

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 31

Greeter: Bill & Judy Jones
 Ushers: Nusbaums
 Lector (Reader): Judy Larson
 Acolyte:
 Communion:
 Slide show: Emmie Kost
 Sound/Video: Ron Pratt

Sunday, September 7

Greeter: Barb Schrank
 Ushers: Chris & Judy Larson
 Lector: Judy Larson
 Acolyte:
 Slide show:
 Sound/Video: Ron Pratt

Giving

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

8/24/25 - Attendance: 42 Online: 5

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 \$ 14,383.04
 Income Less Exp: \$ - 384.96
 Outstanding Checks: \$ 2,926.81
 \$ - 3,311.77
 Less August 1 Bills \$ 2,993.50
 August 2 Balance \$ - 6,305.27

Year-to-date Numbers

Income: \$ 99,540.90
 Expenses: \$ 98,020.44
 Income Less Expenses : \$ 1,520.46
 Less Outstanding Checks
 and August 1 Bills \$ 5,920.31
 \$ - 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.

This Week at Trinity

Sunday, August 31	9:00 a.m.	Worship, Fellowship
Tuesday, Sept. 2	9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	Office staffed
Wednesday, Sept. 3	9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	Office staffed
	9:00 a.m.	Coffee with Pastor Julie
Thursday, Sept 4	4:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.	Sharon Afdahl Visitation here
Friday, Sept. 5	10:00 a.m.	Sharon Afdahl Visitation here
	11:00 a.m.	Sharon Afdahl Funeral here
Sunday, Sept. 7	9:00 a.m.	Worship, Fellowship



Trinity Lutheran Church

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Weekly Newsletter Sponsored by:

August 31, 2025
 (None)

Children and Youth Ministries begin in September

Illustrated bulletins for children will be available for worship beginning on September 7th. Ask an usher for a children's bulletin when you arrive!

Rally Sunday for children's ministry will be Sunday, September 21, with BOLT, Building Our Lives Together, meeting to have fun, color backpack tags, and sign up for Prayer Partners. Anyone wishing to learn how to acolyte or light prayer candles can also receive training. A calendar of the year will also be available for families on September 21. Adults and youth are encouraged to sign up as volunteer teachers and helpers for Sunday BOLT classes.

Confirmation Orientation is Wednesday, September 17 at 6:00 p.m. at Trinity. We will outline the year, classes, and service projects. Please bring your ideas for service projects to the orientation. There will be opportunity for parents or other adults to sign up and act as a mentor/helper each time we gather for confirmation. If you are not a parent but are open to helping out on occasion, please speak to Pastor Julie.

Please pray for the family of Sharon Afdahl in their grief and loss.

Services are being planned at Trinity, with visitation on this Thursday, September 4 from 4:00—8:00 p.m. and the Funeral on Friday, September 5 at 11:00 a.m. Arrangements are entrusted to Bakken-Young Funeral and Cremation Services.

Meet the New Bishops Elected in 2025 from Synods across the ELCA

The staff at the [Living Lutheran](http://www.livinglutheran.org) reached out to newly elected bishops across the ELCA to introduce them to the church and ask questions of these leaders concerning the future of the church, their vision for ministry, and how their experience has prepared them to lead. Paper copies of these interviews are available in the white binder in the fellowship hall. You can also find these articles and many others at www.livinglutheran.org.

Healthy Boundaries Training for those who work with Children, Youth, & Family Ministries

Learning best practices for Trinity's congregational life includes healthy boundaries practices for those who work with children, youth, and families. This year Cherish Our Children, a collaborative ministry of area ELCA congregations and Lutheran Social Services of Minnesota is offering an online training on September 16 from 6:00-7:30 p.m. It is designed for professionals and volunteers working with children, youth and families in a congregational setting.

This 90-minute workshop, led by Rev. Emily Carson, Assistant to the Bishop & Director for Evangelical Mission in the Southeastern Minnesota Synod, is designed for volunteers and professionals engaged in faith formation and ministry with children, youth, and families. In addition, we will be joined by Joy McElroy, Executive Director of Cherish All Children with Lutheran Social Services - MN. [Cherish All Children](#) partners with churches and communities to prevent child exploitation and trafficking.

Participants will explore their own relationship to power, boundaries, and authority, gaining insights into how these dynamics shape their leadership. Beyond personal reflection, the workshop will also equip leaders to actively foster wise boundary-setting skills in the young people they serve. Through discussion and practical strategies, attendees will be empowered to nurture healthy, trust-filled ministry spaces.

You can register for the online training at this [link](#). Or contact Pastor Julie and she will send you the information. This online training makes it possible for congregations to update their ministries with healthy and best practices. The cost is a \$10 donation to LSS's Camp Noah.

Thanks to All!

Thank you to all who contributed supplies and time for Walking Tacos at the Middle School Open House. Again, it was a great success and appreciated.

Worthy of a Book Group

The following book is recommended as the story of the woman bent over for eighteen years makes its way through the lectionary cycle in Luke 13:10-17. 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.

\$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! Gifts given on the first Sunday of this challenge total \$625.22. The rising total will be updated periodically.

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.

Prayer Requests: Family of Sharon Afdahl
Bill Jacobson
Leo Bork (Sue's brother)

Prayers for the homebound and those in Care Centers:
Jerry 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.