

**Service of Nine Lessons & Carols**



On December 23 and 24 the 5:30, 8:00 and 10:30 services will be The Service of Nine Lessons and Carols. Bible readings will tell the story of our fall into sin, God's promise of a Savior, and then the coming of the Savior. Following each Scripture reading, we will sing or listen to Christmas carols and music.

This special service requires readers for each of the Scriptures. We are asking for your help. Twenty-four people are needed to read and if you would like to read one of the Bible readings, please look for the sign-up sheet at the Information Center and put your name by the service you would like to attend. Please don't think you are too young or too old to be a reader. We welcome everyone who would like to help with these special services.

Thank you for helping to make our celebration of Christmas a special time at Trinity this year.

*Please note there will also be Christmas Eve services at 4:30pm & 10:00pm and Christmas Day service at 9:00 a.m.*

**A HOLINESS INVASION**



"Advent" means "coming," of course, and the promise of Advent is that what is coming is an unimaginable invasion. The mythology of our age has to do with flying saucers and invasions from outer space, and that is unimaginable enough. But what is upon us now is even more so—a close encounter not of the third kind but of a different kind altogether. An invasion of holiness. That is what Advent is about.

~Frederick Buechner, *The Clown in the Belfry*

**WEEKLY CALENDAR**

<b>Sat. (2<sup>nd</sup>)</b>	<b>Salvation Army Bell-Ringing</b> 12:00 Sudanese Mtg. <b>5:30</b> <b>Worship</b>
<b>Sun. (3<sup>rd</sup>)</b>	<b>First Sunday in Advent</b> <b>8:00</b> <b>Worship</b> 9:15 Adult Bible Study/Fellowship/ Sunday School/LYF Hour <b>10:30</b> <b>Connection (C)</b> 1:15 JOY (concert) 4:30-5:00 Basketball Mtg. <b>7:00</b> <b>Voters' Mtg.</b> 7:00 GA 7:00 Gamanon
<b>Mon. (4<sup>th</sup>)</b>	9:00 Bible Study 4:30-6:00 Community Cathedral Cafe 6:30 Family Ministry Mtg. 7:00 Cloeter's Bible Study
<b>Tue. (5<sup>th</sup>)</b>	8:30 FLS Chapel 9:00 Trails Edge Bible Study 9:00 Quilting 1:00 FLS Early Dismissal 5-7:00 Full Belly Inc. (Cathedral) <b>5:30</b> <b>Advent Midweek Service</b> <b>6:30</b> <b>Soup Supper-Human Care</b> 6:30 Confirmation 6:30 Discipleship Class 6:45 Handbells 7:15 Choir 7:00 Connection Practice
<b>Wed. (6<sup>th</sup>)</b>	11:00 JOY Group <b>2:30</b> <b>New Perspective (C)</b> <b>3:45</b> <b>St. Lucas/Deaconess (C)</b> 7:00 Stewardship
<b>Thu. (7<sup>th</sup>)</b>	7:00 Men's Bible Study & Breakfast (Bernie's)
<b>Fri. (8<sup>th</sup>)</b>	1-6:00 Birthday Party (Gym)
<b>Sat. (9<sup>th</sup>)</b>	9:00 Hanging of the Greens <b>5:30</b> <b>Sunday School Christmas Service</b>
<b>Sun. (10<sup>th</sup>)</b>	<b>8:00</b> <b>Worship (C) - New Member Recognition</b> 9:15 New Member Reception 9:15 Sunday School/LYFE <b>10:30</b> <b>Worship</b>

**Trinity News of the Week**

**December 2 & 3, 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. 12/4: Is. 40:1-11	Thu. 12/7: Is. 11:1-10
Tue. 12/5: 2 Pet. 3:8-14	Fri. 12/8: Rom. 15:8-13
Wed. 12/6: Mark 1:1-8	Sat. 12/9: Matt. 1:18-25

**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! Please note that there will NOT be communion at this service.

**Bible Bowl 2018:** The Bible Bowl competition will be held on Saturday, April 24, 2018 at Concordia University, St. Paul. The topic this year will be "Genesis" using the English Standard Version (ESV) of the Bible. Please contact Philip Simonson (685-4199) by December 17, 2017 if you would like to be on the team.



**Faribault Lutheran School**

**Everyone is invited** to the FLS Christmas Service, "The Perfect Plan" at Trinity on Thursday, December 21 at 6:30 p.m. You may also attend the dress rehearsal on Wednesday, December 20 at 9:00 a.m.

