

## COMMUNITY NEWS

# Christmas Time's A Comin'

The 8th annual holiday gospel Christmas show will be presented at the Starfire Event Center Waseca, MN on December 16 & 17, 2017. This is a holiday Christmas show for the entire family's enjoyment. All net proceeds will be shared by the American Red Cross and MCHS Hospice. Show times – Saturday, December 16, at 2:00 & 7:00 p.m.; Sunday December 17, at 2:00 p.m. **Advanced tickets only** - available at the Waseca Music Store (507-835-2980), \$15 per ticket.

**DivorceCare Class will be offered January 15** to April 16 on Monday nights, 6:30-8:00 p.m. at the Evangelical Free Church at 1039 St. Paul Ave., Faribault, MN. DivorceCare is a network of 15,000 plus churches worldwide that work together to help divorced and separated individuals cope and help rebuild their lives. This class is taught from a nondenominational and biblical point of view. If you know of someone or are personally needing help with this, please contact Jennifer David at 507-210-6339 or email [faithbasedinterpreting@gmail.com](mailto:faithbasedinterpreting@gmail.com). Cost is \$30 for the class; scholarships are available.

**PLEASE CHECK THE BULLETIN BOARD IN THE NARTHEX FOR COMMUNITY AND NON-CHURCH SPONSORED ACTIVITIES**

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sat. (25 <sup>th</sup> )	5:30	Worship (C)
Sun. (26 <sup>th</sup> )	8:00	Worship (C)
	9:15	Adult Bible Study/LYF/ Fellowship/Sunday School
	10:30	Connection Service
	6:30	Youth mtg.
Mon. (27 <sup>th</sup> )	8:00	Pie-makers
	1:00	December Newsletters Assembled
	7:00	GA
	7:00	Gamanon
	7:00	Trumps' Bible Study
Tue. (28 <sup>th</sup> )	9:00	Bible Study
	4:30-6:00	Community Cathedral Café
	6-7:30	AHG Leader Mtg.
	7:00	Property Brd. Mtg.
Wed. (29 <sup>th</sup> )	8:30	FLS Chapel
	9:00	Trails' Edge Bible Study
	9:00	Quilting
	5-7:00	Full Belly Inc. (Cathedral)
	6:00	Connection
	6:00	Handbells
	6:30	Confirmation
	6:30	Discipleship Class
	7:00	Choir
Thu. (30 <sup>th</sup> )	6:30	Stephen Ministry (Trinity)
Fri. (1 <sup>st</sup> )	7:00	Men's Bible Study & Breakfast (Bernie's)
Sat. (2 <sup>nd</sup> )	Salvation Army Bell-Ringing	
	12:00	Sudanese Mtg.
	5:30	Worship
Sun. (3 <sup>rd</sup> )	First Sunday in Advent	
	8:00	Worship
	9:15	Adult Bible Study/Fellowship/ Sunday School/LYF Hour
	10:30	Connection (C)
	1:15	JOY (concert)

## Trinity News of the Week

November 25 & 26, 2017

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. 11/27: Ps. 80:1-7	Thu. 11/30: Is. 7:10-14
Tue. 11/28: Isaiah 64:1-9	Fri. 12/1: Heb. 2:14-18
Wed. 11/29: 1 Cor. 1:3-9	Sat. 12/2: John 12:27-36

There are extra Advent/Christmas chains for families. They will be on the table in the narthex. Some have names on them. Others (without names) are available for families to take and use in their home with their children. Contact Nancy Simonson if more are needed.

The Sunday school students have started their rehearsals for the Christmas service. The Sunday school Christmas service is December 9 at 5:30 p.m. The service is entitled "Red-Letter Christmas" and uses the colors of Christmas to tell the story of Jesus' birth. Come and worship with us as we celebrate the birth of our Savior!

## EVANGELISM & OUTREACH

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

Jim; Kurt; Rachel; Bob Appelgren; Harriet Berghoff; Mandy Blume; Cynthia Caron; Austin Ellerbusch; John Milewski; Genia Moore; Gary Mrosko; Reiner Rieger; Doug & Patty Stonehouse; Francis Swee

**Prayers for those whose names we carry in our hearts.**

**Prayers for our military and support personnel. Prayers for the families in our congregation and our efforts to support them.**

**Prayers for those pregnant and for the unborn.**

**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

**Our missionaries to pray for this week** are Gary and Chris, serving in the Philippines.

The Radio Broadcast this Sunday is given in loving memory of Delores Lips, whose birthday would have been November 14, by the Elwood Lips family.

## FELLOWSHIP



Everyone is invited to get in the Christmas Spirit by joining the JOY Group at Concordia University to hear a wonderful Christmas concert, *Glad Tidings of Great Joy*, on Sunday, December 3 at

3:00 p.m. Price of concert and bus is \$25. After the concert we will stop at the Cracker Barrel for a light dinner on our own. Meet in the west church parking lot at 1:15 p.m. Depart at 1:30 p.m. Make checks payable to Larry Twedt (church mailbox #724). Hub & Diane Cloeter and Marlys Stuhrk are hosting the trip. Contact Marcy at 507-334-4218 with any questions. Sign up at the Information Center.

