

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sat. (16th)	9-12:00 5:30	FLS Drop & Shop Worship
Sun. (17th)	8:00 9:15	Worship Adult Bible Study/LYF Hour/ Fellowship/Sunday School
Mon. (18th)	10:30 10:00 1:20 3:30 7:00 7:00	Connection (C) Milestone (C) FLS Rehearsal Faribault Senior Living (C) GA Gamanon
Tue. (19th)	FLS Basketball Game 1:20 3:30 7:00 7:00	FLS Rehearsal Faribault Senior Living (C) GA Gamanon
Wed. (20th)	8:30 9:00 5-7:00 5:30 6:30 6:30 6:30 6:45 7:00 7:15	FLS Chapel FLS Dress Rehearsal Full Belly Inc. (Cathedral) Advent Service Soup Supper Discipleship Class Confirmation Class Handbells Connection Practice Choir
Thu. (21st)	First Day of Winter 12:00	Women In Mission Party
Fri. (22nd)	6:30 FLS No School January Newsletter Deadline 7:00	FLS Christmas Service Men's Bible Study & Break- fast (Bernie's)
Sat. (23rd)	5:30	Service of Lessons & Carols
Sun. (24th)	8:00 9:15 10:30 4:30	Service of Lessons & Carols Fellowship Service of Lessons & Carols Christmas Eve Family Service
Mon. (25th)	10:00 Christmas Day / Church Office Closed 9:00 7:00 7:00	Candlelight Service Christmas Day / Church Office Closed Christmas Day Service (C) GA Gamanon

Christmas Day*— <i>Communion</i>	Dec. 25	9:00 AM
Gospel Service— <i>Communion</i>	Dec. 30	5:30 PM
New Year's Eve— Gospel Services with <i>Communion</i>	Dec. 31	8:00* & 10:30 AM
<i>No Service on New Year's Day</i>		
<i>*Services will be broadcast on KDHL 920 AM</i>		

THE PERFECT GIFT



Do you stress about finding just the right gift for everyone on your Christmas list? Does it make the season more a hassle than a joy? Pastor Mike Slaughter reminds us that Christmas isn't about perfect presents for people, as if it were their birthday — or ours. Christmas is about the perfect presence of Immanuel, God with us, through the birth of Jesus; it's His birthday, after all!

In *Christmas Is Not Your Birthday* (Abingdon), Slaughter writes, "How funny that it can be so hard to find gifts that will please certain family members or friends — the people who seem to have everything — and yet it is so clear what the Lord of lords and King of kings wants for His birthday. God wants you — your time, your talent and your treasure — used in service to others."

~The NEWSLETTER Newsletter,
December 2017

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

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Trinity News of the Week

December 16 & 17, 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



DIG INTO THE WORD AND GROW!

Have you considered joining a Bible Study Group? Wouldn't that make a great New Year's goal? Trinity has many Small Group Bible studies that meet during the week.

Some of our Bible study groups include:

The Tuesday Morning Bible Study meets in the Trinity Fellowship Hall at 9:00 a.m. They are currently studying *Romans: Alive in Christ*, compiled by Dr. David A. Lumpp from the series *God's Word for Today*, Concordia Publishing House. All are welcome to join them for coffee, fellowship and growing in the Word.

Another group is the Trail's Edge Bible Study led by Rev. Spitzack. They meet at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesdays and are studying Biblical topics under the theme: "I know I am saved. Now what?" What does Jesus want me to do as one of His saved children?

The Men's Bible Study Group, led by Rev. Rieger, meets Friday mornings, 7:00 a.m. at Bernie's Grill for breakfast and study on the Book of *Revelation*.

A women's Bible group meets at the home of Vivian Hagre Wednesday mornings at 8:30 a.m. They will be starting a new Bible Study *Living Beyond Yourself* by Beth Moore in January.

Kris Sellentine leads Youth in Discipleship Class, 6:30-8:00 p.m. on Wednesdays.

For the complete list of our Small Group Bible Study times/locations, please see the Information Center in the narthex.

WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL READINGS

Mon. 12/18: Is. 7:10-14	Thu. 12/21: Is. 52:7-10
Tue. 12/19: Titus 2:11-14	Fri. 12/22: Heb. 1:1-12
Wed. 12/20: Matthew 1:18-25	Sat. 12/23: John 1:1-14



Bible Bowl 2018: The Bible Bowl competition will be held on Saturday, **April 14, 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 this Sunday, December 17 if you would like to be on the team.

There will be NO Confirmation class on Wednesday, December 27.

Sunday School will not meet on December 24 or December 31. Classes will resume on January 7.

Faribault Lutheran School

Thank you to everyone who supported FLS by donating desserts and/or attending the Baked Potato Bar on Wednesday, December 13. Also thanks to those who came to the FLS Drop & Shop this last Saturday.

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.

FLS Christmas break will be December 22 through January 1. School will resume on Tuesday, January 2.

EVANGELISM & OUTREACH

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

Jim; Karen; Kurt; Rachel; Bob Appelgren; Verna Bahl; Harriet Berghoff; Mandy Blume; Gary Burmeister; Cynthia Caron; Austin Ellerbusch; John Milewski; Genia Moore; Arlene Rolf; Anita & Steve Wegner

Prayers for those whose names we carry in our hearts.

Our missionary to pray for is **Don Leonard**, whose wife Pam recently passed away. Don serves with Project Video in Asia.

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 Henry Velzke, whose birthday would have been the December 16, by his wife Mary Ellen Velzke.

Women In Mission are hosting a Christmas party luncheon to honor the funeral service workers, the quilters, the ministers, and the office staff. In addition to a delicious lunch, there will be a short program with Christmas hymns.

HUMAN CARE

Christmas Angel Tree

A heartfelt THANK YOU goes out to all who helped support the Angel Tree project. Eighty-five "Angels" were gifted this season. Your response to the need and your generosity were very much appreciated as we reached out to others. Praying God's blessings upon each of you this Christmas.



The Trinity Quilters have Christmas Quilts and other items available for sale. 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!

When a loved one dies, people often struggle with difficult, painful feelings. Many feel abandoned by friends, relatives and even God. Stephen Ministry offers a set of four short books to send to grieving people at four significant times. *Journeying through Grief* is a powerful, distinctively Christian resource that makes it easy to reach out to those who are grieving—again and again during that difficult first year.



If a relative or friend has recently suffered a loss, and you would like to help, please stop by the church office; *Journeying through Grief* packets are available for \$10 a set and offer a simple, effective way to care for someone who is grieving.

STEWARDSHIP

STATISTICS

Attendance General Fund Receipts

(Advent Service, December 6, 2017)
106 \$ 1,168

(Weekend Services, December 9/10, 2017)
394 13,835

Weekly budgetary needs in 2017: \$14,286

CUMULATIVE TOTALS

Time Period: January 1-December 15, 2017
(50 Weeks)

Budgetary Needs	Receipts
\$714,300	\$604,116



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.



Everyone - Please see page 2 of the Youth Matters announcements insert to see how you can support Youth fundraising for the National Youth Gathering AND get or give 20 Free Pizzas!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Barbara Caron has been temporarily appointed as a member of the FLS Board from Trinity. There will be a Special Voter's Mtg. on December 31 to officially recognize the position.

The Installation of our Elders, Lay Leadership Board, FLS Board, and 2nd Century Trust Fund Board members, will be held Sunday, January 7, 2018, during the 8:00 a.m. service.

Copies of the information presented at the Annual Voters' Mtg., as well as the minutes from that meeting, are available at the Information Center in the narthex. If you were not able to attend the meeting on December 4, feel free to take a packet home with you.

Please join us for **Soup Supper** this next Wednesday, December 20. We'll be serving Corn Chowder and Lasagna Soups. All proceeds go to the Trinity Radio Club to help support its ongoing mission. A special thank you to the Thrivent Financial Action Team program for providing funds to help cover start up costs. This Soup Supper is sponsored by the Elders.

WORSHIP



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

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