

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, November 23—Thankoffering

Greeter: Jean Peterson
 Ushers: Becky Fowler, Lois Koosmann
 Acolyte: Ramberg Girls
 Lector: Dar Sittlow
 Slide show: Declan Brown
 Sound/Video: Ron Pratt
 Teacher/Vol. NO BOLT

Sunday, November 30

Greeter: Lois Koosmann
 Ushers: Chris & Judy Larson
 Acolyte:
 Lector: Kathy Jensen
 Slide show:
 Sound/Video: Ron Pratt
 Teacher/Vol. Kelly & Taylor Browning

This Week at Trinity

Sunday, Nov. 23	9:00 a.m.	Thankoffering Worship
	10:15 a.m.	Fellowship, NO BOLT
Monday, Nov. 24	6:00 p.m.	Council Meeting
Tuesday, Nov. 25	9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	Office staffed
Wednesday, Nov. 26	9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	Office staffed
	6:30 -7:30 p.m.	Confirmation & BAM
Sunday, Nov. 30	9:00 a.m.	Sunday Worship—Advent
	10:15 a.m.	Fellowship, BOLT

Deadline for submitting flower orders

Giving

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

11/16/25 - Attendance: 64 Online: 3

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.



Trinity Lutheran Church

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WELCA in honor of
 Thankoffering Sunday

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!



Thankoffering Sunday – November 23rd

Today the women of Trinity will lead the worship using a service provided by the Women of the ELCA. The purpose of the Women of the ELCA is: "As a community of women created in the image of God, called to discipleship in Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves to grow in faith, affirm our gifts, support one another in our callings, engage in ministry and action, and promote healing and wholeness in the church, society, and the world."

The annual Thankoffering of the WELCA supports, for example, a bold ministry that is a leading force in anti-racism work within the Lutheran community with trainings, networks, resources, articles and advocacy. A new campus ambassador program, "beloved." seeks to Connect with women who are not yet affiliated with Women of the ELCA, to communicate Christ's love and affirmation and to engage them in our circle of care that we might support and affirm their gifts and callings along with those of all the women currently in the organization. Please pray for this effort as groups are seeking to connect with women on ten college campuses this year!

The Women of the ELCA provide a variety of targeted scholarships for lay women to bolster new leaders. In the members spiritual development, the Women of the ELCA practice seven marks of discipleship: praying, studying, worshiping, inviting, encouraging, serving, and giving.

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.

Baldwin Community Pantry is open on Tuesdays from 3:00 – 7:00 p.m. and Thursdays from 8:00 a.m. to 12 Noon. It is located 1010 Main St. in Baldwin.

Speaker for Thankoffering Service

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. Thrivent Action Funds have been approved for this effort to alleviate hunger in the local area. Please bring your financial offerings or non-perishable items through November 30th.

Order Christmas Poinsettias by November 30

Now is the time to order Poinsettias to be displayed at Trinity's Christmas Eve worship. There are a variety of sizes and colors available. You may purchase a plant in honor or memory of a loved one. The deadline for turning in orders at the office or to Sue Frank is November 30th.

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 are 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. Thrivent Action Funds have been applied for in this effort to give families a happy Christmas.

\$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 Sundays 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**.

Advent Resources available today

The ELCA World Hunger Appeal has created Advent Calendars to help count down to Christmas. Reproduceable calendars along with a template for a manger scene and cut outs are available. Give someone who has everything a gift in their honor using the Good Gifts Catalog at ELCA.org/GoodGifts. In addition to this, the beautiful Advent/Christmas devotion book "Holy and Humble" is ready to pick up, one per household. This is a gift from Pastor Julie in this season.

Prayer Ministry

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.

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, or call the church office and leave a message at 715-796-2788.