

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

BLESSINGS

JANUARY 2026



A message from Pastor Emmanuel

Dear Sister and Brothers in Christ,

*"You crown the year with your bounty;
and your carts overflow with abundance."
Psalm 65:11*

I wish you all a happy and blessed New Year!

I am delighted to share that I participated in the Watch Night service with the Indian community at our church on December 31. We praised God, shared our testimonies, participated in Holy Communion, and enjoyed refreshments afterward. This might be the first time in the history of Trinity Church that we held such an event.

We entered the New Year with praise and thanksgiving. The psalmist promises a prosperous life for those who are in God, which encourages us to give thanks for His grace and protection. We know that God nourishes the earth and cares for His people. God's intention is for God's children to thrive in life. While God's protection and love are extended to

everyone, they can only be fully embraced by those willing to receive them. To experience these blessings, we must cultivate a right relationship with God. By rededicating our lives to Him and serving our neighbors, we can truly experience these gifts in our lives.

Our motivation for these actions is not solely to receive blessings but stems from the love and compassion we have as we reflect God's nature. We aim to love and care for our community by reaching out to those in need.

This year, as a church, we are committed to being attentive to the community's needs and actively involved in addressing them. Through this, we will fulfill God's work through our hands. I greatly appreciate your continuous support and encouragement for the mission of the church. I invite you to keep praying for others and to support the mission of Trinity.

Have a blessed Year,
Reverend Emmanuel Penumaka

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Celebrations!

Happy Birthday!

January 2 - Hope Hansen
January 10 - Robin Neuman
January 14 - Abbie Thomas
January 14 - Laura Wiberg
January 15 - Dorothy Chambers
January 24 - Jeff Thomas
January 27 - Steve Penumaka
January 28 - Dave Wallace
January 30 - Tina Stenberg

Upcoming Events

JOIN US!

Coffee & Fellowship
Sundays @ 10 a.m.

Weekly Bible Study
Wednesday at 9:45 a.m.

Annual Congregational Meeting
January 25 @ 11:30 a.m.

Monthly Breakfast
January 25 @ 9:45 a.m.

Serve at Shalom
March 7 / 9a - 1:30p



Altar Flower dedications
are now available for
the new year.

Click [HERE](#) to reserve
your dates.
\$20 per week



Serve at Shalom

**Volunteers are needed to
prepare and serve a meal
on Saturday, March 7.**

**Sign up to volunteer in the
Narthex or click [HERE](#).**



Sunday Worship
10:30 am—Traditional

*Communion
1st & 3rd
Sundays of the month
and on Festival Sundays

Outreach
10 a.m. - Coffee & Fellowship
Sunday's

9:45 am—Adult Bible Study
Wednesday's

Faithful Servants

	Jan 4	Jan 11	Jan 18	Jan 25
Coffee Host	Brenda P	Sandy T	Linda F	Carol J
Greeter	Ruth & Ken J	Frank & Carol J	Randy & Hope G	Dave S
Lector	Tom C	Hope H	Jeff T	Dave S
Communion	Amy H	Robin N	Sandy T	n/a
Usher	Ruth & Ken J	Frank & Carol J	Randy & Hope G	Dave S
Altar Guild	Amy H	Robin N	Robin N	Kari O
Music	John R	John R	Charlie F	Randy G

If you are unable to do your Sunday Servant position, please make sure to find someone to switch with you! The schedule is posted a month in advance on the bulletin board outside the office. The church council appreciates all you do to help make worship a great experience!

January Flower Dedications



Thank you to all of you who donate flowers for the altar in celebration of life events and for the glory of God.

January 4 - OPEN

January 11 - OPEN

January 18 - Gina Lucas in Celebration of Sam's birthday

January 25 - Tom & Jan Coulter in celebration of Hope's birthday

Please mail or drop off your check for flower dedications. \$20 per week.

Those who sponsor flowers may take home the bouquets following the worship service.

To sponsor 2026 altar flowers, click [here](#).

Flowers are \$20 per week.

COUNCIL MEMBERS

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Giving Update

	12.07.25	12.14.25	12.21.25	12.28.25
Current Expenses*	\$2,185.00	\$320.00	\$3,229.00	\$3,416.00
ELCA/INKY Synod Grant*	\$1,500.00			
Building Fund	\$5.00	\$5.00		
Flowers*	\$101.00		\$105.00	
Building Use*	\$50.00			
Special Projects	\$1,200.00		\$530.00	\$50.00
TOTAL GIVING	\$3,836.00	\$325.00	\$3,864.00	\$3466.00

**Average Monthly Current Expenses*: \$9,000*

ESTIMATED SURPLUS - \$1,906.00



The Caring Center

The Caring Center in Lebanon, Indiana works to stabilize families in crisis and to move those caught in poverty towards self-sufficiency. They help families and individuals living in situational and generational poverty and those who are food insecure.

Services that are available at the Caring Center include food, clothing, personal care items, household items, furniture, food and educational classes, transitional housing and many more services to families and individuals in need.

Help us to meet their monthly food needs by donating the following items. Donations should be place in the tub located under the bulletin board in the narthex.

- apple juice
- mixed fruit cocktail
- flour
- oil
- tomato juice
- sugar
- crackers
- dish soap
- shampoo
- conditioner
- canned meat (spam, chicken)
- baked beans
- pasta sauce
- pork & beans
- mixed vegetables