

# 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, November 16

Greeter: Sharon Johnson  
 Ushers: Kerry & Marti Peterson  
 Acolyte: Beckett Millar  
 Lector:  
 Communion: Brody, Kathy, Charli Nusbaum  
 Slide show:  
 Sound/Video:  
 Teacher/Vol. Jess Millar

## Sunday, November 23—Thankoffering

Greeter: Jean Peterson  
 Ushers:  
 Acolyte:  
 Lector: Dar Sittlow  
 Slide show:  
 Sound/Video:  
 Teacher/Vol. NO BOLT

# Giving

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

11/9/25 - Attendance: 76 Online: 8

## October Financial Report

Account Balances as of 10/31/2025  
 General Fund: \$ 11,426.25  
 Youth Org: \$ 4,810.56  
 Memorial Fund: \$ 21,976.49  
 WELCA: \$ 5,877.78

## October Numbers

Income: \$ 12,122.00  
 Less Expenses \$ 18,689.71  
 Income Less Exp: \$ - 6,567.71  
 Outstanding Checks: \$ 2,561.81  
 \$ - 9,129.52  
 Less November 1 Bills \$ 3,218.75  
 November 2 Balance \$ -12,348.27

## Year-to-date Numbers

Income: \$161,510.81  
 Expenses: \$149,724.83  
 Income Less Expenses : \$ 11,785.98  
 Less Outstanding Checks  
 and Nov. 1 Bills \$ 5,780.56  
 \$ 6,005.42

October to date we are averaging \$15,723 per month in income and \$16,636/month in expenses.

# This Week at Trinity

<b>Sunday, Nov. 16</b>	9:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Sunday Worship Fellowship, BOLT Girl Scouts meet here
<b>Tuesday, Nov. 18</b>	9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Office staffed Girl Scouts meet here
<b>Wednesday, Nov. 19</b>	9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. 9:00 a.m. 6:30 -7:30 p.m.	Office staffed Coffee with Pastor Julie Confirmation & BAM
<b>Sunday, Nov. 23</b>	9:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m.	Thankoffering Worship Fellowship, NO BOLT



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Barb Schrank in honor of her sons & grandsons, and in memory of granddaughter, Eva.

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## Thankoffering Worship – November 23

The women of Trinity will lead the Thankoffering Worship on Sunday, November 23rd at 9:00 a.m. Thanks to Dar Sittlow for organizing Trinity women and girls to act as leaders and helpers for the worship. The speaker this year is **Rita Hawley** who helps run the **Baldwin Community Pantry** located on Hwy 63 near downtown Baldwin. Trinity Lutheran Church is invited to give cash offerings to the pantry or bring offerings of non-perishable food and other items for the pantry including boxed potatoes; canned meats (i.e. tuna, chicken, salmon, etc.); canned vegetables; and stuffing mix especially for Thanksgiving. Every week items are peanut butter; jams and jellies; toothpaste, detergent, dish soap, toilet paper and cleaning supplies. Come and hear about the work of Baldwin Community Pantry next Sunday. Thrivent Action Funds have been applied for in this effort to alleviate hunger in the local area. Please bring your financial offerings or non-perishable items through November 30th .



## Trinity Annual Quilt Sale

The quilts are draped over the chairs in the worship space and are now for sale. The quilts will be available from November 2nd till the 23rd. They are for sale at \$40.00 each. The money collected will be divided between paying down the mortgage principle and the local food pantry. If a person finds a quilt they wish to purchase take the quilt and pay with check to Trinity or cash in an envelope identifying it is for a quilt. Envelopes are available in the basket in the Fellowship hall. If someone knows someone in need of a quilt let one of the quilters know so it can be donated to them. Thank you! The quilters are Bev, June, Judy J, Jeannie P, Becky, and Kathy J.

## Lost and Found

A silver chain necklace with a pink oval stone was found in the church parking lot. If you lost a necklace, it will be in the church office.

