

## COMMUNITY NEWS

The 12<sup>th</sup> Annual IRIS Turkey Trot will take place on Thanksgiving morning, November 26, 2020, at Faribault Middle School. There will NOT be a large group start this



year; participants can begin their race/walk as soon as they check in on Thanksgiving morning anytime between 7:00 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. The kids' events, however, will start at 8:00 a.m. If you prefer not to be in a group setting, please join us by registering for the Virtual event! Visit the IRIS website for additional information, to make a donation, or to register: [www.irisRemembers.com](http://www.irisRemembers.com) or call our office at 507-334-4748. IRIS is a 501(c)(3) (non-profit) organization designed to help parents, family, and friends cope with the loss of a child in early pregnancy or infant and childhood death.

### St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Gift Boxes

Christmas gift boxes for children and grandchildren of those in need will be distributed by St. Vincent de Paul located at 617 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. NW, Faribault. Clients who wish to receive a Christmas gift box must register at the St. Vincent de Paul office by calling 507-334-2100. Registration materials will also be distributed at all food shelf/clothing events and can be returned to the St. Vincent de Paul drop box.

Boxes will be filled using the information from the registration. Clients will be notified for an appointment to pick up their Christmas gift box.

Anyone who is interested in volunteering to help fill or distribute Christmas gift boxes or help with the food shelf please call 507-334-2100.

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

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|--------------------------|--|
| Sat. (21 <sup>st</sup> ) | Community Cathedral Café Door Offering                 |
| 5:30                     | Worship Service (C)                                    |
| Sun. (22 <sup>nd</sup> ) | Community Cathedral Café Door Offering                 |
| 8:00                     | Worship Service (C)                                    |
| 9:15                     | Adult Bible Study/<br>Sunday School                    |
| 10:30                    | Worship Service  |
| Mon. (23 <sup>rd</sup> ) | 12-5:00 Pie pickup                                     |
| 7:00                     | Trumps' Bible Study                                    |
| Tue. (24 <sup>th</sup> ) | 8:30 Staff Mtg.  |
| 12-5:00                  | Pie pickup   |
| 4:15                     | Community Cathedral Café                               |
| Wed. (25 <sup>th</sup> ) | FLS No School  |
| 5:30                     | Connection Practice                                    |
| 7:00                     | Thanksgiving Eve Service<br>(with Holy Communion)      |
| Thu. (26 <sup>th</sup> ) | Thanksgiving Day<br>Church Office Closed/FLS No School |
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| Fri. (27 <sup>th</sup> ) | FLS No School  |
| 12:00                    | Church Office Closes Early                             |
| Sat. (28 <sup>th</sup> ) | 5:30 Worship Service (C)                               |
| Sun. (29 <sup>th</sup> ) | 8:00 Worship Service (C)                               |
| 9:15                     | Adult Bible Study/<br>Sunday School                    |
| 10:30                    | Worship Service (C)                                    |

- Serving Trinity Lutheran Church and Faribault Lutheran School -

Rev. Paul Rieger, Senior Pastor      Rev. Tyler Werner, Associate Pastor

Rev. Robert Snyder, Pastor Emeritus      Rev. Gatluk Reat, Sudanese Evangelical Lutheran Mission Church  
Bill Kirkpatrick, Finance/Property Manager      Nancy Simonson, Family Ministry      Jennifer Kingland, Office Manager  
Chrysteena Saehler, FLS Interim Principal      Jessica Lewis, FLS Administrative Secretary

Worship Broadcasts: Radio (KDHL 920 AM) Sunday at 8:00am      Livestream: [www.trinityradioandvideo.org](http://www.trinityradioandvideo.org) 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Address: 530 4th St. NW      Phone: (507) 331-6579      Trinity website: [www.trinityfaribault.org](http://www.trinityfaribault.org)      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

November 21 & 22, 2020

Trinity Lutheran Church  
Faribault, MN 55021

## Thoughts on Our Memory Verse

- by Kristin Sellentine

Colossians 3:23 ESV -  
"Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, ..."

