

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, February 15

Greeter: Kathy Jensen
 Ushers: Becky Fowler
 Acolyte: Charley Gillis
 Lector: Kathy Jensen
 Communion: Dar Sittlow
 Slide show:
 Sound/Video:
 Teacher/Vol. Pastor Julie

Wednesday, February 18—Ash Wednesday

Ushers: Kathy Jensen
 Lector: Zelli Moore
 Communion:
 Sound/Video
 Slides:

This Week at Trinity

Sunday, Feb. 15	9:00 a.m.	Worship
	10:15 a.m.	Fellowship, BOLT
	6:00 p.m.	Girl Scouts meet here
Tuesday, Feb. 17	9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	Office staffed
Wednesday, Feb. 18	9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	Office staffed
	9:00 a.m.	Coffee with Pastor Julie
	6:30 p.m.	Ash Wednesday worship
Thursday, Feb. 19	6:00 p.m.	Scout leaders meeting
Sunday, Feb. 22	9:00 a.m.	Worship
	10:15 a.m.	Annual Meeting, NO BOLT Chili Cook-off

Giving

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

2/8/26- Attendance: 43 Online: 7

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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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. Reports will be assembled early the week of February 15th and can be picked up at the office. Watch the Peek of the Week for notice of the completed report. Needed for elections is one person to serve as WELCA representative. BOLT will not meet on February 22. 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.

The categories of chilis are: Meek and Humble (mild); Burning Bush (medium); Fire and Brimstone (Hot!); Mysteries and Miracles (?); Cain's Chili (Vegetarian). Also needed are a few X-tras such as cheese, crackers/Fritos, milk, sour cream, onions, and cornbread. Let the planning, seasoning, and test kitchen activities begin!!!



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** and will be used on Sundays and at Wednesday midweek worship times. **What if the opposite of being bound is being whole?** Our world is filled with things that hold us captive. These things that bind us prevent us from living the whole, abundant life that God has promised us. Through the stories of regular people encountering Jesus, and being drawn into the wholeness that Jesus provides, we can connect to our own longings on Sunday mornings and be drawn to wholeness.

The midweek services will do a deep dive into the story of Joseph and his brothers from Genesis. On the Wednesdays from February 25 through March 25th we will explore how the brothers are bound by jealousy, violence, dishonest systems, family and guilt. 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.

Lenten Soup Suppers

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.

Walking Together – the Northwest Synod Congregational Resource Event

Mark March 21st on your calendars 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. Registration is \$25. The keynote speaker is the Rev. Natalia Terfa. More information is available at www.nswsi.org.

The Bible in One Year

A resource out of Luther Seminary is www.enterthebible.org. This year they are creating a weekly podcast that will explore all books of the Bible. The podcast for this week is on the book of **Joshua** with the guest theologian Professor Monica Melanchthon of Melbourne, Australia. Pastor Julie finds these podcasts give a fresh look at scripture. Feel free to ask her for more information.



Trinity - Orville Owens Memorial Scholarship

Applications for the Trinity Orville Owens Memorial Scholarship are available. Any member of Trinity Lutheran Church of Hammond, WI who is continuing their education at any four-year, two-year, or vocational school and who has not previously received the scholarship is eligible. **The deadline for submitting applications is March 31st, 2026.** No late entries will be accepted.

You may request an application by sending an email to: trinitylutheranhammond@gmail.com or you can pick one up from the Endowment Committee's mailbox located in the Fellowship Hall. Submit the application along with one (1) letter of recommendation to:

*Trinity Endowment Fund Treasurer
Trinity Lutheran Church
1250 Broadway St., P.O. Box 68
Hammond, WI 54015*



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

Prayer Point: Lord God, you have surrounded us with so great a cloud of witnesses. Grant that we may persevere in the course that is set before us, to be living signs of the gospel and at last, with all the saints, to share in your eternal joy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Spiritual Practice: The Star Word of the Week is "beloved." There are over 100 references to people described as beloved in the Bible. Look them up using the online tool, biblegateway.com, then sit and read about all those named as beloved. Remember, you are one who bears this title as a child of God, too! If you don't have access to the online tool, contact Pastor Julie.

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.