

## Worship Helpers

You can sign up to help in worship on the sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall or online at: [trinityhammond.org](http://trinityhammond.org)

### Sunday, February 1

Greeter: Jean Peterson  
 Ushers: Barb Schrank, Lois Koosmann  
 Acolyte: Colin Langman  
 Lector:  
 Communion Kathy & Brody Nusbaum  
 Slide show: Emmie Kost  
 Sound/Video:  
 Teacher/Vol. Mandie Langman

### Sunday, February 8

Greeter: Becky Fowler  
 Ushers: Kerry & Marti Peterson  
 Acolyte: Aspen Langman  
 Lector: Marti Peterson  
 Slide show:  
 Sound/Video:  
 Teacher/Vol. Mandie Langman

## Giving

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

1/25/26- Attendance: 35 Online: 6

### 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.

## This Week at Trinity

<b>Sunday, Feb. 1</b>	9:00 a.m.	Worship
	10:15 a.m.	Fellowship, BOLT
<b>Tuesday, Feb. 3</b>	9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	Office staffed
	6:00 p.m.	Girl Scouts meet here
<b>Wednesday, Feb. 4</b>	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
<b>Friday, Feb. 6</b>	5:30 p.m.—8:30 a.m. Sat.	Girl Scout Overnight here
<b>Sunday, Feb. 8</b>	9:00 a.m.	Worship
	10:15 a.m.	Fellowship, BOLT



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Happy Birthday Claire Moll.  
Love from your family.

Audrey Aune – in memory of Gene Aune’s heavenly 85<sup>th</sup> birthday (Feb. 1).

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!



### Annual Meeting of Trinity Lutheran Church

The annual meeting of Trinity Lutheran Church will be held on Sunday, February 22, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. following the worship. Please hand in your reports to the church office by February 8th. BOLT will not meet on this day. Families are encouraged to participate in this meeting. The Annual Chili Cookoff is set for this Sunday with the meal following the meeting. Sign ups for the Chili Cookoff are in the fellowship area.

### February 22nd Chili Cookoff

It is time to bring your favorite chili or try a new recipe for the annual chili cookoff on February 22nd. Who will take home the bragging rights?? See the sign up in the fellowship area. The pro-tip for taste testers on the day is to bring a muffin pan to use as your plate. Then you can sample a variety and vote for your favorites. Let us the planning, seasoning, and test kitchen activities begin!!!

### Worship Helpers Needed

Thank you to all who sign up and participate in the Sunday worship! Your participation allows us to share the duties, provide good worship, and livestream the service. Needed participants include Greeters standing near the entrance; Ushers handing out bulletins and directing offering; Acolytes to light and extinguish candles at the book ends of worship; Lectors to read scripture with a new Lector’s Pronunciation Guide on the reading desk; Holy Communion has two parts – setting elements up (allow 15 minutes) along with cleaning up (10 minutes after worship) and distributing the sacrament; Slide Show to use a mouse to forward worship slides; and Sound/Video to get the system running to ready to livestream with updated instructions plus making sure microphones are ready. Singers are also welcome to help lead the singing with practice one hour prior to worship. If you have any questions, please reach out to Pastor Julie.

## The Lenten Season

The season of Lent is early this year with Ash Wednesday Worship on February 18 at 6:30 p.m. (*There is no soup supper on Ash Wednesday.*) The theme for the season is *Unbound: Longing for Wholeness*.

The Trinity Council is inviting the congregation to sign up to serve soup on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. ahead of Lenten worship. The dates for Soup Suppers include the five Wednesdays beginning February 25 through March 25. The schedule for those evenings is 6:00 p.m. Soup; 6:30 p.m. BAM/Confirmation; 7:00-7:30 p.m. worship. Sign-ups are available this Sunday. The menu includes soup, bread or crackers, fresh vegetables or fruit. It is meant to be a simple meal.

Palm/Passion Sunday is March 29 with Maundy Thursday services here at 6:30 p.m. on April 2 and Good Friday worship in the community on April 3. Easter Sunday is April 5th.

## Walking Together – the Northwest Synod Congregational Resource Event

Mark on your calendars March 21 for a day of resources of ministries shared by congregations in the Synod. It is held at Bethany Lutheran Church in Rice Lake from 8:00 am. to 4:00 p.m. The keynote speaker is the Rev. Natalia Terfa. More information is available at [www.nswsi.org](http://www.nswsi.org).

## 2026 National Day of Racial Healing

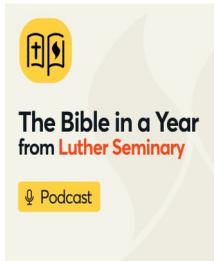
This event was live on the evening of January 20 but the recording is available on the ELCA website ([elca.org](http://elca.org)). This is an annual event of storytelling and song. It is over two hours long but the recording can allow you to listen to a story and pause the video for reflection ([elca.org](http://elca.org) 2026 national day of racial healing)

Coffee with Pastor Julie at  
Caribou in Baldwin on  
Wednesday, Feb. 4th at 9:00 a.m.  
All are welcome!



## The Bible in One Year

A resource out of Luther Seminary is [www.enterthebible.org](http://www.enterthebible.org). This year they are creating a weekly podcast that will explore all books of the Bible. The podcast which dropped this week is on the book of Numbers and is 35 minutes. Take a moment to see all the other resources on the site which can enlighten your reading of scripture.



## \$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.

## Prayer Ministry

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

**Prayer Point:** The human family

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son. Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred that infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and, through our struggle and confusion, work to accomplish our purposes on earth; so that, in your good time, every people and nation may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen. – ELW page 79.

**Spiritual Practice:** This week's Star Word is "bless." Ask someone if you can give them a blessing this week. You can use these or similar words, "God bless and keep you." "God bless you and give you peace." Or you may want to ask for how you might bless someone then incorporate their words into the blessing. I hope you have a good experience of blessing someone!

**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](mailto:tlchwelca@gmail.com), or call the church office and leave a message at 715-796-2788.