



**Lock-in for youth in grades 6-12** (6:30 pm, Fri., Jan. 12 - 8:00 am, Sat., Jan. 13) at Immanuel Lutheran School in Gaylord, MN. Devotions, fellowship, games, open gym and more.

Please contact Pr. Rieger for more info and/or to RSVP.



**A PRAYER FOR NEW BEGINNINGS**

**Dear Lord, touch me** with your Spirit of truth so I may be honest about my sins and failures. Forgive me for treating Your covenant lightly and at times ignoring it completely. Help me truly seek and know forgiveness for all the hurts I've caused, for harboring ill will and for any hardness of heart I may have. Please renew a right spirit within me that I may become more Christ-like and that my life may daily reveal Your love and light. In Your name. Amen.

*The NEWSLETTER Newsletter, January 2018*

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

**WEEKLY CALENDAR**

Sat. (30<sup>th</sup>) 5:30 Gospel Service (C)  
 Sun. (31<sup>st</sup>) New Year's Eve  
 8:00 Gospel Service (C)  
 9:15 Fellowship/Voters' Mtg.  
 10:30 Gospel Service (C)

**2018 - HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

Mon. (1<sup>st</sup>) Church Office Closed  
 7:00 GA  
 7:00 Gamanon  
 Tue. (2<sup>nd</sup>) FLS School Resumes  
 9:00 Bible Study  
 4:30 Community Cathedral Café  
 7:00 Small Group Bible Study  
 Wed. (3<sup>rd</sup>) 8:30 FLS Chapel  
 9:00 Quilting  
 9:00 Trails Edge Bible Study  
 5-7:00 Full Belly Inc. (Cathedral)  
 6:00 Handbells  
 7:00 Choir  
 Thu. (4<sup>th</sup>) 11:00 JOY (Potluck)  
 2:30 Keystone (C)  
 3:45 St. Lucas/Deaconess (C)  
 Fri. (5<sup>th</sup>) 7:00 Men's Bible Study & Breakfast (Bernie's)  
 Sat. (6<sup>th</sup>) Epiphany  
 9:00 "Un-decorating" of Church  
 5:30 Worship  
 Sun. (7<sup>th</sup>) 8:00 Worship-Officers Installed  
 9:15 Adult Bible Study/Fellowship/Sunday School  
 10:30 Worship (C)

**- 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

**Trinity News of the Week**

**December 30 & 31, 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. 1/1: Isaiah 60:1-6	Thu. 1/4: Gen. 1:1-5
Tue. 1/2: Eph. 3:1-12	Fri. 1/5: Rom. 6:1-11
Wed. 1/3: Matt. 2:1-12	Sat. 1/6: Mark 1:4-11

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

**Faribault Lutheran School**

FLS School will resume on January 2.

**The FLS Basketball Tournament** will be held at Trinity, January 12-14.

**Everyone is invited Sunday, January 21** for the joint National Lutheran Schools Week Service, 10:30 a.m. at Trinity.



**Be sure to join us for the FLS Souper Bowl** on Friday, January 26, 2018. The Souper Bowl will be from 5:30-7:00 p.m. in the Trinity gymnasium.

**BIBLE STUDY NEWS**

**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.

**The Women's Bible Study** will begin a new study in January entitled *Living Beyond Yourself* by Beth Moore. The Bible Study group meets Wednesday mornings, 8:30 a.m. at Vivian Hagre's home in Morristown. If you would like to join, please contact Vivian at 507-339-8300.

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

**EVANGELISM & OUTREACH**

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

Jim; Karen; Kurt; Rachel; Mandy Blume; Wilmer Burmeister; Cynthia Caron; Austin Ellerbusch; LeAnn Fuchs; Linda Hesse; Lincoln Knott; Donna Lavine; John Milewski; Genia Moore; 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.**

**Please remember all Christian missionaries** in your prayers as we begin a new year. May God give them strength to carry His saving Word all around the world!

**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

January 2018 Newsletters are available on the worship carts. Be sure to take a copy home today!



**FELLOWSHIP**

The Lively #5 Neighborhood Group will meet Sunday evening January 21 at 5:30 p.m. at the home of Wayne & Alice Meyer (4850 Morristown Blvd. Faribault MN, 507-334-4056). Bring a dish to pass; join us for fun and 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 remembering our loved ones.

~Marcy Matthies



A reception will be held on Sunday, January 14 to honor Pastor Spitzack. Pastor Spitzack is retiring as Trinity's Visitation Pastor, and we wish to extend our gratitude for his work and service. Please join us in the Fellowship Hall between services on the 14th!

**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. this Sunday to officially vote on the position.

STATISTICS	
Attendance	General Fund Receipts
111	\$1,071
<i>(Advent Service, December 20, 2017)</i>	
211	\$19,598
<i>(Regular Weekend Services, Dec. 23/24, 2017)</i>	
571	\$28,084
<i>(Christmas Services, December 24/25, 2017)</i>	
<b>Weekly budgetary needs in 2017: \$14,286</b>	
CUMULATIVE TOTALS	
<i>Time Period: January 1-December 29, 2017</i>	
<i>(52 Weeks)</i>	
Budgetary Needs	Receipts
\$742,872	\$674,717

**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](http://Thrivent.com/thriventchoice). When directing by phone, say "Thrivent Choice" when prompted.



**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 Church Office will be CLOSED on Monday, January 1. Happy New Year!



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.



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."

**Stewardship Every Sunday Phil. 2:9-13**

God works in us to act according to His purpose. We need to stop listening to the devil when he gives us excuses: "Did God really mean for us to give a full 10% of all our income to church? Didn't He just mean give what we can afford? He surely didn't give us all these blessings if He didn't want us to enjoy them!" "God didn't really mean for us to attend church every week, did He? He knows how much we have to do. We don't have time for volunteer work." Didn't the psalmist say that He grants sleep to those He loves? Our Heavenly Father, who sent His only Son to die for our sins and rise again on the third day, wants us to obey Him, to serve Him with our tithes, our time, and our entire being, to His glory. We need to let Him work in our hearts so that we can say "No" to the devil's excuses.

**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 following the New Year's Eve services on Sunday, December 31. Protective plastic wrappers are available in the Sacristy. Please do NOT take the drip trays; the church reuses them.



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

**YOUTH MATTERS**

We still have many Pizza Cards that need to be sold to raise funds for going to National Youth Gathering in 2019. Please get yours from Pastor Rieger. Cards are \$10 and good for 20 medium pizzas. Youth make 70% profit on the sales.

