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The Lamplighter

GOD'S LOVE MADE REAL

As I have been preparing to go to the 2025 ELCA Churchwide (national) Assembly as a voting member from the Indiana Kentucky Synod, I have come across some documents that spell out some of the hopes and dreams of the ELCA. These come out of discussions like the work that Trinity did to look at hopes and dreams, opportunities and challenges, values and vision. One of these documents came out of the 2016 Churchwide Assembly, and it is titled *Called Forward Together in Christ, ELCA Strategic Directions 2025*. I've included a part of that work below. This kind of "review from the balcony" can be helpful, and I hope it will be.

What Unites Us as a Church

Our shared purpose: Together in Jesus Christ we are freed by grace to live faithfully, witness boldly and serve joyfully.

Our vision: A world experiencing the difference God's grace and love in Christ makes for all people and creation. [Or, in a short, easy to remember form: God's Love Made Real].

Our values: Our values are grounded in faith, in our biblical and Lutheran confessional sources and our love of God and neighbor. They speak to the way this church lives and practices our faith, and they will guide how we journey forward in Christ as church together.

Forgiveness and reconciliation

We are reconciled to God by God's forgiving mercy. Forgiveness and reconciliation flow from what God has made us to be in Jesus Christ and what God is doing with us in the world. As a people of God, we embody forgiveness in speech, action and relationships, and our ministry in reconciliation is foundational.

Dignity, compassion and justice

Each person is created in God's image. We respect this God-given right to dignity and, inspired by the life of Jesus, show love and compassion for all people. Through proclamation of the gospel, through worship and as servants of God working for healing and justice in the world, we uphold and seek to protect the dignity and human rights of all people.

Inclusion and diversity

As Christ's church, we value the richness of God's creation and offer a radical welcome to all people, appreciating our common humanity and our differences. We are a church that does not view diversity as a barrier to unity. We recognize and will challenge dynamics of power and privilege that create barriers to participation and equity in this church and society – for women, people of color, minority ethnic groups, people with disabilities, people who are marginalized or living in poverty, and the LGBTQ community.

Courage and openness to change

Because we trust in God's promise and understand faith to be a living, daring confidence in God's grace, we are emboldened to embrace learning and change in our spiritual and institutional journey as church. This means we are open to new ways and willing to take risks to discover God's plan for this church.

Faithful stewardship of God's creation and gifts

As church together, faithful stewardship is about holding to God's purpose and ensuring the responsibilities and resources that God has entrusted to us are used with great care and with accountability to God, to each other and those served by this church.

Council Highlights: MID-Year UPDATE!



Your Trinity Lutheran Church continues to work on behalf of our church family. We are committed to **meeting** our objectives for the year as approved by the congregation at the January 2025 annual meeting.

These include:

People #1: Reclaim non-attending members and add new members.

HOW?

PRAY! Welcome and INVITE...

Each one bring ONE

Council and congregation members to reach out personally to NON attending members to

ReEngage with TLC

Continue our Forces of magnetism...curiosity, warmth, welcoming ALL

(New objective) We are educating **ourselves** on the ELCA Social Statement on *Human Sexuality: Gift and Trust (2009)*—this is due to be slightly revised at the churchwide assembly this summer. Here is the link to the Social Statement: <https://www.elca.org/faith/faith-and-society/social-statements/human-sexuality>

How are we doing ½ way through 2025 on this goal?

We have added a few new members. We have re-engaged with several inactive members. We are updating our directory of members. MORE work to do. Give us your ideas, reach out to a non-attending member you know, pray!

People #2: Continue developing our Shared Ministry relationship with St. Mark UCC. HOW?

Support the combined Call/Search Committee!

Combined council/consistory meeting each quarter

Implement Covenant details for search for a pastor and in opportunities to worship/serve Christ together

How are we doing ½ way through 2025 on this goal?