This verse echoes v17. Between the two are instructions for wives, husbands, fathers, and children on how to perform their role in the household. (Check 'em out.) Surprisingly, v23 is in the directions specific to "bondservants." (These might be people working off some sort of debt.) It kind of implies that they probably aren't thrilled with their position, but there is no condition to work heartily "if" you like it or "if" you have a fair master.

So how should we do our jobs? It does not matter if we are a homemaker or what color our collar is. It doesn't matter if we would rather be doing something else, our co-workers are incompetent or the boss is a jerk. A less-than-ideal situation should not affect our effort. It may well be that no one will notice, much less appreciate, it. We may gain nothing except the satisfaction of a job well done, but v24 tells us to do our best, "...knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ."



Colossians 3:23, NLT



The 2021 Bible Bowl competition covers the New Testament books of Romans and James from the ESV translation. The competition date is set for April 17, 2021.

Everyone in grades 7 - 12 is invited to start studying as they prepare to join the team in January. Contact Philip Simonson at 507-213-8121 or at [philipsimonson1@gmail.com](mailto:philipsimonson1@gmail.com)

Advent will soon be upon us. Our Sunday School families have already received their Advent Devotion packets based on the stories of Bible characters in the family line of Jesus. Extra devotional packets are available this weekend for other families or for grandparents to give to grandchildren. Please take one Devotional packet per family. There are a limited number of devotions designed for families with only preschool children. If you need extras, please contact Nancy Simonson.

Advent devotionals for adults, as well as the latest *Our Daily Bread*, are available at the information center.



## EVANGELISM & OUTREACH

The Radio Broadcast this Sunday is given by Edna Boevers in loving memory of her husband, Raymond, whose birthday would have been November 26.

Prayers for the family & friends of Leora Hubbell, who passed away November 14, 2020.

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

### WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL READINGS

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| Mon. 11/23: Is. 40:1-5   | Thu. 11/26: Ps. 80:1-7   |
| Tue. 11/24: Luke 1:67-80 | Fri. 11/27: I Cor. 1:3-9 |
| Wed. 11/25: Is. 64:1-9   | Sat. 11/28: Mk. 11:1-10  |

**In Our Prayers for Strength, Comfort, and Healing...** Brenda; Dean & Melissa; Joe; Steve; Jeanette Anderson; Sue Anderson; Verna Bahl; DeeAnn Bartkey; Jeffrey Bauer; Dean Berghoff; Mandy Blume; Don Dugan; Judy Fairclough; Alice Gudknecht; Gary Kittleson; Edward Morison; Denise O'Rouke; Mason Prebble; Bob Reineke; Barb Roach; Lou Rolf; Scott Rost; Ray Sanders; Jim Schmidtke; Nancy Schultz; Esther Sipult; Kay Smith; Patty Stonehouse; Gene Trench; Kristine Uter; Jim Velzke  
**Prayers for those whose names we carry in our hearts.**

**For emergencies and after-hour** prayer requests, please call one of our pastors:  
 † Rev. Paul Rieger, 636-751-4784  
 † Rev. Tyler Werner, 715-203-2904

**FELLOWSHIP**



**Dinner Theater  
 Production  
 "In Bethlehem Inn"**

Due to the recent spike in COVID cases in Rice County, it has been decided to cancel "In Bethlehem Inn" this year.

If you have already paid for tickets, please see Jennie in the church office and your check or cash will be returned.

**HUMAN CARE**

**Please look for the quilters' table** in the Narthex. A variety of gift items and quilts will be offered for sale. Items may be purchased and the money placed in the can that is on the table. All proceeds will go towards purchasing quilt batting.



We appreciate your help and generous support as we work to provide warm quilts to give away to people who need them.

**Community Café Needs Your Support.** With Thanksgiving just around the corner, God has truly blessed us with an abundant food supply. However, about 10% of our population here in Faribault is food insecure, that is even after prudent spending habits, they can't afford food. That's where the Community Café has stepped in providing a free, hearty and nutritious takeout meal to over 300 every Tuesday evening from 4:15 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. (note new winter hours).

