

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, April 5

Greeter: Dan & Sally Doornink
 Ushers: Kathy Jensen
 Acolyte: Lane Gillis
 Lector: Dar Sittlow
 Communion: Dar Sittlow
 Slide show:
 Sound/Video:
 Teacher/Vol. None needed

Sunday, April 12

Greeter: Julie Boumeester
 Ushers: Lois Koosmann, Barb Schrank
 Acolyte: Aspen Langman
 Lector: Mandie Langman
 Slide show:
 Sound/Video:
 Teacher/Vol. Jess Millar

Giving

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

3/29/26- Attendance: 60 Online: 9

February Financial Report

Account Balances as of 2/28/2026
 General Fund: \$ 1,805.51
 Youth Org: \$ 4,810.56
 Memorial Fund: \$26,225.97
 WELCA: \$ 1,705.82

February Numbers

Income: \$ 20,413.00
 Less Expenses \$ 23,403.25
 Income Less Exp: \$ - 2,990.25
 Outstanding Checks: \$ 2,940.02
 \$ - 5,930.27
 Less March 1 Bills \$ 3,046.43
 March 2 Balance \$ -8,976.70

Year-to-date Numbers

Income: \$ 20,413.00
 Expenses: \$ 23,403.25
 Income Less Expenses : \$ - 2,990.25
 Less Outstanding Checks and Mar. 1 Bills \$ 5,986.45
 \$ - 8,976.70

We met 96% of the \$20,000 matching gift challenge. Good work!



Trinity Lutheran Church

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Happy Easter!
 God's Blessings to all!

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!



Unbound: Longing for Wholeness

The theme for the Lenten season which culminates in the Resurrection of Our Lord is **Unbound: Longing for Wholeness**. Easter is God's definitive "no" to every force that binds us and God's "yes" to a wholeness more expansive than we imagined. The gospel of John assumes that death remains an issue for all people, including the followers of Jesus. The message of the resurrection actually presupposes that death is real. The promise of the resurrection is not that people escape dying, but are given life through and out of death.

The gospel of John tells us that death is real but not final. Jesus died, giving himself completely for the sake of others. and Jesus rose, defining the promise of life in a way that is complete. Jesus died and rose as a whole person, an embodied person, but as one no longer subject to the constraints of death. God's Word comes to people in embodied form and offers an embodied future, a transformed future, in Jesus who is the resurrection. What happened to Jesus will happen to those who follow him. This is indeed a mystery.

Those who come to believe in Jesus enter a relationship with him and his Father that is true life. This relationship does not end with the person's final breath. The relationship will extend into the future through resurrection. As we long for **wholeness** let us remember that being in relationship with God is embodied when we worship and read scriptures, pray and meditate on the word, when we study mercy and extend mercy, and when we do acts of service and giving of ourselves following the way of Jesus.

Christ is risen! Alleluia!



This Week at Trinity

Sunday, April 5	9:00 a.m.	Easter Worship
	10:15 a.m.	Fellowship, NO BOLT
Monday, April 6		New Daycare opens in lower level
Tuesday, April 7	9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	Office staffed
	6:00 p.m.	Girl Scouts Meet here
Wednesday, April 8	9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	Office staffed
	6:30 p.m.	Confirmation/BAM
Saturday, April 11	10:00 a.m.	Visitation for Todd Criego
	11:00 a.m.	Funeral service for Todd
Sunday, April 12	9:00 a.m.	Worship
	10:15 a.m.	Fellowship, BOLT

Sympathies to Patty and the family on the death of Todd Criego. Visitation is at O'Connell Family Funeral Home in Baldwin on Thursday, April 9th from 3:00 – 8:00 p.m. Funeral services are Saturday, April 11th at 11:00 a.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church with visitation one hour prior to worship.

Mental Health in the Schools Fundraiser— Wednesday, April 22nd

Plan ahead for attending the annual fundraiser for the St. Croix Central School District Mental Health Programs. Ten percent of all food and drink sold this night at the Barnboard between 4:00 and 8:30 p.m. will go to help these crucial programs for youth in crisis. Please also start assembling gift baskets for raffle as we will start selling tickets right after Easter. For questions or to donate, contact Betty Johnson or Alyssa at the Barnboard. Thanks also to Thrivent Action Teams.

WELCA Morning of Renewal April 18th

The St. Croix Valley Conference of the Women of the ELCA invites us to a Morning of Renewal. This year the event is held on Saturday, April 18th at Cross Lutheran in Roberts. Speaker Rebekah Storey will give an inspiring talk about her experience learning to forgive those who have hurt her. See details on the poster in the narthex.

Synod Assembly – April 25th at Bethany Lutheran Church, Rice Lake

The Lenten Offering will go towards the Synod Assembly Offering. Synod Assembly is Saturday, April 25th at Bethany Lutheran Church in Rice Lake. Trinity still needs one voting member to attend as Sarah Pommerening has volunteered to go. If you are interested, please let Pastor Julie know. Registration needs to be completed by April 10th.

The Bible in a Year- The Bible in a Year - A resource out of Luther Seminary is www.enterthebible.org. Catch this weeks' podcast on [Ezra and Nehemiah](#). Listen to Camerson B.R. Howard, associate professor of Old Testament at Luther Seminary, as she guides you through the books, their theme of returning from exile, and how they rebuilt the community after everything had changed.

Note: The Fresh Express free food truck will NOT be in our parking lot on April 11th (it usually is on the second Saturday of each month). It does stop at the Baldwin Library lot on the same day afterward.

You Are Invited

The Family Resource Center invites us to their annual fundraising gala to support their work with families with children. This year's theme is Country Music Awards: "where rhinestones meet red carpet" so dust off your boots and bring your glam! The event is at Ready Randy's in New Richmond on Sunday, April 19th, beginning with social hour at 4:00 p.m., dinner and program at 5:15, dessert and live auction at 7:30. Ticket information is on the card in the narthex. RSVP by April 10th by scanning the code or calling 715-684-4440.

Senior Students Recognition Sunday

We would like to congratulate and award our High School Seniors on Sunday May 17th, so please mark your calendars. Seniors, please let Pastor Julie know of your plans after graduation for our newsletter (it's OK to say you aren't sure yet!)



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

Prayer Point: God, thank you for forgiving us freely and completely. Help us trust your grace and learn how to offer real forgiveness to others. Amen.

Spiritual Practice: The Star Word of the Week is "empower." The apostle Paul to the Colossians emphasizes that followers are to "set their minds on things that are above" meaning things like compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. He explains that when your life is "hidden with Christ in God" you have unity with Christ and all believers. By God's Spirit we are empowered to act with compassion, to be kind, to humbly serve, to be content, and to make space for others to receive what they need. Let us be so empowered.

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.