

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 30—1st Advent

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

Sunday, December 7—2nd Advent

Greeter: Sharon Johnson
 Ushers: Sharon Johnson & Jean Peterson
 Acolyte: Colin & Aspen Langman
 Lector: Kathy Jensen
 Communion: Kathy & Brody Nusbaum
 Slide show: Henry Pommier
 Sound/Video: Matt Pommier
 Teacher/Vol. Jess Millar, Mandie Langman

Giving

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

11/23/25 - Attendance: 47 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.



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



The Season of Advent Begins – Happy New Church Year!

The calendar of the church year begins with the season of Advent. This year, the new church year begins with a wake-up call in the gospel of Matthew. The text in the gospel is recorded near the end of the narrative as Jesus anticipates going to the cross. Jesus challenges the disciples of his day and those of us listening today to wake up to and be ready for the coming of the Lord. How might we live in this time when Christ's saving work has been accomplished but there are still people in need? For the Apostle Paul, who followed Christ a few decades after the crucifixion, the life of the Christian would be characterized by love, "Owe no one anything, except to love one another." Paul was a converted man who became the greatest advocate for the church. He echoes the themes of the gospels when he describes the life in Christ, seeing the "other" as beloved neighbor and seeking the best for the neighbor.

Dedication of Blue Bethlehem Paraments

Today we will dedicate the new blue paraments for use in the Advent Season. Thanks to memorial funds given in memory of Delores Heinbuch for these beautiful paraments which adorn the sanctuary.

Decorating Today for Christmas

Please stay after worship on Sunday, November 30, to assist with decorating the building for Christmas. Many hands will make the task go quickly. Thank you!!

Children's Bulletins

The children's bulletins for use in worship are of two types. There are ones for Pre-Readers and another for Readers. Ask an usher for bulletins for your kids.

Deadline for Ordering Christmas Poinsettias is Today

November 30 is the deadline for ordering poinsettias which will adorn the sanctuary on Christmas Eve. There are a variety of sizes and colors, and you may purchase them in honor or memory of a loved one. Turn orders in to the office or Sue Frank.

This Week at Trinity

Sunday, Nov. 30	9:00 a.m.	Sunday Worship—Advent
	10:15 a.m.	Fellowship, BOLT, Decorating
Deadline for submitting flower orders		
Tuesday, Dec. 2	9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	Office staffed
	6:00 p.m.	Girl Scouts meet here
Wednesday, Dec. 3	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
Sunday, Dec. 7	9:00 a.m.	Advent Worship
	10:15 a.m.	Fellowship, BOLT

Thank You for Thankoffering

Thank you to all who were part of the Women's Thankoffering Service on November 23: the readers, acolytes, musicians, ushers, greeter and power point. Our special offering for the Baldwin Community Pantry on Sunday was \$615. That offering in addition to the Thrivent Grant that we received and all the great items that were donated from Trinity will be a blessing for those who rely on the food pantry. A special thanks to our speaker, Rita Hawley, for her interesting message regarding the important work at the pantry. As advertised, the last day for donations 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 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. A Thrivent Action Team grant has been applied for and approved. If you have questions, please contact Joan Ramberg. Let's work together to make it a happy Christmas for these families.

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. Decorating for Christmas will follow the worship on Dec. 30. 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.

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.

Advent and Christmas Season Devotionals

The beautiful Advent and Christmas season devotionals are ready to pick up, one per household. This is a gift from Pastor Julie in this season and new church year. The back of the booklet contains blessings and prayers for the season. The Advent Wreath originally began in the home as a way to mark the weeks before Christmas. You can be creative and make your own wreath with some greens and four candles. There are weekly Advent prayers, an table prayer for Advent, a prayer for the first time you light your Christmas tree, and a blessing of the home for the Epiphany Day, January 6th. Pick yours up today.

Advent Calendars – an ELCA World Hunger Resource

Families are encouraged to pick up an Advent Calendar which includes a nativity scene to make at home as we count the days to Christmas. There are also suggestions to give to ELCA World Hunger using the Good Gifts catalog. Many will be able to access this online at ELCA.org/GoodGifts. For those without online ability, there are a handful of Good Gifts catalogs available from Pastor Julie.

\$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!**

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.