

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, September 7

Greeter: Barb Schrank
 Ushers: Chris & Judy Larson
 Lector: Judy Larson

Acolyte:
 Slide show:
 Sound/Video: Ron Pratt

Sunday, September 14

Greeter: Lois Koosmann
 Ushers: Jim & Karen Riley
 Lector (Reader): Marti Peterson

Acolyte:
 Communion:
 Slide show:
 Sound/Video: Ron Pratt

This Week at Trinity

Sunday, Sept. 7	9:00 a.m.	Worship, Fellowship
Tuesday, Sept. 9	9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	Office staffed
Wednesday, Sept. 10	9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	Office staffed
Saturday, Sept. 13	12:30-1:00 p.m.	Free Fresh Food Truck in lot
Sunday, Sept. 14	9:00 a.m.	Worship, Fellowship

Giving

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

8/31/25 - Attendance: 40 Online: 7

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

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Weekly Newsletter September 7, 2025
 Sponsored by: Happy Birthday, Bruce Moll.
 Love from your family.

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



Children and Youth Ministries begin in September

Illustrated bulletins for children will be available for worship beginning today, Sunday 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.

Fall Supper and Bake Sale

Trinity's annual Fall Supper and Bake Sale is approaching! The dinner will be held on Thursday, October 2, from 4:30-6:30 p.m. We will be serving Hotdishes from All Nations, coleslaw, buns, pickles, and pies. Sign-up sheets are up if you are able to help contribute food or serve. All proceeds will go to the Holiday Angels, Family Resource Center, and SCC Backpack Program. For questions, contact Joan Ramberg.



Read the New Testament book of Philemon today.

This unique book in the bible does not have chapters. It has 21 verses total. Reading Philemon makes clear that Christian ethics has always been debated: Paul is asking that Onesimus be treated now as a brother, not merely a slave; and yet the household codes tell slaves and masters to keep to their places. Thus on many issues both sides of ethical disputes can find some support in the Bible. We hear Paul's counsel for Christians to live in compassion to others and to enact the familial love given them in baptism. This is the only place in the three-year lectionary that appoints Philemon.

A Material World

In the gospel for today, Jesus ends the teaching with a punchline that will challenge anyone in our congregations: "none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions." Peter Menzel's book *Material World: a Global Family Portrait (Counterpoint, 1995)* shares photos of people from thirty nations across the globe, where they pull all their earthly possessions out of their houses and put them on [display](#) for the photographer. Showing the diverse cultures of the world through what we possess could be a fascinating way to ponder whether we possess our stuff or it possesses us. Search online for Peter Menzel Photography, and find the Material World Portrait Gallery.

Crafters and Vendors Wanted

Gethsemane Lutheran in Baldwin is opening up registration for their Annual Craft and Bake Sale on November 22nd. Space is limited and reserved on a first-come, first-served basis. Find registration forms on the table in the narthex.

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.



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 beginning of the school year. O God of wisdom, we praise you for the wonder of being human, with bodies, minds, and spirits to engage in life. We ask for your blessings at the beginning of this school year. Be with children and youth, give them curiosity. Be with teachers and staff, give them compassion and strength. Be with families and community, give them understanding. We ask this in Jesus' name. 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: tchwelca@gmail.com, or call the church office and leave a message at 715-796-2788.