

## COMMUNITY NEWS

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### VULNERABLE LOVE

God throws open the door of this world — and enters as a baby. As the most vulnerable imaginable. Because he wants unimaginable intimacy with you. What religion ever had a god that wanted such intimacy with us that he came with such vulnerability to us? What God ever came so tender we could touch him? So fragile that we could break him? So vulnerable that his bare, beating heart could be hurt? Only the One who loves you to death.

—Ann Voskamp, *The Greatest Gift*

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

<b>Sat. (1<sup>st</sup>)</b>	9:00 <b>5:30</b>	Hanging of the Greens <b>Worship Service</b>
<b>Sun. (2<sup>nd</sup>)</b>	<b>First Sunday in Advent</b> <b>8:00</b> 9:15 <b>10:30</b>	<b>Worship</b> Adult Bible Study/Fellowship/ Teen Time/Sunday School <b>Connection Service (C)</b>
<b>Mon. (3<sup>rd</sup>)</b>	7:00 7:00	GA Gamanon
<b>Tue. (4<sup>th</sup>)</b>	9:00 4:30 7:00	Bible Study Community Cathedral Café Property Brd. Mtg.
<b>Wed. (5<sup>th</sup>)</b>	8:30 9:00 9:00 <b>5:30</b> <b>6:30</b> 6:30 7:00 7:00	FLS Chapel Trails' Edge Bible Study Quilting <b>Advent Service</b> <b>Soup Supper—Human Care</b> Confirmation Class Choir Connection
<b>Thu. (6<sup>th</sup>)</b>	<b>2:30</b> 3:30 <b>3:45</b>	<b>New Perspective (C)</b> JOY Group (Bus Trip) <b>St. Lucas/Deaconess (C)</b>
<b>Fri. (7<sup>th</sup>)</b>	7:00 2-6:00	Men's Bible Study & Breakfast (Bernie's) Birthday Party (Gym)
<b>Sat. (8<sup>th</sup>)</b>	<b>5:30</b>	<b>Worship Service (C)</b>
<b>Sun. (9<sup>th</sup>)</b>	<b>8:00</b> 9:15 <b>10:30</b> 2-4:00	<b>Worship Service (C)—New Members Recognized</b> <b>Reception for New Members</b> Sunday School/Teen Time <b>Worship Service</b> Girl Scout Tea (Fellowship Hall)

# Trinity News of the Week

December 1 & 2, 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. 12/3: Ps. 66:1-12	Thu. 12/6: Luke 3:1-20
Tue. 12/4: Mal. 3:1-7b	Fri. 12/7: Jer. 29:11-13
Wed. 12/5: Phil. 1:2-11	Sat. 12/8: John 3:16-21

**We hope you will join us** for the Sunday School Christmas Service “Child of Peace” on Saturday, December 15, 5:30 p.m.

## EVANGELISM & OUTREACH

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

Bill & Judy; Gloria; Steve; Tim; Patti; Donna Babcock; Verna Bahl; Mandy Blume; Dan Eastman; Austin Ellerbusch; Roger Koopmans; Greg Kromminga; Kim Krueger; Bob Meyer; Elaine & Helen Morgan; Julia Morrissey; Genia Moore; Nancy Schultz; Mardy Snyder; Patty Stonehouse; Sylvia Stoltenow; Gordon Velzke; Jim Velzke; Dennis Waskosky

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

**Prayers of thanksgiving for Lee Koopmans,** celebrating his 61st birthday on December 7, 2018.

**Prayers for the family** of Joanne Schwichtenberg, mother of Tammy, who passed away November 22. Funeral services were held November 26.

**Our missionaries to pray for are Gary & Chris,** serving the Bolinao people in the Philippines.

**For emergencies and after-hour prayer requests,** please call Rev. Paul Rieger, 636-751-4784.

**Lutheran Indian Ministries** is no longer able to distribute their Advent and Lenten devotionals to churches. Printed copies from their website of the **2018 Advent Devotions** are available at the Information Center. Please feel free to take one home with you. You can also find *Lutheran Indian Ministries* devotionals by visiting their website: [www.lutheranindianministries.org](http://www.lutheranindianministries.org).

## FELLOWSHIP

**Merry Christmas!** The JOY Group will be taking a bus trip to the Kiwanis Holiday Lights at Sibley Park in Mankato on Thursday, December 6. We will load the bus at 3:30 p.m. from the West church parking lot and leave at 3:45 p.m.

Dinner will be at Pizza Ranch at 4:30 p.m. in Mankato. Then we will go to the park. We may sing a few Christmas songs and listen to music on the bus.

Price for the trip is \$35.00 for dinner, bus, and donation for Holiday lights and tips. Make checks out to Larry Twedt no later than December 3! Questions: contact Marcy Matthies, 334-4218.

**Our New Members will be recognized** during the 8:00 a.m. service on Sunday, December 9. Please plan to get to know them and welcome them to Trinity during the reception between services in the Fellowship Hall. Note: there will be NO Adult Bible Study that Sunday.



