

COMMUNITY NEWS

Christian apologist Allen Quist, author of *The Reason I Believe* (CPH, 2017), will be giving a one-hour presentation “Evidence for Easter” followed by live Q & A, starting at 7:00 p.m. on Palm Sunday—March 25—at Bethany Lutheran College in Mankato. The presentation explores the historical records of the resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth, looking at both the Bible and secular accounts from the first century that corroborate the apostles’ eye-witness testimony of our risen Lord. This event is free of charge. We hope you’ll not only come yourself, but also bring some friends! Perhaps even a skeptical neighbor?

Rice County Habitat for Humanity needs your help to continue to accomplish our mission of building simple, decent and affordable homes. Habitat does not give away houses. Habitat offers a hand-up and not a hand-out to families in need by providing an affordable mortgage. We’re looking for households who have incomes of at least \$25K and not more than \$60K. For more information, check out our website: www.habitatricecounty.org or call 507-323-5167 or e-mail Cheri, habitatricecec@gmail.com.

The Medford Fire Department Relief Association is sponsoring a Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, March 18, 7:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. at the Medford School Cafeteria (750 2nd Ave. SE, Medford). Menu includes eggs, sausage, all-you-can-eat pancakes, milk, juice, and coffee. Free will offering event. All proceeds will help fund the financial needs of the association.



WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sat. (24 th)	5:30	Worship (C)
Sun. (25 th)	8:00	Worship (C)
	9:15	Fellowship/LYF/Sunday School/Adult Bible Study
	10:30	Worship
Mon. (26 th)	10:00	Milestone (C)
	7:00	GA
	7:00	Gamanon
	7:00	Trumps’ Bible Study
Tue. (27 th)	9:00	Bible Study
	3:30	Faribault Senior Living (C)
	4:30	Community Cathedral Café
	6:30	AHG Leaders’ Mtg.
Wed. (28 th)	8:30	FLS Chapel
	9:00	Quilting
	9:00	Trails Edge Bible Study
	5-7:00	Full Belly Inc. (Cathedral)
	5:30	Lent Service
	6:30	Soup Supper
	6:30	Confirmation Class
	6:45	Handbells
	7:00	Connection Practice
	7:00	Choir
Thu. (1 st)	2:30	New Perspective (C)
	3:45	St. Lucas/Deaconess (C)
Fri. (2 nd)	7:00	Men’s Bible Study & Breakfast (Bernie’s)
Sat. (3 rd)	5:30	Worship
Sun. (4 th)	8:00	Worship
	9:15	Adult Bible Study/Fellowship/LYF/Sunday School—Lenten Activity
	10:30	Connection (C)

Trinity News of the Week

February 24 & 25, 2018

Welcome to Trinity Lutheran Church, Faribault, MN. We are pleased you are here! An Information Center can be found in the narthex with brochures, pamphlets, and booklets about Trinity, LCMS schools, upcoming programs, and community events. Please help yourself to these materials.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL READINGS

Mon. 2/26: Isaiah 42:1-9	Thu. 3/1: Ex. 20:1-17
Tue. 2/27: Rom. 5:6-11	Fri. 3/2: 1 Cor. 1:18-31
Wed. 2/28: Matthew 26:57-67	Sat. 3/3: John 2:13-25

Faribault Lutheran School

Thank you to all the Trinity FLS parents who played basketball in the FLS Parent/Student Basketball Games on February 20: Bill Spike, Matt Schreck, Chad & Kim Kreager, Bre Halvorson.

Everyone is invited to the FLS Spring Musical on Thursday, March 8, 6:30 p.m. in the Trinity auditorium. “Jonah’s Druthers” is a “Whale of a Tale” that puts a western theme on the story of Jonah.

EVANGELISM & OUTREACH

In Our Prayers for Strength, Comfort, and Healing...

Marion Appelgren; Glenn Bendickson; Mandy Blume; Marilyn Borchert; Wilmer Burmeister; Willard Carlson; Chuck Eastman; Laurel Engquist; Austin Ellerbusch; LeAnn Fuchs; Roberta Heinonen; Linda Hesse; Kathy Kahler; John Milewski; Genia Moore; Gary Mrosko; Arlene Rolf; Diane Schultz; Jim Velzke; Betty Wieben; Earl Young

Prayers for those whose names we carry in our hearts.

