

# 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 19

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

## Sunday, October 26

Greeter:  
 Ushers: Jim & Karen Riley  
 Acolyte:  
 Lector:  
 Slide show:  
 Sound/Video: Ron Pratt  
 Teacher/Vol.

# This Week at Trinity

<b>Sunday, Oct. 19</b>	9:00 a.m.	Worship
	10:15 a.m.	Fellowship, BOLT
	6:00 p.m.	Girl Scouts meet here
<b>Tuesday, Oct. 21</b>	9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	Office staffed
	6:00 –7:30 p.m.	Girl Scouts meet here
<b>Wednesday, Oct. 22</b>	9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	Office staffed
	9:00 a.m.	Coffee with Pastor Julie
	6:30 -7:30 p.m.	Confirmation & BAM
<b>Sunday, Oct. 26</b>	9:00 a.m.	Sunday Worship, kids sing
	10:15 a.m.	Fellowship, BOLT

# Giving

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

10/12/25 - Attendance: 55 Online: 3

## 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%.  
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Kathy Jensen -  
 Thankful for God's great gift!  
 Nusbaum family in celebration of  
 Brody's birthday (Oct. 20th).

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!



## Bibles to 5th Graders

The Lutheran Study Bible was given to Fifth Graders this month as they explore the scriptures during Bible And Me (BAM). Easton Lauersdorf, Charley Gillis, and Aubree Moore received their bibles. This Bible contains the translation of the New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition, (NRSVue, 2021). The updates have to do with discoveries in ancient manuscript and research which has led to new insights since the NRSV, 1989 was completed.

Lutherans share with other Christians the basic understanding: the Bible is the word of God and through it, God speak to us. *The Lutheran Study Bible, Second Edition*, features the NRSVue translation and introductions to each book of the bible, notes, and articles written by more than seventy Lutheran pastors and teaching theologians. This is one way we are church together though we may never meet those who worked on this bible.

The study notes in this bible include: World of the Bible – people, places, events and artifacts that are mentioned in the bible; Bible Concepts – ideas and insights about God, and connections between the Old and New Testaments; Lutheran Perspectives – a key question is asked that connects the bible passage with Lutheran teachings; and Faith Reflection – questions meant to encourage discussion on the meaning of bible texts.

## BOLT Teachers and Volunteers Needed

The dates of October 26 and November 2 are open for teaching the kids on Sunday morning. Please let Pastor Julie know if you are available for one or both dates. The story for those weeks is Noah's Ark.

## Prayer as the theme of Sunday's texts

The Old Testament story for Sunday is Genesis 32:22-32, where Jacob wrestles with a messenger of God, and even though he does not want to give in, he does not prevail. This wrestling match makes us think about persistent prayer as a kind of wrestling with God. It is okay to struggle with God, and find that even though our own way may not win out, it is okay to lose to God. For God blessed Jacob and gives him a new name, Israel, as he leaves behind the struggle and lives into the blessing God has prepared for him.

The psalm for the day is Psalm 121. Unknown to most people are prayers written for each psalm which are included in the worship resources of the hymnal online and in the large altar book. Psalm 121 is beloved. Here is the accompanying prayer: O God, maker of heaven and earth, you help us in times of distress and watch over us day and night. Hold us securely in your mercy, that in the midst of fear and danger we may depend on you, our sure deliverer; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

The gospel text in Luke is a story about an unnamed woman who repeatedly appears before a judge who is indifferent to her pleas. She comes before the judge and does not give up. Finally, the indifferent judge grants her request. If even one such judge grants some requests, how much more will the God of justice and mercy hear your prayer and act? Jesus counsels those who listen, "Do not lose heart." Please note that Jesus words have been part of our sending during worship in September and October.

## A Real-Life Story on Prayer

Mother Teresa endured a sense of divine absence throughout her many decades of ministry. Her struggle with God for blessing was similar to that of Jacob, the "God-striver." In her personal letters ([Come Be My Light](#), Doubleday, 2007), she reveals her agony and feelings of hypocrisy as the ecstatic experiences of her youth disappeared after she began her mission work. Through spiritual direction and struggle, however, she began to perceive this alienation from God as a blessing: "The physical situation of my poor left in the streets as unwanted, unloved, unclaimed—are the true picture of my own spiritual life" (p. 232).

## Luther Point Bible Camp Transition

After faithfully serving as Executive Director, Sam Campeau has concluded his leadership at Luther Point. The Board of Directors is deeply grateful for Sam's dedication, vision, and energy which he brought to the ministry. His work has left a lasting impact on the campers, staff, and the wider community. Carolyn and Jerry Fritsch have been named Interim Executive Directors. Please pray for the ministry, for the new leader, give financial gifts to keep the ministry strong, and attend events and camp in the coming year. See events at [www.lutherpoint.org](http://www.lutherpoint.org).

## 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).

## Lost Lids

Please check your crock pots and supplies you returned to your homes. Two lids were lost the evening of the Hotdish Potluck. We think they were taken by mistake. If you have a clear glass oval lid with a round black knob in the center, Sharon is missing it. If you have a brown glass round lid, Barb is missing it. Thank you for checking.



Coffee with Pastor Julie

Wed. Oct. 22, 9:00 a.m.,

Caribou in Baldwin.

All are welcome!



Prayer Requests:

Leo Bork (Sue's brother)

Prayers for the homebound and those in Care Centers:

Jerry Afdahl, Beth Monson

## Prayer Point – a prayer for peace among nations

Gracious God, grant peace among nations. Cleanse from our own hearts the seeds of strife: greed and envy, harsh misunderstandings and ill will, fear and desire for revenge. Make us quick to welcome ventures in cooperation among the peoples of the world, so that there may be woven the fabric of a common good too strong to be torn by the evil hands of war. In the time of opportunity, make us be diligent; and in the time of peril, let not our courage fail; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.