A Church to Support Us



When our family moved to Vermillion, we were young and looking for a church where our children could grow. Good Sunday School and youth programs were important to us, and it was an added benefit to find a church with a preschool program as well.

We already had family attending Trinity Lutheran, so we came here also. As we met people and got to know other families, Trinity began to feel like our church home.

Over the years, we have appreciated how the church provides both spiritual growth and emotional support. There is much that happens quietly in the life of a congregation. We do not always see all the hats a pastor wears, or all the ways a pastor helps meet the individual needs of members. We are sustained by the teaching of our pastors, by studying Scripture, and by continuing to learn together.

My understanding of generosity began at home. My parents struggled financially, but they both had hearts of gold and helped whenever they could. Their example taught me that generosity is more than just financial support. Financial gifts are needed to keep a church functioning, but generosity also means offering time and talents. It includes the work that happens behind the scenes and the many ways people quietly help a church family thrive.

Years ago, I remember receiving a stewardship sheet that showed tithing percentages. It did not begin at 10 percent. Instead, it offered smaller starting points and gradual, continued steps toward increased giving. That gave us a way to begin forming our own giving pattern. In time, we also began using the direct giving program (Vanco Giving) which makes giving easy and convenient.

We choose to support Trinity with financial gifts because we want to have a church to help support our spiritual needs. In many ways, a church is like a household. A home needs financial income for maintenance, cleaning, food, and clothing. A church also needs financial support to keep its ministry going: care and maintenance for its space, resources for its people, and support for the work of those called to teach, serve, and lead. Financial generosity is one way we contribute to making a shared church life.

My hope is that our congregation will continue to grow and welcome more young families. I hope they will find a place to grow in faith, as our family did. I hope they come to know the joy of sharing their time, talents, along with their financial support, and discover that generosity is part of belonging to one another.

I am grateful for the people who have made Trinity a church home through friendship, prayers, service, leadership, and giving. Together, those everyday acts help make it possible for families to be welcomed, supported, and formed in faith.