The Joint Council/Consistory have met twice (March and June). We have prayed together and studied God's Word together. We have exchanged info about our the history, practices and traditions of our two churches. We have discussed ways to collaborate in worship and service. Block Party, PRIDE festival, Welcome Back events at various local colleges. We support the hard work of our call/search teams. This joint group have interviewed several candidates. We are educating ourselves on the ELCA Social Statement: MORE work to do! Give us your ideas, feedback and prayers!

Property #3: Implement recommended exterior and building changes to make Trinity universally accessible. HOW?

Designate Handicapped parking on street (2 spaces/sign)

Marigold entrance portico, automatic door, railing

Remodel the Bathrooms in the main hall

Investigate city process for designation for continued discussion/refinement and action.

Continue search for grant funding

How are we doing ½ way through 2025 on this goal?

The search continues for external funding for remodeling funds. Indiana Sacred Places investigated, we do not fit the criteria for this grant. We are in contact with Terre Haute Street department about the handicapped designation—stay tuned. More work to do, give us your ideas, feedback and prayers!



Announcements!

Trinity's COMMUNICATIONS TEAM needs NEWS from you!

Communications is a vital resource in a thriving organization like Trinity. Trinity's Communications Team needs your information inputs! When you are aware of pertinent and newsy information, please provide to:

communications.council@trinityterrehaute.org.

The information might be useful for the **WHAT'S HAPPENING** page on Trinity's website:

https://trinityterrehaute.org/

Have you looked at the various pages on that Trinity website?

Please Note:

Council Items Due in the office by -

July 16

Council Meeting -

July 21 @ 7pm

AT TRINITY

Newsletter Items Due in the office by -

July 24

QUILTING

Saturday,

July 12 at 9 am.

Bring Scissors



JULY & AUGUST
We are collecting
SCHOOL SUPPLIES
for the 14th & Chestnut
Community Center
Place items in baskets in the
Nartex

SAVE THE DATE!

Block Party July 27

11-3 PM!

Come on out rain or shine! Lots of free food, games, and activities for all ages!



TRINITY WOMEN

WEDNESDAY,
July 9th at 7 pm

FELLOWSHIP HALL

Your Host: Gayle Bland
The Hymn Story: I KNOW THAT MY REDEEMER LIVES led by Kenna Hittle



SAVE THE DATE!
Small World Learning Center

50th Anniversary
Open House
July 27, 11-3 pm
Fellowship Hall

Along with the Block Party



MEN'S BREAKFAST
Cackleberries on
Tuesdays:
July 8 and 22 at
8:30 AM



IK SYNOD UPDATE

The 2025 Indiana Kentucky Synod Assembly took place in downtown Indianapolis, June 5-7, 2025 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel. Adam & Jody Pomfret were the voting lay members from the congregation; Pastors Karen Husby & Donna Glazier attended as rostered voting members. Bishop Timothy Graham presided over the assembly, his first since being elected as our synod Bishop in 2024.

After opening formalities related to voting credentials and adoption of the rules of order, Bishop Graham delivered a keynote presentation titled “FAITH: GIFT, ANCHOR, & JOURNEY”. Drawing inspiration from scripture, 1 Corinthians 13: 1-13, Bishop Graham began by illustrating how the divisions within the Corinthian church are similar to the divisions we see in our contemporary church culture. The root of many of our divisions, according to Bishop Graham, boils down to selfishness & self-centeredness. However, in the scripture passage, Paul instructs that love must rule over all, above our various divisions.

We cannot create ‘love’ on our own power, not through our self-generated efforts can we hope to generate love to cover over our various divisions. Rather, we must trust steadfastly in God and receive faith, as a gift, from the Spirit. God is the agent that does everything necessary in the process of faith.

The gift of faith from God is that which anchors us to Jesus Christ. The situations and events in our world have the ability to produce fear; we see fear in our politics, fear in concerns about the future of our congregations, fear of the ‘other’. The opposite of this fear is faith; faith in a savior Jesus who calms our storms with but a word from his lips, “be still”. Throughout our life journey we carry this precious gift of faith, perpetually secured to our Lord.

