

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

BLESSINGS

JUNE 2026



A message from Pastor Emmanuel

Dear Co-Pilgrims,

I greet you all on the occasion of the 70th Anniversary of our Church and the 250th Anniversary of America's Independence.

As I reflect on the history of Trinity, I feel a mix of joy and sorrow while reading the visions, missions, and hopes shared by our pastors and leaders. I experience joy for their unwavering hope and the growth they inspired, and sorrow for the challenges they faced in coming together to find a place to worship. This fellowship began in 1953 at the Campbell Auction House in downtown Lebanon. Next Sunday onwards they met at the Knights of Pythias Hall.

Trinity Church officially became a congregation of the Indiana Synod, part of the United Lutheran Church in America, on February 12, 1956.

Since then, the faith displayed by our founders has been remarkable. As I look through the records, I see achievements and awards that our young members received in school and the community. Many of you who are present today have grown up, and your accomplishments have become part of the church's history. You might wonder what your achievements have to do with the history of Trinity. The answer is simple: you are at the heart of Trinity; your successes reflect Trinity's successes, and your challenges are ours as well.

God has blessed us throughout this journey, from the very beginning

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Celebrations!

Happy Birthday!

July 7 - Frank Jensen
 July 12 - Linda Fahrenbach
 July 16 - Sean Conners
 July 17 - Carol Jensen
 July 17 - Valerie Coulter Pohl
 July 18 - Elijah Stenberg
 July 24 - Elizabeth Wiberg
 July 25 - Ken Jansing

Happy Anniversary!

July 2 - Tom & Jan Coulter
 July 3 - Dave & Tina Stenberg
 July 24 - Valerie & Dylan Pohl



Join us for a special celebration of
70 years of Trinity Lutheran
Church!

Sunday, July 12

10:30 am - Worship Service
 12 pm - Anniversary "Chicken
 Sunday" Luncheon
 Entree will be provided
 Congregants asked to bring a side
 dish and/or dessert

Do you have a special memory or
story about Trinity Lutheran to
share? Submit it [HERE](#)

RSVP for the luncheon at
trinityindiana.tlc@gmail.com
 or sign up on the board in the
 narthex. Deadline for rsvp's
 is July 5th.

Upcoming Events

JOIN US!

Coffee & Fellowship

Sundays @ 10 a.m.

Adult Bible Study

Wednesdays at 9:45 a.m.

July 4th Fireworks

Saturday, July 4
 7:30 p.m.
Fireworks begin at 10 p.m.

70th TLC Anniversary Celebration

Sunday, July 12
 Special worship service
 Lunch to follow



Join us on July 4th for the annual
 Lebanon fireworks display.
 Set Up begins at 7:30 p.m.

Snacks and water will be provided
 by Trinity. Veteran's Ice will be
 serving Snow Cones and yard
 games will be available. Bring a
 chair, blankets, snacks and your
 semiquincentennial spirit to
 celebrate the 250th anniversary of
 the Declaration of Independence.

Sunday Worship
 10:30 am—Traditional

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

Outreach
 9:45 am—Adult Bible Study
 Wednesday's

10 a.m. - Coffee & Fellowship
 Weekly on Sunday

9:45 a.m. - Fellowship
 Breakfast
 Last Sunday of the month
 (Sept-May)

Faithful Servants

	07.05.26	07.12.26	07.19.26	07.26.26
Greeter	Brenda P	Kari O	Randy & Hope G	Tom & Jan C
Lector	Robin N	Tom C	Hope H	Jeff T
Communion	Laura W	Laura W	Amy H	n/a
Usher	Brenda P	Kari O	Hope G	Tom & Jan C
Altar Guild	Laura W	Laura W	Amy H	n/a
Music	John R	John R	Randy G	Charlie F
Coffee & Fellowship	Anne T	Sandy T	Brenda P	Carol J
Counting	Dave S	Sandy T	Dave S	Sandy T

If you are unable to fulfill your assigned date, 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!

July Flower Dedications



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

July 5 - Tom & Jan Coulter in celebration of their 43rd anniversary

July 12 - Gina Lucas in celebration of Bailee's birthday and Megan and Charlie's anniversary

July 19 - Tom & Jan Coulter in celebration of Valerie's birthday

July 26 - Amy & Rick Hammerle in celebration of Oliver's birthday

Please mail or drop off your check for flower dedications (\$30).

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

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

PLEASE NOTE: Flowers are now \$30 per week.

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Steve Thomas, President
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 Gina Lucas, Treasurer
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Giving Update

	06.07.26	06.14.26	06.21.26	06.28.26
Current Expenses*	\$3,649.00	\$902.00	\$1,479.09	\$727.00
Building Use*		\$75.00		
ELCA/INKY Synod Grant*	\$1,500.00			
Building Fund	\$20.00	\$5.00		
Flowers*	\$30.00		\$30.00	
TOTAL GIVING	\$5,199.00	\$982.00	\$1,504.09	\$727.00

Average Monthly Current Expenses*: \$8,789.00
ESTIMATED MAY DEFICIT - \$396.91



Caring Center Needs

The Caring Center's mission is to stabilize families in crisis and move those caught in poverty towards self sufficiency. They help families and individual living in generational and situational poverty and those who are food insecure.

All donations should be placed in the tub under the bulletin board.

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of our fellowship. He has used our church as a vessel to bring glory to His name. Therefore, I urge you to pray that this celebration is not merely a numerical milestone; these 70 years represent a faith journey that we have all undertaken together. For seventy years, Trinity Church has served the families and community of Lebanon. I encourage you to reflect on what you have received from this church over the decades and to pass that legacy on to future generations.

God bless you, and may God bless America as we celebrate the Semiquincentennial.

Pastor Emmanuel Penumaka

