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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**Community Invited to Clark County's Homeless Persons' Memorial Day Vigil
Sunday, Dec. 21 • 5:30 p.m. • St. Paul Lutheran Church, Vancouver, Wash.**

VANCOUVER, Wash. (Dec., 4, 2025) — Council for the Homeless invites the community to gather in remembrance at Homeless Persons' Memorial Day on Sunday, Dec. 21 at 5:30 p.m. on the front steps of St. Paul Lutheran Church at 1309 Franklin St., Vancouver, WA 98660.

This annual vigil is a solemn and compassionate space where community members come together to honor neighbors who died this past year while experiencing homelessness in Clark County. It is a time to say their names, share memories and collectively mourn the loss of loved ones, while also igniting hope and solidarity.

"Every life lost is a reminder of the work we must continue," said Sesany Fennie-Jones, CEO of Council for the Homeless. "This gathering ensures that no one's life goes unrecognized, and it strengthens our commitment to creating a community where everyone has a safe and stable place to call home."

Homeless Persons' Memorial Day is observed nationally on the longest night of the year, as communities across the country unite to remember those who lived — and died — without housing. Clark County's candlelight vigil joins this nationwide call to reflect, acknowledge and advocate for change.

"As we gather on the longest night of the year, we are reminded that every life holds immeasurable value," said Pastor Linda Marousek of St. Paul Lutheran Church. "This ceremony is a moment for us to bear witness, to grieve together and to recommit ourselves to building a community where no one is forgotten or left without care."

Along with Council for the Homeless and St. Paul Lutheran Church, this year's remembrance is hosted in partnership with Church in the Streets, Friends of the Carpenter, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Live Love Outreach, Outsiders Inn, St. Andrew Lutheran Church and the City of Vancouver's HART Team.

During the event, 13th street will be blocked off between Franklin and Esther. Please visit the [Facebook Event Page](#) for more information leading up to the event. To make sure your loved one's name is included in the ceremony, please fill out this form: [2025 Homeless Persons' Memorial Day Names](#).

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About Council for the Homeless: *Council for the Homeless (CFTH) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to preventing and ending homelessness in Clark County, Wash., by providing community leadership, compelling advocacy, and practical solutions to solve homelessness on an individual and community level. Founded in 1989, CFTH serves as the lead agency and coordinated entry for delivery of homeless services through the Continuum of Care for Homeless Services in Clark County, Wash.*