

# 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, June 29

Greeter: Bill & Judy Jones  
 Ushers: Jean Peterson, Sharon Johnson  
 Lector (Reader): Kathy Jensen  
 Acolyte:  
 Slide show:  
 Sound/Video: Ron Pratt

## Sunday, July 6

Greeter: Kathy Jensen  
 Ushers: Lois Koosmann, Kathy Jensen  
 Lector (Reader): Marti Peterson  
 Acolyte:  
 Slide show:  
 Sound/Video: Ron Pratt

# Giving

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

6/22/25 - Attendance: 74 Online: 3

## May Financial Report

Account Balances as of 5/31/2025  
 General Fund: \$ 4,665.64  
 Youth Org: \$ 4,810.56  
 Memorial Fund: \$ 17,846.86  
 WELCA: \$ 1,401.69

May Numbers  
 Income: \$ 13,935.02  
 Expenses: \$ 11,963.24  
 Income Less Exp: \$ 1,971.78  
 Outstanding Checks: \$ 6,521.73

Year-to-date Numbers  
 Income: \$ 67,872.77  
 Expenses: \$ 66,706.58  
 Income Less Expenses: \$ 1,166.19



Trinity Lutheran Church

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Eldon and Sharon Johnson in celebration of their 60th wedding anniversary (June 26)

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## Congregational Informational Meeting Today After Worship

The Trinity Council invites you to an informational meeting to update the congregation and have conversation concerning the following topics - 1) the state of the budget and property matters; 2) sharing ministry with neighbor ELCA congregations; 3) basement use as it is ready for rent; 4) participating as a congregation in Heartland Days, i.e. making a float for the parade. There will be two meetings with the same presentation, Monday, June 16th at 6:30 p.m. or Sunday, June 29th after worship. The council requests that you make time to attend one of these meetings. Please pray about these things and how you can participate in the unique ministry of Trinity.

## Pastor Julie will be gone taking vacation days June 21 - July 4.

In case of pastoral emergency, please call Pastor John Sutherland of Cross Lutheran at 715-651-2710.

## Summer Bingo Cards for Kids

There are Bingo Cards available for families to pick up and fill out. Topics include Road Trip Bingo, Airplane Adventures Bingo, Family Reunion Bingo, and Summer Bingo. In addition, there is a Nature Hunt card that is not bingo. When kids complete a card, sign your name and turn it in for a prize. Copies of cards are available at Pastor Julie's office in the hanging files. Have fun!!



## This Week at Trinity

<b>Sunday, June 29</b>	9:00 a.m.	Worship, Fellowship
	After worship	Congregational Update Meeting
<b>Tuesday, July 1</b>	9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	Office staffed
<b>Wednesday, July 2</b>	9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	Office staffed
<b>Sunday, July 6</b>	9:00 a.m.	Worship, Fellowship

## Preaching is like baseball

It is summer and many of us will watch some baseball or softball games. A few of us will actually be in the game. Some of us will be lucky to be on the field, close and personal to the play. Some of us will go to the big arenas and see the pros play. And some of us will watch televised games faithfully. Some years ago, a colleague, the Rev. Fred Rengsdorf, described preaching as somewhat like hitting in baseball. Sometimes the sermon is a solid hit, and the preacher and listener find themselves on base. Sometimes the sermon is a total whiff, and the example of the sermon does not connect. Sometimes the preacher gets a pass as the lessons assigned to the day did not hit the strike zone. Sometimes the sermon is an extra bases hit, and the preacher and listener find themselves on 2nd or 3rd in position to score. There is potential for meaningful action to be a result of the play. The preacher may hit a home run in a generally satisfying sermon for most of the people and rarely a preacher will hit a grand slam and there is rejoicing and the whole assembly is electrified. A good preacher bats somewhere above .300. That's what I remember of Fred's playful comparison. Happy worshiping!

- Pastor Julie

## Christian Freedom

Martin Luther wrote on Christian freedom in an attempt to persuade Pope Leo X and Roman Catholics that the theology of the reformation was not simply a novelty, but a confession of the Word of God and consistent with the truth of the Holy Scriptures. Out of this Luther began his argument with two seemingly contradictory statements: *A Christian is an utterly free man, lord of all, subject to none. A Christian is an utterly dutiful man, servant of all, subject to all.* Luther's paradoxical teaching of Christian freedom, following Christ and St. Paul, joins lord and servant in one person. By faith alone, God sets a person utterly, completely, free in Christ. One is lord of all, subject to none. Love binds a person as an utterly dutiful servant to the neighbor, subject to everyone. The paradox of the freedom we have in Christ plays out in faith and love. Luther went on to describe how Christ bound himself to the Word of God to serve all of creation and win salvation. Freedom in Luther's view is far from doing what you want. It is giving, and self-sacrificing, with a view to those in need.

## Mark These Dates—more info to follow

Wed. July 16— Red Cross Blood Drive at Trinity

Wed. July 23—Annual Trinity Ice Cream and Pie Social, 4:30-6:30 p.m.

Sat. Aug. 16—Synod WELCA Summer Retreat at Trinity

## Peter and Paul, Apostles

Peter and Paul are revered as the two most influential leaders of the early Christian church. It is believed that both were martyred in Rome in or shortly after 64 under the persecution of Emperor Nero, and tradition recalls that date as on or near June 29. The church holds these two together because of their witness to belief in salvation by Christ. However, records indicate that they disagreed with each other on important issues. They have come to represent two different expressions of the church, Peter the role of the organization and Paul the spirit of evangelism, Peter maintaining the tradition and Paul stepping toward the future, Peter at the altar, Paul in the pulpit. The church needs them both.



### Prayer Requests:

Leo Bork (Sue's brother)

Prayers for the homebound and those in Care Centers:

Jerry and Sharon Afdahl, Dorothy Hage, Lenore Moll,  
Beth Monson

**Prayer Point:** O God, rule in our hearts, call us to know your word, so that we may see what freedom in you is. Keep us faithful that your Spirit may so work in us that our lives display your love, joy, peace, patience kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Amen.

**Spiritual Practice:** The gardener plants seeds and trusts that the plant will grow and flourish. We sometimes hear the phrase "You reap what you sow," and we can't help but think of the negative consequences of our actions, yet it is possible to refocus on the positive outcomes of planting. To grow in faith in Jesus involves some intentional investment, just like planting and tending a garden. Think of the things you want to grow in your life of faith. Write a prayer, post it on your refrigerator, and pray it every day. "Great Gardener, help us grow seeds of \_\_\_\_\_. Plant within us those things of faith that we need and that nourish us. Amen." Learn verses in scripture that address that area of faith.

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