### **St Croix Electric (SCEC) Winter Clothes Collection & Diaper Drive**

SCEC is now accepting gently used winter clothes including coats, snow pants, boots, mittens, gloves and hats in the lobby of the building at 1925 Ridgeway St in Hammond. These items will be distributed by Basics for Local Kids, a charity that helps kids in Pierce and St. Croix counties, ages newborn through age 18. BasicsForLocalKids.org.

SCEC is also hosting a Diaper and Baby Wipe Drive at their office in Hammond from December 1-19. Diapers sized from Newborn on up with the most needed size being 4 and 5. Diapers, wipes and financial donations are welcome and will be given to those in need in the local area through Operation Help of Hudson. For more information go to [operationhelpstcroix.org](http://operationhelpstcroix.org).

### **Christmas Flowers**

Forms are available now for ordering pointsettias to decorate the sanctuary for Christmas and then take home. There are various sizes of plants and colors to choose from and you may name a person to honor with your donation. Names of donors and honored ones will be printed in the newsletter. The deadline for turning in orders to the office or Sue Frank is Nov. 30th.

### **Free Meal**

The government shutdown has ended and SNAP benefits are to be restored. If you know of someone in need, please direct them to the Baldwin Community Pantry, Tuesdays, 3:00-7:00 p.m. or Thursdays, 8:00 a.m. – 12 Noon. Also, this Friday, November 14, Gethsemane Lutheran Church will provide a free meal plus food to take home from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at their church in Baldwin.

### **\$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 \$11,637.72!**

### **Advent Candle Lighting**

The Sunday in Advent are November 30, December 7, 14, and 21. Each Sunday in Advent we will light the Advent Wreath and reflect on poverty and hunger in the world, and the coming into the world the One who is the Light of the World. NEEDED – two people each week to read the dialogue, light the candles on the wreath, and lead the congregation in prayer. This could be a child and a parent, or a husband and wife, or two friends. Please sign up on the sheet provided or contact Pastor Julie.

### **Mark your Calendar for the Advent and Christmas Events**

The season of Advent begins on November 30th. Families who would like to participate in the Advent Candle Lighting portion of the Sunday morning worship can contact Pastor Julie. A liturgy, lighting of the Advent Wreath and song will be part of each worship service leading up to Christmas Eve. On Sunday, December 7th, the children's message will be the story of The Real St. Nicholas. The BOLT Children's Christmas Program will be during the December 14th worship at 9:00 a.m. The Fourth Sunday in Advent, December 21, includes the gospel of Matthew's account of the birth of Christ. Trinity's celebration on Christmas Eve is December 24th at 5:30 p.m. We will gather for a worship of Lessons and Carols on December 28th.

### **Christmas Giving at Trinity**

For some years now Trinity Lutheran Church has partnered with St. Croix County to provide gifts for two to three families in need. Numbered Christmas trees will be set up in the Fellowship Hall with tags of needed gifts. Simply take a tag, shop for the item, wrap the gift and attach the tag onto the gift, and return it to the same numbered tree. The gifts are for family members of various ages. Please return wrapped gifts by Sunday, December 14th. The county has so appreciated Trinity's efforts in the past that they reached out to us again this year. If you have questions, please contact Joan Ramberg.



**Prayer Requests:** Leo Bork (Sue's brother)  
Prayers for the homebound and those in Care Centers:  
Jerry Afdahl, Beth Monson

### **Prayer Point: A Prayer from *Bread for the World*, Advent 2025:**

God of abundant love, in Christ, you call us into one body, united by your Spirit and charged to serve all hungry in body, heart, or spirit. Awaken us as Advent begins to the power of love that heals wounds, upends injustice, and makes strangers family. Give us courage to cross divides and wisdom to see your image in every neighbor. Empower us, O Lord, to be bridge-builders and bread-bearers, so that your reign of justice and peace may break forth, especially for those who hunger. Let your unfailing love be the root of our words and the fruit of our deeds. Amen.

**Spiritual Practice:** Do you have what you need? We are fast approaching Christmas and the season of gift giving. Consider having your loved ones give to organizations which are helping people in this time of deep need in your honor.