



"I may have to let some fabric out of that scarf, dear."

A FRESH LOOK

Just when everything is bearing down on us to such an extent that we can scarcely withstand it, the Christmas message comes to tell us that all our ideas are wrong, and that what we take to be evil and dark is really good and light because it comes from God. Our eyes are at fault, that is all.

God is in the manger, wealth in poverty, light in darkness, succor in abandonment. No evil can befall us; whatever men may do to us, they cannot but serve the God who is secretly revealed as love and rules the world and our lives.

—Dietrich Bonhoeffer, *God Is in the Manger*

WEEKLY CALENDAR

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| Sat. (19 th) | 5:30 | Worship Service |
| Sun. (20 th) | 8:00 | Worship Service |
| | 9:15 | Adult Bible Study/ Sunday School |
| | 10:30 | Connection Service (C) |
| Mon. (21 st) | FLS Christmas Vacation (12/21-1/3) | |
| Tue. (22 nd) | 8:30 | Staff Meeting |
| | 4:15 | Community Cathedral Café |
| Wed. (23 rd) | 9:00 | Quilting |
| | 6:00 | Connection Practice (Off site) |
| Thu. (24 th) | 4:30 | Christmas Eve Family Service |
| | 9:00 | Christmas Eve Candlelight Service with Communion |
| Fri. (25 th) | | |



Church Office Closed

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| 9:00am | Christmas Day Service with Communion | |
| Sat. (26 th) | 5:30 | Worship Service (C) |
| Sun. (27 th) | 8:00 | Worship Service (C) |
| | 10:30 | Worship Service |

Trinity News of the Week

December 19 & 20, 2020

Trinity Lutheran Church
Faribault, MN 55021

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL READINGS

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| Mon. 12/21: Luke 2:1-7 | Thu. 12/24: Gen. 15:1-6 |
| Tue. 12/22: I John 1:1-10 | Fri. 12/25: Acts 3:24-26 |
| Wed. 12/23: John 1:1-18 | Sat. 12/26: Matt. 1:1-17 |

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.



BIBLE BOWL

Join the 2021 Bible Bowl team! We will be studying 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. Our first practice is scheduled for Sunday, **January 3**, 1:30 p.m. at Trinity Church.

Contact Philip Simonson at 507-213-8121 or at philipsimonson1@gmail.com.

Ever notice there is no physical description of Jesus in the Bible? In a movie, we know Jesus is the one with blue eyes and a white robe. Did the writers purposely avoid describing his looks? Or was he so average-looking that there was nothing worth mentioning? I dunno, but isn't it interesting?

Faribault Lutheran School Christmas Break will be from December 21-January 3. Classes will resume on Monday, January 4, 2021.



- 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 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

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

EVANGELISM & OUTREACH

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'Rourke; 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
Prayers for those whose names we carry in our hearts.

Prayers for the family & friends of Jack Fritz, brother of Sharon (Dave) Geyer, who passed away December 15.

The Radio Broadcast this Sunday is given in memory of Harvey Olson, who recently passed away, by his brother Mark Olson.

The Christmas Day Radio Broadcast is sponsored in loving memory of Siegfried Mittmann, who would have celebrated his birthday on December 25, by his family.

PASTOR'S SCHEDULE

Our pastors will be on vacation!

- ✠ Pastor Rieger will be out of the office December 25 through January 1.
- ✠ Pastor Tyler will be out of the office December 28 through January 4.

For pastoral emergencies, please call Rev. Rex Longshore at 1-971-222-7713.

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

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.

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

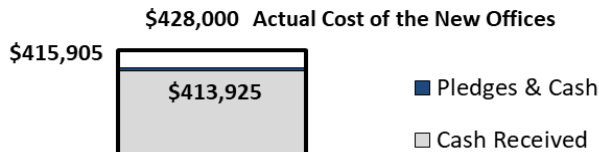


STEWARDSHIP

IT'S ALL ABOUT GRACE New Office Addition



Actual cost of the New Offices: \$428,000
 Pledges and Cash: \$415,905
 Cash Received: \$413,925



There is still an outstanding loan to LCEF for the New Office Addition.

Your continued support of the New Office fund to help pay of this loan is sincerely appreciated!

WORSHIP



Special December Worship Services

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

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



Our Christmas poinsettias will be arriving just in time to decorate the Sanctuary for Christmas. Please remember to take your plant(s) home following the Christmas Day service. Flowers that are not claimed in a timely fashion will need to be disposed of.

There will be **NO drive up communion** on December 24 or 31. Pastors will resume the drive up communion on Thursday, January 7.



COMMUNITY NEWS

SEE THE OBERAMMERGAU PASSION PLAY IN GERMANY IN 2022

With the rescheduling of the famous Passion Play performed by the residents of the Bavarian village of Oberammergau to 2022, Rev. Paul & Rhoda Pfothenauer are considering organizing a group tour to see a performance on July 21, 2022. The play is performed every 10 years on the decade and the 2020 performances were sold out before being postponed. Please contact the Pfothenauers to express your interest by email to paulrhoda@comcast.net or call 651-707-7144 no later than **January 1, 2021**.

If there is enough interest, they will proceed to plan a tour itinerary in parts of Germany and Austria for 11-12 days. A minimum of \$100-\$200 per person non-refundable deposit will be due by the end of this year to hold a passion play ticket. Deposit and registration details will be provided after January 1, 2021.