

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, August 24

Greeter: Betty Johnson
 Ushers: Kelly & Taylor Browning
 Lector: Marti Peterson

Acolyte:

Slide show:

Sound/Video: Ron Pratt

Sunday, August 31

Greeter: Bill & Judy Jones
 Ushers: Nusbaums
 Lector (Reader):

Acolyte:

Communion:

Slide show:

Sound/Video: Ron Pratt

This Week at Trinity

Sunday, August 24	9:00 a.m.	Worship, Fellowship
Tuesday, August 26	9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	Office staffed
	4:30 p.m. - 6:00p.m.	Serve tacos at Middle School
Wednesday, August 27	9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	Office staffed
Sunday, August 31	9:00 a.m.	Worship, Fellowship

Giving

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

8/17/25 - Attendance: 73 Online: 4

July Financial Report

Account Balances as of 7/31/2025

General Fund:	\$ 3,360.08
Youth Org:	\$ 4,810.56
Memorial Fund:	\$ 11,865.38
WELCA:	\$ 4,022.28

July Numbers

Income:	\$ 13,998.08
Less Expenses	<u>\$ 14,383.04</u>
Income Less Exp:	\$ - 384.96
Outstanding Checks:	<u>\$ 2,926.81</u>
	\$ - 3,311.77
Less August 1 Bills	<u>\$ 2,993.50</u>
August 2 Balance	\$ - 6,305.27

Year-to-date Numbers

Income:	\$ 99,540.90
Expenses:	<u>\$ 98,020.44</u>
Income Less Expenses :	\$ 1,520.46
Less Outstanding Checks	
and August 1 Bills	<u>\$ 5,920.31</u>
	\$ - 4,399.85

Note: The Endowment Committee has approved transferring \$1,900 to the General Fund for payment of the audio/video equipment upgrade for outreach.



Trinity Lutheran Church

Weekly Newsletter
Sponsored by:

August 24, 2025

Lois Koosmann in celebration of
Jamison Koosmann's birthday.

Contact us: Office 715-796-2788, Pastor Julie Brenden: 715-53-3858
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Giving to Trinity made easy! Scan this QR code and you will be taken to Trinity's "Give" page.



SCAN to GIVE to TRINITY

Trinity to serve Walking Tacos at Middle School Open House.

Please bring supplies to church by Monday, August 25th. Items still needed include: one - 5 pound package of ground beef; Cash gifts to offset purchase of chips, a total of \$85 - see the basket at church; two - 5 ounce bags of shredded lettuce; 2 pounds diced tomatoes; 1 pound diced onions; four - 12 ounce bags of shredded cheese; and two containers of squeezable sour cream. You can email or text Pastor Julie to get signed up or sign up at church on Sunday, August 24. **Tacos will be served at the Middle School from 4:30 - 6:00 p.m.** Thank you for your generosity! The tacos are always appreciated by the families! Thanks to Mindy Ramberg and Jo Moll for coordinating this event!

Daily Reports on the activity at the ELCA Churchwide Assembly

Daily reports with color photos of the ELCA Churchwide Assembly are available today to view and read. The assembly was held in Phoenix from July 28 to August 2. Most notable of the business is the election of a new Presiding Bishop, Yehiel Curry, who has been serving as bishop of the Metropolitan Chicago Synod; and the election of a new Secretary, Lucille "CeCee" Mills, who has recently served as an assistant to the bishop of the North Carolina Synod. A brief bio of each is included in the white folder. Bishop Curry will be installed at Central Lutheran Church in Minneapolis on Saturday, October 4th. Let us pray for these leaders and the mission of the church to make the love of God real in the communities in which we reside.

Thanks to Bishop Elizabeth Eaton for leading the ELCA for twelve years as Presiding Bishop. Her leadership and ministry were guided by the following emphasis: *We are church. We are Lutheran. We are church together. We are church for the sake of the world.* Thanks be to God for her service in leading the church!

\$20,000 Challenge Announcement

In response to the presentation by the Treasurer on the financial status of Trinity made in June, an anonymous donor has given \$20,000 to the General Fund above and beyond their regular giving with a challenge to other donors. Over the next 6 months, the challenge is for friends and members to also give a financial gift to the General Fund of Trinity which is above their regular giving. These additional gifts should be designated toward “The \$20,000 Challenge.” This will be tracked and celebrated in six months. Thank you for your generosity!

Children and Youth Ministries begin in September

Please watch for the date for the beginning of the children’s Sunday morning ministry – BOLT – Building Our Lives Together, and for the date for Confirmation Orientation. They will be announced soon.

Lay School of Ministry Registration Open

If you are looking for a challenge to learn the deep knowledge and love of God, please consider attending the Lay School of Ministry (LSM), a resource of the NW Synod of WI. LSM is a two- year educational experience where faculty come to the synod and teach once a month September through May and other leaders from within the synod teach. You can find the dates and topics for continuing education posted at Trinity. You can find a link to more information at www.layschoolofministry.org. The first session is September 12-13. From the website you will see all the course work for the two-year classes. If you are interested, please also contact Pastor Julie. If anyone is a Lay School graduate, remember you are welcome to attend continuing education sessions.

Worthy of a Book Group

The following is recommended as the story of the woman bent over for eighteen years makes its way through the lectionary cycle. Whenever the church gathers to read the story of the woman Jesus healed on the sabbath, there will inevitably be people present—in many cases women—living with debilitating chronic illnesses and disabilities who will not be healed this day. What does sabbath freedom look like in these circumstances? In *My Body Is Not a Prayer Request* (Brazos, 2022), Amy Kenny writes eloquently about sabbath rest for all people and declares, “Sabbath is at the core of disability justice principles because it affirms that all are worthy simply because we are made in the image of God” (p. 119). Anyone from Trinity interested in this book, let Pastor Julie know.

Please pray for the family of Sharon Afdahl in their grief and loss. Services are being planned at Trinity, with visitation on Thursday, September 4 from 4:00—8:00 p.m. and Funeral on Friday, September 5 at 11:00 a.m. Arrangements are entrusted to Bakken-Young Funeral and Cremation Services.

Openings for Bulletin Sponsorships

If you are interested in honoring a loved one or remembering a special date with the congregation, there are many opportunities in 2025 to sponsor a bulletin and newsletter. For \$8 you can submit a note to be included for a particular Sunday. Please send these to Lois Koosmann at: lois044@centurytel.net



Prayer Requests:

Family of Sharon Afdahl
Bill Jacobson
Leo Bork (Sue’s brother)
Prayers for the homebound and those in Care Centers:
Jerry and Sharon Afdahl, Lenore Moll, Beth Monson

Prayer Point: A prayer for the Church universal. Gracious Father, we pray for your holy catholic church. Fill it with all truth and peace. Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, direct it; where in anything it is amiss, reform it; where it is right, strengthen it; where it is in need, provide for it; where it is divided, reunite it; for the sake of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen.

Spiritual Practice: Centering Prayer is a contemplative prayer that involves sitting in silence and using a sacred word or phrase to help focus and return attention to God when distracted. 1) Choose a sacred word/phrase that defines your intention to be open to God’s presence; 2) Find a quiet place, sit comfortably, and settle your mind and body; 3) Silently introduce your chosen word/phrase to gently open yourself to God’s presence; 4) When you become aware of thoughts or feelings, gently return to your sacred word, letting go of the distractions and returning to the present moment; 5) The goal is not to empty your mind but to rest in God’s presence, allowing thoughts to come and go without engaging them; 5) Cultivate a regular practice, as often as daily, to deepen your relationship with God and foster inner transformation.

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.