For instance the menu for November 10 is turkey & dressing casserole, gravy, cranberries, squash and desert. Volunteers from 11 area churches, including Trinity, plus other organizations, assemble the meals in takeout containers. Runners then take them out to the cars lined up on the north side of the Cathedral of Our Merciful Savior in Faribault. Up to 25 meals are also delivered to group homes and related sites. Depending on availability, surplus food commodities are also distributed with the meal. The Café depends on donations from churches, other organizations, banks and businesses, United Way and other grants, but making ends meet is always a challenge. St. Vincent DePaul donates food commodities to the Café and they accept food donations organized by Human Care here at Trinity. Help people right here in Faribault by giving to the door offering here at Trinity this weekend.

**The Angel Tree is decorated and ready for you to help us out!** On the tree you'll find Angel ornaments. Each of these angels represent an individual. On the back of the ornament is a list of gift ideas. Please consider gifting an Angel or two ... Please document the Angel's number, your name and phone number on the list at the Information Center. Then....have fun shopping for your Angel. All gifts must be returned (please do not wrap the gifts) to the Angel Tree by Sunday, December 6. Remember to tie or tape the Angel ornament number to your collection of gifts. Thank you for your compassion and help in bringing some joy to your "Angel" this Christmas season! If you have any questions, please contact Mike Young at 507-330-0326.



**Trinity is partnering** with the Southeastern Minnesota Salvation Army to do bell ringing on the Saturdays leading up to Christmas! (Nov. 28, Dec. 5, Dec. 12, Dec. 19). Sign up is at the information center in the narthex. Volunteer with at least a group of two for 2-hour shifts at the Fareway Grocery Store in Faribault (430 2nd Ave. NW). If you have any questions, talk with Pastor Tyler.

**STEWARDSHIP**

**Final Reminder  
 About 2020 Thrivent Choice Dollars**

This is a reminder that you can still have your **2020** Thrivent Choice Dollars donated to Trinity or your other favorite non-profit organization before the end of the year if you do it in the next couple of weeks.

Last year in 2019, our Thrivent Choice Dollars were way up from previous years and that helped a lot at the end of the year; the boost we got from Thrivent was significant. So far this year, we have only received about half of what we received last year. Please help us by having your Thrivent Choice Dollars sent to Trinity before the end of the year.

The way you do this is easy. It can be done through the Thrivent web page at [www.thrivent.com](http://www.thrivent.com), but there is another way to do it:

- 1.) Just call Thrivent Financial at 1-800-THRIVEN (1-800-847-4836) and when the automated voice comes on, just say the words "Choice Dollars." This will send you to an actual live person who can help you.
- 2.) That person will look up your account (if you don't have your account number handy, just use your social security number) and will tell you the total number of Choice Dollars you can distribute.
- 3.) You can then just specify that your Choice Dollars should go to Trinity Lutheran Church of Faribault and/or any other qualified organizations you may want to support.

Call your Thrivent representative or Bill Kirkpatrick if you need any help.

**Special thanks to Bob Wegner and Jim Cross** for wiring our new electric Eternal Candle in the Sanctuary.

**Join us for Hanging of the Greens** on Saturday, December 5 beginning at 8:00 a.m. and help prepare the church for the Christmas season!

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



**Actual cost of the New Offices:** \$428,000  
**Pledges and Cash:** \$413,793  
**Cash Received:** \$411,813

**WORSHIP**



*We Invite You to Join Us for  
 Thanksgiving Eve Worship*

**Wednesday, November 25 7:00 p.m.  
 with Holy Communion**

Note: There will be NO Thanksgiving Day Service.

**Starting on Thursday, December 3,** we will begin offering drive thru Communion for those who aren't comfortable with coming to in-person worship, but are able to get out and about and drive. We will be offering this every Thursday from 3-6:00 p.m. Congregation members will drive up and park in the west side parking lot, where Pastor Rieger and/or Pastor Werner will be there to have a brief Communion service with those who wish to commune. Both pastors will be masked up, sanitized, and wearing gloves to practice safe and healthy procedures for distributing Communion. The elements will be pre-packaged in small plastic cups. Any questions, contact the church office or either of the pastors.



**Advent Midweek Services** will be held at 5:30 p.m. on December 2, 9, & 16. Services will be broadcast on KDHL (920AM), as well as live streamed. Due to COVID, we are not currently planning soup suppers.