

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, January 5

Greeter: Kerri and Marti Peterson
 Ushers:
 Lector (Reader): Kerri Peterson
 Acolyte:
 Communion:
 Slide show:
 Sound/Video:

Sunday, January 12

Greeter:
 Ushers:
 Lector: Kathy Jensen
 Acolyte:
 Slide show:
 Sound/Video:

Giving

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

12/29/24 - Attendance: 44 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.



Trinity Lutheran Church

Weekly Newsletter January 5, 2025

Sponsored by: Happy 25th Birthday Ryker! (Jan. 4), Love Mom.

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Learning about Holy Communion

Pastor Julie will be leading instruction on Holy Communion during a few weeks of BOLT, on January 19th, 26th, and February 2nd. This will be for all BOLT kids and families whether they are already receiving Holy Communion or have yet to take the sacrament. The three-week focus "A Place for You" includes sessions on 1) how Jesus shows us in the scriptures that God's love is for everybody; 2) that Holy Communion is a sign of Jesus' love, forgiveness, and presence with us, including telling how Jesus went to the cross; and 3) how we are fed and sent to invite others to the table. 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.

As Lutherans we understand the sacrament of Holy Communion is one of the three means of grace. That is, it is one of three main ways that God offers himself to us and for us. In Holy Communion, Jesus Christ is really present to grant forgiveness, life, and salvation. Here is a meal where all people are welcome. Here is a meal where there is enough for all.

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. BOLT resumes on Sunday, January 19th from 10:15 -11:00 a.m.



This Week at Trinity

Sunday, Jan. 5	9:00am	Worship
	10:15am	Fellowship, Undecorating, No BOLT
	10:30am	Council Budget Meeting
Tuesday, Jan. 7	9:00am-2:00pm	Office staffed
Wednesday, Jan. 8	9:00am-2:00pm	Office staffed
	9:00am	Coffee with Pastor Julie at Caribou
	10:00am	NO Clean Slate group
	NO BAM/Confirmation	
Saturday, Jan. 11	12:30-1:00pm	Free Food Truck here
Sunday, Jan. 12	9:00am	Worship
	10:15am	Fellowship, NO BOLT



Christmas Flowers and Un-Decorating

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.

Un-decorating will be on Sunday, January 5th following the worship. Many hands will make short work of this task. Thanks to all who bought flowers and have helped to decorate the whole facility. You made Trinity a beautiful and welcoming place!

Thank you

Thank you so much to Mark and Gretchen Iverson for donating the lovely Christmas tree to bring greenery and tradition to our Christmas celebrations!



Visit by Bishop Martin Halom

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.

Coffee

Coffee with Pastor Julie in January will be on Wednesdays the 8th and 22nd at the Caribou Coffee in Nilssen's in Baldwin. Happy New Year!



Devotional books

Devotional Books for January, February and March are in and at the entrance table.

Clean Slate group Wednesday mornings

The Clean Slate group has ended their meetings at Trinity for now due to lack of regular attendance. If you know of an interested person we can give you contact info for the organizers.

Epiphany

Matthew's account is a dramatic presentation of the truth that is spoken in the reading from Ephesians: that the Gentiles are "heirs with us, members of the same body," and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus. Traditionally, the Gentiles were excluded from the promise to Israel through Abraham. Thus they were thought to be alienated from God. Matthew's magi represent the Gentiles—they come from the East and they receive a revelation from nature—and they are portrayed as the first to pay homage to the king of the Jews. The impenetrable wall between Jew and Gentile has been overcome. God's salvation is for all the world. Epiphany is a celebration of the unfathomable gift of the birth of Jesus—and of the new possibilities that exist for the human race because of this gift of God to us. —Kathleen Cannon, O.P.

[Kathleen Cannon, O.P., in Homilies for the Christian People, p 394.]

Prayer Ministry

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: Eternal God, you have placed us in a world of space and time, and through the events of our lives you bless us with your love. Grant that in the new year we may know your presence, see your love at work, and live in the light of the event that gives us joy forever—the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Spiritual Practice: Today you will receive a Star Word by chance. These are words that are meant to help you reflect on faith and the practice of faith in daily life. There is nothing magical about the word you receive, as there are many facets to the faith life and an abundance of ways we can reflect and practice our faith. Those who are not physically present can request to receive a Star Word from Pastor Julie.

Submit a Prayer Request: Please fill out the blue prayer request sheet found in the sanctuary and place in the offering plate, or email: t1chwelca@gmail.com, or call the church office and leave a message at 715-796-2788.