

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, December 8

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

Sunday, December 15

Advent Candle Lighters: Kelly, Taylor Browning
 Greeter: Kathy Jensen
 Ushers: Jim & Karen Riley
 Acolyte: Aubree & Kira Moore
 Lector (Reader): Zelli Moore
 Slide show: Henry Pommier
 Communion: Nusbaum Family
 Sound/Video: Ron Pratt

Giving

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

12/1/24 - Attendance: 71 Online: 10

November Financial Report

Account Balances as of 11/30/2024
 General Fund: \$ 8,061.57
 Youth Org: \$ 4,310.56
 Memorial Fund: \$ 16,887.66
 WELCA: \$ 1,903.69

November Numbers
 Income: \$ 14,747.99
 Expenses: \$ 16,332.35
 Income Less Exp: \$ (1,584.36)

Year-to-date Numbers
 Income: \$ 161,984.19
 Expenses: \$ 161,539.71
 Income Less Expenses: \$ 444.48

Note: The General fund still owes the Memorial Fund \$2,400.

This Week at Trinity

Saturday, Dec. 7	9:00am-	Church Work day, decorate
Sunday, Dec. 8	9:00am	Advent Worship
	10:15am	Fellowship, BOLT
Tuesday, Dec. 10	9:00am-2:00pm	Office staffed
Wednesday, Dec. 11	9:00am-2:00pm	Office staffed
	10:00am	Clean Slate group meets here
	6:00pm-pizza, 6:30pm-class	BAM/Confirmation at Gethsemane
Saturday, Dec. 14	12:30-1:00pm	Mobile Food Pantry truck here
Sunday, Dec. 15	9:00am	Advent Worship with Communion
	10:15am	Fellowship, BOLT
	10:30am	Council Budget meeting in Fireside
	3:00pm	Girl Scouts meet here



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Trinity Lutheran Church

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Giving to Trinity made easy! Scan this QR code and you will be taken to Trinity's "Give" page.



Christmas Decorating and Garden Clean-up at Trinity

We will gather on this Saturday, Dec. 7th at 9:00am. The inside team will set up the Christmas tree and other decorations around the church. An outside team—the weather should be better that day—can clean up the garden, trim bushes and perennials, pull weeds if needed, and move debris. Bring gardening tools if you have them—trimmers, gloves, small shovels, etc. Everyone is encouraged to come—many hands make light work! There will be coffee/lemonade/water and treats to share. Let's enjoy working and encouraging each other; the more people who help out the less time it will take.



Christmas Giving

Can you help some folks with gifts for the holidays? Three Christmas Trees are up in the fellowship room and labelled with numbers for three families. Written on the tags around the branches are gift requests for family members of various ages. If you can donate some items to fulfill a tag or two, wrap them with the tag attached and return it to the same numbered tree by Monday, Dec. 16th. Joan Ramberg can answer questions.

Christmas Worship at Trinity

Sunday, Dec. 15 – 9:00 a.m. BOLT program, "The Holy Family is Here"
 Tuesday, Dec. 24 – 4:30 p.m. Christmas Candlelight Worship with Holy Communion
 Sunday, Dec. 29 – 9:00 a.m. A Service of Lessons and Carols

Blue Poinsettias

“The blue flowers you see in the sanctuary are in celebration of Advent, and in loving memory of my blue-eyed mom, Mary Monson.” From Sue and Daryl Frank.

Thankoffering Results

The Thankoffering Sunday was a huge success with all the products that were donated to Grace Place Shelter, and a monetary offering of \$1000.00! Speaker Duana Bremer explained the history of the Salvation Army plus all of the services available at Grace Place. Thanks from WELCA for your generosity.

Thank You From Grace Place

“To the Women of Trinity Lutheran Church: On behalf of the Salvation Army and the families that benefit from the services provided at Grace Place Shelter, we wish to thank you for your generous donation....It is through the generosity and efforts of friends like you, especially during this financially difficult time, that we are able to provide a safe haven and a fresh start to the residents of Grace Place.” See full letter on bulletin board.

New Food Pantry Information

The Baldwin Food Pantry has new hours beginning in December. They are now in their new location in Baldwin at the site of the former Kwik Trip at the corner of Highway 63 and Main Street. People can drive up to receive some food anytime between 3:00 and 7:00pm on Tuesdays or 8:00am-12:00 noon on Thursdays. It is OK to pull over to sort and return groceries if you want. The plan is to open the building for more wide-range shopping at some point in the near future. All are welcome to stop by for help meeting household food needs. Food will no longer be distributed at Gethsemane Lutheran.

Living Lutheran is back in print form for 2025

If you missed the Living Lutheran magazine in print form, you can now subscribe again for 2025! Bishop Eaton heard from many who were not able to access the digital-only version that they switched to last year. Beginning in 2025 the paper form can now be sent right to your home mailbox. You can get subscription information on the form in the narthex or encourage your congregation to subscribe to a group copy.

Your Kingdom Come on Earth

Luke sets the preaching of John the Baptist clearly in the midst of the political and religious environment of his day. We are told the names of the emperor, governor, and other political rulers of the day. They are the ones who are supposed to care for the welfare of the citizens of their territories. Although John gave his message while he was in the wilderness, it was intended to have its impact in the farms, villages, and cities where the ordinary and the powerful live out their daily lives. John is not satisfied with the way things are, and his words help prepare us for the coming of one who will turn the world upside down. John’s words tell us to examine our own lives and the world around us. We should not be complacent in the face of injustice, but instead seek forgiveness and strive for lives that bear fruit according to God’s vision for the world.

John provides a warning about ignoring the truth about our sinfulness and the brokenness in the world. But John also repeats the promise that God ultimately will not settle for the way things are in the world, and that God’s salvation will be made known in the one who is to come: Jesus. — from Sundays and Seasons

Prayer Ministry

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: Give thanks in your prayers for water, a natural element of the earth which is essential for life. John the Baptist used water to cleanse the people as they prepared for God’s presence. Praise God for all the sources of water that you know: favorite rivers and lakes, deep waters, safe drinking water, water pulled up from wells in our companion synod in Malawi, and the water of the baptismal font.

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. 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, or call the church office and leave a message at 715-796-2788.