Our missionaries to pray for this week are Brian & Anja and their children, serving in Mexico.

For emergencies and after-hour prayer requests, please contact one of our pastors:

✠ Rev. Dr. Michael Nirva—763-221-6856
✠ Rev. Paul Rieger—636-751-4784

The Radio Broadcast this Sunday is given in loving memory of Emily Delaske by her family and friends.

2018 Leadership Summit
Saturday, March 24, 2018
8:30am-2:00pm

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Owatonna

In the past, the doors of the church opened inward, but now the people of our communities are no longer coming in through our doors as they once did. Approximately 78% of LCMS congregations have reached a plateau or are declining while, at the same time, the number of people claiming little or no connection to God through His Son, Jesus is rapidly growing. God is calling the church to open our doors outward as the people of God seek to establish connections, form relationships, and invite new disciples of Jesus into life focused on His good gifts.

Hinges: Opening Your Church’s Doors to the Community will be the focus of our Spring 2018 Leadership Summit. The summit will run 8:30am-2:00pm. Lunch and snacks will be provided. If you would like to attend the summit, please sign up at the information center by **February 25**.

- Serving Trinity Lutheran Church and Faribault Lutheran School -

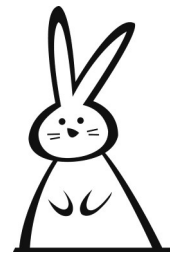
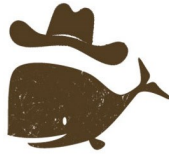
Rev. Dr. Michael Nirva, Senior Pastor Rev. Paul Rieger, Associate Pastor Rev. Robert Snyder, Pastor Emeritus:
Rev. Maynard Spitzack, Visitation Pastor Gatluk Reat, Vicar Kristin Sellentine, Youth Leader
Bill Kirkpatrick, Finance Property Manager Jennifer Kingland, Office Manager Rebecca Spitzack, Receptionist/Office Assistant
Seth Winter, FLS Principal Rachel Rieger, FLS Administrative Assistant

Worship Broadcasts: Radio (KDHL 920 AM) Sunday at 8:00am

Address: 530 4th St. NW Phone: (507) 331-6579 Trinity website: www.trinityfaribault.org [Facebook.com/Trinityfaribault](https://www.facebook.com/Trinityfaribault)
Trinity Radio Website: www.trinityradioandvideo.org Consolidated Communications TV channel 10 & Charter channel 181, Mon. &/or Tues., 3:30pm

FELLOWSHIP

The **JOY Group** will be joining Faribault Lutheran School students on **Wednesday, March 7** (Note date change!) for chapel, brunch, and the dress rehearsal of their Spring Musical “Jonah’s Druthers.” This ‘Whale of a Tale from the Good Book’ puts a western theme on the story of Jonah. Chapel is at 9:00 a.m., Brunch at 10:00, with the dress rehearsal at 11:30 a.m. Cost is \$3.50 for brunch. Please sign up at the Information Center so we can have enough food and seating available. Payment will be due on the 7th.



The **Craft Group** will meet Tuesday, March 13, 7:00 p.m. at Joy Zimmerman’s home (4187 197th St. E, Faribault). We will be making rustic Easter crosses and refrigerator magnet plastic canvas Easter bunnies. Cost for cross is \$4 and Easter bunny is \$1. Please RSVP by Friday, March 9 so we can have enough supplies available. Contact Nancy Boldt (507-412-1914) or Joy Zimmerman (334-4737). Hope to see you there!

HUMAN CARE

Mandy Blume wrote a song with her hospice music therapist, entitled “Wait for Me.” It made its first public debut during an interview at the reConvening in Owatonna on January 25, 2018. The event focused on community conversation and interviews around the crucial topic of living and dying well. After her interview at the reConvening and singing the song, Mandy was asked to be interviewed by MN Public Radio on February 26. Her song will be recorded and will air on MPR sometime later in the week. To watch the reConvening interview, visit <http://www.owatonnaonline.com/Special-events.html> and click on the appropriate link for January 25.