- 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](http://www.trinityfaribault.org) Facebook.com/Trinityfaribault  
Trinity Radio Website: [www.trinityradioandvideo.org](http://www.trinityradioandvideo.org) Consolidated Communications TV channel 10 & Charter channel 181, Mon. &/or Tues., 3:30pm

Please remember our new members who will be welcomed during the 8:00 a.m. service on December 10, and plan to get to know them at a reception following the service in the Fellowship Hall.



If your group would like to sponsor the Advent Soup Supper on Wednesday, December 13, please contact the church office. This is a great way to raise money for a special project or fund.



## HUMAN CARE

### Christmas Angel Tree



The Angel Tree is decorated and in the narthex, and we are looking for your help with this project. Please take a white paper angel ornament from the tree, document the ornament number, your name and phone number on the sign-up sheet on the

Information Center. The ornament will have information you will need to purchase gifts. Please return the gifts (unwrapped) to the Angel Tree by Sunday, December 10. Once all the gifts are collected, we will wrap and distribute them, just in time for Christmas! If you have any questions please contact Mike Young at 507-330-0326. Thanks so much for your help!

Trinity members will be ringing bells for the Salvation Army: Saturday, December 2. Please sign up to help at the Information Center.



## STEWARDSHIP



The Youth wish to thank everyone who supported their Bake Sale with donations of baked items and/or with the buying of goodies. We raised \$342 to send youth to the National Youth Gathering in Minneapolis in 2019! Thanks especially to Joanne Cross for initiating this project and making it happen.

### STATISTICS

Attendance	General Fund Receipts
(Weekend Services, November 18/19, 2017)	
270	\$10,835

**Weekly budgetary needs in 2017: \$14,286**

### CUMULATIVE TOTALS

Time Period: January 1-November 24, 2017  
(47 Weeks)

Budgetary Needs	Receipts
\$671,442	\$554,882

### Stewardship Thank You!

Thank You to everyone who participated in the Consecration Stewardship Weekend (CSW) by completing Commitment Forms, attending worship services, Bible studies and joining in the Celebration Meals. More Commitment Forms are available in the Church Office or at the Information Center for anyone who missed last weekend.

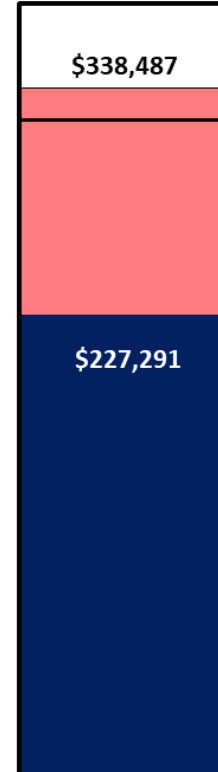
The number of Commitment Forms returned decreased by 20 from last year. The amount pledged for 2018 decreased by \$74,428 from that pledged for 2017. Those who marked activities on the Commitment Forms in which they would like to serve will be contacted soon. The Stewardship Team will be meeting on Thursday, December 7 and always welcomes your suggestions.

Thank you to everyone who helped with all the details of planning and implementing CSW; the Pastors, choir, musicians, ushers, elders, worship assistants, secretaries and the Stewardship Team. We pray all have been inspired in their stewardship journey. We give praise and thanks to God for His unending love as we strive to be stewards of His many blessing to us. He owns it all!



## IT'S ALL ABOUT GRACE New Office Addition Fundraiser

\$380,000 TOTAL COST



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.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS: The Annual Voters' Mtg.** will be Monday, December 4 at 7:00 p.m.

**Copies of the Proposed 2018 Budget** are available at the Information Center. Please take home a copy and review it before the Annual Voters' Mtg. on December 4 at 7:00 p.m. *NOTE:* Not all the information that will be presented at the Voters' Mtg. is included, only the Proposed Budget.

**We are still seeking** candidates for the Lay Leadership Board, Second Century Trust Board, and Faribault Lutheran School Board. If you are interested, please contact an LLB member or the church office.

## Stewardship Every Sunday

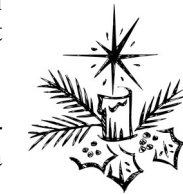
What is the mark of the Christian? What evidence is there of the life of the Christian that lives on? It is in the legacy left behind. For the good steward, it is the evidence that there was giving, sharing and service in life that resulted in the hungry being fed, naked being clothed, and the thirsty being given water. It is not accidental that such a life also supports the proclamation of the Gospel, so that many are fed on the bread of heaven and drink of the living water. These acts of goodness are not payments for sin, but are responses out of love for what God has done in Jesus Christ. They are not tickets to heaven, but evidences of the living faith that saved us. Those who have demonstrated that they are good stewards of resources as well as good stewards of the Gospel are now honored for their sacrifices before the world by Jesus' announcement and invitation.

**We hope you will join us for the annual Hanging of the Greens on Saturday, December 9 at 9:00 a.m.**



We will be decorating the Church, Narthex, and Fellowship Hall. We look forward to seeing you there!

## WORSHIP



**The first Advent Midweek Service** will be Wednesday, December 6 at 5:30 p.m., followed by Soup Supper in the gym sponsored by Human Care.

## YOUTH MATTERS

Please see the yellow insert for details on THIS Sunday evening's LYF Meeting and for December activities.