

# 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, January 12

Greeter: Brian & Joan Ramberg  
 Ushers: Jim & Karen Riley  
 Lector: Kathy Jensen  
 Acolyte:  
 Slide show: Emmie Kost  
 Sound/Video: Dan Doornink

## Sunday, January 19

Greeter: Jim & Karen Riley  
 Ushers: Becky Fowler & Brody Nusbaum  
 Lector (Reader): Jodi Hough  
 Acolyte:  
 Communion: Rose Kuebker & Kathy Nusbaum  
 Slide show: Henry Pommier  
 Sound/Video: Daryl Frank

# Giving

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

1/5/25 - Attendance: 40 Online: 7

## December Financial Report

Account Balances as of 12/31/2024

|                |              |
|----------------|--------------|
| General Fund:  | \$ 5,688.39  |
| Youth Org:     | \$ 4,310.56  |
| Memorial Fund: | \$ 31,794.85 |
| WELCA:         | \$ 1,603.69  |

### December Numbers

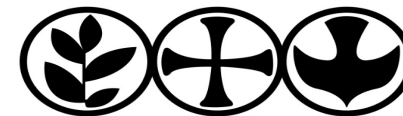
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| Income:             | \$ 29,851.95        |
| Expenses            | \$ <u>25,678.88</u> |
| Income Less Exp:    | \$ 4,173.07         |
| Outstanding Checks: | \$ 2,928.28         |

### Year-to-date Numbers

|                       |                      |
|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Income:               | \$ 191,836.14        |
| Expenses:             | \$ <u>187,218.59</u> |
| Income Less Expenses: | \$ 4,617.55          |

# This Week at Trinity

|                           |                     |                           |
|---------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>Sunday, Jan. 12</b>    | 9:00 a.m.           | Worship                   |
|                           | 10:15 a.m.          | Fellowship, NO BOLT       |
| <b>Tuesday, Jan. 14</b>   | 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. | Office staffed            |
| <b>Wednesday, Jan. 15</b> | 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. | Office staffed            |
|                           |                     | NO BAM/Confirmation       |
| <b>Sunday, Jan. 19</b>    | 9:00 a.m.           | Worship with Bishop Halom |
|                           | 10:15 a.m.          | Fellowship, BOLT resumes  |
|                           | 6:00 p.m.           | Girl Scouts meet here     |



Trinity Lutheran Church

Weekly Newsletter January 12, 2025

Sponsored by: God's Blessings!  
Happy New Year to all!

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



## Learning about Holy Communion

Pastor Julie will be leading BOLT for a few weeks beginning January 19th and introducing the teachings of Dan Erlander, *A Place for You*. These weeks will teach the children about Holy Communion. The first session on January 19th at 10:15 a.m. will focus on how Holy Communion is all about God's love. God's love is a love that became human to dwell among us (John 1:14). It is a love that brings good news to all, especially to the hungry and the poor (Luke 4:18). It is a love that gives itself away for the life of the world and calls us to do the same (John 15:12-13). Through Christ, the love of God reaches into every corner of our lives, breaking down the wall of hostility (Ephesians 2:14) and knitting us together in one communion.

Every family will receive a beautifully illustrated Holy Communion Book so parents have a resource to review when their child asks questions. We learn as we experience the sacrament. Families are free to choose when their child is ready to take Holy Communion. Communion is one of the three means of grace. That is, it is one of the three main ways God offers himself to us and for us. The others are in the sacrament of Holy Baptism and through the Word of God.

Youth volunteers are needed to help as usual. Parents are encouraged to accompany their children for this time of experiential learning. All BOLT kids may participate in these sessions whether they are already receiving Holy Communion or have yet to take the sacrament. BOLT resumes on Sunday, January 19th, 10:15 – 11:00 a.m.



## **Bible Reading Challenge**

Many of the Gospel texts on Sundays will be from Luke. Challenge yourself to read through the gospel of Luke this winter. It is only 24 chapters long.

## **BOLT Resumes Next Sunday**

The Building Our Lives Together (BOLT) gatherings for youth begin again next Sunday, January 19th, at 10:15 a.m. Pastor Julie will present on how Holy Communion is a gift from God for us. Please join us; parents are encouraged to attend as well.



## **Please Take Home Christmas Flowers**

The poinsettias and other flowering plants you purchased in honor or memory of loved ones may now be picked up at church. The plant you ordered has your name on a label. There are plastic bags to cover and protect your plant from the cold.

## **Visit by Bishop Martin Halom Next Sunday**

Bishop Halom was elected to be bishop of the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin during the synod assembly in June. He has pledged to visit all the congregations of the synod in his first years. He will be the guest preacher on Sunday, January 19th at Trinity. Please mark this date on your calendar and bring your smiles. He is taking selfies with each congregation and posting about his visits on the synod Facebook page.

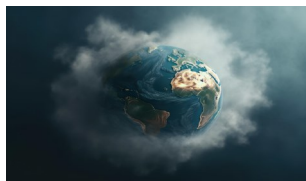
## **Conversation About Climate Change and Faith**

All congregations are invited by our synod to a conversation about climate change as it relates to our faith. This event will be held on Saturday, January 25th at 10:00 a.m. at English Lutheran Church of Bateman (20588 County Hwy X, Chippewa Falls).

A presentation will be given by an expert and there will be a period for questions and suggestions for action to make a difference in our communities.

Refreshments and snacks will be served; there is no charge.

See the poster in the narthex for more details.



## **Thank You from Holiday Angels**

“Thank you to all you wonderful women of Trinity Lutheran for your continued support with a very generous donation to the Holiday Angel program for so many years. You blessed 140 children with a Christmas morning through your blessings of giving.” Thank you, Ronda.

## **Annual Meeting and Chili Cook-off**

The Annual Meeting of Trinity Lutheran Church will be Sunday February 23, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. A chili cook-off will follow the business meeting. BOLT will not meet on this Sunday.



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

**Prayer Point:** Prayer at Baptism and Affirmation of Baptism: We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life. Stir up in your people the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. Amen.

**Spiritual Practice:** Spiritual Practice: Clean water is essential for life. Jesus chooses to undergo a ritual bath which had its roots in Jewish practice but one now altered by John the Baptist. Instead of ritual individual purity, John's baptism focuses on one's moral self as he calls for the repentance of sins. Also, it is a public bath witnessed by the community, signaling mutual responsibility for one another. And John associates it with the in-breaking of the Kingdom of God. How might we commit ourselves to protecting God's water, that is, all the water of the earth? In 2024, we collected noisy offerings for new wells in our companion church in Malawi. What else might we do?

**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.