March is Minnesota Food Share Month

Trinity contributes food items to St. Vincent de Paul’s Food Shelf. We are asking Trinity members to help replenish the food pantry with their donations. Items can be placed in the large box in the narthex during the month of March. Thank you for your generosity and continued support of this service to feed the hungry in our community.

~Trinity Human Care Board

Mark your calendars! The Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive at Trinity on Friday, March 23, 1-7:00 p.m. Give blood. Save lives.

STEWARDSHIP



IT’S ALL ABOUT GRACE New Office Addition Fundraiser

\$380,000 TOTAL COST



■ Pledges & Cash

■ Cash Received

To Break Ground

The graph showing the progress of Trinity’s New Office Fundraiser will be updated each week.

The ornate cross in the Narthex also displays this progress.

Please keep the New Office Addition’s planning, building, and fundraising, in your prayers.

Cash Received includes the \$100,000 estate gift.

STATISTICS

Attendance	General Fund Receipts
128	\$ 926
<i>(Ash Wednesday, February 14, 2018)</i>	
236	\$ 8,635
<i>(Weekend Services, February 17/18, 2018)</i>	

Weekly budgetary needs in 2018: \$13,589

CUMULATIVE TOTALS

*Time Period: January 1-February 19, 2018
(7 Weeks)*

Budgetary Needs	Receipts
\$95,123	\$84,181

A Special Thanks!

Special thanks to a Trinity member who supplied the power wiring to our new Fellowship Hall projector recently installed. He said something about being anonymous, but he is an electrician (and his initials might be BW). The projector is much easier to use and set up and has a better picture. Thanks to all our volunteers who help make our church the best it can be.

Stewardship Every Sunday: Genesis 28:10-22 Promises, promises... How do we respond? Among His many promises, one was made to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob and their descendants. In a dream, God speaks to Jacob, “Your descendants will be like the dust of the earth, and you will spread out to the west and to the east, to the north and to the south. All peoples on earth will be blessed through you and your offspring... I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.” In Genesis 29:18-22 we read about a promise from Jacob—in response to the loving promise of his Lord—that he will give back one tenth of what the Lord has given to him. God gives us all that we have and everything that we are and can be. Magnificent! Especially in light of the fact that we are sinners—forgiven for the believing and the asking. Your time, talent and treasure...all come from God! Are you willing and able to give back one tenth of what He has given to you? Try it! You’ll like it! Try it for a week, a month, a year, a lifetime!

WORSHIP

LENTEN MIDWEEK SERVICES

Lenten Midweek Services continue at 5:30 p.m.

- ✦ **February 28** (supper sponsored by Faribault Lutheran School)
- ✦ **March 7** (supper will support Nicaragua mission trip)
- ✦ **March 14** (supper sponsored by the Lively #5 Neighborhood Gr.)
- ✦ **March 21** (supper sponsored by the Westenders Neighborhood Gr.)

FOR ALL AGES - Newsboys Concert This Christian band, featured in the movie “God’s Not Dead,” is coming to Grace Church in Eden Prairie on March 9. Tickets will cost about \$30 (inc. fees). **ACT FAST!** Their concerts sell out. Go to premierproductions.com to order.

[Note: Half of the ticket cost for 6th – 12th graders will get reimbursed by LYF. ALSO, contact Kristin Sellentine @ 612-229-0249 if you would be willing to take a youth or two with you.]

YOUTH MATTERS

See previous announcement re: **Newsboys** Concert. Any 6th – 12th graders who want to go, but need a chaperone/ride, contact Kristin Sellentine @ 612-229-0249. Bring a friend. **BUT I will need to know by Sunday, February 25, so I can try to get enough adults and tickets.**



We still have many Pizza Cards that need to be sold to raise funds for going to National Youth Gathering. Please get yours from Pastor Rieger. Cards are \$10 and good for 20 medium pizzas. You get \$7 credited to your LYF/NYG account.