- Serving Trinity Lutheran Church and Faribault Lutheran School -

Rev. Paul Rieger, Associate Pastor	Rev. Maynard Spitzack, Rev. Eugene Chase, Rev. Rex Longshore, Visitation Pastors
Rev. Robert Snyder, Pastor Emeritus	Gatluk Reat, Vicar
Bill Kirkpatrick, Business Manager	Nancy Simonson, Family Ministry
Seth Winter, FLS Principal	Jennifer Kingland, Office Manager
	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 Craft Group will meet on Thursday, December 13, 7:00 p.m. at Nancy Boldt's home. We will be making button Christmas tree pictures on canvas (see example at the Information Center). Please sign up if you would like to come. Questions contact Nancy: 507-412-1914.

## HUMAN CARE

Trinity Quilters have gift items available for sale in the Fellowship Hall. All items are "one of a kind." Money earned from this Christmas sale is used to purchase quilt batting for the quilts we make and give away to various charitable groups. We thank you for your help and support.



Angel Tree...your response was incredible! All 75 angel ornaments were taken from the tree in short order! This weekend (December 1 and 2) is the deadline for returning your purchased items for the Angel Tree project. If you have not yet had the opportunity to shop, we ask that you do so this week and return the gifts, unwrapped, to the Angel Tree by December 9. This will allow us time to process the gifts and get them delivered in time for Christmas. If you have any questions please contact Mike Young at 507-330-0326. Again, thank you for your caring, compassion and giving spirit this Christmas season.



## PROPERTY

**PLEASE PARK CAREFULLY.** We have lost several parking spaces due to construction and will lose even more as winter plowing piles grow. If your wheel is touching a yellow line, you are likely taking up two spaces; someone may be able to fit in the adjoining spot, but they won't be able to get their door open. Thank you for your consideration.

Due to construction safety concerns, please use the EAST Narthex entrance for church services until further notice.

## STEWARDSHIP



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

**\$392,000 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.*

Trinity has submitted all requested documentation and the Nomination Forms for the Call Process to the District Office. We will patiently wait for the Holy Spirit to work through the District Office as they help us move forward with the Call.



### Treats Needed

We need donations of bars and cookies for the three Advent Suppers coming up! Please sign up at the Information Center under the date (5th, 12th or 19th) that you would be able to bring a batch of cookies or pan of bars!

## STATISTICS

<u>Attendance</u> (Thanksgiving Services, November 21/22, 2018)	<u>General Fund Receipts</u> \$5,606
165	

(Weekend Services, November 24/25, 2018)	\$ 8,089
262	

**Weekly budgetary needs in 2018: \$13,589**

### CUMULATIVE TOTALS

*Time Period: January 1-November 26, 2018  
(47 Weeks)*

<u>Budgetary Needs</u>	<u>Receipts</u>
\$638,683	\$562,238

### LCMS Stewardship

Matt. 21:3 – “If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, ‘The Lord needs them,’ and he will send them at once.” Consider the faithfulness of that man who owned the donkey and colt. All he needed to hear was, “The Lord has need of it,” and he willingly gave. The Lord has given each of us various callings in life – in our homes, in the Church, and in our communities. In each calling we have good work to do, and that comes from the Lord’s hand. The Lord has need of us in each calling. How is He calling you to generous giving in each of your vocations?

## WORSHIP



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

Trinity will celebrate the weekend after Christmas with a Lessons & Carols service and readers are needed for the lessons from Scripture. Please look for the sign-up sheet at the Information Center and sign your name under the service where you would like to read.

## SPECIAL HOLIDAY SERVICES

Advent Midweek I*	Dec. 5	5:30 PM
Advent Midweek II*	Dec. 12	5:30 PM
Sunday School Christmas Service	Dec. 15	5:30 PM
FLS Christmas Service (Trinity)—Dress Rehearsal	Dec. 19	9:00 AM
Advent Midweek III*	Dec. 19	5:30 PM
FLS Christmas Service (Trinity)	Dec. 20	6:30 PM
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
Service of Lessons & Carols	Dec. 29	5:30 PM
Service of Lessons & Carols	Dec. 30	8:00* & 10:30 AM

*There will be NO New Year's Eve or New Year's Day Services.*

*\*Services will be broadcast on KDHL 920 AM*

## YOUTH MATTERS

- **Teen Time:** lead Sunday School on Dec. 9th, 23rd, and from January 6th on. Talk to Pastor Rieger.

- **Soup Supper:** help with donations, serving, clean-up, etc. Talk to Pastor Rieger.

- **Pop cans:** to pick up pop cans [just January through March] from Betty Gutknecht, take them to recycling, and deposit \$ to Youth account. Talk to Betty to arrange.

A big “THANK YOU!” to those who baked, brought, and supported the Youth Bake Sale. The proceeds of \$378.25 will help defray the expenses of those attending the 2019 National Youth Gathering in Minneapolis next July.