The community of believers, the Church, is the body of our Lord. The faith-filled community is on a journey that is both begun and completed by Jesus. We don’t depend on our own sight or our own efforts to navigate this journey, the work is done by God, the Spirit of the living Christ, who leads us on the journey. Anchored to Jesus and thus the Church, we journey in a world filled with the dying, the lonely, the struggling, and the fearful. We are blessed to proclaim the message that this free gift is freely available to everyone. We speak a word to a hurting world, that Jesus Christ calms the storms and has defeated Death, humanity’s greatest fear. -----

Official business related to voting on synod committees and positions, proposed resolutions/memorials, and the synod budget. The four resolutions and memorials presented and passed were

- “A Call to the ELCA Churchwide for Disinvestment for the Sake of Lutheran Nonprofits”
- “Resolution of Transparency and Accountability in Support of LOMIK Camps”
- “National Day of Remembrance for Indian Boarding Schools”
- “Resolution in Support of Religious Liberty and Against Christian Nationalism”

The assembly acknowledged the many years of service and expressed their profound gratitude to the outgoing synod Vice President Ted Miller. His position will be filled by Anne Simerman who was elected by the voting members. -----

The assembly provides time for breakout sessions that dealt with various topics related to congregational life. The two sessions Jody attended were “Seeking The Beloved Community in Politically Diverse Congregations” and “Conversations around Christian Nationalism- Part 2”. Adam attended “Conversations around Christian Nationalism- Part 1 & 2”. The information presented in the breakout sessions was useful in helping congregations navigate discussion related to current issues dividing the church in America.

Thank you for allowing us to attend the 2025 Indiana/Kentucky Synod Assembly. It was a pleasure to be present for Bishop Graham’s first Assembly, as well as to learn from our brothers and sisters in our church community.

Adam and Jody Pomfret

THANK YOU TO THE JUNE WORSHIP SERVANTS:

Recording/sound engineers:

Adam and Jody Pomfret, Andrew and Elizabeth Eichmiller

Ushers: Jody Pomfret, Aiden Pomfret, Gordon & Linda Afdahl, Bob & Denise Taylor, Pete & Donna Gustafson, Ron and Megan Bara

Lay assistants: Pat McIntyre, Linda Rodenberger, Gordon Afdahl, John McIntyre, Sue Gosse

Cantors: Elizabeth Eichmiller, Bill Strecker, James Pendergast,

Altar Care: Jody Pomfret, Suzi Bloomer Donna Gustafson, Denise Taylor

Communion Bread: Denise Taylor, Jody Pomfret, Donna Gustafson, Gayle Bland

Acolyte: Jody Pomfret



VOLUNTEERS FOR JULY 2025



Counters: **Donna and Pete Gustafson**

Date	Lay Assistant	Ushers	Communion Prep/ Clean up	Communion Bread
July 6	Linda Rodenberger	Gordon & Linda Afdahl	Suzi Bloomer/Donna Gustafson	Donna Gustafson
July 13	Gayle Bland	Andrew & Elizabeth Eichmiller	Jody Pomfret	Jody Pomfret
July 20	Linda Afdahl	Leota Ehm/Gayle Bland	Denise Taylor	Denise Taylor
July 27	Carol Hawn	Pete & Donna Gustafson	Jody Pomfret	Carol Hawn



7/2	Pastor Karen Husby
7/5	Arlin Andres
7/5	Jane Strecker
7/9	Mark Southwick
7/11	Amelia Pomfret
7/13	Anna Sumanski
7/17	Carol Hawn
7/18	Nicole Stewart
7/21	Sheri McLennan
7/26	Susan Outlaw-Stallings
7/26	John McIntyre
7/28	Alpa Patel (Yeagley)



7/1	Darrel & Sue Gosse
7/1	Mark & Sherri Southwick
7/7	Ray & Suzi Bloomer
7/1	
4	Marvin & Barb Mericle

REMINDER!

Please check the church calendar in the office before scheduling an activity at the church.

If you would like an event/meeting on the calendar, please ensure that the office knows about it!

Email: office@trinityterrehaute.org

THANK YOU!



