

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, July 13

Greeter: Arnie & Bev Jacobson
 Ushers: Sharon Johnson, Jean Peterson
 Lector: Mandie Langman
 Acolyte: Colin & Aspen Langman
 Slide show: Dave or Emma Roos
 Sound/Video: Ron Pratt

Sunday, July 20

Greeter: Bill & Judy Jones
 Ushers:
 Lector (Reader): Zelli Moore
 Acolyte: Aubrey Moore
 Communion:
 Slide show: Dave or Emma Roos
 Sound/Video: Ron Pratt

Giving

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

7/6/25 - Attendance: 35 Online: 4

June Financial Report

Account Balances as of 6/30/2025
 General Fund: \$ 4,650.16
 Youth Org: \$ 4,810.56
 Memorial Fund: \$ 13,404.50
 WELCA: \$ 2,722.28

June Numbers
 Income: \$ 17,670.05
 Less Expenses \$ 13,675.80
 Income Less Exp: \$ 3,994.24
 Outstanding Checks: \$ 3,219.21
 \$ 750.04
 Less July 1 Bills \$ 3,218.75
 July 2 Balance - \$ 2,443.71

Year-to-date Numbers
 Income: \$ 85,542.82
 Expenses: \$ 83,637.40
 Income Less Expenses: \$ 1,905.42
 Less Outstanding Checks
 and July 1 Bills \$ 6,437.96
 - \$ 4,532.54

This Week at Trinity

Sunday, July 13	9:00 a.m.	Worship, Fellowship
Tuesday, July 15	9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	Office staffed
Wednesday, July 16	9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	Office staffed
	11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.	Red Cross Blood Drive
Sunday, July 20	9:00 a.m.	Worship, Fellowship



Trinity Lutheran Church

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Audrey Aune in celebration of her 82nd birthday (July 18)

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

Blood Drive this Wednesday—Give a pint, Get a pint of ice cream

Trinity Lutheran is happy to support the American Red Cross Blood Drive, held at our church again on **Wednesday, July 16th**. Blood supplies need replenishing! Hours are between 11:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. in the Fellowship room. To make an appointment call 1-800-Red Cross or visit: redcrossblood.org and enter your zip code. You will be given a coupon from Kwik Trip for ice cream to thank you! See the poster in narthex. **Please take some flyers to put up around the area, also!**



Trinity's Picnic Dinner and Pie & Ice Cream Social Wed, July 23 serving 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Please join us and bring family and friends to this annual event. You can dine in or take out. The menu includes Barbeque sandwiches, baked beans, chips, homemade potato salad, watermelon, pies and ice cream, coffee and lemonade. A freewill donation is suggested, with proceeds going to the local Community Pantry and the TLC Building Fund. We thank the Thrivent Financial Action Team for their support. A sign-up sheet is in the Fellowship Room if you are able to help.

Flowers in the Sanctuary are in memory of Dorothy Hage.



Mondays Bible Study

This will be on pause for the month of July. Look for new times late in the summer. Thanks for your interest in study of scripture and other issues.

Who Are You? (in the gospel text, Luke 10:25-37)

Who do you identify with in the parable? This is part of what makes parables so powerful. Some days we read the story through the eyes of the priest or the Levite. Some days we feel like the Samaritan. And then there are those days when we are the man in the ditch. Some days you are the windshield and some days you are the bug, as the saying goes.

It is easy to miss the shocking nature of this parable if we start to think that this story only teaches us to imitate the Samaritan. The parable says so much more about God, our relationship to God, and the lengths to which God will go to reach out to us.

Through the image of the Samaritan, Jesus lifts up a surprising rescuer as an image of the God who relentlessly cares for those in need. Could it be that we are meant to identify not with the Samaritan or even the lawyer to whom Jesus speaks the parable, but rather with the man who is hopeless and left for dead? Could it be that Christ is the good Samaritan who embraces us with the tender compassion of God?

All of the sudden the parable is turned on its head. Jesus is not just giving us a comfortable morality tale reminding us to be nice, helpful, generous people. Instead Jesus is proclaiming the good news of the kingdom. God's grace comes to us through the cross. God's grace comes to us even—and especially—when we are at our worst, when we struggle in the depths and cry out for help. Even when we cannot or will not cry out, mercy and grace come into our lives through Jesus. So whether you are on the road or in the ditch, Jesus even now is coming for you.

Save the Date!

Luther Point Bible Camp's Summer Celebration is August 3rd. See poster in narthex.

Help Needed for Heartland Days

Ask Jo Moll about volunteering to staff the Holiday Angels games at Lions Park.

Grace Place/ St Croix Sheriff's Office Child Benevolent Fund Event

Grace Place is teaming up with the county again this year to ensure that children from low-income families receive a great start to the school year. Referred children are paired with law enforcement officers to shop for a new outfit and shoes on August 12th at the Service Center in New Richmond. This helps struggling families prepare for school and also helps forge positive relationships with law enforcement. The program is looking for sponsors to make sure all kids who need help are included. If you can donate, please make checks out to: Salvation Army Grace Place with "Shop with a Cop" in the memo line. Send to: Grace Place, 508 W. 8th St., New Richmond, WI

Habitat For Humanity Need Summer Volunteers

The St. Croix Valley Habitat for Humanity is busy building homes for people in our area. They have several other ways you can jump in to help besides in construction. The ReStore (the thrift and home supply store that benefits their work) could use help on Saturdays, their busiest days. Extra hands could help with intake and organizing between 11-4. They are also calling for landscaping and gardening volunteers. And if you can donate an old car or boat, proceeds from the sale will benefit Habitat families build stability and self-reliance. Call 1-877-277-4344 for more information.

Synod WELCA Summer Retreat at Trinity

The St. Croix Valley Conference of the Women of the ELCA will hold their annual summer retreat on Saturday morning, August 16, 2025. Trinity is the host this year, and we welcome all to attend. This year's program is designed to encourage us to persevere through difficult times we all face at one time or another. The featured speaker is Pati Kachel, author of *The Parable Fund* and *Hanging on to Hope*. The \$15 admission fee includes the program and lunch. See poster in narthex for more details.

Prayer Ministry

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