

Worship Helpers

You can sign up to help in worship on the sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall or online at: trinityhammond.org

Sunday, October 27

Greeter: Brian & Joan Ramberg
 Ushers: Rick Kuebker
 Acolyte: Violet Vick
 Lector (Reader): Judy Larson
 Slide show: Lane Gillis
 Sound/Video: Ron Pratt

Sunday, November 3 (All Saints)

Greeter: Julie Boumeester
 Ushers: Barb Schrank, Lois Koosmann
 Acolyte: Colin Langman
 Lector (Reader): Mandie Langman
 Slide show: Emmalyn Kost
 Communion:
 Sound/Video: Ron Pratt

Giving

Thank you for supporting the ministry and mission of Trinity Lutheran Church!

10/20/24 - Attendance: 52 Online: 3

September Financial Report

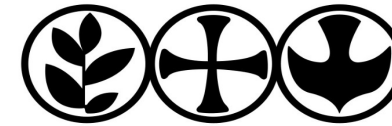
Account Balances as of 9/30/2024
 General Fund: \$ 1,707.45
 Youth Org: \$ 4,310.56
 Memorial Fund: \$ 12,324.05
 WELCA: \$ 3,835.98

September numbers
 Income: \$11,560.00
 Expenses: \$11,417.05
 Income Less Exp: \$ 142.95

Year-to-date Numbers
 Income: \$128,934.83
 Expenses: \$127,057.12
 Income Less Expenses: \$ 1,877.71

This Week at Trinity

Sunday, Oct. 27	9:00am	Worship
	10:15am	Fellowship, BOLT
	3:00pm	Girl Scouts meet here
Tuesday, Oct. 29	9:00am-2:00pm	Office staffed
Wednesday, Oct. 30	9:00am-2:00pm	Office staffed
	10:00am	Clean Slate group meets here
	6:00pm-pizza, 6:30pm-class	BAM/Confirmation at Gethsemane
Sunday, Nov. 3	9:00am	Worship with Communion
	10:15am	Fellowship, BOLT



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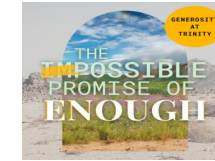
October 27, 2024

Arnie & Bev Jacobson in celebration of our Great-Grandson Tatum Serier's 3rd birthday.



Giving to Trinity made easy! Scan this QR code and you will be taken to Trinity's "Give" page. Scroll down for the yellow "donate" button. Thank you!

The Impossible Promise of Enough



Several passages in the Old Testament make clear that sabbath-keeping is meant for the welfare of all. In the creation story, God rested on the seventh day, and said all of creation are to join in this time of rest. God provided what the Hebrew people needed in the wilderness, especially their daily bread. On the sixth day they were to gather enough food so they would not have to do that work on the Sabbath, the day of rest. Because God has delivered the people out of slavery, so they should observe this freedom with a day of rest. God seems to be making the case that humankind and all of creation needs rest.

Virginia Bennett writes in Homilies for Christian People, "The observance of the Sabbath had been for Israel a remembering, a bringing into the present the exodus story. It was not a nostalgic ritual, but a command to remember that God had loved Israel enough to bring the people into freedom. Yet Israel's memory had faded into laws and rules. Jesus reminded them that God is concerned for all our needs, not our rules." The gospel story today references an old story of David and his companions eating holy bread to sustain themselves. Bennett comments, "Even David ate the Bread of the Presence when hungry and in need. David's eating of the consecrated bread did not disturb or change its holiness. Rather, its holiness fed him both physically and spiritually."

Stories in the bible show patterns of God graciously providing what is needed, and this includes the command to rest. Bennett writes, "Incredible though it may seem, God's priority is love for us. That is not found in rules. It was found in Israel's exodus journey to Canaan and most importantly in Christ's journey to Calvary. In Jesus we have been set free from ultimate slavery. The resurrection on Easter morn was the fulfillment of the Sabbath." The need for Sabbath rest is to enhance our lives. Our worship and our spiritual practices of faith are to lead to community-wide restoration.

Trinity's Team for Talking About Generosity and Giving

A small mighty group of Trinity faithful have gathered to talk about the importance of being good stewards of God's provisions for us. At Trinity, we will also focus on **POP**, that is, **Preparation, Opportunity, and Participation!** During these next weeks we will use a few minutes of time in worship to talk with each other using **POP Questions**. Some goals include building a more sustainable budget by increasing online giving, dreaming of a future with a full-time pastor, being mindful of the maintenance needs of the facility, and keeping a focus on the ministry to families with children and youth.

POP Questions for Week 3: Church and Generosity

Let's talk about money, even though sometimes it has been considered a taboo subject. Here are five simple questions you can talk about here or at home:

1. Growing up, what do you remember seeing and hearing about giving to others, including the church? Who taught you about charitable giving?
2. What's one way you've heard giving talked about in a faith context that you resonated with? Why?
3. What's one way that you didn't resonate with? Why?
4. If you give to the church ... What first prompted you to give to the church? What keeps you giving to the church? Does it feel like an act of worship for you? Why or why not? Does giving to the church feel different from giving to other nonprofits? Why or why not?
5. If you don't give to the church, what keeps you from giving?

Prayer as you consider financial commitment of Trinity Lutheran Church

Gracious God, thank you for all the things you have entrusted to our care: family and friends, food and shelter, money and talents. Be with us as we reflect on the ways you are present with us through Trinity. Guide us as we decide how much money to give to the church so we can help do your work in the world. We are eager to do God's work with our hands. Amen.

Termination of Lease

Trinity received a letter dated October 15, 2024 stating that the SCC school district made the decision to terminate the lease with the congregation after the end of the current fiscal year on June 15, 2025. They state this was a difficult decision to make and that they have greatly appreciated the partnership of many years with Trinity. The full letter is posted on the bulletin board.

Daylight Savings Time Ends This Week

Remember to turn your clocks back one hour this Saturday night, Nov. 2nd, so you get to church on time the next morning!



Prayer Ministry

Prayer Requests: Prayers for the homebound and those in Care Centers:
Beth Monson, Judy Newton, Dorothy Hage, Delores Heinbuch,
and Lenore Moll.
Prayers for Jacki Peterson

Prayer Point: O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Spiritual Practice: Take three, full, conscious breaths at some point in your day. Acknowledge the Spirit, the life force that flows through you, connecting your inner world to the vast and holy universe.

Submit a Prayer Request: Please fill out the blue prayer request sheet found in the sanctuary and place in the offering plate, or email: tlchwelca@gmail.com, or call the church office and leave a message at 715-796-2788.