

## 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 8

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

### Sunday, February 15

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

## This Week at Trinity

<b>Sunday, Feb. 8</b>	9:00 a.m.	Worship
	10:15 a.m.	Fellowship, BOLT
<b>Tuesday, Feb. 10</b>	9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	Office staffed
	6:00 p.m.	Girl Scouts meet here
<b>Wednesday, Feb. 11</b>	9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	Office staffed
	6:30 p.m.	Confirmation and BAM
<b>Saturday, Feb. 14</b>	12:30—1:00 p.m.	Free Food Truck here
<b>Sunday, Feb. 15</b>	9:00 a.m.	Worship
	10:15 a.m.	Fellowship, BOLT
	6:00 p.m.	Girl Scouts meet here

## Giving

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

2/1/26- Attendance: 37 Online: 14

### 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.



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Trinity Lutheran Church

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Happy Birthday Carl Moll.  
 Love from your family.

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 the planning, seasoning, and test kitchen activities begin!!!



### Thank you

Thank you to everyone who bought quilts, or donated sheets and fabric to our mission. Nine quilts were bought at \$40.00 and one at \$50.00 for a total of \$ 410.00. Half the money (\$205.00) was given to the Roberts food pantry and half the money was to be applied to the mortgage principle. - Thank you from the quilters

## 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](http://www.nswsi.org).

## Early Bird Deadline for Luther Point Bible Camp is March 1

Registration is now open for all of the exciting camp options! The early bird deadline gives you the biggest discount. See [lutherpoint.org](http://lutherpoint.org).

## 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 for this week is on the book of Deuteronomy and is 30 minutes long. Pastor Julie finds these podcasts give a fresh look at scripture. Feel free to ask her for more information.



## \$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 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:** The Star Word of the Week - “righteousness”; Righteousness is doing what is right in the eyes of God. It is making good and loving choices on behalf of all people, the creation, and the systems which govern our shared life, even when it is difficult to do **so**. Jesus uses this word repeatedly in the Sermon on the Mount. Reflecting on this is important! Take time to think about the choices you make and how they might be connected to God's gracious rule.

**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.