

In the Year of Our Lord **Anno Domini**

AN INESCAPABLE DATE

We celebrate Christ's birth by referring to it in the date placed on all our coins, civil records and vital documents. It is inscribed upon metal and written on parchment and engraved on the cornerstones of great buildings. It is on every newspaper, every check, every deed, and it is universally acknowledged at the beginning of a new life.

Every human transaction is related to the birth of Christ. It cannot be avoided or evaded. God has seen to it that this event is more widely advertised than anything on earth that is or that ever has been.

—Dr. Walter Wilson

Lord of rain and snow, sun and clouds, leaves and bare branches: As autumn transitions to winter, warm us with your love.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sat. (12th)	10:00	Private Baptism
	5:30	Sunday School Christmas Service
Sun. (13th)	8:00	Worship Service (C)
	9:15	Adult Bible Study/ Sunday School
	10:30	Worship Service
Mon. (14th)	7:00	Trumps' Bible Study (Off site)
Tue. (15th)	8:30	FLS Staff Meeting
	4:15	Community Cathedral Café
	6:30	Elder's Mtg.
Wed. (16th)	8:30	FLS Chapel
	9:00	Quilting
	2:30-4:40	FLS Staff Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
	5:30	Advent Service
	6:30	Handbells
	6:30	Connection (Off site)
Thu. (17th)	3:30-6:00	Drive Thru Communion
	6-7:30	American Heritage Girls
	6:30	FLS Brd. (Trinity)
Fri. (18th)	Newsletter Deadline	
	1:40-2:15	FLS Mentor (Fellowship Hall)
	6-7:00	Mission Moments (Fellowship Hall)
Sat. (19th)	5:30	Worship Service
Sun. (20th)	8:00	Worship Service
	9:15	Adult Bible Study/ Sunday School
	10:30	Connection Service (C)

Trinity News of the Week

December 12 & 13, 2020
Trinity Lutheran Church
Faribault, MN 55021

Thoughts on Our Memory Verse

- by Kristin Sellentine



Romans 12:2 – *Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, so that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.*

When Paul preached in Berea (Acts 17:10-11), the Jews there “received the word with all eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see if these things were so.” They tested what they heard against God’s Word in order to verify its truthfulness. Likewise, we renew our mind by studying God’s Word, and we test what we hear from the rest of our culture against what we know to be true.

When I was in training to be an insurance agent, I asked if we were going to learn about our competition’s policies so that we could compare them. The instructor explained that it would be impossible to learn them all; our job was to become an expert on our own policy so that no matter what we encountered, we would recognize the differences. Similarly, we cannot possibly know what all religions and philosophies teach. If we become experts on our own faith, we will be able to discern when something doesn’t line up. We can witness to the truth of Jesus.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL READINGS

Mon. 12/14: Gen. 12:1-8	Thu. 12/17: Ps. 105:1-11
Tue. 12/15: Romans 11:25-36	Fri. 12/18: Col. 3:12-17
Wed. 12/16: Lk. 1:46-55	Sat. 12/19: Luke 2:22-38

The new Portals of Prayer (January-March 2021) is available in the narthex. Large print are at the information center. Be sure to take one home with you today!



There will be no Sunday School or Adult Bible Study on December 27.



Faribault Lutheran School Christmas Break will be from December 23-January 3. Classes will resume on Monday, January 4, 2021.

EVANGELISM & OUTREACH

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

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

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

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



Prayers of thanksgiving for Bren David Randall, son of Tyler & Alyssa (Cowan) Randall, baptized on December 12. Sponsors were Mykaela Cowan Meyers and Ryan & Kelsey Randall.


The Radio Broadcast this Sunday is given in loving memory of Elsie A. Schulz, whose birthday would have been on November 5, by her husband Elmer Schulz.

It is time for all thing's holly and jolly, that includes Mission Moments! We will be having Mission Moments on December 18 from 6-7:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. We will be making Christmas cards for people in the nursing home. We will be wearing a mask and using a lot of hand sanitizer, and you will have to stay with your family group. All ages invited, come for lots of fun!



Due to COVID 19 concerns, Women in Mission will not meet in December. Lord willing, we will resume our regular monthly meetings in the new year.

STEWARDSHIP

IT'S ALL ABOUT GRACE 
New Office Addition
Actual cost of the New Offices: \$428,000
Pledges and Cash: \$415,330
Cash Received: \$413,350

The Church Office will be closed December 25 and January 1. God bless your holidays!

WORSHIP

A **CHRISMON** is a Christian symbol representing Jesus Christ or some part of Christ's ministry. Those being used in church this year have been hand-made by a number of Trinity members over past years, and draw our attention to Christ and His work.



CHRISMONS

For a complete list of the chrismons enhancing our worship this December, pick up a sheet at the Information Center.



Drive-thru Communion will be taking place this coming Thursday again (December 17, 3:30-6 p.m.), pending bad weather. If you are not comfortable with coming to in-person worship just yet, come and park in the west-side parking lot of the church and Pastor Rieger or Pastor Tyler will celebrate with you a shortened Communion service. Contact the church office with any questions.



Special December Worship Services

Saturday, December 12
 5:30 PM - Sunday School Christmas Service
(Service will be live streamed)

Wednesday, December 16
 5:30 PM - Advent Service

Thursday, Christmas Eve,
December 24

4:30 PM - Christmas Eve Family Service

9:00 PM - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
 (note changed time!)
 [with Holy Communion]

Friday, Christmas Day,
December 25

9:00 AM - Christmas Day Service
 [with Holy Communion]

No Services on New Year's Eve or
New Year's Day

Note: There will be NO Sunday School or Adult Bible Study on December 27.

Regular Services will take place on Saturdays (5:30PM) & Sundays (8:00 & 10:30AM).

Midweek Advent, Christmas Eve Family & Christmas Day services will be broadcast on KDHL (920 AM) and live streamed. Christmas Eve Candlelight service will be live streamed.

Applause! Applause!

Charlie Lewis, a pastor in Snohomish, Washington, tells about a very small child who is a joy to behold. The boy claps his hands gleefully and frequently. Put a bowl of applesauce before him and he claps. Sit him in a room with toys nearby and he applauds. Tell him that it's time for a trip to the park and he joyfully smacks his hands together.



Of course, the child's bubbling enthusiasm is a great delight to his parents. "The only thing that concerns us," they say, "is that some day he may stop clapping."

That little lad is telling us all something. The world God has given us is fantastic and full of wonder! There are good things galore within the grasp of each of us. "Everything created by God is good, and nothing is to be rejected, provided it is received with thanksgiving ..." (1 Timothy 4:4, NRSV).

The little child never stops clapping. Have you?

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