8/2	Zach McLennan
8/6	Jayda Langley
8/23	Ericka Hale
8/26	Bonnie Parks
8/26	Mary Lee
8/26	John Neuenschwander



8/11	Jim & Linda Rodenberger
8/18	Marvin & Barb Mericle
	Andrew & Elizabeth
8/20	Eichmiller

Acknowledgements



Giving a **BIG SHOUT** of Thanks to **Sara Johnson** and **Suzi Bloomer**

Our wonderfully talented and faithful Music Director and Bell Choir Director.

Thank you for keeping our souls with God in Music every Sunday and for everything you do!



Of all that God provides me, friends are one of my most cherished gifts. I do not know how I would have made it through the last three months without all of you - your prayers, texts, cards, calls, food, and your kind help in taking up tasks I had to put down. John has been my rock, of course, but you all have been my refuge. I had never in my life been so ill. It was debilitating, frustrating, and frightening. You helped me stand up to it. I am still not "back" but it is finally coming into view.

I thank God for each of you for getting me this far. Grace, peace, and love to you all.
Pat McIntyre

FIRST FRIDAY CARDS:

The evening began like most other evenings—Good friends visiting, exchanging information, sharing concerns, laughing. Food was served, buffet style, and was plentiful. There was chocolate. Then, the card playing started and pleasantries were left behind. With each card played, revenge was in the air. My confidently played queen was overtaken you your king. Her shyly played ace was trumped by a two. He was sure he was safe when he led the three of diamonds only to find out that no one else had a diamond. It was a fight to the end of the evening, an early one at that as everyone was tired, and the better player won. Of course, we do not remember which of the players was that better one. We can sum up the evening by saying everyone attending ate too much and played the best with what they were dealt. Even with all the stress of the game we agreed to meet again next month on the Fourth of July to attempt to play to a different outcome. Except for the winner and they will be defending their title. If only we knew who that was...See you next month, July 4, at 6 pm in the fellowship hall.



You are encouraged to join the group July 4, 6:00 PM, when we gather together in Trinity’s fellowship hall to fellowship with each other around food and cards (or maybe something else). Those attending are asked to bring finger foods snacks to share and good humor. Hope to see you there.



