

# 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 26

Greeter: Arnie & Bev Jacobson  
 Ushers: Jim & Karen Riley  
 Acolyte: Colin & Aspen Langman  
 Lector: Mandie Langman  
 Slide show: Declan Brown  
 Sound/Video: Ron Pratt  
 Teacher/Vol. Mandie Langman

## Sunday, November 2

Greeter: Lois Koosmann  
 Ushers: Roger & June Lindquist  
 Acolyte: Aubree Moore  
 Lector: Marti Peterson  
 Communion: Dar Sittlow  
 Slide show:  
 Sound/Video: Ron Pratt  
 Teacher/Vol.

# Giving

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

10/19/25 - Attendance: 56 Online: 5

## 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 because of the Match Challenge.

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# This Week at Trinity

<b>Sunday, Oct. 26</b>	9:00 a.m.	Sunday Worship, kids sing
	10:15 a.m.	Fellowship, BOLT
<b>Tuesday, Oct. 28</b>	9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	Office staffed
<b>Wednesday, Oct. 29</b>	9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	Office staffed
	6:30 -7:30 p.m.	Confirmation & BAM
<b>Sunday, Nov. 2</b>	9:00 a.m.	Worship—All Saints
	10:15 a.m.	Fellowship, BOLT



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SCAN TO GIVE TO TRINITY

## Today we observe Reformation Sunday

Rooted in the past and growing into the future, the church must always be reformed in order to live out the love of Christ in an ever-changing world. We celebrate the good news of God's grace, that Jesus Christ set us free every day to do this life-transforming work. Trusting in the freedom given to us in baptism, we pray for the church, that Christians will unity more fully in worship and mission.

The gospel's image of **freedom** presents a challenge to contemporary Americans, and perhaps to other Western societies as well, since popularly "freedom" is understood as the right of the individual to live out personal choices. John's gospel suggests instead that the freedom granted in Christ is the freedom of the son, who remains in the father's house and does the will of that father. Sixteenth-century Christians used this proclamation of freedom to leave behind church regulations of the medieval church, but even Martin Luther wrote detailed interpretations of the Ten Commandments, understood as "law" for Christian use. We are free to be obedient children.

For example, Luther's explanation to the 5<sup>th</sup> Commandment applies to us all: *We are to fear and love God, so that we neither endanger nor harm the lives of our neighbors, but instead help and support them in all of life's needs.* Luther often drove home the point of caring for the neighbor's daily needs, which are basic for every human being, a home, food and clothing, family, health, and work. Although the commandment without the meaning seems easy to follow, You shall not murder, Luther wrote "we must not kill, either by hand, heart, or word, by signs or gestures, or by aiding or abetting." He explained that there are many things in life which may cause us to be envious of another, or to judge another, or to become angry. He therefore taught that we learn how to calm ourselves, and develop a patient and gentle heart toward our enemies.

On this day we are freed as obedient children of God, to do good to our neighbors, whenever we have the opportunity to do so. We can give thanks for the women of Trinity for leading us in reaching out to support local agencies through the meal and fellowship times in June, July and October.

## **Welcome**

We welcome Pastor Gary McManus today as he preaches and leads the worship!

## **Thank You from the Ramberg Family**

Dear all, I cannot express my gratitude to all of you for the wonderful service you gave to Scott, Maeve and Molly. It truly takes all of us to make this happen. We have been overwhelmed by the love and support that we have received. Thank you!

- Love, Brian and Joan

## **All Saints' Day observed on November 2nd**

In Holy Baptism, God makes saints out of sinners. In Holy Communion, God forgives the sins of all the saints. We will give thanks for all the saints “who from their labors rest” next Sunday, November 2nd. Join us for this special worship as we remember Delores Heinbuch, Judy Newton, Christine Hillstead, Dorothy Hage, Sharon Afdahl, Mindy Ramberg, and Lenore Moll.

## **Female help needed**

The Women of Trinity will lead the Thankoffering Worship on Sunday, November 23rd. There are many opportunities for women and girls to assist with this service from all the worship helpers to multiple readers. Please speak with Dar Sittlow or Pastor Julie if you are interested. Thank you!

## **\$20,000 Match Challenge**

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 and we meet this challenge.

**The total received to date is \$10,3362.72!**

## **Holiday Craft and Bake Sale**

Gethsemane Lutheran invites all to their large annual craft and bake sale on Saturday, Nov. 22nd. A wide variety of crafts will be available for sale from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Baked good will also be for sale, there will be drawings for vendor-donated gifts, and lunch will be served all day.

## **Emergency Assistance and Basic Needs Support**

Are you or someone you know facing unexpected expenses? Temporary loss of income? Struggling to make ends meet? Operation HELP, a nonprofit, offers resources for St. Croix County residents dealing with temporary financial hardships. They have Emergency Financial Assistance for rent and utilities, a Resources Center, Diaper Bank, Temporary Emergency Shelter, Christmas for Kids, Budgeting Classes, and Connections to Additional Help. They are located in Hudson at 901 Fourth Street, Suite 214 (United Way). For information call: 715-386-1300 or email: [operationhelp.source@gmail.com](mailto:operationhelp.source@gmail.com). Check out the website: [Operation Help](#)

## **Lost Lids**

Please check your crock pots and supplies you returned to your homes. One lid is still lost since the evening of the Hotdish Potluck. We think it was taken by mistake. If you have a clear glass oval lid with a round black knob, a vent in the top, and a black rubber seal, Sharon is missing it. Thank you for checking. May the lost be found!



## **Prayer Requests:**

Leo Bork (Sue's brother)

Prayers for the homebound and those in Care Centers:

Jerry Afdahl, Beth Monson

## **Prayer Point – – On the Mission of the Church**

Draw your church together, O God, into one great company of disciples, together following our teacher Jesus Christ into every walk of life, together serving in Christ's mission to the world, and together witnessing to your love wherever you will send us; for the sake of 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.