

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 22

Greeter: Brian & Joan Ramberg
 Ushers:
 Acolyte:
 Lector: Jodi Gough
 Slide show:
 Sound/Video:
 Teacher/Vol. None needed

Wednesday, February 25

Ushers:
 Lector: Mike Sittlow
 Communion:
 Sound/Video Daryl Frank
 Slides:

This Week at Trinity

Sunday, Feb. 22	9:00 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m. Annual Meeting, NO BOLT after meeting Chili Cook-off
Tuesday, Feb. 24	9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Office staffed 6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts meet here
Wednesday, Feb. 25	9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Office staffed 6:00 p.m. Soup Supper 6:30 p.m. Confirmation/BAM 7:00 p.m. Lenten Worship
Sunday, March 1	9:00 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m. Fellowship, BOLT

Giving

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

2/15/26- Attendance: 41 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

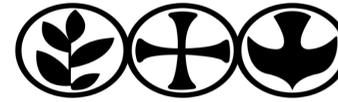
December Numbers

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 2/15 we have received \$18, 567.72 toward the \$20,000 matching gift! That is 93% of the way toward our Feb. 28 goal.



Trinity Lutheran Church

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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!



Annual Meeting of Trinity Lutheran Church—TODAY

The annual meeting of Trinity Lutheran Church will be held on Sunday, February 22, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. following the worship. Reports are now available at church. 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.

February 22nd Chili Cookoff—TODAY

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?? 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 & 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!!!



St. Croix Valley Grief Coalition will hold its six Spring Grief Support Sessions on Thursday evenings at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church in Afton from March 12 through April 23. Brochures are available at church or see it online.

The Lenten Season

The season of Lent began with Ash Wednesday Worship on February 18. 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 on the clipboard in the fellowship hall. 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.nswwi.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 JUDGES with the guest theologian Dr. Dennis Olson, Professor Emeritus of Old Testament Theology of Princeton Theological Seminary. Listen to this engaging podcast which describes human messiness and God's enduring faithfulness.



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: God our Creator, we long for wholeness in our hearts and in our lives. When we are tempted by quick fixes or twisted promises, remind us that true sustenance, protection, and power is found only in you. Lead us by your Spirit to rest confidently in your love. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen. – by Rev. Marissa Sotos

Spiritual Practice: The Star Word of the Week is “discipline.” In the story of Jesus being tempted by the devil in the wilderness, Jesus keeps his focus on God, his word, his promises, and worship of God. May our intentional practice of faith keep us turning and returning to God and so experience grace. One discipline is daily devotions. Lenten Devotional booklets, *Love Outpoured*, are available at church. The focus is on portions of the apostle Paul's letter to the Romans. In words that remain fitting for today, Paul lays out foundational beliefs for a life of faith in the Christian community. If you prefer online devotions, contact Pastor Julie for suggestions.

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.