

# 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)

## Sunday, October 12

Greeter: Sharon Johnson  
 Ushers: Sharon Johnson, Jean Peterson  
 Lector: Judy Larson  
 Acolyte: Beckett Millar  
 Slide show:  
 Sound/Video: Ron Pratt  
 Teacher/Vol. Jess Millar, Megan Lauersdorf

## Sunday, October 19

Greeter: Lois Koosmann  
 Ushers: Roger & June Lindquist  
 Lector: Marti Peterson  
 Acolyte: Finley & Rhett Palmer  
 Communion: Dar Sittlow  
 Slide show:  
 Sound/Video: Ron Pratt  
 Teacher/Vol. Jess Millar, Megan Lauersdorf

# Giving

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

10/5/25 - Attendance: 43 Online: 4

## September Financial Report

Account Balances as of 10/2/2025  
 General Fund: \$ 19,427.71  
 Youth Org: \$ 4,810.56  
 Memorial Fund: \$ 19,213.82  
 WELCA: \$ 4,366.78

September Numbers  
 Income: \$ 11,103.35  
 Less Expenses \$ 12,526.60  
 Income Less Exp: \$ - 1,423.25  
 Outstanding Checks: \$ - 3,420.89  
 \$ - 4,844.14  
 Less October 1 Bills \$ 2,993.50  
 October 2 Balance \$ - 7,837.64

Year-to-date Numbers  
 Income: \$149,388.81  
 Expenses: \$131,035.12  
 Income Less Expenses : \$ 18,353.69  
 Less Outstanding Checks and Oct. 1 Bills \$ 6,414.39  
 \$ 11,939.30

In September our expenses exceeded our income, but we are doing well on the Match Challenge at 41%.



Trinity Lutheran Church

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Steve & Jean Peterson in celebration of their 55<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on October 10.

Giving to Trinity made easy! Scan this QR code and you will be taken to Trinity's "Give" page. Scroll down for the yellow "donate" button. Thank you!



## Resources Posted in the Narthex:

The St. Croix Valley Grief Coalition provides grief support. Sessions are free, no registration is needed, and you are welcome to participate as you feel you can. Current fall sessions are in progress. You are able to access recorded sessions from 2024 and 2025 online at [www.scvgriefcoalition.com](http://www.scvgriefcoalition.com).

The National Alliance on Mental Illness has a local branch with various resources for those who struggle with mental health and those who support ones dealing with mental health. Free resources are available [www.nami-stcroixvalley.com](http://www.nami-stcroixvalley.com).

## Sharing our Facility

Trinity lets local groups occasionally use our building as a way of supporting our community and making use of this large, beautiful space. Three different Girl Scout Troops have met in our Fellowship Room in the past couple of years and continue to do so. In case you weren't aware, this can also provide income for Trinity if the group is not a nonprofit. If you know a trusted community organization that could use a place to meet, you could have them fill out a Facility Use Request Form (on the credenza in the Fellowship Room) or email the office at: [trinitylutheranhammond@gmail.com](mailto:trinitylutheranhammond@gmail.com)

## Creation Care Survey

The Northwest Synod Wisconsin (NWSWI) Creation Care Team is asking members of congregations to complete a 3-question survey about using renewable resources in homes and businesses. Please scan this QR code with your phone camera to take the survey. There is also a poster in the narthex. Thanks for your input!



## This Week at Trinity

<b>Sunday, Oct. 12</b>	9:00 a.m.	Sunday Worship
	10:15 a.m.	Fellowship, BOLT
<b>Tuesday, Oct. 14</b>	9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	Office staffed
<b>Wednesday, Oct. 15</b>	9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	Office staffed
	6:30 p.m.	Confirmation & BAM
<b>Sunday, Oct. 19</b>	9:00 a.m.	Worship
	10:15 a.m.	Fellowship, BOLT
	6:00 p.m.	Girl Scouts meet here

## Gratitude

*Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with **gratitude** in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God.* - Colossians 3:16

*Gratitude is happiness doubled by wonder.* – G. K. Chesterton

Gratitude often comes with a preposition. We are grateful for something, grateful to someone, and, often, grateful **with** others. Diana Butler Bass in her book *Grateful* says, “Imagine you need to get away, perhaps to struggle with a decision or a grief. During the winter, a friend loans you her beach house, and you are alone. One morning, you wake up and walk the water’s edge. The sun is rising, colors shimmer off the waves...All of a sudden, your heart opens up. You feel gratitude **for** the beautiful sunrise, grateful **to** your friend, and grateful **with** the soaring seabirds. There are no other human beings, but you experience gratitude...you also make community...gratitude connects you to nature’s rhythms, to a distant friend, and to other creatures. The sun and the sea offer their gifts indiscriminately, as they always do, but you still say “thanks” to them, to your friend, perhaps to God. There on a deserted beach, gifts are given and received, praise returned, and a new awareness of connection comes alive.”

Gratitude takes us outside ourselves, so that we see ourselves as part of a larger whole, part of a network of relationships, and of mutual connections. Bass shares a story of a United Methodist pastor who gave a sermon on gratitude following a year-long battle with cancer where his congregation prayed for him, helped with his young family, gave assistance with medical bills, and sat with him in the hospital. He wished he didn’t have to rely on them so much. Then he learned, gratitude is not about the repayment of debts. It is about relationships. The strength and healing he experienced was closely connected to community. As the pastor stood before the congregation he said, “Thank you for being with me.”

Gratitude is social. It is about presence, participation, and partnership. It is about being **with** one another. It is about being in this life together.

This reflection on gratitude strikes a cord with us as a member of Trinity, filled with gratitude, has given \$20,000 to the General Fund in August. They challenge members and friends of Trinity to give above and beyond their regular giving and match the \$20,000 by February 26, 2026. Gratitude is social. Let us with gratitude in our hearts sing praises to God as we meet this challenge. **The total received to date is \$8,315.22!**

## Thank you

to the caring adults who have signed up to be a Prayer Partner for a child, youth, or young adult of Trinity! **If you haven't already, please pick up your assignment today from Pastor Julie. If you need a new prayer booklet, one is available for you.** This year’s booklet created a dozen years ago gathers prayers written by congregation across the country who have been involved with and given support to the ministry of Cherish All Children. It has the same format as the booklet I handed out last year with prayers for the following age ranges: birth to two years; ages three to five; Kindergarten to Second Grade; Third through Fifth Grade; Middle School Years; High School Years; ages 18-22; and ages 23-25. If you would like to **Request a Prayer Partner for your Child, Youth, or Young Adult** please let pastor know.



### Prayer Requests:

Leo Bork (Sue’s brother)

Prayers for the homebound and those in Care Centers:  
Jerry Afdahl, Beth Monson

### Prayer Point

Almighty God, we humbly thank you for your goodness to us and to all that you have made. We praise you for your creation and preservation, for keeping us and all things in your care, and for all the blessings of life. Above all we bless you for your immeasurable love in redeeming the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies that with thankful hearts we praise you, not only with our lips but in our lives. Teach us to give of ourselves to your service. Guide us to live embodying your gifts of holiness and righteousness. We pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.

### Spiritual Practice:

Start a Gratitude Journal. What things, events, or people generate feelings of gratitude. Record them in your journal at the end of each day.

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