Pastor’s Discretionary Fund

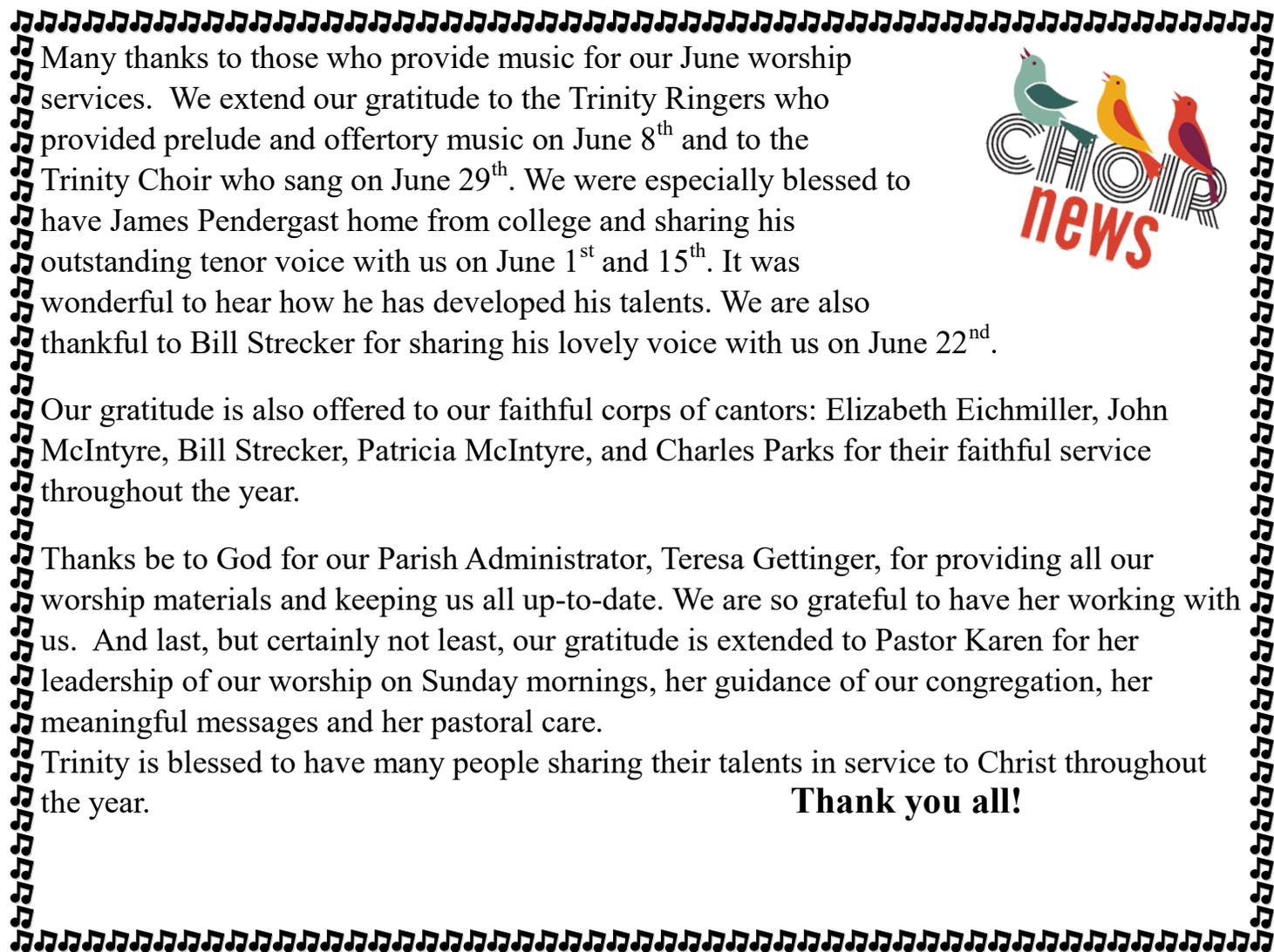
Assists members and other individuals in need of support, primarily utility bills, food or housing costs. Any help replenishing this fund is greatly appreciated.

Mark your offering envelope.
Thank you for your generosity.

**TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
Operating Budget Summary at May 31, 2025**

	2025			2024		
	Actual	% of Budget	Budget	YTD Actual	% of Budget	Year End Actual
Giving/revenues received for budget	\$65,752.93	46.9%	\$ 140,275.00	\$64,092.31	43.5%	\$ 147,178.76
Expenses for budgeted items	\$68,180.09	41.0%	\$ 166,194.00	\$65,184.07	42.2%	\$ 154,424.25
Revenues over/(under) expenses	<u>(\$2,427.16)</u>		<u>\$ (25,919.00)</u>	<u>(\$1,091.76)</u>		<u>(\$7,245.49)</u>

At May 31, 2025, unified giving and other operating revenues were \$1,660.62 higher than the previous year, even though unified giving and loose offerings were were \$1,096.76 less than the previous year. They were also \$7,305.01 higher than the budget for the year. Operating expenses were \$1,067.41 lower than budget for the year and \$2,996.02 higher than the previous year. Expenses exceeded revenues by \$2,427.16 year to date compared to the budgeted deficit for the year of \$25,919.



Many thanks to those who provide music for our June worship services. We extend our gratitude to the Trinity Ringers who provided prelude and offertory music on June 8th and to the Trinity Choir who sang on June 29th. We were especially blessed to have James Pendergast home from college and sharing his outstanding tenor voice with us on June 1st and 15th. It was wonderful to hear how he has developed his talents. We are also thankful to Bill Strecker for sharing his lovely voice with us on June 22nd.

Our gratitude is also offered to our faithful corps of cantors: Elizabeth Eichmiller, John McIntyre, Bill Strecker, Patricia McIntyre, and Charles Parks for their faithful service throughout the year.

