

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, December 14—3rd Advent

Greeter: Bill & Judy Jones
 Ushers: Kelly & Taylor Browning
 Advent Candle: Joan, Maeve, Molly Ramberg
 Acolyte:
 Lector: Mandie Langman
 Slide show:
 Sound/Video: Ron Pratt
 Teacher/Vol. Jess Millar, Mandie Langman

Sunday, December 21—4th Advent

Greeter: Becky Fowler
 Ushers: Brody & Kathy Nusbaum
 Advent Candle: Aiden Kost & Chloe Glaser
 Acolyte:
 Lector: Marti Peterson
 Communion: Michelle & Emmalyn Kost
 Slide show:
 Sound/Video: Ron Pratt
 Teacher/Vol. (none needed)

Giving

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

12/07/25 - Attendance: 49 Online: 0

November Financial Report

Account Balances as of 11/30/2025
 General Fund: \$ 8,288.31
 Youth Org: \$ 4,810.56
 Memorial Fund: \$23,321.68
 WELCA: \$ 6,622.80

November Numbers
 Income: \$ 11,107.16
 Less Expenses \$ 13,806.54
 Income Less Exp: \$ - 2,699.38
 Outstanding Checks: \$ 2,686.81
 \$ - 5,386.19
 Less November 1 Bills \$ 2,993.50
 December 2 Balance \$ - 8,379.69

Year-to-date Numbers
 Income: \$172,617.97
 Expenses: \$163,531.37
 Income Less Expenses : \$ 9,086.60
 Less Outstanding Checks
 and Dec. 1 Bills \$ 5,680.31
 \$ 3,406.29

November to date we are averaging \$15,262/month in income and \$16,353/month in expenses. For three months of Sept—Nov. we averaged \$11,444/mo.

This Week at Trinity

Sunday, Dec. 14	9:00 a.m.	Youth Nativity Program Worship
	10:15 a.m.	Fellowship, BOLT
Monday, Dec. 15	8:45—11:30 a.m.	Windmill Piecemakers meet here
Tuesday, Dec. 16	9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	Office staffed
	6:00 p.m.	Girl Scouts meet here
Wednesday, Dec. 17	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. 21	9:00 a.m.	Worship—Advent
	10:15 a.m.	Fellowship, NO BOLT
	6:00 p.m.	Girl Scouts meet here



Trinity Lutheran Church

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Bill & Judy Jones in celebration of their 57th wedding anniversary

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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!



Family Christmas Nativity Pageant

Thank you to the children and youth of Trinity for presenting the Christmas story this morning! Thank you to Mandie Langman and Jessica Millar for leading the kids in presenting the pageant. Thanks to Rick Lombardo and Becky Retherford for sharing their musical talents! The story is told in all its simplicity by relying on the narratives in the gospels of Luke and Matthew. The movement of the story is enhanced with Christmas Carols. We see in the story how people are drawn to Jesus, that when they come into his presence they bow in worship, and we hear the promise that God is with us.

Advent Calendars and Manger Scene Cutouts – 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.

Invite Someone to Christmas Eve Worship

This is the best time of year to extend a personal invitation to someone you know to worship on Christmas Eve. People who are unchurched need a simple invitation. Promise to meet them at worship! At Trinity, we will celebrate Christmas with the worship times on December 28 and January 4th, too. But take a moment to think of who you may invite to Christmas Eve at 5:30p.m.



The Longest Night – Sunday, December 21

The churches of the River Falls area are sponsoring a special worship on December 21, at 6:00 p.m. at Ezekiel Lutheran Church. The Longest Night Service is a quiet, welcoming space for anyone needing calm in a chaotic season. This service is especially for those experiencing grief, loneliness, or sadness—and for all who simply need a moment to breathe and be held in God’s peace.

Thank You to all who participated in the Trinity Christmas Giving

Please return wrapped gifts to the designated tree by December 14. For some years now Trinity has partnered with St. Croix County to provide gifts for families in need. This year the congregation is helping three families. The county has so appreciated Trinity’s efforts in the past and is grateful for this partnership. A Thrivent Action Team grant was also used to purchase some of the gifts. Thank you to Joan Ramberg for organizing this opportunity to give!

Lectors and Leaders

One opportunity remains to be filled for the Christmas season. Needed is someone to read the conclusion of the Advent Wreath lighting dialog for Christmas Eve. If you can help to lead that please contact Pastor Julie. Thank you to all who have stepped up to be part of the lighting of the Advent Wreath this season. Thank you to those who have volunteered to be extra readers for the Lessons and Carols service on December 28th! Thanks to all who serve as worship helpers on Sunday morning!! You are all the best!!

Worship in the Advent – Christmas – Epiphany Cycle

On December 14 we will listen to the kids tell us the Christmas story as part of the worship. December 21 is the Fourth Sunday of Advent and the gospel story is the birth of Jesus recorded in the narrative of Matthew’s gospel.

Please invite someone to the Christmas Eve Worship at 5:30 p.m. on December 24th. Invite them into the wonders of Christmas.

Join us for the further celebration of Christmas on December 28 with the Lessons and Carols at the 9:00 a.m. worship.

January 4th we will celebrate the Day of Epiphany. Get ready to receive a new star word for 2026. *****

Coffee with Pastor Julie
Wed. Dec. 17th, 9:00 a.m.
Caribou in Baldwin
Everyone is welcome!



DISH with the BISH – established in 2025

Bishop Martin Halom is traveling around the synod and meeting people of the church in each of the seven conferences. The meeting closest to Trinity is scheduled for Sunday, January 11th at First Lutheran Church in New Richmond from 5:00 - 7:30 p.m. This is a unique opportunity for people of all ages to come together, share a meal and a service project (TBD), and participate in a Q&A with Bishop Martin. Trinity members are asked to RSVP to Pastor Julie by Sunday, January 4th to get a count for the meal and activity.

\$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 as of Dec. 1 is \$12,132.72, over 61% towards the match goal.**

Please Note: Last year the church office stopped using the email address: trinityhammond@centurytel.net. Some messages have been forwarded but this will stop soon. If you want to contact the church office, please use this address: trinitylutheranhammond@gmail.com. Thank you.



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.

To 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.