

# Worship Helpers

You can sign up to help in worship on the sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall or online at: [trinityhammond.org](http://trinityhammond.org)

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## Sunday, December 1

Advent Candle Lighters:  
 Greeter: Brian & Joan Ramberg  
 Ushers: Sharon Johnson, Jean Peterson  
 Acolyte: Maeve Ramberg  
 Lector (Reader): Lane Gillis  
 Slide show:  
 Communion:  
 Sound/Video: Ron Pratt

## Sunday, December 8

Advent Candle Lighters:  
 Greeter: Lois Koosmann  
 Ushers: Sharon Johnson, Jean Peterson  
 Lector (Reader): Kathy Jensen  
 Acolyte: Maeve Ramberg  
 Slide show:  
 Sound/Video: Ron Pratt

# Giving

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

11/24/24 - Attendance: 51 Online: 7

## October Financial Report

Account Balances as of 10/31/2024

General Fund:	\$ 3,527.45
Youth Org:	\$ 4,310.56
Memorial Fund:	\$ 17,591.50
WELCA:	\$ 4,814.41

### October Numbers

Income:	\$18,301.37
Expenses	<u>\$18,297.08</u>
Income Less Exp:	\$ 4.29

### Year-to-date Numbers

Income:	\$147,236.20
Expenses:	<u>\$146,623.84</u>
Income Less Expenses:	\$ 612.36

## This Week at Trinity

<b>Sunday, Dec. 1</b>	9:00am	Advent Worship with Communion
	10:15am	Fellowship, BOLT
<b>Monday, Dec. 2</b>	9:00am-3:00pm	Christmas Baking Group here
<b>Tuesday, Dec. 3</b>	9:00am-2:00pm	Office staffed
<b>Wednesday, Dec. 4</b>	9:00am	Office staffed
	9:00am	Coffee at Caribou with Pastor Julie
	10:00am	Clean Slate group meets here
<b>Sunday, Dec. 8</b>	6:00pm-pizza, 6:30pm-class	BAM/Confirmation at Gethsemane
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**Weekly Newsletter**  
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Arnie & Bev Jacobson in celebration of Bev's 80th birthday and great-grandson Becker Serier's first birthday.

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## Don't Wait for the Kingdom—See It

As Advent begins, we look forward to the celebration of Jesus' first coming to the world in the light of a text that promises his final coming. We, like the gospel writer, Luke, live in the time between these two "advents" of Jesus. Today's gospel gives us guidance on how to live faithfully as we wait for Jesus to return. However, in this in-between time, it is easy for us to become distracted and lose sight of the promises of Jesus. Daily tasks and routines can lull us into apathy. Ease and success can allow us to ignore our spiritual needs. Struggles, setbacks, and disappointments can cause us to lose hope and fall into despair. But Jesus tells us we should not feel beaten down or defeated by the struggles of this world, but instead "stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near" (Luke 21:28).

Jesus goes on to say that there will be signs, signs of new life and growth, such as the sprouting of a leaf on a fig tree in the summertime. These signs are perceptible to us here and now. These signs help us know that God's kingdom is coming. In fact, they remind us that in Jesus, God's kingdom has already come near, and Jesus words will not pass away until this kingdom has fully come. We should live with our eyes focused on today's signs that demonstrate God's reign and trust that Jesus' redemption of the world will one day be complete. – (Sundays and Seasons)



## Advent Candle Lighting

The Sundays in Advent are December 1, 8, 15, and 22. Each Sunday we will light the Advent Wreath and recall the gifts of God that come to us. NEEDED - two people each week to read the dialogue, light the candles on the wreath and lead the congregation in a prayer. This could be a child and parent or a husband and wife, or two friends. Please sign up online or at church. The final dialogue and candle lighting will be on Christmas Eve, December 24 at the 4:30 p.m. worship.

## Thank You Received from Schools

“Thank you to the wonderful women of Trinity Lutheran Church! Your gift will help many students! From the St. Croix Central High School Health Services: Vicki Dresang-Talapa - High School Health Asst., Mariah Ayotte - Middle School Health Asst., Wendy DeMulling -Elementary School Nurse.” Two representatives of the schools will be here this morning to receive the check from the mental health services fundraiser that our church held this summer.

**Coffee with Pastor Julie - Wed. Dec. 4  
9:00am at Caribou in Baldwin. All welcome!**



## Thankoffering Sunday Results

Thankoffering Sunday was a huge success, with all the products that were donated to Grace Place! Duana, the speaker, explained the history of the Salvation Army plus all of the services available at Grace Place. Thank you from WELCA for your generosity.

## Quilters' Thank you

“The sales of the quilts allows us to pay the mortgage down by a thousand dollars. Thanks from the quilters.”

## “Passion of Christ” Musical

The Spring Valley Stagehands Theater will present this musical play in April, with rehearsals starting in January. Auditions will be held in December. Director Luke Hayes says “I would love to have a broad representation of surrounding communities in the telling of this beautiful story.” Please see the posted flyer for more details.

## Zion Christmas Concert

Zion Lutheran Church of Woodville invites us to their Senior Choir Christmas Concert and Candlelit Kaffee Kallas. This annual event will be held on Sunday, December 8 at 4:00pm. The concert is titled “Love is Born” and will be followed by a Smorgasbord of Norwegian and traditional Food. Zion is at 221 N Lockwood, 715-698-2797.

## Christmas Dinner Theater Trip for Area Churches

Peace Lutheran is organizing a bus for a fun dinner theater experience in Amery. Camp Wapogasset presents “A Stranger for Christmas”, a funny and heartwarming tale of Florence and Myrna in a Pasadena rest home. Deadline for contacting Mary Ellen to reserve a spot is today. Price includes a 4-course dinner service in between play acts. See the flyer in the narthex for details.

## Christmas Giving

The Christmas Trees will be up December 1, with tags for gifts for at least 2 families that are in need. More information to follow soon. Questions– Joan Ramberg.

## Lost Rings?

We found some rings tucked away in the office that are from a while ago. One was found in the Fireside Room (not sure when), and one was found in with Moola Money in 2018 (was it meant to be a donation??). If you know anything about these, please talk to Pastor Julie or Rebecca in the office.



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

**Prayer Point:** Sovereign of the universe, your first covenant of mercy was with every living creature. When your beloved Son came among us, the waters of the river welcomed him, the heavens opened to greet his arrival, the animals of the wilderness drew near as his companions. With all the world's people, may we who are washed into new life through baptism seek the way of your new creation, the way of justice and care, mercy and peace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Spiritual Practice:** Lay out a blue piece of cloth with a candle. Light the candle during your daily devotional time. For Advent Devotions, a free resource is at [luthersem.edu](http://luthersem.edu). Scroll down to “God Pause,” on that page you will find a tab for 2024 Advent Devotions. This is a resource of Luther Seminary in St. Paul.

**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](mailto:tlchwelca@gmail.com), or call the church office and leave a message at 715-796-2788.