Thanks be to God for our Parish Administrator, Teresa Gettinger, for providing all our worship materials and keeping us all up-to-date. We are so grateful to have her working with us. And last, but certainly not least, our gratitude is extended to Pastor Karen for her leadership of our worship on Sunday mornings, her guidance of our congregation, her meaningful messages and her pastoral care.

Trinity is blessed to have many people sharing their talents in service to Christ throughout the year.

Thank you all!

SUMMER MUSICIANS NEEDED

The Trinity choir and the Ringers will each be continuing to share their musical talents with us once each month throughout the summer but additional musician volunteers are needed for the remaining summer Sundays. If you sing, play an instrument, perform liturgical dance, etc. please volunteer to share your talents with the congregation. If you would be interested in being part of a small group rather than a soloist please also let Sara know. You can speak with Sara following worship on Sunday mornings, reach her by phone at (812)360-0897 or email at sarajohnson72@yahoo.com.

ALL ARE WELCOME!!





LUKE BIBLE STUDY
Tuesday's at
11:30 AM

Contact SUE GOSSE for more
Information. 812-299-5251



PRAYER LIST

PLEASE BE PRAYING FOR

- Beverly Bailey
- Carla Chapman
- Corrine Erickson
- Donna Feightner
- Brenda Hamand
- Braden Hunt
- Kristan Hunt
- Samantha Manning
- Pat McIntyre
- Kris Johnson and Debbie
- P.K. Johnson
- Deval Lennon
- Bruce & Karol Martindale
- Briar Osborn
- Charles Parks
- Amelia Pomfret
- Jim Rodenberger
- John Schoffstall and family
- Dawn Smith
- Pastor Bob Swanson
- Sherry Tacker
- Nate VanSell
- Tom & Kathy Weir
- Rhoda Wood

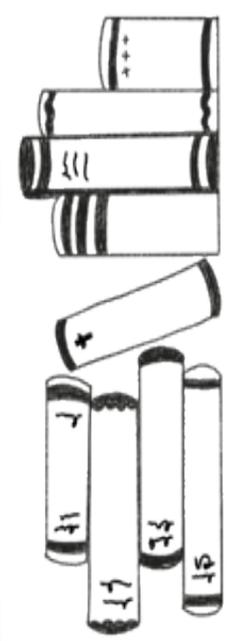
Leota Ehm

I have lived at Robin Run Village in Indianapolis for the past 10 ½ years. I attended church at Christ Lutheran in Zionsville during the time. Living in the retirement facility was very enjoyable. I was involved with the Resident Council for 7 years and was involved with producing the Resident Photo Album for the last 5 years. I enjoyed working in my flower and vegetable garden during my time in Indianapolis. I moved back to Terre Haute to be closer to some of my family.

Leota is currently in the process of transferring her membership back to Trinity.

Trinity Lutheran Church is located on the original and ancestral homelands of the Očhéthi Šakówiŋ, Kiikaapoi (Kickapoo), Kaskaskia, and Myaamia people[s], and we give thanks for their presence here since time immemorial.

We also wish to recognize and honor all our Indigenous siblings who have and continue to call this land their home.



We will report the May-Penny Power Collection in the July Lamplighter! Thank you for GIVING!

2025 TOTAL so far is \$370.49

We need \$84 a month in order to reach \$1K for the year.

KEEP up the good work!

2025 PENNY POWER OFFERING

On the last Sunday of each month, our pennies, nickels, dimes, etc. are donated to Lutheran World Hunger in order to buy milk for children in a developing country.

January	\$85.74
February	\$79.47
March	\$35.15
April	\$78.07
May	\$92.06
June	
July	
August	
September	
October	
November	
<u>December</u>	



Equals 37,049 cups of milk for needy children!!

