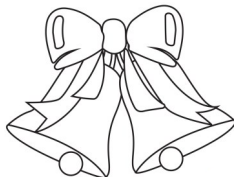


YOUTH MATTERS

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OVERCOMING DESPAIR

Christmas can be a difficult time for people who are hurting or grieving. In the 1860s, poet Henry Wadsworth Longfellow had reason to despair: America was at war with itself, his son was severely wounded in battle and his wife died in a fire. The first Christmas after his wife's death, Longfellow wrote, "How inexpressibly sad are all holidays."



Three years later, on Christmas Day 1864, Longfellow penned a poem that later became the song "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day." The lyrics move from despair to hope — and, thanks to Jesus, so can we.

*And in despair I bowed my head.
There is no peace on earth, I said!
For hate is strong, and mocks the song
of peace on earth, good will to men!*

*Then pealed the bells more loud and deep:
God is not dead, nor doth he sleep!
The wrong shall fail, the right prevail,
with peace on earth, good will to men!*

The NEWSLETTER Newsletter, December 2016

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sat. (23 rd)	5:30	Service of Lessons & Carols
Sun. (24 th)	8:00	Service of Lessons & Carols
	9:15	Fellowship
	10:30	Service of Lessons & Carols
	4:30	Christmas Eve Family Service
	10:00	Candlelight Service
Mon. (25 th)		Christmas Day Church Office Closed
	9:00	Christmas Day Service (C)
	7:00	GA
	7:00	Gamanon
Tue. (26 th)	4:30	Community Cathedral Café
	7:00	Property Brd. Mtg.
Wed. (27 th)	9:00	Trails' Edge Bible Study
	5-7:00	Full Belly Inc. (Cathedral)
Thu. (28 th)		Sr. High Winter Escape
Fri. (29 th)		Sr. High Winter Escape
	7:00	Men's Bible Study & Breakfast (Bernie's)
	1:00	January Newsletters Assembled
Sat. (30 th)	5:30	Gospel Service (C)
Sun. (31 st)		New Year's Eve
	8:00	Gospel Service (C)
	9:15	Fellowship
	10:30	Gospel Service (C)
2018 - HAPPY NEW YEAR!		
Mon. (1 st)		Church Office Closed
	7:00	GA
	7:00	Gamanon

Trinity News of the Week

December 23 & 24, 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. 12/25: Is. 30:8-17	Thu. 12/28: Isaiah 61:10-62:3
Tue. 12/26: Ps. 90:1-12	Fri. 12/29: Gal. 4:4-7
Wed. 12/27: Luke 12:35-40	Sat. 12/30: Lk. 2:22-40

BIBLE STUDY NEWS

There will be **NO Adult Bible Study or Sunday School** on December 24 and December 31. Sunday School and Bible Study will both resume on January 7.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study will begin a new study on January 2, 2018. It is a 12-week Bible study called *Miracles* from the *Life of Jesus* series from Concordia Publishing House. We meet in the Fellowship Hall on Tuesday Mornings at 9:00 a.m. New members are welcome. Come early for coffee and fellowship.

There will be **NO Confirmation class** on Wednesday, December 27 or Wednesday, January 3.

Faribault Lutheran School

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

Have a blessed Christmas and New Year!

EVANGELISM & OUTREACH

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

Jim; Karen; Kurt; Rachel; Verna Bahl; Mandy Blume; Cynthia Caron; Austin Ellerbusch; Lincoln Knott; Donna Lavine; John Milewski; Genia Moore; Arlene Rolf; Anita & Steve Wegner

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 for the family & friends of Harold Krause (brother of Edwin Krause) who passed away.

Please remember all the missionary families we have been praying for: Brian & Anja and children, Tim & Beth and children, Micah & Robin and children, Gary & Chris, Martin & Marie Dicke, and those who work with Project Video—Hannah, Eric & Doreen, Don, Bobby & Tassanee, and Jasmine.

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, December 24, is given in memory of all the JOY members we've lost in the last ten years, by the Just Older Youth Group.

- 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
Trinity Radio Website: www.trinityradioandvideo.org Consolidated Communications TV channel 10 & Charter channel 181, Mon. &/or Tues., 3:30pm

The Radio Broadcast on Christmas Day is given in loving memory of Henry Velzke, at the six-month anniversary of his death, by his wife Mary Ellen.

FELLOWSHIP

Merry Christmas, Happy New Year!

The JOY group will meet Thursday, January 4, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. for potluck. All are invited. Our afternoon will be spent talking about 2018 ideas and also remembrances of our loved ones.

~Marcy Matthies

Our JOY freewill offering for the Radio Club at our Christmas party was \$225 and will be used to sponsor the Christmas Eve Family Service on December 24 at 4:30 p.m. Thank you so much to everyone!

~Marcy Matthies and Larry Twedt



A reception honoring Pastor Maynard Spitzack, who is retiring as our Visitation Pastor, will be held on Sunday, January 14 between services in the Fellowship Hall. Come show your appreciation for his faithful years of service.

Everyone - Please note that 6th graders are included in an invitation to a January lock-in, so they and their parents should check out the yellow Youth Matters announcements insert.

STEWARDSHIP

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 vote on 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.

STATISTICS	
Attendance	General Fund Receipts
<i>(Advent Service, December 13, 2017)</i>	
94	\$ 1,248
<i>(Weekend Services, December 16/17, 2017)</i>	
255	\$20,600
Weekly budgetary needs in 2017: \$14,286	
CUMULATIVE TOTALS	
<i>Time Period: January 1-December 22, 2017</i>	
<i>(51 Weeks)</i>	
Budgetary Needs	Receipts
\$728,586	\$625,964

Now is the Time to Donate Your Thrivent Choice Dollars® to Trinity.

There are two very important dates to direct any Thrivent Choice Dollars® you have accumulated: December of each year and March of each year. December is important so we can get any Trinity donations in before the end of the year. March is important because that's when Thrivent "resets" the Choice Dollars® for another year. If you have Choice Dollars® accumulated up until March 31 and have not directed them to the non-profit of your choice, Thrivent may choose to use the funds for other purposes. So if you want to help Trinity (or another organization of your choice) to the greatest extent, please direct your Choice Dollars® (at least) both in December and in March. This can be done either through the phone (800-847-4836) or through their website Thrivent.com/thriventchoice. When directing by phone, say "Thrivent Choice" when prompted.



The Church Office will be CLOSED on Monday, December 25 and Monday, January 1.



**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.

Stewardship Every Sunday Luke 2:1-20

If the Baby Jesus was the first Christmas gift, then the second would have to be the glorious news the angels told the shepherds, that a Savior had been born. Once they had seen and worshiped Him, opened the Gift, did they hide it, hoard it, and keep it to themselves until the newness wore off? No, they spread the word to everyone they met. We have received the same Good News: Christ the Savior, God's Son, came to earth as a baby, lived among us without sinning. He died on the cross as the spotless sacrificial lamb for our sins and rose from the grave on the third day to defeat sin and death. We can no more keep it to ourselves than the shepherds could. We have to share the Good News in everything we do and every word we say, to bring the unsaved to Christ.



Removal of the Greens will be Saturday, January 6, beginning at 9:00 a.m. "Many hands make light work!" Please come help with the "un-decorating."

WORSHIP

Thank you to everyone who donated poinsettias in memory or honor of a loved one and helped decorate the Sanctuary for Christmas! Flowers may be taken home follow the New Year's Eve services on Sunday, December 31.



Please note there will NOT be a New Year's Day service!



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