**EVANGELISM & OUTREACH**

**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

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

Gary; Jim; Karen; Kurt; Rachel; Bob Appelgren; Verna Bahl; Harriet Berghoff; Mandy Blume; Cynthia Caron; Austin Ellerbusch; John Milewski; Genia Moore; Reiner Rieger

**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.

**Prayers of thanksgiving for Lee Koopmans,** celebrating his 60th birthday on December 7, 2017.

**Our missionaries to pray for are Tim & Beth** serving in West Africa.

**Our family would like to thank** everyone for the many prayers, cards and thoughts sent our way for Lloyd. God said he was done suffering and took him home very peacefully in my arms. He is now walking straight and tall on the golden streets of his Heavenly home with Jesus. We miss him a lot and he leaves an empty hole in our hearts, but we don't miss seeing him suffer. We don't cry for him but for ourselves, and we know God is holding him in His loving arms.

God's many blessings.  
*Darlene Ross and Family*

**FELLOWSHIP**

**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.



- 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](https://www.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

The **JOY Group** will meet at the regular time on December 7 to celebrate our birthdays and Christmas together. Gather in the Fellowship Hall at 11:00 a.m. for a delicious lunch of broasted chicken, green beans, and cheesy potatoes. Mandy Blume will make birthday cupcakes. Plates and silverware will be furnished. We will have a free-will offering to benefit the Trinity Radio club. Questions: contact Marcy at 507-334-4218.

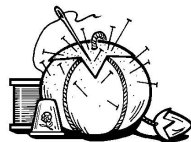
## HUMAN CARE

### 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. Thank you so much for your support with this project! Thanks also to Thrivent Action Team funding for additional funds allowing us to gift even more "angels" this year!

The Trinity Quilters will have Christmas Quilts available for sale in the Fellowship Hall beginning this weekend. Please purchase the things you would like and put the money in the can on the table. Make checks payable to "Trinity Quilters." Proceeds will go toward purchasing batting so the Trinity Quilters can continue this valuable ministry. Thank you for your support!



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Trinity Human Care is sponsoring the December 6 Advent Soup Supper. This is a fundraiser to help us in assisting those in need in our church and community. We would appreciate donations of bars or cookies for our soup supper. A sign up sheet is available at the information center in the narthex. Thank you for your support.

## STEWARDSHIP

### STATISTICS

#### Attendance      General Fund Receipts

(Thanksgiving Services, November 22/23, 2017)

199      \$ 6,755

(Weekend Services, November 25/26, 2017)

287      \$ 8,350

Weekly budgetary needs in 2017: \$14,286

### CUMULATIVE TOTALS

Time Period: January 1-December 1, 2017

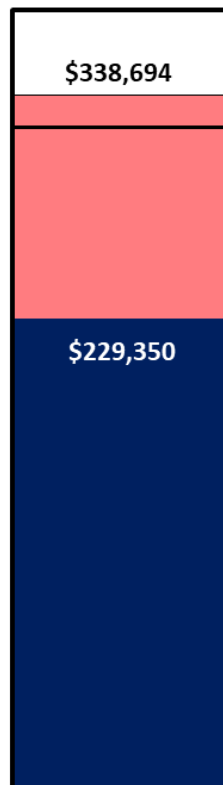
(48 Weeks)

Budgetary Needs	Receipts
\$685,728	\$569,987



### 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.

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.



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.

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!

### 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!

## 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.



Advent Midweek I*	Dec. 6	5:30 PM
Sunday School Christmas Service	Dec. 9	5:30 PM
Advent Midweek II*	Dec. 13	5:30 PM
FLS Christmas Service (Trinity)—Dress Rehearsal	Dec. 20	9:00 AM
Advent Midweek III*	Dec. 20	5:30 PM
FLS Christmas Service (Trinity)	Dec. 21	6:30 PM
Service of Lessons & Carols	Dec. 23	5:30 PM
Service of Lessons & Carols	Dec. 24	8:00* & 10:30 AM
Christmas Eve—Family Service*	Dec. 24	4:30 PM
Christmas Eve—Candlelight	Dec. 24	10:00 PM
Christmas Day*—Communion	Dec. 25	9:00 AM
Gospel Service—Communion	Dec. 30	5:30 PM
New Year's Eve—Gospel Services with Communion	Dec. 31	8:00* & 10:30 AM

No Service on New Year's Day

\*Services will be broadcast on KDHL 920 AM