. It is an open door to step into His story and let His presence reshape ours. This year, our youth are diving into this invitation by studying the sacred stories of Jesus in the Gospel of John. And in these Holy Words, we are experiencing God With Us.

During this Advent Season as we prepare our hearts for the coming Emmanuel, may we ponder this invitation to “Come and See”. And as we open our eyes to God’s presence around us, may we all feel His deep and abiding love.

*TAMMY RISMILLER*



### **Above:**

This artwork is in the hallway going up to the youth floor. Our youth creatively painted their feet in the direction of Jesus to remind us all of the invitation to “Come and See”.

As we study the Gospel of John this year, we are encountering Emmanuel, God With Us.

Thank you for your continued love and support to our youth!

**To Create a welcoming and safe environment where all youth are valued and supported in their journey of faith.**

*TLC Youth Vision Statement*





## Senior High Youth

### Ugly Christmas Sweater & White Elephant Gift Exchange

At Tammy's Sunday, the 14th at 6:30pm.

**Bring a white elephant gift, a treat to share, and wear an ugly sweater.**

*White Elephant Gift= a funny gift under \$10 that creates a holiday belly laugh from all !*



## SWAG SALE

*Thanks  
for  
supporting  
Our  
Youth*

Our youth are selling these lovely swags to raise money for our upcoming Summer Mission Trip to Reno, NV.

If you would like one or two, let Tammy or any of our youth know!

Swags can be picked up on Sunday, Dec 7th from 9-noon at Trinity.



## Children's Christmas Program

Calling ALL children preschool - 5th grade! We need readers, angels, wisepeople, and stable animals!!

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Practice-Dec 7th during Children's church at the 10:30 Service.

Performance is on December 14th at the 10:30 service.

Questions? Contact Colleen or Julia



## Middle School Christmas Party Hot Chocolate Bar And Pajamas Party

Wednesday, December 10th  
6:30-7:30pm

Wear comfy pajamas and bring your favorite mug.

Bring your favorite candy gift wrapped for a game.

# TLC Youth Calendar December 2025

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6 Swag Making 8-12
7 Swag P/U—9-12 8:30 Traditional 10:30 Contemporary & Christmas Program Practice Quinn & Lilly Baptisms 6:30-7:30-Christmas PJ's, Hot Cocoa, Cookies, & a Glimpse of the Gospels 7:30-8:30—Youth Leaders Christmas Gathering	8	9	10 MS Small Groups: 6:30am Gals Christmas Party at Brelin's 6:45am - Boys Small Group at Pastor Eric's Middle School Hot Coco & PJ Christmas Party 6:30-7:30pm	11	12 6:30 Boys HS small Group at Adam's	13
14 8:30 Traditional 10:30 Contemporary & CHIL- DREN'S CHRISTMAS PRO- GRAM 6pm—Youth Leaders Set Up 6:30 Ugly Christmas Sweater Party & White Elephant Gift Exchange at Tammy's	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 8:30 Traditional 10:30 Contemporary-no chil- dren's church or youth ser- mon	22	23	24 Christmas Candlelight Services Noon, 5pm & 7pm Christmas Break	25	26	27
28 8:30 Traditional 10:30 Contemporary-no chil- dren's church or youth ser- mon	29	30	31 Christmas Break			Christmas



# TLC Youth Serving our Community in November



**High schoolers: (above) Helping get POM Food Bank ready for Thanksgiving  
(below) Sorting donations at Union Gospel Mission Warehouse**



**Our Middle School Youth Helping at POM's Thanksgiving Food Bank (below)**



**Left: Our Children Making Lutheran World Relief Heath Kits  
Right: Our Quilters beautiful handiwork.**

