

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, January 18

Greeter: Barb Schrank, Lois Koosmann
 Ushers: Kathy & Brody Nusbaum
 Acolyte: Beckett Millar
 Lector: Jodi Hough
 Communion: Dar Sittlow
 Slide show:
 Sound/Video:
 Teacher/Vol. Jess Millar

Sunday, January 25

Greeter: Betty Johnson
 Ushers: Kelly & Taylor Browning
 Acolyte:
 Lector:
 Slide show:
 Sound/Video:
 Teacher/Vol. Jess Millar

This Week at Trinity

Sunday, Jan. 18	9:00 a.m.	Worship
	10:15 a.m.	Fellowship, BOLT
	6:00 p.m.	Girl Scouts meet here
Monday, Jan. 19		Pastor Julie at Winter Theological Conference
Tuesday, Jan. 20	9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	Office staffed
Wednesday, Jan. 21	9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	Office staffed
	9:00 a.m.	Coffee with Pastor Julie
	6:30 p.m.	Confirmation and BAM
Sunday, Jan. 25	9:00 a.m.	Worship
	10:15 a.m.	Fellowship, BOLT

Giving

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

1/11/26- Attendance: 27 Online: ?

December Financial Report

Account Balances as of 12/31/2025
 General Fund: \$ 9,708.94
 Youth Org: \$ 4,810.56
 Memorial Fund: \$32,100.48
 WELCA: \$ 4,001.82

December Numbers

Income: \$ 13,696.49
 Less Expenses \$ 14,355.47
 Income Less Exp: \$ - 658.98
 Outstanding Checks: \$ 5,322.90
 \$ - 5,332.90
 Less December 1 Bills \$ 2,993.50
 January 2 Balance \$ -8,985.38

Year-to-date Numbers

Income: \$186,314.46
 Expenses: \$177,886.84
 Income Less Expenses : \$ 8,427.62
 Less Outstanding Checks
 and Jan. 1 Bills \$ 8,326.40
 \$ 101.22

As of 1/14 we have received \$17, 817.72 toward the \$20,000 matching gift! That is good progress toward our February goal.



Trinity Lutheran Church

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WELCA

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!



Life-Long Learning

The Star Word of the Week is *learn*. This pairs well with Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18, and a portion of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount, Mt 5:33-48, where he teaches. A note in my study bible says this about Psalm 119:33-40, "Following God's ways requires prayer and willingness to learn throughout our lives." Thus, included in this week's newsletter are the Ten Commandments and the meanings Martin Luther wrote so that we understand how to apply these words to our lives. Luther's meanings humble us lest we use these words to feel superior to other human beings. The commandment from scripture is in regular print, while Luther's teaching is in *italics*.

- 1 - You shall have no other gods.
We are to fear, love, and trust God above all things.
- 2 - You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God.
We are to fear and love God, so that we do not curse, swear, practice magic, lie, or deceive using God's name, but instead use that very name in every time of need to call on, pray to, praise, and give thanks to God.
- 3 - Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy.
We are to fear and love God, so that we do not despise preaching or God's word, but instead keep that word holy and gladly hear and learn it.
- 4 - Honor your father and your mother.
We are to fear and love God, so that we neither despise nor anger our parents and others in authority, but instead honor, serve, obey, love, and respect them.

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(Life-long Learning, continued)



5 - You shall not murder.

We are to fear and love God, so that we neither endanger nor harm the lives of our neighbors, but instead help and support them in all of life's needs.

6 - You shall not commit adultery.

We are to fear and love God, so that we lead pure and decent lives in word and deed, and each of us loves and honors his or her spouse.

7 - You shall not steal.

We are to fear and love God, so that we neither take our neighbors' money or property nor acquire them by using shoddy merchandise or crooked deals, but instead help them to improve and protect their property and income.

8 - You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

We are to fear and love God, so that we do not tell lies about our neighbors, betray or slander them, or destroy their reputations. Instead we are to come to their defense, speak well of them, and interpret everything they do in the in the best possible light.

9 - You shall not covet your neighbor's house.

We are to fear and love God, so that we do not try to trick our neighbors out of their inheritance or property or try to get it for ourselves by claiming to have a legal right to it and the like, but instead be of help and service to them in keeping what is theirs.

10 - You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

We are to fear and love God, so that we do not entice, force, or steal away from our neighbors their spouses, household workers, or livestock, but instead urge them to stay and fulfill their responsibilities to our neighbors.

\$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 current total received is \$17, 817.72!

The Bible in One Year

A resource out of Luther Seminary is www.enterthebible.org. This year they are creating a weekly podcast going through the bible, from Genesis to Revelation. The podcast drops on Wednesdays. Check it out, Pastor Julie has previewed week one and recommends it. You can find it [here](#). The episode on Genesis is about 40 minutes long. You may listen to the podcast or watch it in video form. Notice all the other resources on this website that can enrich your understanding of scripture!



**Coffee with Pastor Julie
at Caribou in Baldwin
Wednesday, Jan. 21st at 9:00 a.m.
Everyone is welcome!**



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

Prayer Point: – Grace to receive the word.
Blessed Lord God, you have caused the holy scriptures to be written for the nourishment of your people. Grant that we may hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that comforted by your promises, we may embrace your word, hold fast to hope, and be enlivened to serve your mission. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Spiritual Practice:
Memorize Luther's teachings of each of the commandments on page 1 and 2.

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.