

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 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

Sunday, December 14—3rd Advent

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

Giving

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

11/30/25 - Attendance: 44 Online: 10

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.



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WELCA

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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!



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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 cash offering for the Baldwin Community Pantry on Sunday was \$615. The Thrivent Grant that we received was \$250. The offering of non-perishable food items and cleaning products weighed 136 pounds. All of this 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.

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.

Thanks to Judy

Judy Larson will tell the story of the real St. Nicholas this Sunday during the Children's message. Thank you Judy for preparing for this special story!

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.

This Week at Trinity

Sunday, Dec. 7	9:00 a.m.	Worship—Advent
	10:15 a.m.	Fellowship, BOLT, Women meet
Tuesday, Dec. 9	9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	Office staffed
Wednesday, Dec. 10	9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	Office staffed
	6:30 -7:30 p.m.	Confirmation & BAM
Saturday, Dec. 13	12:30-1:00 p.m.	Free Food truck in lot
Sunday, Dec. 14	9:00 a.m.	Youth Program Worship
	10:15 a.m.	Fellowship, BOLT

Advent Candle Lighting

The remaining Sundays in Advent are December 14 and 21, as well as the Christmas Eve worship. Each Sunday in Advent and Christmas Eve we will light candles on the 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 blue sheet provided on the clipboard or contact Pastor Julie.

Extra Readers Needed for Sunday, December 28

The celebration of Christmas is more than one day. It continues Sunday, December 28 during the 9:00 a.m. worship. We will have a Service of Lessons and Carols. A special invitation to students who are on break during their college studies and may be home for a few days.

Celebration of the Day of Epiphany – January 4

Get ready to receive a new star word for 2026. We will celebrate the journey of the Wise Men to the infant Jesus in a celebration of the Day of Epiphany. The Wise Men were guided by a star. Commit to being guided by a Star Word in 2026. Worship, as

Advent and Christmas Season Devotionals

The beautiful Advent and Christmas season devotionals are ready to pick up. 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. A wonderful resource for today on through Epiphany. 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.

A Christmas Cantata – December 7th

You are welcome to attend “The Star Arising” at Zion Lutheran Church today, December 7th at 4:00 p.m. Cookies will be served following the concert.

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 5:30 p.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.

\$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.**

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.