**2024 Total: \$813.70--
Let's get back over \$1000 in 2025!**

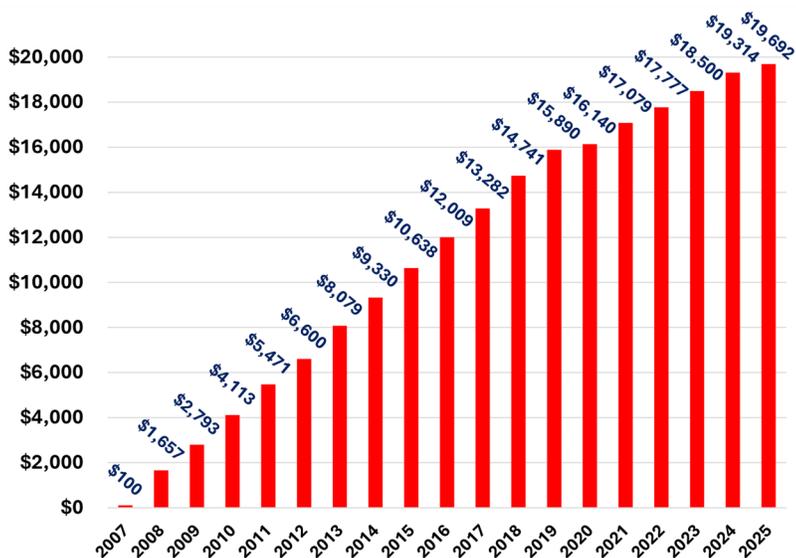
**TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
Penny Power**



December 24, 2007 through May 25, 2025

¹The first Penny Power collection was on Christmas Eve, 2007.

\$19,692 collected in 17.42 years!



Cumulative \$Amount Collected



IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Interim Pastor: Karen Husby: 812-230-2628
 Organist/Music Director: Sara Johnson: 812-360-0897
 Trinity Church: 812-232-7628

Council Officers:

President: Sue Gosse: 812-299-5251 or 812-223-3998
 Vice President: Andrew Eichmiller: 812-797-2720
 Secretary: Jody Pomfret: 812-243-1130
 Financial Secretary: Greg Essig: 812-514-8055
 Treasurer: Gordy Afdahl: 812-877-0903

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 11:30 am Luke Bible Study	2	3	4 6:00 pm First Friday Cards	5
6 10:00am Worship	7 6:00 pm Lucky Losers	8 8:30 am Men's Break-fast 11:30 am Luke Bible Study	9 7:00 pm Trinity Women	10	11	12 9:00 am Quilting
13 10:00 am Worship W&M Meeting after Worship	14 6:00 pm Lucky Losers	15 11:30 am Luke Bible Study	16 Council items Due to office	17	18	19
20 10:00 am Worship	21 6:00 pm Lucky Losers 7:00 pm Trinity Council At Church	22 8:30 am Men's Break-fast 11:30 am Luke Bible Study	23	24 Newsletter items due to office	25	26
27 10:00 am Worship Penny Power	28 6:00 pm Lucky Losers	29 11:30 am Luke Bible Study	30	31		

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH (ELCA)

Phone: 812-232-7628

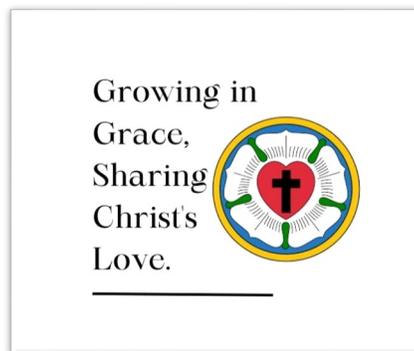
Pastor Husby: 812-230-2628

TLC email: office@trinityterrehaute.org

TLC website: <https://trinityterrehaute.org>

Office Hours: Mon. - Fri. 9:30a-1:30p

TRINITY'S PURPOSE STATEMENT



Sunday Services

10am IN-PERSON &

ONLINE SERVICE

<https://www.youtube.com/@trinitylutheranchurcterre4439>



Accompanying Guiding Principles

- Rooted in the Grace of Christ
- Listen, trust, and move with the Holy Spirit
- Generously share God's Gifts
- Love our neighbors
- Accept and welcome all

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